CS61A Discussion 1: Control and Higher Order Functions

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Agenda

- 1. Attendance reminder
- 2. Check-in
- 3. Booleans/control:if (quick review)
- 4. Control: while (quick review)
- 5. Higher Order Functions

Reminder (from last week)

Help me do my job:

- Ask questions
- Participate!
- Go to office hours (early) for help!

Attendance

Form: tinyurl.com/jerrydisc

(Weekly question is not judged based on correctness)

Check-in

How was homework 1?

How was lab 1?

Started project 1 (Hog)?

Booleans

• There are "truthy" and "falsy" values:

| "Truthy" | "Falsy" | Notes |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| True | False | |
| "banana" | \ / | Empty string |
| 100, -12 | 0 | |
| [1, 2, 3], {'a': 1, 'b': 2} | [], {} | Will see later in the course |

Boolean Operators

- not (negates),
- and (true iff both are true),
- or (false iff both are false)
- Short circuit and terminate early once the result of a expression is known

Control

If statements

Careful!

Booleans/If Practice

Questions in section 1.3

Control

While statements

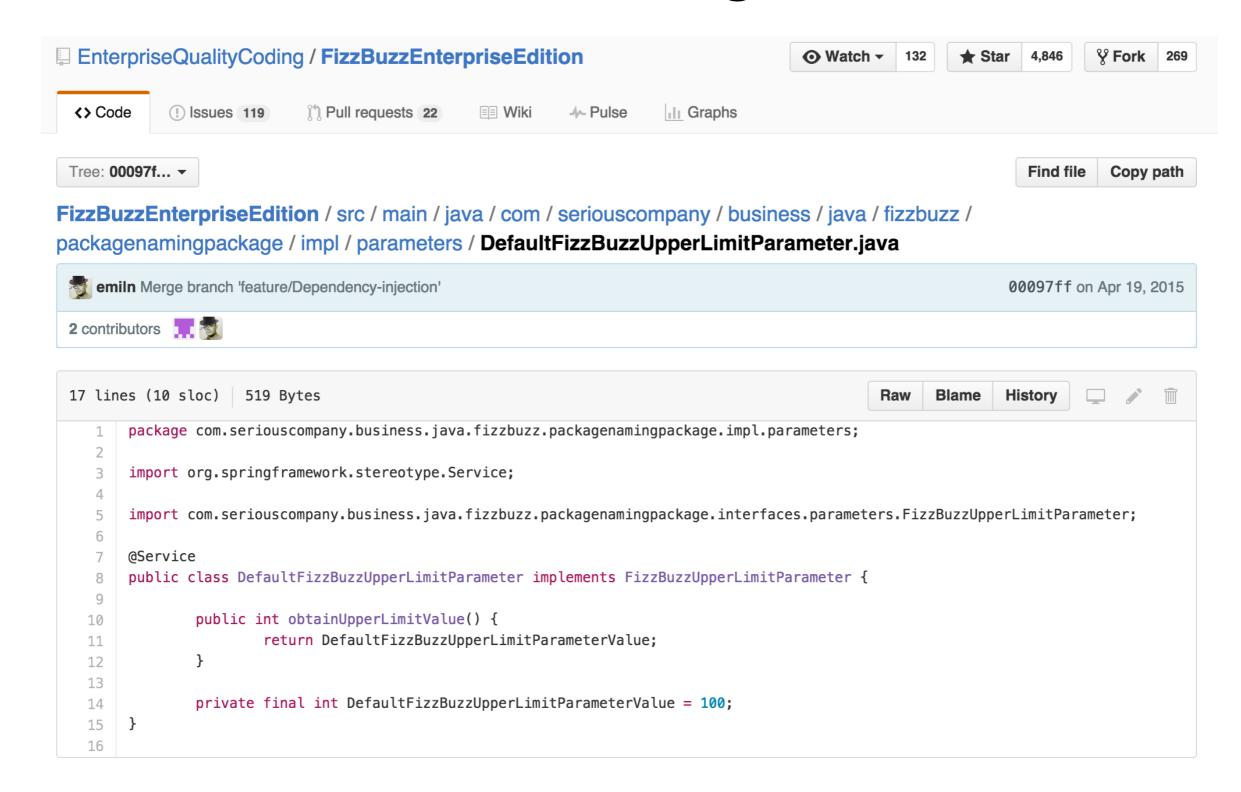
<exp> is checked **before** executing the suite

```
while <exp>:
     <suite>
```

While Practice

Questions in section 1.4

FizzBuzz



Functions as arguments

```
def apply(f, x):
    return f(x)
```

Big idea: Functions can be treated as "variables"

- a powerful tool for abstraction!
- Can pass as arguments or returned
- Analogy is a bit limited, can't necessarily "add" two functions

Functions that manipulate other functions are **higher** order

HOF Practice

Questions in section 2.2

Functions as return values

Might need to define a function within another function

```
def mult_by_x(x):
    def inner(y):
        return y * x
    return inner
```

Q: Why not put inner in global?

A: x is in the wrong frame! (what's the parent of alt inner?)

```
def alt_mult_by_x(x):
    return alt_inner

def alt_inner(y):
    return y * x
```

"Fun" example from lecture

```
def id(x):
    return x

print(id(id)(id(13)))
```

Another Example

```
def combine_funcs(op):
    def combined(f, g):
        def val(x):
        return op(f(x), g(x))
        return val
    return combined
```

HOF Practice

Questions in section 2.4