

Ch2: Variables & Expressions

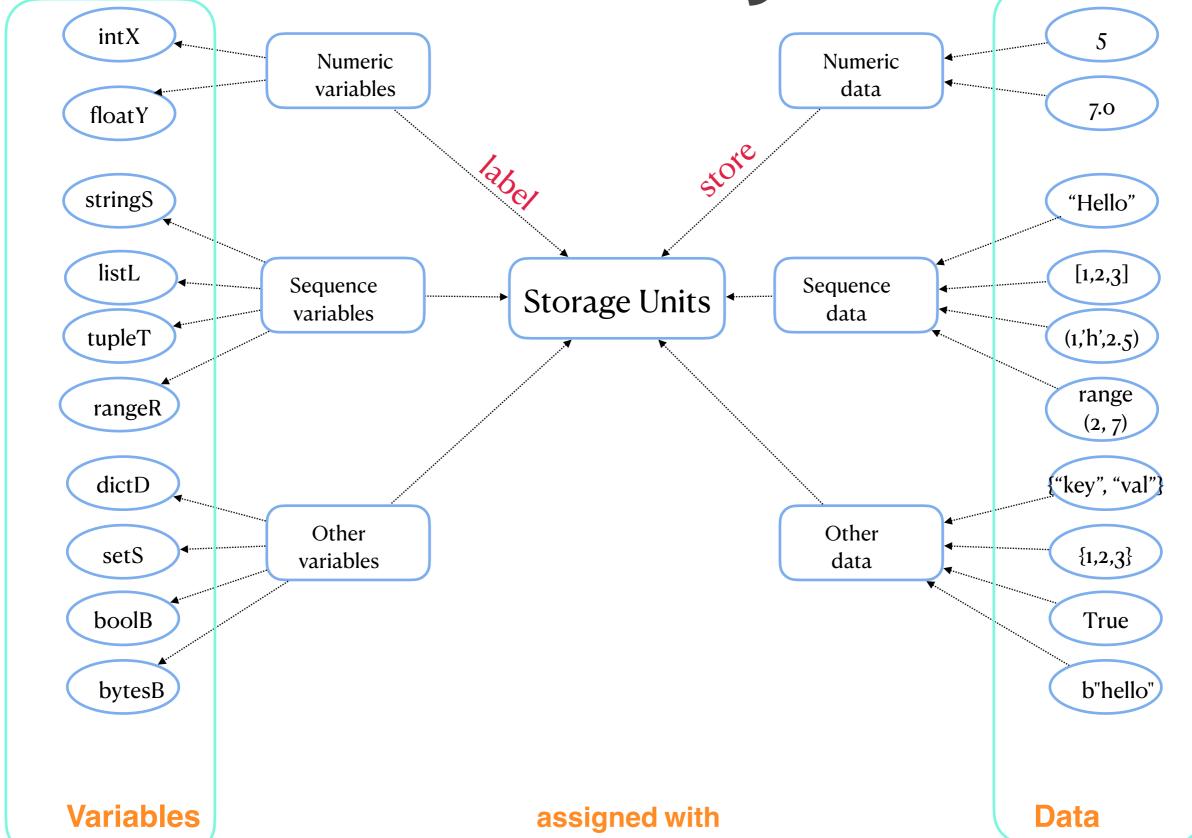
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Review of Key Topics

- Variables and assignments
- Identifiers
- Objects
- Numeric types: Floating-point
- Arithmetic expressions
- python expressions
- Division and modulo
- Module basics
- Math module



Variables and assignments





Q: Are the variable names(identifiers) on the left good?







Identifiers

- Valid Characters:
 - O Letters (a-z, A-Z)
 - O Digits (0-9)
 - O Underscore ()
- Must Start With:
 - O Letter (a-z, A-Z)
 - O Underscore (_)
- Case-Sensitive:
 - Cat and cat are different variables
- Avoid Double Underscores:
 - (e.g., __init__) have special meanings in Python.
- Best Practices:
 - Use lowercase letters
 - Use underscores to separate words (e.g., temperature_celsius)
 - O Choose descriptive names (e.g., age instead of a)
 - Balance meaning with brevity









Object Types

- type() function
- Immutable Types:
 - Numbers (integers, floats, booleans)
 - Strings
 - O Tuples
- Mutable Types:
 - C List
 - Dictionary
 - Sets
 - O Byte
- id() function





Expressions

- Use correct arithmetic operator
- Assignment are not expressions
- Following precedence rules
- Single space around operators
- Compound operators

Special Operators

- Division operator(/) vs floor division operator(//)
- Modulo(%)
- example:

```
num = 123456789

f⊌r i in range(1, 10):

print("The ", i, "th digit is: ", num // (10 ** (i-1)) % 10)
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Math Module —import math

```
# Number representation and theoretic functions
print("Number Representation and Theoretic Functions:")
print(f"ceil({x}) = {math.ceil(x)}") # Round-up value
print(f"fabs(-{x}) = {math.fabs(-x)}") # Absolute value
print(f"factorial({n}) = {math.factorial(n)}") # Factorial
x = 10
y = 3
print(f"fmod({x}, {y}) = {math.fmod(x, y)}") # Remainder of division
numbers = [1.1, 2.2, 3.3]
print(f"fsum({numbers}) = {math.fsum(numbers)}") # Floating-point sum
print("-" * 50)
 # Power, exponential, and logarithmic function<mark>s</mark>
print("\nPower, Exponential, and Logarithmic Functions:")
x = 2
print(f''exp({x})) = {math.exp(x)}'') # Exponential function
print(f"log({x}) = {math.log(x)}") # Natural logarithm
print(f"log({x}, {base}) = {math.log(x, base)}") # Logarithm with base
x = 3
y = 4
print(f"pow({x}, {y}) = {math.pow(x, y)}") # x to the power of y
print(f"sqrt({x}) = {math.sqrt(x)}") # Square root
print("-" * 50)
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Random Module — import random

- 0.0 <= random.random() < 1.0
- min <= random.randrange(min, max) < max</p>
- min <= random.randint(min, max) <= max</p>
- random.seed()

Representing text

- Escape sequences
- ord(char)
- chr(int)