Python is a high-level, interpreted programming language known for its readability, simplicity, and versatility. Created by Guido van Rossum and released in 1991, it is widely used in various fields such as web development, data analysis, artificial intelligence, automation, scientific computing, and game development. Key features include an intuitive syntax, extensive libraries and frameworks like Django, Flask, NumPy, pandas, TensorFlow, and strong cross-platform compatibility. Python's large and active community further enhances its appeal by providing extensive documentation, tutorials, and third-party modules, making it a powerful and popular tool among developers.

2.Download Python Installer:

- o Go to the official Python website.
- Download the latest version of Python for Windows.

Run the Installer:

- Open the downloaded installer.
- Check the box that says "Add Python to PATH".
- Click "Install Now".

Verify the Installation:

- Open Command Prompt.
- Type python --version and press Enter. You should see the installed version of Python.

Set Up a Virtual Environment:

- Navigate to your project directory.
- Run python -m venv myenv to create a virtual environment named myenv.
- Activate the virtual environment:
 - Command Prompt: myenv\Scripts\activate
 - PowerShell: myenv\Scripts\Activate.ps1

macOS

Download Python Installer:

- o Go to the official Python website.
- Download the latest version of Python for macOS.

Run the Installer:

Open the downloaded .pkg file and follow the installation instructions.

Verify the Installation:

- Open Terminal.
- Type python3 --version and press Enter. You should see the installed version of Python.

Set Up a Virtual Environment:

- Navigate to your project directory.
- Run python3 -m venv myenv to create a virtual environment named myenv.
- Activate the virtual environment: source myenv/bin/activate

Linux

Install Python Using Package Manager:

- Open Terminal.
- Update the package list: sudo apt update (for Debian-based systems) or sudo yum update (for Red Hat-based systems).
- Install Python: sudo apt install python3 (for Debian-based systems) or sudo yum install python3 (for Red Hat-based systems).

Verify the Installation:

- Open Terminal.
- Type python3 --version and press Enter. You should see the installed version of Python.

Set Up a Virtual Environment:

- Navigate to your project directory.
- Install venv if not already installed: sudo apt install python3-venv (for Debian-based systems) or sudo yum install python3-venv (for Red Hat-based systems).
- Run python3 -m venv myenv to create a virtual environment named myenv.
- Activate the virtual environment: source myenv/bin/activate

Verifying Installation

Regardless of the operating system, you can verify the Python installation by opening your command-line interface (Command Prompt, Terminal, etc.) and typing:

```
python --version # For Windows
python3 --version # For macOS and Linux
```

You should see the installed version of Python.

Setting Up a Virtual Environment

Create a Virtual Environment:

 Run python -m venv myenv (use python3 if necessary on macOS and Linux).

Activate the Virtual Environment:

- Windows (Command Prompt): myenv\Scripts\activate
- Windows (PowerShell): myenv\Scripts\Activate.ps1
- macOS/Linux: source myenv/bin/activate

Deactivate the Virtual Environment:

Run deactivate in the command line.

Using a virtual environment helps manage dependencies and avoid conflicts between different projects.

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3. print("Hello, World!")
```

Explanation of Basic Syntax Elements

print Function:

- The print function is used to output text or other data to the console.
- It is a built-in function in Python, so you don't need to import any modules to use it.

Parentheses:

• The print function requires parentheses () to enclose its arguments. This is a standard syntax for function calls in Python.

String Literal:

- "Hello, World!" is a string literal. In Python, string literals can be enclosed in either single quotes (') or double quotes (").
- String literals represent a sequence of characters.

Quotations:

- The double quotes around Hello, World! indicate that this is a string.
- You could also use single quotes like this: print('Hello, World!').
- 4. Integers (int): Whole numbers without a decimal point.
 - o Example: 42

Floating-Point Numbers (float): Numbers with a decimal point.

o Example: 3.14

Strings (str): Sequences of characters enclosed in single, double, or triple quotes.

o Example: "Hello, World!"

Booleans (bool): Logical values that can be either True or False.

Example: True

Lists (list): Ordered collections of items (which can be of different types) enclosed in square brackets.

Example: [1, 2, 3, "four", 5.0]

Tuples (tuple): Ordered collections of items similar to lists, but immutable (cannot be changed) and enclosed in parentheses.

Example: (1, 2, 3, "four", 5.0)

Dictionaries (dict): Unordered collections of key-value pairs enclosed in curly braces.

o Example: {"name": "Alice", "age": 25}

Sets (set): Unordered collections of unique items enclosed in curly braces.

Example: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}

```
# Integer
my_int = 42
print("Integer:", my_int)
# Float
my_float = 3.14
print("Float:", my_float)
# String
my_string = "Hello, World!"
print("String:", my_string)
# Boolean
my_bool = True
print("Boolean:", my_bool)
# List
my_list = [1, 2, 3, "four", 5.0]
print("List:", my_list)
# Tuple
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```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, "four", 5.0)
print("Tuple:", my_tuple)

# Dictionary
my_dict = {"name": "Alice", "age": 25}
print("Dictionary:", my_dict)

# Set
my_set = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
print("Set:", my_set)
```

5. Conditional Statements

Conditional statements (if, elif, else) allow you to execute specific blocks of code based on whether certain conditions are true.

Example:

```
x = 10

if x > 15:
    print("x is greater than 15")

elif x == 10:
    print("x is equal to 10")

else:
    print("x is less than 10")
```

This checks if x is greater than 15, equal to 10, or less than 10, and prints the corresponding message.

Loops

Loops (for, while) allow you to execute a block of code multiple times.

For Loop Example:

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
for num in numbers:
    print(num)
```

This iterates over each element in the numbers list and prints it.

While Loop Example:

```
count = 0
while count < 5:
    print("Count:", count)
    count += 1</pre>
```

This prints the value of count as long as count is less than 5, incrementing count each time.

6. Functions are reusable blocks of code that perform specific tasks. They take inputs (parameters), execute operations, and return outputs. Functions improve code organization, readability, reusability, and maintainability.

Example Function

Definition:

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```
def add_numbers(a, b):
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return a + b
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This function add_numbers takes two arguments a and b, and returns their sum.

Calling the Function:

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```
result = add_numbers(3, 5)
print(result) # Output: 8
```

Here, the function is called with 3 and 5 as arguments, and the result (8) is printed.

7. Lists:

- Ordered collections of items.
- Accessed by index.
- Mutable (can be changed after creation).
- Defined using square brackets [].

Dictionaries:

- Unordered collections of key-value pairs.
- Accessed by keys.
- Mutable.
- Defined using curly braces {} with key: value pairs.

Example Script:

```
# List of numbers
number_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
# Dictionary with key-value pairs
person = {
```

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'name': 'Alice',
   'age': 30,
   'city': 'New York',
   'job': 'Engineer'
}
# Operations on list
number_list.append(6) # Append an element
number_list[1] = 10  # Modify an element
number_list.remove(3) # Remove an element
# Operations on dictionary
print(person['name'])  # Accessing a value
person['age'] = 32  # Modifying a value
person['gender'] = 'Female' # Adding a new key-value pair
del person['job']  # Deleting a key-value pair
```

- 8. Exception Handling in Python allows you to manage and recover from runtime errors that occur during program execution. Here's a summary of its key components:
 - Try: Encloses code that may raise exceptions. If an exception occurs, it's caught and control moves to the corresponding except block.
 - Except: Handles specific types of exceptions caught by the try block. You can have multiple except blocks to handle different types of errors.
 - Finally: Optional block that executes regardless of whether an exception was raised or not. It's typically used for cleanup actions.

```
# Code that might raise an exception
    result = a / b

except ZeroDivisionError:
    # Handle division by zero error
    print("Error: Division by zero!")

except TypeError as e:
    # Handle type error
    print(f"Error: {e}")

else:
    # Executes if no exception occurred in the try block
    print(f"The result is: {result}")

finally:
    # Cleanup or finalization code
    print("Operation completed.")
```

- 9. Modules and Packages in Python:
 - Modules are individual Python files that contain functions, variables, and/or classes.
 They allow you to organize code logically and promote code reuse within a program.
 - Packages are directories of Python modules. They provide a way to structure and organize related modules hierarchically. Packages can contain sub-packages as well.
 - Importing Modules: In Python, you import a module using the import statement followed by the module name. This allows you to access the functions, variables, and classes defined within that module.
 - Example with math Module: The math module provides mathematical functions and constants. You import it with import math and then use functions like math.sqrt() or constants like math.pi in your code.

Using modules and packages enhances code organization, promotes reusability, and helps maintain a structured and manageable codebase in Python projects.

10. File I/O in Python:

- Reading from a File: Use open() with 'r' mode to open a file for reading. Use
 file.read() to read the entire content or file.readlines() to read line by line.
- Writing to a File: Use open() with 'w' mode to open a file for writing. Use file.write() to write a string or file.writelines() to write a list of strings.
- Example Scripts:

```
Reading from a File:
    python
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with open('sample.txt', 'r') as file:
        content = file.read()
        print(content)

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Writing to a File:
    python
    Copy code
lines = ["Line 1\n", "Line 2\n", "Line 3\n"]

with open('output.txt', 'w') as file:
        file.writelines(lines)
```

Python's file handling capabilities allow you to read from and write to files efficiently, using different modes ('r' for reading, 'w' for writing) to manipulate file contents. Using context managers (with statement) ensures proper handling of file resources, including automatic closing after operations.