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What is Python?

An interpreted, interactive,
object-oriented
programming language.

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Hello World

Hello World!

```
public class Hello {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello World!");  
    }  
}
```

Hello World!

"Hello World!"

Hello World!

```
print("Hello World!")
```

REPL

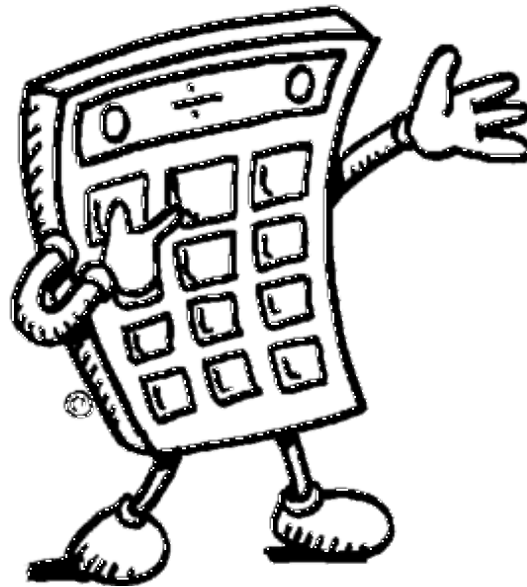
Read
Eval
Print
Loop

Turning this:

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Into This:



Arithmetic

<exp> + <exp>

<exp> - <exp>

<exp> * <exp>

<exp> / <exp>

<exp> // <exp>

<exp> ** <exp>

Arithmetic

$$5 + 3$$

$$3 - 1$$

$$4 * 5$$

$$2 / 9$$

$$1 // 2$$

$$2 ** 10$$

Comparators

<exp> == <exp>

<exp> != <exp>

<exp> > <exp>

<exp> < <exp>

<exp> >= <exp>

<exp> <= <exp>

<exp> is <exp>

<exp> in <collection>

Comparators

1 == 3

5 != 3

18 > 3

5 < 5

134 >= 2

5 <= 14

8 != 3

5 is 5

5 in {1, 5, 10}

Boolean logic

True
False

Boolean logic

and

or

not

Boolean logic

not True

Boolean logic

not True and False or True and (True or False)

Boolean logic

((not True) and False) or (True and (True or False))

Variables

Variables

<var> = <val>

Variables

$$x = 2$$

Variables

$$\mathbf{x = 1 + 5}$$

Variables

```
x = 5  
y = str(x)  
z = int(z)  
a = float(z)
```


Lists

Lists

[<item0>, <item1>, ..., <itemn>]

Lists

x = [0, 1, 2, 3]

Lists

Length of a list

Lists

x = [1, 2, 3]

Lists

```
x = [1, 2, 3]  
len(x)
```

Lists

append to a list

Lists

```
x = [1, 2, 5  
x.append(3)
```


Lists

```
x = [1, 2, 5]
x.append(3)
print(x) # [1, 2, 5, 3]
```

Lists

List Indexing

Lists

```
x = ["red", "green", "blue"]  
print(x[2]) # blue
```

Lists

```
x = ["red", "green", "blue"]  
print(x[2]) # blue  
x[1] = "yellow"  
print(x) # ["red", "yellow", "blue"]
```

while loops

While Loops

```
while <condition>:  
    <exp>
```

While Loops

```
while True:  
    print("y")
```

While Loops

```
while 18 > 3:  
    print("y")
```


While Loops

Note the Whitespace

While Loops

```
while 1 == 1:  
    print("I'm in the loop.")  
print("I'm not in the loop.")
```

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A word on variable scope

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Loops do not create new scope

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```
i=1  
while i < 10:  
    i = i + 1  
    tmp = i  
print(tmp) # 10
```

for loops

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Like Java's for/each loop

for loops

```
for <var> in <collection>:  
    <exp>
```

for loops

```
for i in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]:  
    print(i)
```

for loops

Creating Java style for loops

for loops

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
for i in len(range(x)):  
    print(x[i])
```

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Don't do this!

(It's ugly)

functions

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```
def <name> (<args> ) :  
    <body>
```

functions

```
def sum(a, b):  
    return a + b
```


functions

A word on scope:

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Functions **DO** make new scope.

functions

A bigger function

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```
def sum_range(a, b):  
    sum = 0  
    for i in range(a, b):  
        sum += i  
    return sum
```

sets

dicts

sets, dicts

x = {1, 2, 3}

sets, dicts

$x = \{1, 2, 3, 1\}$

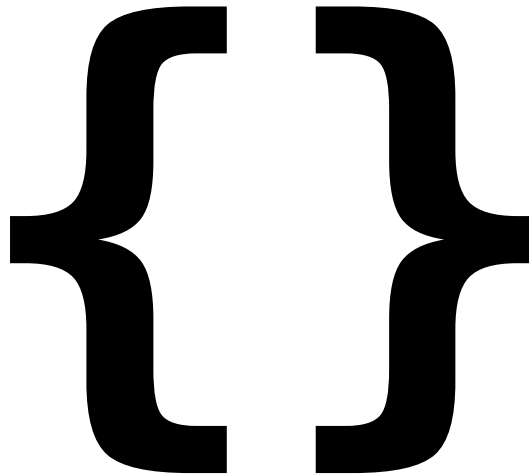
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```
y = {"red": 5,  
      "blue": 10,  
      "orange": 42}
```


sets, dicts

```
y = {"red": 5,  
     "blue": 10,  
     "orange": 42}  
print(y["orange"]) # 42  
y["yellow"] = 10
```

sets, dicts



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classes

THANK YOU MARIO!

BUT OUR PRINCESS IS IN
ANOTHER CASTLE!



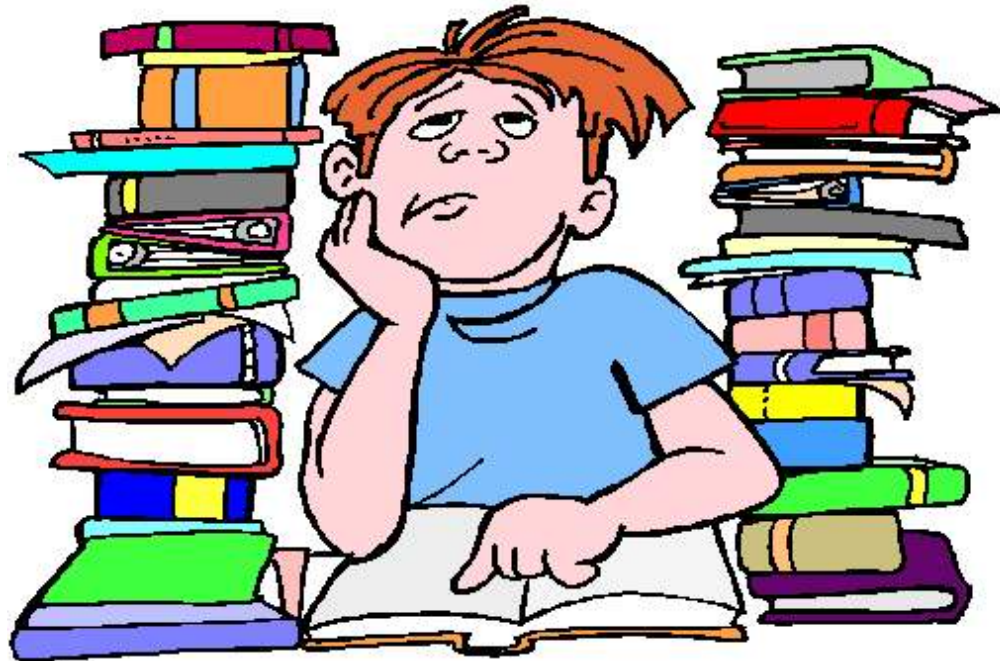
Running a Python file

python3 <filename>

python3 foo.py

Why python3

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Python 2 vs. 3

print "text"

VS

print("text")

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Use python3

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