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An Introduction to Variables

Variable Naming Rules



Introduction to Python

- **Python Identifiers**
- **A Python identifier is a name used to identify a**
- **variable,**
- **function,**
- **class,**
- **module or**
- **other object.**
- **Python does not allow punctuation characters such as @, \$, and % within identifiers.**
- **Python is a case sensitive programming language.**
- **Thus, Manpower and manpower are two different identifiers in Python.**

Identifier

- **Since we know that Python is a dynamically-typed language, we don't specify the type of a variable when declaring one.**
- **A variable is a container for a value.**
- **It can be assigned a name, you can use it to refer to it later in the program.**
- **Based on the value assigned, the interpreter decides its data type.**
- **You can always store a different type in a variable.**
- **For example:**

Identifier Naming Rule

- **Rule 1: An identifier starts with a letter A to Z or a to z or an underscore (_) followed by zero or more letters, underscores and digits (0 to 9).**
- **>>> A = 7**
- **>>> print(A)**
- **7**
- **>>> A = Umesh**

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>

NameError: name 'umesh' is not defined

- **>>> A = "Umesh"**
- **>>> print(A)**
- **Umesh**

Identifier Naming Rule

- Rule 2: The rest of the identifier may contain letters(A-Z/a-z), underscores(_), and numbers(0-9).
- `>>> year2 = 2018`
- `>>> year2`
- `2018`

Identifier : Naming Rules

- Rule 3: Python is case-sensitive, and so are Python identifiers. Name and name are two different identifiers.
- `name='Ayushi'`
- `>>> name`
- `'Ayushi'`
- `>>> Name`
- Traceback (most recent call last):
- File "<pyshell#21>", line 1, in <module>
- Name

Identifier : Naming Rules

- Rule 3: Reserved words (keywords) cannot be used as identifier names.
- and def False import not True
- as del finally in or try
- assert elif for is pass while
- break else from lambda print with
- class except global None raise yield
- continue exec if nonlocal return

Identifier

- Python variables can only begin with a letter(A-Z/a-z) or an underscore(_).
- `>>> 9A = 9`
- File "<stdin>", line 1
- `9A = 9`
- `^`
- `SyntaxError: invalid syntax`

Identifier : Naming Rule

- **Rule 4: Assigning and Reassigning Python Variables**
- To assign a value to Python variables, you don't need to declare its type. You name it according to the naming rules, and type the value after the equal sign(=).
- ```
>>> age=7
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- ```
>>> print(age)
```
- ```
7
```
- ```
>>> age='Dinosaur'
```
- ```
>>> print(age)
```
- ```
Dinosaur
```

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Number Data Type

- **Numeric Types -- int, float, long, complex**
- **There are four distinct numeric types:**
 - 1. *plain integers*,**
 - 2. *long integers*,**
 - 3. *floating point numbers*, and**
 - 4. *complex numbers*.**
- **In addition, Booleans are a subtype of plain integers.**
- **Plain integers (also just called *integers*) are implemented using long in C, which gives them at least 32 bits of precision.**
- **Long integers have unlimited precision.**

Number Data Type

- **Numeric Types -- int, float, long, complex**
- **Floating point numbers are implemented using double in C.**

