**Day 6 - Variables and Data Types**

**What is a variable?**

Variable is like a container that holds data. Very similar to how our containers in kitchen holds sugar, salt etc Creating a variable is like creating a placeholder in memory and assigning it some value. In Python its as easy as writing:

a = 1

b = True

c = "Harry"

d = None

These are four variables of different data types.

**What is a Data Type?**

Data type specifies the type of value a variable holds. This is required in programming to do various operations without causing an error.  
In python, we can print the type of any operator using type function:

a = 1

print(type(a))

b = "1"

print(type(b))

By default, python provides the following built-in data types:

**1. Numeric data: int, float, complex**

* int: 3, -8, 0
* float: 7.349, -9.0, 0.0000001
* complex: 6 + 2i

**2. Text data: str**

str: "Hello World!!!", "Python Programming"

**3. Boolean data:**

Boolean data consists of values True or False.

**4. Sequenced data: list, tuple**

**list:** A list is an ordered collection of data with elements separated by a comma and enclosed within square brackets. Lists are mutable and can be modified after creation.

**Example:**

list1 = [8, 2.3, [-4, 5], ["apple", "banana"]]

print(list1)

Output:

[8, 2.3, [-4, 5], ['apple', 'banana']]

**Tuple:** A tuple is an ordered collection of data with elements separated by a comma and enclosed within parentheses. Tuples are immutable and can not be modified after creation.

**Example:**

tuple1 = (("parrot", "sparrow"), ("Lion", "Tiger"))

print(tuple1)

Output:

(('parrot', 'sparrow'), ('Lion', 'Tiger'))

**5. Mapped data: dict**

**dict:** A dictionary is an unordered collection of data containing a key:value pair. The key:value pairs are enclosed within curly brackets.

**Example:**

dict1 = {"name":"Sakshi", "age":20, "canVote":True}

print(dict1)

Output:

{'name': 'Sakshi', 'age': 20, 'canVote': True}