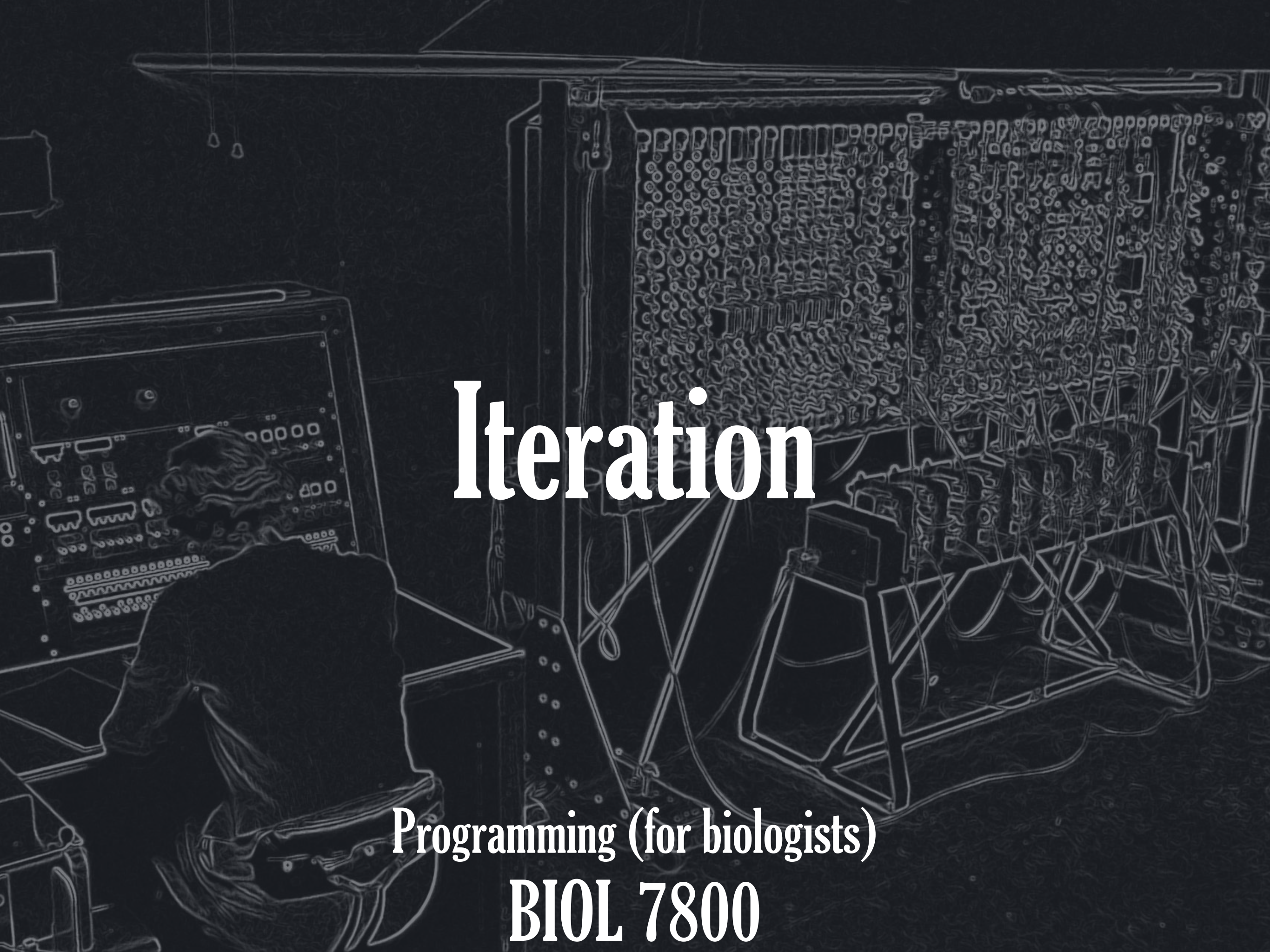




Iteration

Programming (for biologists)
BIOL 7800

Functions

```
example.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp

1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  # encoding: utf-8
3
4  """
5  example.py
6
7  Created by Brant Faircloth on 3 February 2016
8  Copyright 2016 Brant C. Faircloth. All rights reserved.
9  """
10
11
12  def function1(arg):
13      product = arg * arg
14      return product
15
16
17  def main():
18      function1(2)
19
20  if __name__ == '__main__':
21      main()
22
```

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Functions allows us to divide our programs into atomic parts that are easier to understand, debug, and use again.

What is computer programming?

Computer programming

(often shortened to `*programming*`) is a process that leads from an original formulation of a computing problem to executable computer programs.

- Wikipedia

Providing a logical sequence of arguments to a computer so that it can perform a desired task

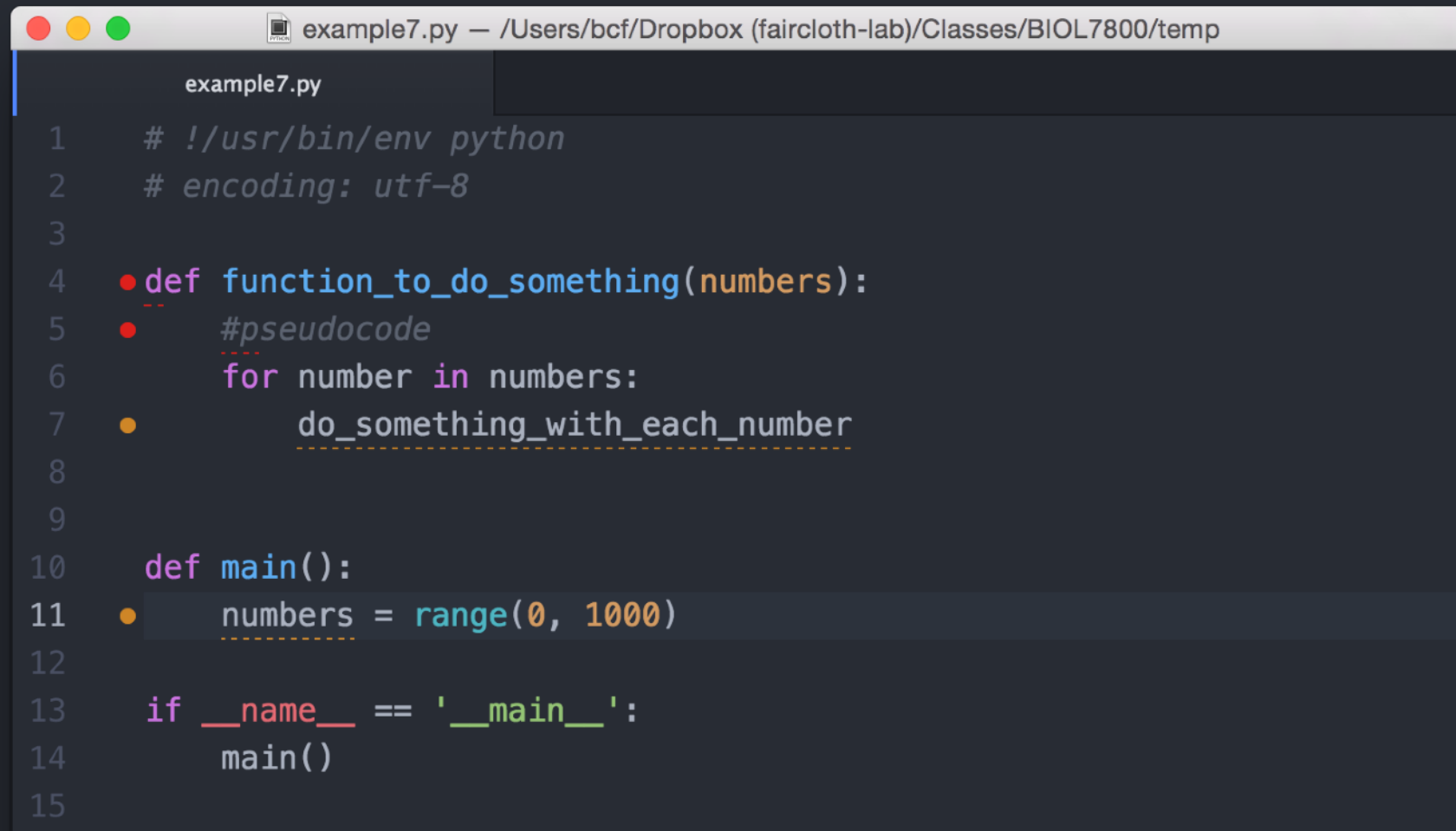
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Ada Lovelace
(1815 - 1852)

Many of our desired tasks are repetitive.

We have 1000 numbers, and we want to **do something** with each of them



```
example7.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
example7.py
1  # !/usr/bin/env python
2  # encoding: utf-8
3
4  • def function_to_do_something(numbers):
5  •     #pseudocode
6     for number in numbers:
7  •         do_something_with_each_number
8
9
10 def main():
11 •     numbers = range(0, 1000)
12
13 if __name__ == '__main__':
14     main()
15
```

Many of our desired tasks are repetitive.

We have 30 M
sequences, and we want
to **do something** with
each of them

[illegible]

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7          do_something_with_each_sequence
8
9
10 def main():
11     sequences = list_of_sequences
12
13 if __name__ == '__main__':
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```

Iteration (AKA “loops”)

iteration |,itə'rāSHən|

noun

the repetition of a process or utterance.

- repetition of a mathematical or computational procedure applied to the result of a previous application, typically as a means of obtaining successively closer approximations to the solution of a problem.

ORIGIN late Middle English: from Latin *iteratio(n-)*, from the verb *iterare* (see **iterate**) .

Provides the ability to **run a statement** or a
block of statements repeatedly
(i.e., this includes **functions**)

Iteration

(you've seen it before - but where?)



Iteration

(by recursion)

```
andre_recursion.py — /Users/bcf/Dropbox (faircloth-lab)/Classes/BIOL7800/temp
andre_recursion.py
5  """
6  My recursive summing program
7  Created by Andre Moncrieff on 2 Feb 2016.
8  Copyright 2016 Andre E. Moncrieff. All rights reserved.
9  """
10 import sys
11 sys.setrecursionlimit(1100)
12
13
14 def recursion_sum(x):
15     """
16     Sums each integer from x down through zero.
17     This function is based on solution #2 on the following page:
18     http://www.python-course.eu/python3\_recursive\_functions.php
19
20     """
21     if x == 0:
22         return 0
23     else:
24         return x + recursion_sum(x-1)
25
26
27 def main():
28     answer = recursion_sum(1000)
29     print(answer)
30
31 if __name__ == '__main__':
32     main()
33
```

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Iteration

(by recursion)

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(1000 + recursion_sum(999))

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...

(1 + recursion_sum(0))

(0)



~ 500,000

Iteration

3 Major Flavors

recursion

(somewhat rare)

```
def func1(x=1000):  
    if x == 0:  
        return 0  
    else:  
        return x + func1(x-1)
```

while

(rare)

```
def func1(x=0):  
    i = 0  
    while i < 1000:  
        i += 1  
        x += i  
    return x
```

for

(common)

```
def func1(x=0):  
    for i in range(0,1001):  
        x += i  
    return x
```

Iteration

3 Major Flavors

Focus on these



recursion

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```

Iteration

while

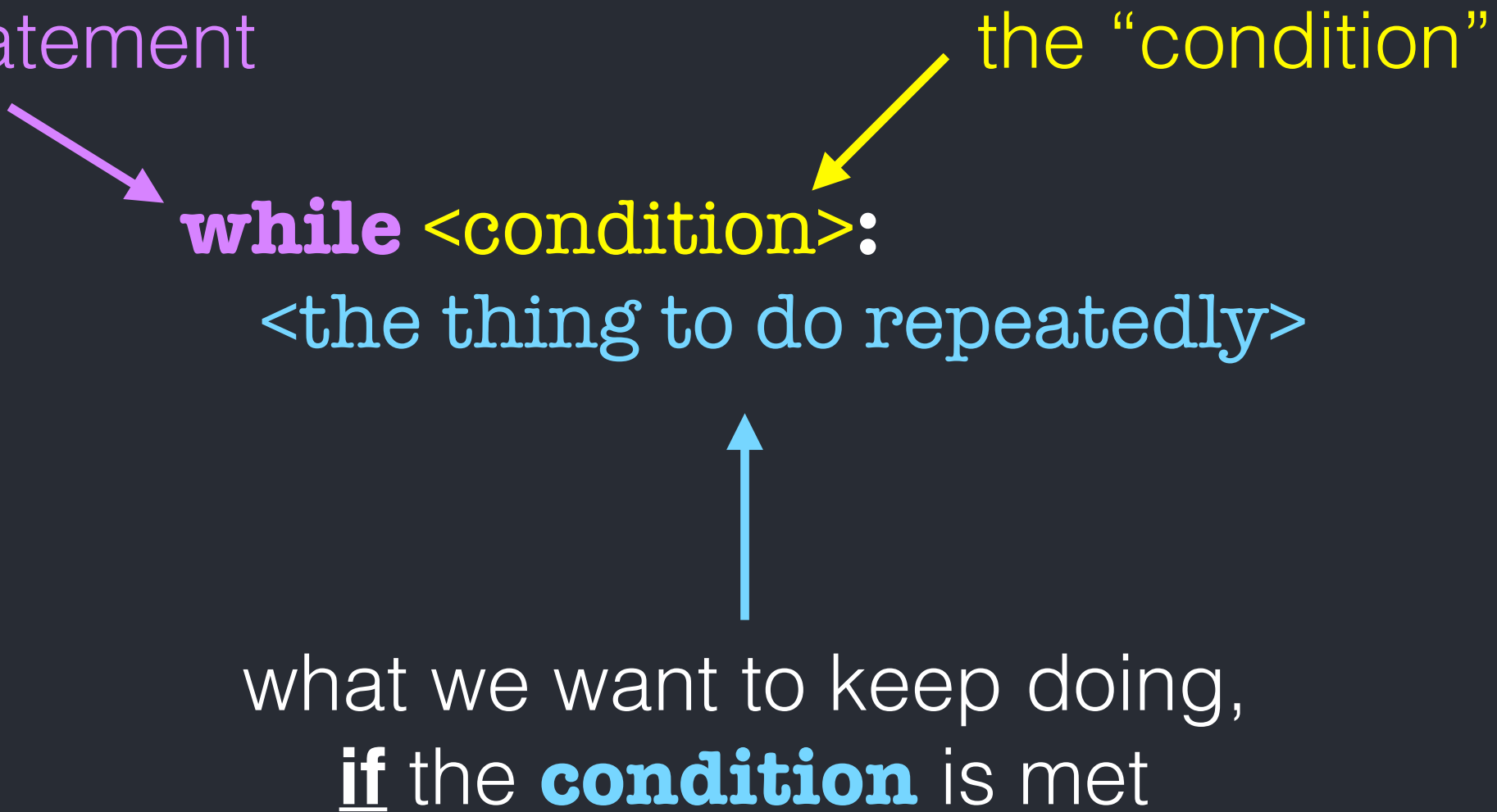
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while statement

the “condition”



```
while <condition>:
```

```
<the thing to do repeatedly>
```

what we want to keep doing,
if the **condition** is met

Anatomy of a **while**

A **while** loop is (usually) conditional, running the statements in the loop until its condition is met

while statement

`x = 0`

while `x < 100`:

`x += 2`

`print(x)`

the “condition”

} This will run continuously
until `x >= 100`

what we want to keep doing,
if the **condition** is met

Anatomy of a **while**

What's wrong here?

while statement

x = 0

while x != 'a':

x += 2

print(x)

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Anatomy of a while

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the "condition"

infinitely

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what we want to keep doing,
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Anatomy of a **while**

breaking out of a **while** loop

while statement

x = 0

while x < 100:

if x == 49:

break

else:

 x += 2

 print(x)

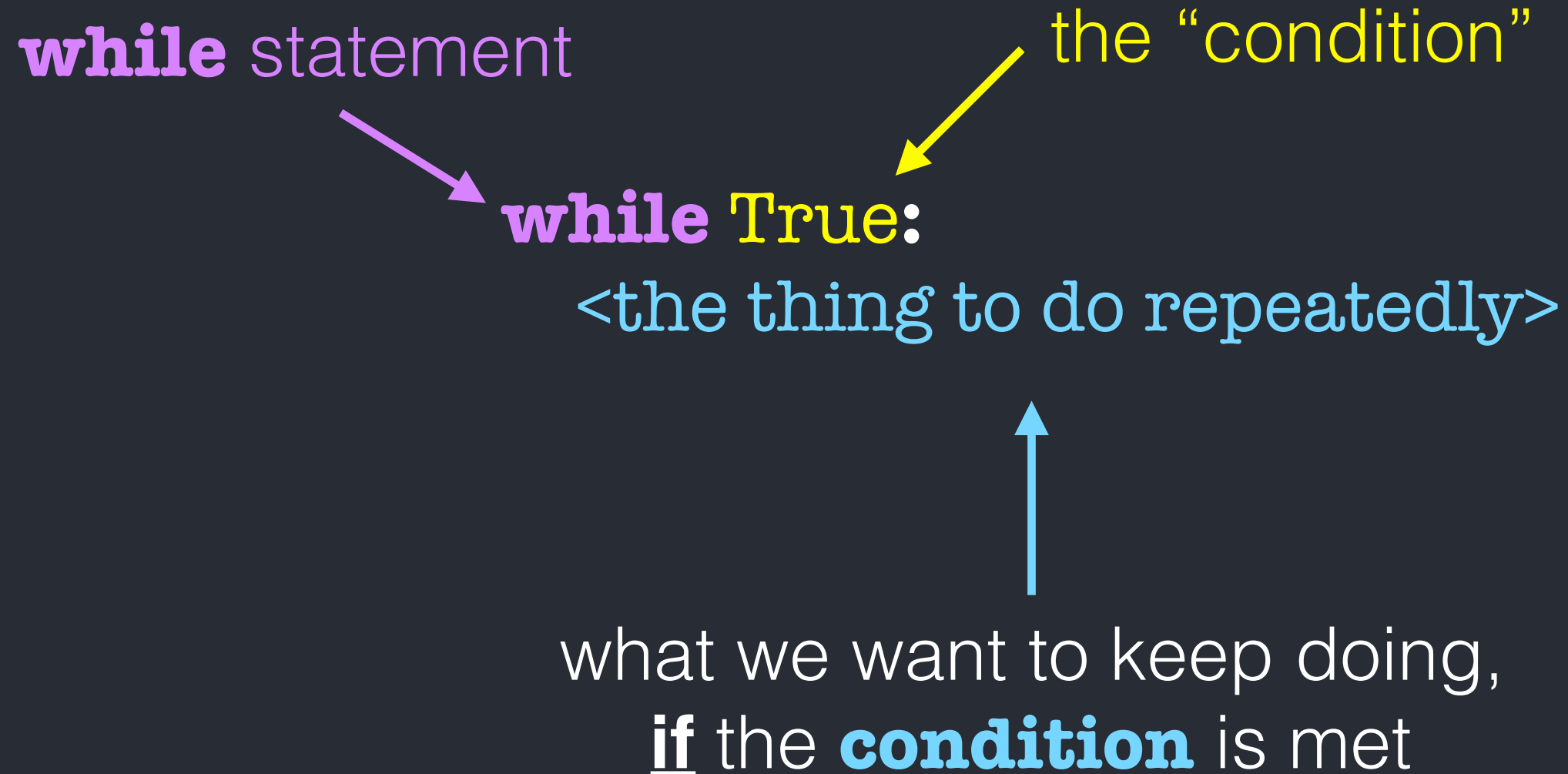
the “condition”

} But if x == 49, we'll **break**
out of the loop and return
to the program

} This will run continuously
until x >= 100

Anatomy of a **while**

while can be used to keep a program running (**forever**)



Anatomy of a while

while can be used to keep a program running (forever)

```
while True:
```

```
    response = input('> What is the velocity of an ' +  
                    'unladen swallow?')
```

```
    if 13.0 <= float(response) <= 14.0:
```

```
        break
```

```
    else:
```

```
        print(response)
```

```
print('Correct!')
```

Iteration

3 Major Flavors

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```

for

(common)

```
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    return x
```

Iteration

for

A **for** loop **traverses** the values in an **iterator / iterable**, running the statements in the loop **across all values**

So, what's an
iterator / iterable ?

A variable (or object) that we can **iterate** over

AKA lots of things
(lists, strings, tuples, dictionaries, files, lines, etc.)

Anatomy of a **for**

for statement

the iterator

for item in <iterator>:

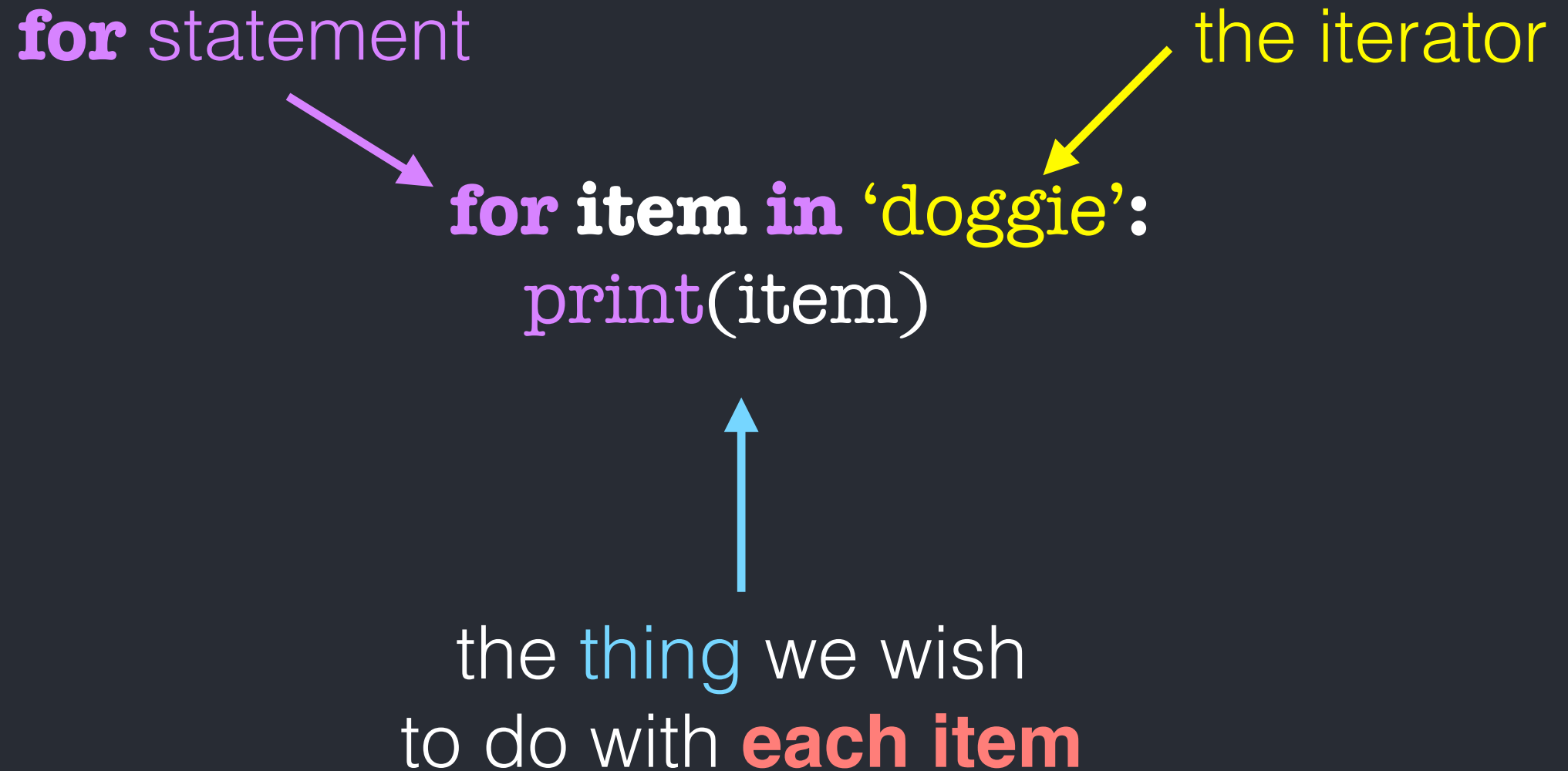
<the thing to do with each item>

the thing we wish
to do with **each item**

Anatomy of a **for**

for statement

the iterator



```
for item in 'doggie':  
    print(item)
```

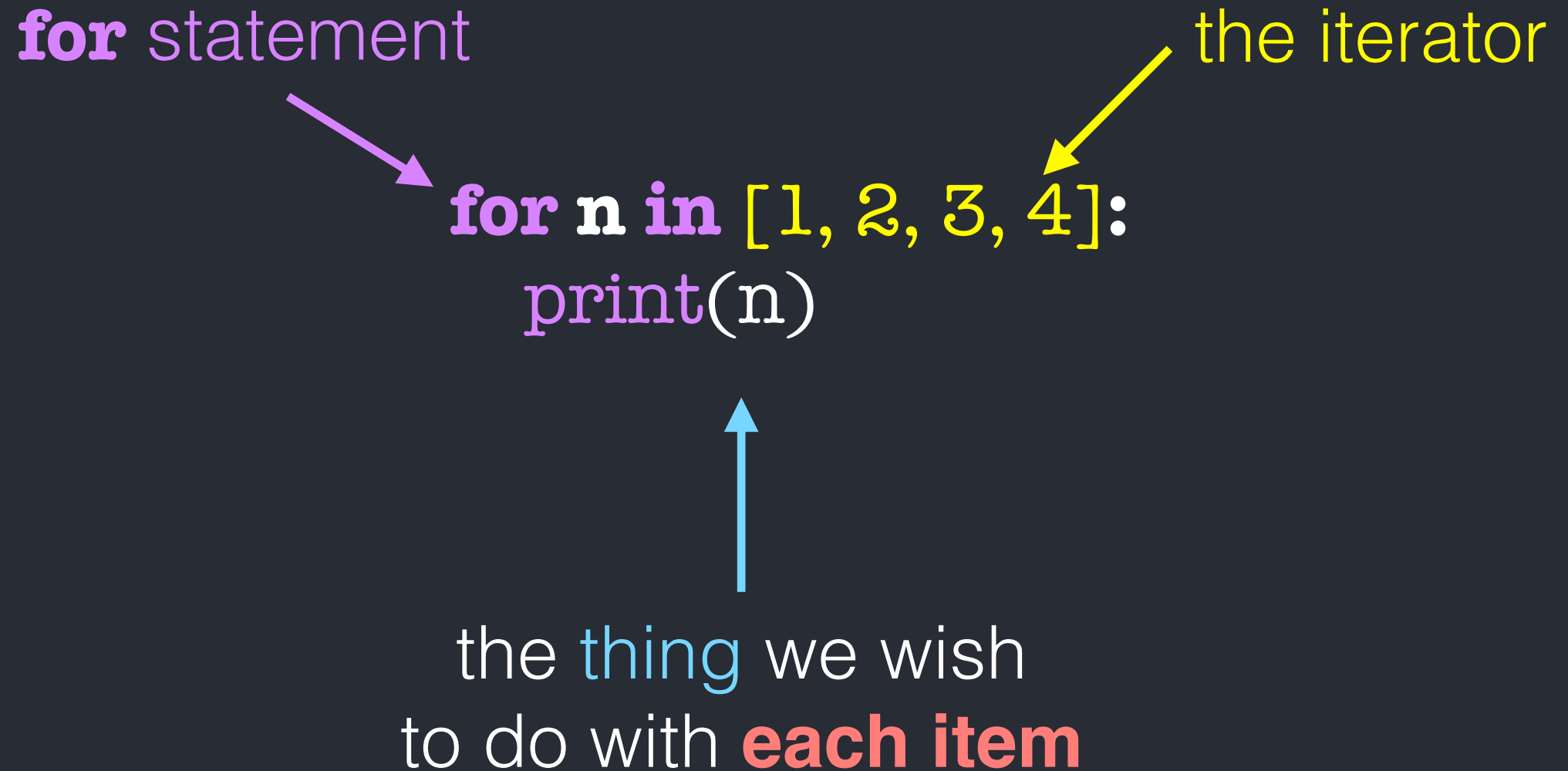
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the **thing** we wish
to do with **each item**

Anatomy of a **for**

for statement

the iterator



```
for n in [1, 2, 3, 4]:  
    print(n)
```

the **thing** we wish
to do with **each item**

Anatomy of a **for**

breaking out of a **for** loop

for statement

the iterator

for **n** **in** [1, 2, 3, 4]:

if **n** == 2:

break

else:

print(**n**)

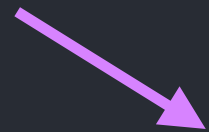
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Anatomy of a **for**

ending a **for** loop

When does a **for** loop **finish**?

for statement



```
for n in [1, 2, 3, 4]:  
    print(n)
```

execution of loop
ends at end of
iterator

