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**Recommendation** systems process data from people to recommend what you might like.

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- Amazon - Books and more
- Last.fm - Music
- Twitter - Who to follow



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# Unit 2 Recommendation Systems

## APPLICATIONS

In this unit, we'll learn about the computing science field of **recommendation systems**, which **predict what you might enjoy** based on past experience.

## ALGORITHMS

We'll learn more about **loops**, **integer** and **float** types, **calculating**, **variables**, operators and **files**, and more.

## PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

In Python, we'll be learning the syntax and keywords to implement our algorithms.

## DOCUMENTATION AND TESTING

We will show how to tell if our program is any good or not!



# Today's Topics

- Review **for** loops with **range**
- Review **integer** and **float** data types
- Accumulator pattern

Next week, we will work with data files and you'll learn how to process large amounts of data!



# Popularity **Contest**



# Recommendation algorithms

## **Basic** What's the Most Popular?

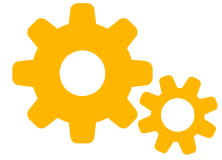
One way to recommend something is simply to propose the most popular one, for example: most read news story, most visited cafe, most bought toaster.

## **Advanced** People like you also liked...

Let's say Andrea likes *apples*, **bananas** and **cherries**.

And let's say Bob likes *durian*, **bananas**, and **cherries**.

Maybe Andrea would like *durian*(?!)  
And maybe Bob would like *apples*.

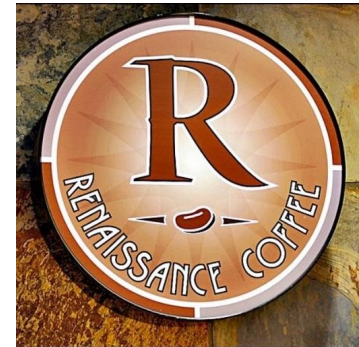


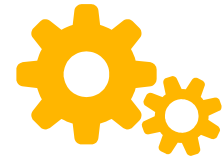
# SFU coffee

First challenge: find out what the most popular cafe at SFU is.



*Tim Hortons*





# Where do I **start**?

Write an interactive program to ask 5 people their favourite SFU cafe, and output the number of “likes” per cafe.



Design an Algorithm



Write it in Python



Test and Deploy



Change the World



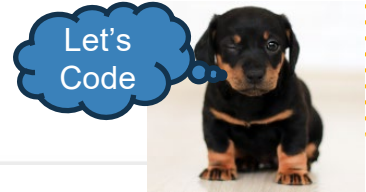


# A Counting Algorithm

```
1 # SFU Popular Cafes
2 # Author: Angelica Lim
3 # Date: Nov. 30, 2017
4
5 # This program gets input from 5 users to find out
6 # what their favourite cafe on campus is.
7 # It prints out the number of people who like Starbucks, Renaissance
8 # or Tim Hortons
9
```

**Think:** How would you do this in person?

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# Counting in Python

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11 starbucks_tally = 0
12
13 # Ask the user what their favourite cafe is
14 favourite_cafe = input("What's your favourite cafe?")
15
16 # If they say starbucks, add one to a starbucks tally
17 if favourite_cafe.lower() == "starbucks":
18     starbucks_tally = starbucks_tally + 1
19
20 print(starbucks_tally)
21 # If they say renaissance, add one to a renaissance tally
22 # If they say tim hortons, add one to a timmy's tally
23 # Do the above 5 times
24 # In the end, print out the tallies
25 |
```

The variable `starbucks_tally` is of type **integer**. We **initialize** it to 0.

This is how you can add to yourself, or "accumulate"

<http://interactivepython.org/runestone/static/thinkcspy/SimplePythonData/OperatorsandOperands.html>



# Counting in Python

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23     renaissance_tally = renaissance_tally + 1
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28
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Please fill in this part



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28     elif favourite_cafe.lower() == "tim hortons":
29         timmys_tally = timmys_tally + 1
30
31 # Do the above 5 times
32 # In the end, print out the tallies
33 print(starbucks_tally)
34 print(renaissance_tally)
35 print(timmys_tally)
```

This line means: Do the following **indented block 5 times**, and set the value of **i** to **0, 1, 2, 3** and **4** each time, respectively.



# String Conversion Python

```
32 # In the end, print out the tallies
33 print("Starbucks: " + starbucks_tally)
34 print(renaissance_tally)
35 print(timmys_tally)
```

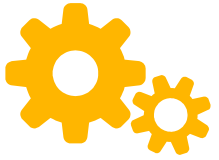


```
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>
What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
What's your favourite cafe? renaissance
What's your favourite cafe? tim hortons
What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "python", line 33, in <module>
TypeError: must be str, not int
> █
```

```
32 # In the end, print out the tallies
33 print("Starbucks: " + str(starbucks_tally))
34 print(renaissance_tally)
35 print(timmys_tally)
```



```
Python 3.6.1 (default, Dec 2015, 13:05:11)
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>
What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
What's your favourite cafe? renaissance
What's your favourite cafe? tim hortons
What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
Starbucks: 3
1
1
> █
```



# Data types

	Example
string	"hello"
integer or int	7
float	3.5

e.g. favourite\_food = "tempura"

my\_age = 19

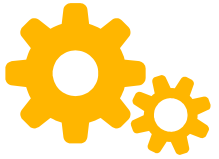
→ We say that favourite\_food is a **string** type and my\_age is an **int**



# Counting in Python

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26         renaissance_tally = renaissance_tally + 1
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29     elif favourite_cafe.lower() == "tim hortons":
30         timmys_tally = timmys_tally + 1
31
32 # In the end, print out the tallies
33 print("Starbucks: " + str(starbucks_tally))
34 print("Renaissance: " + str(renaissance_tally))
35 print("Tim Hortons: " + str(timmys_tally))
```

You can only concatenate strings with strings, so you need to convert your integer to a **string** type using **str()**

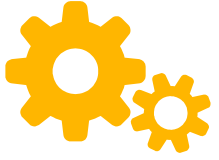


# What's that **i** thing?

```
10 # Initialize tallies
11 starbucks_tally = 0
12 renaissance_tally = 0
13 timmys_tally = 0
14 other_tally = 0
15
16 # Do the below 5 times
17- for i in range(5):
18     # Ask the user what their favourite cafe is
19     favourite_cafe = input(str(i) + ". What's your favourite cafe?")
20
21     # If they say starbucks, add one to a starbucks tally
22-     if favourite_cafe.lower() == "starbucks":
23         starbucks_tally = starbucks_tally + 1
24
25     # If they say renaissance, add one to a renaissance tally
26-     elif favourite_cafe.lower() == "renaissance":
27         renaissance_tally = renaissance_tally + 1
28
29     # If they say tims or timmys or tim horton
30     # add one to a timmy's tally
31-     elif "tim" in favourite_cafe.lower():
32         timmys_tally = timmys_tally + 1
33
34     # Otherwise, add one to an "other" category
35-     else:
36         other_tally = other_tally + 1
37
38 # In the end, print out the tallies
39 print("Starbucks: " + str(starbucks_tally))
40 print("Renaissance: " + str(renaissance_tally))
41 print("Tim Hortons: " + str(timmys_tally))
42 print("Other: " + str(other_tally))
```

```
0. What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
1. What's your favourite cafe? renaissance
2. What's your favourite cafe? timmy's
3. What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
4. What's your favourite cafe? renaissance
Starbucks: 2
Renaissance: 2
Tim Hortons: 1
Other: 0
```





# What's that **i** thing?

```
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```

**range(5)** is equivalent to **[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]**

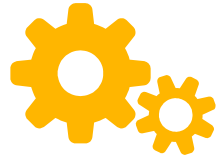
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1. What's your favourite cafe? renaissance
2. What's your favourite cafe? timmy's
3. What's your favourite cafe? starbucks
4. What's your favourite cafe? renaissance
```

Remember, in computing science, we start counting from 0... Sorry!

# Update our Program

- Display the loop count in our prompt.
  - Make it start at 1...
- At the end, display each store's percentage of business
  - Format: 23.5%





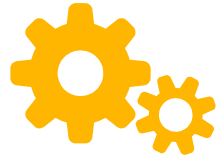
# Manipulating the `i` variable

```
1 # SFU Popular Cafes
2 # Angelica Lim
3 # Feb. 1, 2021
4 # A survey to deduce the most popular cafe at SFU
5 # Ask 5 users what their favourite cafe on campus is
6 # from Starbucks, Renaissance, Tim Hortons.
7
8 # Initialize tallies to 0
9 starbucks_tally = 0
10 tim_hortons_tally = 0
11 renaissance_tally = 0
12
13 for i in range(5):
14     # Ask the user what their favourite cafe is
15     favourite_cafe = input(str(i+1)+" What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks,
16                             Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? ").lower().strip(" !")
17
18     # If they say starbucks, add 1 to the starbucks tally
19     if favourite_cafe == "starbucks":
20         starbucks_tally += 1
21
22     elif favourite_cafe == "tim hortons":
23         tim_hortons_tally += 1
24
25     elif favourite_cafe == "renaissance":
26         renaissance_tally += 1
```

Another way to manipulate the `i` variable, other than using `range`

```
1. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
2. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
3. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
4. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
5. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
```

# Calculating percentages



```
# Initialize tallies
starbucks_tally = 0
tim_tally = 0
renaissance_tally = 0

# Repeat the following 5 times

for i in range(5): # Range(5) is the same as [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
    # Ask users what their favourite cafe is
    favourite_cafe = input("What is your favourite cafe at SFU?").lower()

    # If starbucks, add 1 to the starbucks tally
    if favourite_cafe == "starbucks":
        starbucks_tally = starbucks_tally + 1

    # Otherwise if renaissance, add 1 to renaissance tally
    elif favourite_cafe == "tim hortons":
        tim_tally = tim_tally + 1

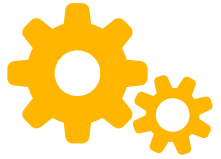
    # Otherwise if tim hortons, add 1 to tim hortons tally
    elif favourite_cafe == "renaissance":
        renaissance_tally = renaissance_tally + 1

# Print out the number of likes per cafe
print("Starbucks: " + str( starbucks_tally/5 ) )
print("Tim Horton's: " + str( tim_tally/5 ) )
print("Renaissance: " + str( renaissance_tally/5 ) )
```

```
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>
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? renaissance
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? starbucks
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? starbucks
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? tim hortons
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? tim hortons
Starbucks: 0.4
Tim Horton's: 0.4
Renaissance: 0.2
>
```

Dividing with a /

# Calculating percentages



```
# Initialize tallies
starbucks_tally = 0
tim_tally = 0
renaissance_tally = 0

# Repeat the following 5 times

for i in range(5): # Range(5) is the same as [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
    # Ask users what their favourite cafe is
    favourite_cafe = input("What is your favourite cafe at SFU?").lower()

    # If starbucks, add 1 to the starbucks tally
    if favourite_cafe == "starbucks":
        starbucks_tally = starbucks_tally + 1

    # Otherwise if renaissance, add 1 to renaissance tally
    elif favourite_cafe == "tim hortons":
        tim_tally = tim_tally + 1

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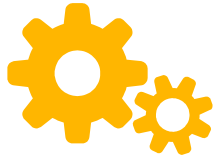
# Print out the number of likes per cafe
print("Starbucks: " + str( starbucks_tally/5*100 ) + "%" )
print("Tim Horton's: " + str( tim_tally/5*100 ) + "%" )
print("Renaissance: " + str( renaissance_tally/5*100 ) + "%" )
```

```
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```

```
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? tim hortons
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? starbucks
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? starbucks
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? renaissance
What is your favourite cafe at SFU? tim hortons
Starbucks: 40.0%
Tim Horton's: 40.0%
Renaissance: 20.0%
```

Multiplying with \*

# Using string formatting



- `str(my_percentage)` converts to a string, but no control of format

```
1 | # Unformatted output
2 | score = 98.52353
3 | print("Score: " + str(score) + "%")
4 | print("Score: {}".format(score))
5 | print(f"Score: {score}%")
```

```
Score: 98.52353%
Score: 98.52353%
Score: 98.52353%
```

- Use `.format()` or f-strings (formatted string literals)

```
1 | # Formatted output
2 | score = 98.52353
3 | print("Score: {:.2f}%".format(score))
4 | print(f"Score: {score:.2f}%")
```

```
Score: 98.52%
Score: 98.52%
```

This says, print out a float with everything before the decimal and 2 places after it.

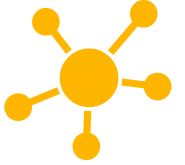


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13 for i in range(5):
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16     Hortons, Renaissance)? ").lower().strip(" .!")
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18     # If they say starbucks, add 1 to the starbucks tally
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20         starbucks_tally += 1
21
22     elif favourite_cafe == "tim hortons":
23         tim_hortons_tally += 1
24
25     elif favourite_cafe == "renaissance":
26         renaissance_tally += 1
27
28 # Prints out the percentage of people who like
29 # Starbucks
30 print("Starbucks: {:.2f}%".format(starbucks_tally/5*100))
31 print("Tim Hortons: {:.2f}%".format(tim_hortons_tally/5*100))
32 print("Renaissance: {:.2f}%".format(renaissance_tally/5*100))
```

```
1. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
2. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
3. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
4. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
5. What's your favourite cafe (Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Renaissance)? starbucks
Starbucks: 100.00%
Tim Hortons: 0.00%
Renaissance: 0.00%
```

This says, print out a float with everything before the decimal and 2 places after it.



# Let's **review** some concepts

How do you translate “do the following things 5 times” into Python?

How would you initialize a variable called “tally” to 0?

How would you add 1 to a variable “tally” that was already initialized to 0?

How do you convert an integer into a string?

What does the following Python code print as the first line?

```
for i in range(10,0,-1):  
    print("{:.2f} dollars".format(i*1/10))
```





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# Question 1

What is the data type of the variable **mystery** and **wonder** in this code?

```
mystery = 0  
wonder = 0.
```

- A. Mystery is an **int**, wonder is an **int**.
- B. Mystery is an **int**, wonder is a **float**.
- C. Mystery is a **float**, wonder is a **float**.
- D. Mystery is an **int**, wonder is a **string**



# Question 2

What is another way to write this line of code?

```
for i in [0, 1, 2]:
```

- A. `i =0, i=1, i=2:`
- B. `for i in range(2):`
- C. `for I in ["0" to "2"]:`
- D. `for i in range(3):`



# Question 3

Will this code run? If not, how can you fix it?

```
score = 10
print("Your score is " + score)
```

- A. `score = 10.0`
- B. `print("Your score is " + "score")`
- C. `print("Your score is " + str(score))`
- D. `print("Your score is " + int(score))`



# Question 4

What is another way to write this code?

```
score = 10.553
print("Your score is {:.1f}".format(score))
```

- A. `print(f"Your score is {score:.1f}")`
- B. `print("Your score is " + score)`
- C. `print("Your score is {:.1f}", score)`
- D. `print("Your score is 10.55")`



# Let's **review** some concepts

What do you need to do to numeric input before performing calculations on it?

What are two data types for numbers? What's the difference?

What function could you use to get the number of elements in a list?

What will this code output?

```
print( 3 / 3)
```

What is wrong with this code fragment?

```
score += 1
```