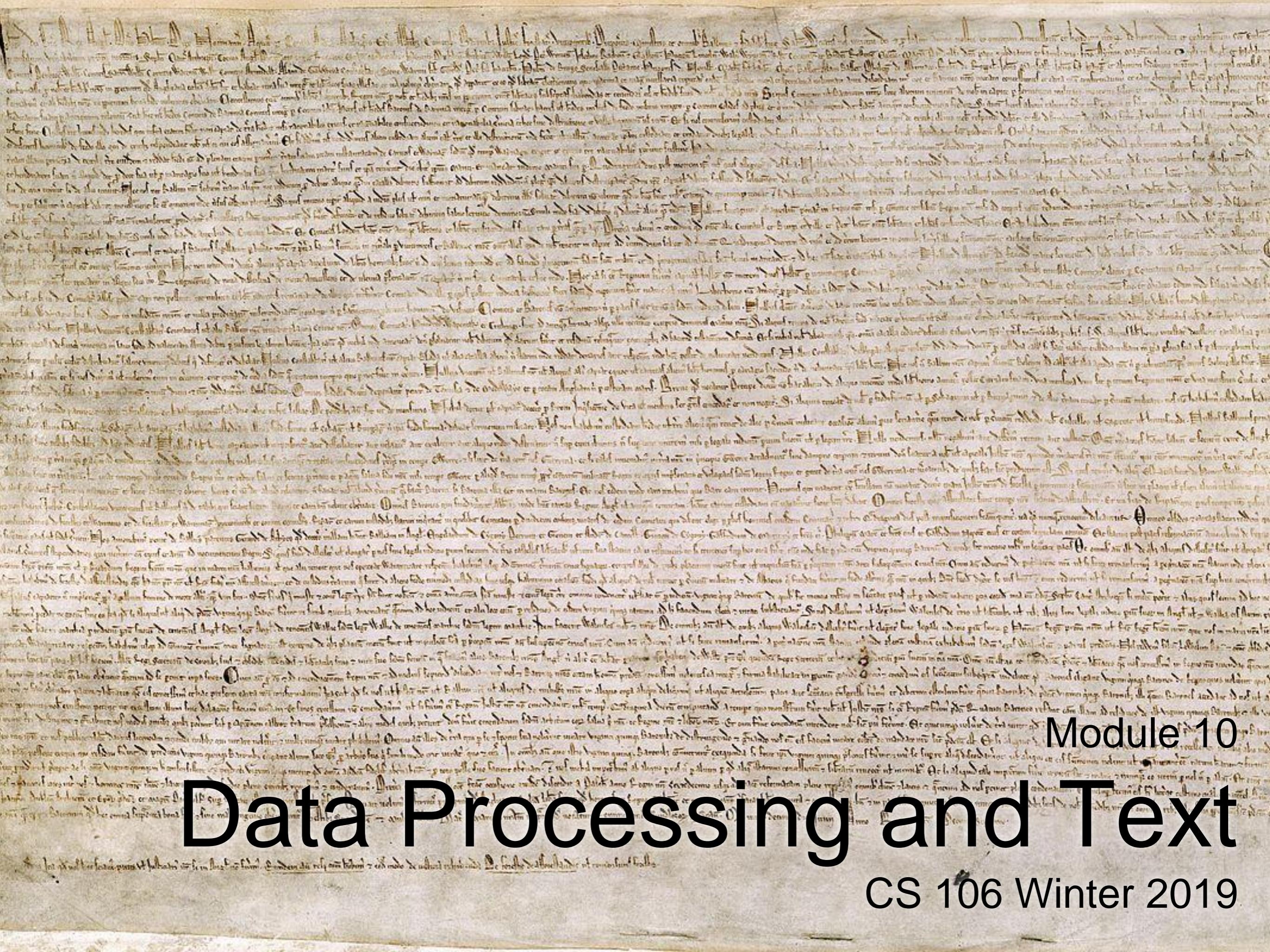


# Data Processing and Text

CS 106 Winter 2019







# Data challenges

- Creating it
- Storing it
- Moving it around
- Keeping it private

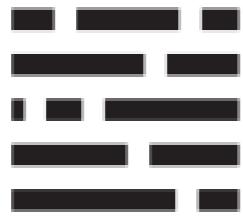
# Data challenges

- Creating it
- Storing it
- Moving it around
- Keeping it private
- **Making sense of it**

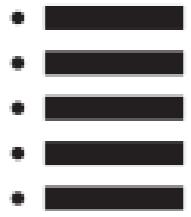
# The shape of data

How is your information organized? How do the parts relate to each other?

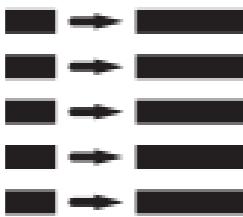
These questions profoundly affect the tools you use and the code you write.



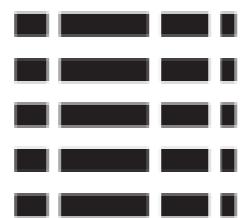
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**Sequence**



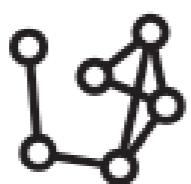
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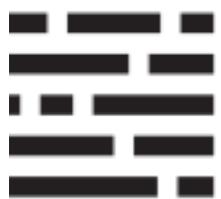
**Table**



**Tree**



**Graph**



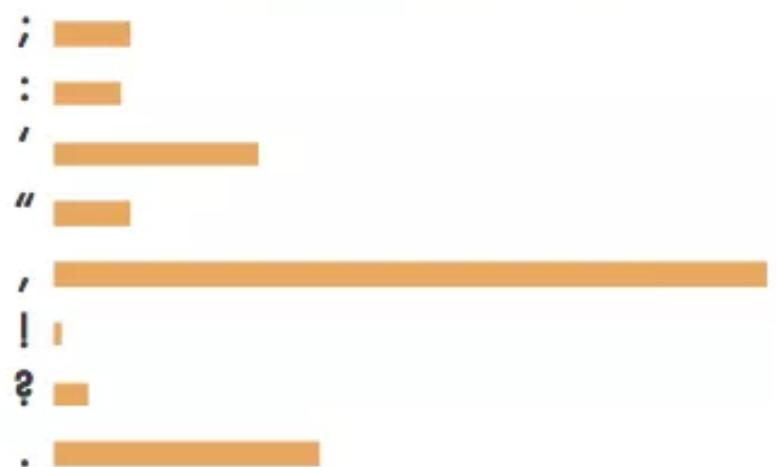
# Raw text

Call me Ishmael. Some years ago—never mind how long precisely—having little or no money in my purse, and nothing particular to interest me on shore, I thought I would sail about a little and see the watery part of the world. It is a way I have of driving off the spleen and regulating the circulation. Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth; whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul; whenever I find myself involuntarily pausing before coffin warehouses, and bringing up the rear of every funeral I meet; and especially whenever my hypos get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principle to prevent me from deliberately stepping into the street, and methodically knocking people's hats off—then, I account it high time to get to sea as soon as I can. This is my substitute for pistol and ball. With a philosophical flourish Cato throws himself upon his sword; I quietly take to the

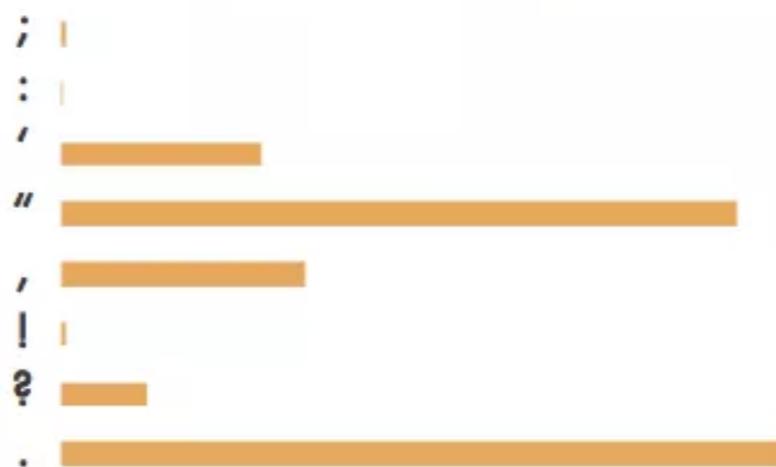
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# Faulkner

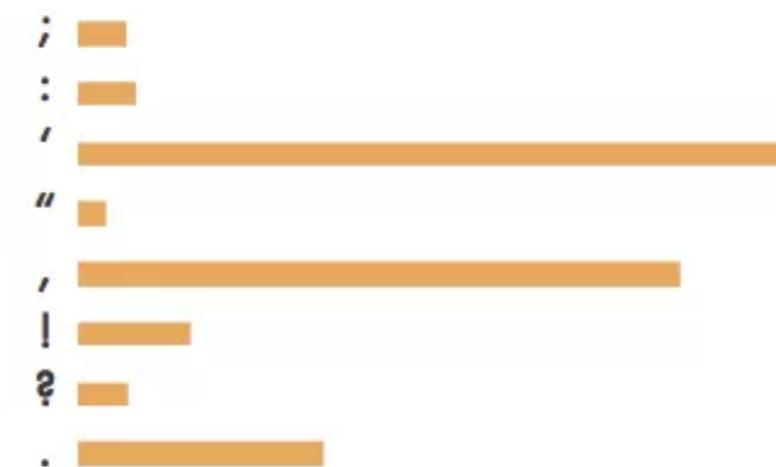
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### *A Farewell To Arms*



### *Alice in Wonderland*



### *Blood Meridian*



### *Frankenstein*



### *Great Expectations*



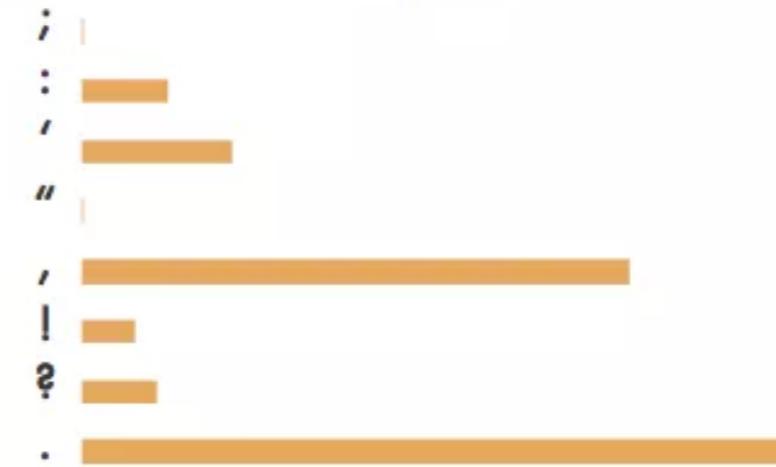
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### *Pride and Prejudice*



### *Ulysses*



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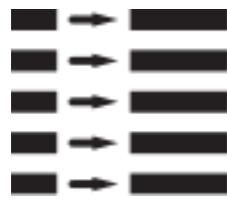
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# Dictionary

Associate a set of *keys* with a set of *values*. Ask for the value associated with any key without examining every other key/value pair.

1896	Athens, Greece	1968	Mexico City, Mexico
1900	Paris, France	1972	Munich, West Germany
1904	St. Louis, United States	1976	Montréal, Canada
1908	London, United Kingdom	1980	Moscow, Soviet Union
1912	Stockholm, Sweden	1984	Los Angeles, United States
1920	Antwerp, Belgium	1988	Seoul, South Korea
1924	Paris, France	1992	Barcelona, Spain
1928	Amsterdam, Netherlands	1996	Atlanta, United States
1932	Los Angeles, United States	2000	Sydney, Australia
1936	Berlin, Germany	2004	Athens, Greece
1948	London, United Kingdom	2008	Beijing, China
1952	Helsinki, Finland	2012	London, United Kingdom
1956	Melbourne, Australia	2016	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1960	Rome, Italy	2020	Tokyo, Japan
1964	Tokyo, Japan		

## Discover Weekly



Your weekly mixtape of fresh music. Enjoy new discoveries and deep cuts chosen just for you. Updated every Monday, so save your favourites!

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# Table

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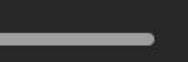
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+ Death Is A Girl	Mini Mansions	The Great Pretend	11 hours ago	4:36
+ Jumbo	Underworld	Beaucoup Fish	11 hours ago	6:58
+ Bug Powder Dust	The Mysterons	Meandering	11 hours ago	4:27
+ ...To Have No Answer	Flock of Dimes	If You See Me, Sa...	11 hours ago	3:49
+ I'll Cut You Down	Uncle Acid & The... The Eye Of Time	Blood Lust Myth I: A Last Da...	11 hours ago	5:02
+ L'enfer ce n'est pas les autres c'est moi	The Eye Of Time	Myth I: A Last Da...	11 hours ago	5:46
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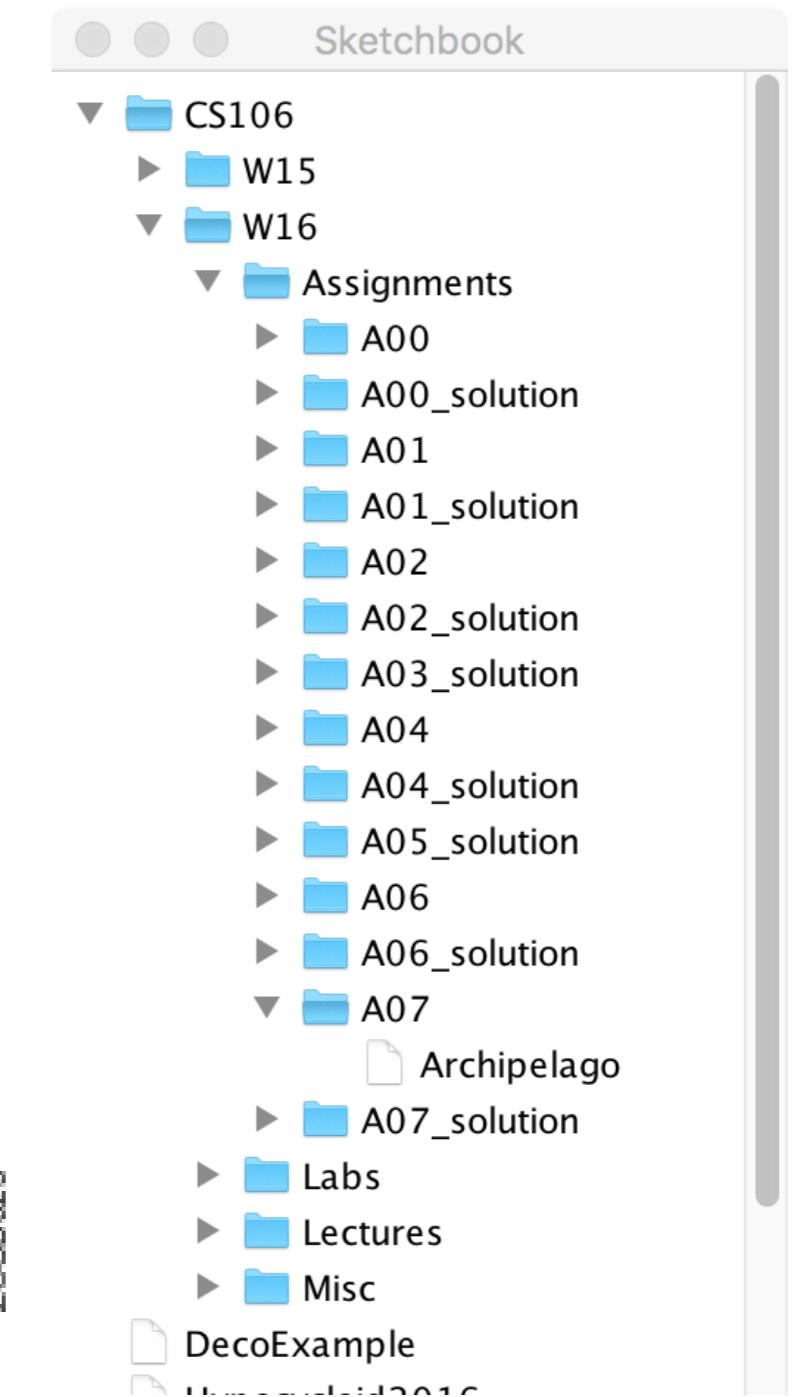
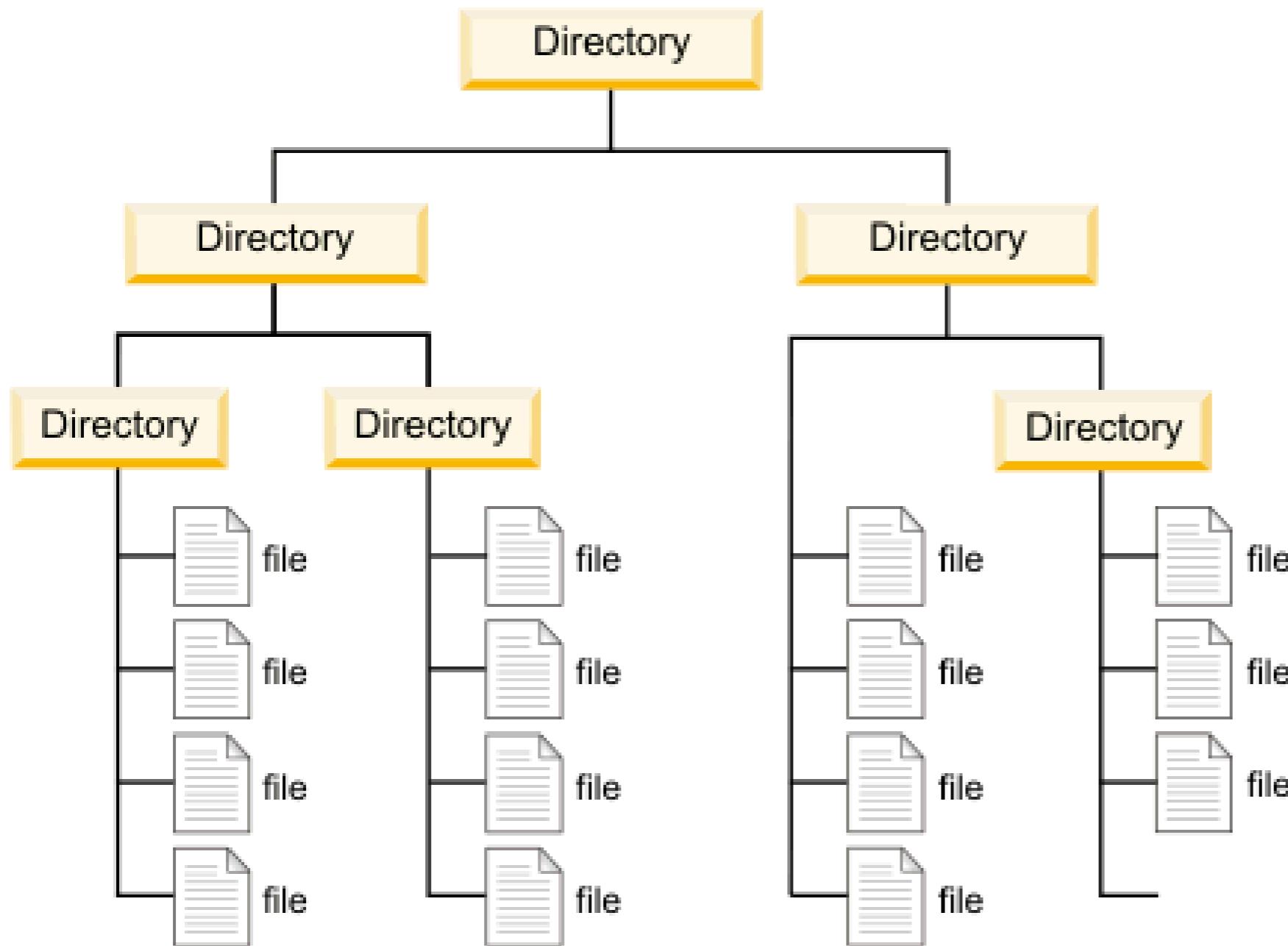
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Files  
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beginRecord()  
createOutput()  
createWriter()  
endRaw()  
endRecord()  
PrintWriter  
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saveJSONArray()  
saveJSONObject()  
saveStream()

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saveTable()  
saveXML()  
selectOutput()

## Transform

applyMatrix()  
popMatrix()  
printMatrix()  
pushMatrix()  
resetMatrix()  
rotate()  
rotateX()  
rotateY()  
rotateZ()  
scale()  
shearX()  
shearY()  
translate()

Calculation  
abs()  
ceil()  
constrain()  
dist()  
exp()  
floor()  
lerp()  
log()  
mag()  
map()  
max()  
min()  
norm()  
pow()  
round()  
sq()  
sqrt()

## Trigonometry

acos()  
asin()  
atan()  
atan2()  
cos()  
degrees()  
radians()  
sin()  
tan()

## Random

noise()  
noiseDetail()  
noiseSeed()  
random()  
randomGaussian()  
randomSeed()

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```

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html.js.no-touch body#language

Styles Event Listeners DOM Breakpoints Properties

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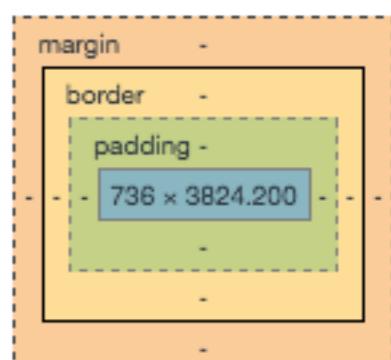
```
element.style {
```

body { style.css:60

```
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padding: 0;
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background-color: #ddd;
font-family: 'theSerif', 'Enriqueta',
            georgia, times, serif;
-webkit-font-smoothing: antialiased;
-webkit-text-size-adjust: none;
font-size: 100%;
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font-weight: normal;
line-height: 1.5em;
color: #252525;
```

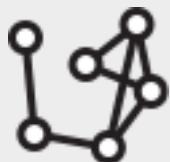
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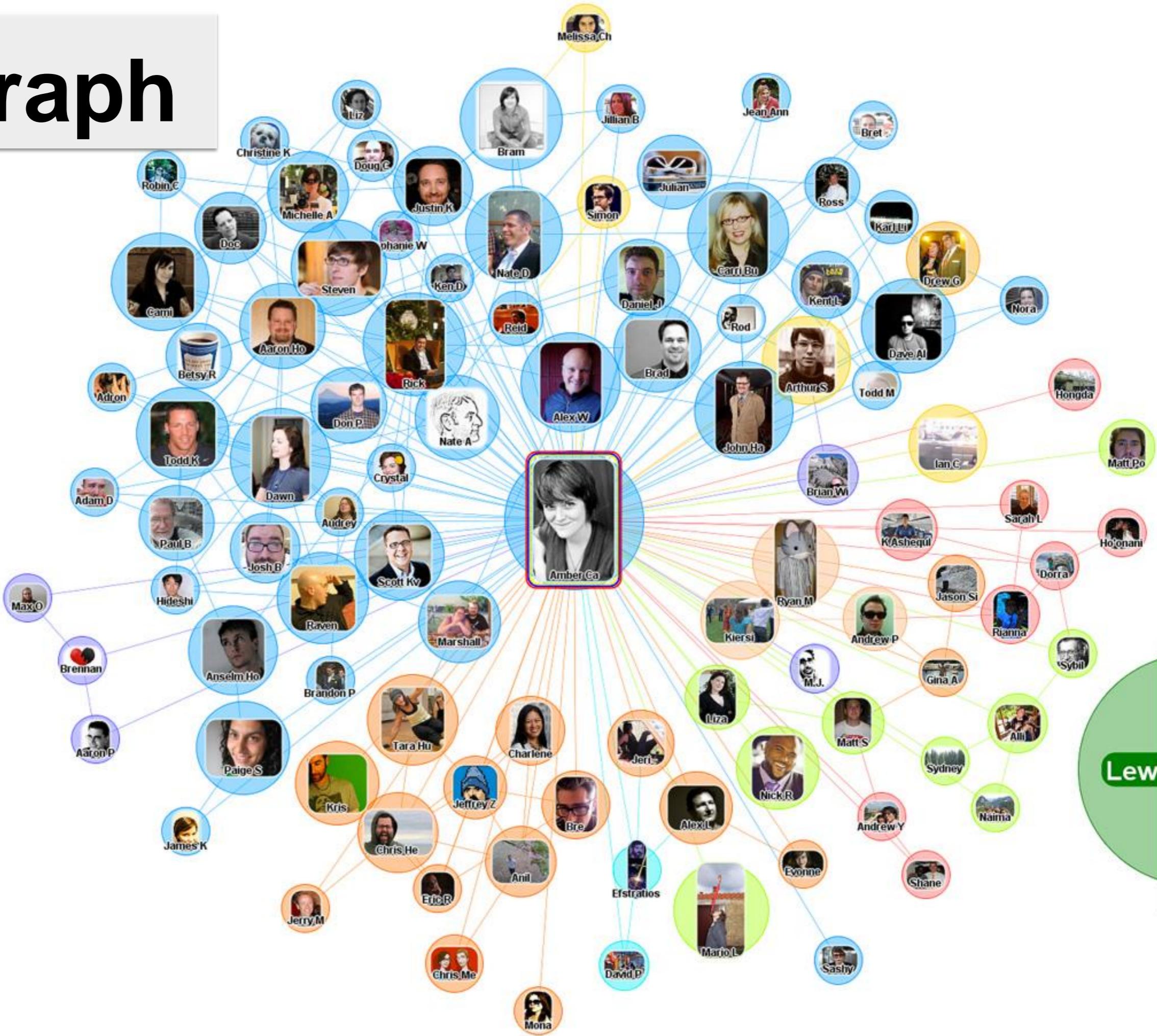


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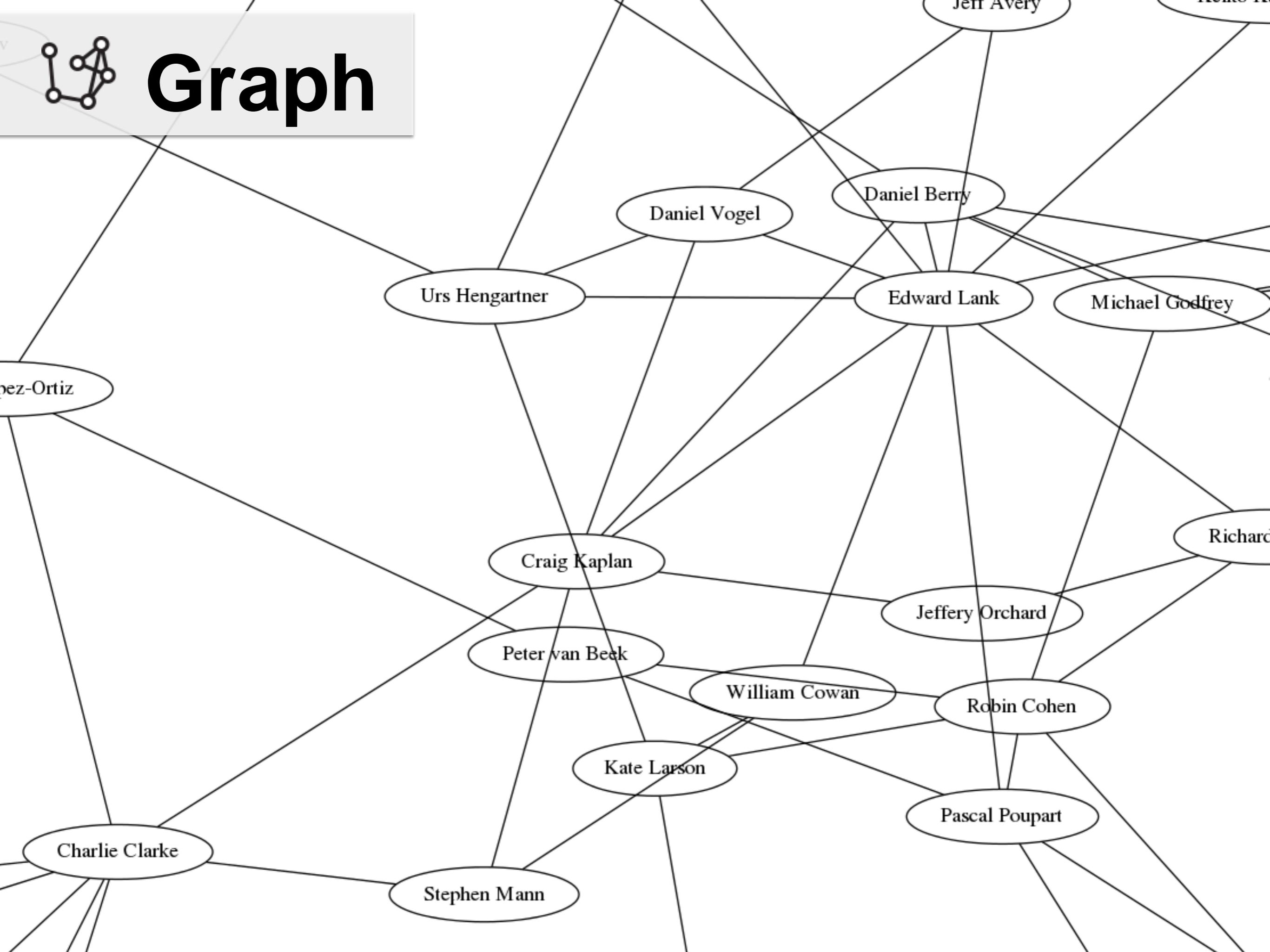


# Graph





# Graph



# Raw Text

- Web pages are raw text
  - index.html is a web page
  - index.html is raw text
- Let's create an eReader on a web page
  - Read in text files
  - Display on index.html as raw text

# HTML

## <div> </div>

- The <div> tag defines a division or a section in an HTML document.
- The <div> element is often used as a container for other HTML elements to style them with CSS or to perform certain tasks with JavaScript.
- `createDiv()` in JavaScript P5 creates a <div></div> element in the DOM with given inner HTML.

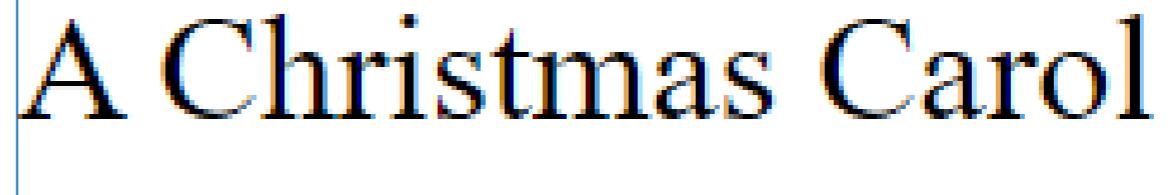
# HTML div in JavaScript p5

```
let myDiv;  
  
function setup() {  
    createCanvas(100, 100);  
    background(220);  
    let myText = "A Christmas Carol";  
    myDiv = createDiv(myText);  
    myDiv.style("font-size", "48");  
}
```



# noCanvas()

```
let myDiv;  
function setup() {  
    noCanvas();  
    let myText = "A Christmas Carol";  
    myDiv = createDiv(myText);  
    myDiv.style("font-size", "48");  
}
```



# Multiple Lines (1 of 2)

```
let myDiv;  
let myText;  
function setup() {  
    noCanvas();  
    myText = getText();  
    myDiv = createDiv(myText);  
    myDiv.style("font-size", "48");  
}
```

# Multiple Lines (2 of 3)

```
function getText() {  
    let myText = "Books by Charles Dickens:" +  
        "A Christmas Carol" +  
        "Great Expectations" +  
        "Oliver Twist" +  
        "Hard Times";  
    return myText;  
}
```

Books by Charles Dickens:A Christmas CarolGreat ExpectationsOliver TwistHard Times

# Multiple Lines (3 of 3)

<br>

```
function getText() {  
    let myText = "Books by Charles Dickens:" +  
        "<br>" + "A Christmas Carol" +  
        "<br>" + "Great Expectations" +  
        "<br>" + "Oliver Twist" +  
        "<br>" + "Hard Times";  
    return myText;  
}
```

Books by Charles Dickens:  
A Christmas Carol  
Great Expectations  
Oliver Twist  
Hard Times

# A primitive eReader

## Displays all of “A Christmas Carol” on one page

```
let aChristmasCarol = [];  
let myDiv;  
let myText;  
  
function preload() {  
  aChristmasCarol =  
  loadStrings("/data/AChristmasCarol.txt");  
}  
  
function setup() {  
  noCanvas();  
  myText = join(aChristmasCarol, "<br>");  
  myDiv = createDiv(myText);  
  myDiv.style("font-size", "48");  
}
```

# Add Functionality to the eReader

- 30 lines per page
  - Will need page forward/back buttons
- Allow user to choose font size
- Allow user to select from multiple books by Dickens

# 30 Lines per Page (1 of 3)

```
let aChristmasCarol = [];
let myDiv;
let allLines;
let linesPerPage = 30;
let currentLine = 0;

function preload() {
  aChristmasCarol =
loadStrings("/data/AChristmasCarol.txt");
}
```

# 30 Lines per Page (2 of 3)

```
function setup() {  
  noCanvas();  
  
  pageForward = createButton("Forward");  
  pageForward.mouseClicked(pageForwardFunc);  
  pageForward.style('width', '100px');  
  pageForward.style('height', '50px');  
  
  myDiv = createDiv();  
  myDiv.style("font-size", "48");  
}
```

# 30 Lines per Page (3 of 3)

```
function draw() {  
    let myText = "";  
    for (let i = currentLine; i < currentLine +  
        linesPerPage; i++) {  
        myText = myText + aChristmasCarol[i] + "<br>";  
    }  
    myDiv.html(myText);  
}  
  
function pageForwardFunc() {  
    currentLine = currentLine + linesPerPage;  
}
```

# Change Font Size Slider

- Add a global variable

```
let myFontSizeSlide;
```

- Add to setup()

```
createP("Font Size: ");
```

```
myFontSizeSlider = createSlider(20, 96, 48);
```

- Add to draw()

```
myDiv.style("font-size",
```

```
myFontSizeSlider.value()));
```

# Add radio for Books (1 of 5)

- Add a global variable

```
let bookSelectorRadio;
```

# Add radio for Books (2 of 5)

## add to preload()

```
function preload() {  
    aChristmasCarol =  
    loadStrings("/data/AChristmasCarol.txt");  
    greatExpectations =  
    loadStrings("/data/GreatExpectations.txt");  
    oliverTwist =  
    loadStrings("/data/OliverTwist.txt");  
    hardTimes =  
    loadStrings("/data/HardTimes.txt");  
}
```

# Add radio for Books (3 of 5)

## Add to setup()

```
bookSelectorRadio = createRadio();
bookSelectorRadio.option("Carol");
bookSelectorRadio.option("Expectations");
bookSelectorRadio.option("Twist");
bookSelectorRadio.option("Times");
bookSelectorRadio.value("Carol");
bookSelectorRadio.style("font-size", "48");
```

# Add radio for Books (4 of 5)

## Add to draw()

```
let currentBook = [];  
if (bookSelectorRadio.value() === "Carol") {  
    currentBook = aChristmasCarol;  
} else if (bookSelectorRadio.value() === "Expectations") {  
    currentBook = greatExpectations;  
} else if (bookSelectorRadio.value() === "Twist") {  
    currentBook = oliverTwist;  
} else if (bookSelectorRadio.value() === "Times") {  
    currentBook = hardTimes;  
}
```

# Add radio for Books (5 of 5)

## Add to draw()

```
if (previousBook != currentBook) {  
    currentLine = 0;  
    previousBook = currentBook;  
}  
  
for (let i=currentLine; i<currentLine+rowsPerPage; i++) {  
    tempText = tempText + currentBook[i] + "<br>";  
}  
myDiv.html(tempText);  
}
```

Fully implemented  
eReader is in demo code

“eReaderOnTheDOM”

# What will this program display?



# What will this program display?



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# Review from Week 3 (I/O)

- Two examples for quick review
  - Shopping List
  - Speed Reader

# Total KG

```
let lines = [];  
let words = [];  
let nextI;  
  
function preload() {  
  lines = loadStrings("data/shoppinglist.txt");  
}  
  
function setup() {  
  createCanvas(600, 600);  
  textSize(24);  
}  
  
function draw() {  
  background(220);  
  let totalKG = 0;  
  for (let i = 0; i < lines.length; i++) {  
    words = splitTokens(lines[i], " ");  
    text(lines[i], 10, 30 + (i * 30));  
    totalKG = totalKG + int(words[1]);  
    nextI = i + 1;  
  }  
  text("Total KG: " + totalKG, 10, 30+ (nextI * 30));  
}
```

apple 2 kg  
banana 5 kg  
potato 4 kg  
onion 2 kg  
**Total KG: 13**

# SpeedReader Example

- Read in a text file.
- Make one big long list (array) of “words”
  - Words may contain punctuation in this example
- Display one word at a time

# SpeedReader

```
let lines = [];  
let words = [];  
let index = 0;  
function preload() {  
    lines = loadStrings("data/marley.txt");  
}  
function setup() {  
    createCanvas(400, 200);  
    textSize(50);  
    textAlign(CENTER);  
    fill(255);  
    let allLines = join( lines, " " );  
    words = splitTokens(allLines);  
    frameRate(1);  
}  
function draw() {  
    background( 80 );  
    text(words[index], width/2, height/2);  
    index = (index + 1) % words.length;  
}
```

# Messier text

```
function splitTokens(text, delims) { ... }
```

Break the long string text into “words”, where the characters in delims (and not whitespace) are treated as breakpoints.

```
function trim(text) { ... }
```

Return a copy of text with any excess whitespace removed from the start and end.

# Example: the Region of Waterloo's list of reserved street names

FullStreetName	Municipality
Abbey Glen	Kitchener
Aberle	Woolwich
Abeth	Kitchener
Abitibi	Cambridge
Able	Cambridge
Abram Clemens St	Kitchener
Accobee	Cambridge
Adair	Cambridge

# Messy Text (1 of 2)

```
let lines;  
let myDiv;  
  
function preload() {  
  lines = loadStrings( "/data/ReservedStreetnames.csv" );  
}  
 
```

# Messy Text (2 of 2)

```
function setup() {  
  noCanvas();  
  myDiv = createDiv();  
  myDiv.style("font-size", 36);  
  let list = "";  
  for ( let idx = 0; idx < lines.length; ++idx ) {  
    let line = lines[idx];  
    if ( line.charAt( 0 ) != '-' ) {  
      let words = splitTokens( line, " | " );  
      let street = trim( words[0] );  
      let municipality = trim( words[1] );  
      list = list + street + " --- " + municipality + "<br>";  
    }  
  }  
  myDiv.html(list);  
}
```

Fully implemented  
reserved street names in  
demo code

“ReservedStreetNamesP5”

Time permitting:

There is one more example of using JavaScript p5 and HTML in the demo code. It builds an unordered list of Canadian Prime Ministers.

“UnorderedList”

# Reading the dictionary to solve Dictionary “problems”

A	Find the longest word
a	
aa	Find all words with three or more Ys
aal	Find all words ending with MT
aalii	Find all words starting with TM
aam	Find all words ending with DOUS
Aani	Find all words containing UFA
aardvark	Find all words ending in GRY
aardwolf	Find all palindromes
Aaron	
Aaronic	
Aaronical	
Aaronite	
Aaronitic	
Aaru	
Ab	
aba	Find words with three consecutive double letters
Ababdeh	
Ababua	
abac	

# Find all Palindromes (1 of 2)

```
let words = [];  
let palindromes = [];  
let myDiv;  
  
function preload() {  
  words = loadStrings("/data/H_words.txt");  
}  
myDiv = createDiv("Palindromes found: ");
```

# Find all Palindromes (2 of 2)

```
function setup() {  
  
    myDiv = createDiv();  
    myDiv.style("font-size", "48");  
  
    for (let i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {  
  
        let pal = true;  
        let wordLength = words[i].length;  
        let halfWordLength = int(words[i].length / 2);  
  
        for (let j = 0; j < halfWordLength; j++) {  
            if (words[i][j] != words[i][wordLength - j - 1]) {  
                pal = false;  
            }  
        }  
        if (pal === true) {  
            palindromes.push(words[i]);  
        }  
    }  
    myDiv.html(join(palindromes, "<br>"));  
}
```

Fully implemented  
palindrome is in the demo  
code

“Palindromes”

# Dictionaries

In programming, a *dictionary* is a mapping from a set of *keys* to a set of *values*. Any given key may have at most one associated value. Here are 5 examples.

Year	→	Olympic host city
Name	→	Phone number
Student ID number	→	Exam seating code
Clicker ID	→	Student ID number
Server name	→	IP address

# Dictionaries

Dictionary operations we might care about:

- Look up the value associated with a given key
- Ask if the dictionary has a given key
- Add a new key to the dictionary, with its associated value
- Remove a key and its value from the dictionary

# Writing an inefficient spellchecker ( 1 of 2)

```
let words;  
let myDiv;  
let carollines;  
  
function preload() {  
  words = loadStrings( "/data/H_words.txt" );  
  carollines = loadStrings( "/data/AChristmascarol.txt" );  
}  
}
```

# Writing an inefficient spellchecker (2 of 2)

```
function setup()
{
    myDiv = createDiv();
    myDiv.style("font-size", 48);

    let text = join( carolLines, ' ' );
    let carolWords = splitTokens( text, " ,.!0123456789[]*:!" );

    let badWords = [];
    for ( let idx = 0; idx < carolWords.length; ++idx ) {
        let word = carolWords[idx].toLowerCase();
        let wordFound = isWord(word);
        if (!wordFound) {
            badWords.push(word);
        }
    }
    myDiv.html(join(badWords, "<br>"));
}

function isWord(wd) {
    for (let j = 0; j < words.length; j++) {
        if (wd === words[j]) {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

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“ArraySpellCheckerP5”

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```
function setup()
{
    myDiv = createDiv();
    myDiv.style("font-size", 48);
    for ( let idx = 0; idx < words.length; ++idx ) {
        dictionary[words[idx]] = 1;
    }

    let text = join( carollines, ' ' );
    let carolWords=splitTokens(text, " ,.!0123456789[]*:!" );

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    for ( let idx = 0; idx < carolWords.length; ++idx ) {
        let word = carolWords[idx].toLowerCase();
        if ( !dictionary[word] ) {
            badWords.push(word);
        }
    }
    myDiv.html(join(badWords, "<br>"));
}
```

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“DictSpellCheckerP5”

# Regular Expressions: match()

To help us search through data, p5 provides us with the “match” function.

```
function match( text, pattern ) { ... }
```

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## match()

### Example

p5js\*

```
var string = 'Hello p5js*!';
var regexp = 'p5js\\*';
var m = match(string, regexp);
text(m, 5, 50);
```

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### Description

This function is used to apply a regular expression to a piece of text, and return matching groups (elements found inside parentheses) as a String array. If there are no matches, a null value will be returned. If no groups are specified in the regular expression, but the sequence matches, an array



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```
function match( text, pattern ) { ... }
```

Look for an instance of the regular expression pattern inside of the string text. If the answer is not **null**, the pattern was found.

# Finding patterns

It's easy to search a string for a given phone number:

```
if (match(myString, "(519) 888-4567") != null) { ... }
```

But what if we wanted to find all the phone numbers in a string?

# Finding patterns

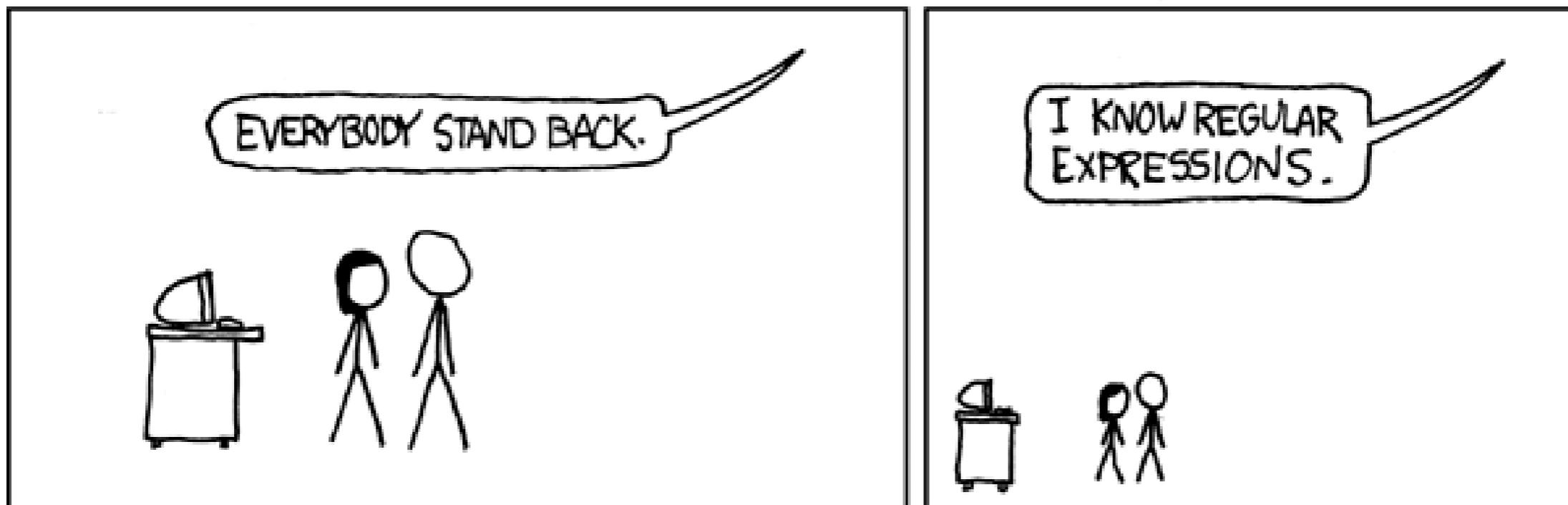
*Regular Expressions* are a general tool for finding patterns in strings.

# Finding patterns

*Regular Expressions* are a **programming language** for finding patterns in strings.

# Finding patterns

*Regular Expressions* are a **cryptic programming language** for finding patterns in strings.



# Regular Expressions - Quick Reference Guide



## Anchors

\^	start of line
\\$	end of line
\b	word boundary
\B	not at word boundary
\A	start of subject
\G	first match in subject
\z	end of subject
\Z	end of subject or before newline at end

## Non-printing characters

\a	alarm (BEL, hex 07)
\cx	"control-x"
\e	escape (hex 1B)
\f	formfeed (hex 0C)
\n	newline (hex 0A)
\r	carriage return (hex 0D)
\t	tab (hex 09)
\ddd	octal code ddd
\xhh	hex code hh
\{hhh..}	hex code hhh..

## Generic character types

\d	decimal digit
\D	not a decimal digit
\s	whitespace character
\S	not a whitespace char
\w	"word" character
\W	"non-word" character

## POSIX character classes

alnum	letters and digits
alpha	letters
ascii	character codes 0-127
blank	space or tab only
cntrl	control characters
digit	decimal digits
graph	printing chars -space
lower	lower case letters
print	printing chars +space
punct	printing chars -alnum
space	white space
upper	upper case letters
word	"word" characters
xdigit	hexadecimal digits

## Literal Characters

Letters and digits match exactly  
Some special characters match exactly  
Escape other specials with backslash

a x B 7 0  
@ - = %  
\. \W \\$ \[

## Character Groups

Almost any character (usually not newline)  
Lists and ranges of characters  
Any character except those listed

.

[■■]

[^■■]

## Counts (add ? for non-greedy)

0 or more ("perhaps some")  
0 or 1 ("perhaps a")  
1 or more ("some")  
Between "n" and "m" of  
Exactly "n", "n" or more

■\*

■?

■+

■{n,m}

■{n}, ■{n,}

## Alternation

Either/or

■ | ■

## Lookahead and Lookbehind

Followed by  
NOT followed by  
Following  
NOT following

■(?=■)  
■(?!■)  
(?<=■)■  
(?<!■)■

## Grouping

For capture and counts  
Non-capturing  
Named captures

(■)  
(?:■)  
(?<name>■)

## Back references

Numbered  
Relative  
Named

\n \gn \g{n}  
\g{-n}  
\k<name>

## Character group contents

x individual chars  
x-y character range  
[:class:] posix char class  
[^:class:] negated class

## Examples

[a-zA-Z0-9\_]  
[[alnum:]\_]

## Comments

(?#comment)

## Conditional subpatterns

(?(condition)yes-pattern)  
(?(condition)yes|no-pattern)

## Recursive patterns

(?n) Numbered  
(?0) (?R) Entire regex  
(?&name) Named

## Replacements

\$n reference capture

## Case foldings

\u upper case next char  
\U upper case following  
\l lower case next char  
\L lower case following  
\E end case folding

## Conditional insertions

(?n:insertion)  
(?n:insertion:otherwise)

Substring “ufa” anywhere in a word:

ufa

Word ending in “mt”:

mt\$

Word with three or more “y”s, on a line by itself:

y.\*y.\*y

An integer:

^(-?[1-9]+\d\*)\$|^0\$

An email address:

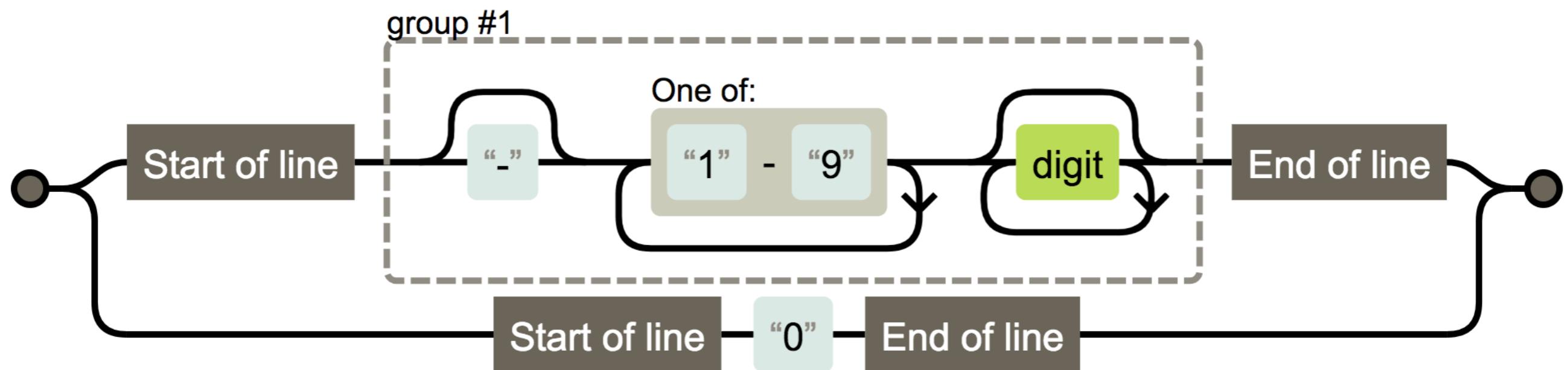
\b[A-Z0-9.\_%+-]+@[A-Z0-9.-]+\.[A-Z]{2,}\b

A URL:

^(https?:\/\/)?([\da-z\.\-]+\.\([a-z\.\.]{2,6}\)([\w\.\-]\*)\*)?\/?\$/

A regular expression is like a little “machine”:

$^(-?[1-9]+\d*)\$|^0\$$



# Phone Number Patterns (1 of 2)

```
let p = "(?:(?:\\((\\d\\d\\d)\\) )| (\\d\\d\\d)[-]\\d\\d\\d)-(\\d\\d\\d\\d\\d)";  
let lines = [];  
let myDiv;  
let phoneNumbers = [];  
  
function preload() {  
  print("preload");  
  lines = loadStrings( "/data/input.txt" );  
}
```

# Phone Number Patterns (2 of 2)

```
function setup()
{
  noCanvas();
  myDiv = createDiv();
  myDiv.style("font-size", "48");

  for ( let idx = 0; idx < lines.length; ++idx ) {
    let m = match( lines[idx], p );
    if ( m != null ) {
      if ( m[1] == null ) {
        phoneNumbers = phoneNumbers + "<br>" + "(" + m[2] + ")" " +
m[3] + "-" + m[4];
      } else {
        phoneNumbers = phoneNumbers + "<br>" + "(" + m[1] + ")" " +
m[3] + "-" + m[4];
      }
    }
    myDiv.html(phoneNumbers);
  }
}
```

Fully implement of finding phone number patterns is in the demo code

“FindPhoneNumbersP5”