

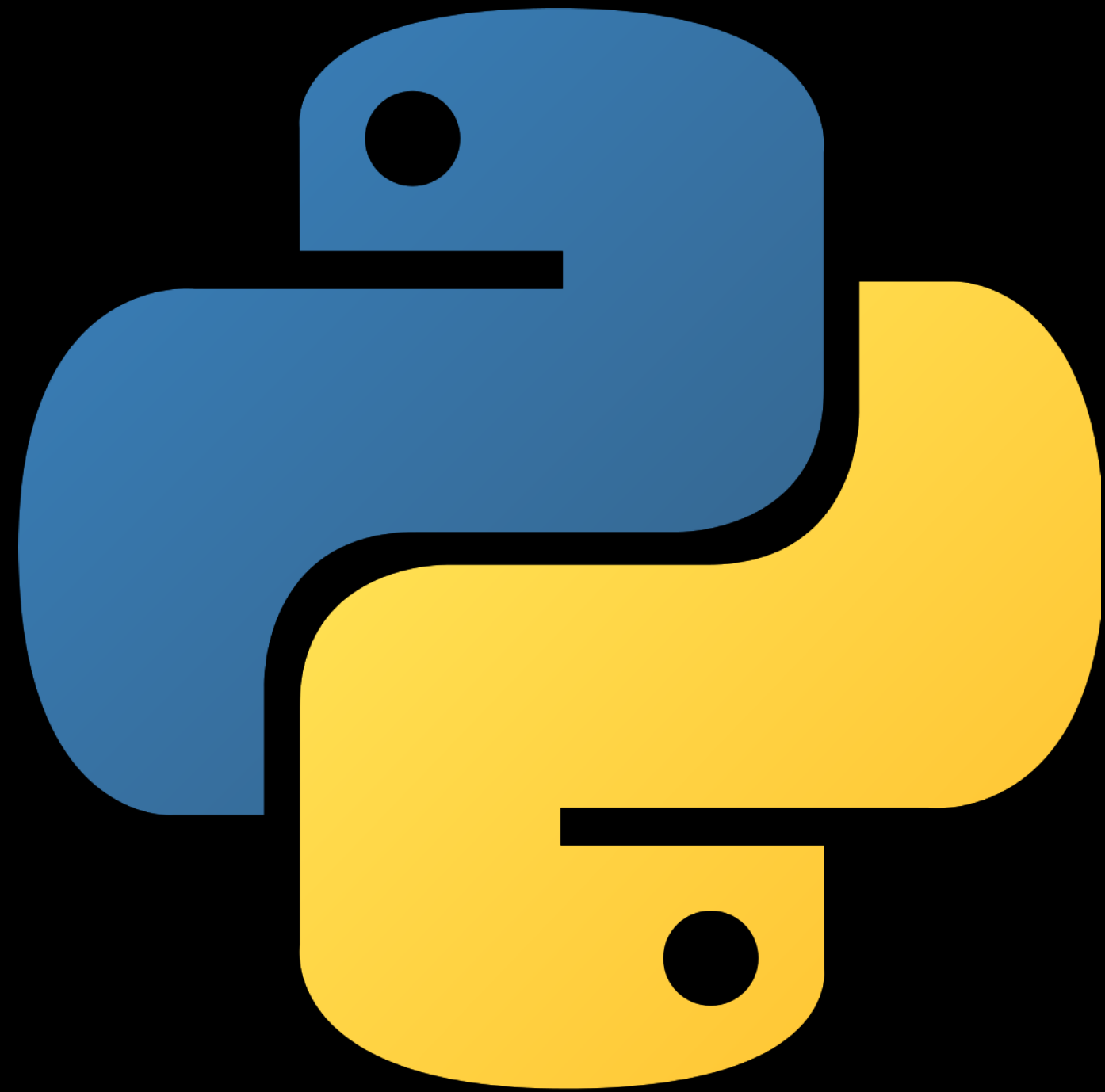
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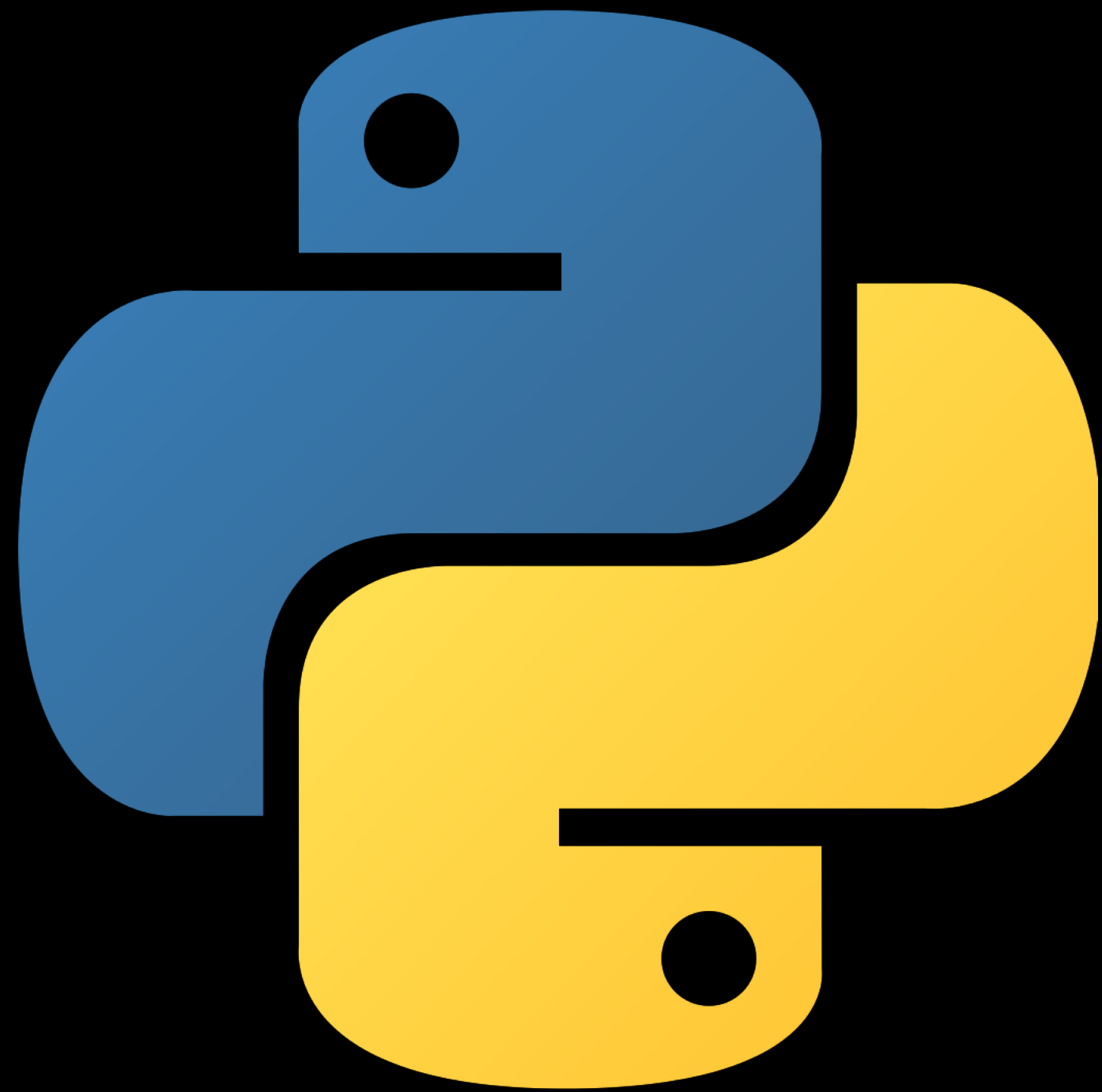
The Python Programming Language



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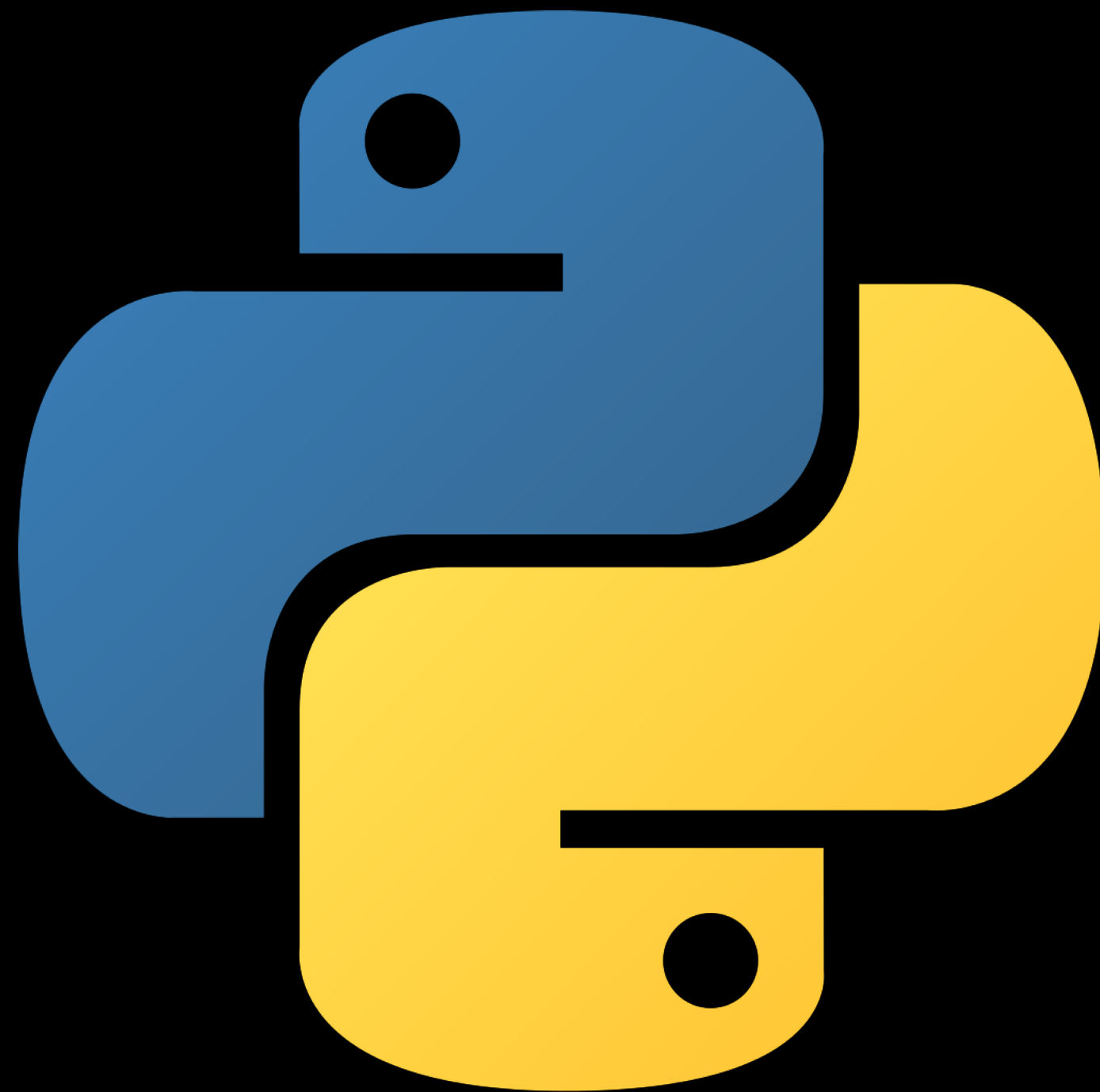


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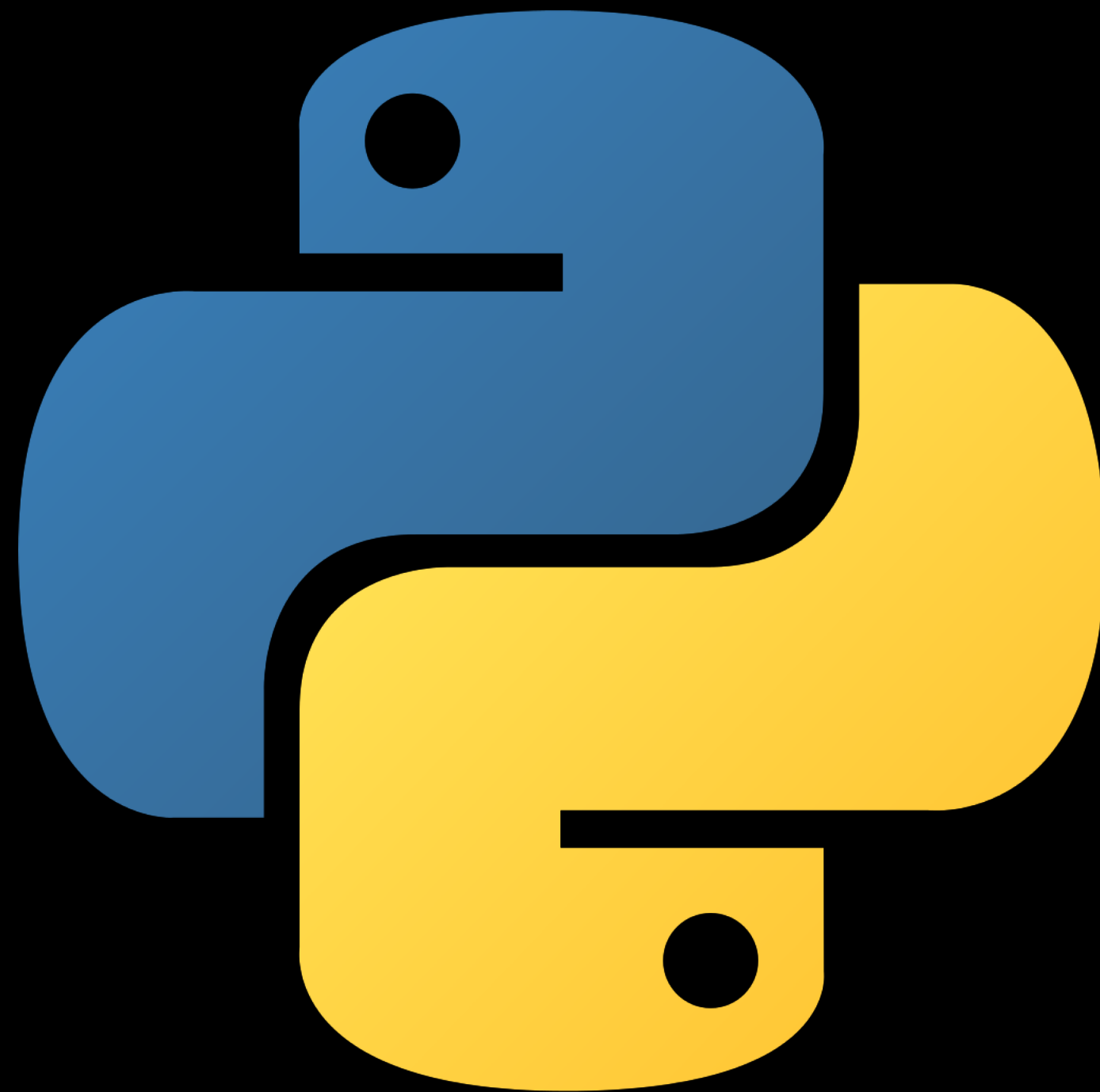
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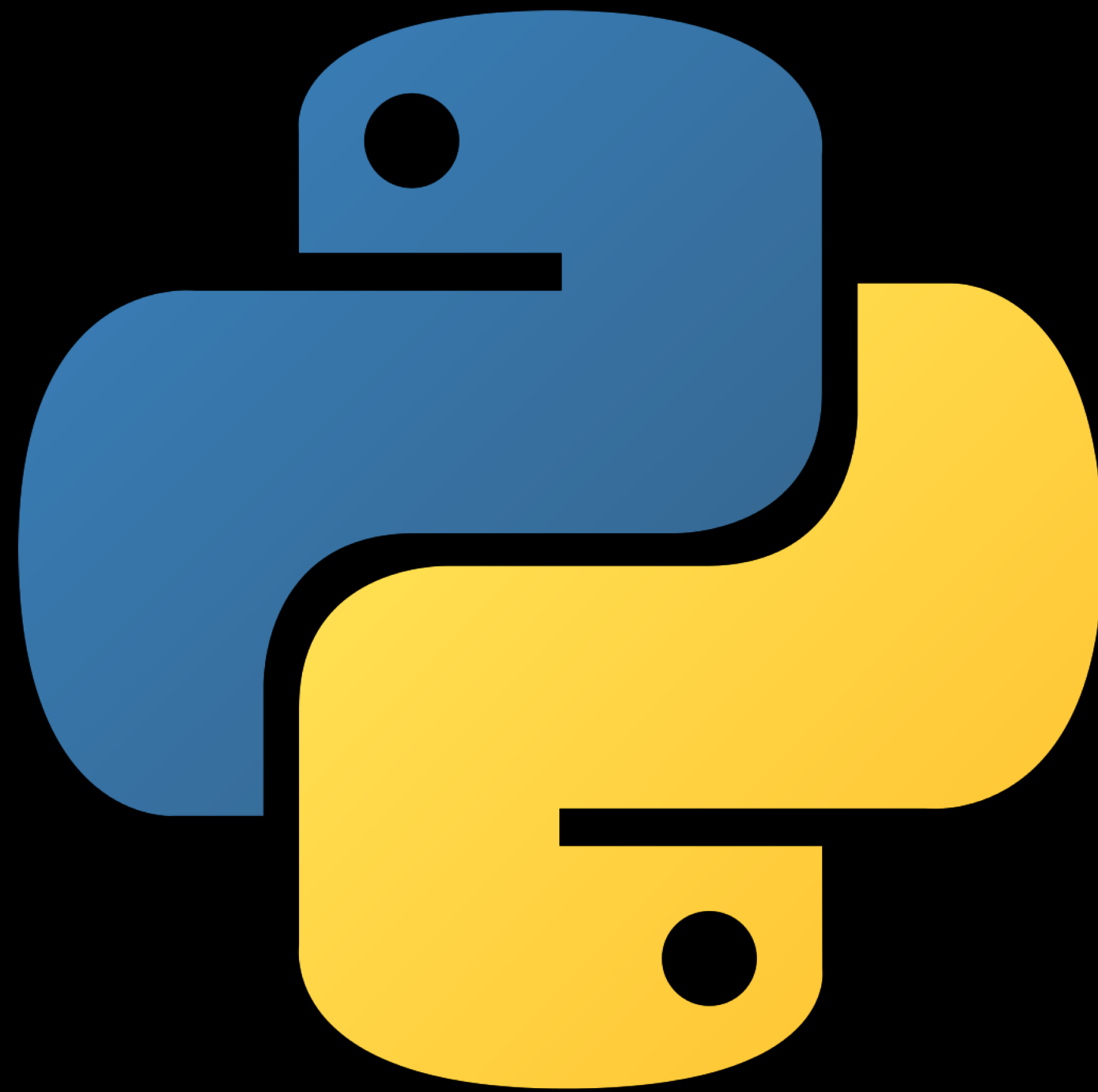


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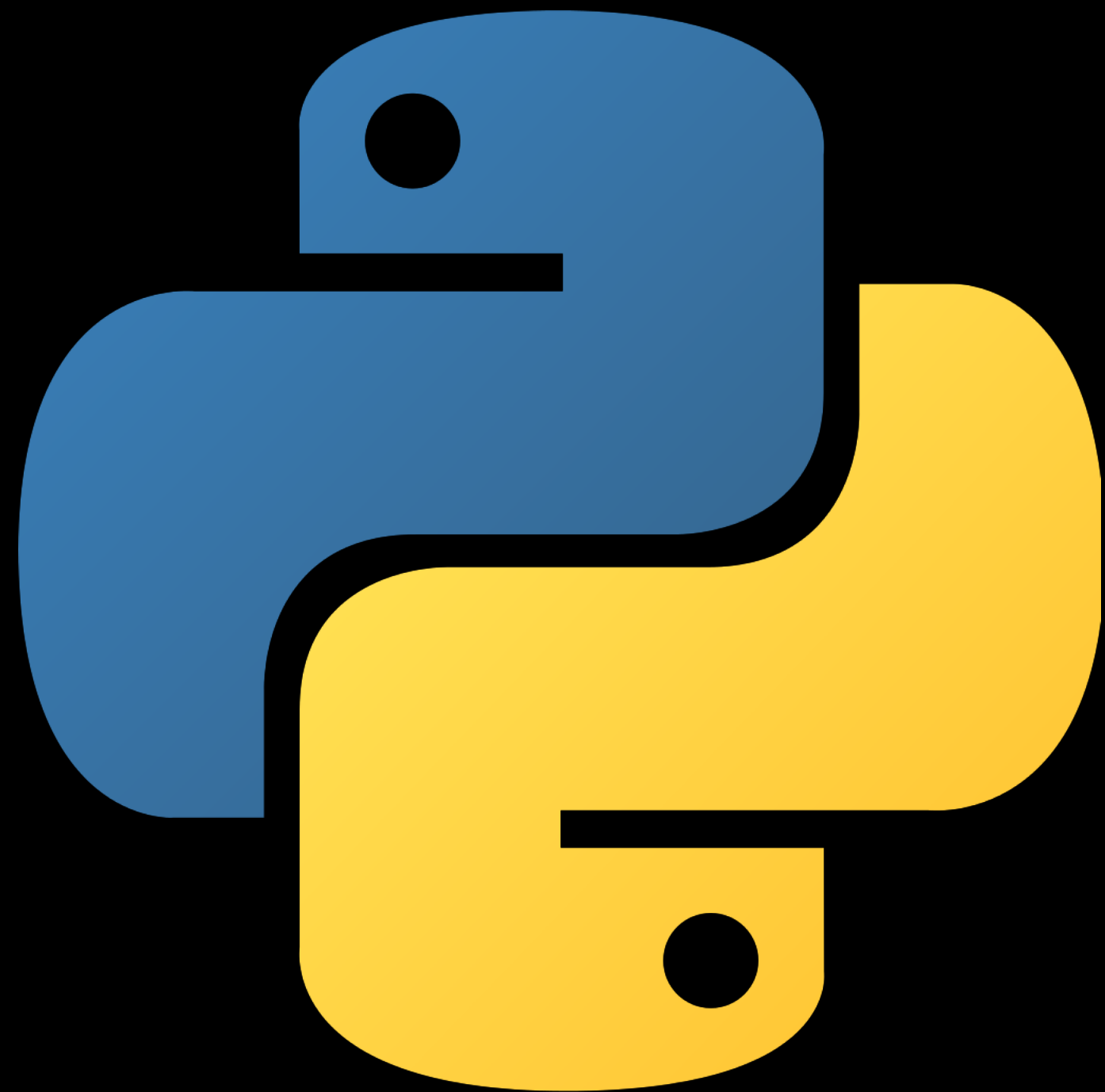
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Specifically, we're using
Python 3.7.2

Philosophy of Python


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Namespaces are one honking great idea — let's do more of those!

Programmers are more
important than programs

“Hello World” in Java

```
public class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello World!");  
    }  
}
```



"Hello World" in C++

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    cout << "Hello World!" << endl;
}
```

Double Yuck

“Hello World” in Python

```
print("Hello world!")
```

Who Uses Python?

Python at Stanford

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CEE 345: Network Analysis for Urban Systems

COMM 177P: Programming in Journalism

COMM 382: Big Data and Causal Inference

CS 375: Large-Scale Neural Network Modeling for Neuroscience

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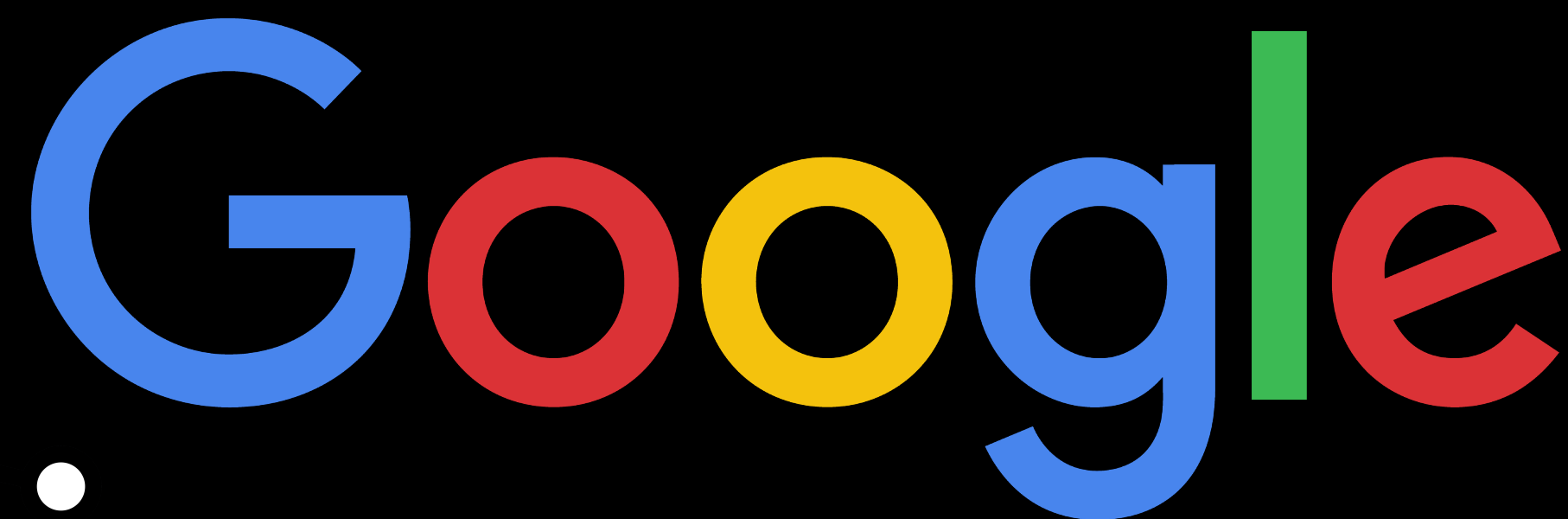
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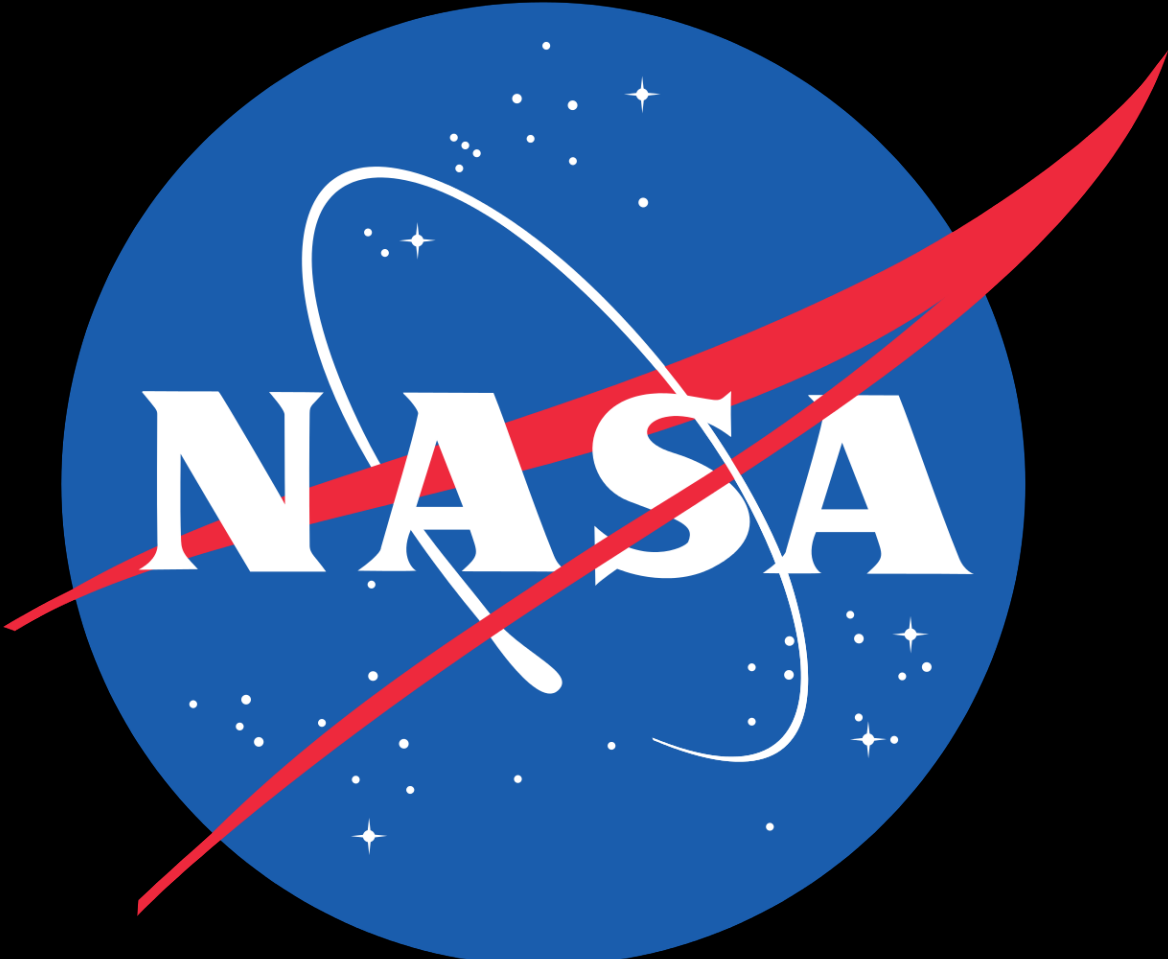
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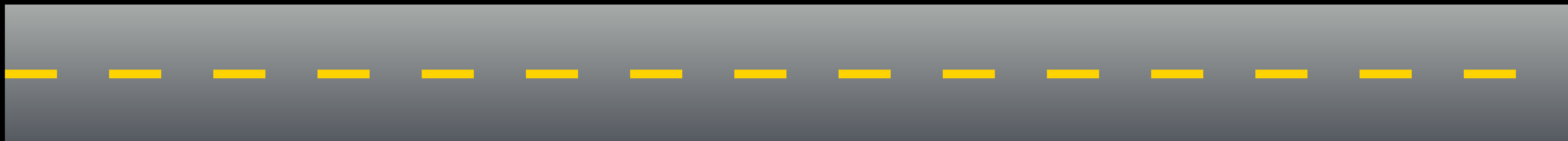
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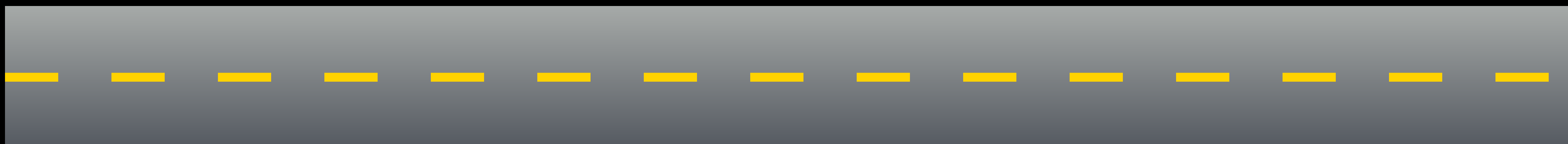
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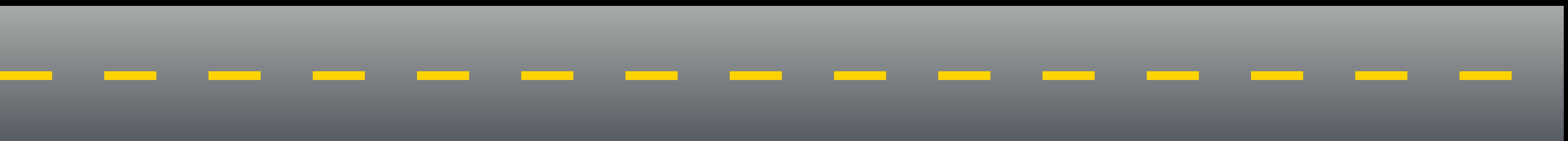
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Week 6 Standard Library

Week 7 Third-Party Tools

Week 8 Ecosystem

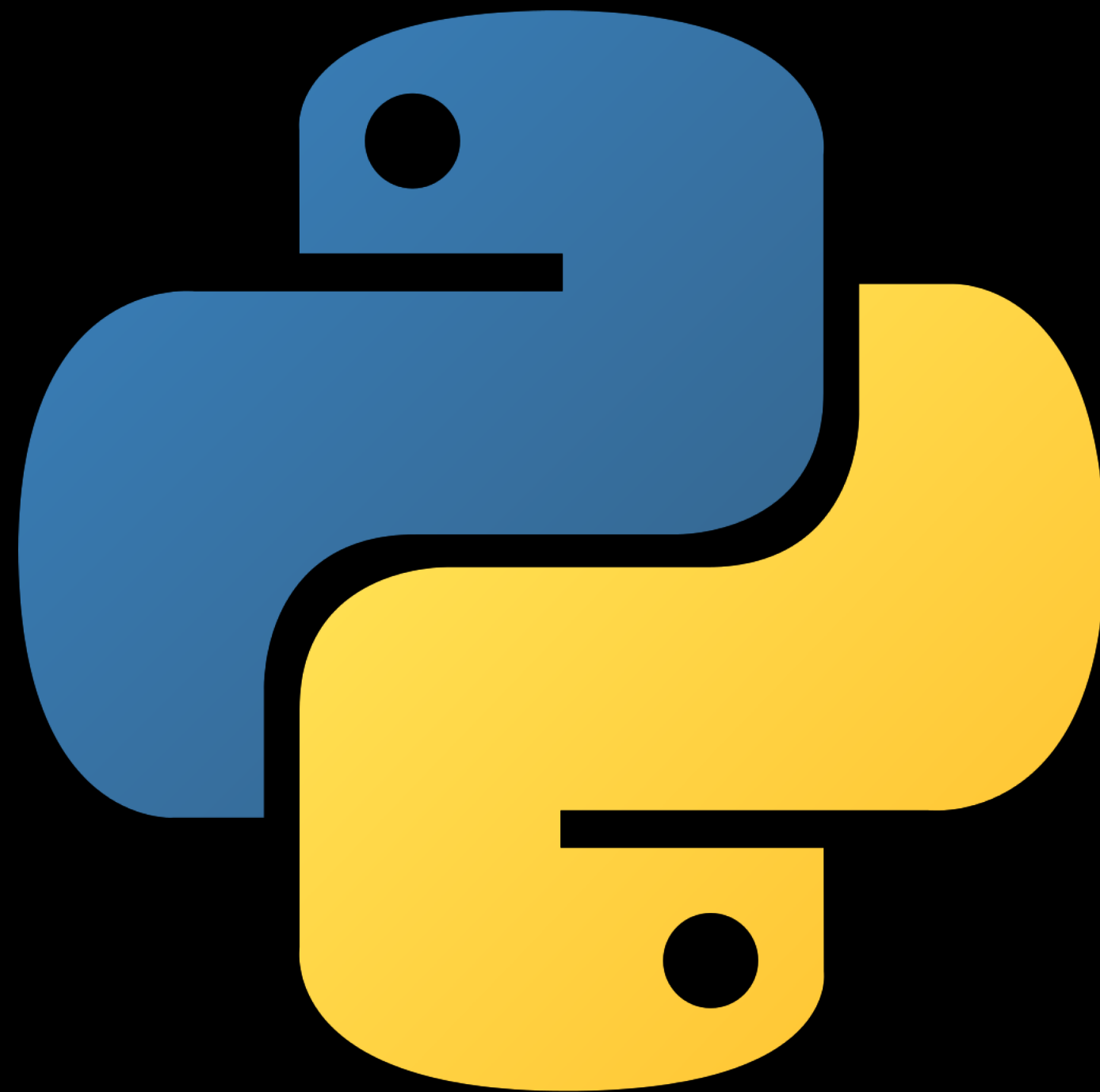
Week 9 Advanced Topics

Week 10 Projects!



Let's Get Started!

Python Basics



Interactive Interpreter

Comments

Variables and Types

Numbers and Booleans

Strings and Lists

Console I/O

Control Flow

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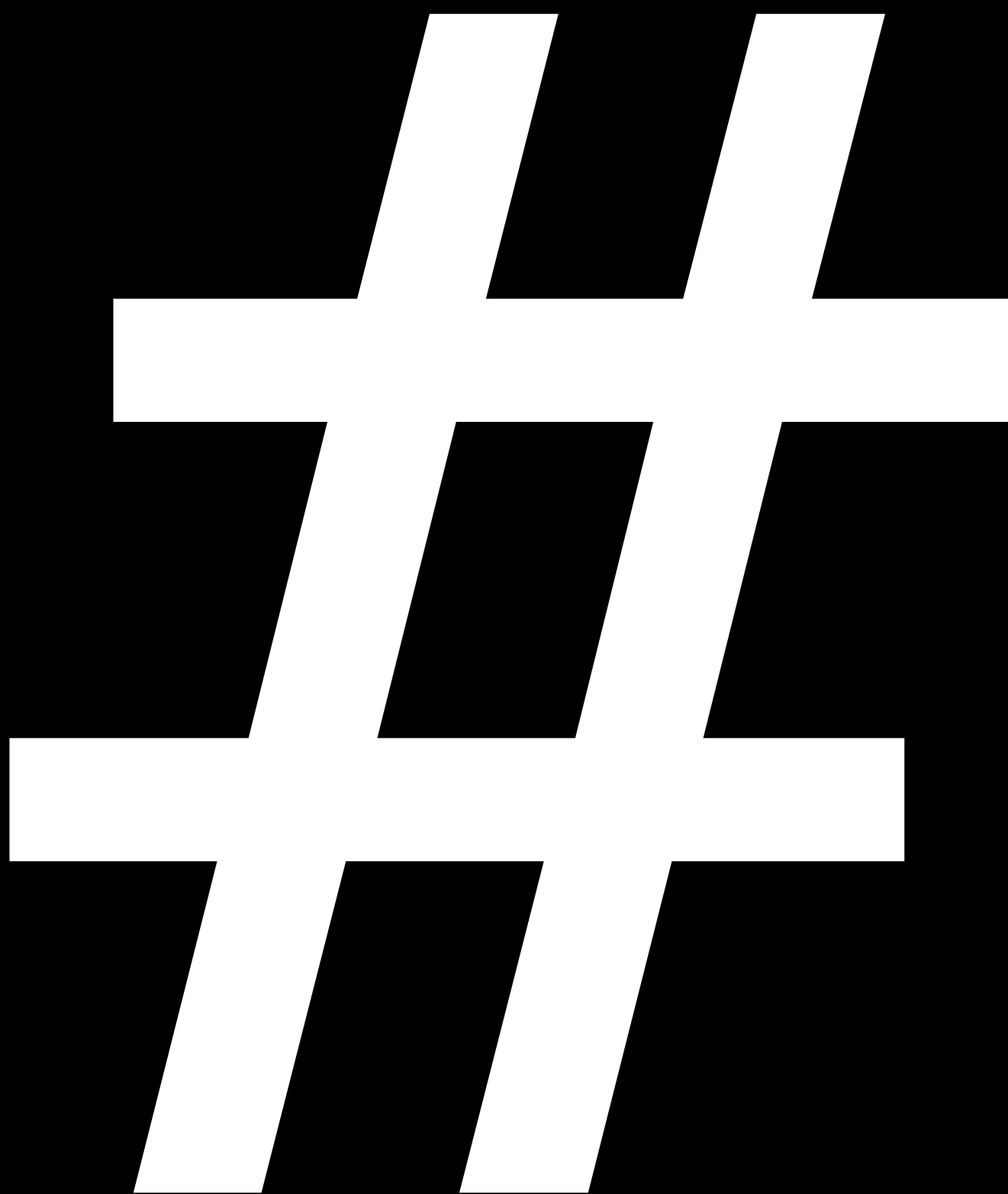
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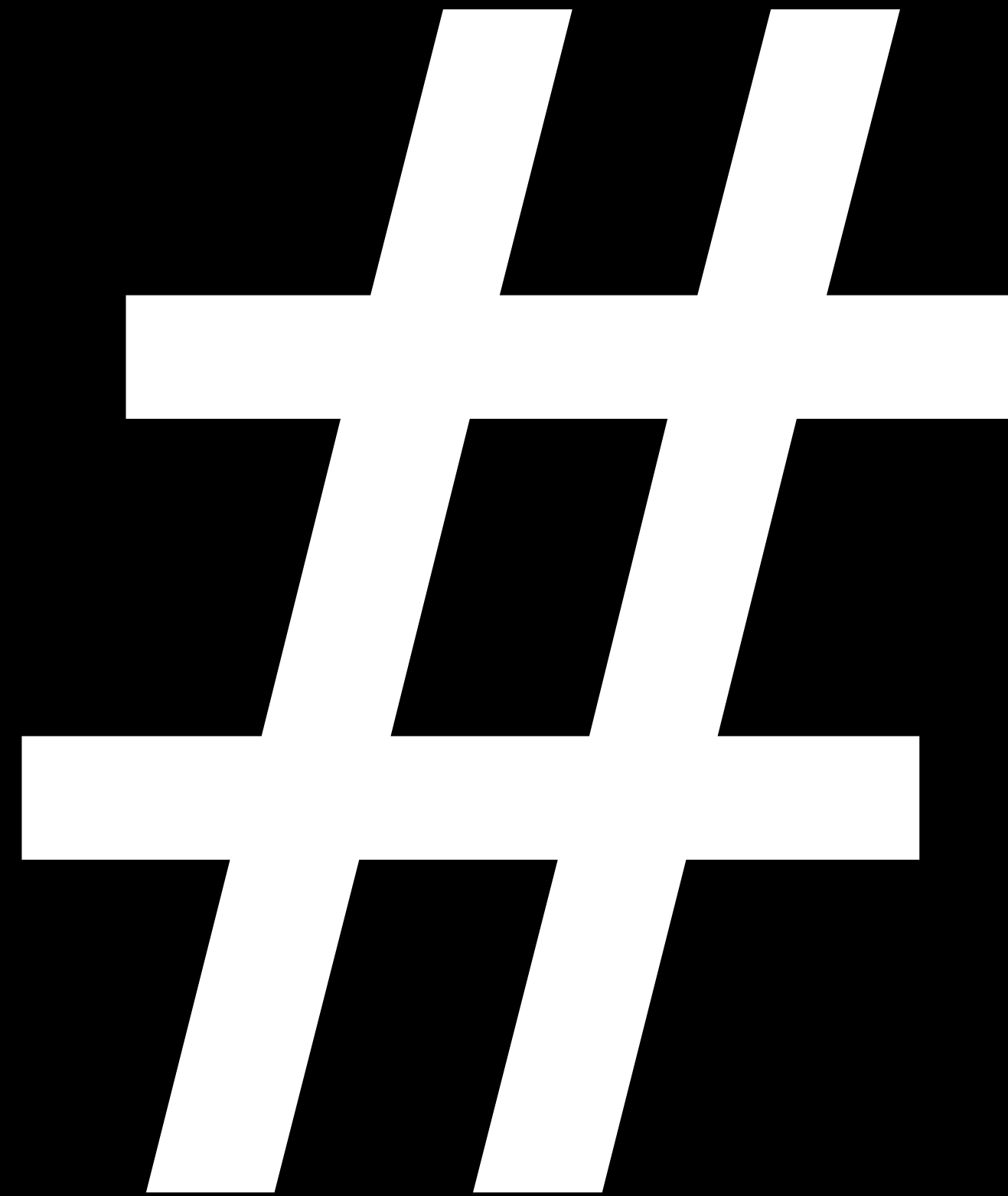
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The interactive interpreter is your new best friend



Hashtag



Pound Sign

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Multiline comments can be written between three ""s and are often used as function and module comments.

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Where's My Type?

In Java or C++

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int x = 0;
```

Where's My Type?

In Python

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Python's dynamic type system
is fascinating! More on Wed.

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7 // 3     # => 2    (integer division)
7 % 3      # => 1    (integer modulus)
2 ** 4     # => 16   (exponentiation)
```

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2 >= 0         # => True
1 < 2 < 3      # => True (1 < 2 and 2 < 3)
1 < 2 >= 3     # => False (1 < 2 and 2 >= 3)
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Indexing

`s = 'Arthur'`

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	r	t	h	u	r	

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2	t
3	h
4	u
5	r
6	

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A diagram illustrating string indexing for the string 'Arthur'. The string is shown in white text on a black background. Above each character, its corresponding index is written in white: 0 for 'A', 1 for 'r', 2 for 't', 3 for 'h', 4 for 'u', and 6 for 'r'. Vertical dashed orange lines connect each index to its respective character. The string is enclosed in single quotes, with a gray vertical bar at the end of the quote.

```
s[0] == 'A'  
s[1] == 'r'  
s[4] == 'u'  
s[6] # Bad!
```

Negative Indexing

`s = 'Arthur'`

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	r	t	h	u	r	
-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0

The diagram illustrates the indexing of the string 'Arthur'. The string is enclosed in single quotes. Above the string, indices 0 through 6 are shown in grey, corresponding to the characters 'A', 'r', 't', 'h', 'u', 'r', and the trailing space. Below the string, negative indices -6 through 0 are shown in white, corresponding to the same characters from the start of the string. Vertical dashed orange lines connect the positive and negative indices to their respective characters. Small grey vertical bars are placed at the beginning and end of the string.

Negative Indexing

`s = 'Arthur'`

The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with its characters mapped to two sets of indices. The top set of indices, in grey, represents positive indexing from 0 to 6: 0 for 'A', 1 for 'r', 2 for 't', 3 for 'h', 4 for 'u', 5 for 'r', and 6 for the trailing quote. The bottom set of indices, in white, represents negative indexing from -6 to 0: -6 for 'A', -5 for 'r', -4 for 't', -3 for 'h', -2 for 'u', -1 for 'r', and 0 for the trailing quote. Vertical dashed orange lines connect each character to its corresponding positive and negative index.

```
s[-1] == 'r'  
s[-2] == 'u'  
s[-4] == 't'  
s[-6] == 'A'
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Slicing

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The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with indices 0 through 6 above each character. Vertical dashed orange lines mark the boundaries of each character. A white bracket is drawn below the first three characters, 'Ar', indicating a slice from index 0 to 2.

```
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`s` = 'Arthur'

The diagram illustrates string slicing on the string 'Arthur'. The string is enclosed in single quotes. Above the characters, indices 0 through 6 are shown. Vertical dashed lines mark the boundaries of each character. Two white brackets below the string indicate slices: the first bracket spans from index 0 to 2, and the second bracket spans from index 3 to 6.

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`s = 'Arthur'`

The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with indices 0 through 6 above each character. Vertical dashed orange lines mark the boundaries at each index. Two white horizontal brackets with arrowheads at the ends are positioned below the string. The first bracket spans from index 0 to index 2, covering the characters 'A', 'r', and 't'. The second bracket spans from index 3 to index 6, covering the characters 'h', 'u', and 'r'.

```
s[0:2] == 'Ar'  
s[3:6] == 'hur'
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Slicing



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Strings

`s = 'Arthur'`

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A diagram showing the string 'Arthur' with its characters indexed from 0 to 6. Vertical dashed lines connect each character to its corresponding index above it. The string is enclosed in single quotes, and the variable 's' is followed by an equals sign.

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Implicitly ends at the end

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Implicitly ends at the end

Strings



Implicitly starts at 0

```
s[:2] == 'Ar'  
s[3:] == 'hur'
```

Implicitly ends at the end

Strings

`s = 'Arthur'`

The diagram illustrates the indexing of the string 'Arthur'. The characters are displayed in white, enclosed in single quotes. Above each character is its corresponding index number (0 through 6) in a light gray font. Vertical dashed orange lines connect each index to the character it points to: index 0 to 'A', index 1 to 'r', index 2 to 't', index 3 to 'h', index 4 to 'u', and index 5 to 'r'. The final quote character is not indexed.

Strings

`s = 'Arthur'`

The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with indices 0 through 6 above each character. Vertical dashed lines connect the indices to the characters: 0 to 'A', 1 to 'r', 2 to 't', 3 to 'h', 4 to 'u', 5 to 'r', and 6 to the closing quote. The opening quote is at index -1.

Can also pass a step size

```
s[1:5:2] == 'rh'  
s[4::-2] == 'utA'
```


Strings

`s = 'Arthur'`

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

The diagram shows the string 'Arthur' with its characters indexed from 0 to 6. Vertical dashed lines connect each character to its corresponding index number above it. The string is enclosed in single quotes, and the variable 's' is followed by an equals sign.

Can also pass a step size

One way to reverse a string

```
s[1:5:2] == 'rh'  
s[4::-2] == 'utA'  
s[::-1] == 'ruhtrA'
```

Converting Values

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`str(42)`

`# => "42"`

All objects have a
string representation

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=> "42"

`int("42")`

=> 42

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`float("2.5")` # => 2.5

All objects have a
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Converting Values

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`int("42")` # => 42

`float("2.5")` # => 2.5

`float("1")` # => 1.0

All objects have a string representation

Lists

Dive into Python data structures Week 2!

Lists

```
easy_as = [1, 2, 3]
```


Lists

Square brackets delimit lists

`easy_as = [1, 2, 3]`

Lists

easy_as

=

[1, 2, 3]

Square brackets delimit lists

Commas separate elements

Lists

[]

Versatile

Incredibly common

≈ ArrayList / Vector

Basic Lists

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```
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empty = []  
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numbers = [2, 3, 5]
```

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```

```
# Append elements to the end of a list
```

```
numbers.append(7) # numbers == [2, 3, 5, 7]
```

```
numbers.append(11) # numbers == [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
```

Inspecting List Elements

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```

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```
# You can also slice lists – the same rules apply
```

```
letters[:3] # => ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
numbers[1:-1] # => [3, 5, 7]
```

Nested Lists

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```
# Lists really can contain anything – even other lists!
```

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combo = [letters, numbers]
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combo # => [['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'], [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]]
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```

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combo[0] # => ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
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```

```
combo[0][1] # => 'b'
```

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```

```
combo[0][1] # => 'b'
```

```
combo[1][2:] # => [5, 7, 11]
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```
"minutes" in [4, 5, "seconds"] # => False
```

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`print` can be used in many different ways!

Control Flow

If Statements

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if the_world_is_flat:  
    print("Don't fall off!")
```

If Statements

No parentheses needed



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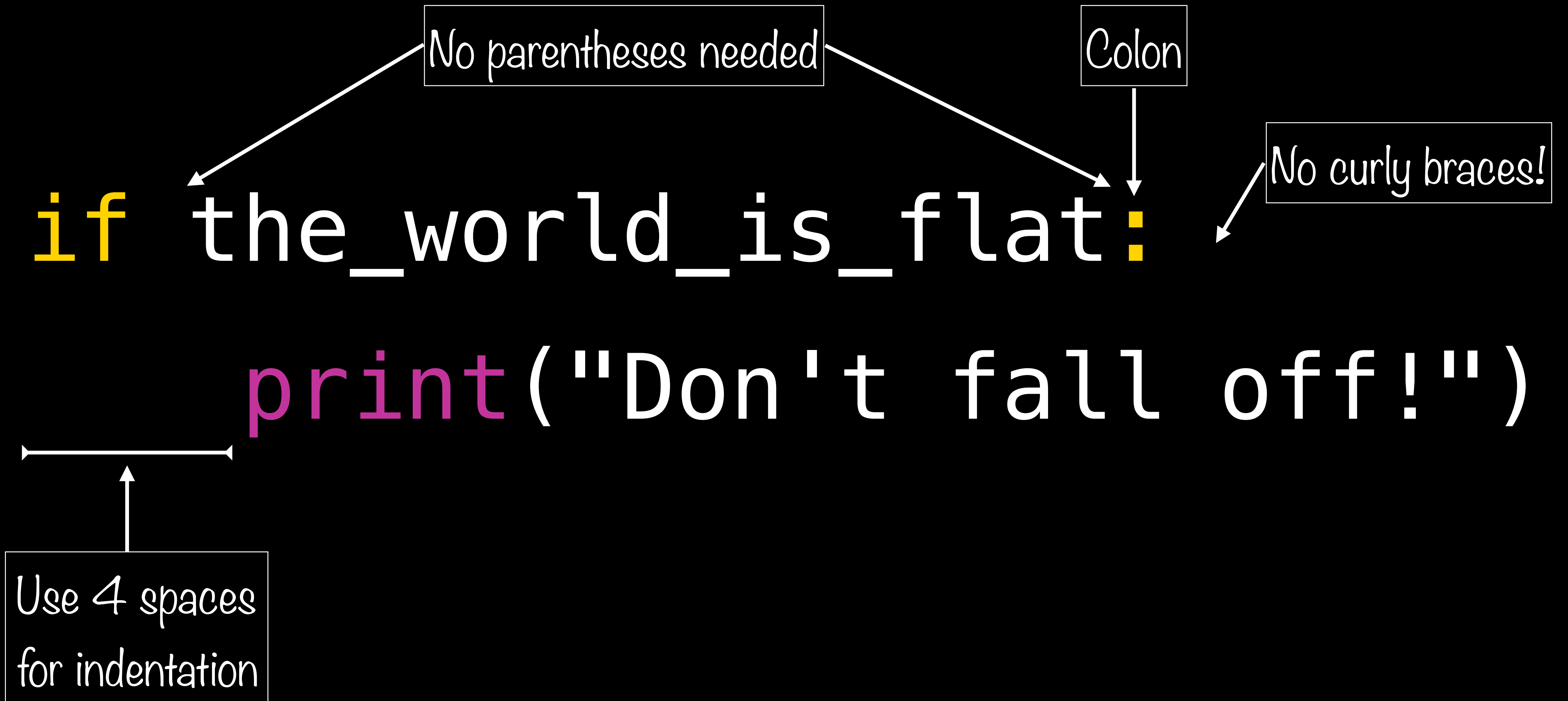
If Statements

The diagram shows an if statement with four callout boxes pointing to specific parts of the code:

- No parentheses needed**: Points to the condition `the_world_is_flat`.
- Colon**: Points to the colon `:` at the end of the condition line.
- No curly braces!**: Points to the absence of curly braces around the code block.
- The keyword `if` is highlighted in yellow.
- The function `print` is highlighted in pink.

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if the_world_is_flat:  
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```


If Statements



4 Spaces?! No Braces?!

Zen of Python

Readability counts

Can be configured in most development environments

elif and else

```
if some_condition:  
    print("Some condition holds")  
elif other_condition:  
    print("Other condition holds")  
else:  
    print("Neither condition holds")
```

zero or more `elif`s

`else` is optional

Python has no `switch` statement,
opting for `if/elif/else` chains

Palindrome?

Spelled the same
backwards and forwards

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else:
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# 'Falsy' values
bool(None)      # => False
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# Everything else is 'truthy'
bool(41)        # => True
bool('abc')     # => True
bool([1, 'a', []]) # => True
```

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```

```
bool([1, 'a', []]) # => True
```

```
bool([False]) # => True
```

```
bool(int) # => True
```

Checking for Truthiness

with Steven Colbert

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You should almost never test
`if expr == True`

Loops

For Loops

```
for item in iterable:  
    process(item)
```

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Loop explicitly over data

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No loop counter!

Looping over Strings and Lists

Looping over Strings and Lists

```
# Loop over characters in a string.
```

```
for ch in "CS41":  
    print(ch)
```

```
# Prints C, S, 4, and 1
```

Looping over Strings and Lists

Loop over characters in a string.

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```

Prints C, S, 4, and 1

Compare

```
String s = "CS41";  
for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); ++i) {  
    char ch = s.charAt(i);  
    System.out.println(ch);  
}
```

Looping over Strings and Lists

Loop over characters in a string.

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for ch in "CS41":  
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```

Prints C, S, 4, and 1

Loop over elements of a list.

```
for number in [3, 1, 4, 1, 5]:  
    print(number ** 2, end='|')
```

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=> 9|1|16|1|25|

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Iterate over a
sequence of numbers

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range(3)  
# generates 0, 1, 2
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```
range(3)
```

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```

```
range(5, 10)
```

```
# generates 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
```


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Iterate over a
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# generates 0, 1, 2
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range(5, 10)  
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```

```
range(2, 12, 3)  
# generates 2, 5, 8, 11
```

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range(3)  
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```

```
range(-7, -30, -5)  
# generates -7, -12, -17, -22, -27
```

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```

`range(stop)` or `range(start, stop[, step])`

break and continue

break and continue

```
for n in range(2, 10):  
    if n == 6:  
        break  
    print(n, end=', ')  
# => 2, 3, 4, 5,
```

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break breaks out of the
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for n in range(2, 10):  
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    print(n, end=', ')  
# => 2, 3, 4, 5,
```

```
for letter in "STELLAR":  
    if letter in "LE":  
        continue  
    print(letter, end='*')  
# => S*T*A*R*
```

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        continue  
    print(letter, end='*')  
# => S*T*A*R*
```

continue continues with
the next iteration of the loop

while loops

`while` loops

No additional surprises here

while loops

No additional surprises here

```
# Print powers of three below 10000
```

```
n = 1
```

```
while n < 10000:
```

```
    print(n)
```

```
    n *= 3
```

Functions

Dive into Python functions Week 3

Writing Functions

The `def` keyword
defines a function

Parameters have no explicit types

```
def fn_name(param1, param2):  
    value = do_something()  
    return value
```

return is optional
if either return or its value are omitted,
implicitly returns `None`

Prime Number Generator

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def is_prime(n):
```


Prime Number Generator

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def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, n):
```

Prime Number Generator

```
def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, n):  
        if n % i == 0:
```

Prime Number Generator

```
def is_prime(n):  
    for i in range(2, n):  
        if n % i == 0:  
            return False
```

Prime Number Generator

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            return False  
    return True
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Prime Number Generator

```
def is_prime(n):  
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n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
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    return True  
  
n = int(input("Enter a number: "))  
for x in range(2, n):  
    if is_prime(x):  
        print(x, "is prime")  
    else:  
        print(x, "is not prime")
```

More to See

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Keyword Arguments

Variadic Argument Lists

Default Argument Values

Unpacking Arguments

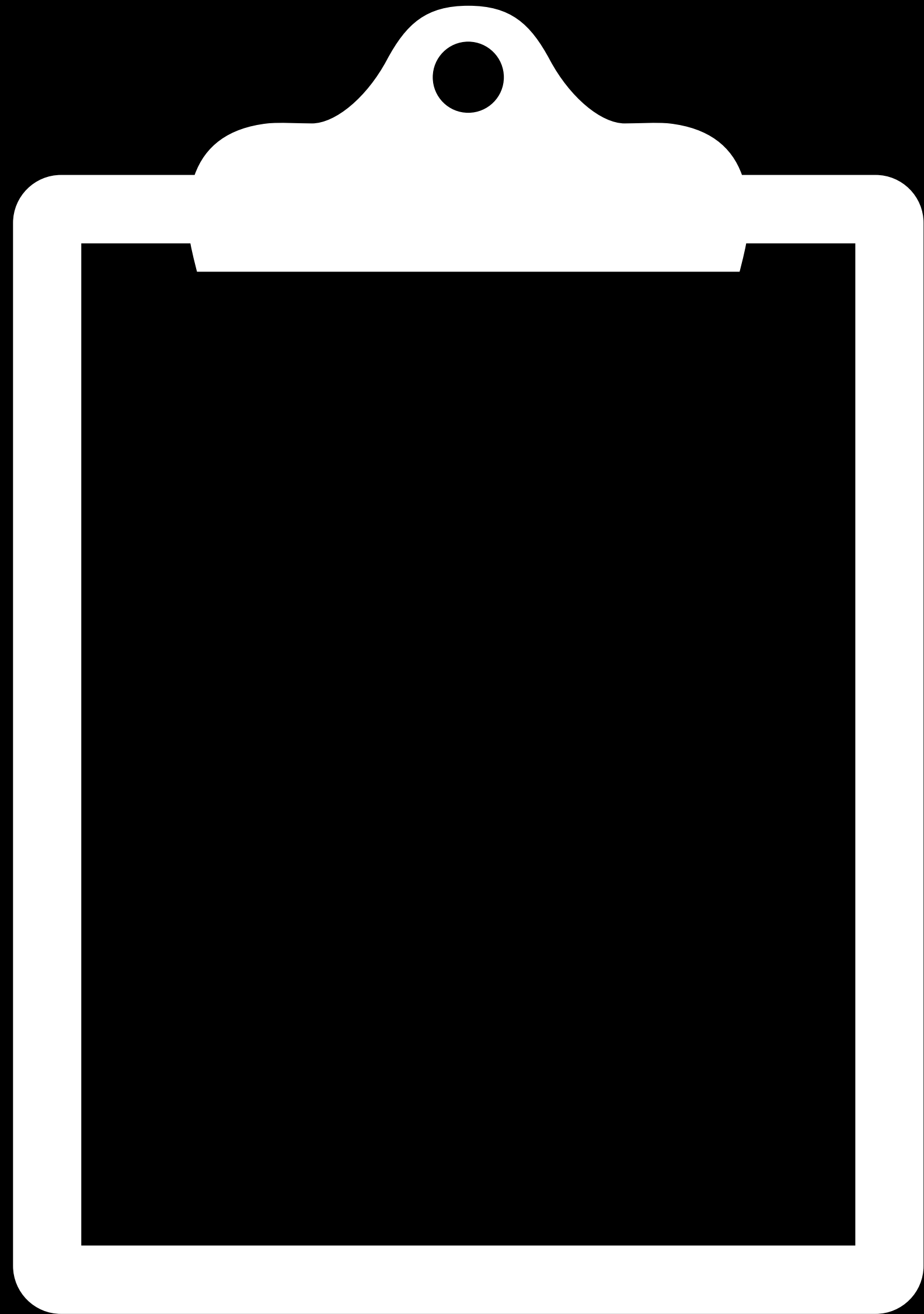
Anonymous Functions

First-Class Functions

Functional Programming

Next Time

More Python Fundamentals!



Types and Objects

String Formatting

File I/O

Using Scripts

Configuring Python 3

Lab!



Appendix

Citations

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