Python in Education

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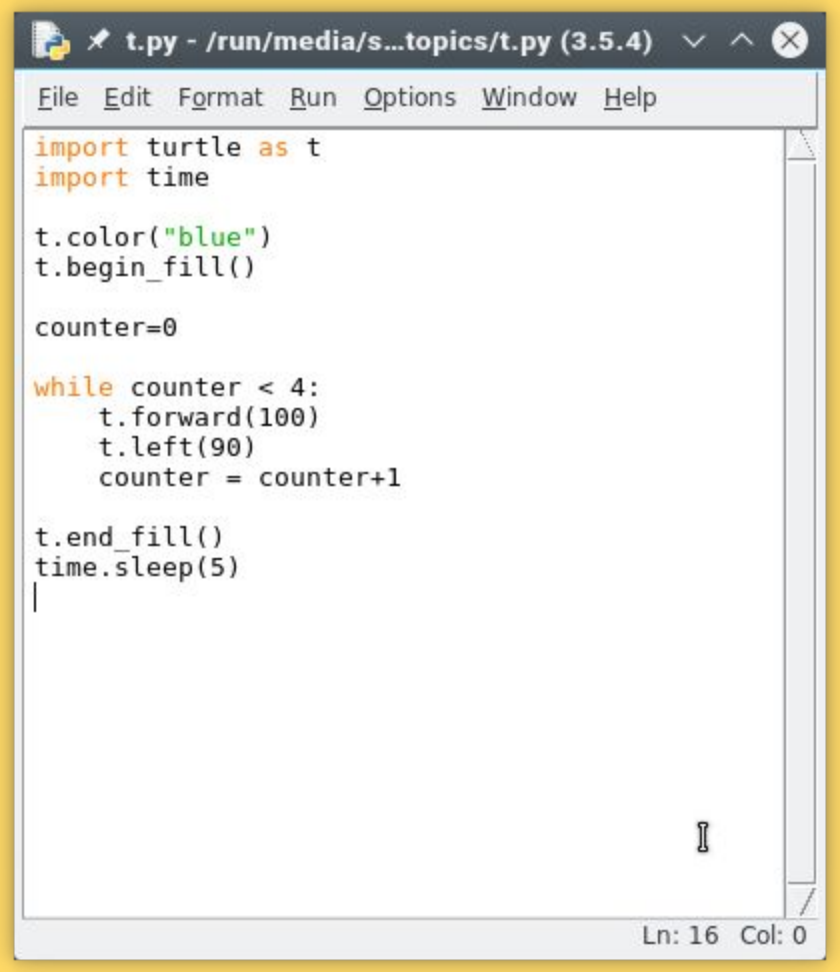
Python

- Interpreted programming language
- Formatting dependent on whitespace
- Popular for use in OOP and data science
- Frequently used for teaching beginners



Pros of Using Python for Education

- Simple syntax, easy to understand
- Whitespace reinforces good formatting practices
- High level, don’t need to learn low-level concepts like memory
- Interpreted, so no need to compile
- Very portable

Cons of Python in Education

- Teaches the “how” but not the “why”
- Connection between functionality less intuitive
- Can get confusing and frustrating if you go too fast
- Data types not obvious
- Too much abstraction
- Whitespace can get hard to track

Middle Ground

- Hybrid approach may be best
- Start in C for the basics, move to Python once pointers needed

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