Intro to Python

Course overview, Introduction

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Timetable

Seminars	Location	Duration
Mondays 02:40-5:40 pm	Online	Modules 4th
Link	Check your timetable.	

Repository with course material

https://github.com/Majid-Sohrabi/2025_Python_P-D

Course content

Introduction into Python (Syntax)

- Intro to Anaconda, Jupyter Notebook, and other similar environments
- Data types: integers and strings. Input and output. Strings formatting
- Data types: floating-point numbers and boolean. Logical operators. Conditionals
- Different types of loops
- Data types: lists and tuples. For loop
- Methods I (Strings)
- Methods II (Lists)
- Data types: sets and dictionaries
- Nested Structures
- Functions
- Working with files in Python

Overview

Compulsory course for year 1

Population and Development

Duration: 4th module

Assessment elements:

- Quiz Assignments (40% weight) In class
- Final exam (60% weight) End of 4th module

Format:

Online (Seminars)

Grade Formula

Grade Component	Percentage	Evaluation Criteria
Quiz	40%	There will be several in class quiz assignments, each quiz consists of several tasks. The final quiz mark is a 10-point scale.
Final Exam	60%	The final exam will take place in the last seminar of the course. It lasts for 80 minutes, and the grade is a 10-point scale,

The formula

Final grade = $0.4 \cdot \text{Quiz} + 0.6 \cdot \text{Final exam}$

 $0 \le \text{Final Exam} \le 10$

 $0 \le Quiz \le 10$

Arithmetic rounding. E.g. 3.5 is rounded to 4, 3.49 is rounded to 3.

Quiz

Small set of tasks (on LMS)

Solve tasks to earn points

Deadline: Each quiz has specific deadline

Quiz grade =
$$10 \cdot \min \left(1, \frac{\sum points}{total}\right)$$

Plagiarism matters!!!

In case of AI detected, student needs defense.

Final Exam

Consists of several programming tasks

- Format: on LMS
- Duration: 80 minutes
- The exam time will be announced
- There is no retake option for the final exam (in case of low mark)

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Thank you!



1) Find the maximum element in the following sequence:

- A = [7, 4, 9, 2, 8, 88, 83, 12]

2) Find the minimum element in the following sequence:

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3) Sort the elements in the following sequence in ascending format:

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4) Sort the elements in the following sequence in descending format:

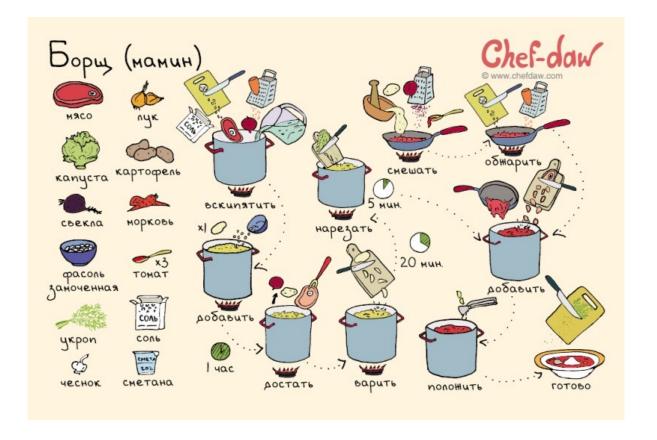
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5) Calculate the average of elements for the following sequence:

$$-A = [7, 4, 9, 2, 8, 88, 83, 12]$$

What does programming look like?

Why do we need languages?





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- 2 In those three-letter words change all 'a' letters to '@' symbol
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a human

1

Think how we would approach a problem 3

Translate our solution to a language that computer can understand



2

Write stepby-step solution for a human 4

Check that our code works properly

Translate our solution to a language that computer can understand



Think how we would approach a problem