

# As you walk in

Quiz will start at the beginning of lecture

- Have pencil/pen ready
- Don't use your own scratch paper
  - We have some if you need it
- Silence phones



# Hack 112!

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1A9BywiD4LPc4AnW9q7FYmk4f\\_l18MCfo\\_Zg7hcot6zo/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1A9BywiD4LPc4AnW9q7FYmk4f_l18MCfo_Zg7hcot6zo/edit?usp=drivesdk)

# Quiz

## Before we start

- Don't open until we start
- Make sure your name and Andrew ID are on the front
- Read instruction page
- No questions (unless clarification on English)

## Additional info

- 20 min



15-112  
Lecture 2

Week 9 Tue  
Recursion

Instructor: Pat Virtue

# Announcements

Hack 112!

HW9

OH this weekend

- Heads up! Staff will be split between HW9 and Hack 112

TP ideation meetings

TP Mini-Lectures this week

- Must attend at least one

# Recursion in the Wild



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## CMU 15-112, Fall 2022

Fundamentals of Programming and  
Carnegie Mellon University

## Overview

**Units** 12

**Department** [Computer Science](#)

**Prerequisites** None

**Textbook** None. Course notes included on course website.

**Description** A technical introduction to the fundamentals of programming with an emphasis on producing clear, robust, and reasonably efficient code using top-down design, informal analysis, and effective testing and debugging. Starting from first principles, we will cover a large subset of the Python programming language, including its standard libraries and programming paradigms.

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  <div id="overview">

    <h1>Overview</h1>

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        <div class="form-group">
          <label class="col-sm-2 control-label">Units</label>
          <div class="col-sm-10">
            <p class="form-control-static">12</p>
          </div>
        </div>
        <div class="form-group">
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          <div class="col-sm-10">
            <p class="form-control-static">
              <a href="http://www.csd.cs.cmu.edu/" target="_blank">Computer Science</a>
            </p>
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          <label class="col-sm-2 control-label">Textbook</label>
          <div class="col-sm-10">
            <p class="form-control-static">None. Course notes included on course website.</p>
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              on producing clear, robust, and reasonably efficient code using top-down
              design, informal analysis, and effective testing and debugging. Starting
              from first principles, we will cover a large subset of the Python
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              paradigms.
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```

# Fractals

## Mandelbrot set



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1pwtSBTnPU>

# Fractals

## Koch curve

# General Recursive Form

```
def recursiveFunction():  
    if (this is the base case):  
        do something non-recursive  
    else:  
        do something recursive
```

# Recursive thinking (and recursive functions)

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Count digits??

```
def countDigits(number):
```

# Recursive thinking (and recursive functions)

Word search??

```
def wordSearch(board, word):  
    (rows, cols) = (len(board), len(board[0]))  
    for row in range(rows):  
        for col in range(cols):  
            result = wordSearchFromCell(board, word, row, col)  
            if (result != None):  
                return result  
    return None
```

# Recursion Example

- Recursive case
- Base case
- Recursion errors
- Call Stack
- Visualizing recursion
- Debugging recursion



# Poll 1

Which is the best base case

- A.     if n == 0  
          return 0
- B.     if n == 0  
          return 1
- C.     if n == 1  
          return 0
- D.     if n == 1  
          return 1
- E.     if n == 2  
          return 3