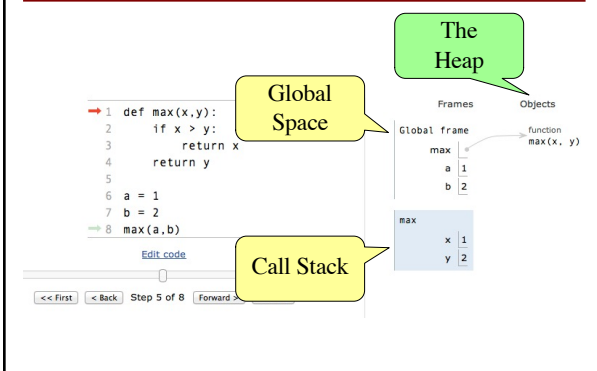


The Three “Areas” of Memory



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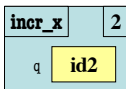
Global Space

- This is the **area you “start with”**
 - First memory area you learned to visualize
 - A place to store “global variables”
 - Lasts until you quit Python
- What are **global variables**?
 - Any assignment not in a function definition**
 - Also **modules & functions!**
 - Will see more on this in a bit

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The Call Stack

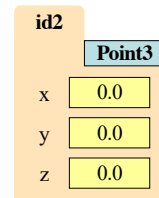
- The area **where call frames live**
 - Call frames are created on a function call
 - May be several frames (functions call functions)
 - Each frame deleted as the call completes
- Area of volatile, temporary memory
 - Less permanent than global space
 - Think of as “scratch” space
- Primary focus of Assignment 2



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Heap Space or “The Heap”

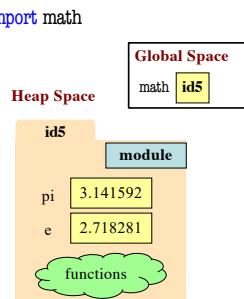
- Where the “folders” live**
 - Stores *only* folders
- Can only **access indirectly**
 - Must have a variable with identifier
 - Can be in global space, call stack
- MUST have variable with id**
 - If no variable has id, it is *forgotten*
 - Disappears in Tutor immediately
 - But not necessarily in practice
 - Role of the *garbage collector*



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Modules and Global Space

- Importing a module: `import math`
 - 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

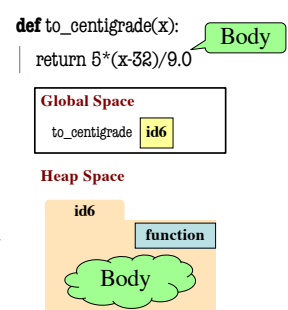


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Functions and Global Space

- 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>
>>> to_centigrade (32)
0.0
```

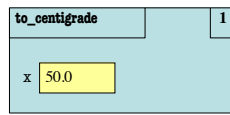


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Recall: Call Frames

1. Draw a frame for the call
2. Assign the argument value to the parameter (in frame)
3. Execute the function body
 - Look for variables in the frame
 - If not there, look for global variables with that name
4. Erase the frame for the call

Call: to_centigrade(50.0)



What is happening here?

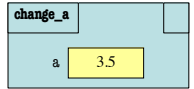
```
def to_centigrade(x):
    return 5*(x-32)/9.0
```

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Function Access to Global Space

- All function definitions are in some module
- Call can access global space for **that module**
 - math.cos: global for math
 - temperature.to_centigrade uses global for temperature
- But **cannot** change values
 - Makes a *new local variable*!
 - Why we limit to constants

Global Space
(for globals.py) a 4



```
# globals.py
"""Show how globals work"""
a = 4 # global space

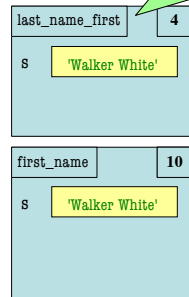
def change_a():
    a = 3.5 # local variable
```

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Frames and Helper Functions

1. def last_name_first(s):
2. """Precond: s in the form 'first-name last-name' """
3. 'first-name last-name' """
4. first = first_name(s)
5. last = last_name(s)
6. return last + ', ' + first
- 7.
8. def first_name(s):
9. """Precond: see above"""
10. end = s.find(' ')
11. return s[0:end]

Call: last_name_first('Walker White')

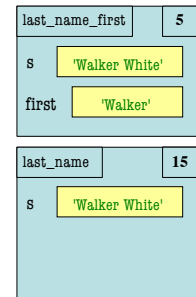


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15. end = s.rfind(' ')
16. return s[end+1:]

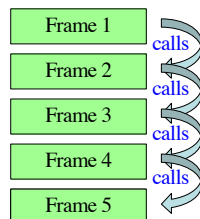
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The Call Stack

- Functions are **stacked**
 - Cannot remove one above w/o removing one below
 - Sometimes draw bottom up (better fits the metaphor)
- Stack represents memory as a **high water mark**
 - Must have enough to keep the **entire stack in memory**
 - Error if cannot hold stack



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Anglicize Example



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