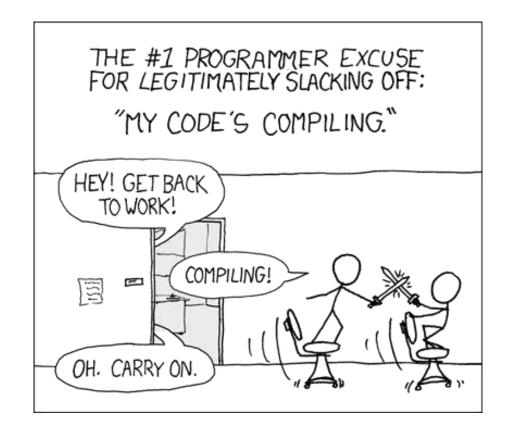
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Lecture 20: Lists for Tallying; Text Processing

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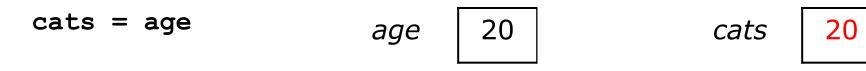


• Variables of type int, float, boolean, store values directly:

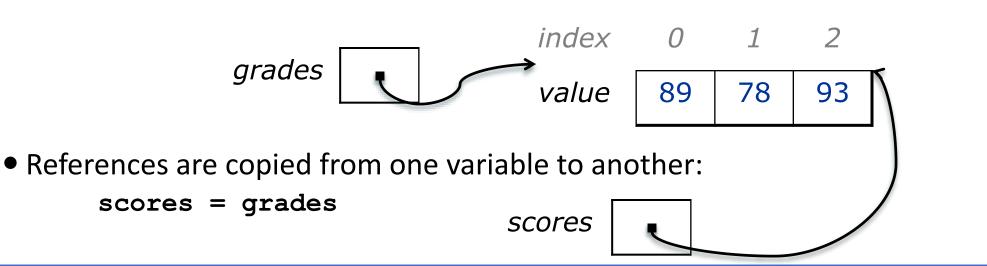
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• Values are copied from one variable to another:



• Variables of other types (like lists) store references to memory:



Lists for Tallying

Extracting digits

- Given a number, how do we extract the digits one at a time? Ex: 590823
- Hint: use % and //

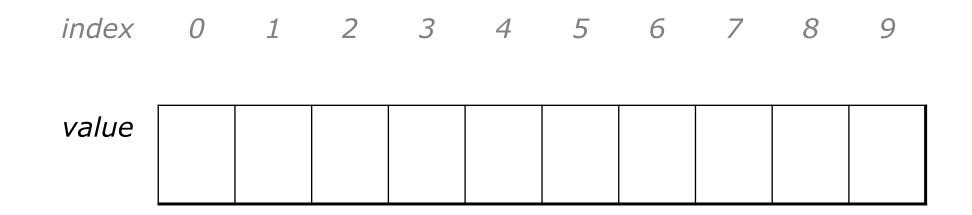
```
>>> n = 590823
>>> n % 10
3
>>> n = n // 10
>>> n
59082
>>> n % 10
2
>>> n = n // 10
>>> n
5908
>>> n % 10
8
>>>
```

A tallying problem

- Problem: Write a function most_frequent_digit(n) that returns the digit of a number n that occurs most frequently.
 - Example: the number 669260267 contains: one 0, two 2s, four 6s, one 7, and one 9. most_frequent_digit(669260267) returns 6.
 - If there is a tie, return the digit with the lower value. most_frequent_digit(57135203) returns 3.

A tallying problem

- This is well-suited for a list.
- Note that there are 10 digits. Consider a list of 10 elements.
 - The value at index \pm holds the number of occurrences of digit \pm
 - Example for 669260267:



Creating a list of tallies

```
# assume n = 669260267
counts = [0] * 10
while (n > 0):
    # pluck off a digit and add to its counter
    digit = n % 10
    counts[digit] = counts[digit] + 1
    n = n // 10
```

Tally solution

```
# Returns the digit value that occurs most frequently in n.
# Breaks ties by choosing the smaller value.
def most frequent digit(n):
    counts = [0] * 10
   while (n > 0):
        digit = n % 10 # pluck off a digit and tally it
        counts[digit] = count[digit] + 1
       n = n / / 10
    # find the most frequently occurring digit
   best index = 0
    for i in range(1, len(counts)):
        if (counts[i] > counts[best index]):
            best index = i
    return best index
```

Data transformations

- In many problems we transform data between forms.
 - Example: digits \rightarrow count of each digit \rightarrow most frequent digit
 - A transformation is computed/stored as a list.
- Sometimes we map between data and list indexes.
 - tally (if digit is *i*, store its count at index *i*)
- The problem structure affects the mapping

Section attendance question

- Read a file of section attendance (*see next slide for structure*):
- And produce the following output:

```
Section 1
Student points: [20, 16, 17, 14, 11]
Student grades: [100.0, 80.0, 85.0, 70.0, 55.0]
Section 2
Student points: [16, 19, 14, 14, 8]
Student grades: [80.0, 95.0, 70.0, 70.0, 40.0]
Section 3
Student points: [16, 15, 16, 18, 14]
Student grades: [80.0, 75.0, 80.0, 90.0, 70.0]
```

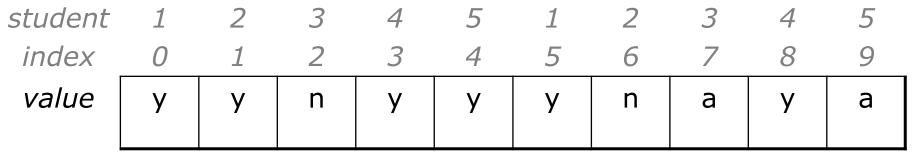
• Students earn 3 points for each section attended up to 20.

Section input file

- student week 2 3 4 5 8 9 6 section 1 ynayayynyyyayanyyyaynayyayyanayyya section 2 ayyanyyyyayanaayyanayyyananayayaynyayayynynya section 3
- Each line represents 9 weeks of attendance data for a section.
- Each week has 5 characters because there are 5 students in all sections.
- Within each week, each character represents one student's attendance:
 - a means the student was absent (+0 points)
 - n means they attended but didn't do the problems (+2 points)
 - y means they attended and did the problems (+3 points)

Section input file (fragment)

• Look at 2 weeks of one section (one line of the file):



• For index i, a student is i % 5.

Student 1	Student 2	Student 3	Student 4	Student 5
0 % 5	1 % 5	2 % 5	3 % 5	4 % 5
5 % 5	6 % 5	7 % 5	8 % 5	9 % 5

Need a list of length 5 to calculate the cumulative points for each student

Get the points for each student of a section

Note: fix the code to cap the points earned

Section Attendance - Answer

This program reads a file representing which students attended # which discussion sections and produces output of the students' # section attendance and scores.

```
def main():
    file = open("sections.txt")
    lines = file.readlines()
    section = 1
    for line in lines:
        # process one section
        points = count_points(line)
        grades = compute_grades(points)
        results(section, points, grades)
        section += 1
```

```
# Produces all output about a particular section.
def results(section, points, grades):
    print("Section " + str(section))
    print("Student scores: " + str(points))
    print("Student grades: " + str(grades))
    print()
```

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Section Attendance - answer

```
# Computes the points earned for each student for a particular section.
def count_points(line):
    points = [0] * 5
    for i in range(0, len(line)):
        student = i % 5
        earned = 0
        if (line[i] == 'y'): #values are 'y', 'n' or 'a'
            earned = 3
        elif (line[i] == 'n'):
            earned = 2
        points[student] = min(20, points[student] + earned)
        return points
```

```
# Computes the percentage for each student for a particular section.
def compute_grades(points):
    grades = [0] * 5
    for i in range(0, len(points)):
        grades[i] = 100.0 * points[i] / 20
    return grades
```