

Learning Objectives

After completing this unit, you should be able to:

- Explain the difference between an assembler, compiler, and interpreter.
- Name and describe at least six different programming languages.
- Compare and contrast imperative programming with object-oriented.
- Trace the execution of Python if/else statements and while loops.
- Program a Finch robot to move in a specific pattern and change colors.
- Determine the value of logic expressions (using and, or, not) in Python.
- Implement a Python function that computes a mathematical formula.

Textbook Sections

- 6.1 Historical Perspective
- 6.2 Traditional Programming Concepts
- 6.3 Procedural Units

Video Lectures

- More Python
- Grace Hopper on Letterman

Assignments

Act08 Programming Languages; Chapter 6 Problems

Lab08 Finch / Python Tutor; Finch robot dance party

Unit 8 Checklist: Oct 21 – Oct 27

Before Wednesday	Date Completed
FINISH models 1 and 2 of Prog Langs activity	
READ textbook 6.1 Historical Perspective (take notes) ANSWER questions 1 and 2 in your notes	
WATCH video lecture: More Python (take notes)	
READ tutorial: Finch video, docs, examples	
START Lab08: Finch robot dance party	(10 pts)
Before Friday	Date Completed
READ textbook 6.2 Traditional Prog. Concepts (take notes) ANSWER questions 2 and 4 in your notes	
READ textbook 6.3 Procedural Units (take notes) ANSWER questions 1 and 4 in your notes	
DO tutorial: Codecademy (3. Conditionals and Control Flow)	
START Act08 exercises (complete at least 75%)	(15 pts)
Before Monday	Date Completed
COMPARE your Lab08 and Act08 with the solutions in Canvas	
SUBMIT Quiz08 – 1st attempt closed: see what you don't know	
STUDY your notes, ask questions on Piazza, meet with the TAs	
SUBMIT Quiz08 – 2nd attempt open: try to get the full 10 points	(10 pts)
TAKE Exam08	(40 pts)

Activity 8: Programming Languages

Model 1 Low-Level Languages

The following program, shown in three different languages, calculates the sum of numbers from 1 to 10. In other words, it adds $1 + 2 + \dots + 10 = 55$.

Machine Code (1st Generation)	Y86-64 Assembly (2nd Generation)	Standard C (3rd Generation)
0x000: 0x000: 70000100000000000000	.pos 0 code jmp _start	
0x100: 0x100: 0x100: 30f00b0000000000000000 0x10a: 30f3010000000000000000 0x114: 30f1020000000000000000 0x11e: 30f2010000000000000000	.pos 0x100 code _start: irmovq \$0xb, %rax irmovq \$0x1, %rbx irmovq \$0x2, %rcx irmovq \$0x1, %rdx	int main() {
0x128: 2017 0x12a: 6107 0x12c: 73460100000000000000	rrmovq %rcx, %rdi subq %rax, %rdi je done	int upper = 11; int sum = 1; int val = 2;
0x135: 0x135: 6013 0x137: 6021	loop: addq %rcx, %rbx addq %rdx, %rcx	while (val < upper) { sum = sum + val; val++; }
0x139: 2017 0x13b: 6107 0x13d: 74350100000000000000	rrmovq %rcx, %rdi subq %rax, %rdi jne loop	}
0x146: 0x146: 00	done: halt	}

Questions (15 min)

Start time: _____

1. Compare the length of each program. Do not count labels (e.g, 0x000:, .pos 0 code) or punctuation (e.g., {, }).

- How many instructions of machine code?
- How many instructions of assembly code?
- How many non-blank, non-brace lines of C code?

Model 2 High-Level Languages

In addition to adding the numbers from 1 to 10, this program prints (displays) the result on the screen using Standard I/O.

Standard C (3rd Generation)

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int upper = 11;
    int sum = 1;
    int val = 2;

    while (val < upper)
    {
        sum = sum + val;
        val++;
    }

    printf("Sum = %d\n", sum);
}
```

Python (4th Generation)

```
upper = 11
isum = 1
val = 2

while val < upper:
    isum = isum + val
    val = val + 1

print("Sum = " + str(isum))
```

Questions (10 min)

Start time: _____

8. Compare the C code with the Python code.
 - a) Circle the lines of C code that were not present in Model 1.
 - b) Which lines of C are not present (i.e., needed) in Python?
 - c) What punctuation used in C is not required in Python?
9. Without using braces, how does Python know which lines are part of the `while` loop?
10. Why does Python use the name `isum` instead of `sum`? Hint: type `sum` into a Python shell.

11. In Python, the `range` function can be used to generate a sequence of numbers. Use a Python shell to answer this question.

a) What is the result of `list(range(5))`?

b) What is the result of `str(range(5))`? `'[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]'`

c) What do the `list` and `str` functions do?

d) What is the result of `sum(range(5))`?

e) What does the `sum` function do?

12. Rewrite the entire program of Model 2 using one line of Python code. Hint: you'll need to use `print`, `str`, `sum`, and `range`.

13. Based on Model 1 and Model 2, what does it mean to be low-level vs high-level?

Chapter 6: Programming Languages

Answer the following questions using the textbook, your individual notes, and the Internet.

1. What is the difference between an *assembler*, a *compiler*, and an *interpreter*?

2. What is the difference between *declarative* statements, *imperative* statements, and *comments*? Why do programming languages need all three?

3. Draw parentheses to show operator precedence. What is the value of number?

```
number = 1 + 2 * 3 - 4 / 5 + 6 * 7 - 8 / 9
```

4. Rewrite the following instructions in Python using a single if-else statement.

```
if (X = 5) goto 50
goto 60
50 print the value of Z
   goto 100
60 print the value of Y
100 . . .
```

5. Why is the “goto” statement no longer popular in high-level programming languages?

6. Label and describe each component of the Finch robot in the diagram below:



7. Explain what each of the following lines of code does:

a) `finch.wheels(1.0, -1.0)`

b) `finch.led(0, 255, 0)`

c) `finch.buzzer(0.5, 440)`

8. What does a Finch robot have to do with object-oriented programming? What “data” does a finch object contain?