

- Today:
 - o debugging, testing, style, little bit of quiz prep
 - o Alluded to many of these techniques in lecture + OH, but today we will be explicitly talking about them
 - o Debugging tips will definitely be useful for homework!
- Quiz clarification
 - o If you are sitting in on the course, you may take the quiz, not guaranteed to be graded
- Why is this important
 - o Smart ship USS Yorktown was left dead in the water in 1997 for nearly 3 hours after a divide by zero error.
 - o Northeastern major blackout
 - o Vancouver stock Exchange did something similar to integer division where they chopped off any dollar value past the third decimal place
 - Lost almost 25 dollars a month on stocks!
- Testing
 - o Pull up hw1 testfile, walk through of how the bottom of the test file really works
 - o Assert review
 - o Test function for isPrime demo!
 - Edge cases => turning points in code (ex. First and last chars in a string, in the case of isPrime going from 2 -> 3)
 - Special cases => cases that don't fall into our general category well (1)
 - Large cases => large inputs to make sure function doesn't fail after many iterations
 - Varying outputs -> make sure your test cases test for different outputs (i.e. not just True, not just False, not just 7)
 - o Console and Graphics
 - Not going to be tested, so let's just skip right along
 - o Testing and 112
 - Graded for test functions starting week 2
 - o Try/except syntax
 - o Raising exceptions
- Debugging
 - o Remember the three types of errors!
 - Syntax, Runtime, Logical
 - o Syntax
 - Easiest to debug
 - Find the line, try to make sense of the error (sometimes they use big words), but even if you don't understand the error, the location usually gives enough clues
 - **Important:** make sure you look around the line as well, Python sometimes gives the wrong line
 - Go over pass
 - o Runtime
 - Little bit harder
 - Read the error message first!

- If you know which test case fails, trace through it manually
 - Most effective debugging tool
 - If you don't, try to find the smallest test case that will fail
 - Like syntax errors, want to look at the surrounding lines
 - Logical Error
 - Hardest to debug!
 - Code runs without crashing or errors, BUT doesn't give the right answer
 - Example: absolute value
 - Solution: print statements
 - You can use print statements at various points of your code to see what values are
 - Tip: extract test case from assert statement!
- Style
 - However, good style can help with getting your homeworks done faster!
 - Most important areas of the style guide:
 - Comments – code should generally be what's called self-documenting. However, there are times when you have to write something that may not make sense to a reader. A comment is important in these cases to describe what is going on.
 - Test Functions – mentioned before
 - Magic Numbers – if you have a number that you might need to change over and over, it should be stored in a variable. Any number besides [-2, 2] + 10, is considered a magic number
 - Variable Names – they should describe what the variable is, exceptions are the looping variable
 - Duplicate Code – don't do it!
 - Read the rest of them on your own time, you are responsible for them!
- Quiz Info + Mini Review
 - Mentioned this last lecture but worth reiterating
 - Tomorrow, 50 mins, during recitation
 - Will cover all topics from this week
 - Clarification: chr, ord, ASCII is an encoding
 - Maps characters to numbers
 - Just because `ord('p') = 112` doesn't mean that `'p' == 112`
 - Letters are near to each other, i.e. `'p' => 112`, `'q' => 113`
 - Upper case and lower case have different ascii values
 - Don't worry about memorizing the style guide or anything like that – you should be able to identify very egregious style violations though
 - Focus will be on loops and strings, as they are the main topics to master this week
 - Mentioned on Piazza: responsible for knowing how to do integer problems without converting to string
 - I would recommend reviewing a problem like `longestDigitRun`, and doing that without strings

- Syllabus question will come up
 - Won't be something like "what is the 85th word on the syllabus spelled backwards"
 - More related to course resources: Ex. "Name one of your recitation Tas", or "Where are TA office hours typically held?"
- Typically involve short answer (related to material), code tracing, reasoning over code, and free response
 - Gauge how much people are familiar with each
- String CT (8 mins)
 - Work with the person next to you on the CT, with a pencil and paper
 - Submit your paper with both your Andrew IDs as attendance credit today.
 - Go over solution
 - Easy way to test CT is to just run it!
- isPalindrome (time permitting)
- String ROC (will do in recitation today!)