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What is Python really?

- Python is an interpreted language. That means that, unlike languages like C and its variants, Python does not
 need to be compiled before it is run. Other interpreted languages include PHP and Ruby.
- Python is **dynamically** typed, this means that you don't need to state the types of variables when you declare them or anything like that. You can do things like x=111 and then x="I'm a string" without error
- Python is well suited to object orientated programming in that it allows the definition of classes along with composition and inheritance. Python does not have access specifiers (like C++'s public, private), the justification for this point is given as "we are all adults here"
- in Python, functions are first-class objects. This means that they can be assigned to variables, returned from other functions and passed into functions. Classes are also first class objects
- Writing Python code is quick but running it is often slower than compiled languages. Fortunately
 ■ Python allows the inclusion of C based extensions so bottlenecks can be optimized away and often are. The numpy package is a good example of this, it's really quite quick because a lot of the number crunching it does isn't actually done by Python
- Python finds use in many spheres web applications, automation, scientific modeling, big data
 applications and many more. It's also often used as "glue" code to get other languages and components to play
 nice

How python code is executed

At the command line:

a = "hello"

There are four steps that python takes when you hit return lexing, parsing, compiling, and interpreting

1. **Lexing** is breaking the line of code you just typed into **tokens** | 2. The **parser** takes those **tokens** and generates a structure that shows their relationship to each other (in this case, an **Abstract SyntaxTree**). | 3. The **compiler** then takes the **AST** and turns it into one (or more) **code objects**. (function objects, code objects, and bytecode) | 4. Finally, the **interpreter** takes each code object (It contains information that this interpreter needs to do its job) executes the code it represents

to understand how Lexing, prasar & AST work a link.

variables and types

- Python is completely object oriented
- No need to declare variable before using them or declare their type
- Every variable in Python is an Object

Strings

String constants

are delimited with "" (double quotes) or ' ' (single quotes)

```
>> h = "Hello World"
>> h = 'Hello World'
```

Multiline string

String constant can contain new line by using double quotes or single quotes:

```
>> h = """ Hi
How are you"""
```

String Concatenation

Use + sign to concate 2 strings:

```
>> s = "hi"
>> t = "How are you"
>> print(s + t)
Hi How are you
```

Strings are Immutable

String cannot be modified like in programming language (like c):

```
>> h = "Hello world"
>> h[2] = 'g'
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment.
```

String Indexing and Splicing

String can be indexed like in C:

```
>> h = "hello world"
>> h[0] # note index starts from zero
H
```

String can be sliced:

```
>>h[2:5]
llo
>>h[2:]
llo world
>>h[:2]
he
```

String Interpolation

The mod(%) operator in string is used for formatting or to insert variable in a string:

```
>> print "There are %d orange in the basket" % 32
There are 32 orange in the basket
>> print "There are %d %s and %d %s in the basket" % (32, 'orange', 12, 'apple')
There are 32 orange and 12 apple in the basket
```

Python Strings - Useful Functions

```
S = "Jack and Jill"
```

capitalize()

Capitalizes first letter of the string:

```
>> s.capitalize()
>> Jack And Jill
```

count(str, beg=0, end=len(string))

Count how many times str occurs in a string or in a substring (if beg and end is given):

```
>> s.count('J')
2
```

find(str, beg=0, end=len(string))

Determine if str occurs in string or in a substring of string if starting index *beg* and ending index *end* are given return **index** if found else **-1**

```
>> s.find('and')
>> 5
>> s.find('j')
>> -1
```

Numbers

- Python Support 2 type of numbers Integer and Floating point number
- To define an Integer use x = 7
- To define a floating point number use x = 7.0

Object Types

- Python automatically assign object type based on the assignment
- For example

```
>> x = 7
>> type(x)
<type 'int'>

>> x = 'abc'
>> type(x)
<type 'str'>

>> x = 7.7
>> type(x)
<type 'float'>
```

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