Programming Fundamentals in C++

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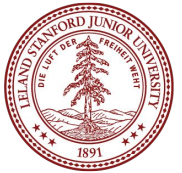

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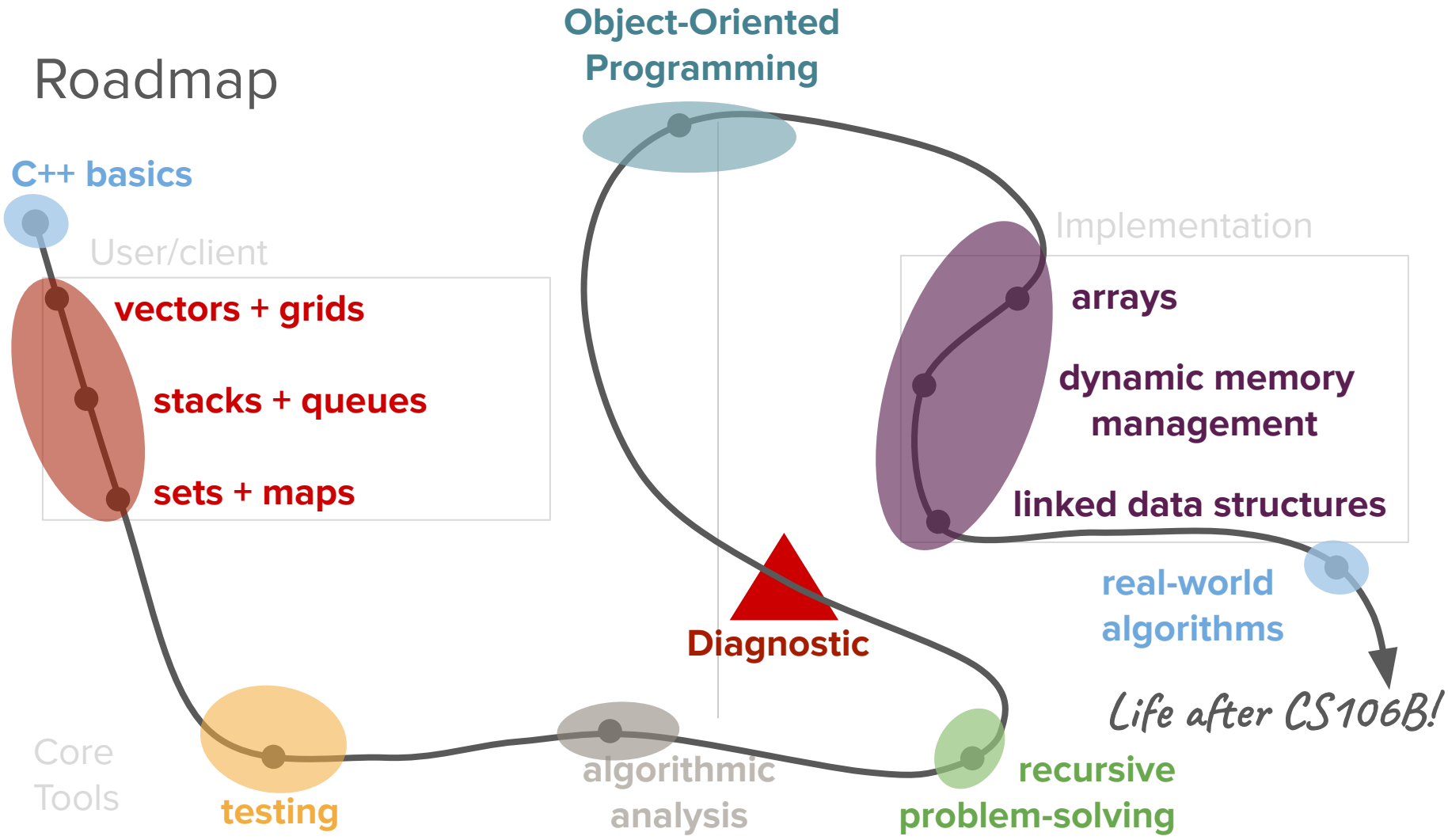
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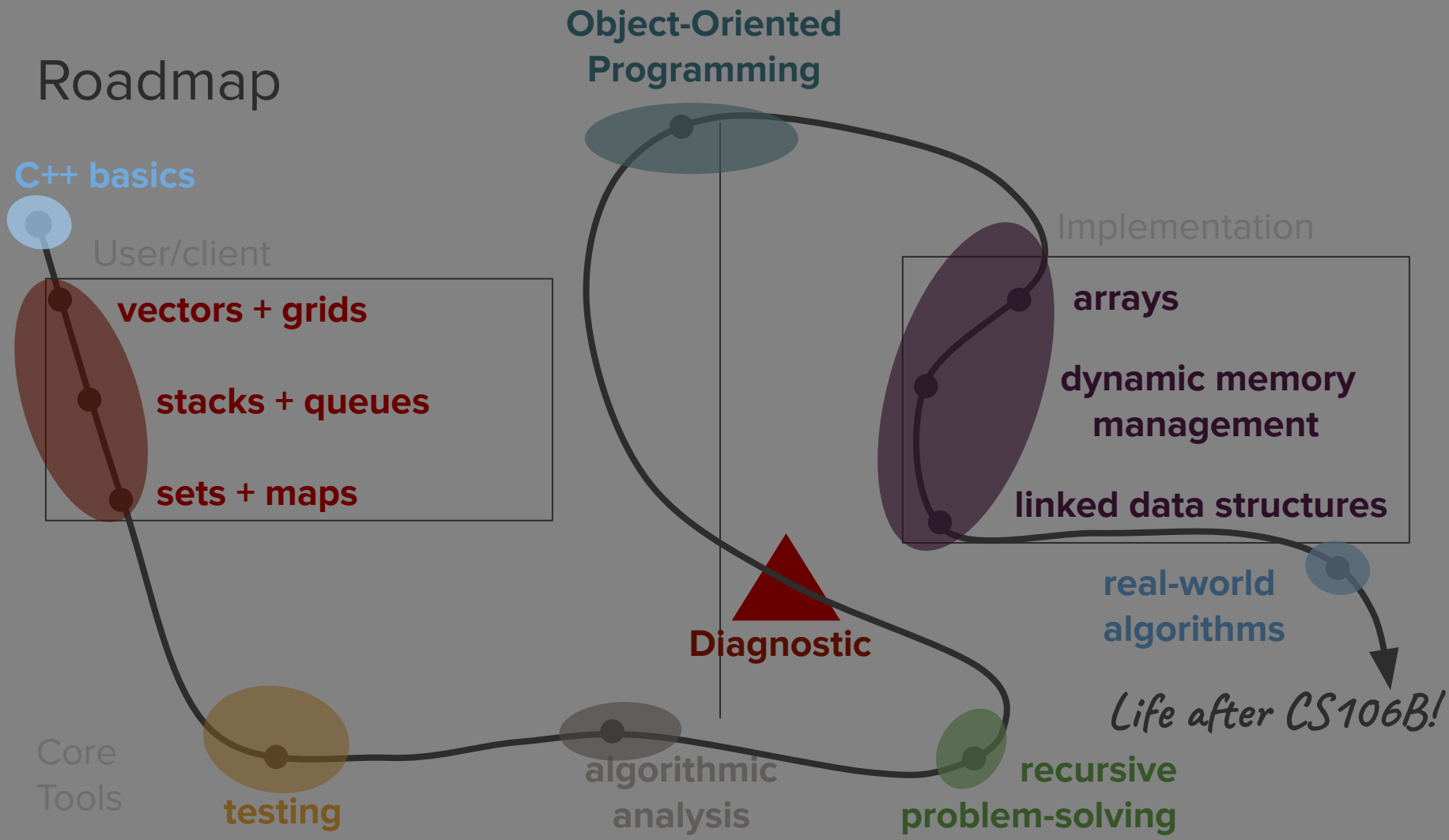
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Today's questions

Why C++?

What do core programming fundamentals look like in C++?

How do we test code in CS106B?

What's next?

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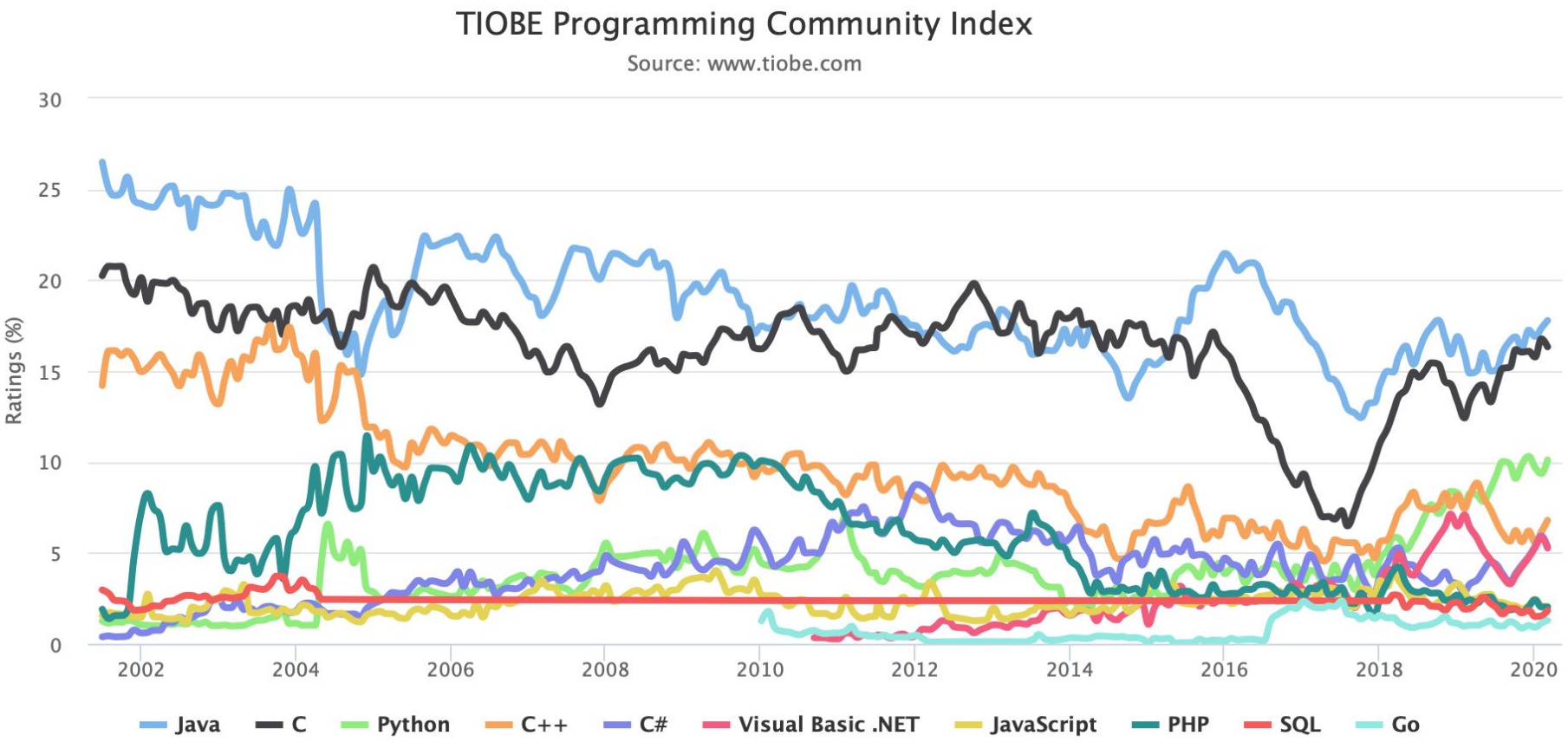
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C++ Overview

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  - "With great power comes great responsibility"

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Get ready for a whirlwind tour!

Comments, Includes, and Console Output

Comments

- Single-line comments

```
// Two forward slashes comment out the rest of the line

cout << "Hello, World!" << endl; // everything past the double-slash is a comment
```

- Multi-line comments

```
/* This is a multi-line comment.

 * It begins and ends with an asterisk-slash.

 */
```

Includes

- Utilizing code written by other programmers is one of the most powerful things that you can do when writing code.
- In order to make the compiler aware of other code libraries or other code files that you want to use, you must ***include a header file.*** There are two ways that you can do so:
  - `#include <iostream>`
    - Use of the angle bracket operators is usually reserved for code from the C++ Standard library
  - `#include "console.h"`
    - Use of the quotes is usually reserved for code from the Stanford C++ libraries, or code in files that you have written yourself

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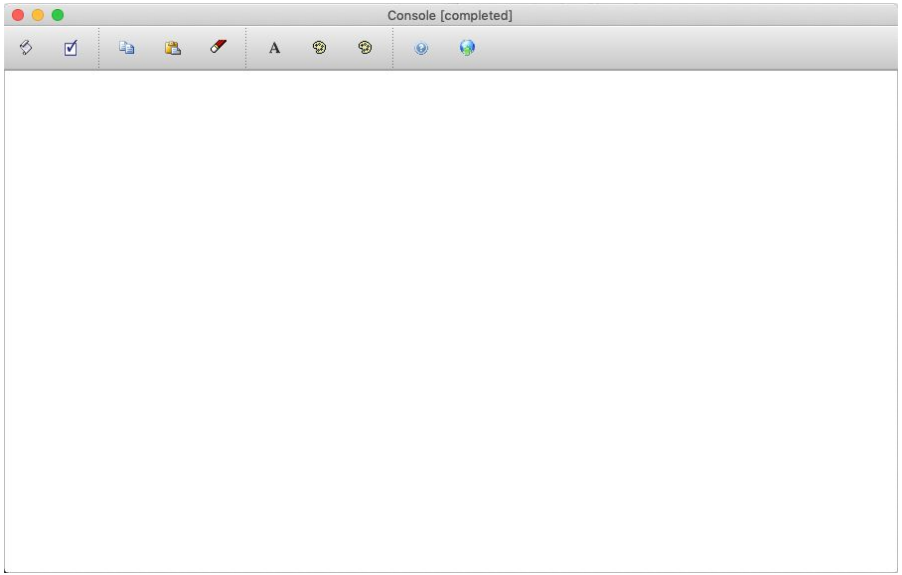

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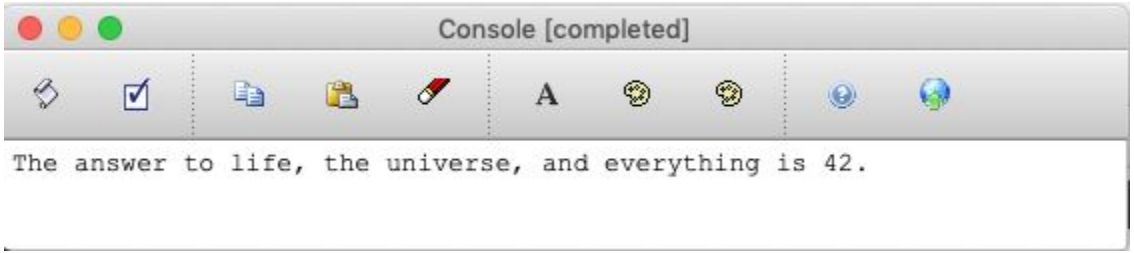

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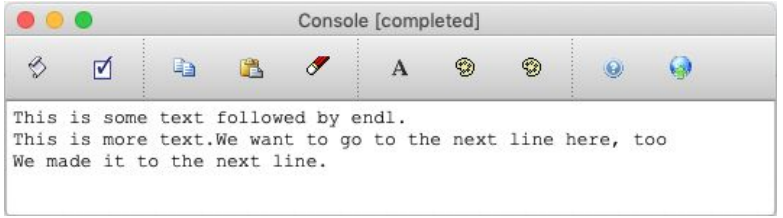

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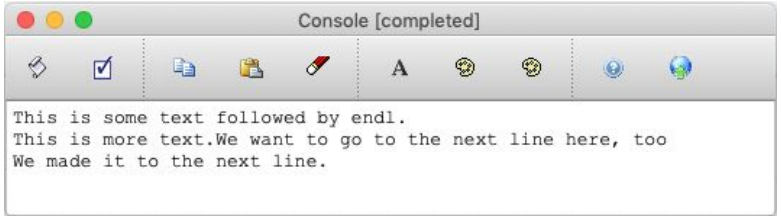

Note: In C++, all programming statements must end in a semicolon.

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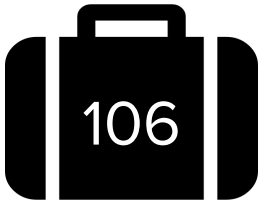

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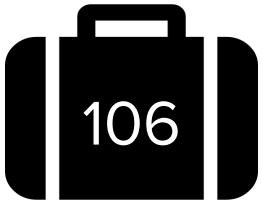
We will think of a variable as a named container storing a value.



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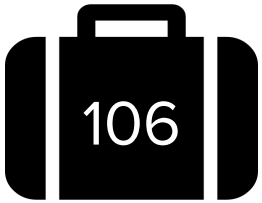
Note: C++ uses the camelCase naming convention



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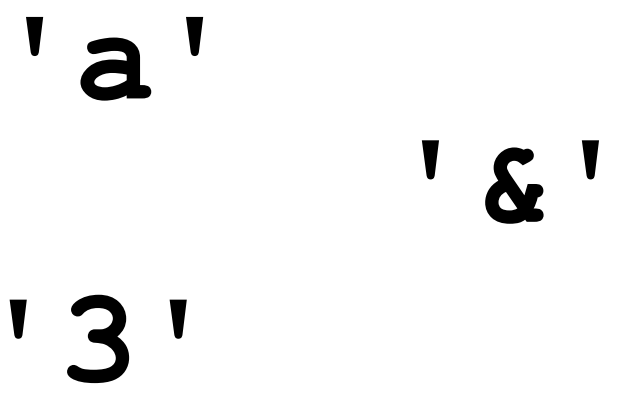

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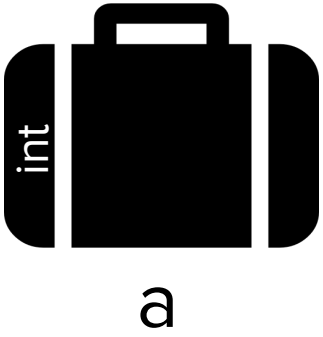

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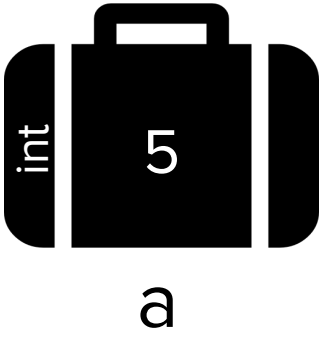

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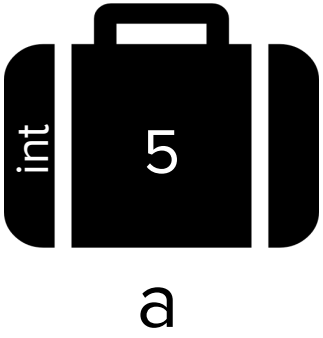

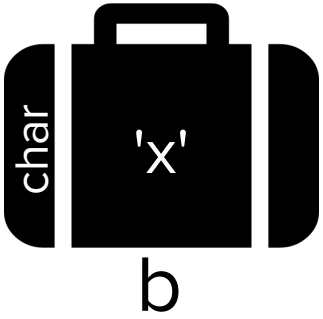

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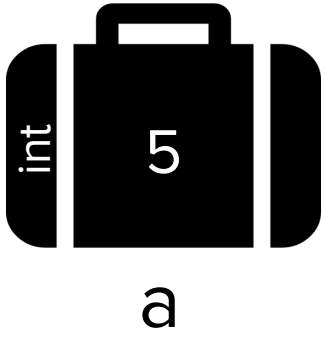

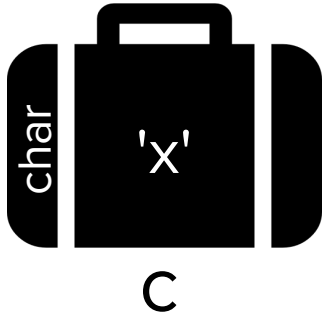

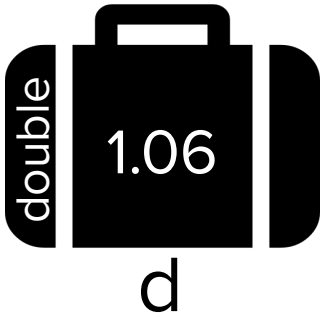

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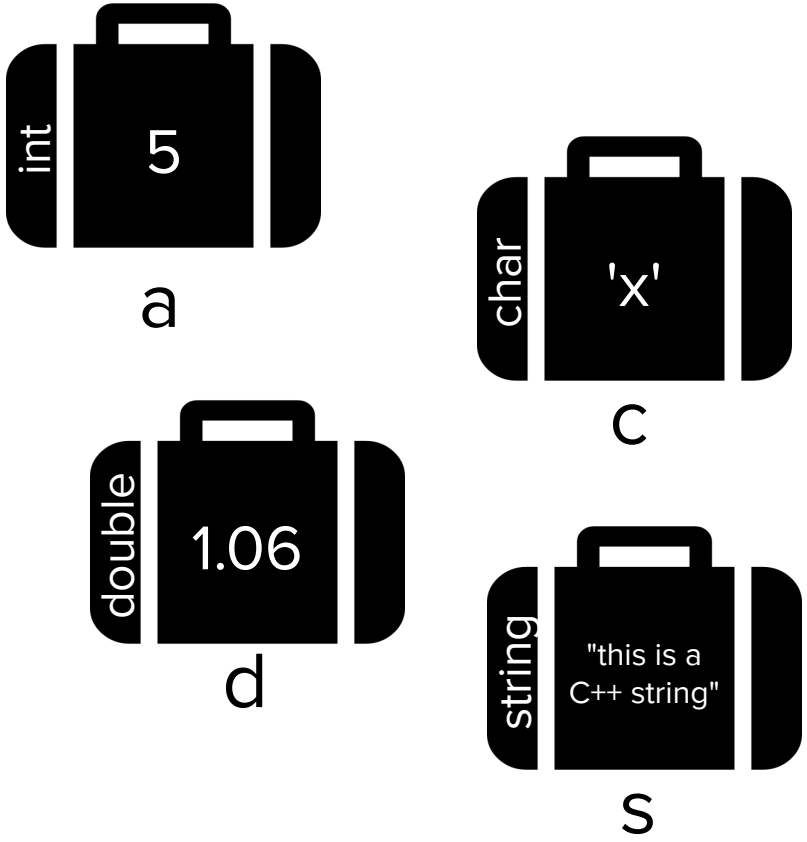

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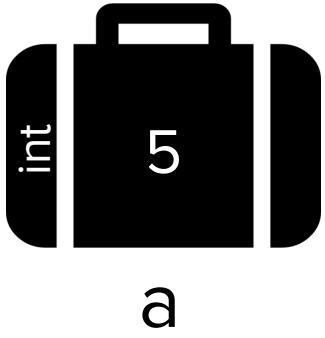

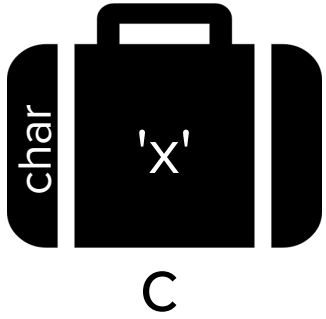

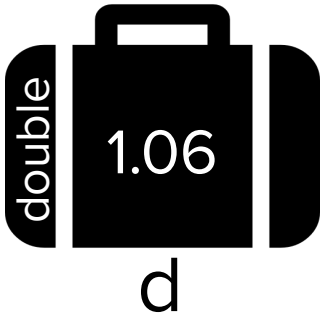

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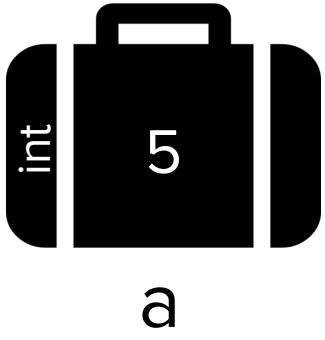

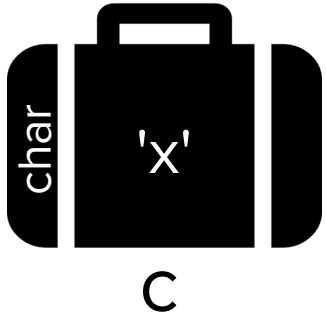

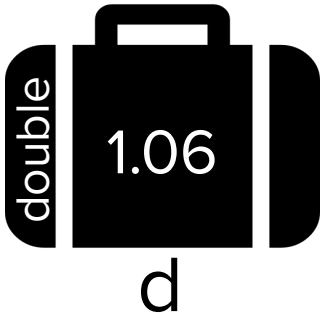

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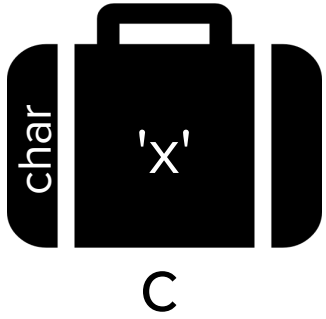

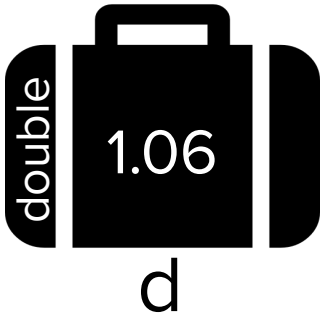

Functions and Parameters

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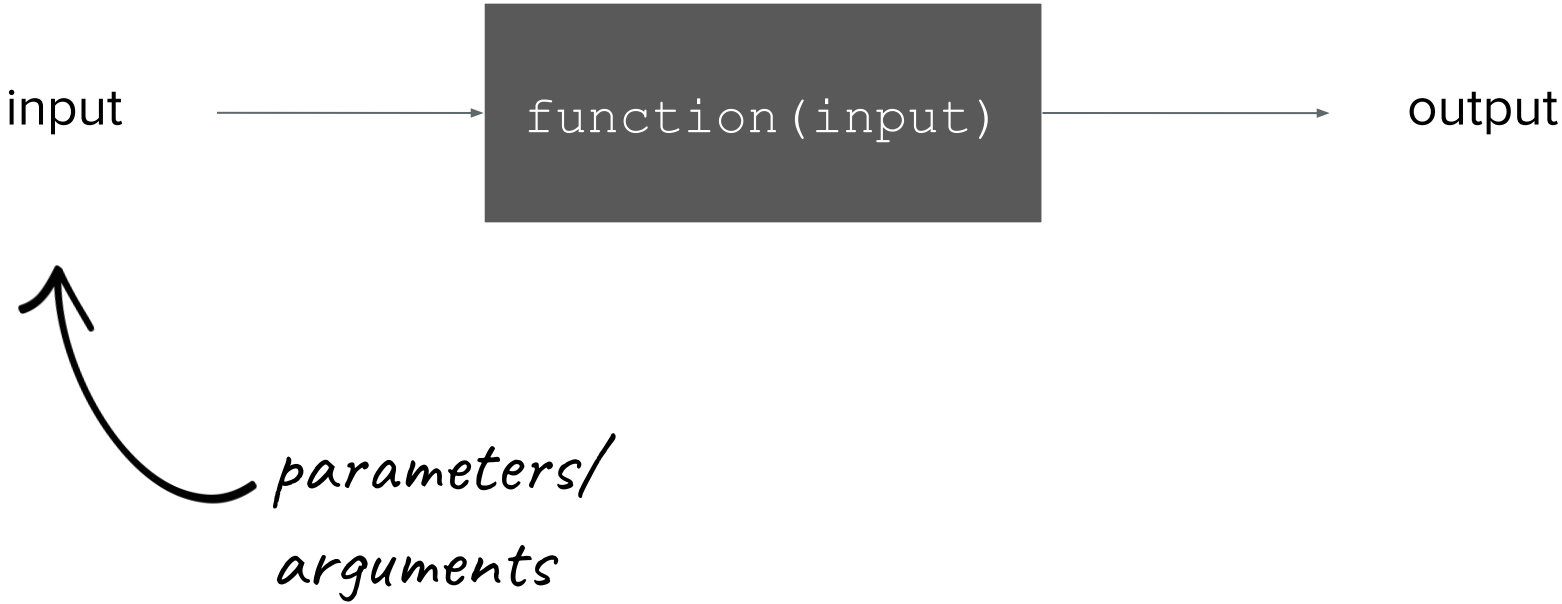

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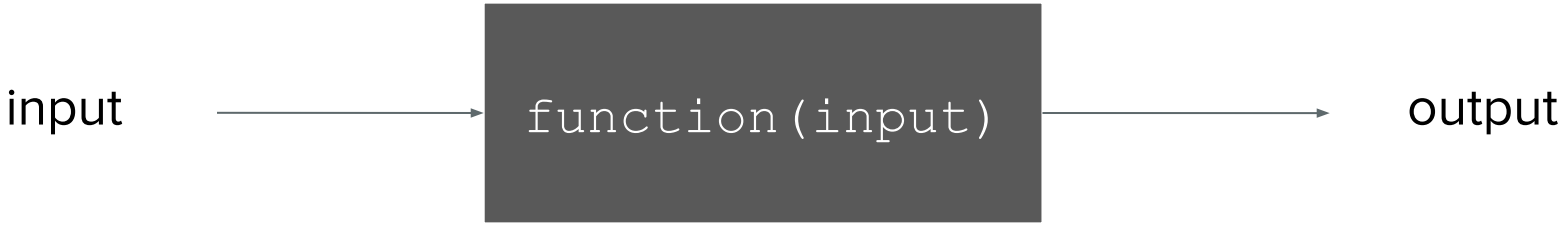

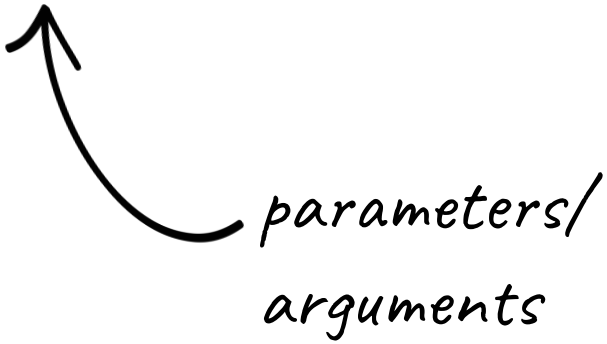

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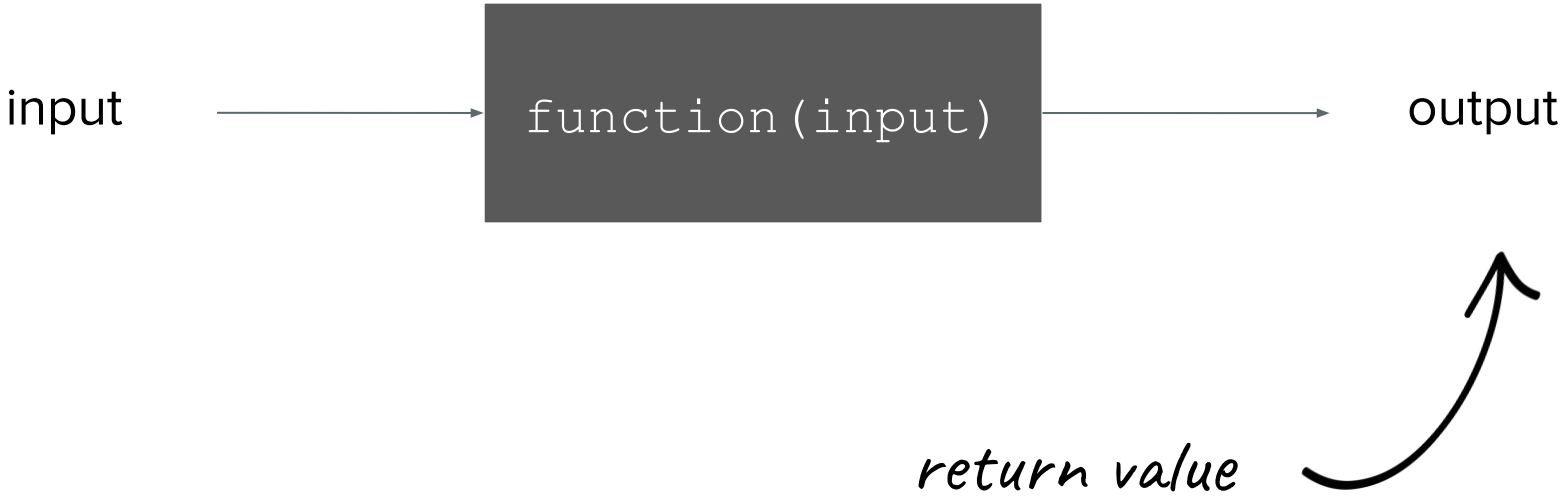

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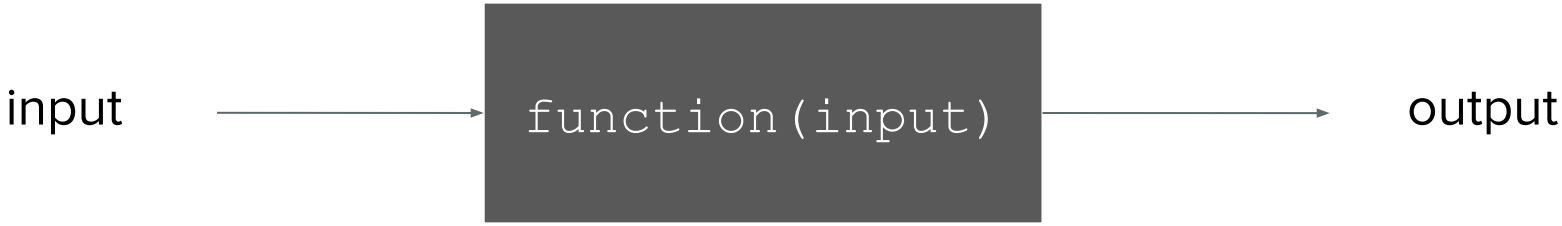

Definition

return value

The value that your function hands back to the “calling” function

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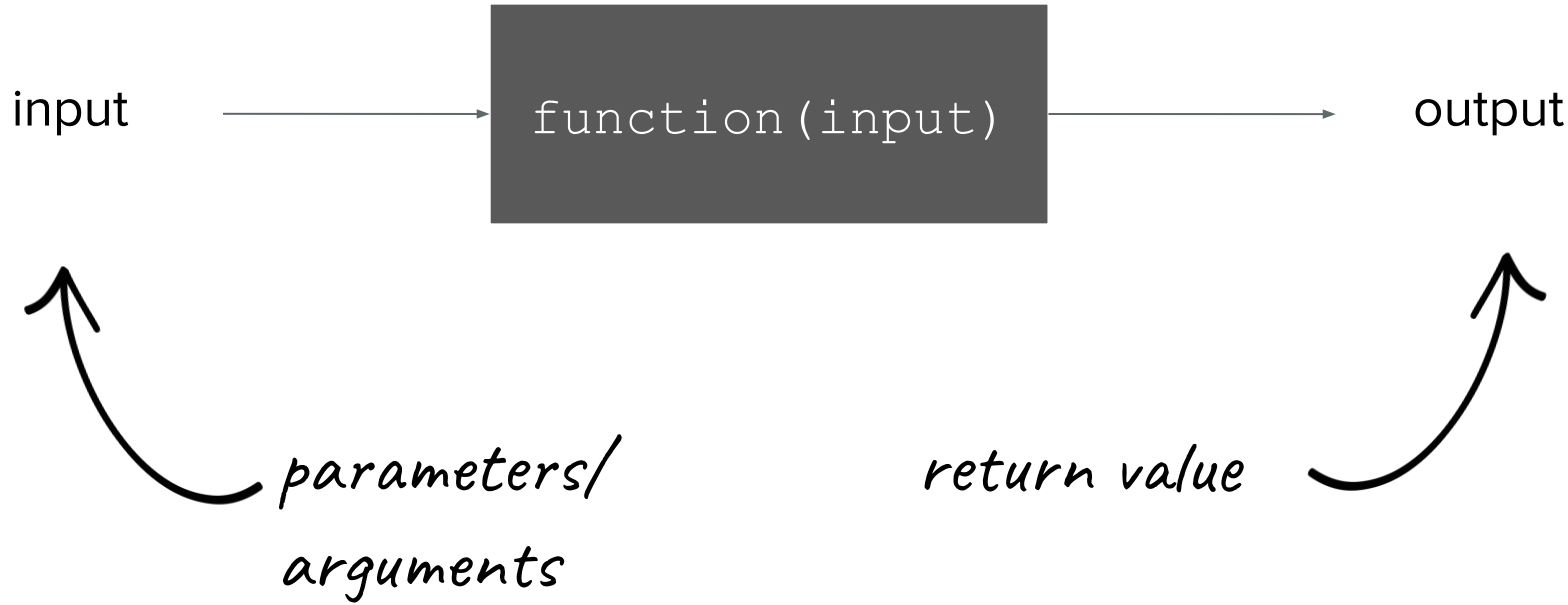

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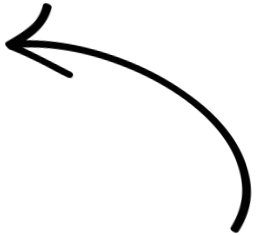

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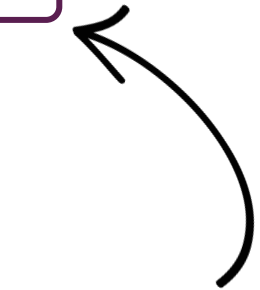

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How do you designate a function that doesn't return a value? You can use the special void keyword. Note that this type is only applicable for return types, not parameters/variables.

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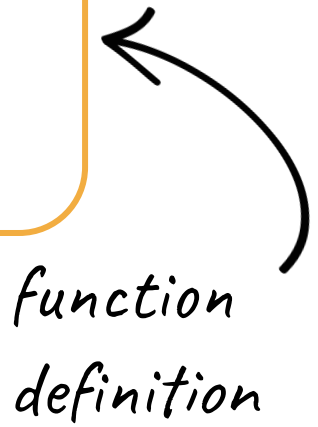

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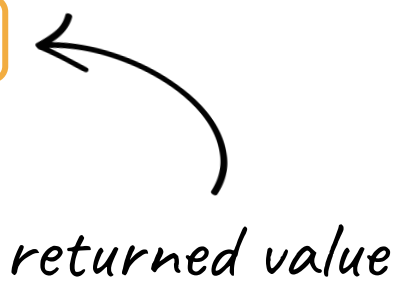

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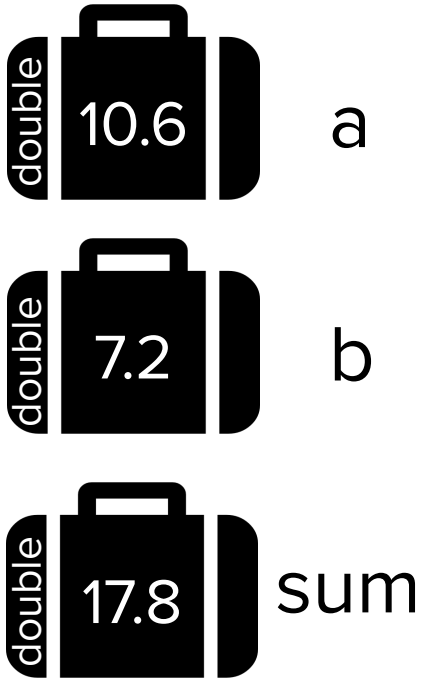

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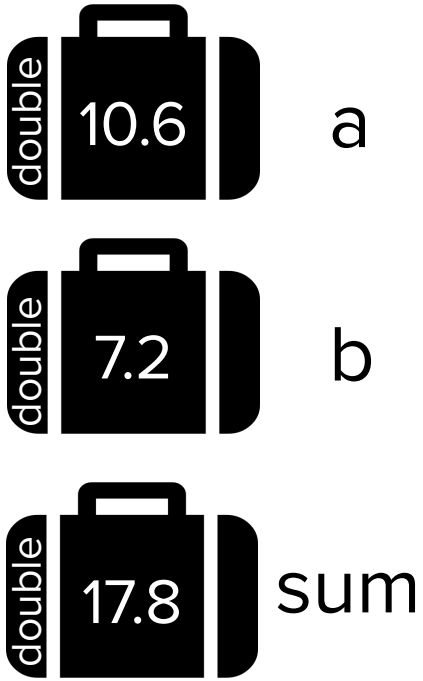

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Pass by Value

```
// C++:
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

int doubleValue(int x) {
    x *= 2;
    return x;
}

int main() {
    int myValue = 5;
    int result = doubleValue(myValue);

    cout << "myValue: " << myValue << " ";
    cout << "result: " << result << endl;
}
```

Zoom Poll!

What is the console output of this block of code?

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- The reason for the output is that the parameter **`x`** was passed to the **`doubleValue`** function *by value*, meaning that the variable **`x`** is a *copy* of the variable passed in. Changing it inside the function does *not* change the value in the calling function.
- Pass-by-value is the default mode of operation when it comes to parameters in C++
- C++ also supports a different, more nuanced way of passing parameters – we will see this tomorrow!

Mid-Lecture Announcements Break!

Announcements

- Complete the C++ survey and help us plan tomorrow's lecture!
- Fill out your section time preferences by today at 5pm PDT.
  - Make sure to check what time you've been assigned tomorrow morning.
- Finish Assignment 0 by Wednesday at 11:59 pm local time.
  - If you're running into issues with Qt Creator, come to the Qt Installation Help Session tonight at 7pm PDT. Join the QueueStatus here to get help.
- Assignment 1 will be released later today, and after this lecture is over, you will have the skills you need to get started on the first part!
  - There be a YEAH (Your Early Assignment Help) session held from 6-7pm PDT on Wednesday evening to help folks get started on the assignment.

Control Flow

Boolean Expressions

Expression	Meaning
`a < b`	**a** is less than **b**
`a <= b`	**a** is less than or equal to **b**
`a > b`	**a** is greater than **b**
`a >= b`	**a** is greater than or equal to **b**
`a == b`	**a** is equal to **b**
`a != b`	**a** is not equal to **b**

Operator	Meaning
`a && b`	Both **a** AND **b** are **`true`**
`a || b`	Either **a** OR **b** are **`true`**
`!a`	If **a** is **`true`**, returns **`false`**, and vice-versa

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- In Python, a block is defined as an indentation level, where *whitespace* is important. C++ does not have any whitespace restrictions, so blocks are denoted with curly braces, **`{`** to begin a block, and **`}`** to end a block.
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    } else if (expression2) {
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    }
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Execution continues until expression evaluates to false

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}
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Note: The **`i++`** increments the variable **`i`** by **1**, and is the reason C++ got its name! (and there is a corresponding decrement operator, **`--`**, as in **`i--`**).

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The `initializationStatement` happens at the beginning of the loop, and initializes a variable.

E.g., `int i = 0`.

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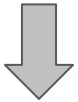

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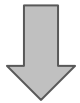

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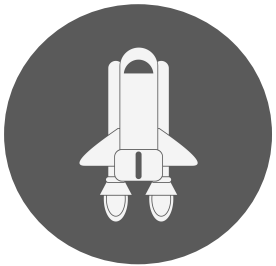

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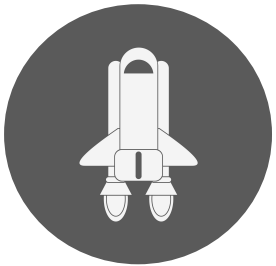

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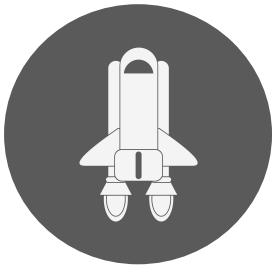

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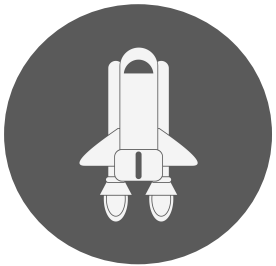

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Breakout Rooms!

C++

How do we test code in CS106B?

Testing

Software and cathedrals are much the same – first we build them, then we pray.
– Sam Redwine

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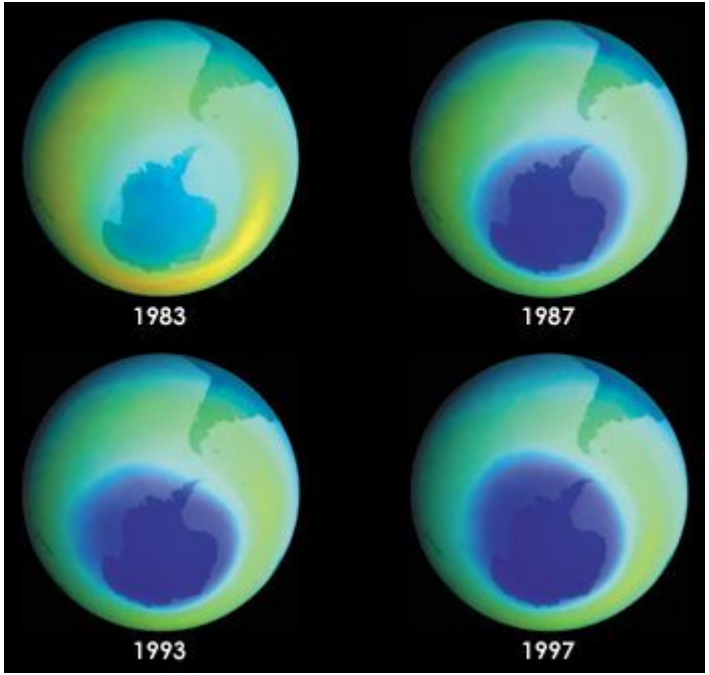

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In 1996, a European Ariane 5 rocket was set to deliver a payload of satellites into Earth orbit, but problems with the software caused the launch rocket to veer off its path a mere 37 seconds after launch. The problem was the result of **code reuse from the launch system's predecessor, Ariane 4, which had very different flight conditions from Ariane 5.**

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A 2002 study commissioned by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (referred to here) **found that software bugs cost the U.S. economy $59.5 billion every year** (imagine the global costs…). The study estimated that more than a third of that amount, $22.2 billion, **could be eliminated by improved testing.**

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- Testing can save money
- Testing can save lives
- Testing can prevent disasters
- **Testing is a programmer's responsibility.**
  - You must think about ethical considerations when you develop code that impacts people.

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SimpleTest

What is SimpleTest?

- SimpleTest is a C++ library developed by some of the lecturers here at Stanford that allows standalone, C++ unit testing
- For those of you coming from CS106A in Python, this is similar in functionality to the **doctest** infrastructure that you learned
- We will see SimpleTest a lot this quarter! You will learn how to write good, comprehensive suites of tests using this library, starting from the very first assignment.

How does SimpleTest work?

CS106B Testing Guide

– make sure to read it!

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main.cpp

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#include "testing/SimpleTest.h"
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int main()
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    if (runSimpleTests(SELECTED_TESTS)) {
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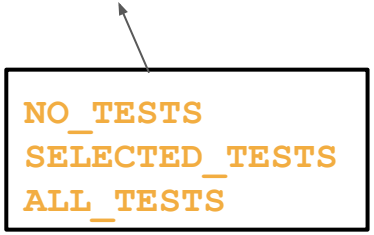

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all-examples.cpp

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int factorial (int num){
     /* Implementation here */
}

PROVIDED_TEST("Some provided tests."){
     EXPECT_EQUAL(factor(12), 16);
     EXPECT(isPerfect(6));
     EXPECT(!isPerfect(12));
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STUDENT_TEST("student wrote this test"){
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     EXPECT_EQUAL(factorial(2), 2);
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    if (runSimpleTest
        return 0;
    }

    return 0;
}
```

all-examples.cpp

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                ing/SimpleTest.h"

                (int num);

                (int num){
                entation here */


                "Some provided tests."){
                UAL(factorial(1), 1);
                UAL(factorial(2), 2);
                UAL(factorial(3), 6);
                EQUAL(factorial(4), 24);


STUDENT_TEST("student wrote this test"){
    // student tests go here!
}
```

What’s next?

Strings, Vectors, C++ Review