

Programming

Plan for the rest of the semester:

We will be introducing various new elements of Python and using them to solve increasingly interesting and complex problems.

We saw earlier that computers can (1) input, (2) output, (3) memory (store information), (4) do arithmetic and symbolic processing, and (5) control.

Implication: a program is a sequence of statements (commands and functions) that “speak” to one or more of those capabilities.

The examples we have seen till now used the command shell mode. We enter one statement or expression, hit <enter> and Python evaluates it for us immediately.

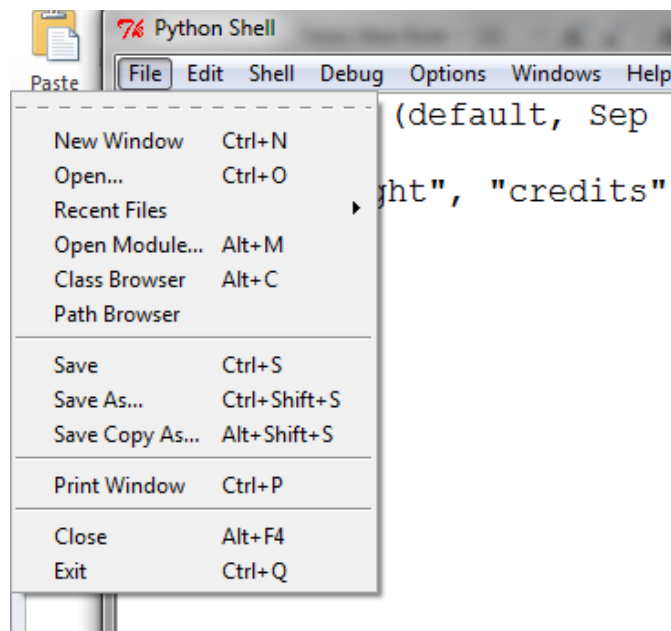
We will start to write programs and get Python to execute (run) them for us.

So ... we (1) write then (2) execute.

When we write a program, we

- create a text file
- enter a sequence of statements
- when done, we save the file with a .py extension.

We can write Python programs using any text editor. We will use IDLE (which automatically saves the file with a ‘.py’ extension).

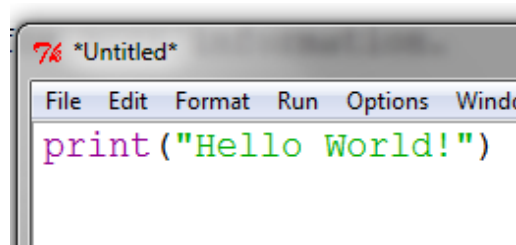


Example: “Hello World” is traditionally the first program everyone writes.

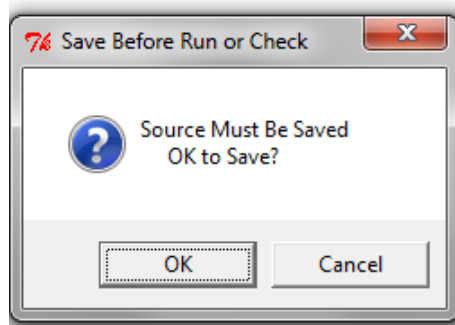
How do we do it?

Answer:

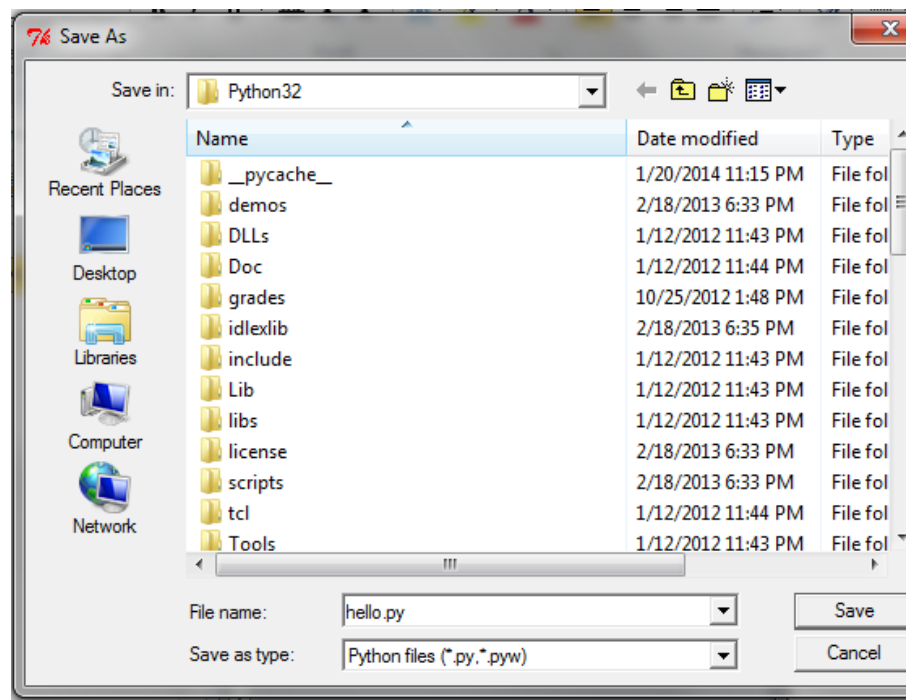
1. Create a new file and type the print command that we saw before.



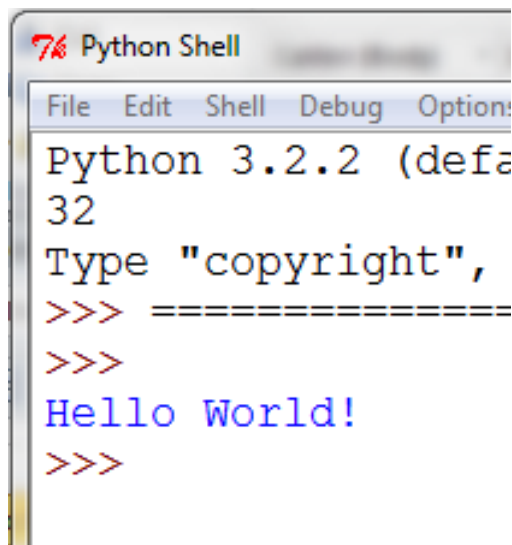
Pressing F5 will RUN the program.



Type the file name that you want to call the program and Save.



As soon as you Save, the program will run and the result will appear in the interactive shell.

A screenshot of a Python Shell window. The title bar says 'Python Shell'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'Shell', 'Debug', and 'Options'. The text area shows the following: 'Python 3.2.2 (defa' on the first line, '32' on the second line, 'Type "copyright",' on the third line, '>>> =====' on the fourth line, '>>>' on the fifth line, 'Hello World!' on the sixth line, and '>>>' on the seventh line. The text is color-coded: 'Python' is blue, '3.2.2' is black, '(defa' is black, '32' is black, 'Type' is black, '"copyright",' is black, '>>>' is red, '======' is black, '>>>' is red, 'Hello World!' is blue, and '>>>' is red.

Congratulations! You just wrote your first program!

Using comments in Python

You must admit that this one was pretty simple. Not all programs are that straightforward. As programs get more complex it is often helpful to annotate the various parts of the program so that someone reading it (even you) can figure out what is happening. We do this using “**comments**”, which are indicated in Python by the hash symbol “**#**”.

They can be of two forms:

They can either be on a line of their own:

```
# My first program!
print("Hello World!")
```

or at the end of a program statement:

```
print("Hello World!") # Just wrote my first program!
```

In either case, the Python interpreter ignores the comment. That is the comment doesn’t “execute” the comment. It is just there to help the reader of the program understand what is going on in the code. This implies that we **shouldn’t** comment on things that are **obvious** like:

```
print("Hello World!") # This is a print statement!
```

New topic: We won't get anywhere interesting without

Variables

Variables allow us to associate a name with a value so that we can use it later on.

Some examples:

`x=5`

`y=10`

`z=x+y`

These are examples of assignment statements. They have the form:

variable name = expression

Python evaluates the expression on the right of the = and associates the value obtained with the name on the left.

So in this program:

`x=1`

`y=2`

`z=x+y`

`print(x,y,z)`

What will this look like in memory?

Trace the program as it runs.

Aside: Using the Python emulator. It will allow us to step through a program and see what happens in the memory as each step is executed.

The emulator may be reached at: <http://pythontutor.com/> or from the lecture web page.

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As a demo, here is a visualization showing a program that [recursively](#) finds the sum of a ([cons-style](#)) linked list. Click the "Forward" button to see what happens as the computer executes each line of code.

```
1 def listSum(numbers):
2     if not numbers:
3         return 0
4     else:
5         (f, rest) = numbers
6         return f + listSum(rest)
7
8 myList = (1, (2, (3, None)))
9 total = listSum(myList)
```

[Edit code](#)



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→ line that has just executed

→ next line to execute

Code visualized with [Online Python Tutor](#)

Frames Objects

The Python emulator will be very helpful in debugging.

What is debugging?

Answer:

When we run it we get the following:

The screenshot shows a Python IDE with the following code:

```
1 x=1
2 y=2
3 z=x+y
4 print(x,y,z)
```

The code is at Step 4 of 4. The output shows the result of the print statement: (1, 2, 3). The memory state is shown on the right, with the Global frame containing variables x, y, and z, each pointing to an integer object (1, 2, and 3 respectively).

Notice how the variables x, y, and z **point to** their respective values.

Python has four other forms of assignment.

1. Extended assignment.

x=y=z=5

The screenshot shows a Python IDE with the following code:

```
1 x=y=z=5
```

The code is at Step 1 of 1. The output shows the result of the assignment: (5, 5, 5). The memory state is shown on the right, with the Global frame containing variables x, y, and z, each pointing to the same integer object (5).

2. Assignment to tuples (also called “unpacking”).

x,y,z=1,2,3

The screenshot shows a Python IDE with the following code:

```
1 x,y,z=1,2,3
```

The code is at Step 1 of 1. The output shows the result of the assignment: (1, 2, 3). The memory state is shown on the right, with the Global frame containing variables x, y, and z, each pointing to a different integer object (1, 2, and 3 respectively).

3. Augmented assignment statement.

The Python documentation puts it like this:

Augmented assignment is the combination, in a single statement, of a binary operation and an assignment statement:

For example:

Instead of writing

`x=x+1`

we can write

`x+=1`

where both accomplish the same thing, viz. increment x by one. More generally we have

`x+= expression`

which increments x by the value of the expression.

We also have the following augmented assignment operators:

`+=`

`-=`

`*=`

`/=`

`//=`

`%=`

`=`**

Which do, analogous to +=, what you would expect.

4. There is also the “walrus” assignment operator (from 3.8 and up)

```
>>> print(a=7)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#1>", line 1, in <module>
    print(a=7)
TypeError: 'a' is an invalid keyword argument for print()
>>> a=7
>>> print(a:=7)
7
>>> |
```

Input

How do we get input from the keyboard to use in our program?

```
name=input(  
print("Hel
```

Question:

What will the following program print?

```
print('Hello')  
print('My name is <put your name here>') #insert your name
```

Problem:

Rewrite the above program using only one print statement

Write a program to ask a “user” to type their name. Then have your program greet them.

```
name=input("Please enter your name: ")
```

Now what??? Write a program to generate the following output. Of course, the entered name should appear instead of “Jerry” (unless you entered “Jerry” ... ☺)

```
>>>  
please enter your name:Jerry  
Hello Jerry !  
>>> |
```


Answer:

L2_greet.py

What is going on in the computer to make your program execute correctly?

Problem:

Modify the above program so that the “!” follows the name without an intervening blank.

```
>>>
please enter your name:Jerry
Hello Jerry!
>>>
```

Answer

L2_greet2.py

Problem:

Write a program to prompt the user for two numbers. Your program will then print the sum.

```
>>>
Please enter the first number: 4
Please enter the second number: 5
The sum of 4 and 5 is 9.
>>> |
```

Answer:

L2_sum.py

Problem:

Modify your answer to the above problem so that we get the following:

```
>>>
Please enter the first number: 5
Please enter the second number: 7
The sum of 5 and 7 is 12.
The difference of 5 and 7 is -2.
The product of 5 and 7 is 35.
The integer division of 5 and 7 is 0.
The float division of 5 and 7 is 0.7142857142857143.
The remainder of dividing 5 by 7 is 5.
>>> |
```

Answer:

L2_operations.py

Problem:

Write a program to ask the user their age in years. Your program should calculate and print their age in seconds.

Answer:

L1_age.py

Problem:

Write a program that asks the user to enter a temperature in Fahrenheit. Your program should calculate and print the temperature in Centigrade.

L1_temperature.py

We can translate between Fahrenheit and Celsius according to the following formulas:

$$^{\circ}\text{C} \times 9/5 + 32 = ^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$(^{\circ}\text{F} - 32) \times 5/9 = ^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Problem:

Given a temperature in Centigrade, write the assignment statement to calculate the temperature in Fahrenheit. Now, do it the other way, i.e. go from Fahrenheit to Celsius.

Problem – Rounding a number:

What does it mean to round a number? Say x is a floating point number (i.e., contains a decimal point). If its fractional part is .5 or greater then we “round” x to the next highest integer. But if the fractional part is less than .5, we “round down” to x . So, rounding 34.56 \rightarrow 35 and 34.48 \rightarrow 34. **Notice** that when we round a float, we get an int.

Write an assignment statement to convert a floating point number x , to its rounded value y .

Do this in **two** ways: (1) **without** using the built-in “round” function, and (2) once with. Here is how the Python documentation describes the round function.

`round(x , n)`

Return the floating point value x rounded to n digits after the decimal point. If n is omitted, it defaults to zero.

Note: The behavior of [round\(\)](#) for floats can be surprising: for example, `round(2.675, 2)` gives 2.67 instead of the expected 2.68. This is not a bug: it’s a result of the fact that most decimal fractions can’t be represented exactly as a float. See [Floating Point Arithmetic: Issues and Limitations](#) for more information.

Answer:

[L2_rounding.py](#)

Problem:

Write a program that asks the user to enter an integer. Your program should “echo” the input and print True if the number is even and False if the number is odd.

L2_even_odd.py

Problem:

Write a program that asks the user to enter an integer. Your program should “echo” the input and print EVEN if the number is even and ODD if the number is odd.

l2_even_odd2.py

Problem:

Write a program that asks the user to enter two integers. Your program should:

- “Store” the values entered in variables a and b.
- “Print a and b.
- “Swap” the values in a and b, so that what was in a is now in b and vice versa.
- Print a and b. At this point the values should be the reverse of what you printed above.

Answer:

Will this one work?

How about this?

Note: Python allows a more direct way to do this using “unpacking.” Here is how:

How come this works?

Problem:

Look at the following:

```
>>>
Please enter the number of hours that you worked: 5
Please enter your hourly rate: 10
You earned 50.0 for 5.0 work at 10.0 dollars/hour.
>>> ===== RESTART =====
>>>
Please enter the number of hours that you worked: 56
Please enter your hourly rate: 45
You earned $ 2520.0 for 56.0 work at 45.0 dollars/hour.
>>> ===== RESTART =====
>>>
Please enter the number of hours that you worked: 45
Please enter your hourly rate: 67
You earned $ 3015.0 for 45.0 work at $ 67.0 dollars/hour.
>>> ===== RESTART =====
>>>
Please enter the number of hours that you worked: 67
Please enter your hourly rate: 98
You earned $6566.0 for 67.0 work at $98.0 dollars/hour.
>>>
```

Write a program that will calculate a worker's pay given the number of hours worked and the rate per hour. Both values could be floats, for example if someone worked 35.5 hours at a rate of \$35.75 an hour. Work through the example above.

L2_workers_pay.py

The Format function

This function takes **two arguments**:

- The value that you want printed
- The specification of the format to use – for example “field width”, number of digits after the decimal point, etc.

The syntax is:

format(value to be printed, format specification)

Here is the Python documentation description:

`format(value[, format_spec])`

Convert a *value* to a “formatted” representation, as controlled by *format_spec*. The interpretation of *format_spec* will depend on the type of the *value* argument, however there is a standard formatting syntax that is used by most built-in types: [Format Specification Mini-Language](#).

The general form of a *standard format specifier* is:

```
format_spec ::= [[fill]align][sign][#][0][width][,][.precision][type]
fill         ::= <a character other than ' '>
align        ::= "<" | ">" | "=" | "^"
sign         ::= "+" | "-" | " "
width        ::= integer
precision    ::= integer
type         ::= "b" | "c" | "d" | "e" | "E" | "f" | "F" | "g" | "G" | "n" | "o" | "s" | "x" | "X" | "%"
```

What in the world does this mean???

We will look at some of the most common ones.

Examples

Formatting floating point numbers:

```
>>>
>>> print(format(123456.789, '.2f'))
123456.79
>>> print(format(123456.789, '20.2f'))
          123456.79
>>> print(format(123456.789, '20, .2f'))
          123,456.79
>>> print(format(123456.789, 'e'))
1.234568e+05
>>> print(format(123456.789, '20.2e'))
          1.23e+05
>>>
```


What does the “+” specify?

```
>>>  
>>> print(format(123456.789, '+20.2f'))  
      +123456.79  
>>> print(format(123456.789, '-20.2f'))  
      123456.79  
>>>
```

Formatting integers:

```
>>> print(format(123456, '20d'))  
      123456  
>>> print(format(123456, '<20d'))  
123456  
>>> print(format(123456, '>20d'))  
      123456  
>>> print(format(123456, '^20d'))  
      123456  
>>>
```

Formatting strings:

```
>>>  
>>> print(format('abcd', '20s'))  
abcd  
>>> print(format('abcd', '<20s'))  
abcd  
>>> print(format('abcd', '>20s'))  
      abcd  
>>> print(format('abcd', '^20s'))  
      abcd  
>>>
```

Problem:

Let's modify the payment problem above so that we now get the following:

```
///  
Please enter the number of hours that you worked: 45.6  
Please enter your hourly rate: 56.7  
You earned $2585.52 for 45.6 hours of work at $56.70/hour.  
>>>
```

Answer:

L2_workers_pay2.py

New topic

Recall:

1. Input
2. Output
3. Memory
4. Arithmetic – symbolic manipulation and evaluation
5. Control

We have seen examples of 1 – 4.

What about ...

1. Input
2. Output
3. Memory
4. Arithmetic – symbolic manipulation and evaluation
5. Control

We have seen a simple example of control. Python simply executes one statement after another from the first statement of the program to the last. However, sometimes we want to execute statements **conditionally**.

To do this we use the

if statement

There are three forms. Here is the first.

Example.

```
age=int(input("What is your age: "))
if age > 99:
    print("Very funny.")
minutes = age * 365 * 24 * 60
print("You are ",minutes, " minutes old.")
```

When the above program is run (twice) we get:

```
>>>
What is your age: 789
Very funny.
You are 414698400 minutes old.
>>> =====
>>>
>>>
What is your age: 45
You are 23652000 minutes old.
>>> |
```

The **syntax** (form) of the if statement is:

if <Boolean expression> :
one or more statements (called a code block)

According to the Python documentation, a code block:

A *block* is a piece of Python program text that is executed as a unit.

The **semantics** (meaning or interpretation) is:

1. Evaluate the Boolean expression.
2. If its value is True then execute the indented code block, and then continue on with the statement after the if.
3. If its value is False then simply skip the indented code block and continue with the statement after the if.

Problem:

Write a program that inputs a number and determine if the number is even or odd.

```
>>>
Please enter an integer: 68
68 is even.
>>> =====
>>>
Please enter an integer: 67
67 is odd.
>>> |
```

Do this in **two** ways. (1) Using two if statements. (2) Using only one if statement and no “fancy” Boolean expressions.

Answer:

L2_even_odd3.py

L2_even_odd4.py

Problem:

Write a program that asks for a number, 1, 2, or 3.

- If a 1 is entered print the color is red!
- If a 2 is entered print the color is green!
- If a 3 is entered print the color is blue!
- If the number entered is none of those, print ERROR!

Answer

L2_colors.py

Problem:

- If n is in the range 1-10, print the color is red!
- If n is in the range 1-10, print the color is red!
- If n is in the range 11-20, print the color is blue!
- If n is in the range 21-30, print the color is green!
- If the number entered is none of those, print ERROR!

Answer:

L2_colors2.py

if statement – second form

Example.

```
n=int(input('Please enter an integer: '))
if n%2==0:
    print(n, 'is even.')
else:
    print(n, 'is odd.')
```

The **syntax** (form) of this if statement is:

```
if <Boolean expression> :
    one or more statements (called a code block)
else:
    one or more statements (called a code block)
```

The **semantics** (meaning or interpretation) is:

1. Evaluate the Boolean expression.
2. If its value is True then execute the indented code block, and then continue on with the statement after the if.
3. If its value is False then execute the indented code block statement after the else.

Note: The indentation is important in Python. If the blocks in the “if statement” were not indented to the right of the “if”, Python would call you out on a syntax error.

How much to indent? Python doesn’t care, but the accepted style in the “community” is four spaces.

Problem:

Write a program that inputs **two** different integers and prints out the larger of the two.

Answer:

L2_max.py

Problem:

Write a program that inputs **three** different integers and prints out the largest of the three.

Answer:

L2_max2.py

Problem:

Write a program that inputs **five** different integers and prints out the largest of the five.

Answer:

L2_max3.py

Problem:

Re-write the following if statement so that it is syntactically correct; then figure out what will be printed. Test your answer by running the reformatted code.

```
x = 9
y = 8
z = 7
```

```
if x > 9: if y > 8: print ("x > 9 and y > 8") else: if z >= 7: print("x <= 9 and z >= 7") else: print("x <= 9 and z < 7")
```

In many programming languages the general rule regarding” nested” if statements (an if in the block of another if) is that the “else” goes with the closest “if” that has no “else.”

Answer:

if statement – third form

```
n=int(input('Please enter an integer between 1 and 5: '))
if n==1:
    print('Red!')
elif n==2:
    print('Green!')
elif n==3:
    print('Blue!')
elif n==4:
    print('Indigo!')
elif n==5:
    print('Violet!')
else:
    print("ERROR!")
```

The **syntax** (form) of this if statement is:

```
    if <Boolean expression> :
        one or more statements (called a code block)
    elif <Boolean expression> :
        one or more statements (called a code block)
    elif <Boolean expression> :
        one or more statements (called a code block)
        .
        .
        .
    else:
        one or more statements (called a code block)
```

Note: The final “else” is optional.

Question: How many “elif”s do you need?

Answer: As many as you need for the problem that you are solving.

The **semantics** (meaning or interpretation) is:

1. Starting at the first if, find the first Boolean expression that evaluated to True.
2. If one is found, execute the block of statement associated with that if, then exit the whole “if construct” and continue the program with the statement following it.
3. If no Boolean expression evaluates to True
 - a. If there is an “else clause”, evaluate it and execute the block of statement associated with it. Then continue the program with the statement following the else clause.
 - b. If there is no “else clause”, then exit the whole “if construct” and continue the program with the statement following it.

Problem:

Write a program using “if – elif” that converts a numerical score to a letter grade according to the following scheme:

- If the score is 90 or above, the grade is A.
- If the score is between 80 and 90 the grade is B.
- If the score is between 70 and 80 the grade is C.
- If the score is between 60 and 70 the grade is D.
- If the score is less than 60, the grade is F.

In the above, **between x and y** means starting with x and less than y.

The program prints the score and the associated letter grade.

If the score entered is not in any of the above ranges, the program prints the score and the message “Score out of Range!”.

Answer:

L2_grade.py

Problem:

We will say that a number is a **palindrome** if it reads the same forwards and backwards. So:

- 1221 is a palindrome
- 6556 is a palindrome
- 1234 is not a palindrome

Write a program that inputs a four digit integer and determines if the number is a palindrome or not. Your program should reject (politely) any input not in the appropriate range.

Answer:

L2_palindrome

Problem:

Write a program that inputs a three digit integer n (**no zero in the units position**) and returns the digits of n in reverse order. Your program should reject (politely) any input not in the appropriate range.

For example if you enter the integer 123, the program should output the **digits** 321 one next to the other.

Answer:

L3_reverse.py

Problem:

Write a program that inputs a three digit integer n (**no zero in the units position**) and returns the integer made up of the digits of n in reverse order. Your program should reject (politely) any input not in the appropriate range.

For example if you enter the integer 123, the program should output the **integer** 321 (not just

Answer:

L3_reverse2.py