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A1 Python is a high level programming language known for its simplicity & readability.

It was created by Guido van Rossum & first released in 1991. It is used in web, development, data analysis, AI & more.

Key Characteristics

1 Readability & simplicity

- Easy to read syntax

2 Interpreted Language

- Executes code line by line
- No need for compilation

3 Dynamically Typed

- No need to declare variable types
- Types are inferred at runtime

4 Cross Platform

- Runs on various operating system like windows, macOS, & linux.

Differences Between Python 2 & Python 3

1 Print Statement:

- Python 2: `print "Hello, World!"` (`print` is a statement)

Python 3: `print ("Hello, World!")` (`print` is a function)

2 Integer Division:

Python 2: $5/2$ results in 2 (integer division)

Python 3 $5/2$ results in 2.5 (true division) for integer division use $5//2$ which results in 2

3 Unicode Support:

Python 2: Strings are ASCII by default.

unicode strings require a 'u' prefix (eg, u"hello")

Python 3: Strings are unicode by default. Bytes require a 'b' prefix (eg b"hello").

4 Libraries & Compatibility

Python 2: Some older libraries may not be compatible with python 3.

Python 3: new libraries and updates are focused on python 3 compatibility.

Call by value vs Call by reference

Call by value -

- The method copies the actual value of an argument into the formal parameter of the function.
- Changes made to the parameter inside the function do not affect the original value.

Call by reference -

- The method copies the address of an argument into the formal parameter.
- Changes made to the parameter inside the function affect the original argument.