

# Data Foundations: Python 101 Part II

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# Outline

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Introduction and Review

Using Python as a Programming Language

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# Covered Readings

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**Homework 1 will be posted Thursday!** It will be due in two weeks from Thursday.

**Short Quiz** (it should take 15 minutes max) Tomorrow. You will have 30 minutes to complete it once it is started.

# Review

| Mathematical Expressions |              |                                 |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Python                   | Math         | English                         |
| $a + b$                  | $a + b$      | Addition                        |
| $a - b$                  | $a - b$      | Subtraction                     |
| $a * b$                  | $a \times b$ | Multiplication                  |
| $a / b$                  | $a \div b$   | Division                        |
| $a ** b$                 | $a^b$        | Exponentiation                  |
| $a \% b$                 | $a \bmod b$  | Modulo/Remainder after division |

| Boolean Expressions |             |                          |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Python              | Mathematics | Meaning                  |
| $x == y$            | $x = y$     | Equality                 |
| $x != y$            | $x \neq y$  | Not Equal                |
| $x < y$             | $x < y$     | Less Than                |
| $x <= y$            | $x \leq y$  | Less Than or Equal To    |
| $x > y$             | $x > y$     | Greater Than             |
| $x >= y$            | $x \geq y$  | Greater Than or Equal To |

# Review

example.py

```
myVar = 8
if 4 + 4 == myVar:
    print('4 + 4 = {}'.format(4+4))
else:
    print('Will never run this line')
```

anthony@MacBook:~\$ python example.py

4 + 4 = 8

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# Exercise 00

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1. Download the latest Lab from Blackboard
2. Open it in Jupyter Lab.



3 minutes



## for-loop Mechanics

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**How to** loop over a string character by character.

**for** <loop variable> **in** <string>:

Loop Body

If the string has **length n**, then the loop body is executed **n times**.

# Strings

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```
>>> myString = "this is a string"
```

```
>>> myString[0]  
't'
```

```
>>> myString[0:3]  
'thi'
```

```
>>> myString[:3]  
'thi'
```

# Traversing a String Character-by-Character

example.py

```
my_string = 'abcd'  
for c in my_string:      # c is a named variable  
    print(c)
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
a  
b  
c  
d
```

**for** <loop variable> **in** <string>:

Loop Body

If the string has **length n**, then the loop body is executed **n times**.

# Lists

The list type is a container that holds a **number of other objects, in a given order**.

```
>>> my_list = []          # initialize an empty list
```

```
>>> name = ['Anthony', 'Michael', 'Rios']
```

```
>>> address = [123, 'sesame street']
```

```
>>> my_list.append('new element')      # append a new element
```

```
>>> my_list
```

```
['new element']
```

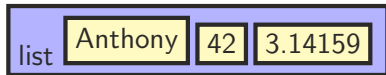
```
>>> my_list.append(3.14159)
```

```
>>> my_list
```

```
['new element', 3.14159]
```

# Lists

```
>>> my_list = ['Anthony', 42, 3.14159]
```



```
>>> my_list[0]           # List indexing starts at 0
Anthony
```

```
>>> my_list[2]
3.14159
```

```
>>> my_list[1:3]         # return list elements form start:end-1
[42, 3.14159]
```

```
>>> my_list[0:2]
['Anthony', 42]
```

**Note:** A **string** can be interpreted as a **list of characters**.

# Loops and Iteration

example.py

```
for x in y:
```

```
    # Loop Body
```

1. Let  $x = y[0]$  and then execute the loop body
2. Let  $x = y[1]$  and then execute the loop body
3. Let  $x = y[2]$  and then execute the loop body
- ....
4. Let  $x = y[n-1]$  and then execute the loop body

# Lists: Range

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the range(n) function returns a list of n elements.

```
>>> range(3) # by default, elements are ordered starting at 0  
[0,1,2]
```

Basic format: range([start], stop[, step])

```
>>> list(range(3, 10, 2)) # will return a “generator”, need to cast  
to list()  
[3,5,7,9]
```



# The for-loop Revisited: Step-by-Step

example.py

```
for i in range(10):  
    if i % 2 == 1: # i == 0, remainder 0  
        print('{} is an odd number.'.format(i))
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

# The for-loop Revisited: Step-by-Step

example.py

```
for i in range(10):  
    if i % 2 == 1: # i == 1 remainder 1  
        print('{} is an odd number.'.format(i))
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
1 is an odd number
```

# The for-loop Revisited: Step-by-Step

example.py

```
for i in range(10):  
    if i % 2 == 1: # i == 2 remainder 0  
        print('{} is an odd number.'.format(i))
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
1 is an odd number
```

# The for-loop Revisited: Step-by-Step

example.py

```
for i in range(10):  
    if i % 2 == 1: # i == 3 remainder 1  
        print('{} is an odd number.'.format(i))
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
1 is an odd number
```

```
3 is an odd number
```

# The for-loop Revisited: Step-by-Step

example.py

```
for i in range(10):  
    if i % 2 == 1: # i == 10 remainder 0  
        print('{} is an odd number.'.format(i))
```

anthony@MacBook:~\$ python example.py

```
1 is an odd number.  
3 is an odd number.  
5 is an odd number.  
7 is an odd number.  
9 is an odd number.
```

# Exercise 1: Putting it all together

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Write a program that does the following:

- Prints the number 1 to 100
- For the numbers 10 to 25 (including 10 and 25), instead of printing the number, print the word “cheese”.
- For number 55 to 100 (including 55, but not including 100), instead of printing the number, print the word “cake”.
- For number 100, print the word ” Done!”



10 minutes

# Open-Ended Iteration

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- So far, we have only addressed iterative problems in which we know (in advance) the **required number of repetitions**.
- Not all iteration problems are like that.
- Some iteration problems are open-ended
- Stir for **5 minutes** vs Stir **until fluffy**.

**while** boolean-expression:

Loop Body

- The while loop will continue until the “boolean-expression” is False.
- The while loop **could repeat forever!**



# The While-Loop

example.py

```
cnt = 0
accumulator = 0
while cnt < 5:
    print("The count is {}".format(cnt))
    cnt += 1 # "cnt += 1" is equivalent to "cnt = cnt + 1"
    accumulator += cnt # accumulator = accumulator + cnt
print('accumulator: {}'.format(accumulator))
```

anthony@MacBook:~\$ python example.py

```
The count is 0
The count is 1
The count is 2
The count is 3
The count is 4
accumulator: 15
```

# The While-Loop

example.py

```
cnt = 0
accumulator = 0
while cnt < 5:
    print("The count is {}".format(cnt))
    cnt += 1 # 0 to 1
    accumulator += cnt # 0 to 1
print('accumulator: {}'.format(accumulator))
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
The count is 0
```

# The While-Loop

example.py

```
cnt = 0
accumulator = 0
while cnt < 5:
    print("The count is {}".format(cnt))
    cnt += 1 # 1 to 2
    accumulator += cnt # 1 to 3
print('accumulator: {}'.format(accumulator))
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
The count is 0
The count is 1
```

# The While-Loop

example.py

```
cnt = 0
accumulator = 0
while cnt < 5:
    print("The count is {}".format(cnt))
    cnt += 1 # 2 to 3
    accumulator += cnt # 3 to 6
print('accumulator: {}'.format(accumulator))
```

anthony@MacBook:~\$ python example.py

```
The count is 0
The count is 1
The count is 2
```

# The While-Loop

example.py

```
cnt = 0
accumulator = 0
while cnt < 5:
    print("The count is {}".format(cnt))
    cnt += 1 # 4 to 5
    accumulator += cnt # 10 to 15
print('accumulator: {}'.format(accumulator))
```

anthony@MacBook:~\$ python example.py

```
The count is 0
The count is 1
The count is 2
The count is 3
```

# The While-Loop

example.py

```
cnt = 0
accumulator = 0
while cnt < 5:
    print("The count is {}".format(cnt))
    cnt += 1 # 3 to 4
    accumulator += cnt # 6 to 10
print('accumulator: {}'.format(accumulator))
```

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```
The count is 0
The count is 1
The count is 2
The count is 3
The count is 4
```

# The Infinite Loop

example.py

```
print(" keeps going" )  
while True: # Will never be False  
    print(" and going" )
```

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```
keeps going  
and going  
and going  
and going  
and going  
...
```

# Take input from the user

The **input()** function **prompts** the user to type something in the terminal.

```
>>> name = input("What is your name?")
```

```
What is your name? Anthony
```

```
>>> name
```

```
'Anthony'
```

```
>>> age = input("What is your age?")
```

```
What is your age? 102
```

```
>>> age
```

```
'102'
```

In Python 3.x, **input()** will always be a **string**. Cast to float with `float()` or int with `int()`.

```
>>> age = int(age)
```

```
>>> age
```

```
102
```



# Catching exceptions with try/except

**Two types** of errors:

- **Syntax Errors** (missing ":" after True)

```
>>> while True print('Hello World!')
```

```
File "<stdin>", line 1
```

```
while True print('Hello world')
```

^

```
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

- **Exceptions**

```
>>> name = 'Anthony'
```

```
>>> float(name)
```

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

```
ValueError: could not convert string to float: 'Anthony'
```

# Catching exceptions with try/except

example.py

```
try:
    number = input(" Please enter a number:")
    number = float(number) # cast from string to float
    print('You entered: {}'.format(number))
except:
    print('Oops! That is not a number')
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
Please enter a number: Anthony
Oops! That is not a number
```

# Python Standard Exceptions

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- **Exception** – Base class for all exceptions.
- **ZeroDivisionError** – Raised when division or modulo by zero takes place.
- **ValueError** – Raised when built-in function for a specific data type is passed the wrong type (i.e., needs int, but given string)
- **IndexError** – Raised when an index is not found in a sequence (i.e., running `myList[10]` on a list with only 3 elements).

# Catching exceptions with try/except

example.py

```
try:
    number = input(" Please enter a number:")
    number = float(number) # cast from string to float
    print('You entered: {}'.format(number))
except ValueError:
    print('Oops! That is not a number')
```

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
Please enter a number: Anthony
Oops! That is not a number
```

# Breaking the Loop

example.py

```
sum = 0
while True:
    try:
        number = input('Enter a number:')
        number = float(number)
        sum += number
    except:
        print("{} is not a number!".format(number))
        break # the break keyword will exit a loop
print('Sum: {}'.format(sum))
```

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Enter a number: 3

Enter a number: 7

Enter a number: Cake

"Cake" is not a number!

Sum: 10

## Exercise 2

Write a program which repeatedly reads numbers until the user enters “done”. Once “done” is entered, print out the total, count, and average of the numbers. If the user enters anything other than a number, detect their mistake using try and except and print an error message and skip to the next number.

```
anthony@MacBook:~$ python example.py
```

```
Enter a number: 4
```

```
Enter a number: 5
```

```
Enter a number: bad data
```

```
Invalid input
```

```
Enter a number: 7
```

```
Enter a number: done
```

```
16 3 5.33333333333
```



15 minutes

# Dictionaries

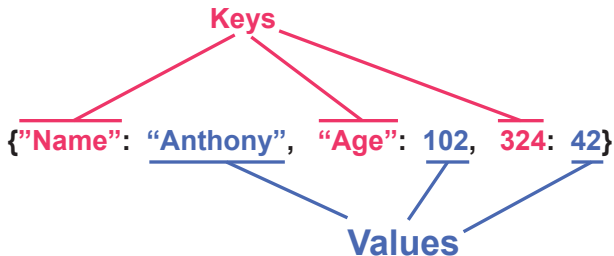
A dictionary is **like a list**, but more general.

- For a list, index positions **must be integers**.
- For a dictionary, indices can be (almost) **anything!**
- dictionaries have **no** particular order.

| Keys   | Values        |
|--------|---------------|
| 'Name' | 'Anthony'     |
| 'Age'  | 102           |
| 'key'  | 0             |
| 2018   | ['a','b','c'] |

```
>>> myVar = {'Name': 'Anthony', 'Age': 102, 'key': 0, 2018: ['a','b','c']}
```

# Dictionaries



```
>>> myVar = {"Name": "Anthony", "Age": 102, 324: 42}
```

```
>>> myVar
```

```
{ "Name": "Anthony", "Age": 102, 324: 42 }
```

```
>>> myVar["Name"]
```

```
'Anthony'
```

```
>>> myVar[324]
```

```
42
```



# Dictionaries: Indexing

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```
>>> myVar = { "Name": "Anthony", "Age": 102, 324: 42 }
```

```
>>> myVar["weight"]
```

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

```
KeyError: 'weight'
```

```
>>> myVar.get("weight", 400) # myVar.get(KEY, Default Value)  
400
```

# Dictionaries: Adding and Modifying New Keys/Values

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```
>>> myVar = {"Name": "Anthony", "Age": 102, 324: 42}
```

```
>>> myVar  
{'Name': 'Anthony', 'Age': 102, 324: 42}
```

```
>>> myVar['weight'] = 400
```

```
>>> myVar  
{'Name': 'Anthony', 'Age': 102, 324: 42, 'weight': 400}
```

```
>>> myVar['Age'] = 0
```

```
>>> myVar  
{'Name': 'Anthony', 'Age': 0, 324: 42, 'weight': 400}
```

```
>>> myVar['Age'] += 50
```

```
>>> myVar  
{'Name': 'Anthony', 'Age': 50, 324: 42, 'weight': 400}
```

# Dictionaries: Testing if Key Exists

example.py

```
myVar = {'Name': 'Anthony', 'Age': 102, 324: 42}
if 'weight' in myVar:
    print('Your weight is {}'.format(myVar['weight']))
else:
    print('I do not know your weight')
    myVar['weight'] = int(input('What is your weight?'))
print('Your weight is {}'.format(myVar['weight']))
```

anthony@MacBook:~\$ python example.py

```
I do not know your weight.
What is your weight? 1024
You weight is 1024.
```

## Exercise 3

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Write a program that counts how many times each letter appears in a string. The counts for each character should be stored in a dictionary where the character is the key and the value is the count.

For example, given the string `'aaabbc'`, your code should output the dictionary

`{'a':3, 'b':2, 'c':1}`.

We are effectively computing a **histogram**, which is a statistical term for a set of counters (or frequencies).



5 minutes