

Relationships in Software Development; Variables and Expressions

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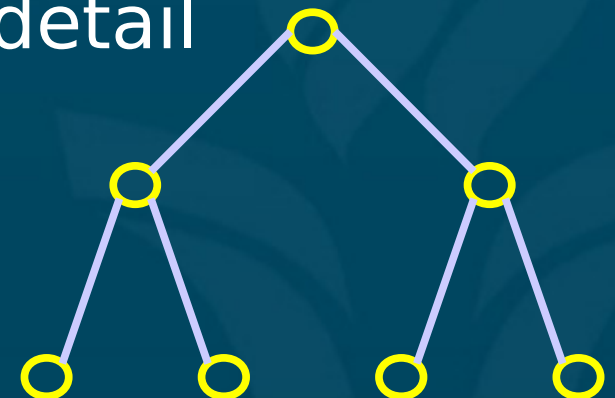
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Review

- Toolsmiths must know their **toolboxes**
 - (what does it mean for a computing scientist to be a toolsmith?)
- **Top-down** vs. bottom-up
- First step in problem-solving? (don't code yet!)
- **WADES** (*Write, Apprehend, Design, Execute, Scrutinize*)
- Levels of **abstraction** / levels of detail



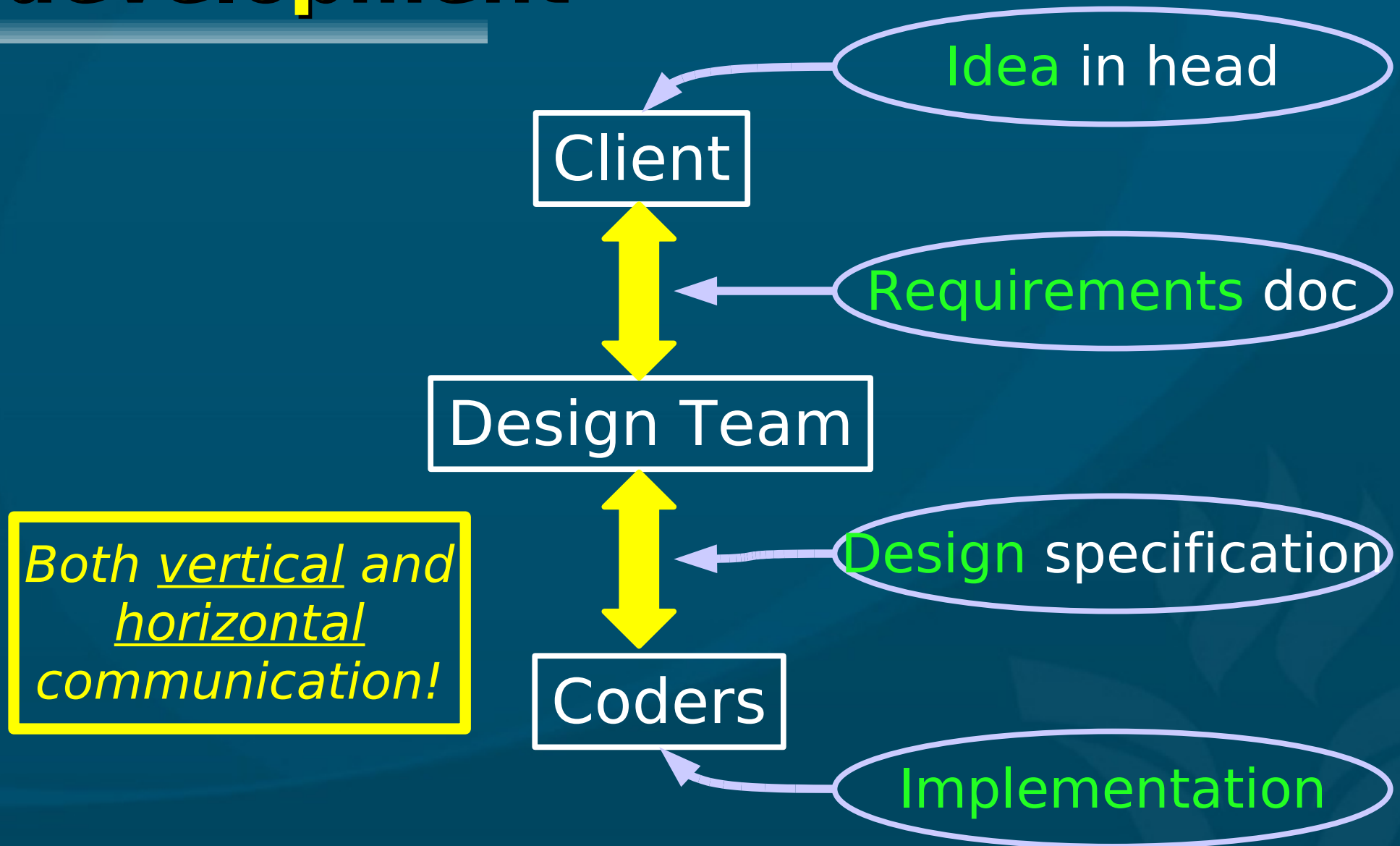
Why Python?

- Why not M2, Java, C++, C#, PHP, Ruby, etc.?
- **Syntax** vs. **semantics** (more in a later section)
- At the CMPT14x level, the **semantics** of procedural programming in all these languages are pretty much the same
 - The only difference is **syntax**:
 - for (i=0; i<10; i++) { (C++)
 - for i in range(10) (Python)
- After this class, you'll be able to pick up **any** procedural language pretty quickly

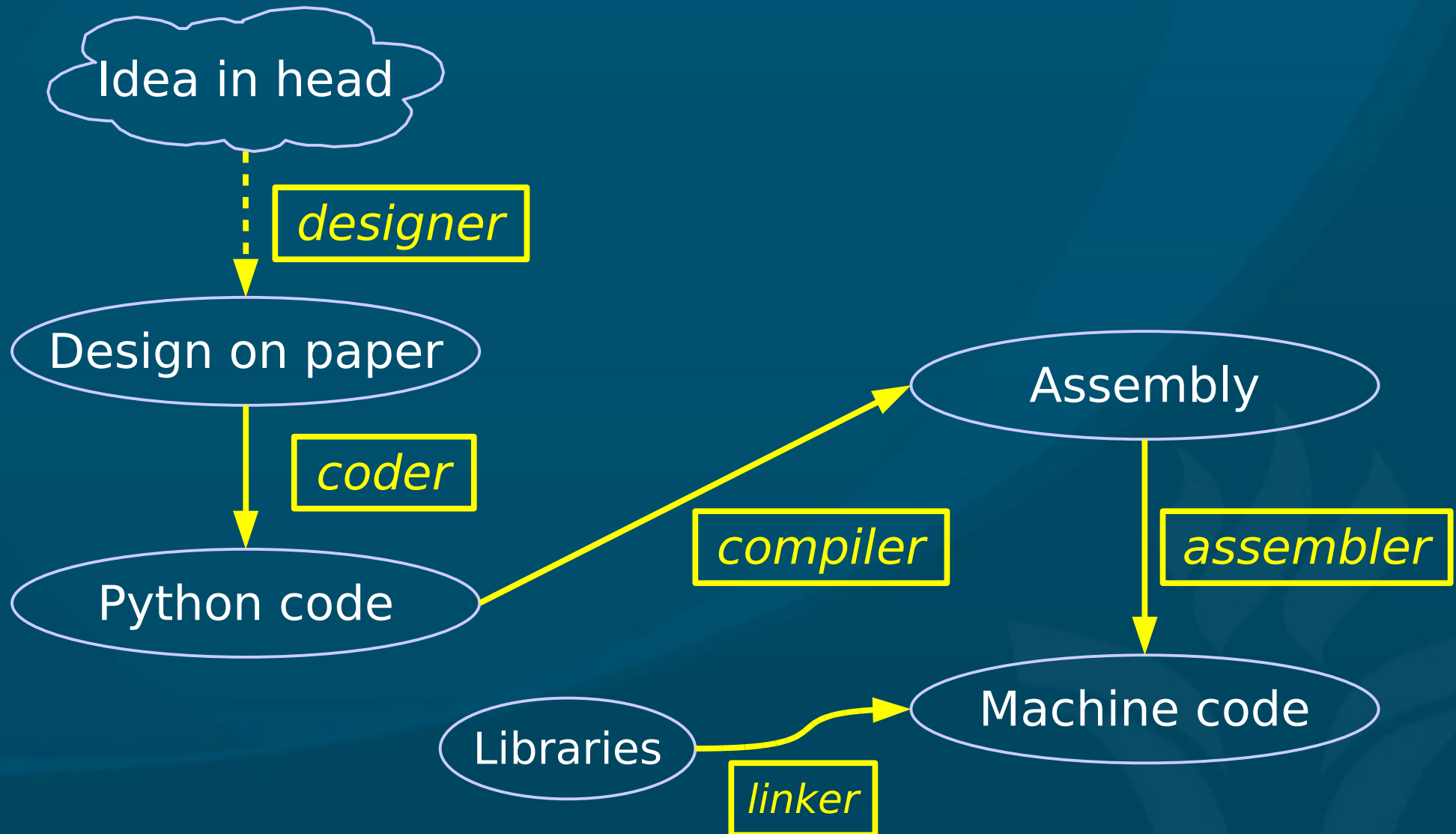
Outline for today

- Roles and **relationships** in software devel.
- **Abstractions**: hardware, software, data types
- **Variables** and types
- **Operators** and expressions
 - Logical operators
 - Precedence
- **Control** abstractions: basics of a program

Interfaces in software development



Programming is translation



“There's no 'I' in 'Team'!”

- Individual competency
 - Have something to **contribute**
 - Know how your niche **fits** in the whole
 - **Appreciate** other people's specialties
- Team competency
 - Mutual **trust** and respect
 - ◆ “Think of others as better than yourselves”
 - Self-**organization** into roles (may change)
 - **Initiative** – don't wait for others to do it
 - Constant **communication**

Roles: producer vs. director

◆ *(This is just one way of organizing a team)*

■ Executive Producer

- Process, flow, keep team on-task, on-time

■ Technical Director

- Vision, artistic, technical integrity
- Prevent “feature creep”

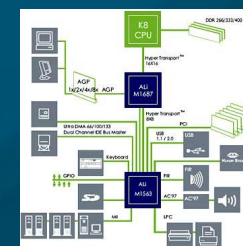
■ Engineers: implementers, make it happen

■ Architects/designers: give it purpose, make it beautiful

Hardware abstractions

- Generally, most computers have these basic hardware components:

- Input
- Memory
- Processing
- Control
- Output



- Together with the software, the environment presented to the computer user by these is the **virtual machine**

Software abstractions

- **Instructions:** basic commands to computer
 - e.g., ADD x and y and STORE the result in z
- **Programming language:** set of all available instructions
 - e.g., Python, C++, machine language
- **Program:** sequence of instructions
 - e.g., your “Hello World” program
- **Software:** package of one or more programs
 - e.g. Microsoft Word, Microsoft Office
- **Operating system:** software running the computer: provides environment for programmer
 - e.g., Windows XP, Mac OSX, Linux, etc.



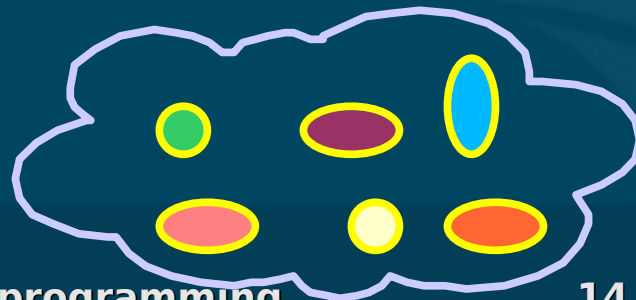
Data representation

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01010101001001010100010001001110
1111111110101010111110001000001
10101010000001011000010011111001
10000010001011110011010101000010
111110101010101010101010111001
00101000111000001111100010001011
```

- Data vs. **information**, knowledge vs. **wisdom**
- **Raw data** (factoids, memorized mantras) are useless unless you know what they **mean!**
- “There are 10 kinds of people in the world: those who know **binary**, and those who don't.”
 - (what does “**10**” mean?)

Atomic vs. compound data

- **Atomic**: represents a single entity
 - e.g., 8, π , 6.022×10^{23} , z
- **Compound**: entity that also is a collection of components: e.g.,
 - **Set**: {43, 5, -29.3}
 - **Ordered tuple**: (3,9) *(vs. set?)*
 - **Complex number**: $4.63 + 2i$ *(set or tuple?)*
 - **Aggregate**: (name, age, address, phone#)
- **Singleton**: {43}



Data types

- Certainly atomic vs. compound data are different types
- But even for atomic data there are **types**: e.g.
 - **Cardinals** (unsigned whole numbers; naturals): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...
 - **Integers** (signed whole): -27, 0, 5, 247
 - **Reals / Floats**: 5.0, -23.0, 3×10^8
 - **Booleans**: True, False
 - **Characters**: 'a', 'H', '5', '='
 - **Strings**: "Hello World!", "5"

Types in Python

- Python has many **built-in** types; here are some:
 - **int**: e.g., 2, -5, 0
 - **float**: e.g., 2.3, -42e6, 0.
 - **str**: e.g., 'hello', "world", '!', "
 - **bool**: True, False
 - **tuple**: e.g., (2, -1, 'hi'), ()
- You can find the **type** of an expression with:
 - `type(2.3)`
- A complete list of types is at <http://docs.python.org/ref/types.html>

Review of today

- Relationships: requirements, design, implement
 - Roles: producer, director
- Abstractions: 5 HW, software terms, ADT
 - Contrast math “Reals” with Python float?
- Data types: atomic, compound (examples?)

TODO items

- Familiarize yourself with the course website:
<http://cmpt140.seanho.com>
- Do the **Python/IDLE** intro by Thu
(nothing to turn in, not graded)
 - Lab1 is due the following Thu after that
- Read **ch1-2** of the textbook
- **HW02** due next Tues before start of class
 - Electronic turn-in: upload to myCourses