

# CS1117 – Introduction to Programming

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# Announcements

## CS1117 Labs start this week:

### Labs

Tues (17 <sup>th</sup> Sept.)	4 - 6pm	G.20
Wed (18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.)	4 - 6pm	G.20

Student Allocation for the Labs  
have been posted to Canvas

# Announcements

Go to Canvas

You will find the lab allocation under module "Week 2"

View "lab allocation CS1117.pdf"

Make a note of which day you are allocated too.

# Announcements

## Very Important

All BSc DSA students must attend the Tuesday 4 - 6pm lab

All EC1202 students must attend the Tuesday 4 - 6pm lab

All FR0105 students must attend the Wednesday 4 - 6pm lab

Other than those students, **IF** you have a valid reason not to attend the allocated session, contact CS Admin

# Announcements

## Note

Approximately 140 in this class

Max number in G20 is 80 students  
(assuming all machines are working)

At most only 10 can move...

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## Note

You will need your CS account details to log in to the PCs

So, go to G20 and make sure you log in

IF you can't go to 1.25 CS IT admin and they will help

# Announcements

## Note

Initially, the Labs will follow the content of the lectures

A few questions on the content of each lecture

So I know you understand the lectures...

# Announcements

## Note

Lab assignments will be pushed to Canvas tomorrow

Submission deadline is this coming Saturday @ 1am

My goal is to have the submissions graded by next Lab

I'll also add comments to the assignment on Canvas as we progress through the semester



# Announcements

## Volunteer Research Assistant

How do I apply for this amazing opportunity?

Email me: [j.quinlan@cs.ucc.ie](mailto:j.quinlan@cs.ucc.ie)

Put “MISL VRA S1 19” in the subject line

Deadline of today, 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, @ 12 midnight

Quick 5 minute meetings to be arranged from tomorrow

Final decision by others 😊

# Canvas Student App

Download the Canvas Student App



Canvas Student

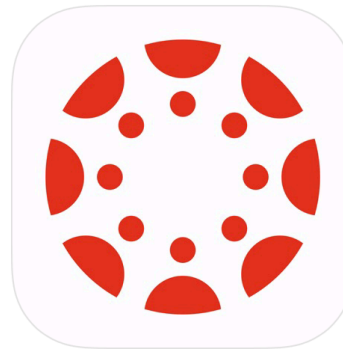
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Free

iOS

Take a moment now, to download  
and setup Canvas on your device

# Canvas Student App

- **Download** the Canvas Teacher/Student app from the Play Store/App Store on Android/iOS devices.
- **Open the app**. You will be presented with a page to search for your school.
- Tap **Find Your School**.
- **Enter "University College Cork"** and hit the arrow to continue.
- This will prompt you to enter your username and password
- You must **authorise** that you are allowing Canvas to access your account.
- **Log in with your regular credentials** and you'll see your list of courses.

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**Lecture 4 Sign In**

Marked completed

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✓ Done

Lecture 4 Sign In

Please Sign in

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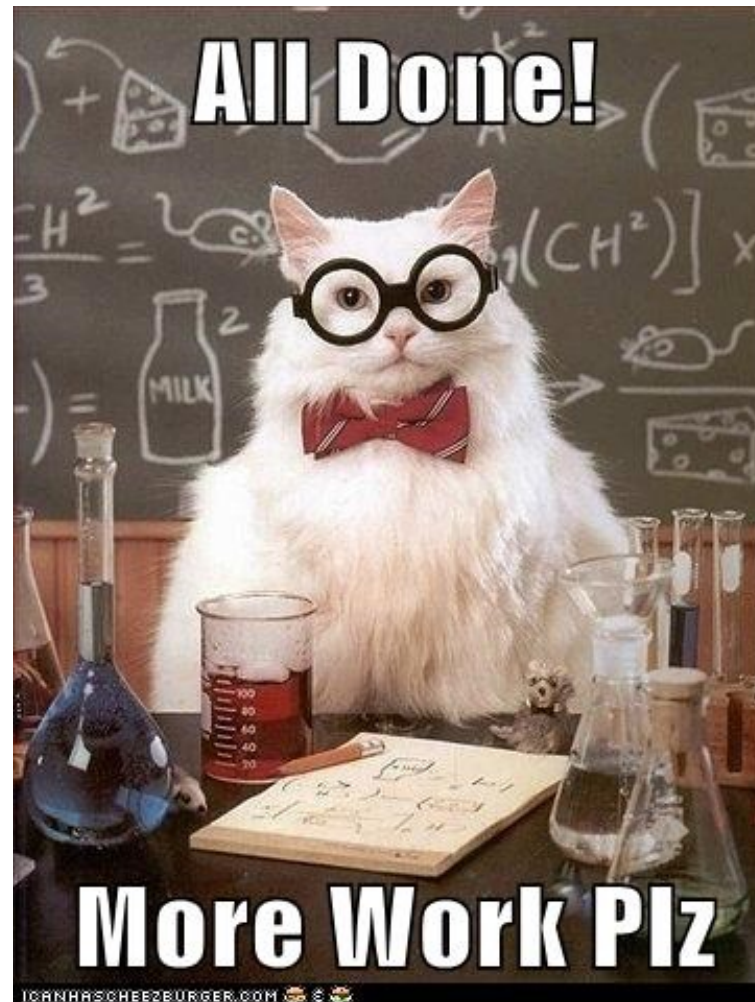
▼ Sign-in

If this works, no more paper sign-in's 😊

And I'll have the sign in for the class at a  
given time during the lecture

# Canvas Student App

Let's Sign into this lecture now





# Python Variables Recap

So back to Python, previously...

- We assign a variable a value
- Data types (integer, float, boolean, tuple, list, dictionary)
- Variable naming
  - Reserved words
  - Ambiguity in naming - l (i) and I similarity
  - Camel and Pascal case naming
  - Do not use a number as first character (7\_weeks)
  - Do not use “#” in the variable name

# Python Variables/Functions



- As stated two main building blocks for Code:
- Variables, which we just covered
  - It's a means of assigning (giving) a bit of information to a name, that we can use later in the code
  - Saves on repeating the original code used to create the value.
  - We just use the name and get the original value
  - `age = 7`
  - `print(age)` -> prints 7 to the screen
- Functions:
  - Similar to variables, as it's a means of reducing the amount of code you write
  - But, typically not for single lines of code, but for a number of lines of code (statement block)

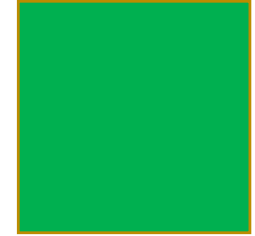
# Python Functions



- Example:
- Let's go back to our "average\_age" code

```
# average ages:
# get the first age
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# get the second age
age2 = int(input("Please enter age 2: "))
# determine the average age
average = (age1+age2)/2
# print to screen
print("The average age is %d" % average)
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# Python Functions



- Let's rewrite `input()` to take a variable rather than a string:

```
# average ages – remove the strings from input()  
# and create separate variables for the strings  
# get the first age  
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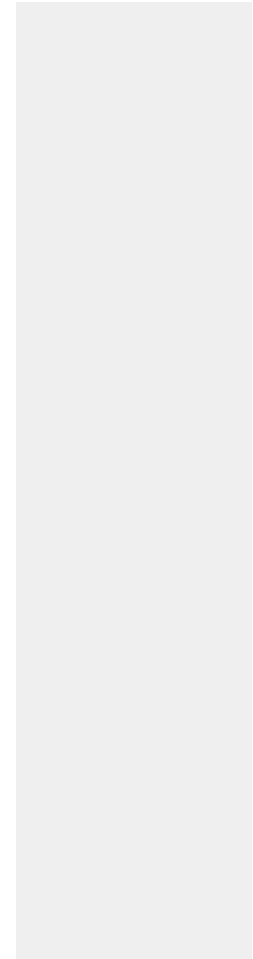
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- Code repetition – very similar code with the same task/job.

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**def** `ask_for_int_input()`

Function has opening  
and closing  
parentheses  
**(round brackets)**

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`def ask_for_int_input(question_string)`

Three blue arrows point from the explanatory boxes above to the corresponding parts of the code: one from 'def' to 'def', one from 'ask\_for\_int\_input' to 'ask\_for\_int\_input', and one from 'question\_string' to 'question\_string'.

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A function can have zero or more parameters

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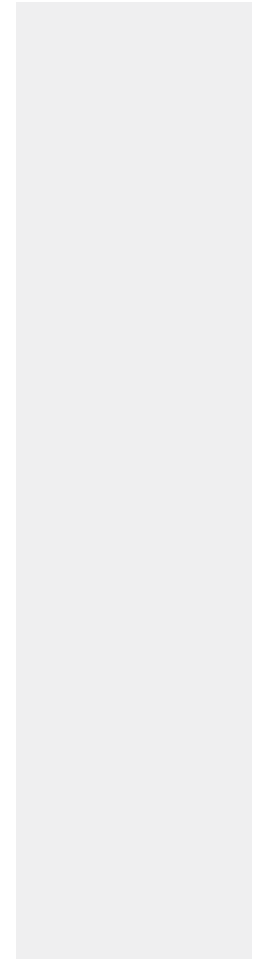
Function definition  
ends in “colon” :

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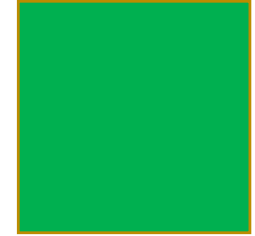
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- Notice the indentation?
  - This is how Python knows what code belongs in what function...
  - Also known as a “block of statements”

# Python Functions

No indenting

```
def ask_for_int_input(question_string):  
    # save the input from the user in a variable called "user_input"  
    user_input = int(input(question_string))  
    # get the first age  
    input_string_1 = "Please enter age 1: "  
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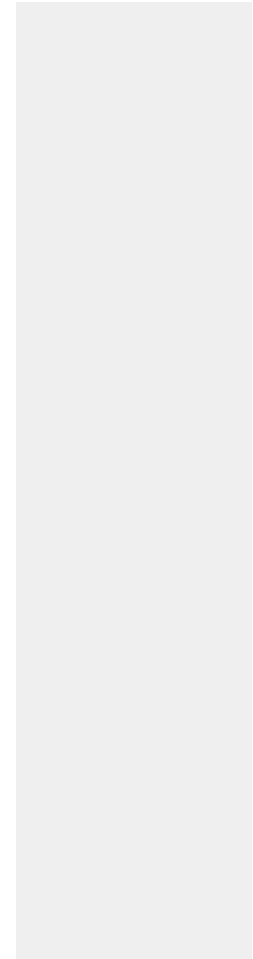
## Correct indenting

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    -----  
  
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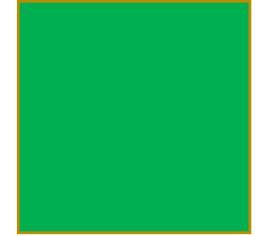
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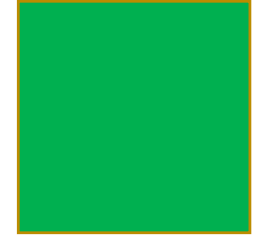


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- While `print()` did not **return** a value

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''' a function that returns an integer value from the user '''

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```
    # return the content of the variable called "user_input"
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# Python Functions



## Actual Python Code

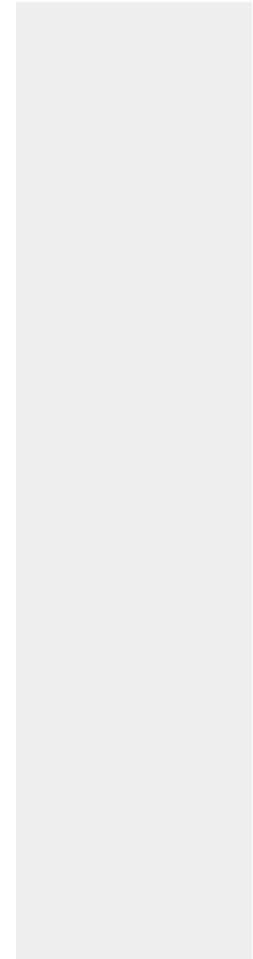
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Returned value

Function call  
`ask_for_int_input()`

Function parameter

# Python Functions



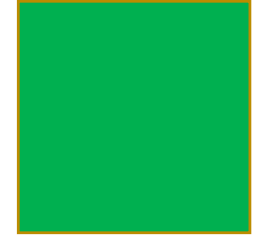
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Not a reserved word, just an inbuilt Python function



# Python Functions

```
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input_string_1 = "Please enter age 1: "
print(id(input_string_1))
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```

```
4553849792
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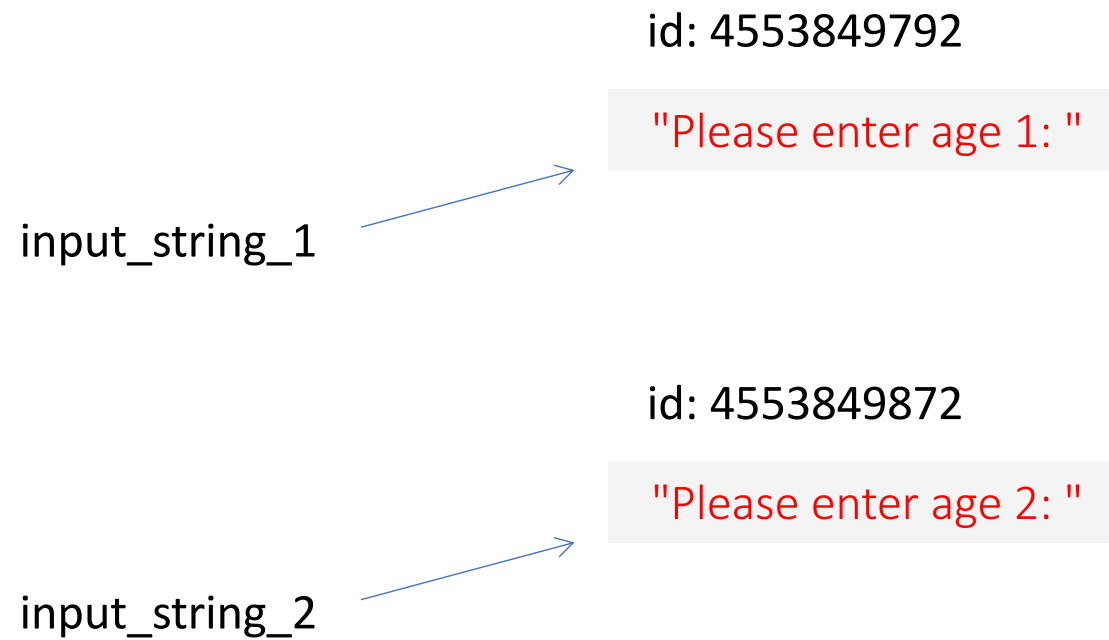
```
Please enter age 1: 2
```

```
4553849872
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```
Please enter age 2: 4
```

```
The average age is 3
```

# Python Functions



# Python Functions

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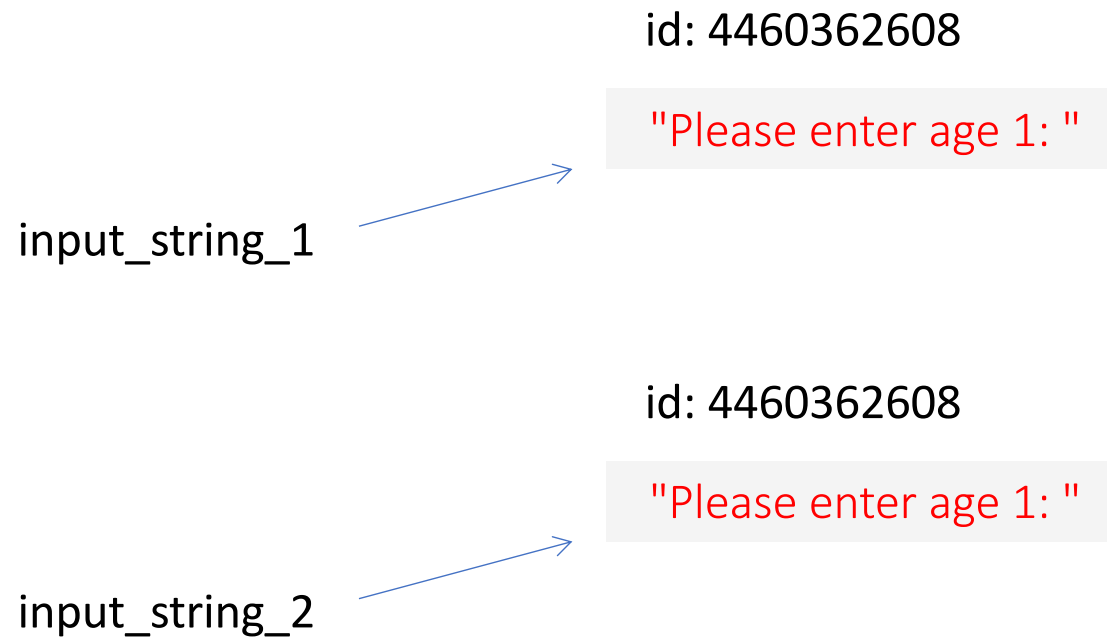
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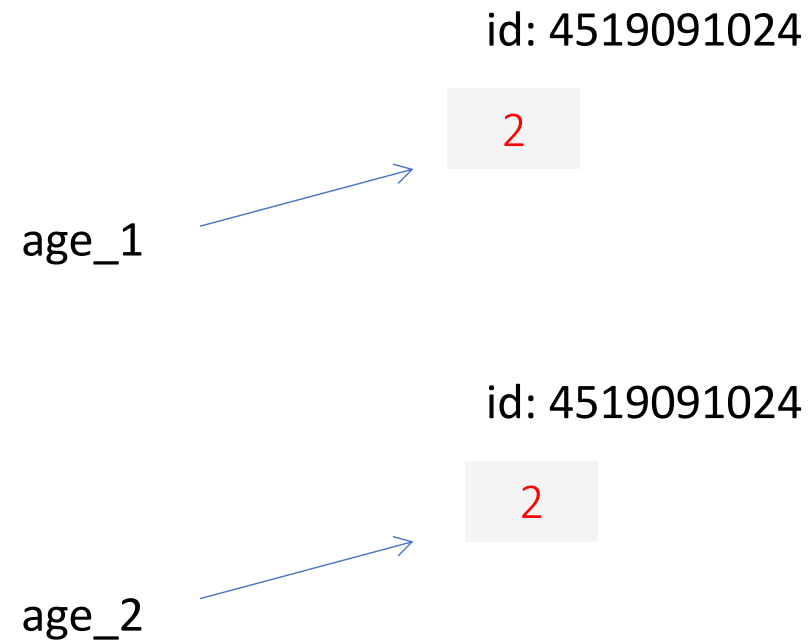
Same id – so `id` is allocated to the item/object, not the variable

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4519091024
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The average age is 2
```

# Python Functions



Same id – `id` is allocated to inputs of the same value also

# Python Functions



Change the value of the input and the id changes

```
Jasons-MacBook-Pro:code_snippets jasonquinlan$ python3 ./lecture_4.py
Please enter age 1: 2
4558551888
Please enter age 2: 4
4558551952
The average age is 3
```

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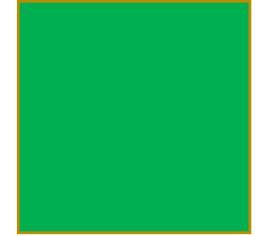


Let's add some descriptive print statements

```
input_string_1 = "Please enter age 1: "  
print("The id for input_string_1 with a value of",  
      input_string_1, "is", id(input_string_1))  
age1 = ask_for_int_input(input_string_1)  
print("The id for age1 with a value of",  
      age1, "is", id(age1))
```



# Python Functions



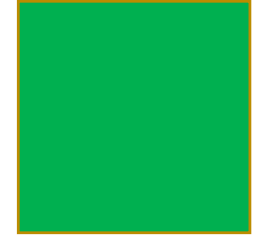
```
def ask_for_int_input(question_string):
    print("The id for question_string with a value of",
          question_string, "is", id(question_string))
    # save the input from the user in a variable called "user_input"
    user_input = int(input(question_string))
    print("The id for user_input with a value of",
          user_input, "is", id(user_input))
    # return the content of the variable called "user_input"
    return user_input

# get the first age
input_string_1 = "Please enter age 1: "
print("The id for input_string_1 with a value of",
      input_string_1, "is", id(input_string_1))
age1 = ask_for_int_input(input_string_1)
print("The id for age1 with a value of",
      age1, "is", id(age1))

# get the second age
input_string_2 = "Please enter age 2: "
print("The id for input_string_2 with a value of",
      input_string_2, "is", id(input_string_2))
age2 = ask_for_int_input(input_string_2)
print("The id for age2 with a value of",
      age2, "is", id(age2))

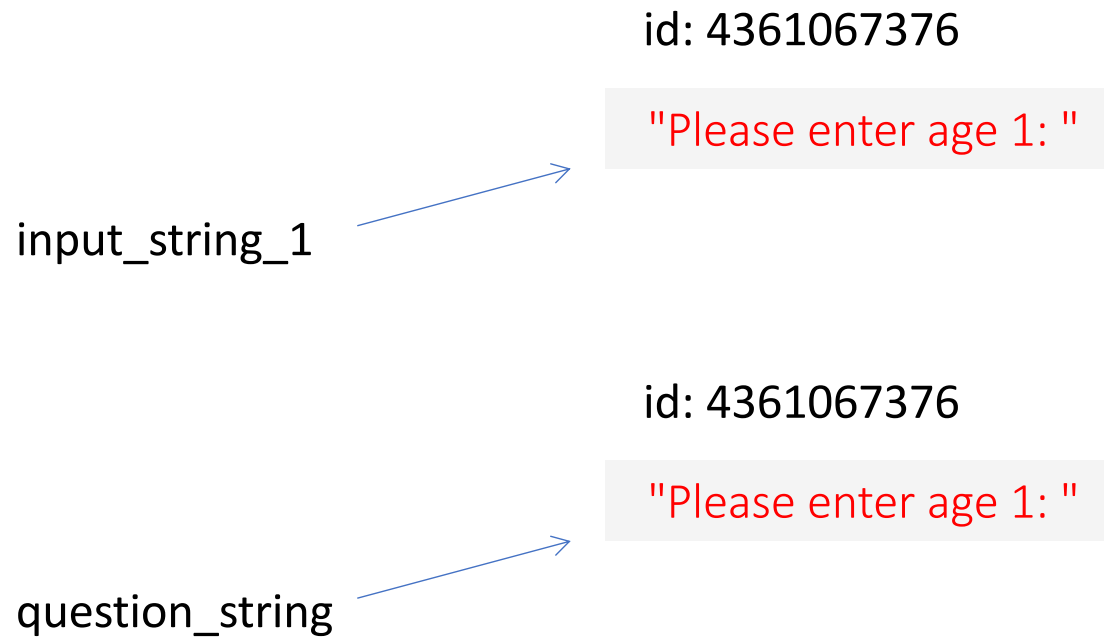
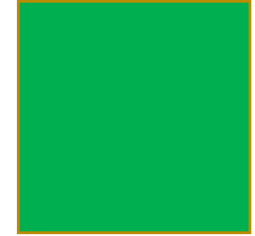
# determine the average age
average = (age1+age2)/2
# print to screen
print("The average age is %d" % average)
```

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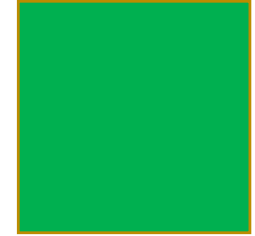
```
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The id for input_string_1 with a value of Please enter age 1: is 4361067376
The id for question_string with a value of Please enter age 1: is 4361067376
Please enter age 1: 2
The id for user_input with a value of 2 is 4357888848
The id for age1 with a value of 2 is 4357888848
The id for input_string_2 with a value of Please enter age 2: is 4361067536
The id for question_string with a value of Please enter age 2: is 4361067536
Please enter age 2: 4
The id for user_input with a value of 4 is 4357888912
The id for age2 with a value of 4 is 4357888912
The average age is 3
```

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So the function parameter is also pointing to the same object as the variable in the function call

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# Python Functions Recap

- We saw how we can take similar code and create a function
- We saw how to define the function:
  - `def function_name(function_parameter):`
- We saw how we `indent` code within the function
  - Known as a block of statements
  - So Python knows which code belongs in the function
- We saw how to `return` a value
  - Back to the line of code that called the function
  - And allocate the returning value to a variable
- We used `id()` to find the unique integer for variable values
  - If variables have the same value, they point to the same object and have the same id
  - Calling a function with a parameter, allocates the same id to the value of both the function parameter and the variable in the function call

# Python Functions



Now let's take a look at the code

Live Code time

# Python Functions



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I want you to take out your laptop  
or a piece of paper and define the function  
`average_of_two()`



# Python Functions



- Let's go back to our "average\_age" code
- And simply take the line of code we need

```
# average ages:
# get the first age
age1 = int(input("Please enter age 1: "))
# get the second age
age2 = int(input("Please enter age 2: "))
# determine the average age
average = (age1+age2)/2
# print to screen
print("The average age is %d" % average)
```

# Python Functions

```
def average_of_two(age1, age2):  
    ''' this is a 'docstring'  
    function to determine the average of two ages  
    ...  
    # determine the average age  
    average = (age1+age2)/2  
    # return the average age  
    return average
```

Age is not the best variable name to use,  
as we just want to average a number

# Python Functions



```
def average_of_two(number_1, number_2):  
    ''' this is a 'docstring'  
    function to determine the average of two numbers  
    '''  
  
    # determine the average of two numbers  
    average = (number_1+number_2)/2  
    # return the average number  
    return average
```

Better:

Note: the docstring comment

# Python Functions



```
def average_of_two(number_1, number_2):  
    '''  
        average_of_two(number_1, number_2)  
        fu  
        '' this is a 'docstring'  
        # function to determine the average of two numbers  
    average = (number_1+number_2)/2  
    # return the average number  
    return average  
  
print(average_of_two(2, 4))  
print(average_of_two(2, 3))
```

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# Python Functions



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# Python Functions



The reason : string formatting

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# get the second age
age2 = int(input("Please enter age 2: "))
# determine the average age
average = (age1+age2)/2
# print to screen
print("The average age is %d" % average)
```

# Python Functions



The reason : string formatting

```
print("%d" % average_of_two(2, 4))
```

Will return

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3.0  
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```



# Python Functions



What about:

```
print("%d" % average_of_two(2, 3))
```

Will return

```
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3.0  
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2
```

not 2.5 ?? Why?

# Python Functions



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    '''  
  
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print(average_of_two(2, 3))  
  
print("%d" % average_of_two(2, 4))  
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```

# Python Operators



We have see:

assign (**=**), addition (**+**) and float division (**/**)

Other Python operators include:

multiply (**\***), subtract (**-**), exponent (**\*\***)

modulus (**%**), integer division (**//**)

# Python Operators



Note: Operators are **mutable** – they change their operation depending on the data type they're working with.

We have seen this with (+)

String concatenation "Hello " + "World" → "Hello World"

Addition 2 + 3 → 5

# Python Operators



Another good example of this **mutability** is with multiply (\*):

`3 * 5 -> 15`

`print("Beetlejuice " * 3) -> "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice Beetlejuice "`

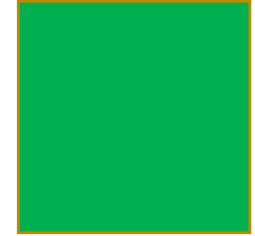
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- Float division: `/` produces a float (13/6 produces 2.1666)
- Integer division: `//` produces an integer (13//6 produces 2)
- You may need to cast a value to change the data type to get the desired output.

```
x = 13
y = 6
z = x // y
print (z)           #Output is 2
z = float(z)
print (z)           #Output is 2.0
```

# Python Operators



The **%** operator is called the *modulus*.

It will tell you the **remainder** after integer division.

```
x = 11 % 3          #output is 2
x = 10 % 2          #output is 0
```

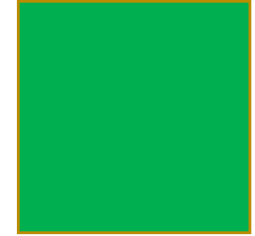
We can use **//** and **%** to calculate the answer and remainder:

```
print(10 // 3)       #output is 3
print(10 % 3)        #output is 1
```

The **exponent** (power of) operator is **\*\***

```
x = 2 ** 3           #output is 8
```

# Python Operators



Remember **BOMDAS**?!

Operation enclosed in parentheses are performed first

```
x = (11 - 2) * 3          #output is 27
```

```
x = 11 - (2 * 3)         #output is 5
```

If no parentheses are given, order of precedence takes over

Higher order equations performed first

Equal order operators applied left -> right

What is the answer for the following?

```
x = 11 - 2 ** 2 + 3 * 2
```



# Python Operators



Python's Order of Precedence for operators:

Exponential \*\*

Multiplication and Both Divisions and Remainder \* / // %

Addition and Subtraction + -

Now let's look at the Example

```
x = 11 - 2 ** 2 + 3 * 2
```

becomes 11 - 4 + 3 \* 2

becomes 11 - 4 + 6

becomes 7 + 6

becomes 13

To avoid unexpected outcomes use parentheses:

```
x = (11 - (2 ** 2)) + (3 * 2)
```

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```

Float division give us a float - > %d in print gives us back an int

# Python Functions Recap

- We wrote an “average\_of\_two” function
  - That calculates the average of two numbers
  - And returns said average
- We add a **docstring** comment, which is viewable in an IDE
- We noted that our returned value was a **float**
  - Generating a value with a decimal place
- We looked at Python **Operators**
  - **(=), (+), (/), (\*), (-), (\*\*), (%) and (//)**
  - We noted that the operators are **mutable**
    - Change their **operation** based on the data type they are working with
  - They have precedence (similar to **BOMDAS**)

