

Computational Thinking

Discrete Mathematics

Number Theory

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Logic

Lecture 01 : Fundamentals of Computation

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Collections

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- Using PyTutor with Colab
- Storing data and data types
- Making decisions
- Looping

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Using PyTutor with Colab

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Before we start covering Python we want to show you PyTutor in action. The following slides shows screenshots of the process but you should verify the steps yourself on your phone/tablet.

Step 1 — Click/Scan on QR Code

The following code outputs powers of 2, don't worry about the actual code, just make sure that you can open and use PyTutor ...

```
1 powers = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]
2 for p in powers:
3     print(p, 2**p)
```

```
0 1
1 2
2 4
3 8
4 16
5 32
6 64
```

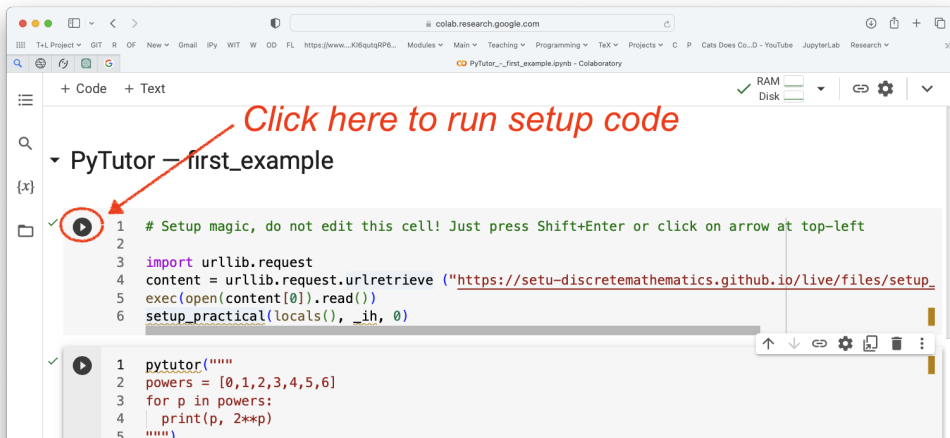


Using PyTutor with Colab

This should open in Colab the following notebook.

Unlike our practical notebooks, don't bother clicking on **File** → **Save a copy in Drive**.

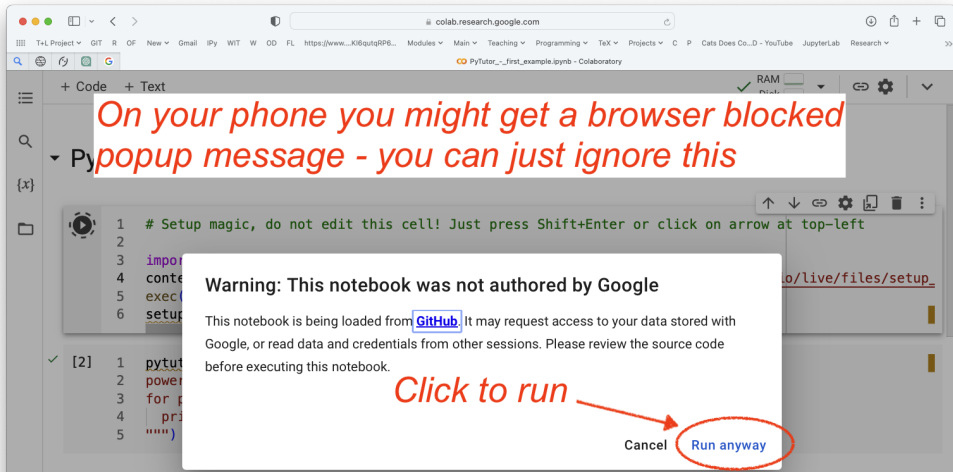
Step 2 — Execute the first cell to setup notebook.



Using PyTutor with Colab

On executing the first cell you will get the following message. Click on **Run anyway**.

Step 3 — Click on Run anyway



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After executing the first cell you will get the usual "Python practical setup tools version 23.2".

Step 4 — Click on second cell to run code in PyTutor

The screenshot shows a Google Colab notebook interface. The browser address bar is `colab.research.google.com`. The notebook has two code cells. The first cell, titled "PyTutor — first_example", contains the following code:

```
1 # Setup magic, do not edit this cell! Just press Shift+Enter or click on arrow at top-left
2
3 import urllib.request
4 content = urllib.request.urlretrieve ("https://setu-discretemathematics.github.io/live/files/setup_
5 exec(open(content[0]).read())
6 setup_practical(locals(), _ih, 0)
```

Below the code, a message states: "Python practical setup tools version 23.2. See https://setu-discretemathematics.github.io/live/00-Module_Introduction/33-Python_Practicals".

The second cell, labeled "[2]", contains the following code:

```
1 pytutor("""
2 powers = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]
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5 """)
```

A red arrow points from the text "Click here to start pytutor" to the first cell's execution button (a play icon).

Using PyTutor with Colab

You can now use PyTutor, to step back/forward through the code and see the current data values and resulting output.

The screenshot displays the PyTutor interface within a Google Colab environment. The interface is divided into several sections:

- 1. Code:** The code editor on the left shows the following Python code:


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- 2. Step controls:** Below the code editor, there are navigation buttons: "< Prev", "Next >", and "Step 9 of 16".
- 3. Data values:** The "Frames" and "Objects" panels on the right show the current state of the program. The "Global frame" shows the variable "powers" pointing to a list object containing the values [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6].
- 4. Output:** The "Print output" window on the right shows the results of the code execution:


```
0 1
1 2
2 4
```

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1. Using PyTutor with Colab

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2. Python Fundamentals

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Brief History of Python

- Invented in the Netherlands, early 90s by Guido van Rossum.

“Python is an experiment in how much freedom programmers need. Too much freedom and nobody can read another’s code; too little and expressiveness is endangered.”

– Guido

- Named after Monty Python.
- Scalable, object oriented and functional from the beginning
- Python 3.0 was released in 2008, to rectify certain flaws in Python 2.*.
- Most popular language for machine learning and data mining.

Python’s Benevolent Dictator For Life



First Look at Python Code

To get an idea of Python, we will take a small piece of code*

```
1 # Solution to Euler problem 2
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3 # Calculate the sum of the even-values in the Fibonacci sequence
4 #    1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...
5 # value that do not exceed four million,
6
7 last = 1
8 current = 2
9
10 answer = 0
11 while current <= 4_000_000:
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The character # indicates an end of line comment.
In each line everything after the # is ignored by the computer



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Use `=` to store data.

On the left of `=`, we have the **identifier** name(s)

On the right of `=`, we have the data value(s)

Unlike other languages (e.g., Processing) we don't need to state the data type. (More on this later.)



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A core feature of Python is **indenting**

indent is the spacing at **start** of Python lines of code.

It is used to specify blocks of code, for functions, loops or decisions.

Here we have a **while** loop block with lines 12–14.

Inside that, we have an **if** decision block with line 13.

Note the **:** at end of line **before** code block

Other languages (e.g., Processing) use brackets **{** and **}** to specify blocks. Python doesn't and this results in cleaner code.



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Python has lots of little features that make coding nicer.

For example:

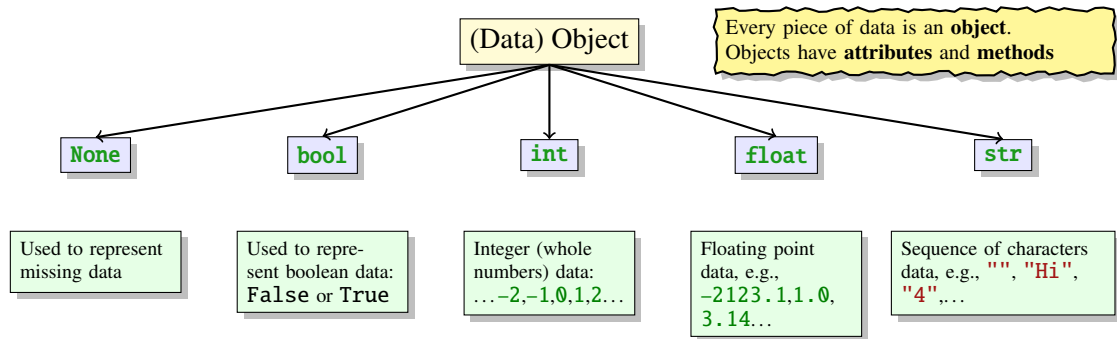
- We can use underscore `_` to represent thousand separator in numbers (line 11).
- We can assign multiple values at the same time (line 14).



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Data and Data Types: **None**, **type**

Python has 5 main primitive data types:



- An **Object** stores data in its **attributes**, and **methods** are used to change an object.
- In Python, the type of the data is automatically determined (unlike Processing).
- The type determines what you are allowed to do to a piece of data.
- Function **type** will return the type of a piece of data.

Collections: **set**, **list**

We will cover collections in more detail later, but for now we have:

Sets

- A set is collection of **distinct, un-ordered** values.

Lists

Looping: `for`, `while`

Making Decisions: `if`, `elif`, `else`
