

# Variables and Data Types

Day 2 - Python Basics

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# Agenda

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- 1 What are variables?
- 2 Rules for naming variables
- 3 Data types in Python
- 4 Type conversion

5 Hands-on practice

#### What are Variables?

- **Definition:** A variable is a container for storing data.
- Example:

```
name = "Ali"
age = 25
```

- o name and age are variables.
- "Ali" and 25 are values stored in the variables.
- Why use variables?
  - Store and reuse data.
  - Make code dynamic and readable.



# **Rules for Naming Variables**

- Variable names must start with a letter or underscore (\_).
  - Valid: name, \_age
  - Invalid: 1name, @age
- 2. Variable names can only contain letters, numbers, and underscores.
  - Valid: name1, user\_name
  - o Invalid: user-name, name!
- 3. Variable names are case-sensitive.
  - age, Age, and AGE are different variables.
- 4. Avoid using Python keywords (e.g., print, if, for).



# **Data Types in Python**

- Text Type: str (e.g., "Hello")
- Numeric Types:
  - o int (e.g., 10)
  - o float (e.g., 10.5)
- Boolean Type: bool (e.g., True, False)
- Example:

```
name = "Ali"  # str
age = 17  # int
height = 5.9  # float
is_student = True  # bool
```



### **Checking Data Types**

 Use the type() function to check the data type of a variable.

#### Example:

```
print(type("Hello")) # Output: <class 'str'>
print(type(10)) # Output: <class 'int'>
print(type(10.5)) # Output: <class 'float'>
print(type(True)) # Output: <class 'bool'>
```

#### **Type Conversion**

• **Implicit Conversion:** Python automatically converts one data type to another.

```
num1 = 10  # int
num2 = 5.5  # float
result = num1 + num2  # result is
float (15.5)
```

Explicit Conversion: You can manually convert data types using functions like int(), float(), str().

```
num = "10"  # str
num = int(num) # Convert to int
print(num + 5) # Output: 15
```

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#### **Hands-On Practice**

• Task 1: Create variables to store your name, age, and height. Print them.

```
name = "Ali"
age = 17
height = 5.9
print(name, age, height)
```

• Task 2: Check the data types of the variables.

```
print(type(name))
print(type(age))
print(type(height))
```

• Task 3: Convert a string to an integer and perform addition.

```
num1 = "10"
num2 = 5
result = int(num1) + num2
print(result) # Output: 15
```



# Recap

- What are variables?
- Rules for naming variables.
- Data types in Python.
- Type conversion.

#### Homework

- 1. Create variables to store your favorite book, its price, and whether you've read it. Print them.
- 2. Convert a float to an integer and print the result.
- 3. Write a program to add two numbers entered by the user.



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# Q&A

- Do you have any questions?
- Share your thoughts or challenges.

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# Closing

**Next class**: Input and Output.