Writing your First Python Program

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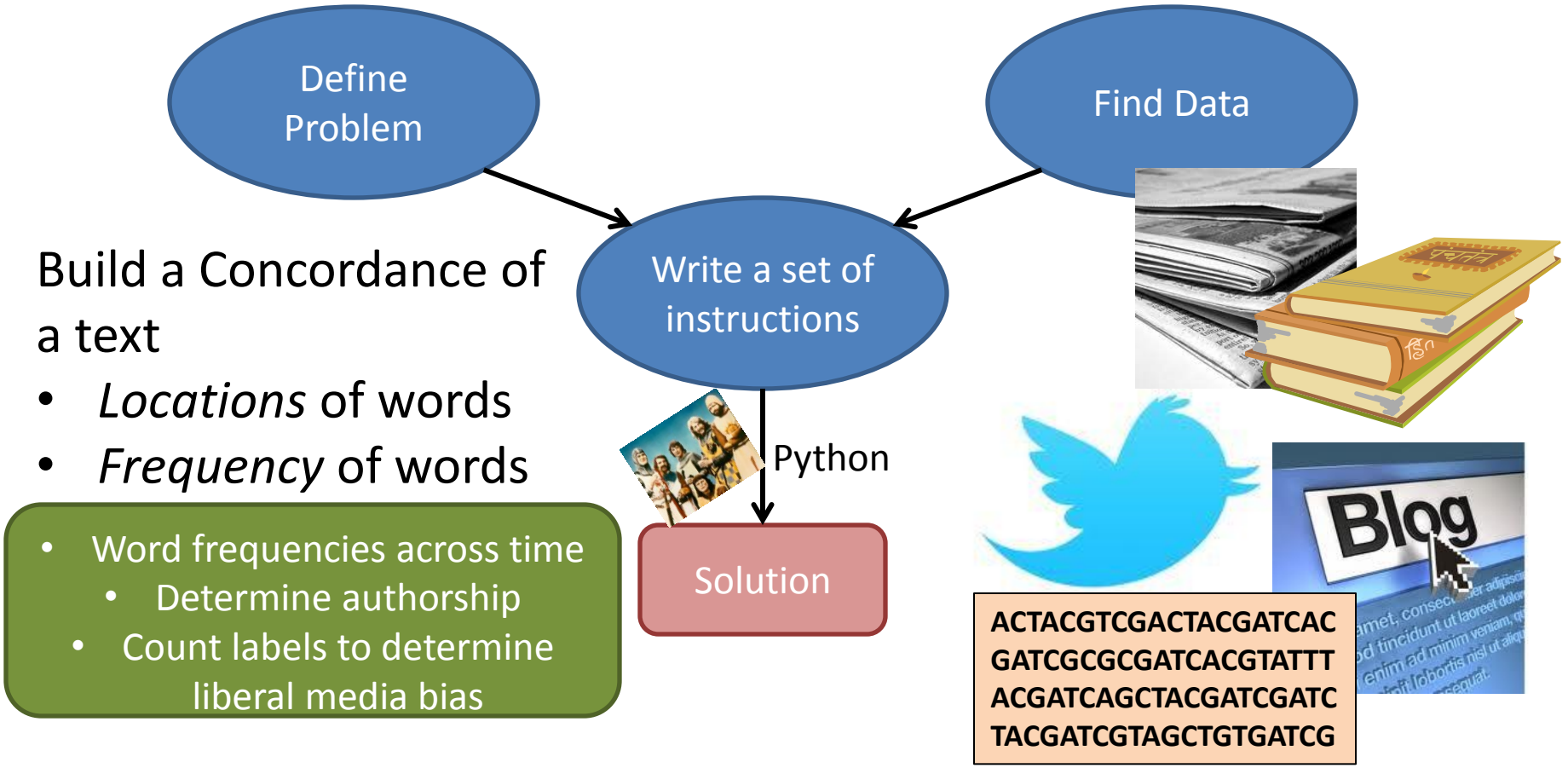
Textual Analysis



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WARNING: do not name a variable `sum`. It is a predefined function (it turns purple in IDLE)

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"Inputs" are also called *Arguments.*

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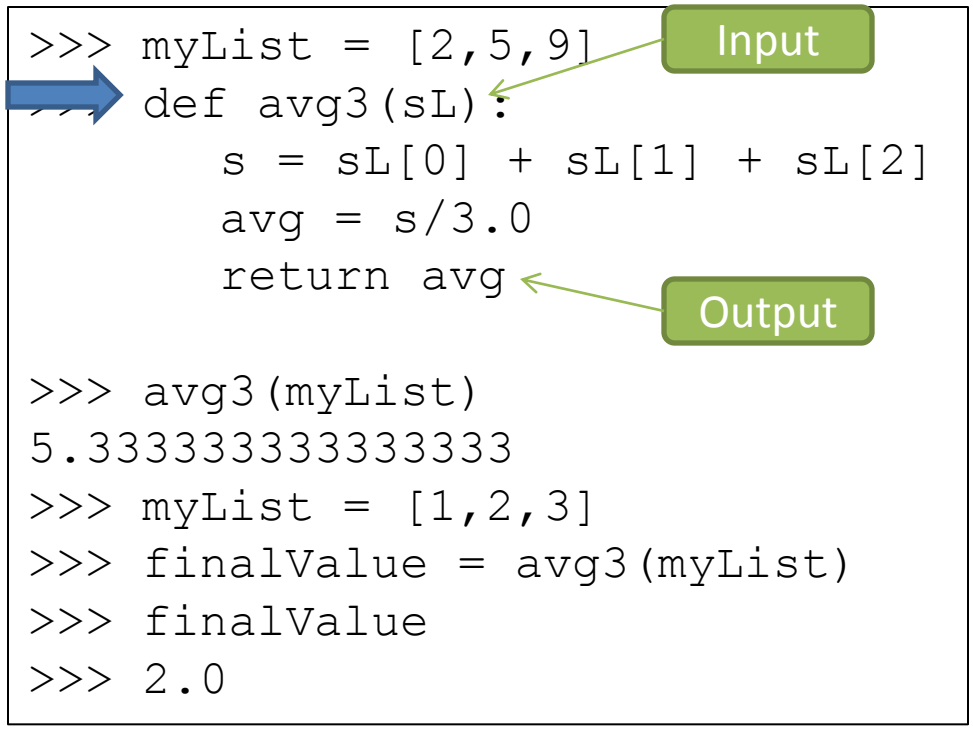

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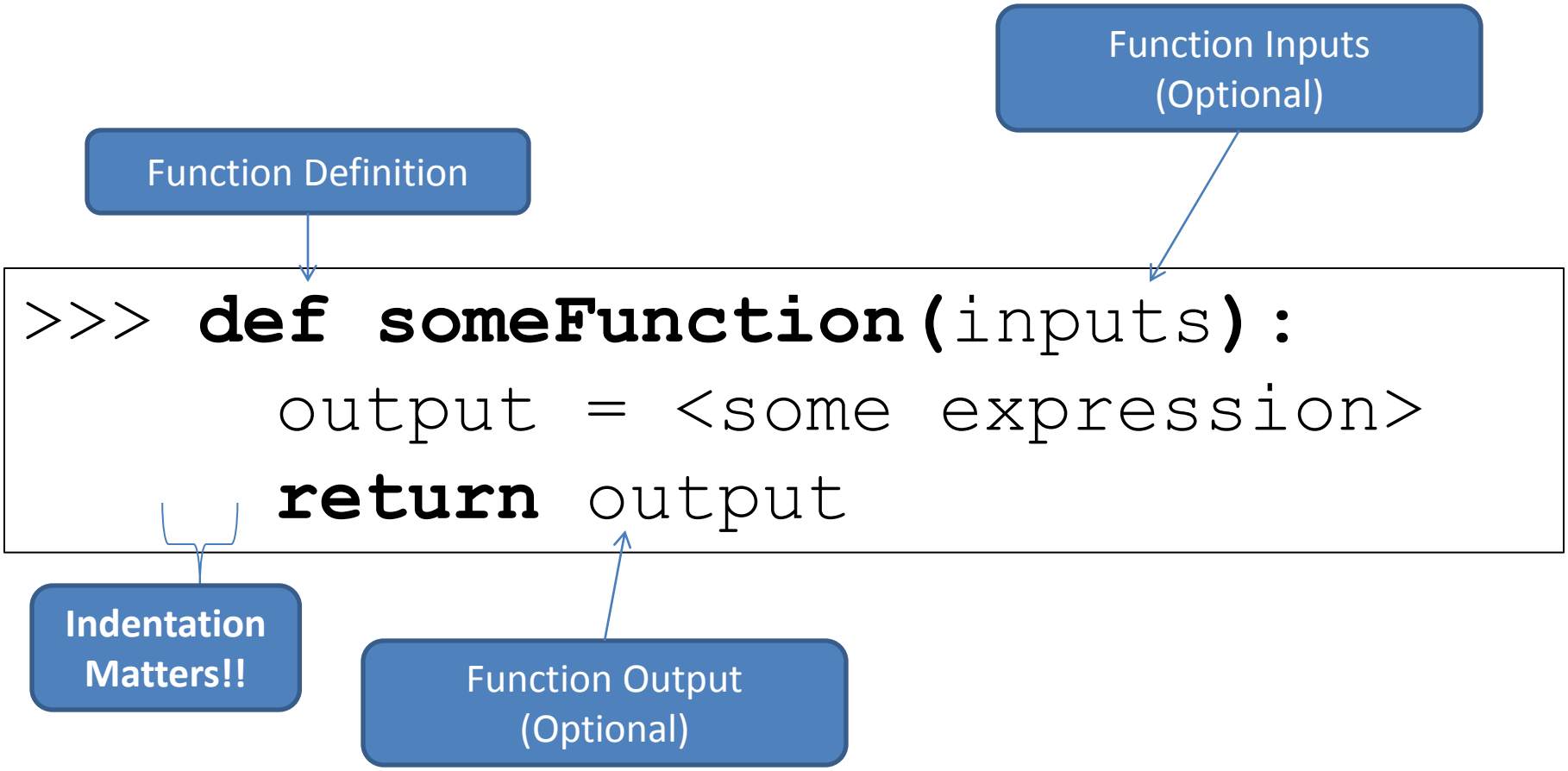


ACT2-1

- Do Task 2

```
>>> def someFunction(inputs):
        output = <some expression>
        return output
```

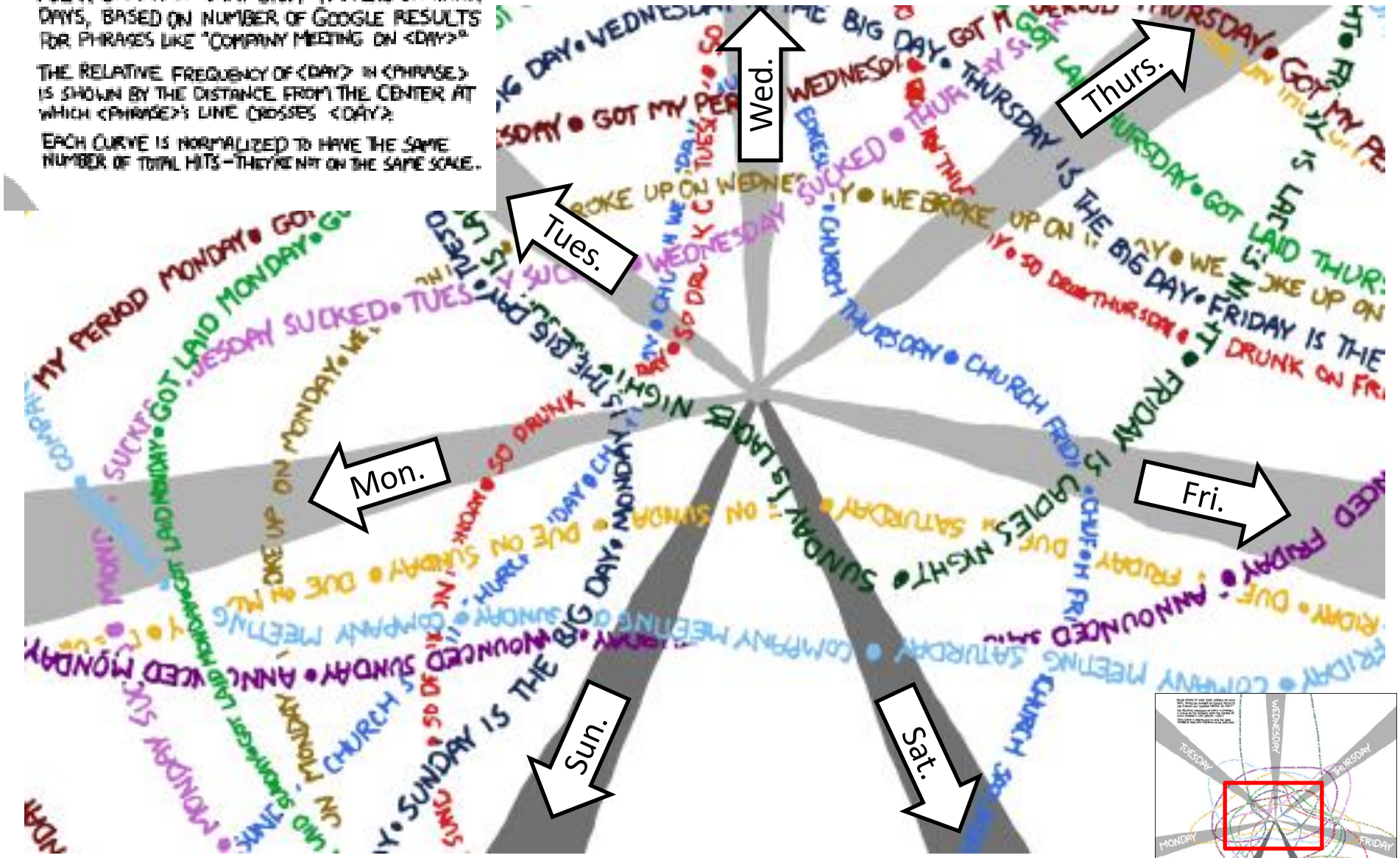
Module Files

Allow us to **save** functions ('.py' extension)

- Download `ACT2-1.py` from the website and open it in IDLE. Take a moment to look at it.
- `Run…Run Module` (or press `F5`)

- To write your own file:
  - `File…New Window`
  - Write your function definitions. Save the file.
  - `Run…Run Module` (or press `F5`)

Break



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Working with Files

1. Save `poem.txt` from the webpage.
2. Right-click and select 'Properties'
3. Note the file location (C:\Users\Anna\Desktop…)
4. In python, write an assignment statement that stores the file location as a string.

```
>>> fileName = "C:\Users\Anna\Desktop\poem.txt"
```

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scream and shout,\nShe simply would not take the garbage
out.\nAnd so it piled up to the ceilings:\nCoffee grounds,
potato peelings,\nBrown bananas, rotten peas,\nChunks of
sour cottage cheese.\nIt filled the can, it covered the
floor,\nIt cracked the window and blocked the door\nWith
bacon rinds and chicken bones,\nDrippy ends of ice cream
cones,\nPrune pits, peach pits, orange peel,\nGloppy
glumps of cold oatmeal,\nPizza crusts and withered
greens,\nSoggy beans and tangerines,\nCrusts of black
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- Shel Silverstein

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Escape Characters

'\' means interpret the NEXT character differently.

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- \' : "apostrophe"
- \t : "tab"

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```
>>> myList = fileString.split()
```

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Activity

- Do Task 3

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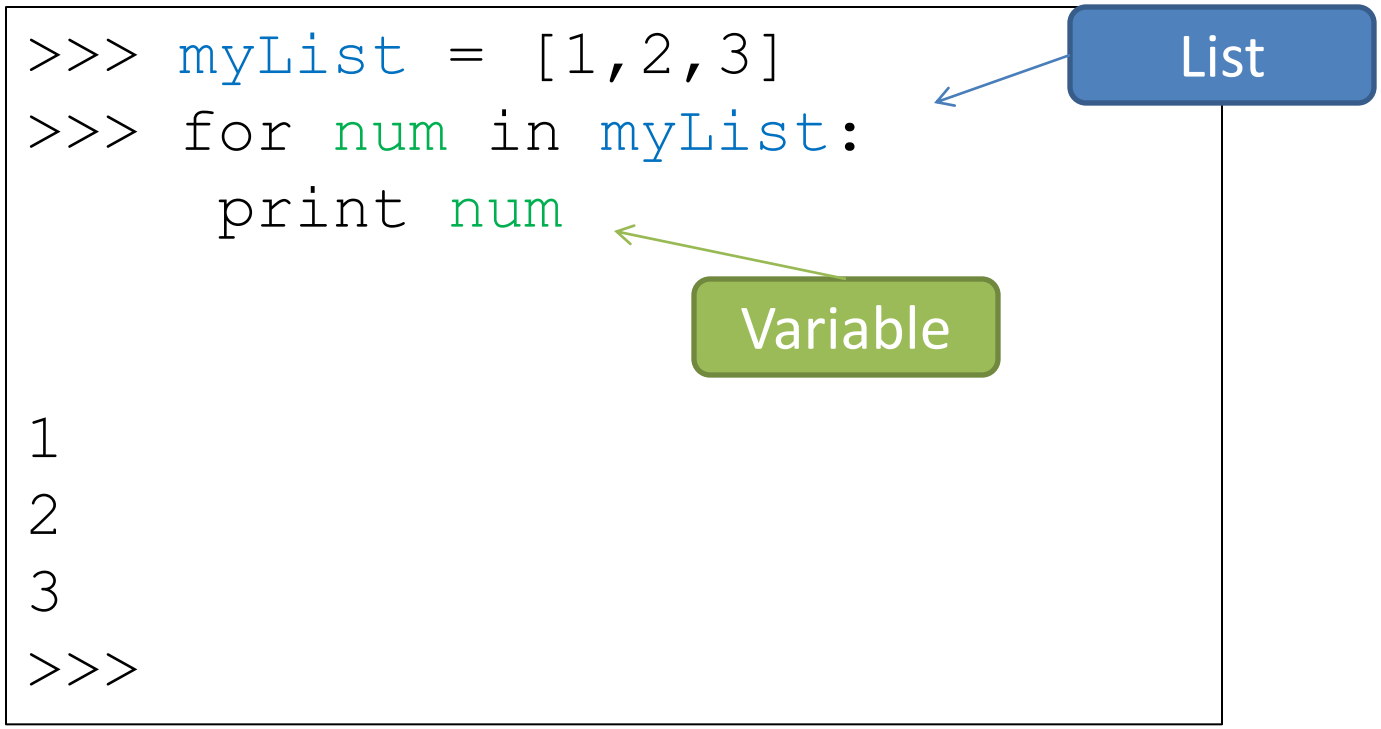

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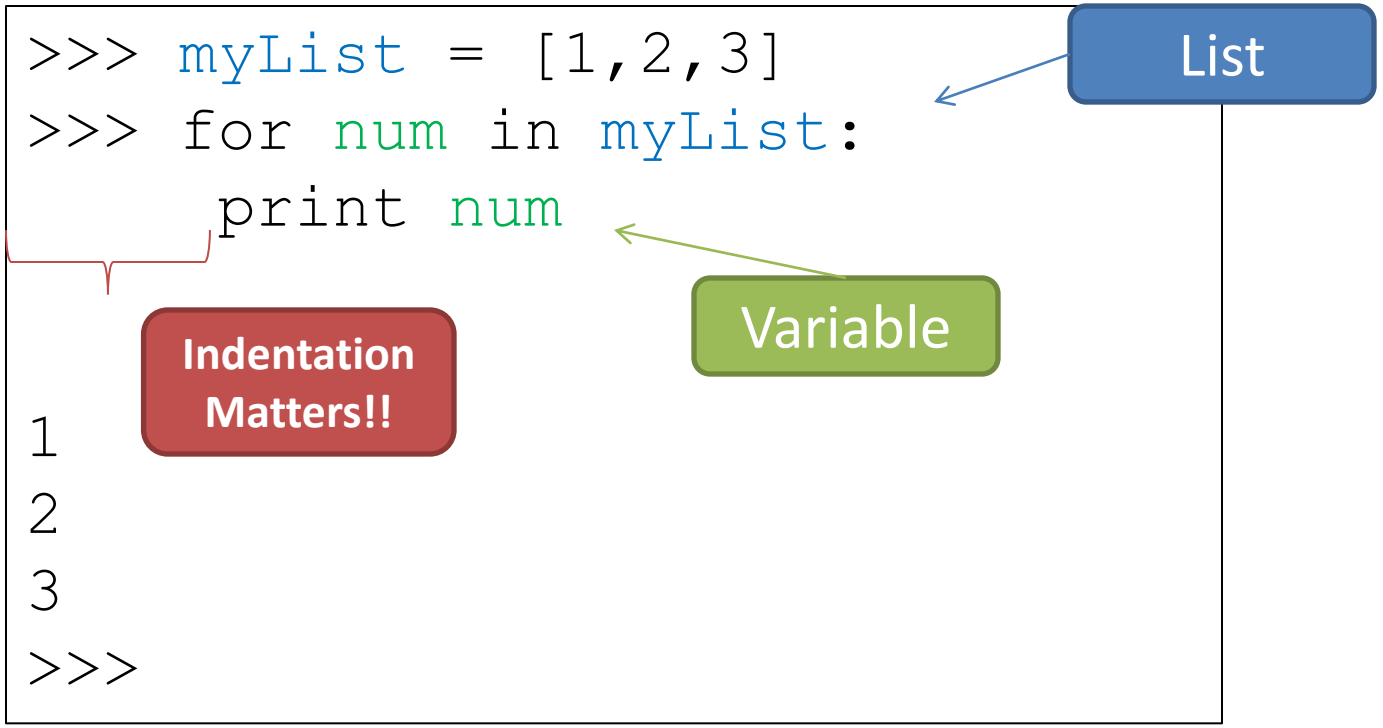

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Good Programming Practices: Documentation!

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Program Description (triple quotes)

Comment (#)

Print Statement

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A Shortcut to List Length

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`len`	List	Integer

```
>>> len(myList)
```

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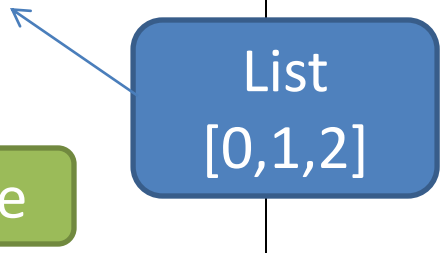

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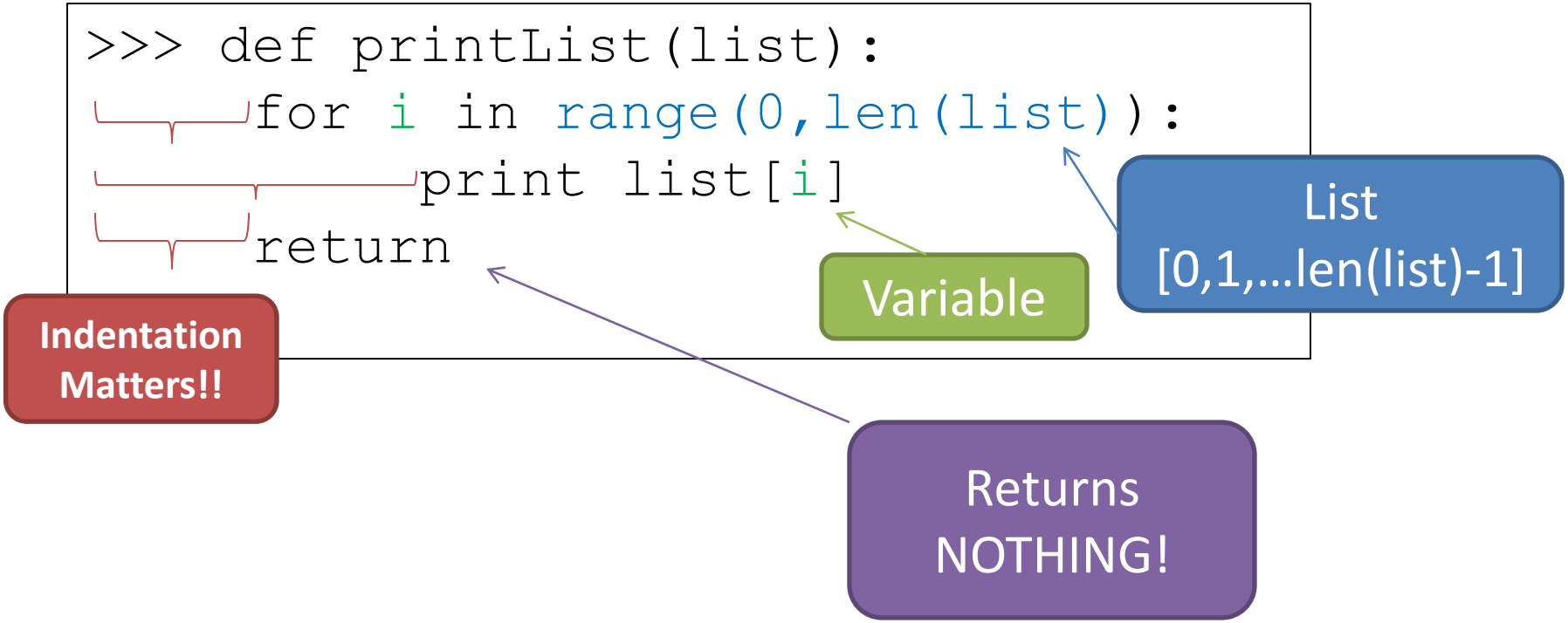
Python `For` Statements (For Loops)

"For each element in list myList, do something"



Python Summary

1. Statements
   - Expressions: evaluates *input* and returns some *output*
   - Assignments: <variable> = <expression>
   - Print Statements: no parentheses
   - `For` Statements
2. Types
   - Integers & Floats
   - Strings
   - Lists
   - Files
3. Function Definitions

Function Summary

"Inputs" are also called *Arguments*.

Preloaded Functions		
Name	Inputs	Outputs
`type`	Expression	Type
`open`	Two Strings 1. File Name 2. "r" for read (for now)	File
`read` (On a File)	none	String
`close` (On a File)	none	none
`split` (On a String)	(optional) delimiter	List of Strings
`len`	List	Integer
`range`	Two Integers 1. Start Index (Inclusive) 2. End Index (Exclusive)	List of Integers

General Rules for Writing Functions

- Variables used within function definitions should be one of two things:
  1. An input (also called an argument)
  2. Previously assigned *within* the function def.
- Do not modify arguments within a function definition (define new variables instead)
- Do not have nested function definitions.
- Use only the returned values outside the function definition.