

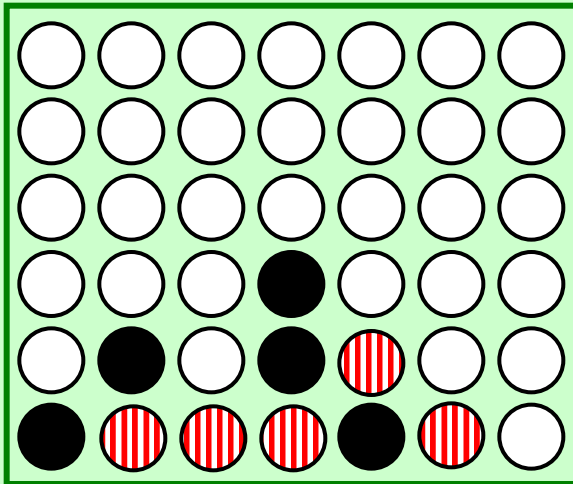
CS **4** this week

Hw #10 due 04/09

Building classes...

hw10pr2

Connect Four **Board** class



... vs. using classes!

hw10pr3

the file and dictionary classes



files

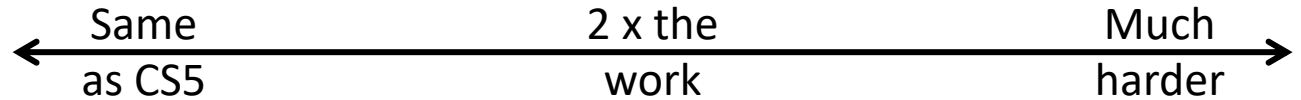


dictionaries

If I had a dictionary, I guess I could look up what was!



CS 60?



2+ languages

Racket

```
(define (whoami n)  
  (if (= n 0)  
      "0"  
      (whoami (n-1))
```

On the subject of classes...

```
whoami (n-1) ;
```

Runtime!

$O(N)$

fast!

$O(N^2)$

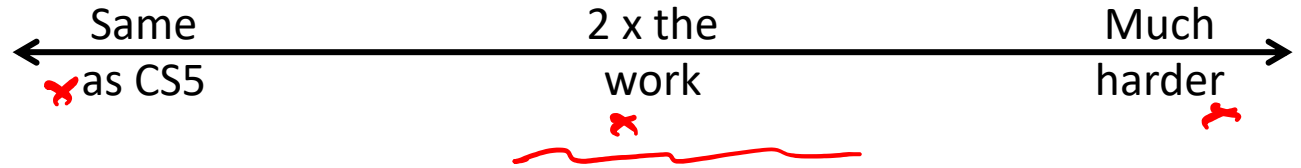
medium

$O(2^N)$

slow...

How efficient is **whoami** ?

CS 60?



2+ languages

Racket

```
(define (whoami n)
  (if (= n 0)
      1
      (* n (whoami (- n 1)))))
```

Who is whoami?

Java

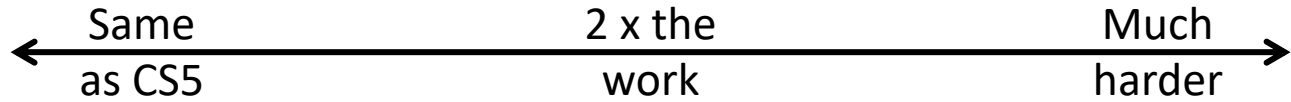
```
public static int whoami(int n)
{
  if (n<2) return 1;
  else return n * whoami(n-1);
}
```

Runtime!

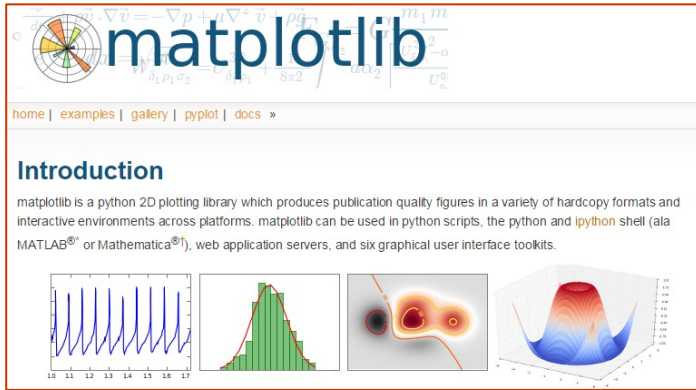
$O(N)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(2^N)$
fast!	medium	slow...

How efficient is **whoami** ?

CS 35?



2-3 libraries *each week...*



VPython
3D Programming for Ordinary Mortals



*cs35 may be back in Fall '23²⁴
(or Spring '24²⁵...)*



NLTK is a leading platform for building Python programs to work with human language data.

Classes: DIY data

design-it-yourself!



Class: a (new) datatype

Object: a single instance of a class

OOP

object-oriented programming

... is the organization for most of ...

Python's Libraries



Classes: DIY data

Class: a (new) datatype

Object: a single instance of a class

```

object
├── d = Date( 11, 11, 2021 )
│   └── constructor
├── d.tomorrow()
│   └── method
└── print(d)
    └── uses repr
  
```

d will be **self** inside the Date class's source code...

Method: a function defined *in a class* called *by an object*

self: in a class, the name of the object calling a method

Constructor: the `__init__` function for creating a new object

repr: the `__repr__` function returning a string to print

data attribute: the data in **self:** `self.day, self.month, self.year`

Lab on Friday

You'll create a **Date** class with

<code>yesterday(self)</code>	→	<code>-- 1</code>
<code>tomorrow(self)</code>	→	<code>+= 1</code>
<code>addNDays(self, N)</code>	→	<code>+= N</code>
<code>subNDays(self, N)</code>	→	<code>-- N</code>
<code>isBefore(self, d2)</code>	→	<code><</code>
<code>isAfter(self, d2)</code>	→	<code>></code>
<code>diff(self, d2)</code>	→	<code>-</code>
<code>dow(self)</code>	→	



Prof. Benjamin !
no computer required...

↑
methods

↑
operators!

Standardizing dates was a big project!

Current date and time expressed according to ISO 8601 [\[refresh\]](#)

Date	2022-04-05
Date and time in UTC	2022-04-05T17:09:23+00:00 2022-04-05T17:09:23Z 20220405T170923Z
Week	2022-W14
Week with weekday	2022-W14-2
Date without year	--04-05 ^[1]
Ordinal date	2022-095

Not all years are the same!

Calendar for year 1752 (United States)

[<1751](#) | [1753](#) | [2007](#)>>



Calendar for year 1712 (Sweden)

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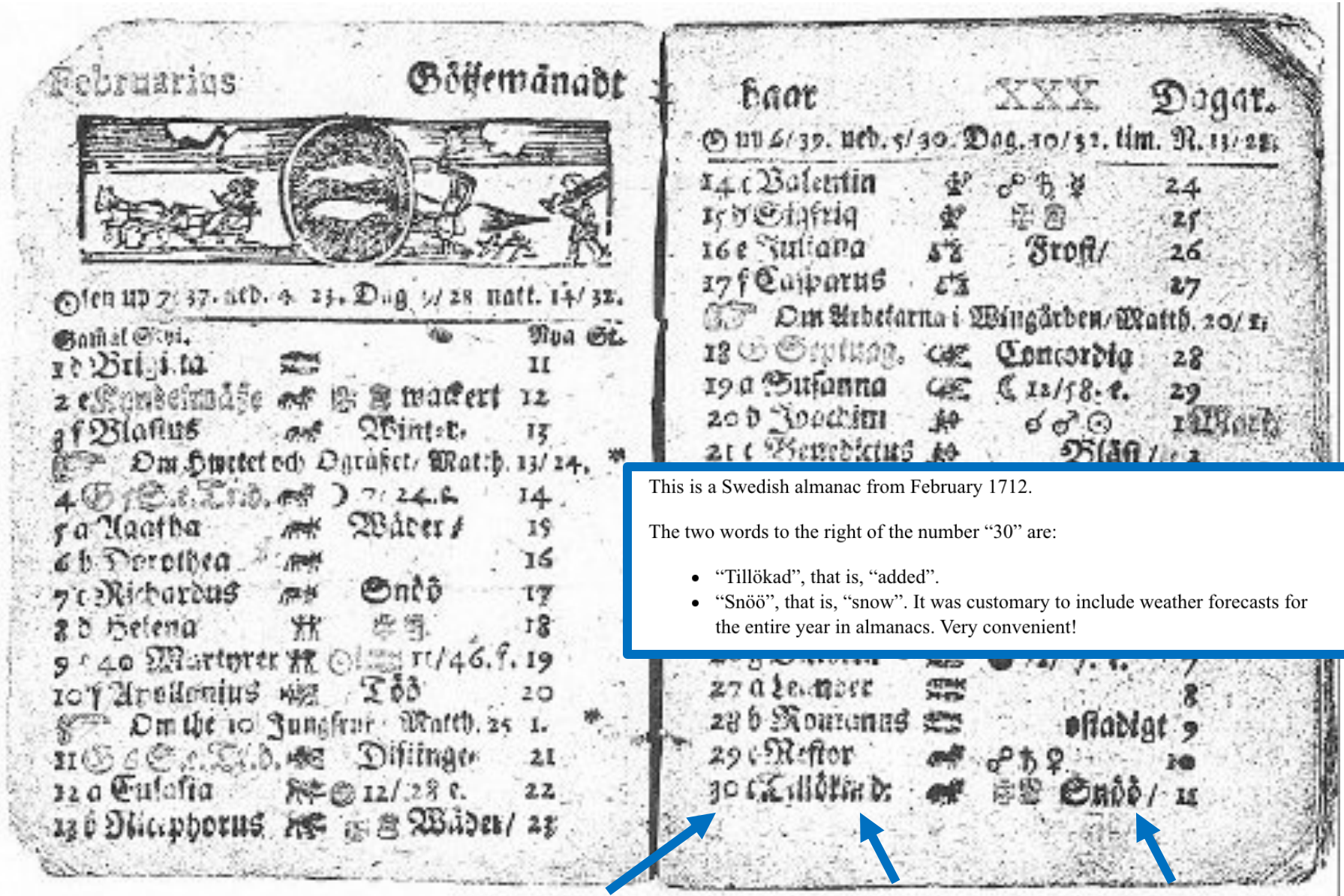
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Calendar for year 1712 (Sweden)

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Feb. 30, 1712



This is a Swedish almanac from February 1712.

The two words to the right of the number “30” are:

- “Tillökad”, that is, “added”.
- “Snöö”, that is, “snow”. It was customary to include weather forecasts for the entire year in almanacs. Very convenient!

```
class Date:
```

```
    def __init__( self, mo, dy, yr ):
    def __repr__(self):
    def isLeapYear(self):
```

```
    def __eq__(self, d2):
        """ returns True if they
            represent the same date;
            False otherwise
        """
        if self.year == d2.year and \
            self.month == d2.month and \
            self.day == d2.day:
            return True
        else:
            return False
```

__eq__

*Not recursion?!
Perish the thought!*



redefined for our
convenience!

To use this, write `d == d2`

isBefore

(with bugs!)

```
class Date:
```

```
    def isBefore(self, d2):  
        """ True if self is before d2, else False """  
        if self.year < d2.year:  
            return True  
        elif self.month < d2.month:  
            return True  
        elif self.day < d2.day:  
            return True  
        else: return False
```

```
Date(11,9,2021).isBefore(Date(12,31,1999))
```

No wonder I was late to all
my millenium parties!



isBefore

(correct)

```
class Date:
```

```
    def isBefore(self, d2):
```

```
        """ True if self is before d2, else False """
```

```
        if self.year < d2.year:
```

```
            return True
```

```
        elif self.month < d2.month  :
```

```
            return True
```

```
        elif self.day < d2.day  :
```

```
            return True
```

```
        else:
```

```
            return False
```

*I <3 Elf! But what
about Elif?*



isBefore

```
class Date:
```

(correct)

```
def isBefore(self, d2):
```

```
    """ True if self is before d2, else False """
```

```
    if self.year < d2.year:
```

```
        return True
```

```
    elif self.month < d2.month and self.year == d2.year :
```

```
        return True
```

```
    elif self.day < d2.day and self.year == d2.year \
         and self.month == d2.month :
```

```
        return True
```

```
    else:
```

```
        return False
```

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`__lt__`



```
class Date:
```

```
    def __lt__(self, d2):
```

```
        """ if self is before d2, this should
            return True; else False """
```

```
    if self.isBefore(d2) == True:
```

```
        return True
```

```
    else:
```

```
        return False
```

I want LESS!



`__lt__`



that's LESS!



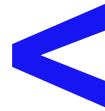
```
class Date:
```

```
    def __lt__(self, d2):
```

```
        """ is self less than d2? (before) """
```

```
        return self.isBefore(d2)
```

`__lt__`



```
class Date:
```

```
    def __lt__(self, d2):  
        """ is self less than d2? (before) """  
        return self.isBefore(d2)
```

`__gt__`



```
    def __gt__(self, d2):  
        """ is self greater than d2? (after) """  
        return d2.isBefore(self)
```

LESS really
is MORE!



The two *most essential* methods

In1: `wd = Date(2,22,2022)` construct with the
CONSTRUCTOR ...

In2: `print(wd)` print uses `__repr__`

2/22/2022

In1: `wd.tomorrow()`

the **tomorrow** method returns
nothing at all. Is it doing anything?

`d += 1`

In2: `print(wd)`

← wd has changed!

2/23/2022

In1: `wd.yesterday()`

yesterday is pretty much just like
tomorrow (is this a good thing!?)

`d -= 1`

In2: `print(wd)`

← yesterday does not return anything!
But, it does change the date that calls it ("self")

2/22/2022

class Date:

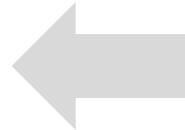
Try writing tomorrow!

Use this for lab!

```
def tomorrow(self):
    """ moves the self date ahead 1 day """
```

```
DIM = [0, 31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31]
```

```
self.day += 1
```



first, add 1 to
self.day

DIM looks pretty
bright to me!



```
if
```

```
self.day > DIM[self.month]:
```



test if we have gone
"out of bounds!"

```
self.day = 1
```

```
self.month += 1
```

```
if self.month > 12:
```

```
self.year += 1
```

```
self.month = 1
```



then, adjust the month and
year, but only as needed
Use another if!



Don't return anything.
We **CHANGE** the date
object itself.

Extra How could we make this work for leap years, too?

```
class Date:
```



```
def tomorrow(self):  
    """ moves the self date ahead 1 day """
```

better as a *variable!*

```
DIM = [0, 31, fdays, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31]
```

```
self.day += 1      # add 1 to the day!
```

```
if self.day > DIM[self.month]:      # check day  
    self.month += 1  
    self.day = 1
```

```
if self.month > 12:      # check month  
    self.year += 1  
    self.month = 1
```

```
class Date:
```



```
def tomorrow(self):
```

```
    """ moves the self date ahead 1 day """
```

```
    if self.isLeapYear() == True:      fdays = 29
```

```
    else: fdays = 28
```

```
    DIM = [0, 31, fdays, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31]
```

```
    self.day += 1      # add 1 to the day!
```

```
    if self.day > DIM[self.month]:      # check day
```

```
        self.month += 1
```

```
        self.day = 1
```

```
        if self.month > 12:      # check month
```

```
            self.year += 1
```

```
            self.month = 1
```

```
class Date:
```



```
def tomorrow(self):
```

```
    """ moves the self date ahead 1 day """
```

```
    fdays = 28 + self.isLeapYear()      # What ?!
```

```
    DIM = [0, 31, fdays, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31]
```

```
    self.day += 1      # add 1 to the day!
```

```
    if self.day > DIM[self.month]:      # check day
```

```
        self.month += 1
```

```
        self.day = 1
```

```
    if self.month > 12:                  # check month
```

```
        self.year += 1
```

```
        self.month = 1
```

```
class Date:
```

```
    def yesterday(self):
```

```
        """ moves the self date backwards 1 day """
```

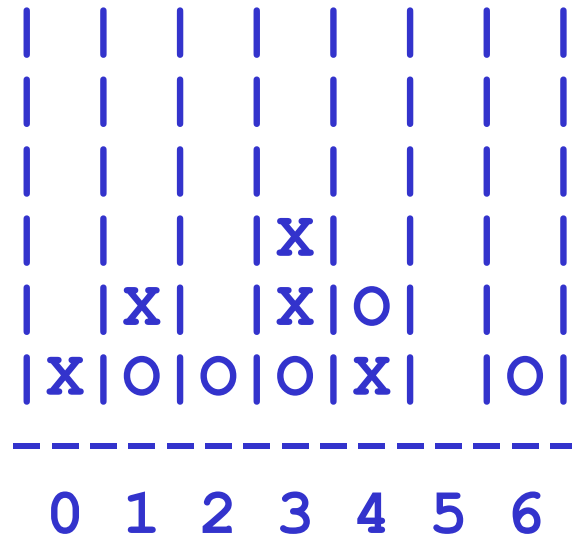
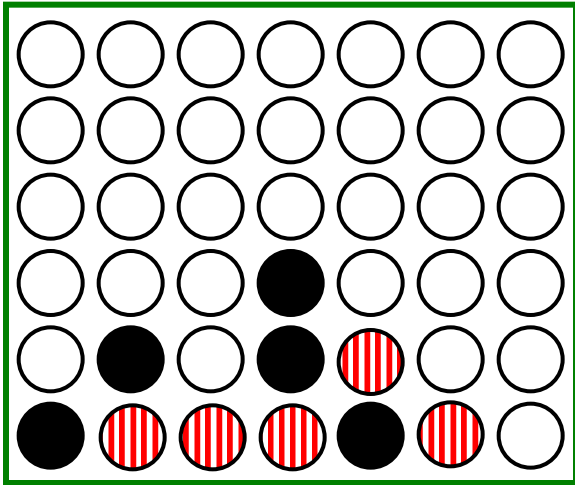
```
        fdays = 28 + self.isLeapYear()      # Yay!
```

```
        DIM = [0, 31, fdays, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31]
```

```
        self.day
```


Why classes?

Python has no Connect-four datatype...



Care for a game?

... now we can fix that!

Data design...

(~~Data Members~~) What data do we need?

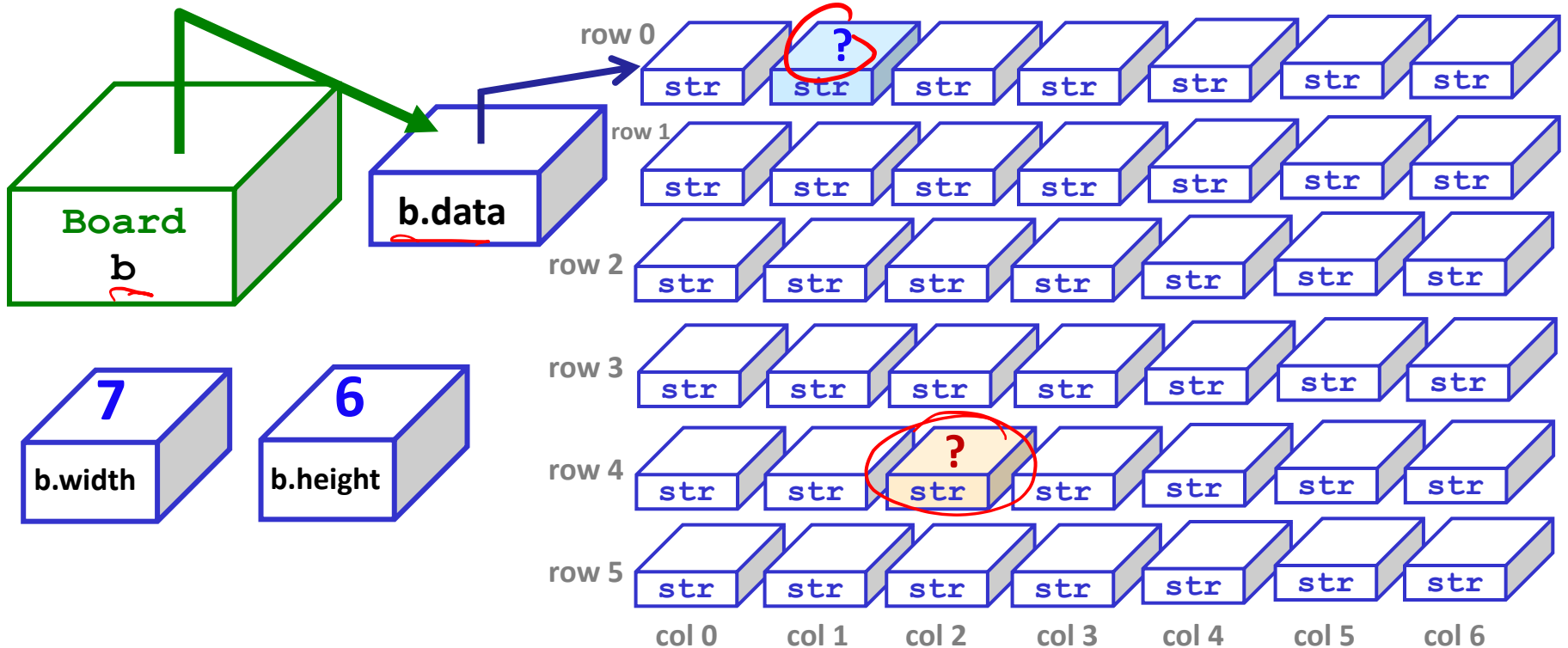
Attributes

(fields)



(**Methods**) What capabilities do we want?

Our Board object, **b**

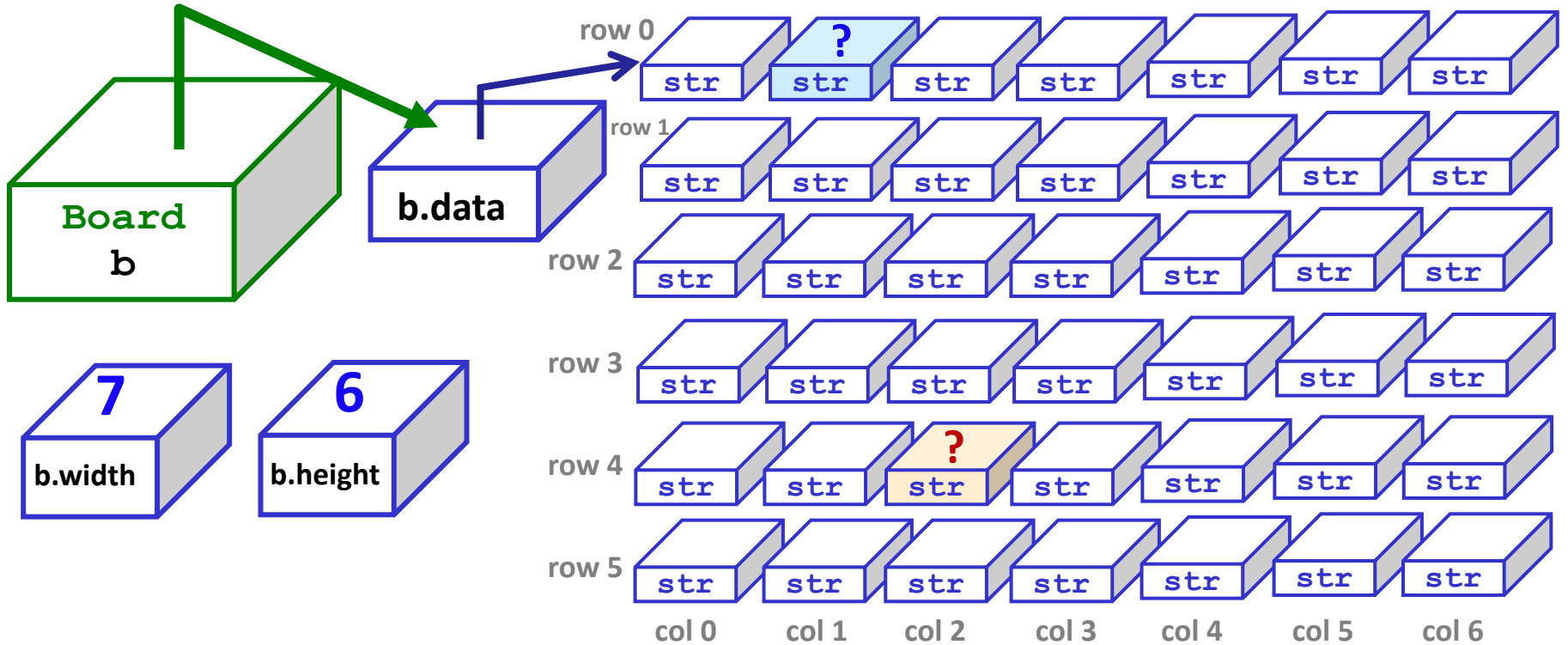


`b.data[0][1] = 'X'`

`b.data[4][2] = 'O'`

How could we set **?** to 'X' and **?** to 'O'?

Our Board object, **b**



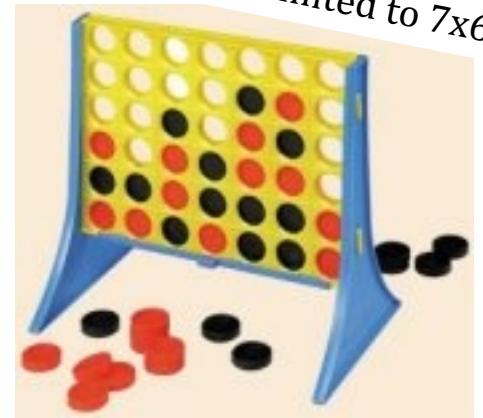
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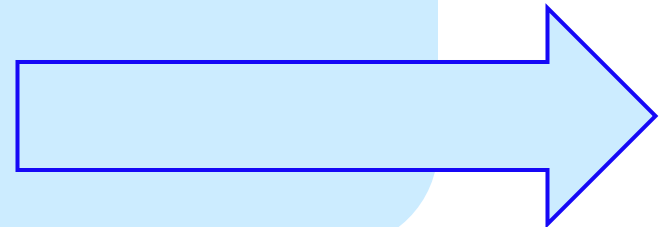
How could we set ? to 'X' and ? to 'O'

Data design...

(**Data Members**) What data do we need?



(**Methods**) What capabilities do we want?



__init__

the
"constructor"

```
class Board:
    """ a datatype representing a C4 board
        with an arbitrary number of rows and cols
    """

    def __init__( self, width, height ):
        """ the constructor for objects of type Board """
        self.width = width
        self.height = height
        W = self.width
        H = self.height
        self.data = [ [' ']*W for row in range(H) ]
```

For lab, use the starter code—scroll
down in the homework writeup!

I <3 LCs!



Maybe here it should
be I <4 LCs?

__init__

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```

```
    """ a datatype representing a C4 board  
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    """
```

```
def __init__( self, width, height ):
```

```
    """ the constructor for objects of type Board """
```

```
    self.width = width  
    self.height = height
```

```
    W = self.width
```

```
    H = self.height
```

```
    self.data = [ [ ' ']*W for row in range(H) ]
```

Convenient but optional!

A space, *not* an
empty string!

This list comprehension lets us create
H independent rows with
W independent columns each.

I <3 LCs!

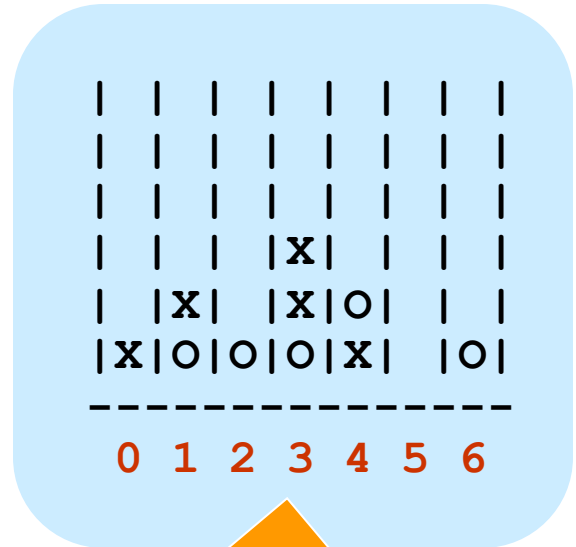


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be I <4 LCs?

__repr__

the
"repr"

```
def __repr__(self):  
    """ this method returns a string representation  
        for an object of type Board  
    """  
    H = self.height  
    W = self.width  
    s = ''  
        r in [0,1,2,3,4,5]  
    for r in range( H ):  
        s += '| '|  
            c in [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]  
        for c in range( W ):  
            s += self.data[r][c] + '|'  
        s += '\n'  
  
    s += (2*W+1)*'-'  
  
    # what kind of loop will add the col #'s here?  
  
    return s
```



"Quiz"

class Board:

a C4 board

col #

'X' or 'O'

```
def addMove(self, col, ox):
```

```
    """ buggy version! """
```

```
    H = self.height
```

```
    for row in range(0, H):
```

```
        if self.data[row][col] != ' ':
```

```
            self.data[row-1][col] = ox
```

```
            return
```

self.data[H-1][col] = ox

shortcut

row: [0,1,2,3,4,5]

(1) Run `b2.addMove(3, 'O')`

Draw how the C4 board will now look...

Warning: Three board spaces will change!!!

(2) *There are 2 bugs in the code above...*

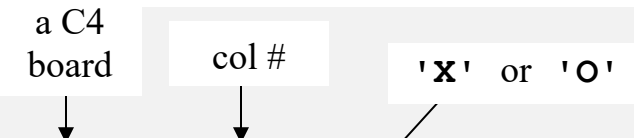
Can you find/fix them?!

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
0								b2
1								
2								
3								
4			X	X	O			
5		X	O	O	O	X		
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	

Quiz

Try on the back page first!

```
class Board:
    def addMove(self, col, ox):
        """ correct version! """
        H = self.height
        for row in range(0, H):
            if self.data[row][col] != ' ':
                self.data[row-1][col] = ox
                return
```



shortcut

stop the loop!
stop the function!

it gets here *only* when the column is empty - this line sets the `_bottom_` spot to the correct checker

```
self.data[H-1][col] = ox
```

(1) Run `b2.addMove(3, 'O')`

Draw how the C4 board will now look...
Warning: Three board spaces will change!!!

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0							
1							
2							
3				X			
4		X	X	O			
5	X	O	O	O	X		O

b

(2) *There are 2 bugs in the code above...*
Can you find/fix them?!

Try this on the other page first...

```
class Board:
    a C4 board
    col #
    'X' or 'O'
```

```
def addMove(self, col, ox):
```

```
    """ correct version! """
```

shortcut

```
    H = self.height
    row: [0,1,2,3,4,5]
```

```
    for row in range(0, H):
```

```
        if self.data[row][col] != ' ':
```

```
            self.data[row-1][col]
```

stop the loop!
stop the function!

→ **return**

Pass those
Northward!

the column is
he_bottom_
checker

There are 2 bugs in the code above...

Can you find/fix them?!

Try this on the other page first...

Quiz

Try on the
back page
first!

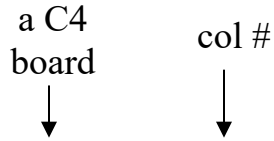
	4	5	6
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

b

Let's understand the **allowsMove** method ...

```
class Board:
    def allowsMove(self, col):
        """ True if col is in-bounds + open
            False otherwise """
```



b3.allowsMove

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0			X	O			O
1			X	X			X
2			O	O			O
3			O	X			O
4		X	X	X		O	X
5	X	O	O	O	X	X	O

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
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b3

b.allowsMove(0) == True

b.allowsMove(1) == True

b.allowsMove(2) == False

b.allowsMove(3) == False

b.allowsMove(4) == True

b.allowsMove(5) == True

b.allowsMove(6) == False

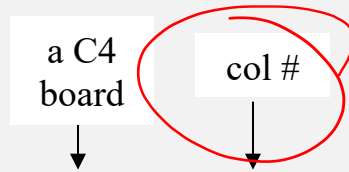
b.allowsMove(7) == False

If **col** is *out-of-bounds* or *full*, return **False**.

If **col** is *in-bounds and not full*, return **True**.

Let's *finish* this allowsMove method ...

class Board:



```
def allowsMove(self, col):
    """ True if col is in-bounds + open
        False otherwise """
    H = self.height
    W = self.width
    D = self.data
```

shortcuts!

```
if col >= W or col < 0:
    return False
```

out of bounds?

```
elif D[0][col] != ' ':
    return False True
```

col full?

```
else:
    return True False
```

allowed!

b3.allowsMove

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	. X O . O						
1	X X X						
2	O O O						
3	O X O						
4	X X X O X						
5	X O O O X X O						

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hw10pr2: Board class

✓ the “constructor”	<code>__init__(self, width, height)</code>	
✓ checks if allowed	<code>allowsMove(self, col)</code>	
✓ places a checker	<code>addMove(self, col, ox)</code>	
removes a checker	<code>delMove(self, col)</code>	← to write...
✓ outputs a string	<code>__repr__(self)</code>	
checks if any space is left	<code>isFull(self)</code>	← to write...
checks if a player has won	<code>winsFor(self, ox)</code>	← to write...
the game...	<code>hostGame(self)</code>	← to write...

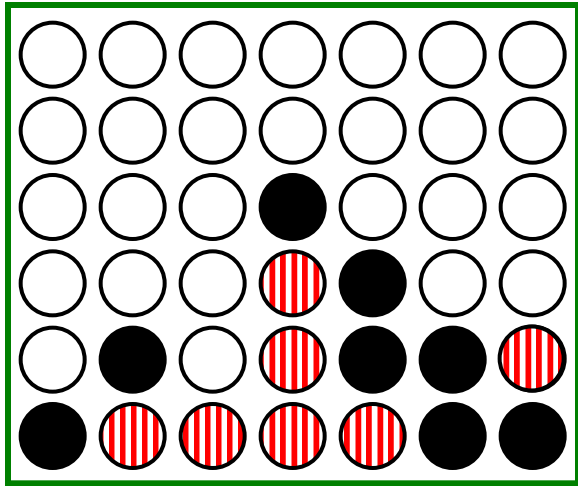
Which are similar to others?

Which requires the most thought?

winsFor(self, ox)

b4

X ● O ○



`b.winsFor('X')`
or `'O'`

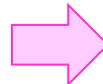
```
def winsFor(self, ox):  
    """ does ox win? """  
    H = self.height  
    W = self.width  
    D = self.data
```

```
for row in range(  
    for col in range(  
        if  
        if  
        if  
        if
```

Is this familiar?!

```
>>> b4.winsFor( 'X' )  
True  
>>> b4.winsFor( 0 )  
False  
>>> b4.winsFor( 'O' )  
False  
>>> b4.winsFor( 'O' )  
True
```

Watch out for *corner*
and *edge* cases!





Why objects and classes?

```
if b.winsFor( 'X' ) == True:
```

Elegance: Objects *hide complexity!*

```
dow = self.diff( wd ) % 7
```

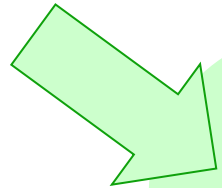
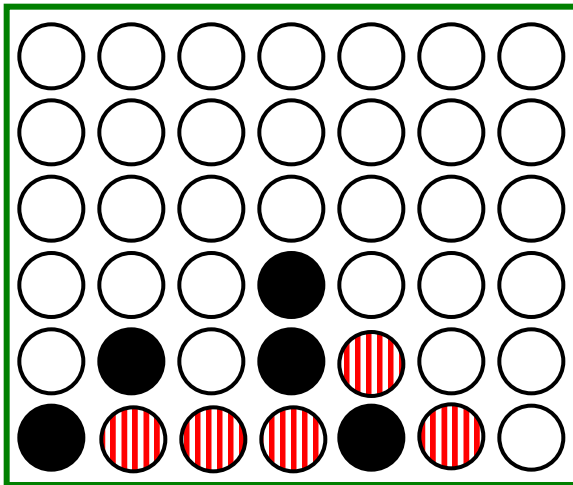

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files and the dictionary class



files



dictionaries

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If I had a dictionary, I guess I could look up what it was!



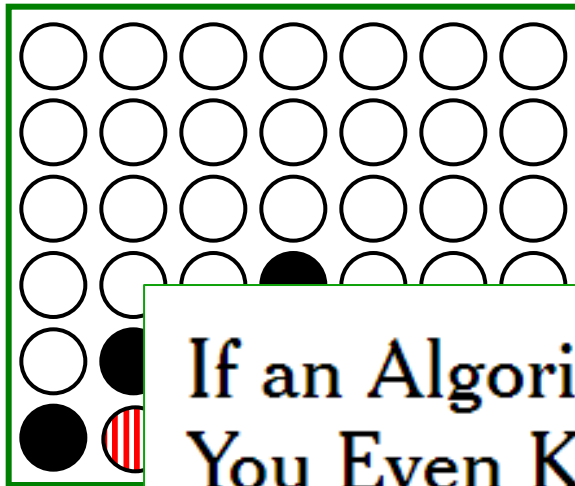
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iOS Just Got A Paper On Nuclear Physics Accepted At A Scientific Conference

Posted by Christoph Bartneck on Oct 20, 2016 in Featured, Research | 7 comments



Automatically generating scientific articles has become easy with dedicated software such as SCIgen. Even a paper that only repeated the sentence "[Get me of your fucking mailing list](#)" was recently accepted for publication. Today I received an invitation from the [International Conference on Atomic and Nuclear Physics](#) to submit a paper. Since I have practically no knowledge of Nuclear Physics I resorted to iOS auto-complete function to help me writing the paper. I started a sentence with "Atomic" or "Nuclear" and then

randomly hit the auto-complete suggestion. The text really does not make any sense. After adding the first illustration on nuclear physics from Wikipedia, some references and creating a fake identity

(Iris Pear, aka Siri) that iOS is a pretty good. UPDATE (27/10/2016) [investigation](#).



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Algorithmic Authorship... ?

A screenshot of a text editor window titled "a.txt - /Users/zdodds/Desktop/a.txt". The window contains the following text:

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Will I get spam and poptarts for  
the holidays? I like spam poptarts!
```

suppose this text represents my "style" ...

*How could a program author
new prose in this "style"?!?*

"Style" seems like the
wrong word here...



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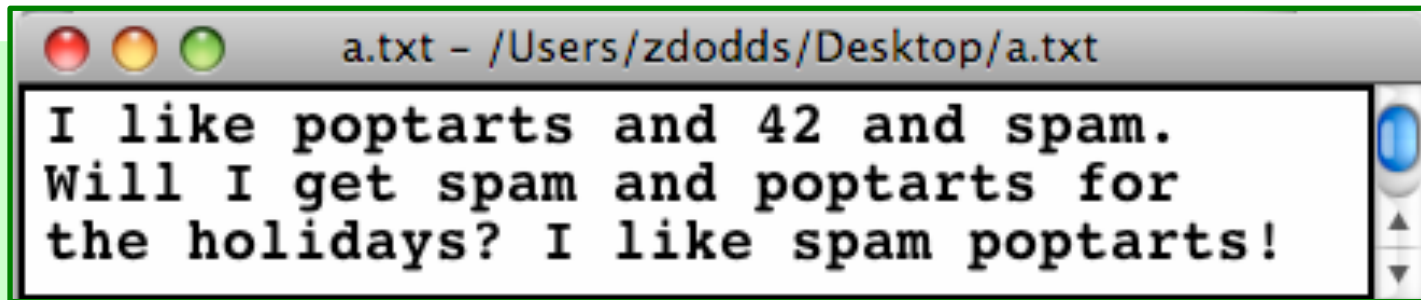
I get spam for 42 poptarts! Will I spam
the holidays?

Which of these has more
"characteristic" style?



Why?

Algorithmic Authorship... !



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poptarts and poptarts and 42 and spam.

How are [first words](#) chosen to start new sentences?

What are the [next words](#) that follow follow each?

What would be a reasonable [test for sentence-ending](#)?