

# **Introduction to Programming and Data Processing Module 1**

## **Lecture 1: Course Introduction**

# Outline

- ① Course introduction
- ② Overview to programming

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# Course References & Material

- Webpages of the course:
  - ★ [http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20\\_21](http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20_21)
    - ▶ Slides and examples from the lectures, further materials and links
  - ★ [http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20\\_21Repl](http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20_21Repl)
    - ▶ Weekly coding assignments
- Suggested books:
  - ★ M. Lutz, Learning Python;
  - ★ W. McKinney, Python for Data Analysis.
- Well-done tutorial: <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/>
- Software
  - ★ Python: <https://www.python.org/>
  - ★ Python editor: JupyterLab <https://jupyter.org/>
  - ★ Setup your machine: [http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20\\_21](http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20_21)

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## **A student who has met the objectives of the course will**

acquire a high-level understanding of the issues involved in computer programming, to be able to make informed decisions. The student will be able to write simple to medium python programs of various nature, including those for reading, manipulating and visualizing data.

# Tentative Learning Objectives

A student who has met the objectives of the course will be able to:

- select and use the correct data types for the problem at hand
- use variables and operations
- use and describe control and repetition structures (if, loops)
- use and describe collections (lists, ...)
- create and use functions and classes
- use libraries for File I/O, data manipulation, and data visualization
- use principles of structured program design and methods
- explain and apply the principles of abstract data types
- discuss Python-related issues in a clear and concise way, possibly using on-line platforms

# Evaluation

- Weekly coding assignments
  - ★ To be handed in via *Repl.it* at [http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20\\_21Repl](http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20_21Repl)
    - ▶ Automatic tests for your code and hints to fix bugs
    - ▶ (Soft) deadlines: before the following class
    - ▶ Feel free to contact us for support
  - ★ A fundamental learning tool of this course
- Oral Exam
  - ★ We will do an oral examination
    - ▶ starting from your solutions to the assignments
    - ▶ Another reason for doing your assignments!
  - ★ Date: TBD



# Tentative Lecture Plan

#	Date	Time	Topic
1	22/02	17:00-19:00	Course introduction
2	24/02	15:00-18:00	Data types & operations
3	26/02	15:00-18:00	Collections
4	01/03	15:00-18:00	Control and Repetition statements
5	05/03	15:00-18:00	Functions
6	08/03	15:00-18:00	Modules & Exceptions & Object Oriented Programming
7	12/03	15:00-18:00	Advanced libraries for data manipulation/visualization
-	TBD	TBD	Exam

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  - ★ Therefore you have to regularly do all the assignments

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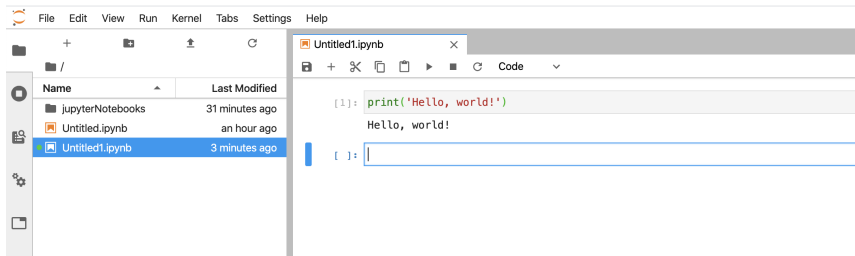
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However, we have the ambitious goal of covering many topics necessary to introduce you to programming and data processing in just 20 hours. Hence we might skip some second parts.

# Live Programming

Find the JupyterLab notebooks at [http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20\\_21](http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20_21)



# Repl.it

The screenshot shows the Repl.it web interface. At the top, the Repl.it logo is on the left, and the module name 'Module01.01 - Hello, world!' is in the center. To the right of the module name are links for 'my repls', 'student', 'notifications', 'gg talk', and 'arwandu (0)'. Below the module name, there is a 'run' button and a dropdown menu. The code editor on the left contains the following code:

```
1- # This program prints 'Hello, world!':  
2- print('Hello, world!')  
3-  
4- # Can you change it so that it prints the same, but in Italian?
```

At the bottom of the code editor, it says 'Python 3.8.1 (default, Feb 2 2020, 08:37:37)'. On the right side, there is a 'submit' button. Below the 'submit' button, there is a section titled 'Instructions from your teacher:' which contains the following text:

**Statement**  
Write a program that prints the Italian translation of 'Hello, world!'. That is: 'Ciao, mondo!'

**Example input**

**Example output**

**Theory**  
Well, there is not much theory to use here.  
In the example, you can see how to print 'Hello, world!'.

- First time visit: [http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20\\_21ReplFirst](http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20_21ReplFirst)
- After that: [http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20\\_21Repl](http://bit.ly/IPDPSSSA20_21Repl)

# Repl.it

- A Repl.it team is a collection of assignments with autograding functionalities
- Your dashboard will be an ordered list of assignments.  
You can see the status of your assignments
- Our dashboard tells us the status of all your assignments



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# What is a program?

- A sequence of code instructions to control a machine
  - ★ Input/output
  - ★ Mathematical operations
  - ★ Conditional and repetitive executions
- A recipe to instruct a machine to execute instructions.
  - ★ We can't use a *natural language*.
  - ★ We need a **programming language**

# Programming languages

## The 7 Most In-Demand Programming Languages of 2019

March 15, 2019

Aspiring developers need to know what languages to learn; they need to select the right education and work on a skill set that will impress future employers and land their dream job. So what are the top programming languages? And what is the best one to learn? We've compiled a list for you that highlights the most in-demand programming languages based off current job postings on the market.

Here are the Top 7 programming languages with most job posting on [Indeed](https://www.indeed.com) as of January 2019:

- Java – 65,986 jobs
- Python – 61,818 jobs
- Javascript – 38,018 jobs
- C++ – 36,798 jobs
- C# – 27,521 jobs
- PHP – 16,890 jobs
- PERL – 13, 727 jobs

1	Java		11	MATLAB	
2	C		12	R	
3	Python		13	Perl	
4	C++		14	Assembly Language	
5	Visual Basic .NET		15	Swift	
6	Javascript		16	Go	
7	C#		17	Delphi/Object Pascal	
8	PHP		18	Ruby	
9	SQL		19	PL/SQL	
10	Objective-C		20	Visual Basic	

<http://www.codingdojo.com/blog/the-7-most-in-demand-programming-languages-of-2019>

# Programming languages

The index can be used to check whether your programming skills are still up to date or to make a strategic decision about what programming language should be adopted when starting to build a new software system. The definition of the TIOBE index can be found [here](https://www.tiobe.com/tiobe-index/).

Feb 2021	Feb 2020	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	2	▲	C	16.34%	-0.43%
2	1	▼	Java	11.29%	-6.07%
3	3		Python	10.86%	+1.52%
4	4		C++	6.88%	+0.71%
5	5		C#	4.44%	-1.48%

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# The Python Programming language



- High-level: almost human readable. Abstracts from hardware
- Beginner-friendly: streamlined syntax:
  - ★ it is easy to write simple programs
- Free, open-source and multi-platform
- Developed since the 90s, therefore it has
  - ★ A wide community, and its popularity keeps increasing
  - ★ Many predefined software modules

# Python programs

- A sequence of python instructions to control a machine
- Python supports the most common programming styles
  - ★ Imperative: Statements are executed in sequence changing the state of the program (the variables)
  - ★ Procedural: The program is structured in reusable units named functions
  - ★ Object-oriented: The program is structured as a collection of interacting objects that send messages to each other.
  - ★ Functional: Statements are not written/executed as an ordered sequence of instructions. A computation is treated as the evaluation of a mathematical function.

# Variables

## Basic abstraction to represent units of data

A variable has a name and a value

- Names can contain any letter, number, or the underscore \_

False	await	else	import	pass
None	break	except	in	raise
True	class	finally	is	return
and	continue	for	lambda	try
as	def	from	nonlocal	while
assert	del	global	not	with
async	elif	if	or	yield

Cannot

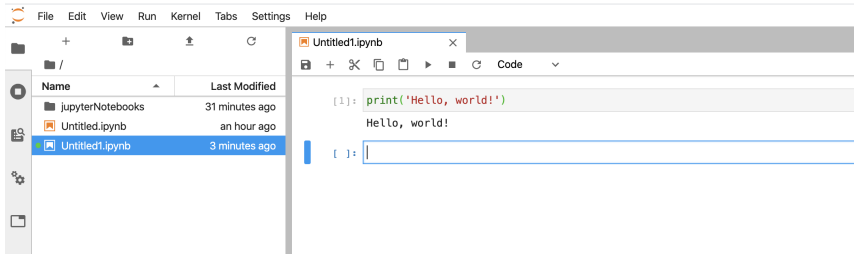
- ★ Cannot start with numbers
- ★ Cannot be a keyword
- ★ Names are case-sensitive

- We assign/update values to variables using assignment statements

```
month_number=3
month_name="April"
print("The number of",month_name,"is",month_number)
month_number=4
print("The number of",month_name,"is",month_number)
```

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# Configure your machine

If you have not done it yet

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## “But it works . . .”



# “Can You Learn To Ski Without Lessons?”



<https://www.skibro.com/blog/en/can-you-learn-to-ski-without-lessons/>

Most of the times you get to the valley,  
but **how do you get there?**