



# CS-A113 Basics in Programming Y1

Kick-Off Lecture  
14.09.2021

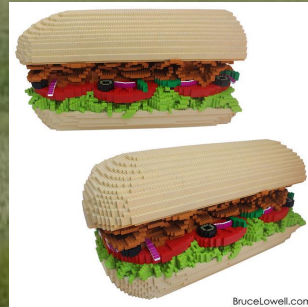


# The Lecture

- **Join with Video** – Makes my life nicer!
- Feel free to open your microphone and ask questions
- Feel free to write questions into the chat
- We will record the sessions and put it unlisted on youtube.



# Timeline



Making a Sandwich

1010  
1010



Computers  
&  
Programs



Who are we  
&  
Lecture Organization





Who are we?

Dr. Barbara Keller



Our Team



Seyed



Jun



Victoria



Visa



Abby



Ngoc



Barbara



Angeline



Taige



Aron



Anthony

A word cloud of various languages arranged in a roughly diamond shape. The word 'English' is the largest and most prominent, located in the center. Other languages are arranged around it, with varying font sizes. The colors of the words are a mix of red, orange, and yellow, set against a black background.

Japanese  
Portuguese  
French  
Ukrainian Swissgerman  
German  
Swedish  
English  
Hindi Chinese Farsi Finnish  
Indonesian Russian  
Spanish  
Korean



SQL

Perl

Assembler

CSS

Scala

HTML

Bash

Python

Eiffel

VBA

Haskell

Java

Shell

Kotlin

TS

Racket

Matlab

Script

JS

# Who are you?

Fill out the mandatory questionnaire  
until next Thursday!





## Main Entry Point!

- Information and Links
- On-site Exercise Booking
- Questionnaires

## Main Discussions

- Give and get Help on Exercises
- All kinds of questions
- It is what you make it

# Organisation & Tools

## Main Material

- Course Material
- Exercises

# Organisation

- Live lectures (Tuesdays 14:15 – recorded and linked on our myCourses page later on)
- 3 Exercise sessions every week (starting this evening)  
(On-site: Sign up in myCourses / On-line: Send your zoom meeting link to the Slack channel #exercises)
  - Tuesdays 16:15 -18:00 Y342 a
  - Wednesday 8:15-10:00 Y342 a
  - Wednesday 16:15-18:00 C106.1
- Lecture material online on A+
- Discussion and Questions on Slack
- Exercise deadlines Thursday 11:00 AM! Mandatory! Starting next week!  
This is not a compiler: 10 submissions possible per exercise



# Exercises & Grade

## Grade:

- 50 % of the exercise grade
- 50 % of the exam grade
- If either of the grades is 0 the course is failed

## Exercises:

- 8 rounds mandatory, deadline each week Thursday at 11:00 (except week 43)
- each round **must** be passed (minimal number of points for that week reached)
- at most 3 exercises can be substituted -> amount to minimal numbers of points for said round (no gain in grade possible with substituted exercises)
- Exercise 9 voluntary, if not done max grade from exercises is limited to 2
- Exercise 9 can be substituted in a separate substitution exercise



TIPS &

**Do not despair!**

- If not done yet: Start today with the installation of PyCharm
- Do use Slack for questions and answers
- Start the exercises as early as possible, do NOT wait until the last day before the deadline! I repeat: Do NOT wait until the last day before the deadline!
- Keep up with the lecture.

TRICKS

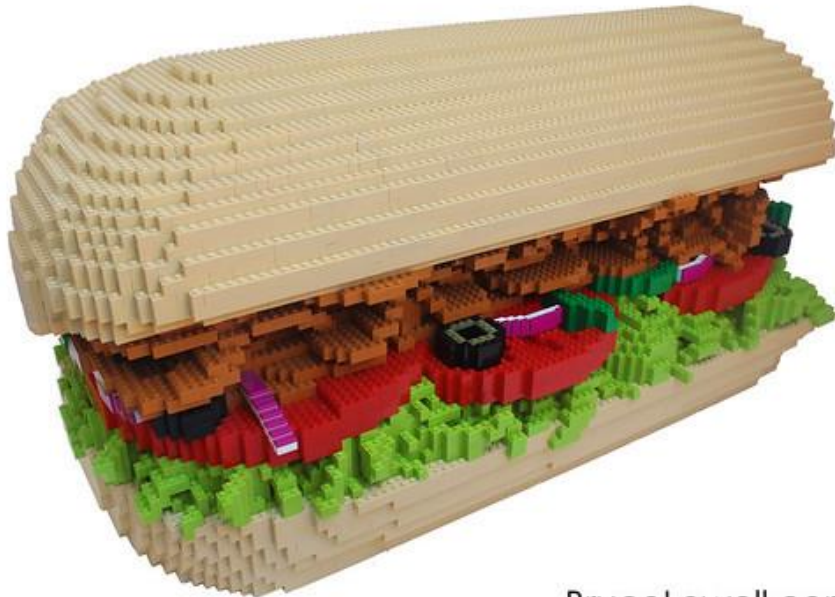


# Sandwich Time!



## Volunteers needed!

Raise your hand to instruct the making of a sandwich!



**The good news is:** The computer does exactly what you tell it!

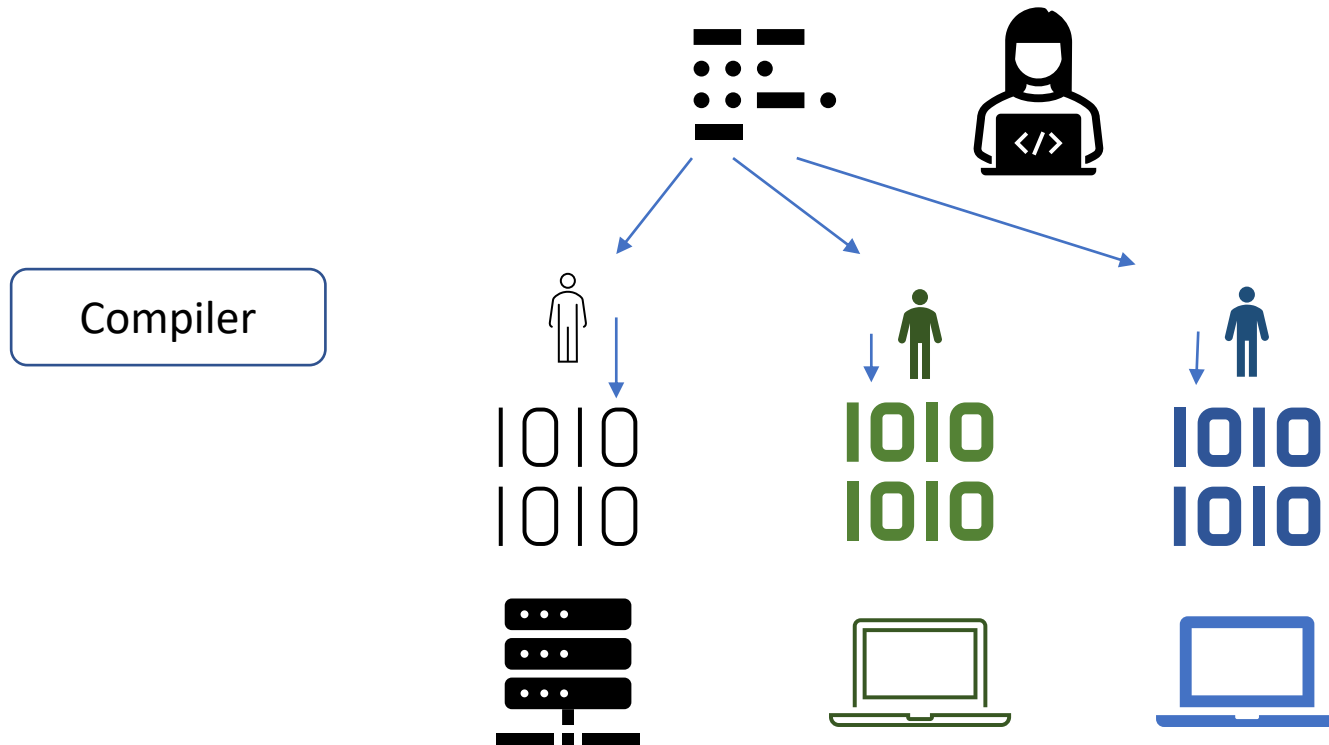
**The bad news is:** The computer does exactly what you tell it!



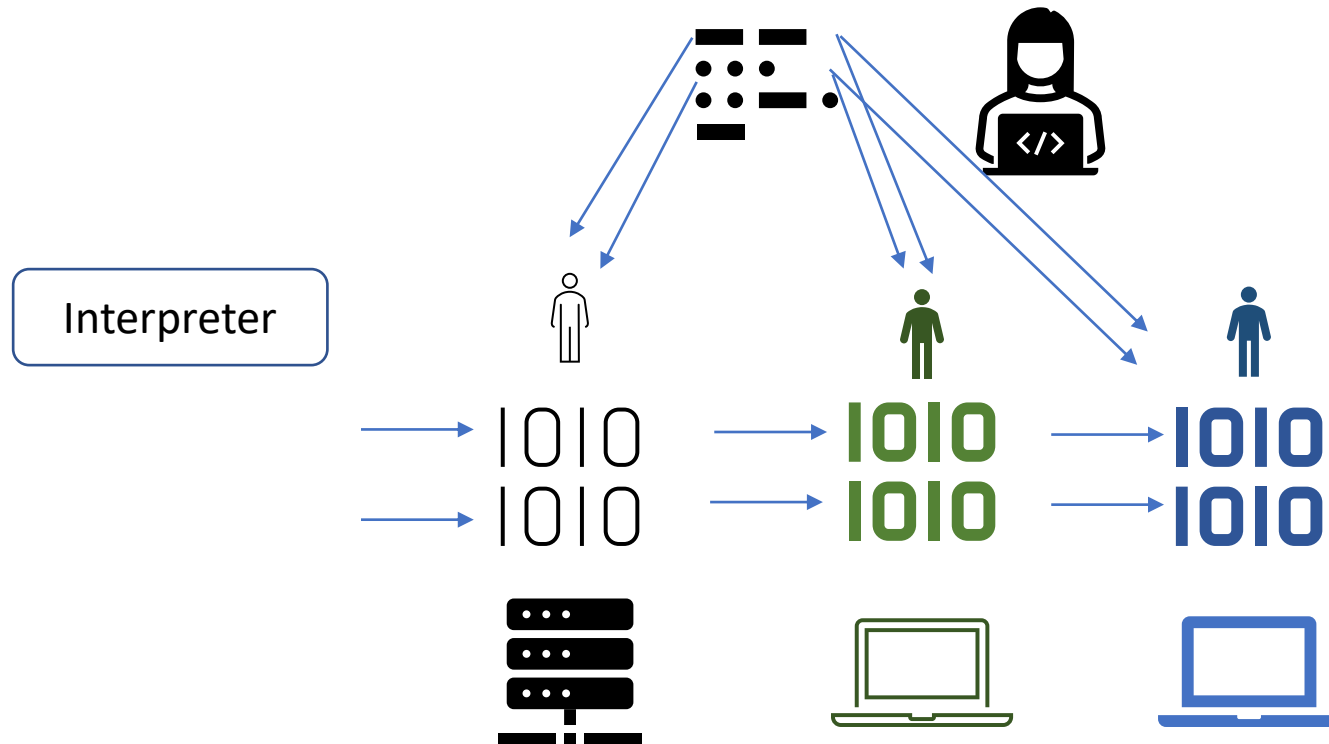
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# Computers and Computer Programs



# Computers and Computer Programs (Interpreted)

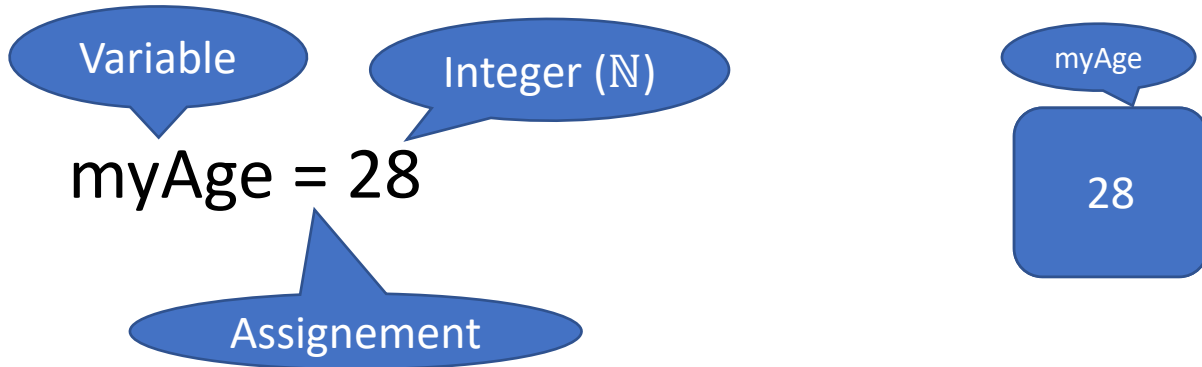






# What is with this "=" sign

It is not the mathematical equality sign, but it means assignement



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myAge = 28

myAge = myAge - 2

myAge = myAge - 4



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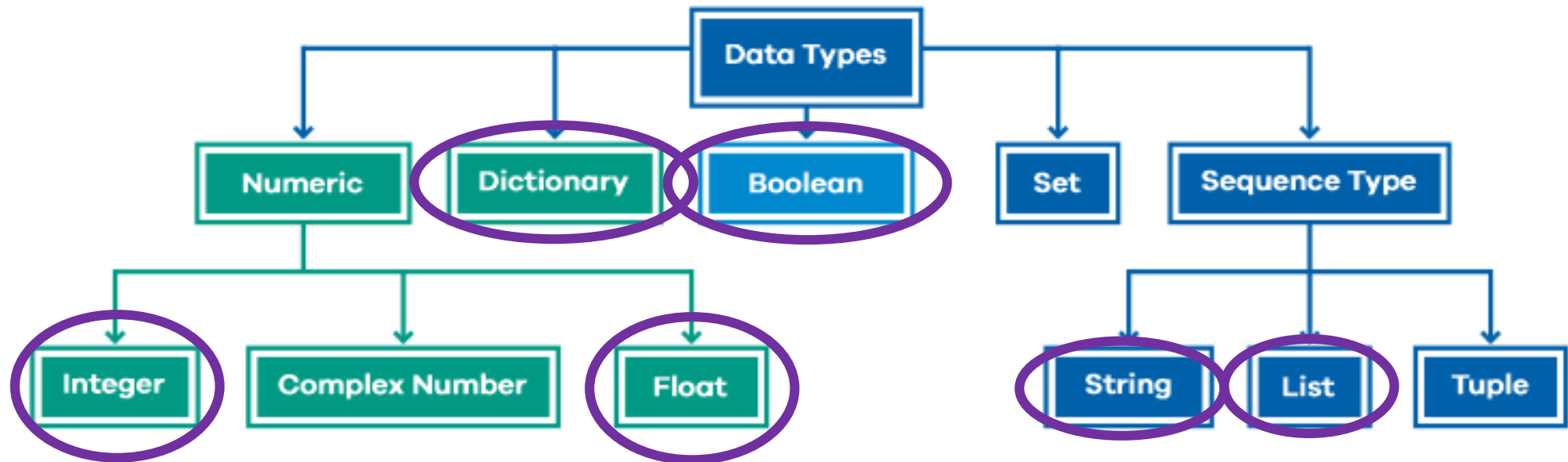
# Types

What kind of types do you know?

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# Data Types in Python





Help  
Research!

# Coding Style (XKCD)

KEEP IN MIND THAT I'M SELF-TAUGHT, SO MY CODE MAY BE A LITTLE MESSY.

LEMME SEE- I'M SURE IT'S FINE.



...WOW.

THIS IS LIKE BEING IN A HOUSE BUILT BY A CHILD USING NOTHING BUT A HATCHET AND A PICTURE OF A HOUSE.



IT'S LIKE A SALAD RECIPE WRITTEN BY A CORPORATE LAWYER USING A PHONE AUTOCORRECT THAT ONLY KNEW EXCEL FORMULAS.



IT'S LIKE SOMEONE TOOK A TRANSCRIPT OF A COUPLE ARGUING AT IKEA AND MADE RANDOM EDITS UNTIL IT COMPILED WITHOUT ERRORS.

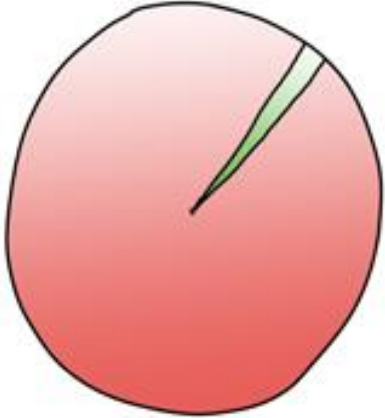
OKAY, I'LL READ A STYLE GUIDE.






# Think before you Act: Pseudocode

**THE USAGE OF PSEUDOCODE  
IN REAL LIFE**




- DESCRIBING AN ALGORITHM
- A TOOL THAT FRESHMAN COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS THAT JUST STARTED TO LEARN PROGRAMMING USES TO EXPRESS THEIR DUMB ACTIONS



Derp Johnson  
@DerpyJohn

```
while (!morning){  
  alcohol++  
  dance++  
} #mylife #partyhard
```

RETWEETS 48 FAVORITES 213



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# Pseudo-Code

## Calculate Average Grade

Calc\_avg:

grades = rInput\_in\_data()

average **Calculations**(grades)

print(ave**Output**)

# Pseudo-Code

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Calc\_avg:

```
grades = read_in_data()
```

```
average = calc_avg(grades)
```

```
print(average)
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# read input
file = open("gradesPython.csv","r")
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#print average
print("Our {} students had an average grade of {}".format(nofStudents,average )
```



# TIPS &

## **Naming, Naming, Naming**

- variables: use reasonable and self-describing names, not too long
- index variables: i,j,k
- x,y are usually used for axes in a plot

## **Comment your code**

What does your code do?

What does it expect as input, which format?

Write your code for someone else

(you will be someone else in a few months ;))

Try not to swear or be inappropriate ;)

Always code as if the person who ends up maintaining your code is a violent psychopath who knows where you live.

# TRICKS

