

LING 0700 LAB: WEEK 1

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WELCOME!

- Introductions
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INTRODUCTION

- **Wesley** Mark Lincoln
- Singaporean
- Native languages: English, Singlish, Mandarin, Hokkien
- Other languages: French, Spanish, Korean, Thai...

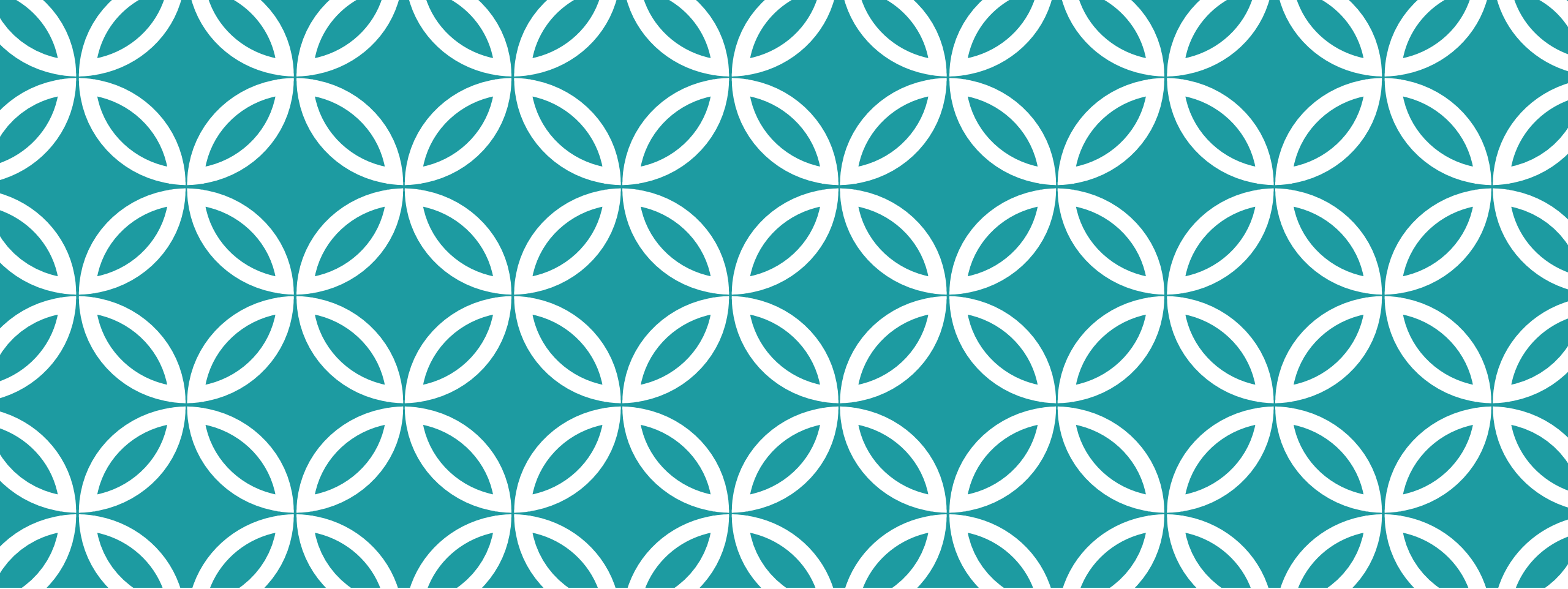


INTRODUCTION

- National University of Singapore (2018–2023)
 - Life Sciences (specialised in Evolutionary Biology)
 - English Language and Linguistics
- Current second-year PhD student in Linguistics
 - Evolutionary linguistics
 - Sociolinguistic variation in sound *and* structure

YOUR TURN! PLEASE TELL US...

- Your name
- Your major(s), minor(s), and year
- Languages you know or like
- Anything else you'd like us to know



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Specific dates are all listed at the end of the syllabus:

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Hi, I'm not sure why I get an error when I run this code. Can anyone help please?

Code Snippet

▶ Run Line Numbers Runnable R ⌵ ⌶

```
1 _object <- c(1, 2, 3)
```

Ed Stem supports different coding languages. Make sure you choose R from the dropdown list!

ASKING CONTENT QUESTIONS

Office hours:

- Mondays from 2pm–3pm
- Department of Linguistics, Room 325C
3401 C Walnut Street
Suite 300C
- Please come prepared with specific questions!



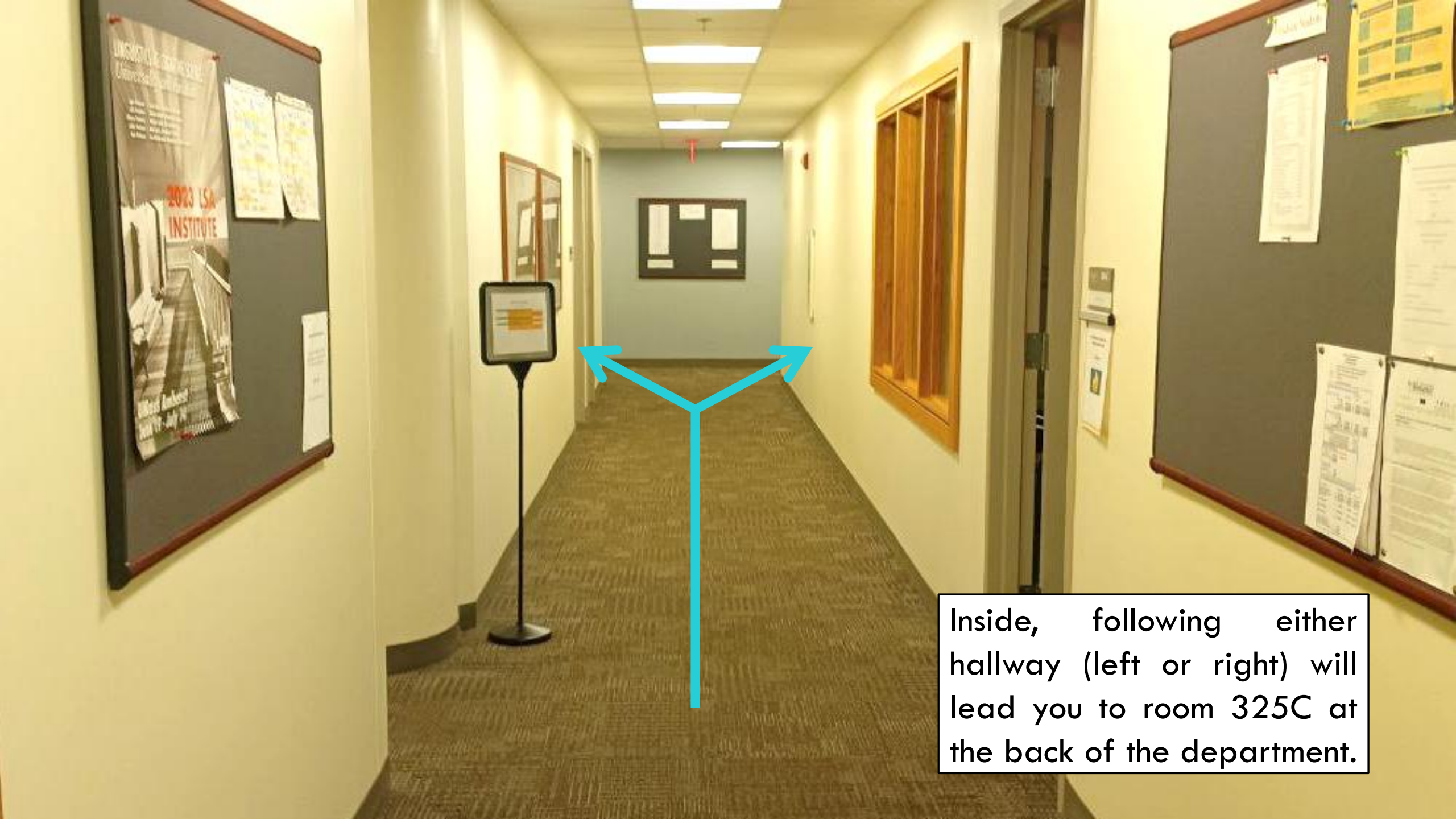
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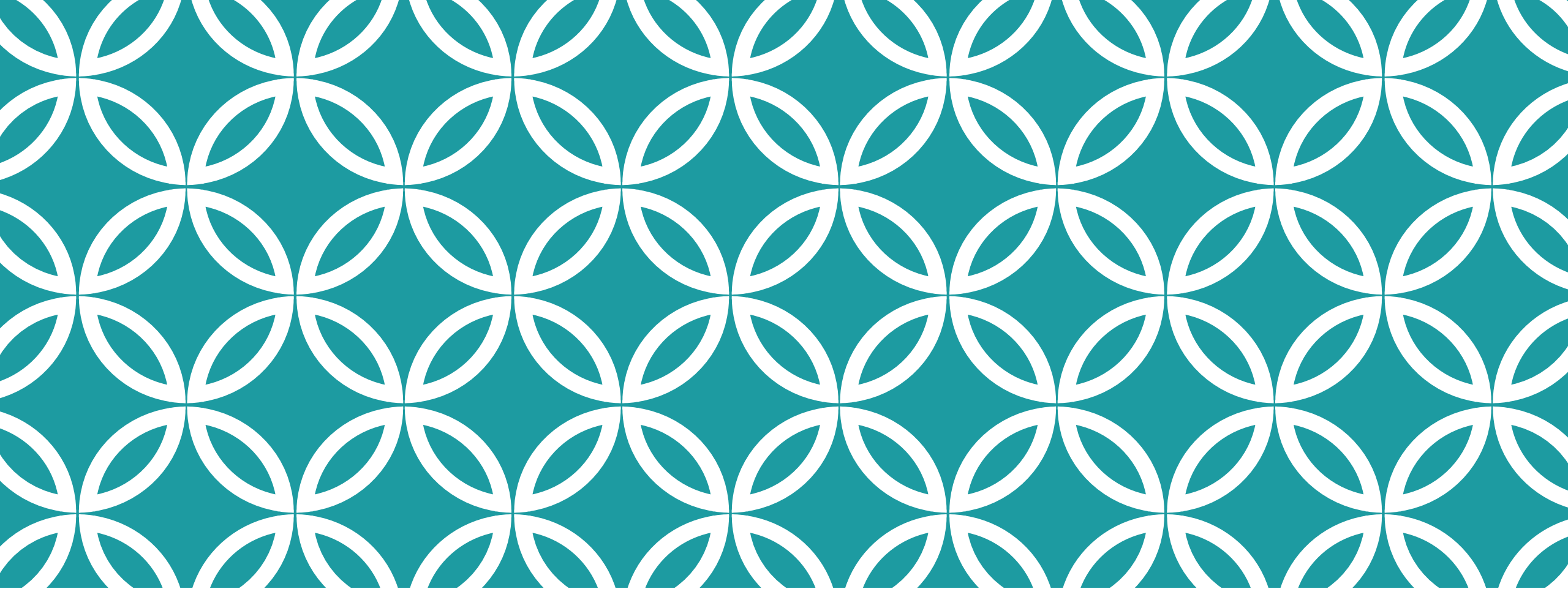
A photograph of an office hallway. On the left, a door is partially open, revealing a room with a blue trash bin and a grey trash bin on a cart. The hallway has a patterned carpet and a drop ceiling with a fluorescent light fixture. On the right, there are two closed doors. The door closer to the camera has a small sign that reads "325C".

325C

CONTACTING ME

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- Non-content questions (e.g., admin, illness, absence) you would prefer not to ask publicly on Ed
- Include “LING 0700” in the subject header
- I will do my best to reply within 24 hours, prioritising urgent matters



LAB EXERCISES



GOOGLE COLAB

R is a programming language.

[Python, Julia, MATLAB, C++, JavaScript...]

Google Colab is a development environment where you can run R.

[RStudio, Visual Studio Code, Jupyter Notebook...]

R BASICS: VALID VARIABLE NAMES

<code>childAge</code>	OK!
<code>response_time</code>	OK!
<code>1stPlaceWinner</code>	NO! Cannot start with numeral
<code>2fast2furious</code>	NO! Cannot start with numeral
<code>pi</code>	NO! Protected name

R BASICS: VALID VARIABLE NAMES

.15 NO! Initial `<.>` cannot be followed by numeral

.object OK!

260 NO! Cannot start with numeral

15n NO! Cannot start with numeral

n15 OK!

_hi NO! Cannot start with underscore

R BASICS

Which of the following occur in the code block below?

```
# compute the mean of x and y  
mean(c(x,y))
```

Comment

- ~~a message~~
- a function
- a comment
- an expression

Functions: `mean()`, `c()`

Expressions: `mean(c(x,y))`, `c(x,y)`, `x`, `y`

VECTORS

Suppose we construct a vector with `c(1, "two", 3, 4, 5, 6)` and assign it to `x`. What will the following code block return?

```
typeof(x)
```

character



What is the previous question an example of?

- attribute addition
- explicit coercion
- implicit coercion
- none of the above

The item "two" is a character.

Since vectors are atomic and can only have one type of data, all other items are **silently** changed to character, i.e.: `c("1", "two", "3", "4", "5", "6")`. This is termed **implicit coercion**.

VECTORS

Reminder: implicit coercion follows a given hierarchy:

character > double > integer > logical

If a mix of types are fed into a vector, R coerces the type to the highest in the hierarchy. For example, if you have doubles and logicals, R coerces the vector to double. If you have characters, doubles, and integers, R coerces it to character.

VECTORS

What will the following code block return?

```
x <- 1:4  
y <- matrix(x, ncol=2, nrow=2)  
typeof(y)
```

integer



- The `:` operator creates a range of **integers** – so `x` is of type `integer`
- `y` inherits the data type `integer`
- In other situations, you specify that you want an integer using `L`, e.g.:

```
x <- c(1L, 2L, 3L)
```


VECTORS

Suppose we run the following code. What will `any(x)` return?

```
x <- c(1, 5, 11) > 10
```

TRUE

Operations like `>` are vectorised in R, so they apply to each position of a vector. Let's break this code down.

```
▶ c(1, 5, 11) > 10
⇨ FALSE · FALSE · TRUE
```

Here, R goes through each position of the vector and checks whether the value is >10 . If true, it returns `TRUE` in that position, and if false, it returns `FALSE` in that position.

```
▶ x <- c(1, 5, 11) > 10
  any(x)
⇨ TRUE

[3] any(c(FALSE, FALSE, TRUE))
⇨ TRUE
```

Therefore, these two code chunks are equivalent. `any()` returns `TRUE` if any position in its input is `TRUE`, and false if no position in its input is `TRUE`.

SUBSETTING

Suppose we run the following code. What will `m[1, 2]` return?

```
m <- matrix(c(10,20,30,40), nrow=2, ncol=2)
```

```
[6] c(10, 20, 30, 40)
```

```
⇒ 10 · 20 · 30 · 40
```

```
[7] m <- matrix(c(10,20,30,40), nrow=2, ncol=2)
m
```

```
⇒ A matrix:
2 × 2 of
type dbl
 10 30
 20 40
```

```
▶ m[1,2]
```

```
⇒ 30
```

Creates a vector of type double

Uses the data in the vector to populate a 2×2 matrix `m`, filling columns from top to bottom, left to right

Returns the subset of data in column 1, row 2 (i.e., 30)

SUBSETTING

Suppose we run the following code. What will `df$y[4]` return?

```
df <- data.frame(  
  x = c(2, 4, 6, 8),  
  y = c("l", "m", "n", "o")  
)
```

```
df <- data.frame(  
  x = c(2, 4, 6, 8),  
  y = c("l", "m", "n", "o")  
)  
df
```

A data.frame: 4
× 2

x	y
2	l
4	m
6	n
8	o

1. Note the structure of `df`: each vector that we feed into `data.frame()`, i.e. `x` and `y`, becomes a column in `df`.

```
df$y
```

'l' 'm' 'n' 'o'

2. You can use `$` and a column name to subset the data.

```
df$y[4]
```

'o'

3. The output of `df$y` can be further subsetted by choosing only one index, i.e. 4.

SUBSETTING

```
[34] df <- data.frame(  
      x = c(2, 4, 6, 8),  
      y = c("l", "m", "n", "o")  
    )
```

```
[43] # We saw that we can isolate (subset) a column using:  
df[2]  
df["y"]
```

```
[48] # We can also select a specific cell using df[r,c]  
# where r=row number, c=column number  
df[1,2]
```

```
[51] # To get all rows for a given column, use df[,c]  
df[,2]  
  
# To get all columns for a particular row, use df[r,]  
df[2,]
```