

# Introduction to Programming

## Exercises

### Week 1

Prior to attempting these exercises ensure you have read the lecture notes and/or viewed the video, and also completed the practical. You may wish to use the Python interpreter in interactive mode to help work out the solutions to some of the questions.

Download and store this document within your own filespace, so the contents can be edited. You will be able to refer to it during the test in Week 6.

Enter your answers directly into the highlighted boxes.

For more information about the module delivery, assessment and feedback please refer to the module within the MyBeckett portal.

What is the name of the programming language that we will be using on this module? What version of the language are we using?

Answer:

The name of the programming language that we will be using is Python and the version is 3.11.4 .

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A computer program takes some *input*, performs some *processing* then.... what?

Answer:

Output

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What generation of programming language is *machine code*?

Answer:

First generation

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Which of the following is known as a second generation programming language?

- C++
- Java
- Assembly
- R
- Python

Answer:

Assembly

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State one problem associated with writing code in Assembly Language.

Answer:

It is difficult to write and read.

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What generation of programming language is *Python*?

Answer:

Third generation

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What is the purpose of a *compiler*?

Answer:

To convert high level code to machine code.

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The Python interpreter uses an interaction model called **REPL**. What does this stand for?

Answer:

Read Eval Print Loop

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Is it true that Python development always has to take place using *interactive-mode* within the Python interpreter?

Answer:

It is true.

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What does the term IDE stand for?

Answer:

It stands for Integrated Development Environment.

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What is the main reason why programmers use *code libraries*?

Answer:

Reusability and quality are the main reasons to use code libraries.

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The Python language is often used in the field of *data-science*. What other language specifically supports *data-science*?

Answer:

R supports data-science too.

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An expression within a programming language consists of *operands* and *operators*.

Given an expression such as:  $20 + 10$ , which part of this is the *operator*?

Answer:

The operator in the given expression is "+".

And, which part of this is the *operand*?

Answer:

20 and 10 are the operand.

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Within Python, what calculation is performed by the '\*' operator?

Answer:

To multiply.

And, what calculation is performed by the '/' operator?

Answer:

To divide.

And, what calculation is performed by the '\*\*' operator?

Answer:

Exponentiation.

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Using the information about expression evaluation provided in the related tutorial, evaluate each of the following expressions **in your head** and type the result in the answer boxes below. Remember that an operator precedence is applied, but can be overridden by the use of parentheses.

a)  $100 + 200 - 50$

Answer:

250

b)  $10 + 20 * 10$

Answer:

210

c)  $20 \% 3$

Answer:

2

d)  $20 / (2 * 5)$

Answer:

2.0

e)  $20 / 2 * 5$

Answer:

50.0

f) `10 * 2 + 1 * 3`

Answer:

23

g) `5 + 10 ** 2`

Answer:

105

h) `(10 + 2 / 2) + ((10 * 2) ** 2)`

Answer:

411.0

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Use the Python interpreter to input and then execute a simple Python expression that adds the three numbers 100.6, 200.72 and 213.3, then write the result in the answer box below.

Answer:

514.62

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Use the Python interpreter to input and then execute a simple Python expression that multiplies the three numbers 20.25, 100 and 23.9, then write the result in the answer box below.

Answer:

48995.0

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Use the Python interpreter to input and then execute a simple Python expression that divides the number 10 by 0, then write the result in the answer box below.

Answer:

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File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
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What type of error is typically easier to identify? A *syntax* error? Or a *logical* error?

Answer:

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Syntax error
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What type of message is used by the Python interpreter to report run-time errors?

Answer:

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Python interpreter uses exception error.
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What command can be used to exit the Python interpreter?

Answer:

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exit()
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## Exercises are complete

Save this logbook with your answers. Then ask your tutor to check your responses to each question.

