Class 1

Introduction To Python

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Python Basic Concepts: (classified as High level language)

Interpreter Based Language Case Sensitive Language Supports Procedural and Object oriented Approaches

Interface Details

Variables:

A Variable is a container for storing and manipulating data

Naming rules:

- ☐ Must starts with a letter or an underscore (_).
- ☐ Cannot start with a number.
- □ Can only contain alphanumeric characters (A-Z, a-z), (0-9) and underscores (_).
- ☐ Are case-sensitive (e.g. *age, Age* and *AGE* are distinct variables).
- ☐ Cannot be a Python Keyword (e.g. *if, else, while, for* etc.)

Variable:

Valid Python variables names

- string1
- _alp4a
- · list_of_names

Invalid Python variables names

- 9lives
- · 99_balloons
- 2beOrNot2Be

```
>>> name = "Ali"
>>> age = 25
>>> height = 1.75
>>>
>>>
>>> print(name)
Ali
>>> print(age)
25
>>> print("Name: ",name,"\nAge: ",age,"\nHeight: ",height)

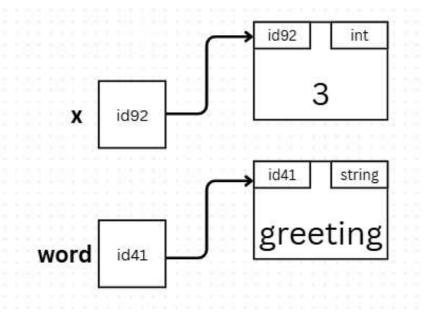
Name: Ali
Age: 25
Height: 1.75
```

All data in Python program is stored in objects that have three components: *id, type, value*.

In Python, a variable is not an object, and so does not actually stores data; it stores an *id* that refers to an object that stores data

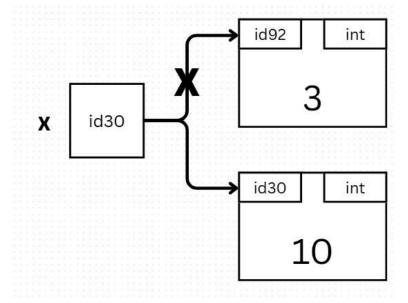
```
x = 3
x
3
type(x)
<class 'int'>
id(x)
2705922326832

word = "greeting"
type(word)
<class 'str'>
id(word)
2705960045616
```



Reassign a variable so it refers to the new object, which holds a new value

```
x = 3
id(x)
2705922326832
x = 10
id(x)
2705922327056
```



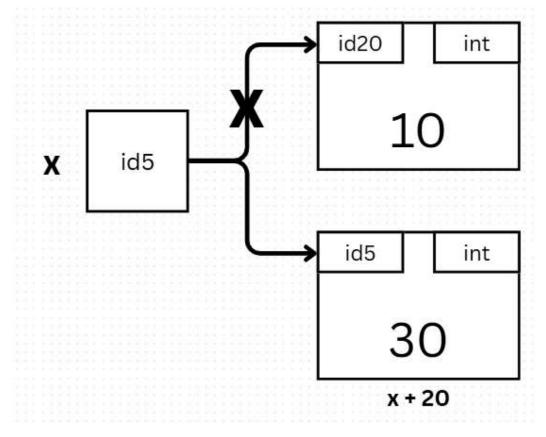
Executing an assignment statement

- 1. Evaluate the expression on R.H.S, yielding an *id* of the object.
- 2. If the variable on the L.H.S doesn't exists, create it.
- 3. Store the *id* from the expression on the R.H.S in the variable on the L.H.S.

Evaluating an expression

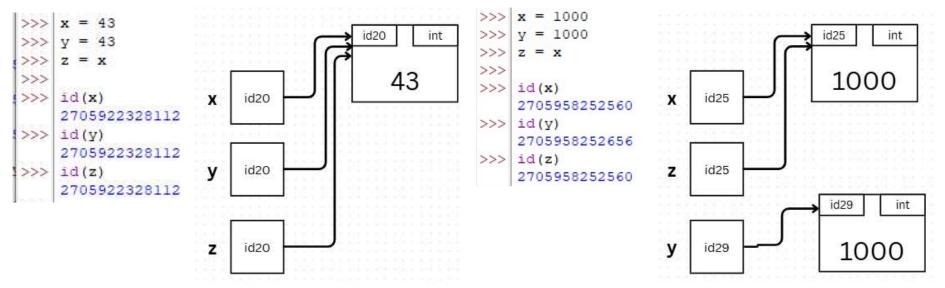
- 1. If an expression is a variable, finds the variable. If it doesn't exists, this is an error. If it does exists, the value of the expression is the *id* stored in that variable.
- 2. If the expression is a "literal value" such as 2, 175.6 or "hello", create an object for appropriate type to hold it. The value of the expression is the *id* of that object.
- 3. If an expression is an operator, such as '+', evaluates its two operands, apply the operator to them, and creates a new object of the appropriate type to hold the result. The value of the expression is the id of that object.

```
x = 10
id(x)
2705922327056
x = x + 20
id(x)
2705922327696
```



Python interning is due to some optimization and decision of Python core team.

The behavior in the below code happens to all small integers from -5 to 128 and to short strings.



Data Types:

Integers and float:

Try this code with float function...
Syntax → float()

• Strings:

- Any data types surrounded by quotation marks (either single or double) is termed as strings. It can be indexed positively and negatively.
- Strings are immutable in Python i.e. they cannot be changed in place after they are created.

Operators:

• Operators are special symbols or keywords used to perform operation on one or more values (operands).

Arithmetic assignment operators:

	Operators	Example	Same as
=	(Assignment)	x = 5	x = 5
+=	(Add and assign)	x += 3	x = x + 3
-=	(Subtract and assign)	x -= 3	x = x - 3
*=	(Multiply and assign)	x *= 3	x = x * 3
/=	(Divide and assign)	x /= 3	x = x / 3
%=	(Modulus and assign)	x %= 3	x = x % 3
**=	(Exponentiation and assign)	x **= 3	x = x ** 3
//=	(Floor divide and assign)	x //= 3	x = x // 3