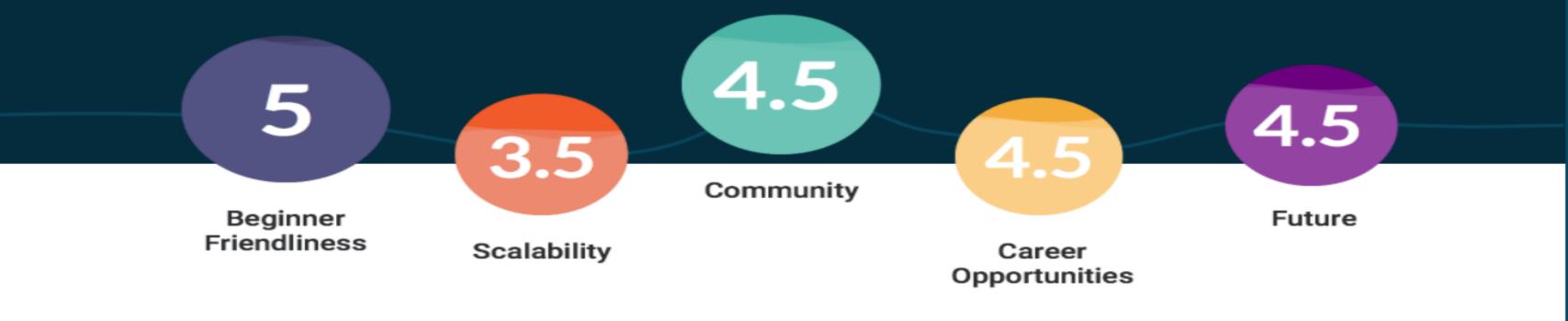
Why Python?

Introduction

Why Learn Python?



5th Largest StackOverflow Community

4th Most-Used Language at GitHub

3rd Largest Meetup Community

Popular sites built with Python











Java programs end up being longer and more painful to write than the equivalent Python programs

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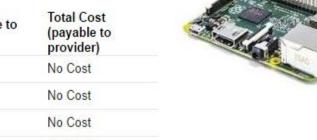
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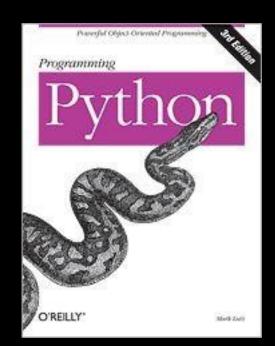
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An interpreted **language**, **Python** has a design philosophy which emphasizes code readability (notably using whitespace indentation to delimit code blocks rather than curly braces or keywords), and a syntax which allows programmers to express concepts in fewer lines of code than possible in **languages** such as C++ or Java.



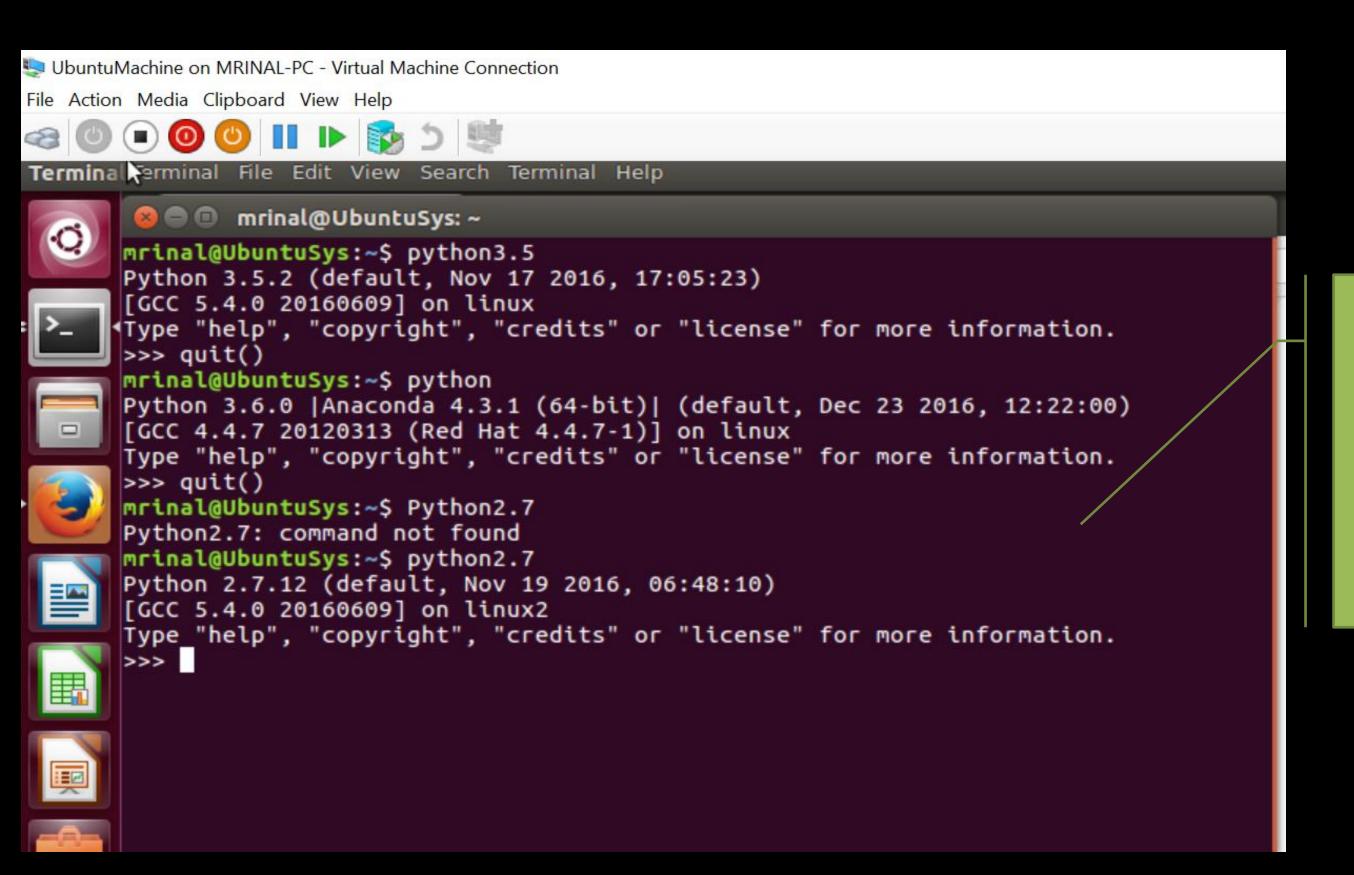


Python (programming language) - Wikipedia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Python_(programming_language)

Guido van Rossum is the author of the Python programming language. In the Python community, Van Rossum is known as a "Benevolent Dictator For Life" (BDFL), meaning that he continues to oversee the Python development process, making decisions where necessary.



Talking to Python



You can callout different version of Python...

```
mrinal@UbuntuSys:~

mrinal@UbuntuSys:~$ python

Python 3.6.0 |Anaconda 4.3.1 (64-bit)| (default, Dec 23 2016, 12:22:00)

[GCC 4.4.7 2012031] (Red Hat 4.4.7-1)] on linux

Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.

>>> Test = 1+2

>>> Test

3

>>>
```

This is a good test to make sure that you have Python correctly installed. Note that quit() also works to end the interactive session.

What Do We Say?

Elements of Python

Vocabulary / Words - Variables and Reserved words (Chapter 2)

Sentence structure - valid syntax patterns (Chapters 3-5)

Story structure - constructing a program for a purpose

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Reserved Words

You cannot use reserved words as variable names / identifiers

and del for is raise assert elif from lambda return break else global not try class except if or while continue exec import pass yield def finally in print as with

Sentences or Lines

Variable

Operator

Constant

Reserved Word

Programming Paragraphs

Python Scripts

- Interactive Python is good for experiments and programs of 3-4 lines long.
- Most programs are much longer, so we type them into a file and tell Python to run the commands in the file.
- In a sense, we are "giving Python a script".
- As a convention, we add ".py" as the suffix on the end of these files to indicate they contain Python.

Writing a Simple Program

Interactive versus Script

Interactive

>You type directly to Python one line at a time and it responds

Script

>You enter a sequence of statements (lines) into a file using a text editor and tell Python to execute the statements in the file

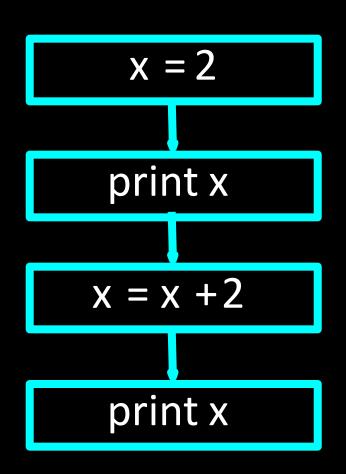
Program Steps or Program Flow

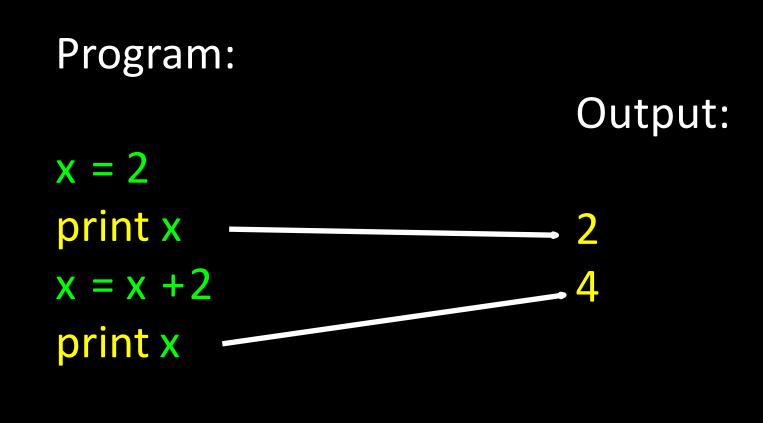
• Like a recipe or installation instructions, a program is a sequence of steps to be done in order.

Some steps are conditional - they may be skipped.

- Sometimes a step or group of steps are to be repeated.
- Sometimes we store a set of steps to be used over and over as needed several places throughout the program (Chapter 4).

Sequential Steps





When a program is running, it flows from one step to the next. As programmers, we set up "paths" for the program to follow.

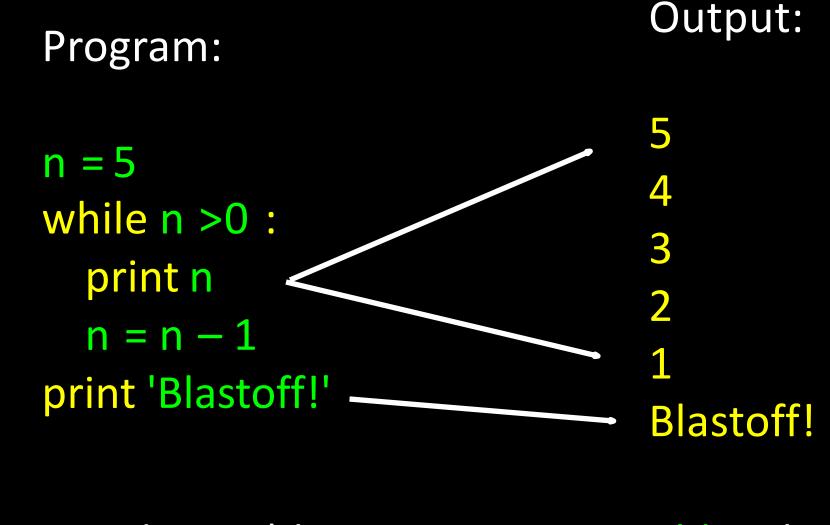
x = 5Yes x < 10? print 'Smaller' x > 20? No print 'Bigger' print 'Finis'

Conditional Steps

```
Program:
                                 Output:
x = 5
if x < 10:
                                 Smaller
  print 'Smaller'
                                 Finis
if x > 20:
   print 'Bigger'
print 'Finis'
```

n = 5No Yes n > 0? print n n = n - 1print 'Blastoff'

Repeated Steps



Loops (repeated steps) have iteration variables that change each time through a loop. Often these iteration variables go through a sequence of numbers.

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A short Python "Story" about how to count words in a file

A word used to read data from a user

A sentence about updating one of the many counts

A paragraph about how to find the largest item in a list

Summary

This is a quick overview of Topic # 1

• We will revisit these concepts throughout the course

• After the break, lets focus on the big-picture