Python

Basics

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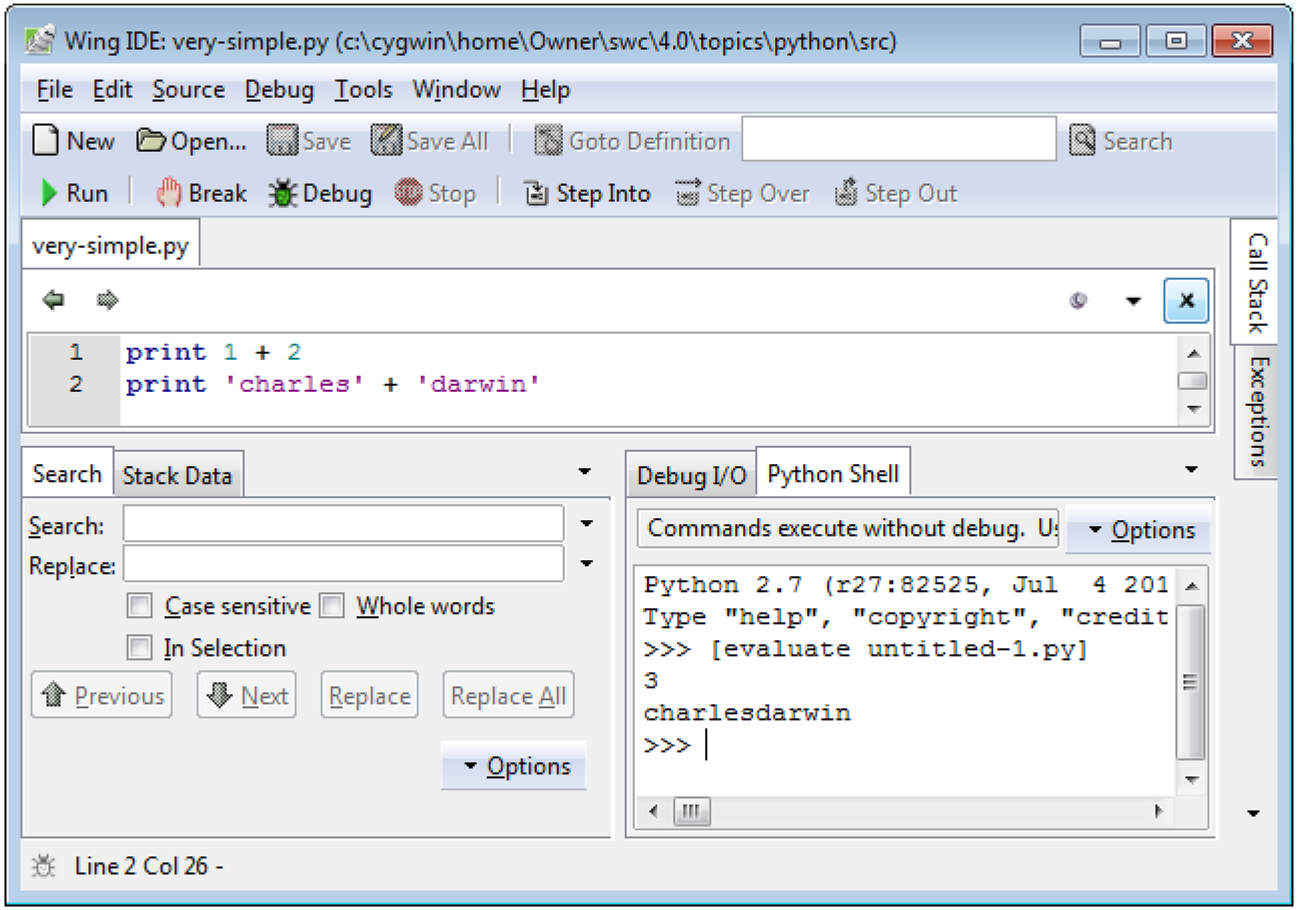
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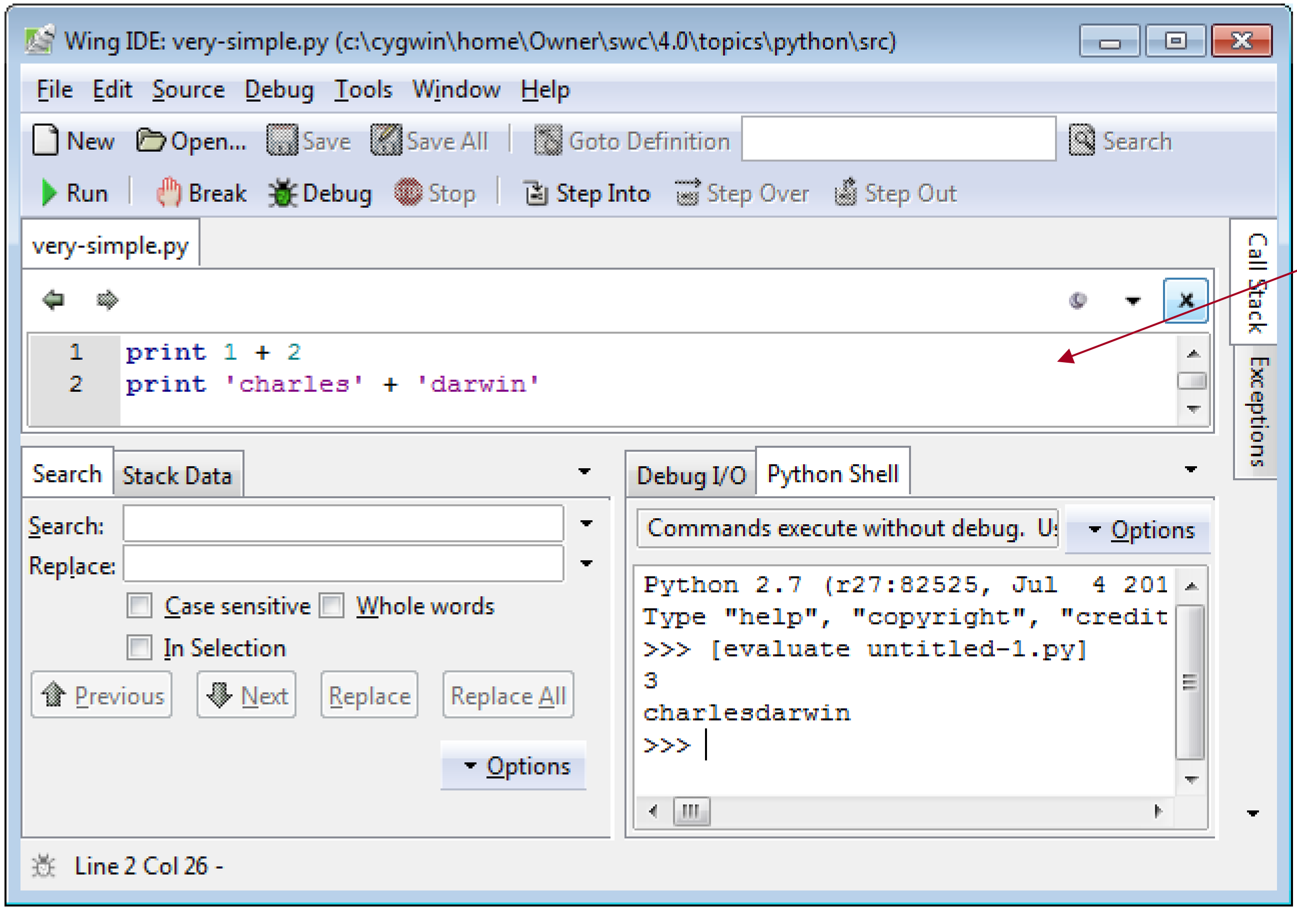
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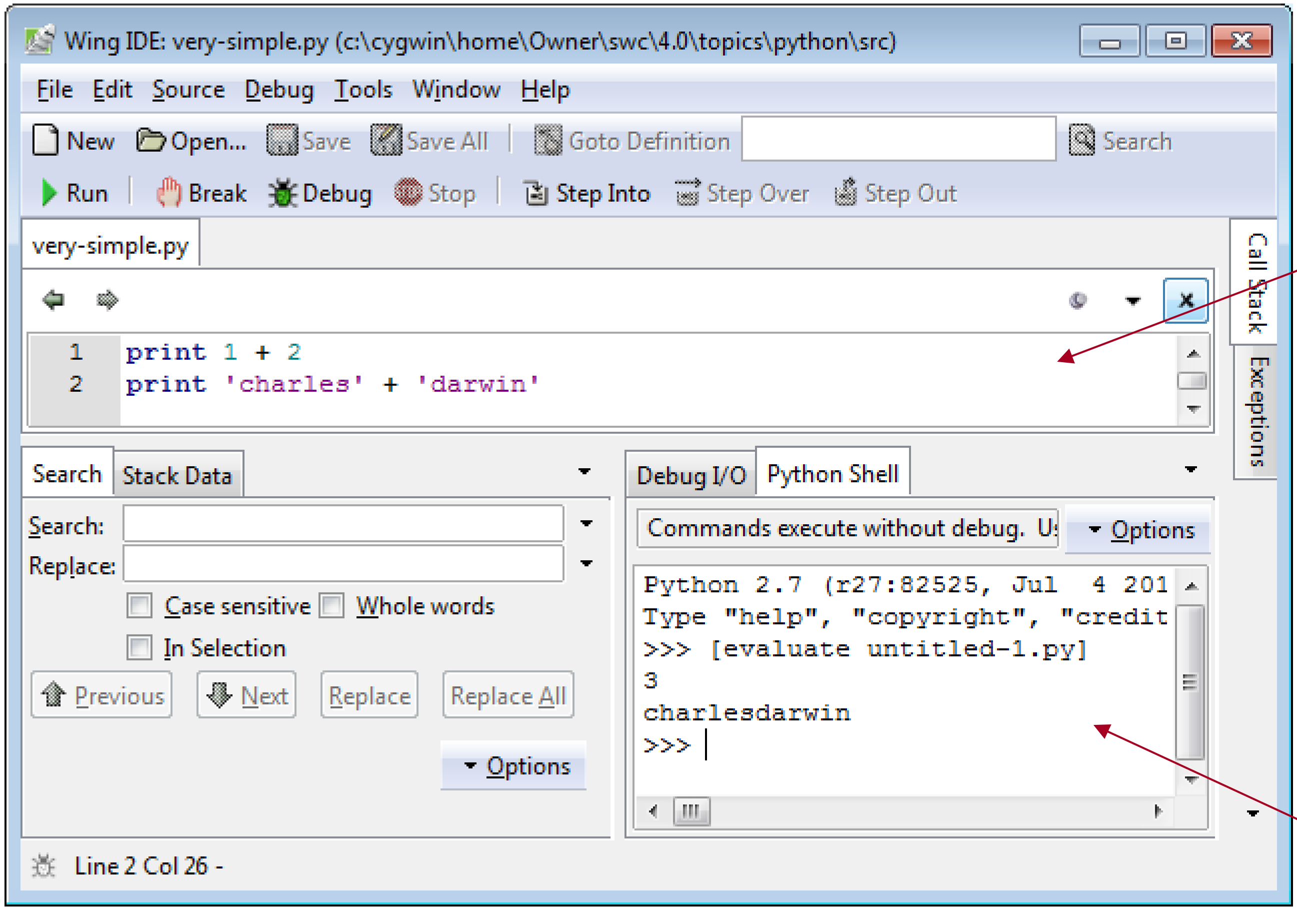
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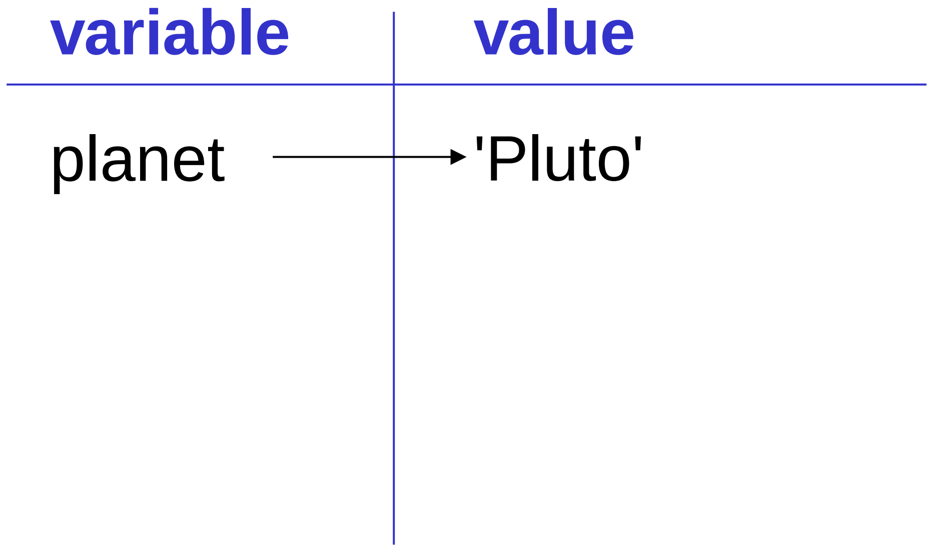

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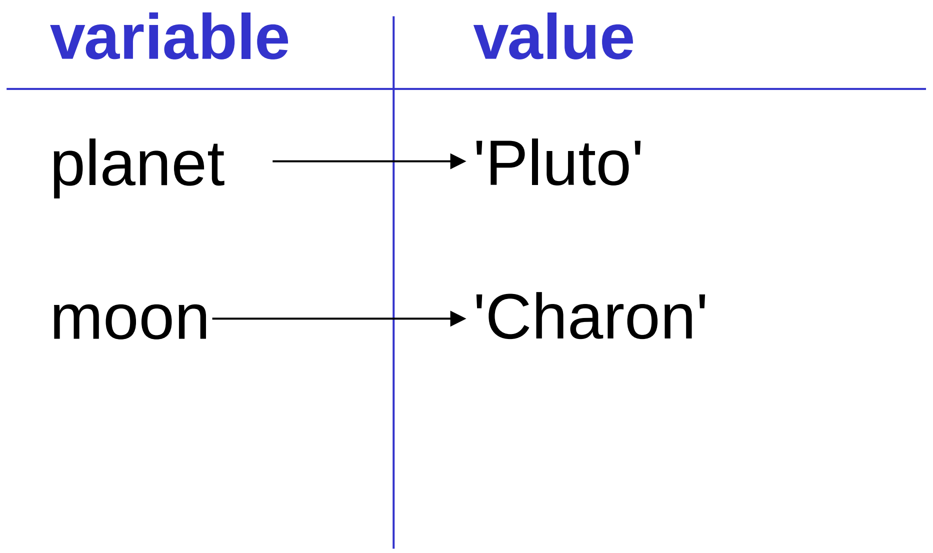

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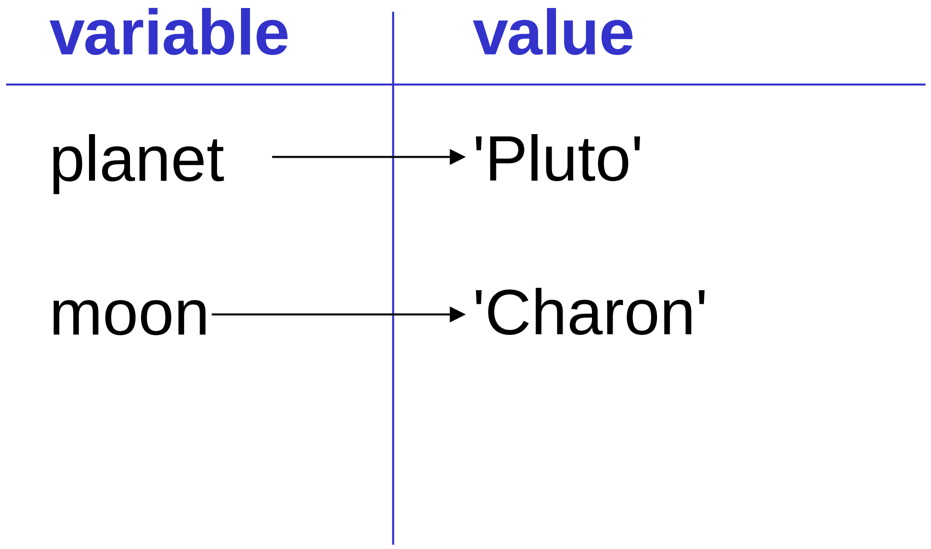

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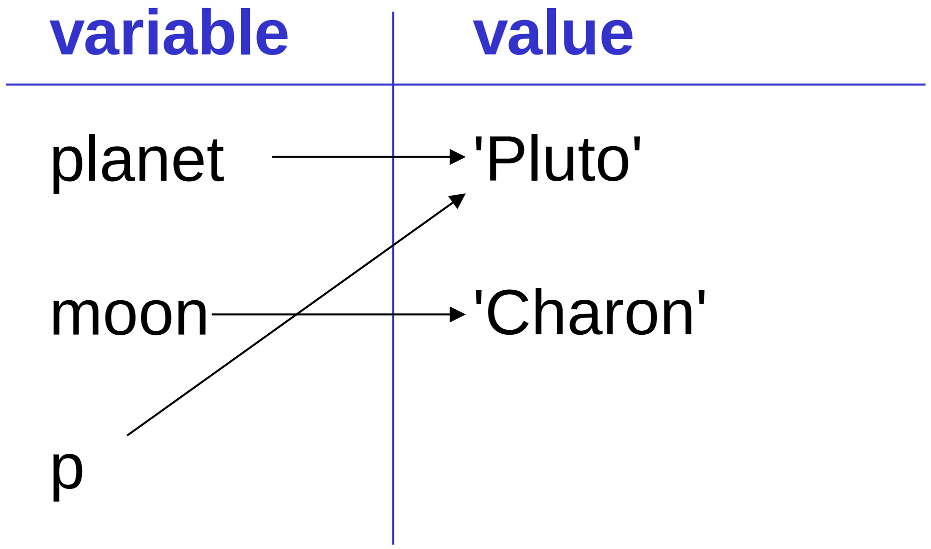

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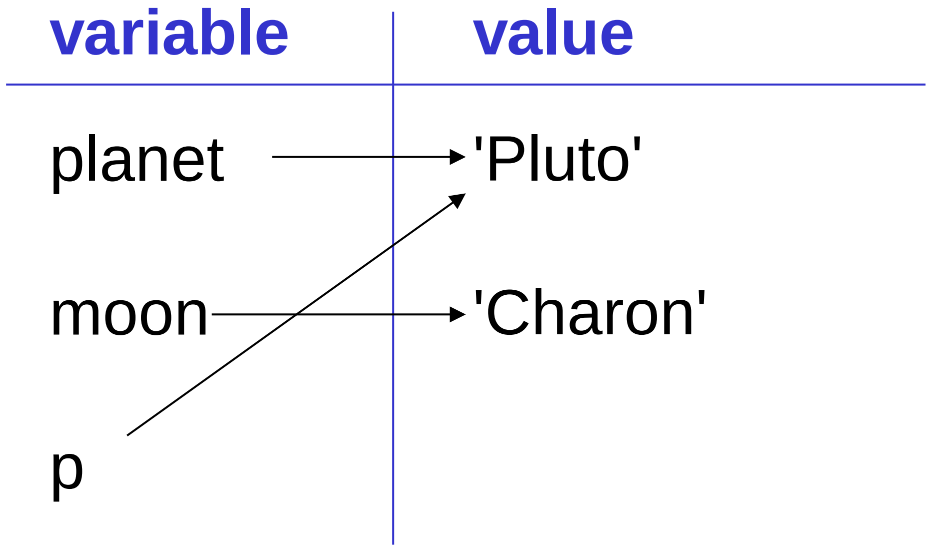

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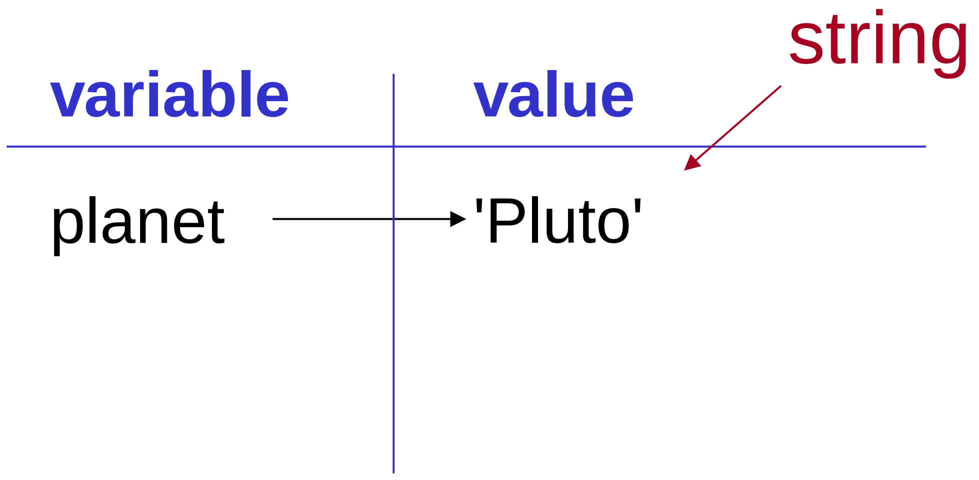

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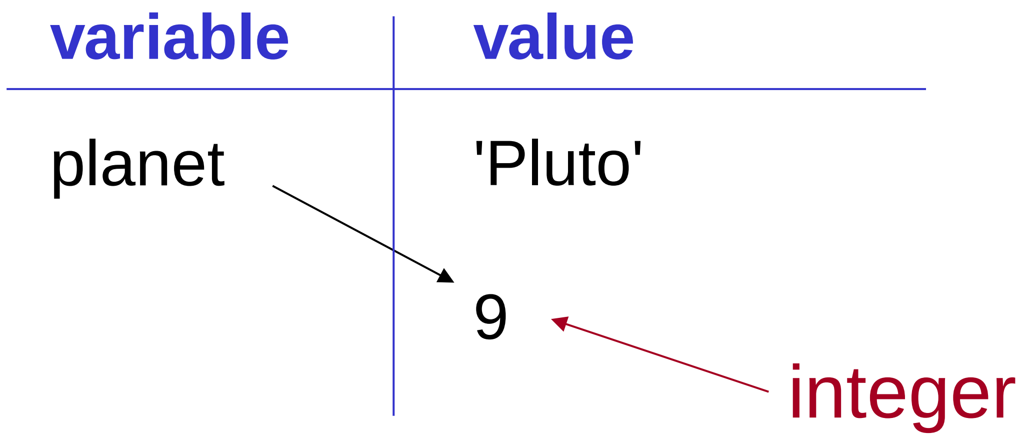

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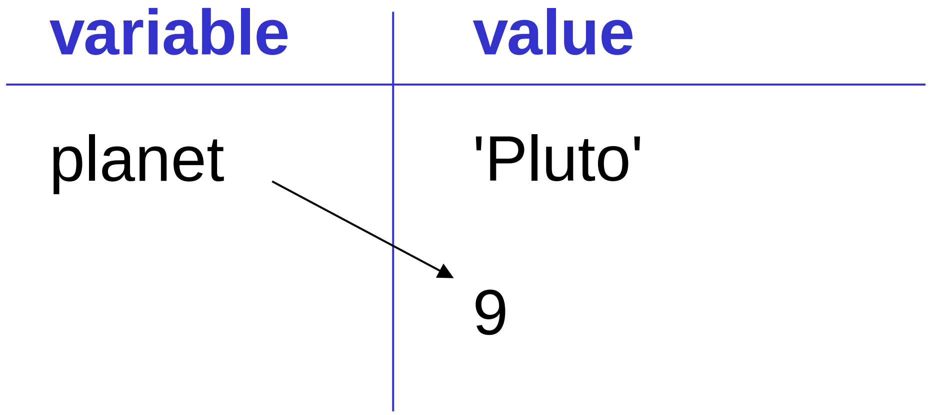

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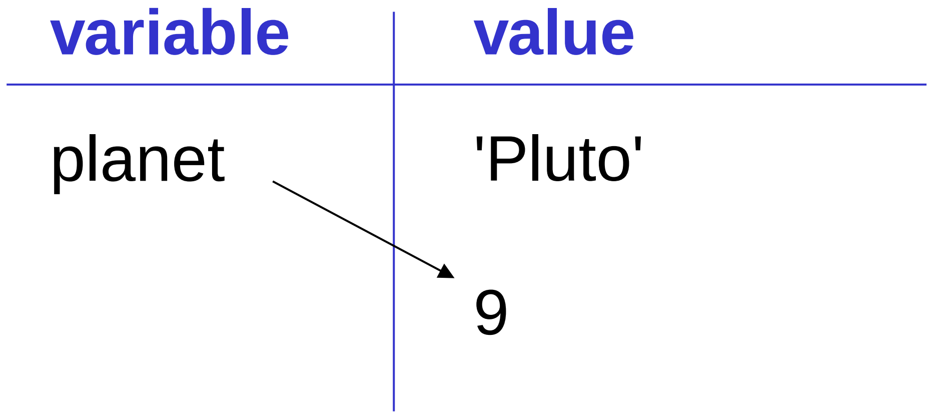

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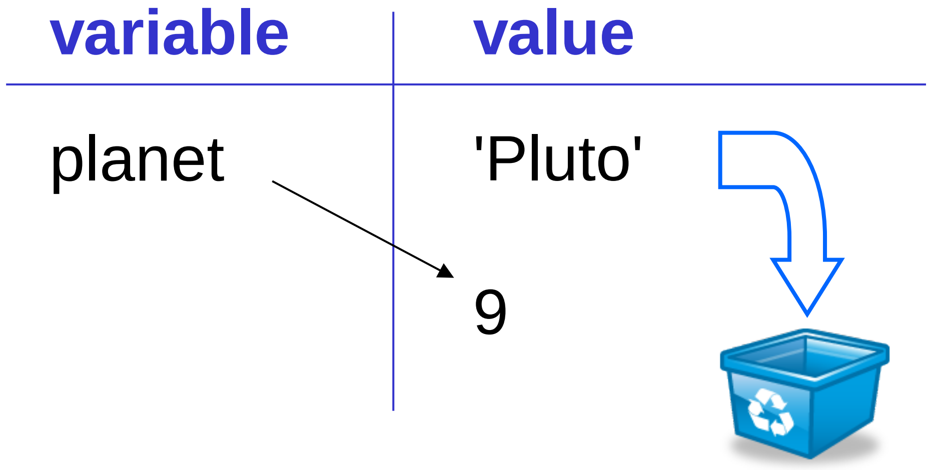

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Doing too much is as bad as doing too little…

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5
>>>
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```
>>> print int('2') + 3
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>>> print '2' + str(3)
23
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501
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