Python Language

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Introduction to Python

- Python is a powerful modern computer programming language.
- Python allows you to use variables without declaring them (i.e., it determines types implicitly), and it relies on indentation as a control structure.
- Python was developed by Guido van Rossum, and it is free software.
- The object-oriented nature of Python was part of its design from the very beginning.
- Python is available on a wide variety of platforms.

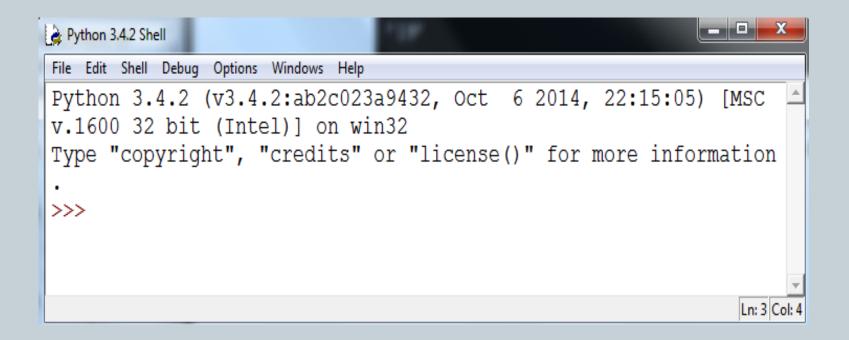
Introduction to Python (Cont)

- Python has relatively few keywords, simple structure, and a clearly defined syntax. This allows the student to pick up the language in a relatively short period of time.
- You can download the latest version by visiting the Python home page, at http://www.python.org.
- Python has an interpreter.
- Unlike human languages, the Python vocabulary is actually pretty small.
- The biggest pitfall with programming in C or C++ is that the responsibility of memory management is in the hands of the developer. The memory management is performed by the Python interpreter.

IDLE

- An IDE is an integrated development environment—one program that provides all the tools that developer needs to write software.
- To exit the Python interactive prompt, we need to use an end-of-file character. Under Windows, this corresponds to the Ctrl-Z key combination; in Linux, it corresponds to Ctrl-D.
- Alternatively, one can use the exit() function:

IDLE (Cont)



Reserved words

Keywords

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

Variables

- A **variable** can be any combination of letters, digits and underscore characters.
- The first character cannot be a digit.
- Variables in Python are **case sensitive**: variable and VARIABLE are not the same.
- Reserved word cannot be used for the variables.
- It should be a meaningful name. WWW.64BITS.LK
- Spacing is not allowed for the variables.
- Example: X _LabName RESULT2
 VaRiAbLe

Variables (Cont)

Executed Code: Variable Assignment

a = 3

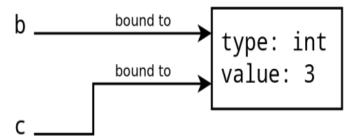
b = a

c = a

a = "hello"

Variables

Values in Memory



type: string value: "hello"

Variables (Cont)

Assigning Values to Variables:

- Python variables do not have to be explicitly declared to reserve memory space. The declaration happens automatically when you assign a value to a variable.
- The equal sign (=) is used to assign values to variables.

Variables (Cont)

```
counter = 100  # An integer assignment
miles = 1000.0  # A floating point
name = "John"  # A string
```

$$a = b = c = 1$$

$$a, b, c = 1, 2, "john"$$

Built in types of Data

- A *data type* is a set of values and a set of operations defined on those values. Many data types are built into the Python language.
- In this section, we consider Python's built-in data types int (for integers), float (for floating-point numbers), str (for sequences of characters) and bool (for true-false values).

Built in types of Data (Cont)

type	set of values	common operators	sample literals
int	integers	+ - * // % **	99 12 2147483647
float	floating-point numbers	+ - * / **	3.14 2.5 6.022e23
boo1	true-false values	and or not	True False
str	sequences of characters	+	'AB' 'Hello' '2.5'
Basic built-in data types			

type() function

```
>>> a = 45
>>> type(a)
<type 'int'>
>>> b = 'This is a string'
>>> type(b)
<type 'str'>
>>> c = 2 + 1j
>>> type(c)
<type 'complex'>
>>> d = [1, 3, 56]
>>> type(d)
<type 'list'>
```

Mathematics Operators

Name	Meaning	Example	Result
+	Addition	34 + 1	35
= 3	Subtraction	34.0 - 0.1	33.9
*	Multiplication	300 * 30	9000
1	Float Division	1 / 2	0.5
11	Integer Division	1 // 2	0
**	Exponentiation	4 ** 0.5	2.0
%	Remainder	20 % 3	2

Mathematics Operators (Cont)

Expression	Meaning	
x + y	x added to y, if x and y are numbers	
	x concatenated to y, if x and y are strings	
x - y	x take away y, if x and y are numbers	
x * y	x times y, if x and y are numbers	
	x concatenated with itself y times, if x is a string and y is an integer	
	y concatenated with itself x times, if y is a string and x is an integer	
x / y	x divided by y, if x and y are numbers	
x // y	Floor of x divided by y, if x and y are numbers	
<i>x</i> % <i>y</i>	Remainder of x divided by y, if x and y are numbers	
x ** y	x raised to y power, if x and y are numbers	

Mathematics Operators (Cont)

Operator	Name	Example	Equivalent
+=	Addition assignment	i += 8	i = i + 8
-=	Subtraction assignment	i -= 8	i = i - 8
*=	Multiplication assignment	i *= 8	i = i * 8
/=	Float division assignment	i /= 8	i = i / 8
//=	Integer division assignment	i //= 8	i = i // 8
%=	Remainder assignment	i %= 8	i = i % 8
**=	Exponent assignment	i **= 8	i = i ** 8

Type the commands and get the output

>>> 3+4
7
>>> 3-4
-1
>>> 3/4
0.75
>>> 8/2
4.0
>>> 7%3
1
>>> -3/4
-0.75
>>> 5*4
20

```
>>> 7//2
>>> 7//2.0
3.0
>>> -7//2
-4
>>> 7//-2
-4
>>> -7//-2
>>> 782
>>> -7%2
>>> 78-2
-1
```

Type the following commands and explain the output

• -20// 3

• **-**20%3

Operator Precedence

Operator Precedence

**	Exponentiation
+x, -x, ~x	Positive, negative, bitwise NOT
*,/,//,%	Multiplication, division, remainder
+, -	Addition and subtraction
<<,>>>	Shifts
&	Bitwise AND
٨	Bitwise XOR
1	Bitwise OR
in, not in, is, is not, <, <=, >, >=, !=, ==	Comparisons, including membership tests and identity tests
not	Boolean NOT
and	Boolean AND
or	Boolean OR

Print() function

- A program consists of one or more statements. A statement is an instruction that the interpreter executes.
- The following statement invokes the print function to display a message:
- print("This is a simple Python program")
- By default, the print function places a single space in between the items it prints. Print uses a keyword argument named sep to specify the string to use insert between items. The name sep stands for separator.

Print() function (Cont)

```
w, x, y, z = 10, 15, 20, 25
print(w, x, y, z)
print(w, x, y, z, sep=',')
print(w, x, y, z, sep='')
print(w, x, y, z, sep=':')
print(w, x, y, z, sep='----')
```

```
10 15 20 25
10,15,20,25
10152025
10:15:20:25
10----25
```

The expression end="is known as a keyword argument.

```
print('A', end='')
print('B', end='')
print('C', end='')
print()
print('X')
print('Y')
print('Y')
```

ABC X Y Z

Comments

- In a Python command, anything after a # symbol is a comment.
- Comments are not part of the command, but rather intended as documentation for anyone reading the code. Multiline comments are also possible, and are enclosed by triple double-quote symbols:
- For example:

print("Hello world ") # this is a comment

input() function

• The built-in function input() takes a string argument. This string is used as a prompt. When the input() function is called, the prompt is printed and the program waits for the user to provide input via the keyboard.

• input(): Prompts the user for input with its string argument and returns the string the user enters.

Find the difference between the outputs:

```
a=input('Enter a number:')
print(a)
a=int(input('Enter a number:'))
print(a)
a=float(input('Enter a number:'))
print(a)
```

Built-in Functions

- int(): Returns the integer form of its argument.
- float(): Returns the float form of its argument.
- str(): Returns the string of its argument.
- Bool(): Returns the Boolean value True or False
- chr(): Returns the character for the ASCII value
- ord(): Returns the ASCII value
- eval(): Returns the result of evaluating its string argument as any Python expression, including arithmetic and numerical expressions

Exercise

- Write a program to read character and get the corresponding ASCII value for the character entered.
- Write a program to read a number and get the corresponding character from the ASCII table.
- Note: Open a new file in file menu and save the file with the extension of .py

Built-in Functions (Cont)

```
>>> int('20')
20
>>> int(2.02)
>>> int(True)
>>> int(False)
0
>>> float('20.2')
20.2
```

```
>>> str(20)
'20'
>>> bool (2)
True
>>> bool(0)
False
>>> bool(-2)
True
>>> eval('3.9')
3.9
>>> chr(65)
'A'
>>> ord('A')
65
```

Strings

- A string is created by enclosing text in quotes. You can use either single quotes, ', or double quotes, ". A triple-quote can be used for multi-line strings.
- To get the length of a string (how many characters it has), use the built-in function len. For example, len('Hello') is 5

Strings Concatenation and repetition

- The operators + and * can be used on strings.
- The + operator combines two strings. This operation is called concatenation.

The * repeats a string a certain number of times.

Strings Concatenation and repetition (Cont)

Expression	Result
'AB'+'cd'	'ABcd'
'A'+'7'+'B'	'A7B'
'Hi'*4	'HiHiHiHi'

Indexing

- We will often want to pick out individual characters from a string.
- Python uses square brackets to do this.
- The table below gives some examples of indexing the string
- s='Python'

Statement	Result	Description
s[0]	P	first character of s
s[1]	У	second character of s
s[-1]	n	last character of s
s[-2]	0	second-to-last character of s

Slices

- A slice is used to pick out part of a string. It behaves like a combination of indexing and the **range** function.
- Below we have some examples with the string
- s='abcdefghij'.

```
index: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 letters: a b c d e f g h i j
```

Code	Result	Description
s[2:5]	cde	characters at indices 2, 3, 4
s[:5]	abcde	first five characters
s[5:]	fghij	characters from index 5 to the end
s[-2:]	ij	last two characters
s[:]	abcdefghij	entire string
s[1:7:2]	bdf	characters from index 1 to 6, by twos
s[: :-1]	jihgfedcba	a negative step reverses the string

Write the code and get the outputs?

- S='ABCDEFGHIJKL'
- 1. S[2:6]
- 2. S[:8]
- 3. S[3:]
- 4. S[2:9:2]
- 5. S[-3:]
- 6. S[:]
- 7. S[::-1]
- 8. len(S)

The range function

Statement	Values generated
range(10)	0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
range(1,10)	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
range(3,7)	3,4,5,6
range(2,15,3)	2,5,8,11,14
range(9,2,-1)	9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3

The range function (Cont)

- range(10) \rightarrow 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
- range(1, 10) \rightarrow 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
- range(1, 10, 2) \rightarrow 1,3,5,7,9
- range(10, 0, -1) \rightarrow 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1
- range(10, 0, -2) \rightarrow 10,8,6,4,2
- range(2, 11, 2) \rightarrow 2,4,6,8,10
- range(-5, 5) \rightarrow -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
- range(1, 2) → 1
- range(1, 1) → (empty)
- range(1, -1) → (empty)
- range(1, -1, -1) \rightarrow 1,0

Execute the following codes:

```
for i in range(10):
print(i)
```

for i in range(10): print(i, end=' ')

for i in range(3,9):
print(i)

Conditional Statement

```
if x1 >= x2:
                                                  if x1 \ge x3:
                                                     max = x1
                                                 else:
                                                     max = x3
a = 20
                                             else:
if (a==10):
                                                 if x2 \ge x3:
        print('a is equal to 10')
                                                     max = x2
        print(' a is an integer')
                                                 else:
else:
                                                     max = x3
    print('a is not equal to 10')
```

Comparison Operators

- The comparison operators are ==, >, <, >=, <=, and!=
- That last one is for not equals.
- Here are a few examples

Expression	Description
if x>3:	if x is greater than 3
if x>=3:	if x is greater than or equal to 3
if x==3:	if x is 3
if x!=3:	if x is not 3

Exercise

- 1. Write a python program to read the two numbers and find the largest number.
- 2. Write a python program to read the three numbers and find the minimum number.

3. Write a python program to read a number and display the number as odd or even.

Iteration (Loops)

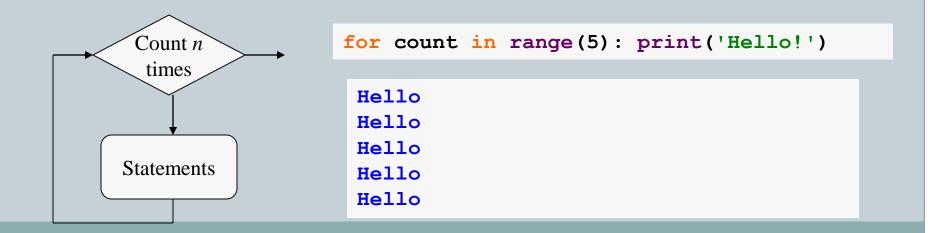
 Computers are often used to automate repetitive tasks.

For loops

 Probably the most powerful thing about computers is that they can repeat things over and over very quickly.

Iteration and Loops

- A loop repeats a sequence of statements
- A *definite loop* repeats a sequence of statements a predictable number of times

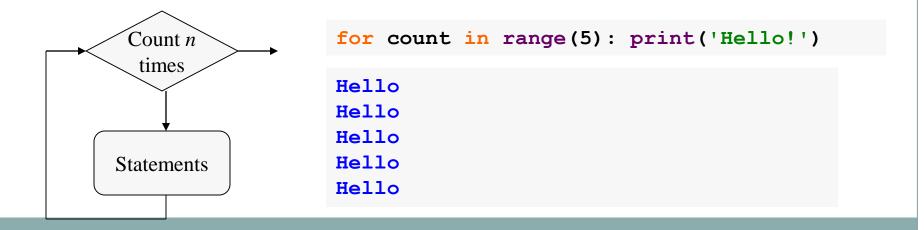


The for Loop

Python's **for** loop can be used to iterate a definite number of times

```
for <variable> in range(<number of times>): <statement>
```

Use this syntax when you have only one statement to repeat



The for Loop

Use *indentation* to format two or more statements below the *loop header*

```
Count n

times

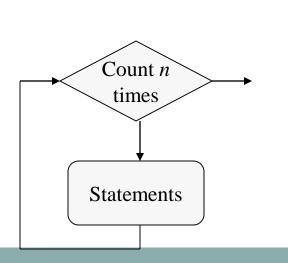
Hello!
goodbye
Hello!
goodbye
Hello!
goodbye
Hello!
goodbye
Hello!
goodbye
```

Using the Loop Variable

The *loop variable* picks up the next value in a *sequence* on each pass through the loop

The expression range (n) generates a sequence of ints from 0 through

n - 1

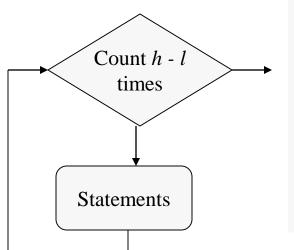


```
loop variable

>>> for count in range(5):
print(count)
...
0
1
2
3
4
>>> list(range(5)) # Show as a list
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Counting from 1 through *n*

The expression range (low, high) generates a sequence of ints from low through high - 1



```
>>> for count in range(1, 6): print(count)
...
1
2
3
4
5
>>> list(range(1, 6)) # Show as a list
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Skipping Steps in a Sequence

The expression range (low, high, step) generates a sequence of ints starting with low and counting by step until high - 1 is reached or exceeded

```
Count (h - l + 1) times

1
3
5
>>> lis
[1, 3,
```

Counting down in a Sequence

The expression range (high, low, step) generates a sequence of ints starting with high and counting by step until low - 1 is reached, when step is negative

Accumulator Loop: Summation

Compute and print the sum of the numbers between 1 and 5, inclusive

```
total = 0
for n in range(1, 6):
   total = total + n
print(total)
```

In this program, the variable **total** is called an *accumulator* variable

```
for i in range(3):
    num = eval(input('Enter a number: '))
    print ('The square of your number is', num*num)
print('The loop is now done.')
```

Output

Enter a number: 3
The square of your number is 9
Enter a number: 5
The square of your number is 25
Enter a number: 23
The square of your number is 529
The loop is now done.

```
>>> for i in range(7): # Header for outer loop.
       for j in range(1, i + 2): # Cycle through integers.
           print(j, end="")
                            # Suppress newline.
                             # Add newline.
       print()
12
123
1234
           Output
12345
123456
1234567
```

While Loop

```
while (conditional test):
Statement 01
Statement 02
Statement n
```

- While something is True keep running the loop, exit as soon as the test is False.
- The conditional test syntax is the same as for if and elif statements.

The break statement

 The break statement can be used to break out of a for or while loop before the loop is finished

```
for i in range(10):
   num = eval(input('Enter number: '))
   if num<0:
       break</pre>
```

The Continue statement

- This is a control flow statement that causes the program to immediately skip the processing of the rest of the body of the loop, *for the current iteration*.
- But the loop still carries on running for its remaining iterations:

```
for i in [12, 16, 17, 24, 29, 30]:
    if i % 2 == 1:  # if the number is odd
        continue  # don't process it
    print(i)
print("done")
```

The pass Statement

• The pass statement in Python is used when a statement is required syntactically but you do not want any command or code to execute.

Exercise

```
Exercise: Find the output of the following Python code:
                                >>> b=1
>>> a=1
>>> while (a<=5):
                                >>> while (b<=5):
        print(a)
                                         print(b,end="")
        a=a+1
                                         b=b+1
                                >>> c=1
>>> c=1
                                >>> while (c<=5):
>>> while (c<=5):
                                          print(c,end="#")
         print(c,end='')
                                          c+=1
         c=c+1
```

Implement the following flowchart in Python and get the output.

