CSI31 Introduction to Computer Programming I

Software Development Process

- Analyze the problem. Specifically, what problem are you solving?
- Determine specifications. Describe what your problem will do in words and in detail. What inputs and outputs? How are they related?
- Create a design. What is the structure of the solution? Describe it in words.
- Implement the design. Write the program code for your solution.
- Test/debug the program. Does it work as expected? If it has bugs, fix them.
- Maintain the program. Improve it as needs of users change, as your programming skills improve.

Problem

- Write a program that converts distance measured in kilometers to distance measured in miles.
- Follow the software development process.
- Use techniques from programs you have seen.

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Python terminology and syntax

- A Python <u>identifier</u> must begin with letter or underscore __, which can be followed by a sequence of letters, digits, underscores.
- Identifiers are used as names.
- Examples?
- Some strings are reserved words or keywords Table 2.1
- Don't re-use the name of a function already defined.

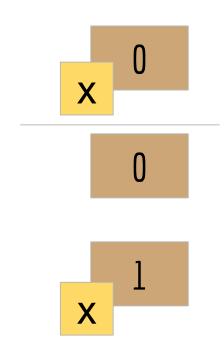
Expressions in Python

- A <u>literal</u> indicates a specific value: number 2, 2.0, 3.47, or string "Hello", "Enter a number."
- A literal is an <u>expression</u>.
- An identifier is an <u>expression</u>.
- Literals and identifiers combined with operators are <u>expressions</u>.
- Arithmetic operators, + for concatenation of strings

Assignment

- <variable> = <exp>
- Evaluate RHS, associate that value with the variable
- \bullet $\chi = 0$
- Usual image: A variable is a name for a box that holds a value.
- Words that mean assignment?

Sticky-note view of assignment in Python

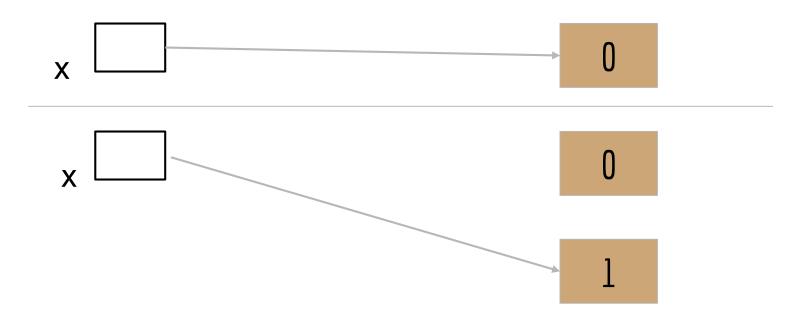


The value is stored in memory.

The identifier is attached to the value like a sticky-note.

The identifier can be moved to be attached to another value stored in memory somewhere else.

Reference view of assignment in Python



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