# Scope

#### Lecture 5

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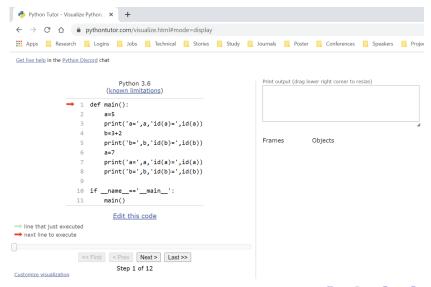
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# Introduction: Visualization of Example-I in Python tutor

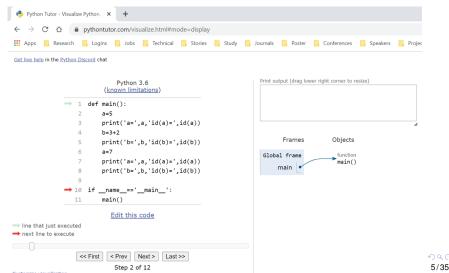
- Each object in Python is assigned a unique identifier that can be accessed using the function id.
- Visit the following website www.pythontutor.com.
- Click on Edit this code and write the code.
- Click on Visualize Execution.



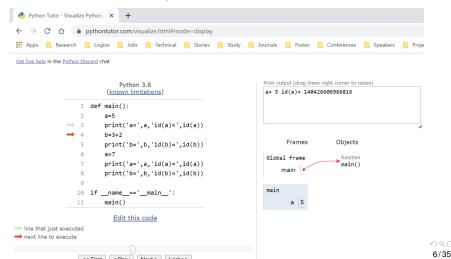
After clicking on Visualize Execution, a ¡Print output¿ box will appear at the right top.



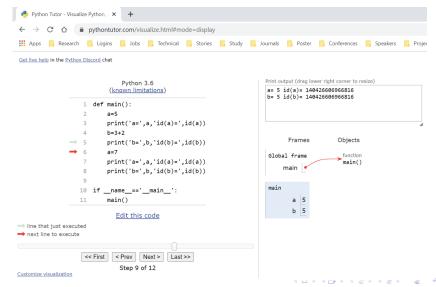
- To start visualization, we click <Next >. On encountering the main function definition, the global frame lists the identifier main as shown in the Figure.
- The red arrow marks the next line to be executed, and the green arrow marks the line just executed.



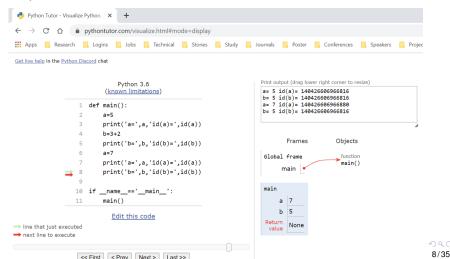
- Now clicking <Next>, it executes the if statement. Clicking <Next> again executes the
  call to the function main and the visualizer shows the frame for the main function.
- Clicking <Next>, it moves the next line pointer to line 2, and its execution shows the
  creation of int object 5 having name a. Later, clicking <Next> shows the output of the
  execution of line 3 in <Print output> box.



- Next click executes line 4 and the name b is mapped to the int object 5 created earlier.
- Further click executes line 5 and the output appears in the <Print output> box.



- Clicking <Next> executes line 6, resulting in creation of a new int object 7 and its mapping to a.
- Further clicks execute lines 7 and 8 and the output appears in the < Print output> box.
- Next click shows return value None associated with the function main as it does not return any value.



- Recall that when this program script is executed, Python makes a note of the definition of the function main in the global frame.
- Next, on encountering the if statement, Python checks whether the name of the current module is \_\_main\_\_.
- This being true, the expression \_\_ name\_\_ == '\_\_main\_\_' evaluates as True, and the function main gets invoked.
- Next, the statements in the main function are executed in a sequence.
- Execution of line 2 creates an int object 5 and assigns it the name a. This object has a
  unique object id but can have multiple names as the execution of the script proceeds.
- For example, execution of the statement

$$b=3+2 \tag{1}$$

in line 4 does not generate a new object, but only associates the name b to the int object 5 created earlier

- Now, a and b have the same object id. However, execution of line 6 creates an int object 7 and associates it with the name a.
- The name b continues to be associated with int object 5 created earlier.

# Object ID for different data types

 The general principle is expressed by saying that Python caches or interns small integer objects (typically, up to 100) for future use. The same may not hold for other forms of data.

```
▶ IDLE Shell 3.10.0
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    Python 3.10.0 (tags/v3.10.0:b494f59, Oct 4 2021, 1
    Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()"
>>> print(id(2.4))
    2228033462928
>>> print(id(2.4))
    2228033463120
>>> print(id(2.4))
    2228004056944
>>> print(id(2.4))
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>>> print(id(2.4))
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```

- Note that the first three instructions create new objects.
- However, subsequent instructions sometimes used the objects created earlier.

#### del operator

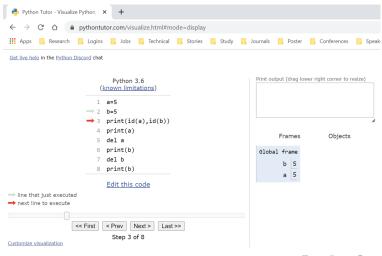
It makes a name (i.e. the association between the name and the object) undefined.

```
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    Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license()"
>>> a = 5
>>> h = 5
>>> print(id(a), id(b))
   1535573229936 1535573229936
>>> del a
>>> print(a)
   Traceback (most recent call last):
     File "<pyshell#4>", line 1, in <module>
        print(a)
    NameError: name 'a' is not defined
>>> print(b)
    5
>>> del b
>>> print(b)
    Traceback (most recent call last):
      File "<pyshell#7>", line 1, in <module>
        print(b)
   NameError: name 'b' is not defined
```

- The first statement creates an int object 5 and binds it to name a.
- The second statement does not create a new object.
- It binds the same object to name b and thus creates another reference to int object a.

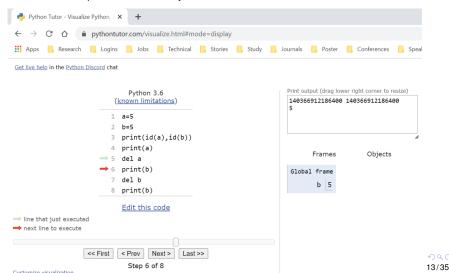
## Visualization of del operator in Python tutor

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- It binds the same object to name b and thus creates another reference to int object a.



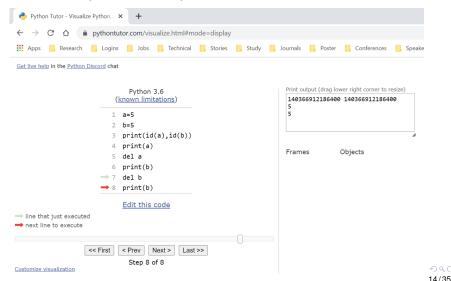
### Visualization of del operator (continued)

- Python keeps a count of the number of references to an object.
- When the statement del a is executed, it reduces the reference count of int object 5 from 2 to 1 and removes the binding of name a to int object 5.
- Thus, an attempt to access a now yields an error.



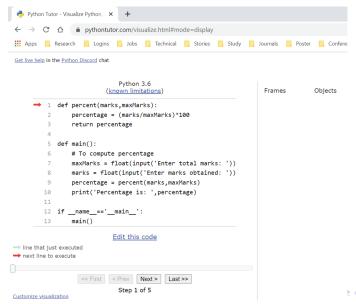
#### Visualization of del operator (continued)

- When the statement del b is executed, it reduces the reference count of int object 5 from 1 to 0, and removes the binding of name b to int object 5.
- Thus, an attempt to access b now yields an error.



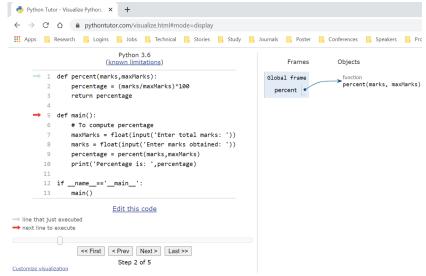
## Visualization of Example-II in Python tutor

Write a program for calculating the percentage of a student in a subject.

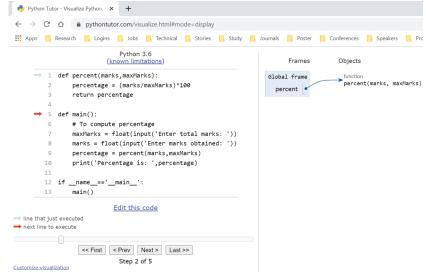


- We are about to execute the first of the five steps in the script.
- These five steps are as follows:
  - Definition of function percent(marks, maxMarks)
  - Definition of function main()
  - if statement
  - Invoking the function main()
  - Execution of function main()

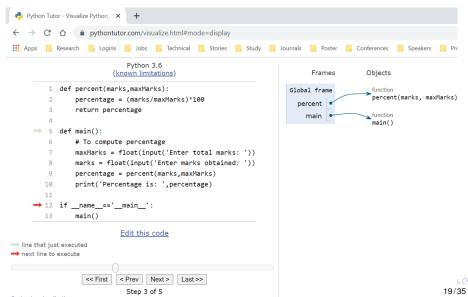
 On clicking <Next>, step 1 is executed and we see the function percent in the global frame.



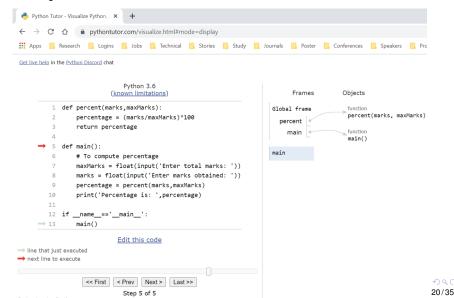
- On clicking <Next>, step 1 is executed and we see the function percent in the global frame.
- On execution of next step, the function main is also shown in the global frame.



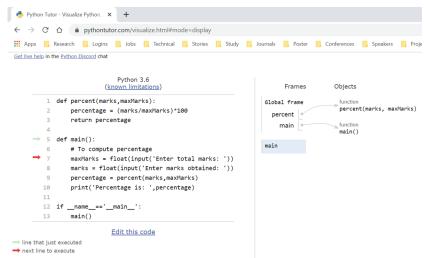
- When step 3 is executed, the condition if \_\_name\_\_=='\_\_main\_\_' evaluates as True.
- Thus, in step 4 the function main is invoked.



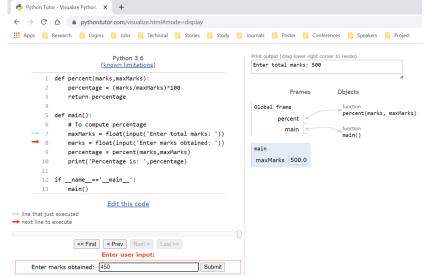
 Next click executes the call to function main and the visualizer shows the function main among frames.



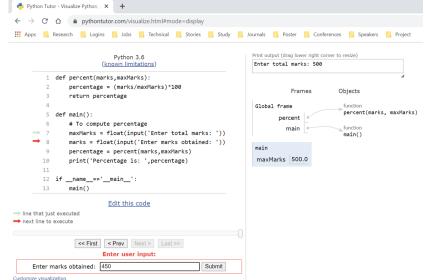
- Next click yields a message that prompts the user to enter total marks in <Input Box> and hit the Submit button.
- This input message along with the values entered as input are also shown in <Print
  output>.
- At this stage, we enter 500 as total marks, and click Submit.



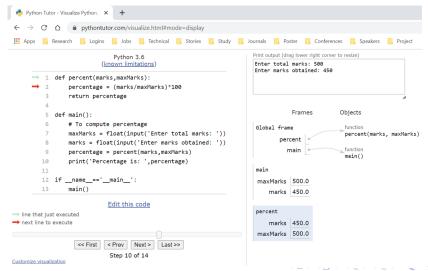
- Now the execution is resulting in creation of an instance of float object 500.0.
- This object is named as maxMarks.
- Then next click executes again prompting for marks obtained (say, 450).



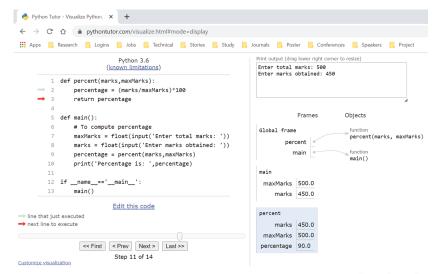
- As before, an instance of float object 450.0 is created, and named as marks.
- The control moves the next line.



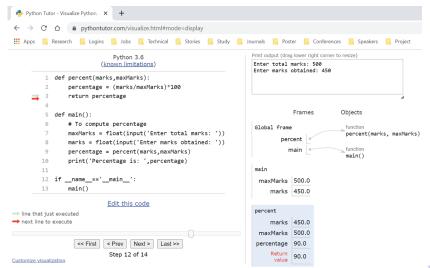
- Clicking <Next> executes the call to the function percent and the visualizer shows the function percent among frames.
- Note that the parameters marks and maxMarks are mapped to float objects created earlier.



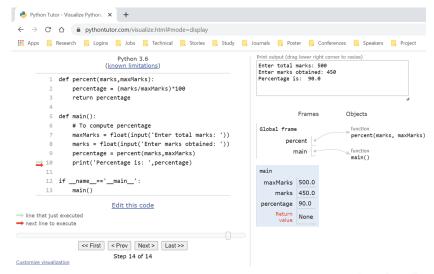
 On the next click, Python creates a return value i.e. the float object (to be returned to the main function) 90.0 which was created earlier.



- The next click returns the value 90.0 from the function percent by associating it with the variable percentage of function main.
- Note that the variable percentage of the function main now maps to the float object 90.0.



 The next two clicks shows return value None associated with the function main() as it does not return any value.



#### Namespaces

- As the term suggests, a namespace is a space that holds some names.
- A namespace defines a mapping of names to the associated objects.
- In Python, a module, class, or function defines a namespace.
- Names that appear in global frame (usually outside of the definition of classes, functions, and objects) are called global names and collectively they define the namespace called global namespace.
- The names introduced in a class or function are said to be local to it.
- The region in a script in which a name is accessible is called its scope.
- Thus, the scope of a name is resolved in the context of the namespace in which it is defined.

#### An example

- For example, each of the functions f1 and f2 defined in a script may have the name x.
- The variable x defined in function f1 may refer to an object of type different from that of the object associated with variable x in the function f2.
- A namespace maps names to objects.
- Being an object-oriented language, definitions of functions and classes are also examples
  of objects.

### Scope

- The scope rules for names in Python are often summarized as LEGB rule.
- LEGB stands for local, enclosing, global, and built in.
- All names defined within the body of a function are local to it.
- Function parameters are also considered local.
- If a name is not locally found, Python recursively searches for its definition in an enclosing scope.
- Names defined in the Python script but usually outside of any function or class definition are called global.
- Python defines some built-in names such as len and abs, which can be accessed from anywhere in a program.

# Examples

Example1: Note that as the variable a has global scope, it is accessible in function f.

```
1  a = 4
2  def f():
3     print('global a: ', a)
4  f()
```

Example 2: Note that the name a introduced in line 3 in the function f is local to it and has
associated value 5. Thus defining the value of name a in the function f, does not affect the
value of the global name a.

```
1  a = 4.2
2  def f():
3     a = 5
4     print('local a: ', a)
5  f()
6  print('global a: ', a)
```

# **Examples** (continued)

Example 3: In this example, during execution of function g, when the variable a is to be accessed, Python looks for it in the local scope of function g, as it is not defined in the body of function g, it is searched in the next enclosing scope, i.e., the scope of function f, where the variable a is indeed defined, and therefore the value 5 of the variable a in function f gets bound to the occurrence of variable a in the function g.

```
1  a = 6
2  def f():
3   a = 5
4   def g():
5    b = a
6    print('inside function g, b: ', b)
7   g()
8  f()
```

## Examples (continued)

Example 4: In this example, the variable a is defined in the body of inner function g. When we attempt to access the name a in line 5 of the outer function f, Python looks for its definition first inside the body of function f, as there is no definition of a in the function f, it looks for definition of a in the next available enclosing scope, which is the global scope. Again, there is no definition of the name a in global name space, and hence the error message is printed.

```
1  def f():
2     def g():
3         a = 5
4     g()
5     print('in outer function g, a = ', a)
6  f()
```

#### Conclusions

- Python visualizer is an online tool for visualizing the execution of Python code.
- A namespace defines a mapping of names to the associated objects.
- Names that appear in global frame outside of the definition of classes, functions, and objects are called global names, and collectively they define the namespace called global namespace.
- The names introduced in a class, or function are said to be local to it.
- The region in a script in which a name is accessible is called its scope.
- The scope rules for names in Python are often summarized as LEGB rule
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