

Variables

* A variable is a symbolic name that is a reference or pointer to an object.

* Variables are containers for storing data values.

* These are the reserved memory locations for storing values.

Global variables

A global variable is a variable that is accessible throughout the program, i.e. globally.

That means, any function or method in a program can use it.

It is declared outside of all functions.

Stored in fixed memory locations.

Do not automatically clean up.

Local variables

A local variable is accessible to the current scope only, i.e. locally.

That means, a temporary variable used in a single function definition.

It is declared within a function or code block.

Stored in stack which is dynamic in nature.

Automatically cleans up data stored in it.

Creating variables :-

- * Python has no command for declaring variables.
- * A variable is created and memory is allocated to it when you first assign a value to it.

Syntax :

```
variable_name = value
```

Example :

```
Num_1 = 10
```

Naming conventions :-

- * A variable name must start with a letter or the underscore (_)
 - * A variable name cannot start with a number
 - * A variable name can contain only alphanumeric characters and underscore and not any special symbol [A to Z and 0 to 9 and _]
- Variable names are case-sensitive.

Valid variable names	Invalid variable names
① number_1	① 1number
② _number	② num@
③ Number1	③ num 1

- * In python, variables do not need to be declared with any particular type.
- * Its data type get changed according to the value assigned to it.

For example :-

```
x = 10 # "variable 'x' is created with 'int' type."
```

```
x = "ABC" # "now 'x' will be over written and now contains data of type 'str'."
```

Type casting :-

To specify the data type of variable, type casting is used.

Syntax :

```
var = datatype (value)
```

Example :

```
x = str(ABC123)    ... x = "ABC123"  
y = int(123)       ... y = 123
```

Checking data type of variable :-

To get the datatype of variable `type()` function is used.

Syntax :

`type(variable)`

Example :

```
x = 100  
type(x)
```

Case sensitive :-

Variable names are case sensitive.

For example :-

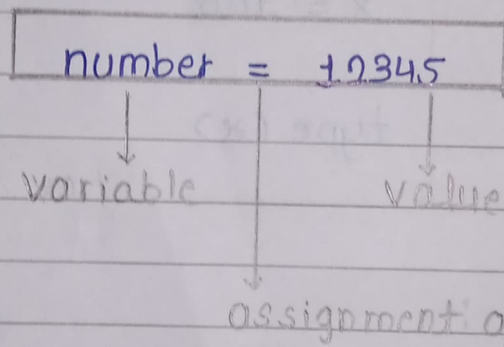
```
a = "ABC" # lowercase a  
A = 123    # uppercase A
```

'a' will be different from 'A'.

Assigning values to variables :-

- * The "=" operator is used to assign values to variables, it is known as assignment operator.
- * The operand at left side of "=" operator is the name of variable.
- * The operand at right side of "=" operator is the value assigned to the variable.

For example :-



Python allows to assign a single value to multiple variables ~~at~~ simultaneously.

For example :-

`x = y = z = 10`

It also allows to assign values to multiple variables simultaneously, it can take different forms,

for example ↴

```
x, y, z = 10, 20, 30 #1
```

```
x = 10; y = 20; z = 30 #2
```

```
a = [10, 20, 30]
```

```
x, y, z = a #3
```

The third form is also known as unpacking.

Python allows to print multiple variables in one line, it takes following form.

for example ↴

```
print(a + b + c) #1
```

```
print(a, b, c) #2 for integers
```

- * This method works properly with string.
- * In case of integers, it will perform addition.
- * If datatypes of variable are different, error is shown