



Lecture 1-2

Introduction to python

Define a variable

- A **variable** is a named storage location that can store a value of a particular data type.
- In other words, a variable has a name, a type and stores a value.
- In order to use a variable in python we don't need to declare and specify its data type.
- The syntax to defining a new variable is to write the name of the variable and pass it a value
 - `nameOfTheVariable=value`

Define a variable

➤ Examples:

➤ `Number=3`

➤ `floatNumber=3.14`

➤ `String ="hello"`

```
In [3]: Number=3  
floatNumber=3.14  
String ="hello"
```

Define a variable

➤ Boolean:

➤ `X=True`

Name of the variable

• An identifier is needed to name a variable python imposes the following rules on identifiers:

- An identifier is a sequence of characters, comprising uppercase and lowercase letters (a-z, A-Z), digits (0-9), and underscore "_".
- White space (blank, tab, new-line) and other special characters (such as +, -, *, /, @, &, commas, etc.) are not allowed.

Name of the variable

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➤ Examples

```
] : float-Number=3.14
```

```
File "<ipython-input-8-40c038b465e0>", line 1
```

```
float-Number=3.14
```

```
^
```

```
SyntaxError: cannot assign to operator
```

```
1Number =3
```

```
File "<ipython-input-6-cb49eed17bb6>", line 1
```

```
1Number =3
```

```
^
```

```
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

```
In [9]: @Number =3
```

```
File "<ipython-input-9-797b639c16e8>", line 1
```

```
@Number =3
```

```
^
```

```
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

Declaration of variables

python imposes the following rules on identifiers:

- An identifier must begin with a letter or underscore. It cannot begin with a digit.
- Identifiers are case-sensitive. A rose is NOT a Rose, and is NOT a ROSE.

Print data on the screen

➤ print is used to print data on the screen.

➤ Syntax:

➤ print()

➤ Example 1:

```
In [1]: print("hello world")  
hello world
```

➤ Example 2:

```
intvalue=3  
floatNumber=3.14  
String ="hello"  
print(intvalue,floatNumber,String)
```

3 3.14 hello

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Take input

- input is used to take the input from user.

- syntax

- input()

- Example:

```
value = input("enter a number ")
```

```
enter a number 2
```

Check data type

➤ To determine a variable's type in Python you can use the `type()` function. The value of some objects can be changed. Objects whose value can be changed are called mutable and objects whose value is unchangeable (once they are created) are called immutable. Here are the details of Python datatypes

➤ Data type:

```
type(value)
```

```
str
```

Change data type of the input

- for integer value use the built-in-function

➤ `int()`

- Example:

```
value = int(input("enter a number "))
```

```
enter a number 2
```

```
type(value)
```

```
int
```

Change data type of the input

➤ for integer value use the built-in-function

➤ float()

➤ Example:

```
: value = float(input("enter a number "))
```

```
enter a number 2
```

```
: type(value)
```

```
: float
```

Define a variable

➤ Boolean:

```
x=True  
print(type(x))
```

➤ Examples:

```
<class 'bool'>
```

Boolean operator

➤ +, -, *, /, **

```
a=5  
b=4  
print(a+b)  
print(a-b)  
print(a**b)
```

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Python Reserve words:

- The following identifiers are used as reserved words of the language, and cannot be used as ordinary identifiers.

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

Special characters in strings

- The backslash (\) character is used to introduce a special character. See the following table.

Escape sequence	Meaning
\n	Newline
\t	Horizontal Tab
\\	Backslash

- \n:

```
print("what is your \n Name")
```

- Output

```
what is your  
Name
```


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\t	Horizontal Tab
\\	Backslash

- \t:

```
print("What is your \t Name")
```

- Output

```
What is your      Name
```

Special characters in strings

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Escape sequence	Meaning
\n	Newline
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- \\\:

```
print("what is your \\ Name")
```

- Output

```
what is your \ Name
```

Conditional statements

➤ if-else

➤ Syntax:

```
if cond:  
    # body  
else:  
    # else body
```

➤ Example:

```
if 5>3:  
    print("5 is greater" )  
else:  
    print("3 is greater")
```

5 is greater

Indentation

- Python uses whitespace (spaces and tabs) to define program blocks whereas other languages like C, C++ use braces ({}) to indicate blocks of codes for class, functions or flow control.
- The number of whitespaces (spaces and tabs) in the indentation is not fixed, but all statements within the block must be the indented same amount.

Indentation

➤ Example:

```
a=5.0
b=4.5
print(a)
print(type(a))
if a>b:
    print("a>b")
    print("hello")
```

➤ Error:

```
print("hello")
      ^
IndentationError: unindent does not match any outer indentation level
```

Conditional statements

➤ if-elif-else

➤ Syntax:

```
if cond:  
    # body  
elif cond:  
    # else if body  
else:  
    # else body
```

➤ Example:

```
i=4  
j=4  
if i>j:  
    print(i, " is greater" )  
elif i<j:  
    print(j, " is greater" )  
  
else:  
    print(i, " is equal to",j)
```

4 is equal to 4

Repetitive structures

➤ while and for loop

➤ Syntax:

```
In [ ]: while cond:  
        #body
```

➤ Example:

```
i=10  
j=4  
while i>j:  
    print("value of j is",j)  
    j+=1
```

```
value of j is 4  
value of j is 5  
value of j is 6  
value of j is 7  
value of j is 8  
value of j is 9
```

Repetitive structures

➤ for loop

➤ Syntax:

```
for cond:  
    #body
```

➤ Example:

```
for i in range(9):  
    print(i)
```

0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8

Repetitive structures

➤ for loop

➤ Syntax:

```
for cond:  
    #body
```

➤ Example:

```
for i in "khola":  
    if i=='a':  
        print("a is in string")
```

a is in string

Functions

➤ def

➤ Syntax:

```
def nameofthefun():  
    #body
```

Example:

```
def sum(a,b):  
    print(a+b)  
sum(4,5)
```

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Built in functions

➤ max():

```
max_number=max(1,2,3)  
print(max_number)
```

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➤ min()

```
min_number = min(1,2,3,-1)  
print(min_number)
```

-1

➤ upper()

```
word="Khola"  
print(word.upper())
```

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Built in functions

➤ lower:

```
word="Khola"  
print(word.lower())
```

khola

Built in functions

➤ `input()`

➤ `type()`

➤ `int()`

➤ `float()`

➤ `range()`

➤ `Max()`

➤ `Min()`

➤ `Upper()`

➤ `Lower()`