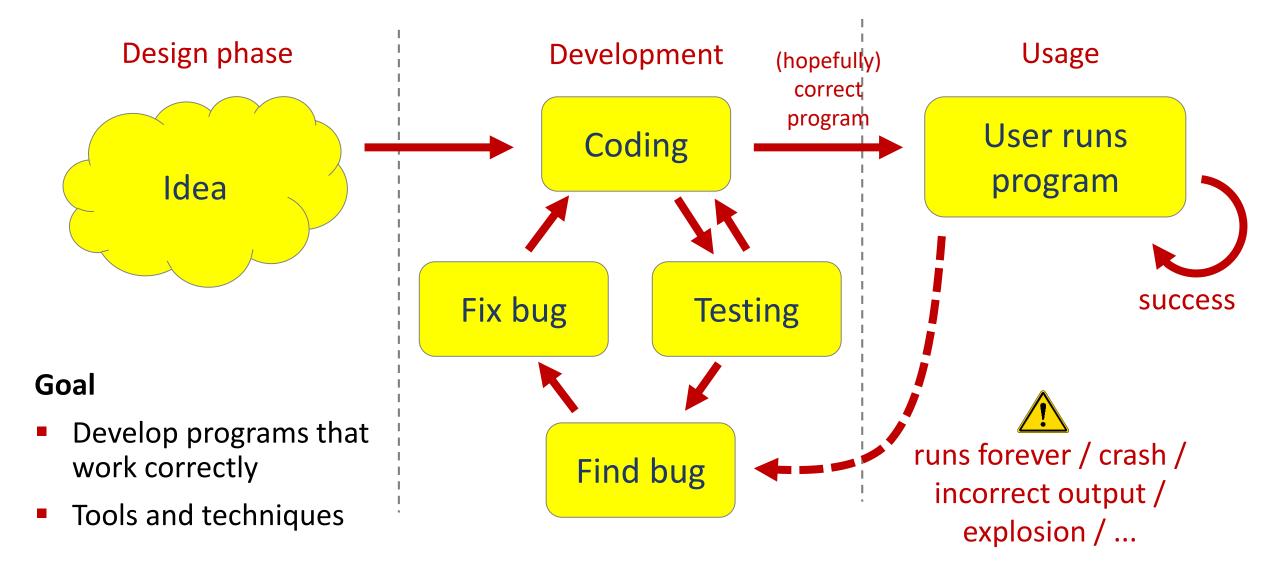
Documentation, testing and debugging

- docstring
- defensive programming
- assert
- test driven developement
- assertions
- testing
- unittest
- debugger
- static type checking (mypy)

Ensuring good quality code?



What is good code?

- Readability
 - well-structured
 - documentation
 - comments
 - follow some standard structure (easy to recognize, follow PEP8 Style Guide)

- Correctness
 - outputs the correct answer on valid input
 - eventually stops with an answer on valid input (should not go in infinite loop)
- Reusable...

Why?

Documentation

- specification of functionality
- docstring
 - for users of the code
 - modules
 - methods
 - classes
- comments
 - for readers of the code

Testing

- Correct implementation?
- Try to predict behavior on unknown input?
- Performance guarantees?

Debugging

Where is the #!¤\$ bug?

[&]quot;Program testing can be used to show the presence of bugs, but never to show their absence" – Edsger W. Dijkstra

Built-in exceptions (class hierarchy)

```
BaseException
 +-- SystemExit
 +-- KeyboardInterrupt
 +-- GeneratorExit
 +-- Exception
      +-- StopIteration
      +-- StopAsyncIteration
      +-- ArithmeticError
           +-- FloatingPointError
           +-- OverflowError
           +-- ZeroDivisionError
      +-- AssertionError
      +-- AttributeError
      +-- BufferError
      +-- EOFError
      +-- ImportError
           +-- ModuleNotFoundError
      +-- LookupError
           +-- IndexError
           +-- KeyError
      +-- MemoryError
      +-- NameError
           +-- UnboundLocalError
      +-- TypeError
      +-- ValueError
           +-- UnicodeError
                +-- UnicodeDecodeError
                +-- UnicodeEncodeError
                +-- UnicodeTranslateError
```

```
+-- OSError
     +-- BlockingIOError
     +-- ChildProcessError
     +-- ConnectionError
          +-- BrokenPipeError
          +-- ConnectionAbortedError
          +-- ConnectionRefusedError
          +-- ConnectionResetError
     +-- FileExistsError
     +-- FileNotFoundError
     +-- InterruptedError
     +-- IsADirectoryError
     +-- NotADirectoryError
     +-- PermissionError
     +-- ProcessLookupError
     +-- TimeoutError
+-- ReferenceError
+-- RuntimeError
     +-- NotImplementedError
     +-- RecursionError
+-- SyntaxError
     +-- IndentationError
          +-- TabError
+-- SystemError
+-- Warning
     +-- DeprecationWarning
     +-- PendingDeprecationWarning
     +-- RuntimeWarning
     +-- SyntaxWarning
     +-- UserWarning
     +-- FutureWarning
     +-- ImportWarning
     +-- UnicodeWarning
     +-- BytesWarning
     +-- ResourceWarning
```

Testing for unexpected behaviour?

```
infinite-recursion1.py

def f(depth):
    f(depth + 1) # infinite recursion

f(0)

Python shell
    RecursionError: maximum recursion depth exceeded

infinite-recursion2.py

def f(depth):
```

```
infinite-recursion2.py

def f(depth):
    if depth > 100:
        print("runaway recursion???")
        raise SystemExit # raise built-in exception
    f(depth + 1)

f(0)

Python shell
    runaway recursion???
```

```
imfinite-recursion3.py

import sys

def f(depth):
    if depth > 100:
        print("runaway recursion???")
        sys.exit() # system function
    f(depth + 1) raises SystemExit

f(0)

Python shell
    runaway recursion???
```

- let the program eventually fail
- check and raise exceptions
- check and call sys.exit

Catching unexpected behaviour — assert

```
infinite-recursion4.py

def f(depth):
    assert depth <= 100  # raise exception if False
    f(depth + 1)

f(0)

Python shell

| File "...\infinite-recursion4.py", line 2, in f
    assert depth <= 100
| AssertionError</pre>
```

- keyword assert checks if boolean expression is true, if not, raises exception AssertionError
- optional second parameter passed to the constructor of the exception

```
infinite-recursion5.py

def f(depth):
    assert depth <= 100, "runaway recursion???"
    f(depth + 1)

f(0)

Python shell

| File "...\infinite-recursion5.py", line 2, in f
    assert depth <= 100, "runaway recursion???"
| AssertionError: runaway recursion???</pre>
```

```
infinite-recursion6.py

def f(depth):
    if not depth <= 100:
        raise AssertionError("runaway recursion???")
    f(depth + 1)

f(0)

Python shell

| File "...\infinite-recursion6.py", line 3, in f
    raise AssertionError("runaway recursion???")
| AssertionError: runaway recursion???</pre>
```

Disabling assert statements

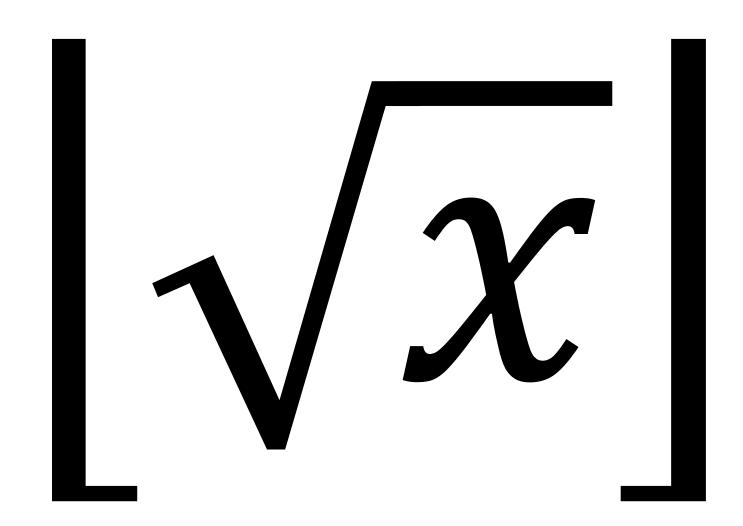
```
Command Prompt
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>python -O infinite-recursion5.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "infinite-recursion5.py", line 5, in <module>
   f(0)
 File "infinite-recursion5.py", line 3, in f
   f(depth + 1)
 File "infinite-recursion5.py", line 3, in f
   f(depth + 1)
 File "infinite-recursion5.py", line 3, in f
   f(depth + 1)
  [Previous line repeated 995 more times]
RecursionError: maximum recursion depth exceeded
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>
```

 assert statements are good to help check correctness of program – but can slow down program

invoking Python with option

 O disables all assertions
 (by setting ___debug___ to False)

Example



First try... (seriously, the bugs were not on purpose)

```
intsqrt_buggy.py
def int sqrt(x):
    low = 0
   high = x
   while low < high - 1:
       mid = (low + high) / 2
       if mid ** 2 <= x:
           low = mid
        else:
           high = mid
    return low
Python shell
> int sqrt(10)
3.125 \# 3.125 ** 2 = 9.765625
> int sqrt(-10)
 0 # what should the answer be ?
```

Let us add a specification...

```
intsqrt.py
def int sqrt(x):
    """Compute the integer square root of an integer x.
docstring
   Assumes that x is an integer and x >= 0 input
                                                requirements
   Returns integer floor(sqrt(x))"""
                                             output
                                             guarantees
Python shell
> help(int sqrt)
 Help on function int sqrt in module main :
 int sqrt(x)
      Compute the integer square root of an integer x.
      Assumes that x is an integer and x \ge 0
      Returns integer floor(sqrt(x))
```

- all methods, classes, and modules can have a docstring (ideally have) as a specification
- for methods: summarize purpose in first line, followed by input requirements and ouput guarantees
- the docstring is assigned to the object's ___doc___ attribute

PEP 257 -- Docstring Conventions www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0257/

Let us check input requirements...

```
intsqrt.py
def int sqrt(x):
    """Compute the integer square root of an integer x.
   Assumes that x is an integer and x >= 0
    Returns integer floor(sqrt(x))"""
    assert isinstance(x, int)
                                  check input
    assert 0 <= x
Python shell
> int sqrt(-10)
  File "...\int_sqrt.py", line 7, in int_sqrt
      assert 0 <= x
```

AssertionError

 doing explicit checks for valid input arguments is part of defensive programming and helps spotting errors early

(instead of continuing using likely wrong values... resulting in a final meaningless error)

Let us check if output correct...

```
intsqrt.py
def int sqrt(x):
    """Compute the integer square root of an integer x.
   Assumes that x is an integer and x >= 0
    Returns integer floor(sqrt(x))"""
    assert isinstance(x, int)
    assert 0 \le x
    assert isinstance(result, int)
   assert result ** 2 <= x < (result + 1) ** 2
    return result
Python shell
> int sqrt(10)
   File "...\int_sqrt.py", line 20, in int_sqrt
     assert isinstance(result, int)
 AssertionError
```

output check identifies the error

```
mid = (low+high) / 2
```

should have been

```
mid = (low+high) // 2
```

 The output check helps us to ensure that function specifications are satisfied in applications

Let us test some input values...

```
intsqrt.py
def int sqrt(x):
assert int sqrt(0) == 0
assert int sqrt(1) == 1
assert int sqrt(2) == 1
assert int sqrt(3) == 1
assert int sqrt(4) == 2
assert int sqrt(5) == 2
assert int sqrt(200) == 14
Python shell
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "...\int_sqrt.py", line 28, in <module>
        assert int_sqrt(1) == 1
    File "...\int_sqrt.py", line 21, in int_sqrt
        assert result ** 2 <= x < (result + 1) ** 2
    AssertionError</pre>
```

test identifieswrong output for x = 1

Let us check progress of algorithm...

```
intsqrt.py
  low, high = 0, x
  while low < high - 1: # low <= floor(sqrt(x)) < high
      assert low ** 2 \leq x \leq high ** 2 \downarrow check invariant
                                                for loop
      mid = (low + high) // 2
      if mid ** 2 <= x:
          low = mid
      else:
         high = mid
  result = low
```

Python shell

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "...\int_sqrt.py", line 28, in <module>
        assert int_sqrt(1) == 1
    File "...\int_sqrt.py", line 21, in int_sqrt
        assert result ** 2 <= x < (result + 1) ** 2
    AssertionError</pre>
```

- test identifieswrong output for x = 1
- but invariant apparently correct ???
- problem

```
low == result == 0
high == 1
```

implies loop never entered

output check identifies the error

$$high = x$$

should have been

$$high = x + 1$$

Final program

We have used assertions to:

- Test if input arguments / usage is valid (defensive programming)
- Test if computed result is correct
- Test if an internal invariant in the computation is satisfied
- Perform a final test for a set of test cases (should be run whenever we change anything in the implementation)

```
intsqrt.py
def int sqrt(x):
    """Compute the integer square root of an integer x.
    Assumes that x is an integer and x \ge 0
    Returns the integer floor(sqrt(x))"""
    assert isinstance(x, int)
    assert 0 <= x
    low, high = 0, x + 1
    while low < high - 1: # low <= floor(sqrt(x)) < high
        assert low ** 2 \le x \le high ** 2
        mid = (low + high) // 2
        if mid ** 2 <= x:
            low = mid
        else:
            high = mid
    result = low
    assert isinstance(result, int)
    assert result ** 2 \le x \le (result + 1) ** 2
    return result
assert int sqrt(0) == 0
assert int sqrt(1) == 1
assert int sqrt(2) == 1
assert int sqrt(3) == 1
assert int sqrt(4) == 2
assert int sqrt(5) == 2
assert int sqrt(200) == 14
```

Which checks would you add to the below code?

```
binary-search.py
def binary search(x, L):
    """Binary search for x in sorted list L
    Assumes x is an integer, and L a non-decreasing list of integers
    Returns index i, -1 \le i \le len(L), where L[i] \le x \le L[i+1],
    assuming L[-1] = -infty and L[len(L)] = +infty"""
    low, high = -1, len(L)
    while low + 1 < high:
        mid = (low + high) // 2
        if x < L[mid]:
            high = mid
        else:
            low = mid
    result = low
    return result
```

```
binary-search-assertions.py
def binary search(x, L):
    """Binary search for x in sorted list L
    Assumes x is an integer, and L a non-decreasing list of integers
    Returns index i, -1 \le i \le len(L), where L[i] \le x \le L[i+1],
    assuming L[-1] = -infty and L[len(L)] = +infty"""
    assert isinstance(x, int)
    assert isinstance(L, list)
   assert all([isinstance(e, int) for e in L])
assert all([L[i] <= L[i + 1] for i in range(len(L) - 1)]) 

① inefficient
    low, high = -1, len(L)
    while low + 1 < high: \# L[low] \le x \le L[high]
         assert (low == -1 or L[low] \le x) and (high == len(L) or x \le L[high])
         mid = (low + high) // 2
input
         assert isinstance(L[mid], int)
         assert (low == -1 or L[low] \le L[mid]) and (high == len(L) or L[mid] \le L[high]
         if x < L[mid]:
             high = mid
         else:
             low = mid
    result = low
   (assert (isinstance(result, int) and -1 <= result < len(L) and</pre>
utput
             ((result == -1 and (len(L) == 0 or x < L[0])) or
              (result == len(L) - 1 and x \ge L[-1]) or
              (0 \le \text{result} \le \text{len}(L) - 1 \text{ and } L[\text{result}] \le x \le L[\text{result} + 1]))
    return result
assert binary search(42, []) == -1
assert binary search(42, [7]) == 0
assert binary search(7, [42]) == -1
assert binary search(7, [42,42,42]) == -1
assert binary search(42, [7,7,7]) == 2
assert binary search (42, [7,7,7,56,81]) == 2
assert binary search(8, [1,3,5,7,9]) == 3
```

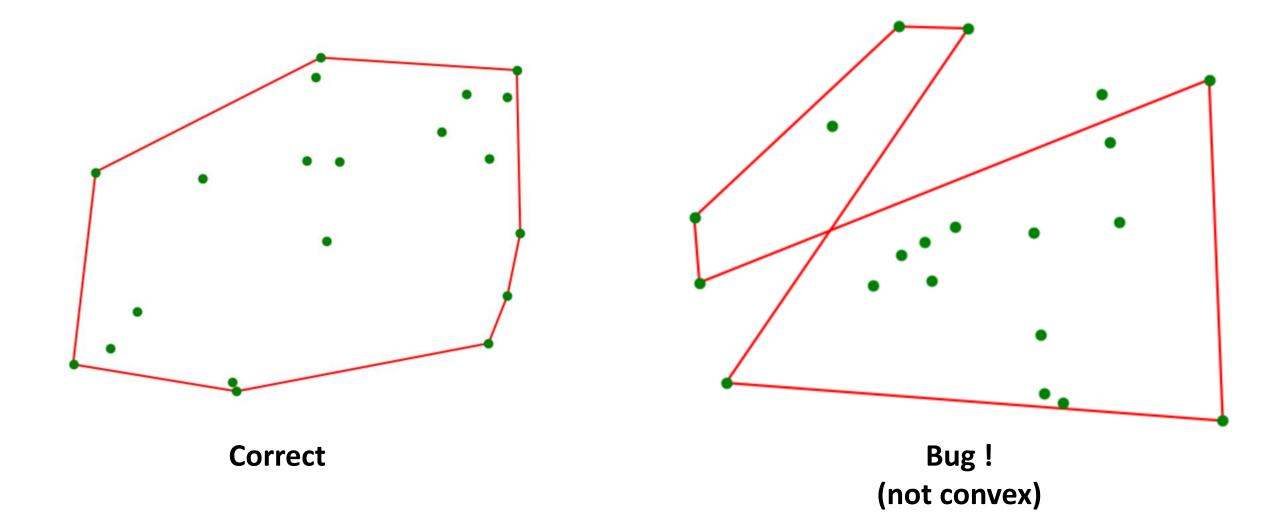
- ① Verifying if L is a sorted list of integers can slow down the program significantly
- ② Alternative is to only verify if the part of L visited is a sorted subsequence

test cases

Testing – how?

- Run set of test cases
 - test all cases in input/output specification (black box testing)
 - test all special cases (black box testing)
 - set of tests should force all lines of code to be tested (glass box testing)
- Visual test
- Automatic testing
 - Systematically / randomly generate input instances
 - Create function to validate if output is correct (hopefully easier than finding the solution)
- Formal verification
 - Use computer programs to do formal proofs of correctness, like using Coq

Visual testing – Convex hull computation



doctest

- Python module
- Test instances (pairs of input and corresponding output) are written in the doc strings, formatted as in an interactive Python session

```
binary-search-doctest.py
                                               Python shell
def binary search(x, L):
                                                  Trying:
    """Binary search for x in sorted list L
                                                      binary search(42, [])
                                                  Expecting:
    Examples:
                                                       -1
    >>> binary search(42, [])
                                                  ok
                                                  Trying:
    >>> binary search(42, [7])
                                                      binary search(42, [7])
                                                  Expecting:
    >>> binary search(42, [7,7,7,56,81])
                                                  ok
    >>> binary search(8, [1,3,5,7,9])
                                                  Trying:
                                                      binary search(42, [7,7,7,56,81])
    11 11 11
                                                  Expecting:
    low, high = -1, len(L)
                                                  ok
    while low + 1 < high:
                                                  Trying:
        mid = (low + high) // 2
                                                      binary search(8, [1,3,5,7,9])
                                                  Expecting:
        if x < L[mid]:
            high = mid
        else:
                                                  ok
            low = mid
                                                  1 items had no tests:
    return low
                                                        main
                                                  1 items passed all tests:
                                                      4 tests in main .binary search
import doctest
                                                  4 tests in 2 items.
doctest.testmod(verbose=True)
                                                  4 passed and 0 failed.
                                                  Test passed.
```

pytest

- Run all tests stored in functions prefixed by test or test prefixed test methods inside Test prefixed test classes
- pip install pytest
- Run the pytest program from a shell

pytest.org

```
binary-search-pytest.py
def binary search(x, L):
    """Binary search for x in sorted list L"""
    low, high = -1, len(L)
    while low + 1 < high:
        mid = (low + high) // 2
        if x < L[mid]:
           high = mid
        else:
            low = mid
    return low
def test binary search():
    assert binary search(42, []) == -1
    assert binary search(42, [7]) == 0
    assert binary search(42, [7,7,7,56,81]) == 2
    assert binary search(8, [1,3,5,7,9]) == 3
import pytest
def test types():
    with pytest.raises(TypeError):
        = binary search(5, ['a', 'b', 'c'])
```

Shell

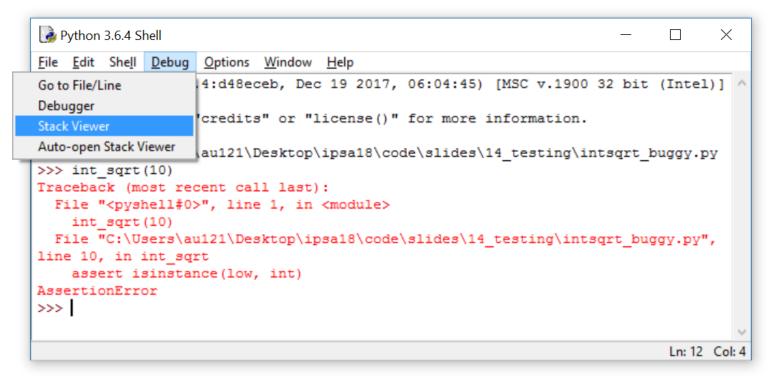
unittest

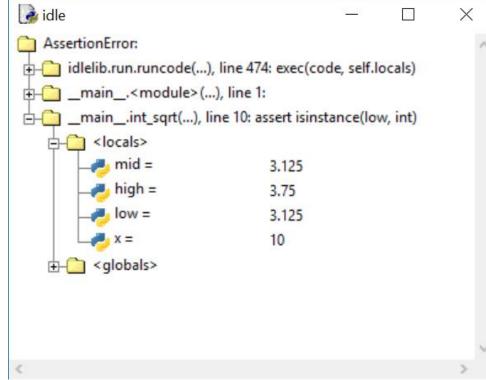
- Python module
- A comprehensive object-oriented test framework, inspired by the corresponding JUnit test framework for Java

```
binary-search-unittest.py
def binary search(x, L):
    """Binary search for x in sorted list L"""
    low, high = -1, len(L)
   while low + 1 < high:
       mid = (low + high) // 2
       if x < L[mid]:
            high = mid
        else:
            low = mid
    return low
import unittest
class TestBinarySearch(unittest.TestCase):
    def test search(self):
        self.assertEqual(binary search(42, []), -1)
        self.assertEqual(binary search(42, [7]), 0)
        self.assertEqual(binary search(42, [7,7,7,56,81]), 2)
        self.assertEqual(binary search(8, [1,3,5,7,9]), 3)
    def test types(self):
        self.assertRaises(TypeError, binary search, 5, ['a', 'b', 'c'])
unittest.main(verbosity=2)
Python shell
  test search ( main .TestBinarySearch) ... ok
  test types (__main__.TestBinarySearch) ... ok
  Ran 2 tests in 0.051s
  OK
```

Debugger (IDLE)

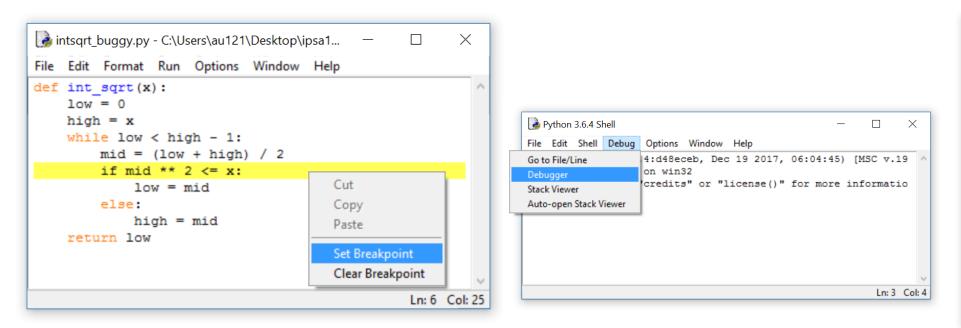
 When an exception has stopped the program, you can examine the state of the variables using Debug > Stack Viewer in the Python shell

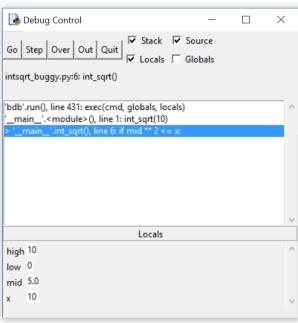




Stepping through a program (IDLE debugger)

- Debug > Debugger in the Python shell opens Debug Control window
- Right click on a code line in editor to set a "breakpoint" in your code
- Debug Control: Go → run until next breakpoint is encountered;
 Step → execute one line of code; Over → run function call without details;
 Out → finish current function call; Quit → Stop program;





Concluding remarks

- Simple debugging: add print statements
- **Test driven development** → Strategy for code development, where tests are written before the code
- Defensive programming → add tests (assertions) to check if input/arguments are valid according to specification
- When designing tests, ensure coverage (the set of test cases should make sure all code lines get executed)
- Python testing frameworks: doctest, unittest, pytest, ...

Mypy – a static type checker for Python

Experimental /!\



- Static type checking tries to analyze a program for potential type errors without executing the program
- Installing:

```
pip install mypy
```

- Running Python will cause an error during execution, whereas using mypy the error will be found without executing the program
- Standard (and required) in statically typed languages like Java, C, C++

```
mypy-simple.py
print("start")
print(42 + "abc") # error
print("end")
Shell
> python mypy-simple.py
  start
  TypeError: unsupported operand type(s)
  for +: 'int' and 'str'
> mypy mypy-simple.py
  mypy-simple.py:2: error: Unsupported
  operand types for + ("int" and "str")
```

Type hints (PEP 484)

- Python allows type hints in programs
- They are ignored at run-time by Python, but useful for static type analysis (mypy)
- Syntax

```
variable : type
variable : type = value
```

mypy-basic-types.py

```
x : int # type hint
x = 42
x = "abc" # type error
y : int = 42 # type hint
y = "abc" # type error
z = 42
z = "abc" # type changed from int to str
print(x, y, z)
```

Shell

```
> python mypy-basic-types.py
| abc abc abc
> mypy mypy-basic-types.py
| mypy-basic-types.py:3: error: Incompatible
    types in assignment (expression has type
    "str", variable has type "int")
| mypy-basic-types.py:6: error: ...
| mypy-basic-types.py:9: error: ...
```

Type hints – functions

Syntax

```
def name(variable: type, ...) -> return type:
```

```
mypy-function.py
                                     Shell
def f(x: int, units: str) -> str:
                                     > python mypy-function.py
    return str(x) + " " + units
                                       3 cm
                                       one meter
def g(x, units: str) -> str:
                                       3 cm
    return str(x) + " " + units
                                       one meter
print(f(3, "cm"))
                                     > mypy mypy-function.py
print(f("one", "meter"))
                                       mypy-function.py:8: error: Argument 1
print(g(3, "cm"))
                                       to "f" has incompatible type "str";
print(g("one", "meter"))
                                       expected "int"
```

Note: for functions and methods function. __annotations __ is a dictionary with the annotation

Type hints – objects

```
mypy-classes.py
                                                       a = A()
class A:
                                                       a = B()
                                                               # valid, B subclass of A
    pass
                                                      a = C()
                                                                # error
class B(A):
                                                      b = A()
                                                               # error
    pass
                                                      b = B()
                                                      b = C() \# error
class C:
                                                      c = A() \# error
    pass
                                                       c = B() \# error
a : A
                                                       c = C()
b : B
c : C
Shell
> mypy mypy-classes.py
  mypy-classes.py:15: error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "C", variable has type "A")
```

mypy-classes.py:16: error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "A", variable has type "B") mypy-classes.py:18: error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "C", variable has type "B") mypy-classes.py:19: error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "A", variable has type "C") mypy-classes.py:20: error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "B", variable has type "C")

More type hints... see PEP 484 for even more...

```
mypy-typing.py
from typing import Mapping, Set, List, Tuple, Union, Optional
S : Set = \{\}
                                                  # error {} dictionary
                                                  # error "abc" is not int
S2 : Set[int] = {1, 2, "abc"}
D : Mapping[int, int] = {1: 42, 'a': 1}
                                                  # error 'a' is not int
T : Tuple[int, str] = (42, 7)
                                                  # error 7 is not str
L : List[Union[int, str]] = [42, 'a', None] # list can only contain int and str
L2 : List[Optional[str]] = ['abc', None, 42]
                                                  # list can only contain str og None
Shell
> mypy mypy-function.py
  mypy-typing.py:3: error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "Dict[<nothing>,
  <nothing>]", variable has type "Set[Any]")
  mypy-typing.py:4: error: Argument 3 to <set> has incompatible type "str"; expected "int"
  mypy-typing.py:5: error: Dict entry 1 has incompatible type "str": "int"; expected "int": "int"
  mypy-typing.py:6: error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "Tuple[int, int]",
  variable has type "Tuple[int, str]")
  mypy-typing.py:7: error: List item 2 has incompatible type "None"; expected "Union[int, str]"
  mypy-typing.py:8: error: List item 2 has incompatible type "int"; expected "Optional[str]"
```