

# Introduction to Python

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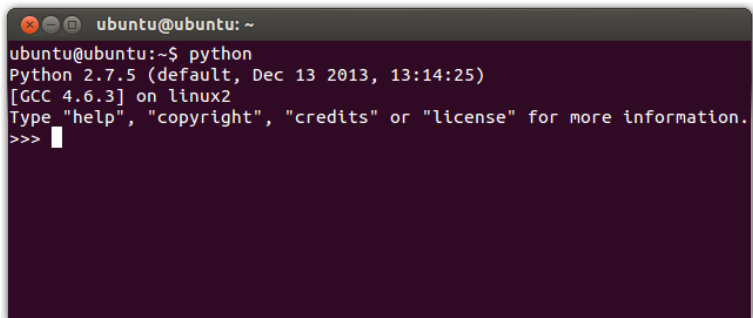


## what is python...

Python is a high-level, interpreted, interactive and object-oriented scripting language. Python is designed to be highly readable..



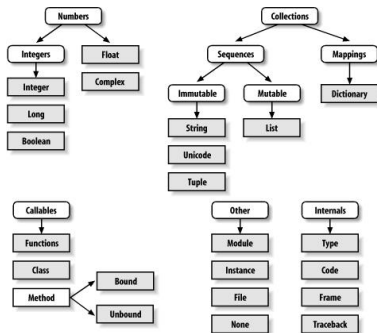
# Environment

A terminal window with a dark purple background and a grey title bar. The title bar contains three window control icons (close, minimize, maximize) and the text 'ubuntu@ubuntu: ~'. The terminal text is as follows:

```
ubuntu@ubuntu:~$ python
Python 2.7.5 (default, Dec 13 2013, 13:14:25)
[GCC 4.6.3] on linux2
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> 
```

# Variable Types

- ▶ Numbers
- ▶ String
- ▶ List
- ▶ Tuple
- ▶ Dictionary



# Numbers

- ▶ Number data types store numeric values.
- ▶ They are immutable data types, means that changing the value of a number data type results in a newly allocated object.

- ▶ Strings are amongst the most popular types in Python.
- ▶ We can create them simply by enclosing characters in quotes.
- ▶ Python treats single quotes the same as double quotes.

- ▶ The most basic data structure in Python is the sequence.
- ▶ Each element of a sequence is assigned a number - its position or index.
- ▶ The first index is zero, the second index is one, and so forth.

# Tuples

- ▶ A tuple is a sequence of immutable Python objects.
- ▶ Tuples are sequences, just like lists.
- ▶ The differences between tuples and lists are :
  - the tuples cannot be changed unlike lists
  - tuples use parentheses, whereas lists use square brackets.



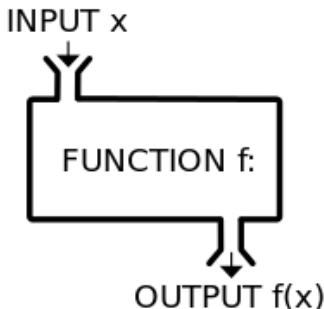
- ▶ Each key is separated from its value by a colon (:)
- ▶ the items are separated by commas
- ▶ and the whole thing is enclosed in curly braces.

- ▶ If-Then-Else
- ▶ For
- ▶ While
- ▶ Exceptions

**FLOW**  **CONTROL**

# Functions

- ▶ Function blocks begin with the keyword **def**, followed by the function name and parentheses.
- ▶ Any input parameters or arguments should be placed within these parentheses.
- ▶ The first statement of a function can be an optional statement - the documentation string of the function or docstring.



# Functions

```
def square(x):  
    return x * x
```

```
def hello():  
    return "Hello"
```

```
def printme( str ):  
    "This prints a passed string into this function"  
    print str  
    return
```

# Classes

- ▶ The class statement creates a new class definition.
- ▶ The name of the class immediately follows the keyword `class` followed by a colon as follows



# Classes

```
class Employee:
    """
    Common base class for all employees
    """
    empCount = 0

    def __init__(self, name, salary):
        self.name = name
        self.salary = salary
        Employee.empCount += 1

    def displayCount(self):
        print "Total Employee %d" % Employee.empCount

    def displayEmployee(self):
        print "Name : ", self.name, ", Salary: ", self.salary
```

```
emp1 = Employee("Zara", 2000)
```

# Garbage Collection

- ▶ Python deletes unneeded objects automatically to free the memory space.



# Inheritance

- Instead of starting from scratch, you can create a class by deriving it from a preexisting class by listing the parent class in parentheses after the new class name.





# Inheritance

```
class SubClassName (ParentClass1[, ParentClass2, ...]):  
    """  
    Optional class documentation string  
    """  
    # class_suite
```

# Base Overloading Methods

- ▶ `__init__( self [,args...] )` : Constructor (with any optional arguments)
- ▶ `__del__( self )` : Destructor, deletes an object
- ▶ `__repr__( self )` : Evaluatable string representation
- ▶ `__str__( self )` : Printable string representation
- ▶ `__lt__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__le__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__eq__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__ne__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__gt__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__ge__( self, other )`:

These are the so-called rich comparison methods,  
and are called for comparison operators in preference to `__cmp__()` below.

# Base Overloading Methods

- ▶ `__cmp__ ( self, x )` : Called by comparison operations if rich comparison is not defined.
- ▶ `__add__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__sub__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__mul__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__floordiv__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__mod__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__divmod__( self, other )`:
- ▶ `__pow__( self, other[, modulo] )`:

# Base Overloading Methods

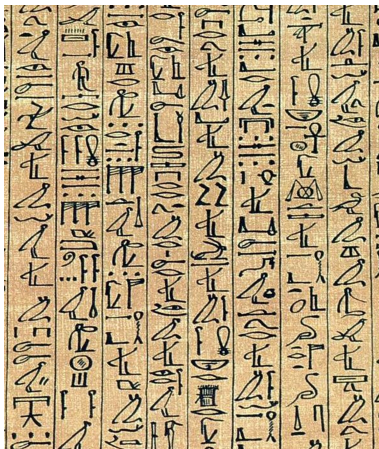
- ▶ `__lshift__( self, other ):`
- ▶ `__rshift__( self, other ):`
- ▶ `__and__( self, other ):`
- ▶ `__xor__( self, other ):`
- ▶ `__or__( self, other ):`

These methods are called to implement the binary arithmetic operations  
`+`, `-`, `*`, `//`, `%`, `divmod()`, `pow()`, `**`, `<<`, `>>`, `&`, `^`, `|`

# A Brief History of Data Management!

# 4000 B.C

- ▶ Manual recording
- ▶ From tablets to papyrus, to parchment, and then to paper

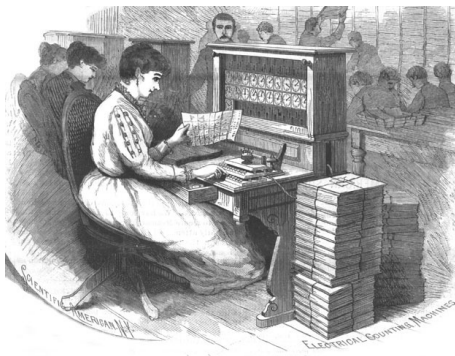


- ▶ Gutenberg's printing press



# 1800's - 1940's

- ▶ Punched cards (no fault-tolerance)
- ▶ Binary data
- ▶ 1890: US census
- ▶ 1911: IBM appeared





## 1940's - 1970's

- ▶ Magnetic tapes
- ▶ Batch transaction processing
- ▶ File-oriented record processing model (e.g., COBOL)
- ▶ Hierarchical DBMS (one-to-many)
- ▶ Network DBMS (many-to-many)



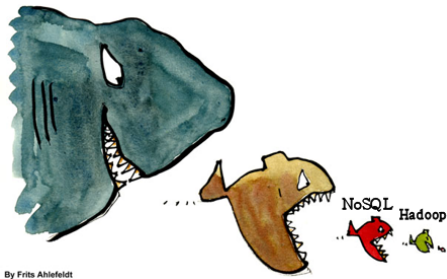
- ▶ Relational DBMS (tables) and SQL
- ▶ ACID
- ▶ Client-server computing
- ▶ Parallel processing



## ► The Internet...

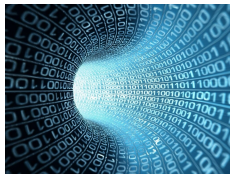


- ▶ NoSQL: BASE instead of ACID
- ▶ Big Data



# Big Data

- ▶ In recent years we have witnessed a **dramatic increase** in available data.
- ▶ For example, the **number of web pages** indexed by Google, which were around **one million** in 1998, have exceeded **one trillion** in 2008, and its expansion is accelerated by appearance of the social networks.



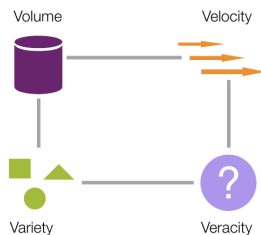
# Big Data Definition

- ▶ **Big Data** refers to datasets and flows **large enough** that has outpaced our capability to **store, process, analyze, and understand**.



# The Four Dimensions of Big Data

- ▶ **Volume**: data **size**
- ▶ **Velocity**: data **generation rate**
- ▶ **Variety**: data **heterogeneity**
- ▶ **Veracity**: **uncertainty** of accuracy and authenticity of data



# Big Data Market Driving Factors

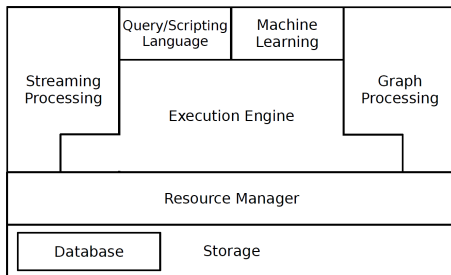
- ▶ Mobile devices
- ▶ Internet of Things (IoT)
- ▶ Cloud computing
- ▶ Open source initiatives





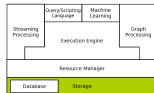
# The Big Data Stack!

# Big Data Analytics Stack



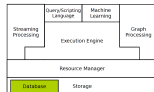
# Big Data - Storage (Filesystem)

- ▶ Traditional filesystems are not well-designed for large-scale data processing systems.
- ▶ **Efficiency** has a higher priority than other features, e.g., directory service.
- ▶ Massive size of data tends to store it across **multiple machines** in a distributed way.
- ▶ HDFS, Amazon S3, ...



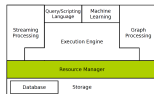
# Big Data - Database

- ▶ Relational Databases Management Systems (RDMS) were **not** designed to be distributed.
- ▶ **NoSQL** databases **relax** one or more of the **ACID** properties: **BASE**
- ▶ Different data models: **key/value**, **column-family**, **graph**, **document**.
- ▶ Dynamo, Scalaris, BigTable, Hbase, Cassandra, MongoDB, Volde-mort, Riak, Neo4J, ...



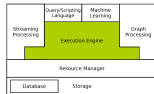
# Big Data - Resource Management

- ▶ Different frameworks require different **computing resources**.
- ▶ Large organizations need the ability to **share data and resources** between multiple frameworks.
- ▶ **Resource management** share resources in a cluster between **multiple frameworks** while providing resource **isolation**.
- ▶ Mesos, YARN, Quincy, ...



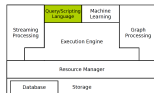
# Big Data - Execution Engine

- ▶ Scalable and fault tolerance parallel data processing on clusters of unreliable machines.
- ▶ Data-parallel programming model for clusters of commodity machines.
- ▶ MapReduce, Spark, Stratosphere, Dryad, Hyracks, ...



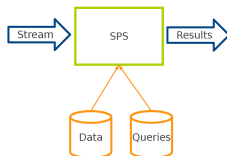
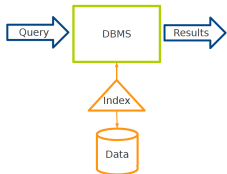
# Big Data - Query/Scripting Language

- ▶ **Low-level** programming of execution engines, e.g., MapReduce, is **not** easy for end users.
- ▶ Need **high-level** language to improve the query capabilities of execution engines.
- ▶ It translates **user-defined** functions to **low-level** API of the execution engines.
- ▶ Pig, Hive, Shark, Meteor, DryadLINQ, SCOPE, ...

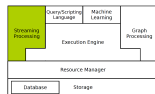


# Big Data - Stream Processing

- ▶ Providing users with **fresh** and **low latency** results.
- ▶ Database Management Systems (**DBMS**) vs. Stream Processing Systems (**SPS**)



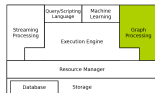
- ▶ Storm, S4, SEEP, D-Stream, Naiad, ...





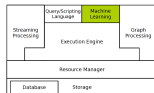
# Big Data - Graph Processing

- ▶ Many problems are expressed using **graphs**: sparse **computational dependencies**, and **multiple iterations** to converge.
- ▶ Data-parallel frameworks, such as MapReduce, are not ideal for these problems: **slow**
- ▶ Graph processing frameworks are **optimized** for graph-based problems.
- ▶ Pregel, Giraph, GraphX, GraphLab, PowerGraph, GraphChi, ...

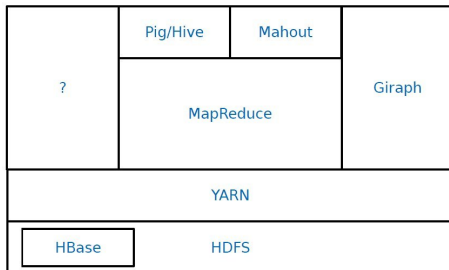


# Big Data - Machine Learning

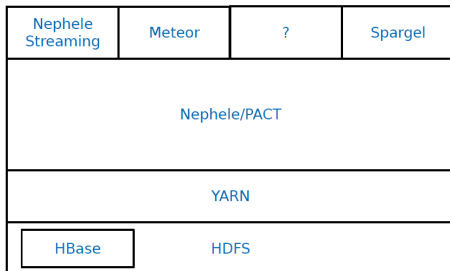
- ▶ Implementing and consuming machine learning techniques at scale are **difficult tasks** for developers and end users.
- ▶ There exist platforms that address it by providing scalable machine-learning and data mining libraries.
- ▶ Mahout, MLBase, SystemML, Ricardo, Presto, ...



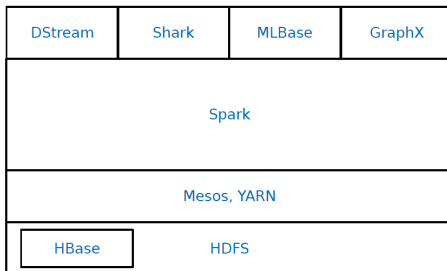
# Hadoop Big Data Analytics Stack



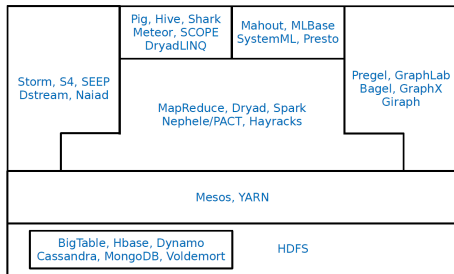
# Stratosphere Big Data Analytics Stack



# Spark Big Data Analytics Stack



# Summary



# Questions?