Lecture 7

Memory in Python

Announcements For This Lecture

Readings

- Reread Chapter 3
- No reading for Thursday

Lab

- Work on Assignment 1
  - Credit when submit A1
  - Nothing else to do

Assignment 1

- Moved to Fri, Sep. 19
  - Worried if I push to Sun., people will start too late
  - Resubmit until **Sep. 28**
- Posted a **Survey** in CMS
  - Questions on A1
  - Fill it out when done

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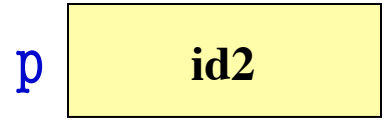

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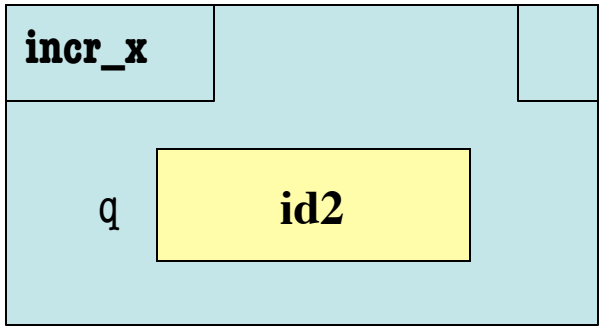

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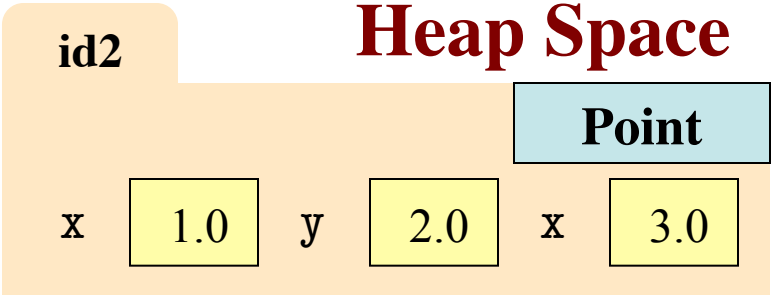

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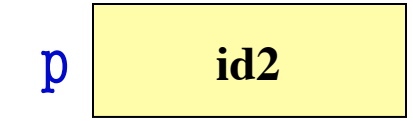

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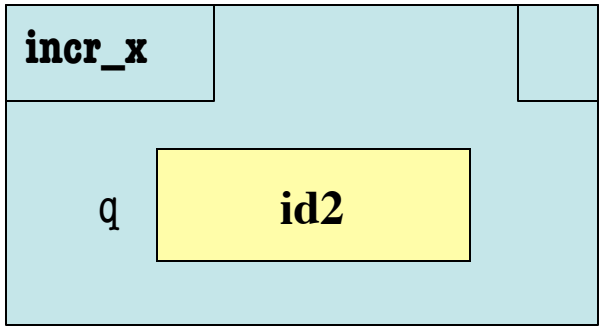

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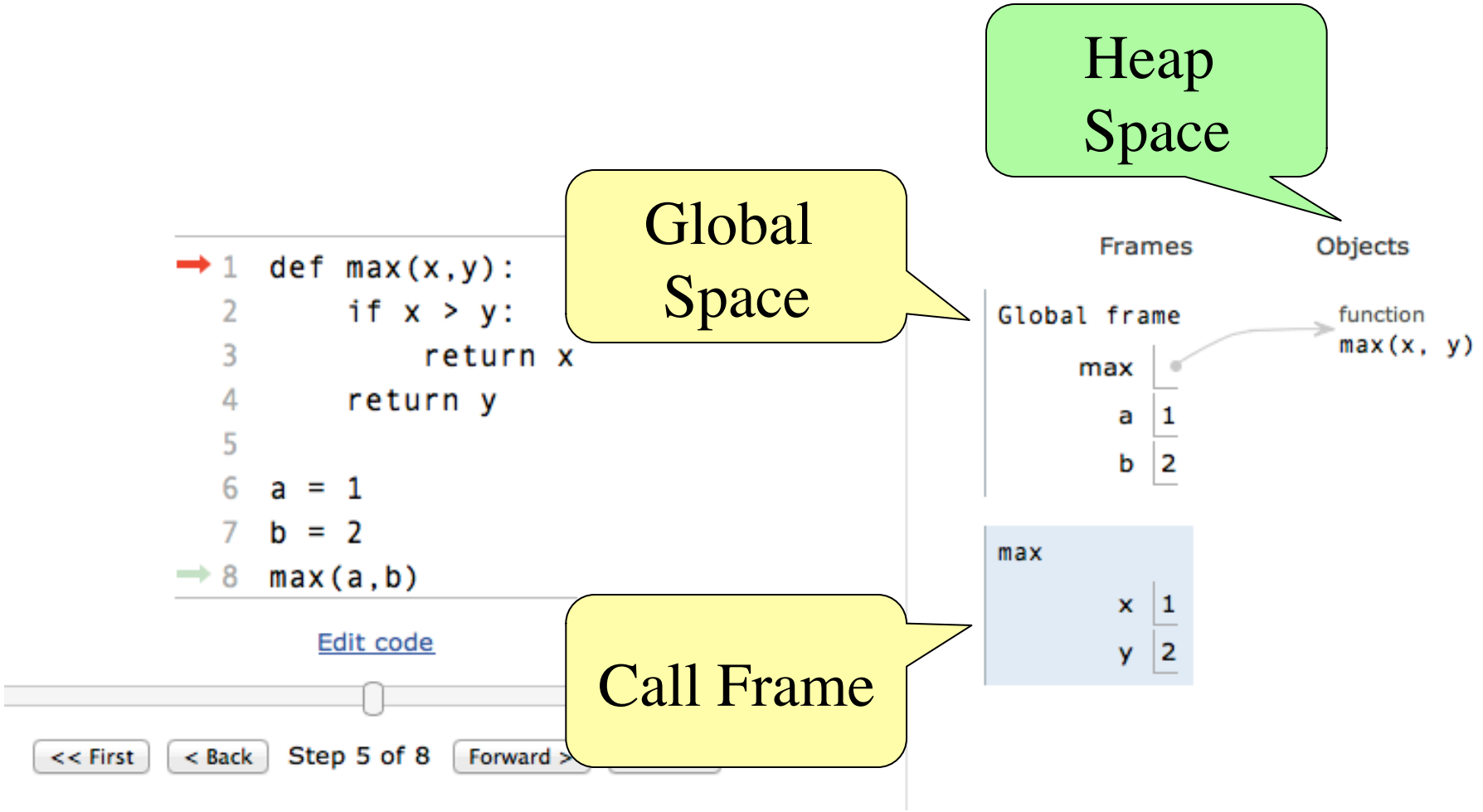

Functions and Global Space

- A function definition…
  - Creates a global variable (same name as function)
  - Creates a **folder** for body
  - Puts folder id in variable
- Variable vs. Call

```
>>> to_centigrade
<fun to_centigrade at 0x100498de8>
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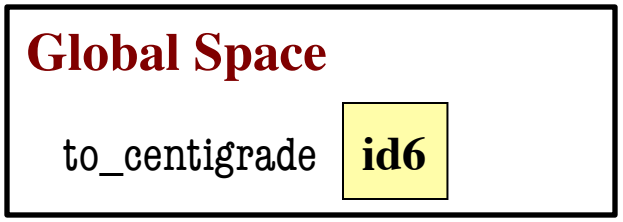
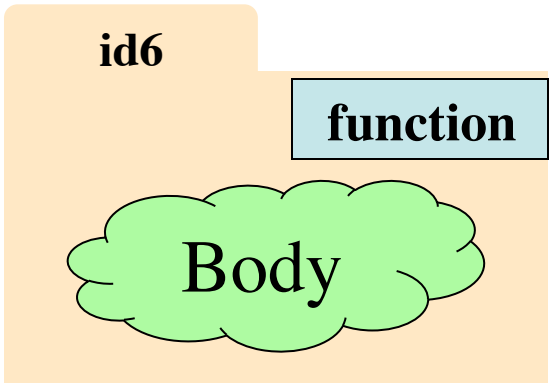
Body

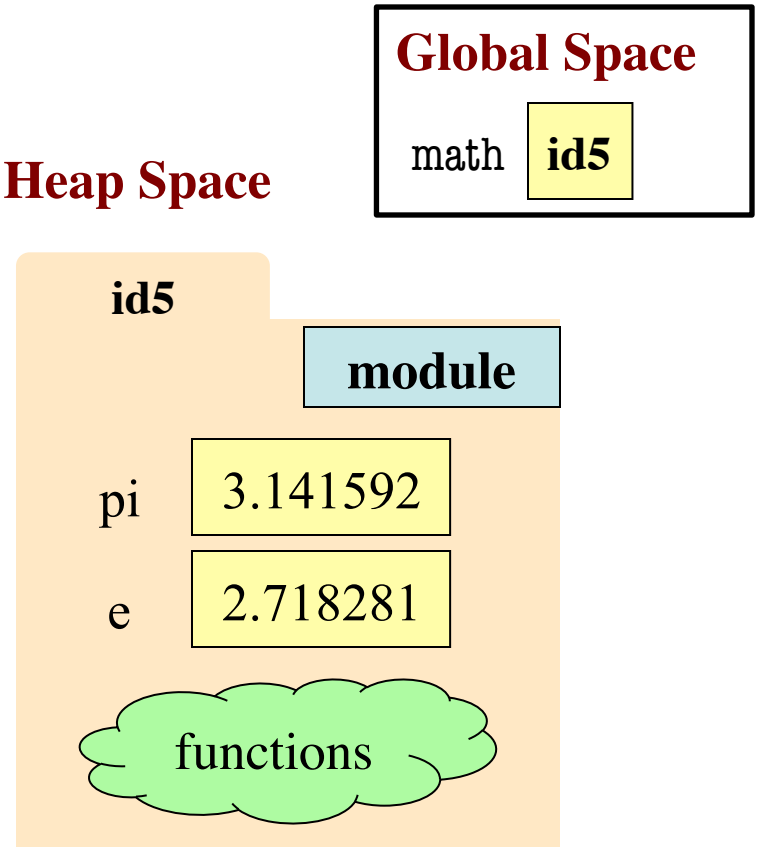




Modules and Global Space

- Importing a module:
  - Creates a global variable (same name as module)
  - Puts contents in a **folder**
    - Module variables
    - Module functions
  - Puts folder id in variable
- **from** keyword dumps contents to global space

```
import math
```



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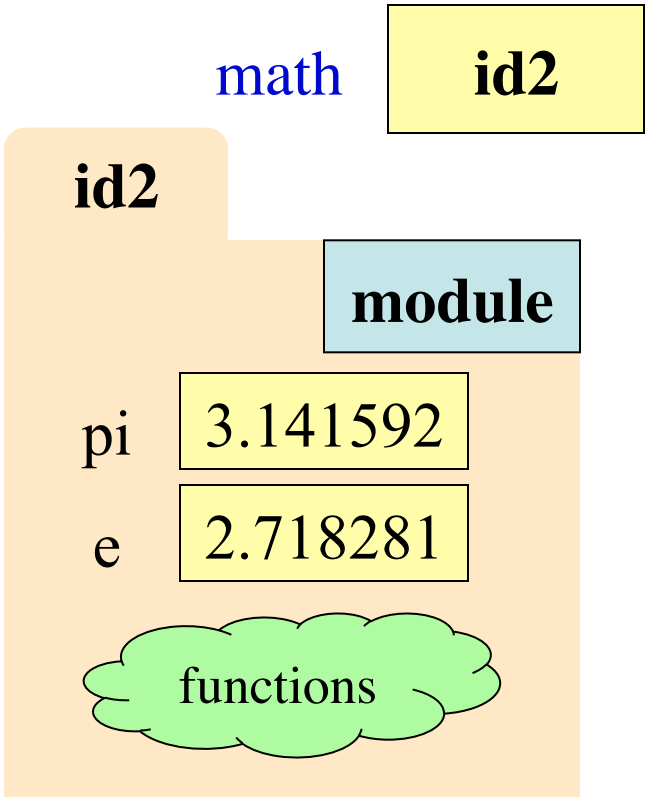

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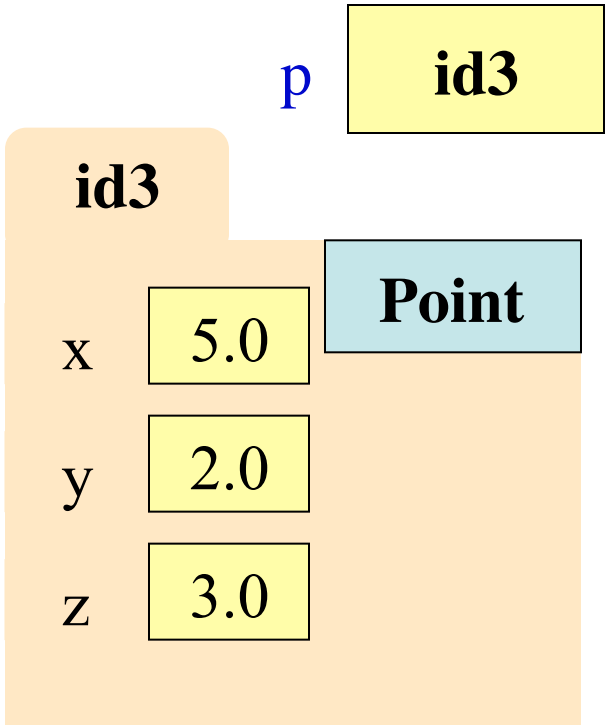

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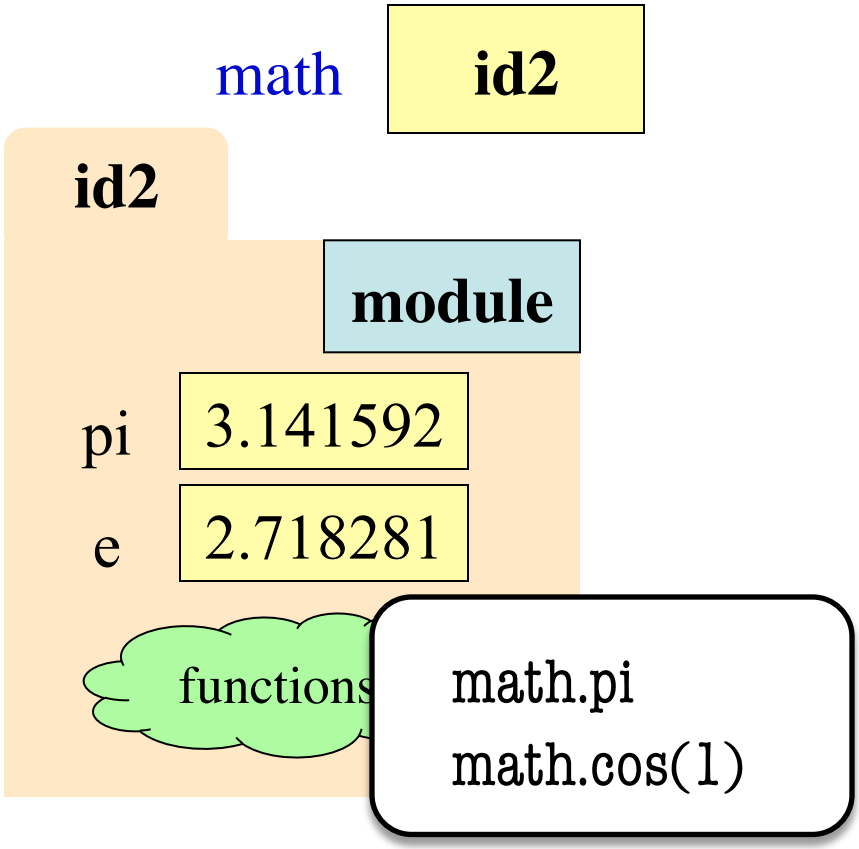

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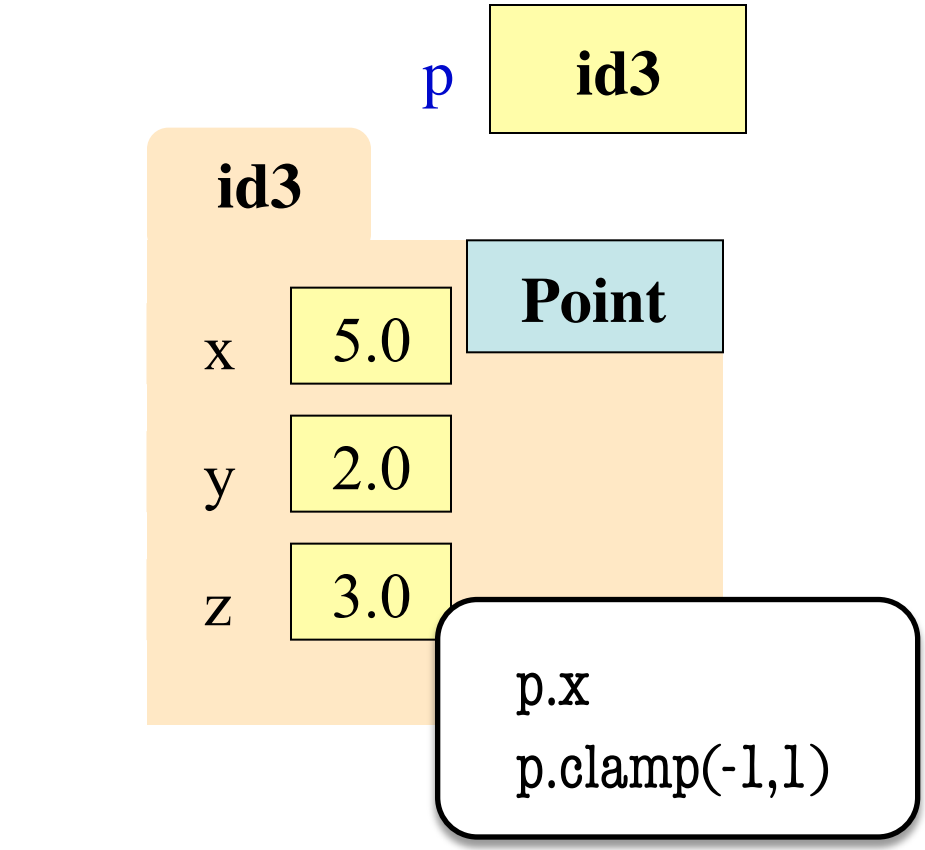

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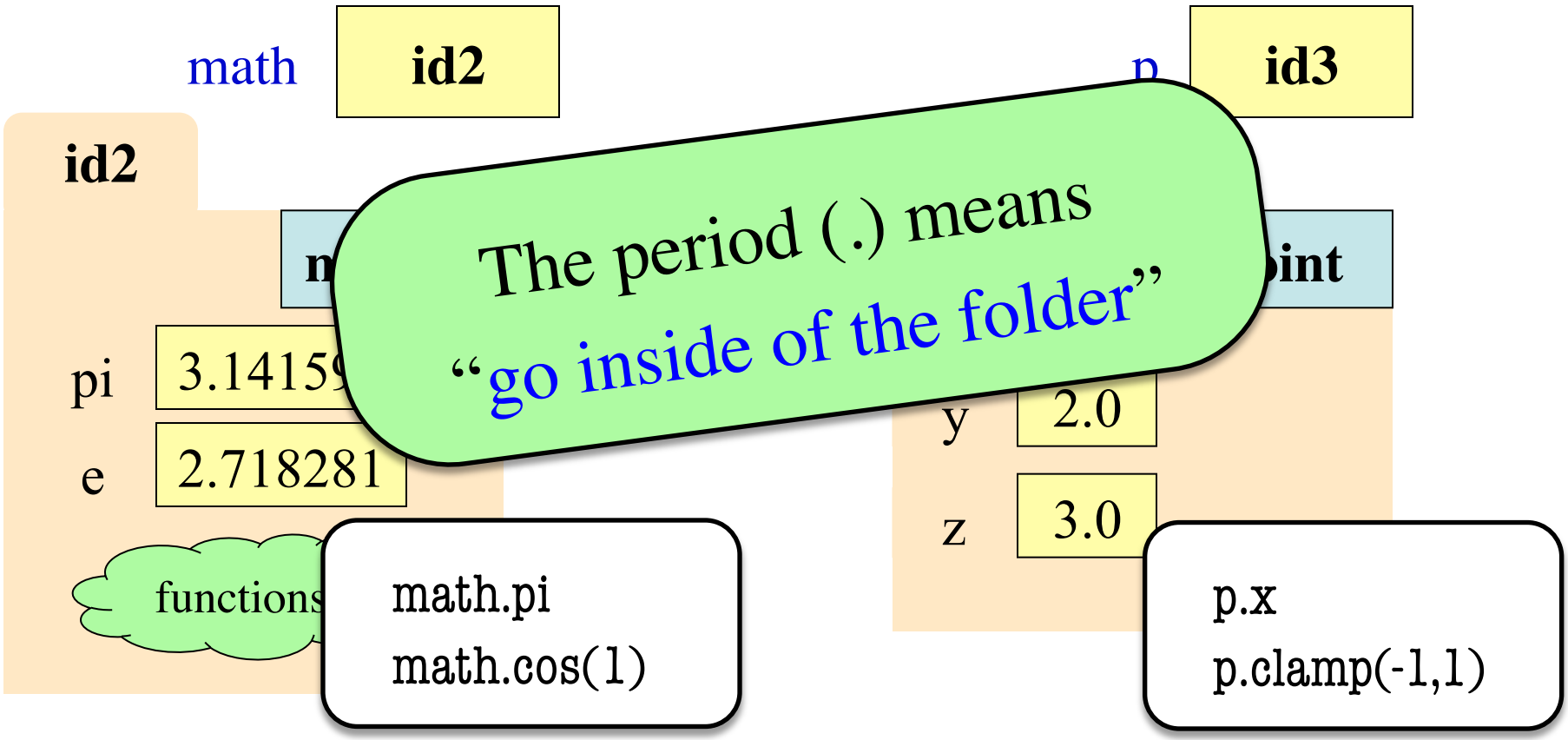
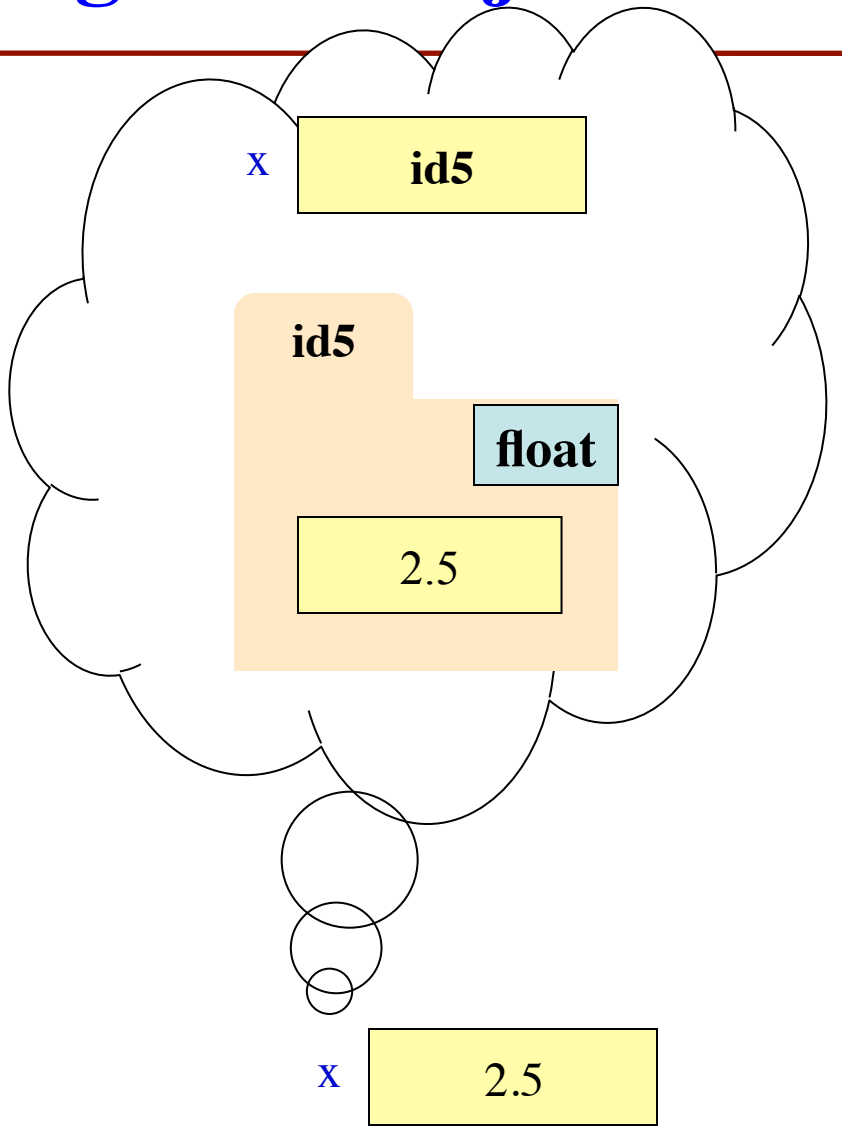


Recall: Everything is an Object!

- Including *basic values*
  - int, float, bool, str
- **Example**:

  >>> x = 2.5

  >>> id(x)
- But basics are *immutable*
  - Contents cannot change
  - Distinction between *value* and *identity* is immaterial
  - So we can ignore the folder



When Do We Need to Draw a Folder?

Yes

- Variable holds a
  - function
  - module
  - object
  - (more????)

No

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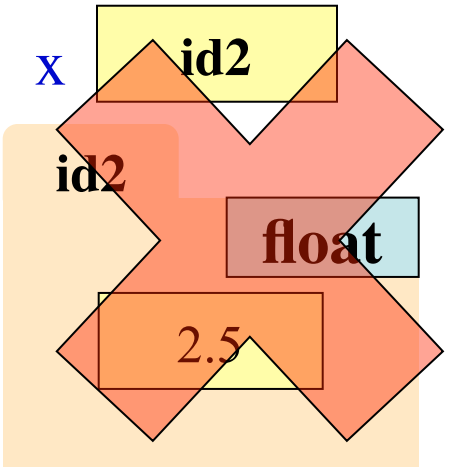
  - base type
  - bool, int, float, str



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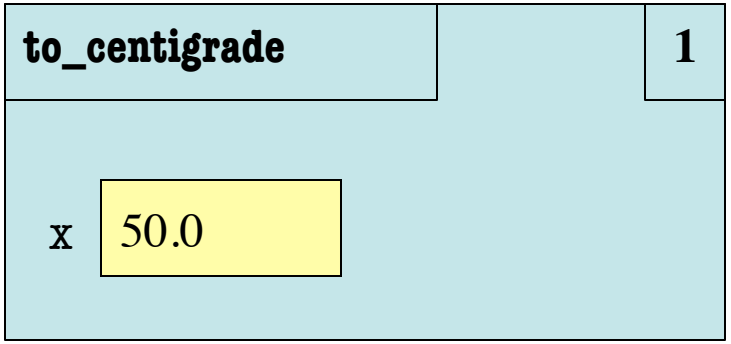

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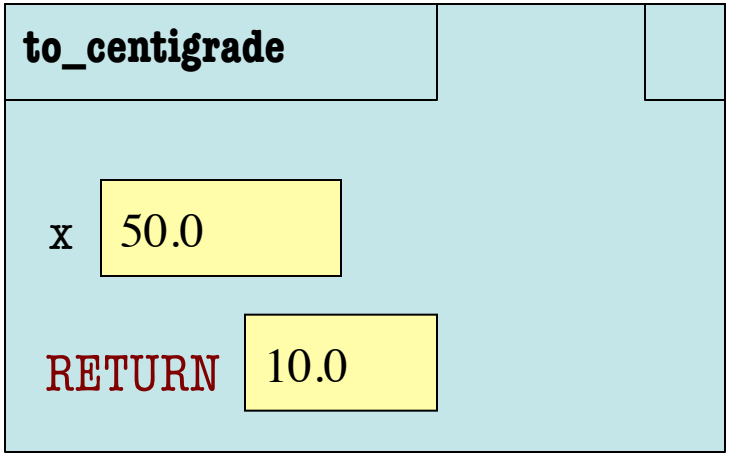

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But don't actually erase on an exam

Aside: What Happens Each Frame Step?

- The instruction counter **always** changes
- The contents only **change** if
  - You add a new variable
  - You change an existing variable
  - You delete a variable
- If a variable refers to a **mutable object**
  - The contents of the folder might change

Call Frames vs. Global Variables

- This does not work:

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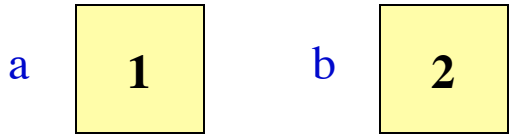

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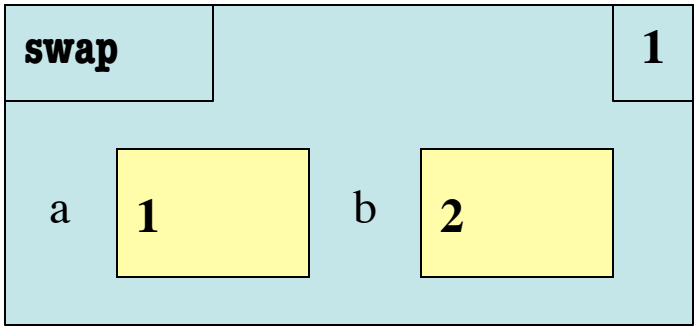

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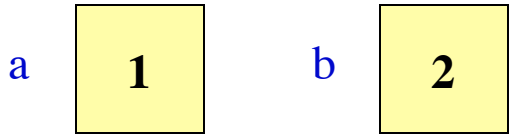

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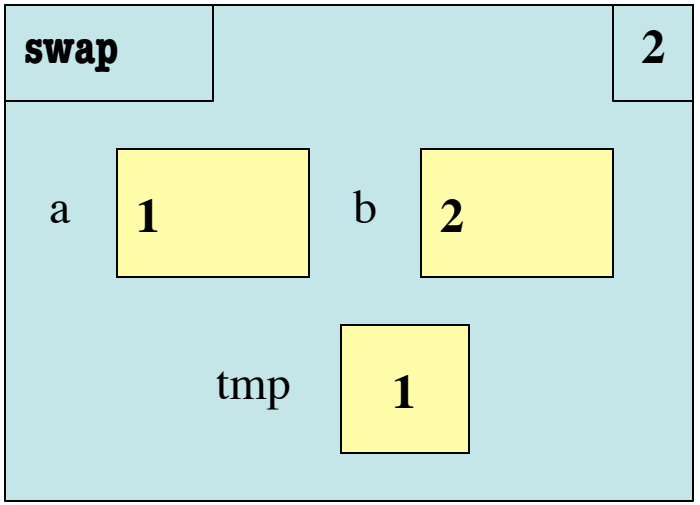

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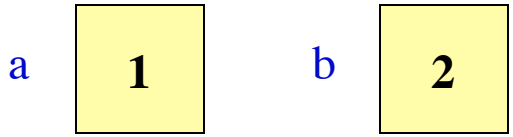

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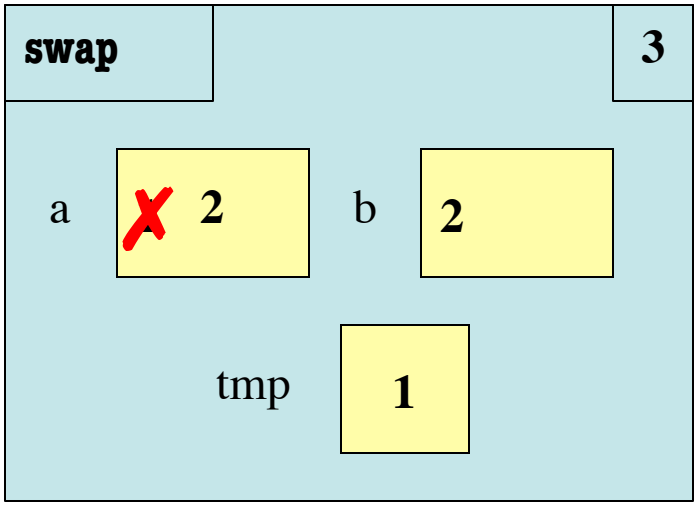

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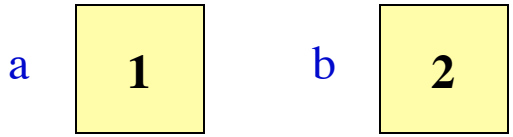

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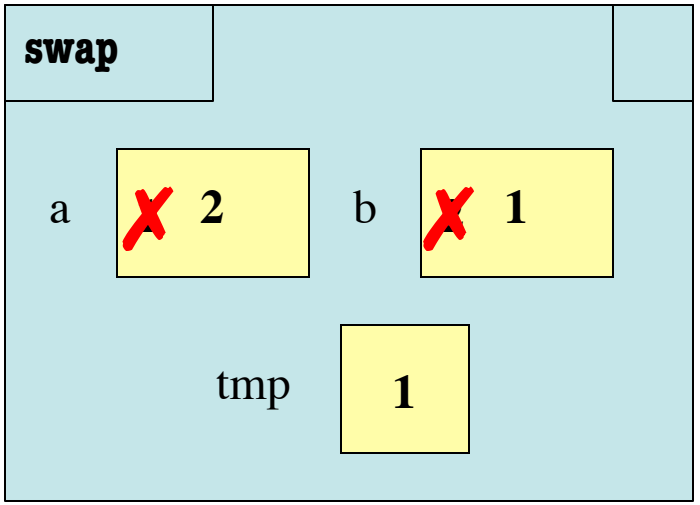

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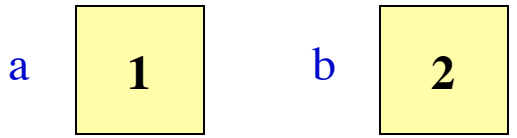

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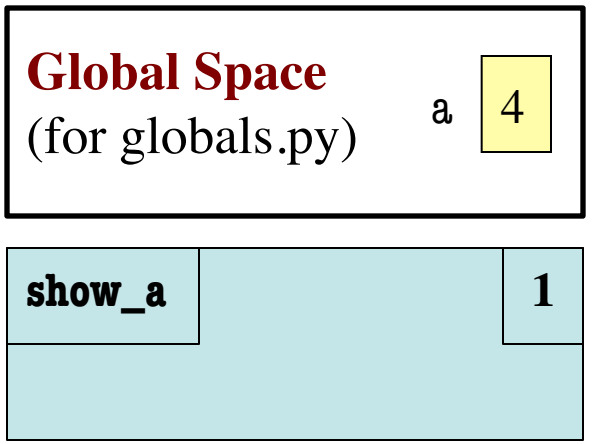


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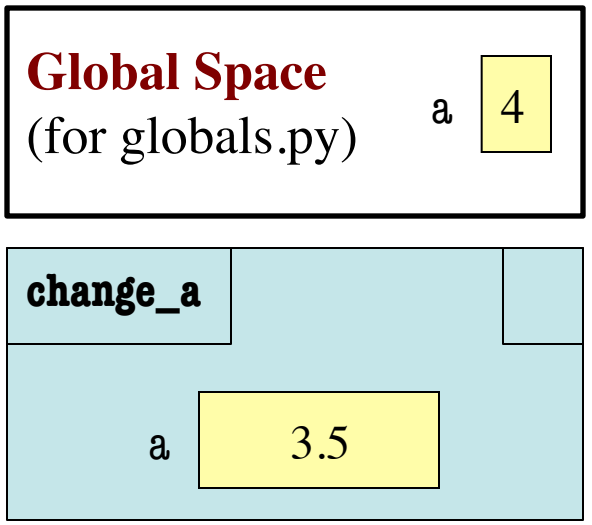


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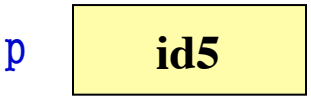

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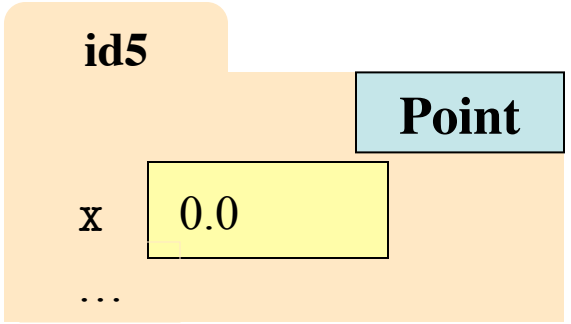

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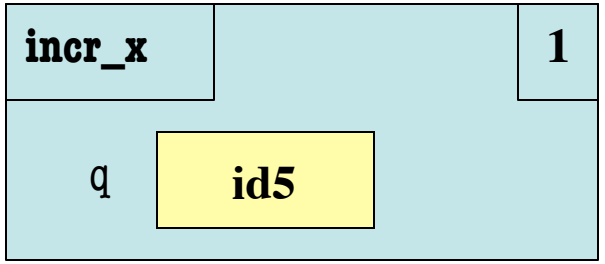

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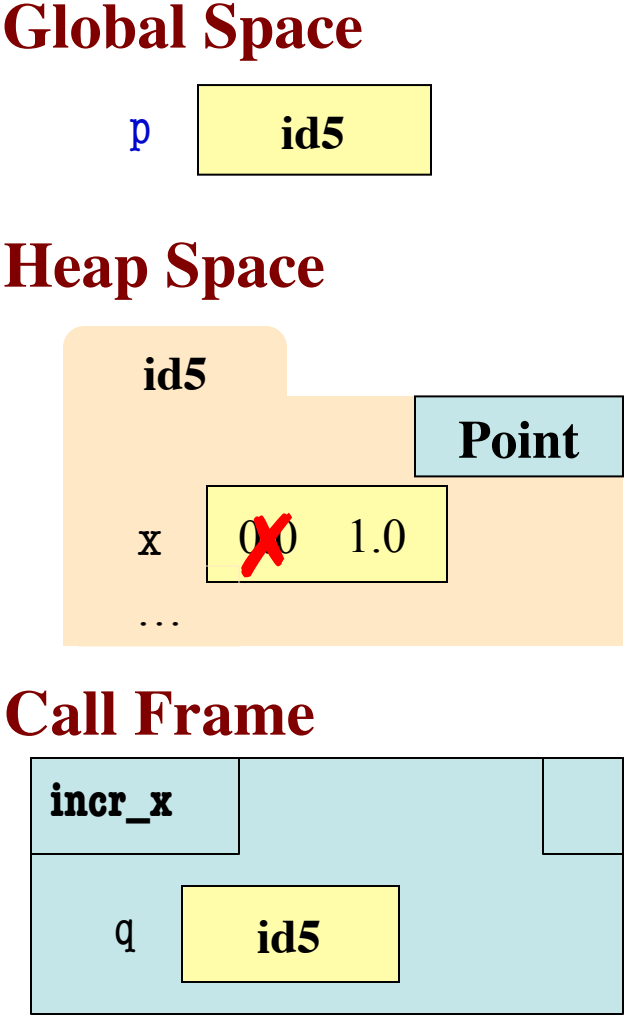

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