

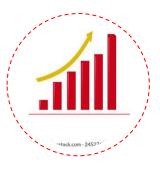
# Why Python?



Simplicity



Large Community



High Demand

#### Some History

"Over six years ago, in December 1989, I was looking for a "hobby" programming project that would keep me occupied during the week around Christmas...I chose Python as a working title for the project, being in a slightly irreverent mood (and a big fan of Monty Python's Flying Circus)."

-Python creator Guido Van Rossum, from the foreward to *Programming Python (1st ed.)* 

#### Goals:

- An easy and intuitive language just as powerful as major competitors
- Open source, so anyone can contribute to its development
- Code that is as understandable as plain English
- Suitability for everyday tasks, allowing for short development times



## Today's Topics

Building a console based Ticket Booking app

Variables

**Data Types** 

Operators

Conditions

Loops

**Functions** 

### **Operators**

 Python supports a wide variety of operators which act like functions, i.e. they do something and return a value:

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Arithmetic:
                                             * *
 Logical:
          and or
                           not
 Comparison: >
                                  >=
                                          \leq =
Assignment:
 Bitwise:
                                           <<
 Identity:
               is
                        is not
Membership:
               in
                      not in
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#### Variable Data Types

- Available basic types:
  - Numbers: Integers and floating point (64-bit)
  - Complex numbers: x = complex(3,1) or x = 3+1j
  - Strings, using double or single quotes: "cat" 'dog'
  - Boolean: True and False
  - Lists, dictionaries, sets, and tuples
    - These hold collections of variables
  - Specialty types: files, network connections, objects
- Custom types can be defined using Python classes.

#### Variable modifying operators

Some additional arithmetic operators that modify variable values:

| Operator | Effect                                       | Equivalent to |
|----------|--|---------------|
| x += y   | Add the value of y to x                      | x = x + y     |
| x -= y   | Subtract the value of <i>y</i> from <i>x</i> | x = x - y     |
| x *= y   | Multiply the value of <i>x</i> by <i>y</i>   | x = x * y     |
| x /= y   | Divide the value of x by y                   | x = x / y     |

The += operator is by far the most commonly used of these.

#### Reference

- University of Boston Intro To Python
- Python Official Documentation
- W3Schools Python

Thank you!