

# Homework 02

## ⚠ Before you start ⚠

*Duplicate this Jupyter Notebook in your `week-02` folder (right-click -> Duplicate) and then your last name to the beginning of it (ie. `hw-02-bLevins.ipynb` - otherwise you risk having all your work overwritten when you try to sync your GitHub repository with your instructor's repository.*

⚠ *No, seriously: check the name of this file. Is it the copy you made? (ie. `hw-02-bLevins.ipynb`). If so, you can proceed ⚠*

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This homework assignment will help you review Jupyter Notebooks and Python variables and data types. Answer the questions below and follow the instructions. When you're finished, you should follow [the instructions on the course website](#) to submit it to Canvas.

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## Madlibs with Christine Darden

1. The cell below contains the first line of Christine Darden's Wikipedia page. Convert this cell to "Markdown" and then make the following revisions:

1. Make the words "Christine Darden" bolded.
2. Add a hyperlink to the word "Wikipedia" so that when a user clicks on it they will go to her Wikipedia page: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christine\\_Darden](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christine_Darden).
3. Add an unordered (bulleted) list of the three universities she attended (her three alma maters listed on her Wikipedia page).

(For help, see [Jupyter Tips & Tricks](#))

**Christine Dardenz** (born September 10, 1942, as Christine Mann) is an American mathematician, data analyst, and aeronautical engineer who devoted much of her 40-year career in aerodynamics at NASA to researching supersonic flight and sonic booms. - [Wikipedia](#)

\*Hampton University

\*George Washington University

\*Viginia State College

2. Go to Christine Darden's Wikipedia page and find her name, birth year, and occupation. Assign these values to the variables: `name` , `birth_year` , and `occupation` . You should also assign the current year to the variable `current_year` .

```
In [12]: name = "Christine Darden"
        birth_year = 1942
        occupation = "Mathematician, data analyst, and aeronautical engineer"
        current_year = 2025
        print(f"Name: {name}")
        print(f"Birth Year: {birth_year}")
        print(f"Occupation: {occupation}")
        print(f"Current Year: {current_year}")
```

Name: Christine Darden

Birth Year: 1942

Occupation: Mathematician, data analyst, and aeronautical engineer

Current Year: 2025

3. Double check to make sure that you have made the right kind of variables. Write four lines of code to print out that the following variable **types**:

- `name` is a string
- `occupation` is a string
- `birth_year` is an integer
- `current_year` is an integers

```
In [14]: print(f"name is a {type(name).__name__}")
        print(f"occupation is a {type(occupation).__name__}")
        print(f"birth_year is an {type(birth_year).__name__}")
        print(f"current_year is an {type(current_year).__name__}")
```

name is a str

occupation is a str

birth\_year is an int

current\_year is an int

4. Calculate Christine Darden's current age in years by using two of the variables above and a [mathematical operator](#). (Using this crude method, her calculated age might not match her true age exactly.)

```
In [16]: age = current_year - birth_year
        print(age)
```

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5. Assign the Python expression above to a new variable called `current_age` .

```
In [18]: current_age = current_year - birth_year
```

```
print(f"Christine Darden's age is: {current_age}")
```

Christine Darden's age is: 83

**6.** Use `print()` and **f-strings** to write two sentences about Christine Darden using the variables `name`, `occupation`, `birth_year` and `current_age`.

```
In [20]: print(f"{name} is a {occupation} who was born in {birth_year}.")
        print(f"She is currently around {current_age} years old.")
```

Christine Darden is a Mathematician, data analyst, and aeronautical engineer who was born in 1942.

She is currently around 83 years old.

## Debugging/Troubleshooting Practice

**7.** The code below returns an error message. Fix the error and then run the code so that it prints correctly.

```
In [23]: print(f"{name} was a {occupation}. She was born in {birth_year}.")
```

Christine Darden was a Mathematician, data analyst, and aeronautical engineer. She was born in 1942.

**8.** Explain why the code above produced an error message.

The quotation mark was missing. This means that it never closed itself inside the parentheses.

**9.** The code below also doesn't work properly. Fix the problem and then run the code so that it prints correctly.

```
In [27]: print(f"{name} was a {occupation}. She was born in {birth_year}.")
```

Christine Darden was a Mathematician, data analyst, and aeronautical engineer. She was born in 1942.

**10.** Explain why the code above produced an error message.

The `f` was missing which is required to launch the variable. The birth year within the parenthesis had a bracket when it should have used `{}`.

## Bonus

Here are some bonus tasks in Python for you to try with Christine Darden:

- Try to calculate how many days she's lived (approximately)
- Print her name in all capital letters
- Print her name in all lowercase letters
- Count how many characters are in their name

## Submission

Follow [the instructions](#) I've made for submitting homework and then submit your files on [the Canvas assignment page](#) in two files (one `.ipynb` and one `.pdf` ).

- Save your notebook
- Kernel -> Restart Kernel and Run All Cells
- File -> Print and try to find an option to Save/Print to PDF. Depending on your operating system and browser, this might be Destination -> Save as PDF , Select Printer -> Microsoft Print to PDF ([instructions for different browsers](#)). Name the file with the same naming convention as your `.ipynb` file (ie. `hw-02-yourlastname.pdf` ) and save the resulting PDF file (ending in `.pdf` ) into the same folder.

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