

## Program development methodology: English first, then Python

### 1. Define the problem

- A. Write an English description of the input and output. (Do not give details about *how you will compute* the output.)
- B. Create test cases
  - Input *and* expected output

### 2. Decide upon an algorithm

- A. Implement it in English
  - Write the recipe or step-by-step instructions
- B. Test it using paper and pencil
  - Use small but not trivial test cases
  - Play computer, animating the algorithm
  - Be introspective
    - 1. Notice what you really do
    - 2. May be more or less than what you wrote down
    - 3. Make the algorithm more precise

### 3. Translate it into code

- A. Implement it in Python
  - Decompose it into logical units (functions)
  - For each function:
    - Name it (important and difficult!)
    - Write its documentation string (its specification)
    - Write tests
    - Write its code
    - Test it
- B. Run the system test

## Problem

You are given a csv file containing information about delay of all flights, at all major airports in the USA for one particular month.

For a given list of airports, for each airport, considering all flights that originate at that airport, calculate the average delay per day of the month. Print this information to a .txt file and also plot all airports on one graph.

Hint: We will plot things using a method that works like this: `plot(x_values, y_values)`

**Sample Input** in a csv file for November 2012:

YEAR	MONTH	DAY_OF_MONTH	CARRIER	TAIL_NUM	FL_NUM	ORIGIN	DEST	DELAY
2012	11	1	AA	N324AA	1	JFK	LAX	2
2012	11	2	AA	N338AA	1	JFK	LAX	0
2012	11	3	AA	N323AA	1	JFK	LAX	5
2012	11	4	AA	N335AA	1	JFK	LAX	0
2012	11	5	AA	N335AA	1	JFK	LAX	0
2012	11	6	AA	N335AA	1	JFK	LAX	0

**Sample Output** to a text file:

Average Delay in minutes:

Delay for SEA

Day Avg Delay

1 11.74

2 4.41

3 3.19

4 7.38

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25 17.62

26 6.66

27 5.7

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**Sample Plot:**

