Programming Language - Python Part III

Basic Python Command

Variable, Operations, Decision, Looping

Basic Programming (General)

- Variables
  - A place to store up data; eg. if you use micro:bit to measure the temperature, you need a variable to store up the result (i.e. the temperature).
  - You define a variable (“make a variable”) by giving its name
- Common type of variables
  - Boolean
  - Number
  - Array
  - String (text)

Note: Once a variable is used, the type is automatically specified.

Number

Python Numbers

There are three numeric types in Python:

- `int`
- `float`
- `complex`

Variables of numeric types are created when you assign a value to them:

Example

```
x = 1    # int
y = 2.8  # float
z = 1j   # complex
```

https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_numbers.asp

String

String Literals

String literals in python are surrounded by either single quotation marks, or double quotation marks.

`'hello'` is the same as `"hello"`.

You can display a string literal with the `print()` function:

Example

```
print("Hello")
print('Hello')
```

Example

```
a = "Hello"
print(a)
```

Multiline Strings

You can assign a multiline string to a variable by using three quotes:

Example

You can use three double quotes:

```
a = """Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,
consectetur adipiscing elit,
sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt
ut labore et dolore magna aliqua."""
print(a)
```

Boolean

Boolean Values

In programming you often need to know if an expression is `True` or `False`.

You can evaluate any expression in Python, and get one of two answers, `True` or `False`.

When you compare two values, the expression is evaluated and Python returns the Boolean answer:

Example

```
print(10 > 9)
print(10 == 9)
print(10 < 9)
```

When you run a condition in an if statement, Python returns True or False

Array

Example

Create an array containing car names:

```
cars = ["Ford", "Volvo", "BMW"]
```

What is an Array?

An array is a special variable, which can hold more than one value at a time.

If you have a list of items (a list of car names, for example), storing the cars in single variables could look like this:

```
car1 = "Ford"
car2 = "Volvo"
car3 = "BMW"
```

However, what if you want to loop through the cars and find a specific one? And what if you had not 3 cars, but 300?

The solution is an array!

An array can hold many values under a single name, and you can access the values by referring to an index number.

Access the Elements of an Array

You refer to an array element by referring to the *index number*.

Example

Get the value of the first array item:

```
x = cars[0]
```

Example

Modify the value of the first array item:

```
cars[0] = "Toyota"
```

Python Operations

Python Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic operators are used with numeric values to perform common mathematical operations:

Operator	Name	Example
+	Addition	x + y
-	Subtraction	x - y
*	Multiplication	x * y
/	Division	x / y
%	Modulus	x % y
**	Exponentiation	x ** y
//	Floor division	x // y

Python Assignment Operators

Assignment operators are used to assign values to variables:

Operator	Example	Same As	Tr
=	x = 5	x = 5	
+=	x += 3	x = x + 3	
-=	x -= 3	x = x - 3	
*=	x *= 3	x = x * 3	
/=	x /= 3	x = x / 3	
%=	x %= 3	x = x % 3	
//=	x //= 3	x = x // 3	
**=	x **= 3	x = x ** 3	
&=	x &= 3	x = x & 3	
|=	x |= 3	x = x | 3	
^=	x ^= 3	x = x ^ 3	
>>=	x >>= 3	x = x >> 3	
<<=	x <<= 3	x = x << 3	

Python Operations

Python Comparison Operators

Comparison operators are used to compare two values:

Operator	Name	Example
==	Equal	x == y
!=	Not equal	x != y
>	Greater than	x > y
<	Less than	x < y
>=	Greater than or equal to	x >= y
<=	Less than or equal to	x <= y

Python Logical Operators

Logical operators are used to combine conditional statements:

Operator	Description	Example
and	Returns True if both statements are true	x < 5 and x < 10
or	Returns True if one of the statements is true	x < 5 or x < 4
not	Reverse the result, returns False if the result is true	not(x < 5 and x < 10)

Python Identity Operators

Identity operators are used to compare the objects, not if they are equal, but if they are actually the same object, with the same memory location:

Operator	Description	Example
is	Returns True if both variables are the same object	x is y
is not	Returns True if both variables are not the same object	x is not y

Iteration in Python

Python For Loops

A `for` loop is used for iterating over a sequence (that is either a list, a tuple, a dictionary, a set, or a string).

This is less like the `for` keyword in other programming languages, and works more like an iterator method as found in other object-orientated programming languages.

With the `for` loop we can execute a set of statements, once for each item in a list, tuple, set etc.

Example

Print each fruit in a fruit list:

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
for x in fruits:
  print(x)
```

Iteration in Python

The while Loop

With the `while` loop we can execute a set of statements as long as a condition is true.

Example

Print i as long as i is less than 6:

```
i = 1
while i < 6:
  print(i)
  i += 1
```

Python Functions

Creating a Function

In Python a function is defined using the `def` keyword:

Example

```
def my_function():
  print("Hello from a function")
```

Calling a Function

To call a function, use the function name followed by parenthesis:

Example

```
def my_function():
  print("Hello from a function")

my_function()
```

Python Exercises

Write python program to execute the following commands:

Q1. Set variable a equal to the sum of 4 + 3, then print variable

Q2. Set Boolean variable a equal to False, then print variable a. What can you observe?

Q3. Input an integer variable Temp.

If Temp >30 then print “the temperature is HOT”.

If Temp <10 then print “the temperature is COOL”.

Otherwise, print “the temperature is NORMAL”

Python Exercises

Write python program to execute the following commands:

Q4. Write a program to print an integer number list from 0 to 9 using for loop.

Q5. Write a program to print an integer number list from 0 to 9 using while loop.

Q6. Write a program to print an integer number list from 0 to 9 except 5.

Python Exercises

Write python program to execute the following commands:

Q7. Write a function using def which can return the product of two input integer variables a and b. Then use print command to print out the return value.

Q8. Create an array basket which contain the following text in order of “apple”, “orange” and “banana”. Write a for loop to print the three text line by line.