

## Tutorial: Python Variables

Variables in Python are used to store data values. Unlike other programming languages, Python has no command for declaring a variable. A variable is created the moment you first assign a value to it.

The following tutorials should be completed using the online Python editor <https://www.online-python.com/>.

Follow the tutorial below and save the link to solution in Google Classroom for review and grading.

Here are some examples of using variables in Python:

### 1. Assigning a value to a variable

```
# 1 - Assigning a variable
x = 5
y = "Hello, World!"
```

### 2. Printing the value of a variable

```
# 2 - Printing the value of a variable
print(x) # Output: 5
print(y) # Output: Hello, World!
```

### 3. Changing the value of a variable

```
# 3 - Changing the values of a variable
x = 10
print(x) # Output: 10
```

### 4. Variable naming rules

- Variable names are case-sensitive (age, Age, and AGE are three different variables).
- Variable names must start with a letter or an underscore (\_), and can only contain letters, numbers, and underscores.
- Variable names cannot start with a number.

### 5. Assigning multiple variables

```
# 5 - Assigning multiple variables
a, b, c = 1, 2, 3
print(a) # Output: 1
print(b) # Output: 2
print(c) # Output: 3
```

**6. Global vs. local variables** Variables in Python have either local or global scope. A local variable is defined inside a function and can only be accessed within that function. A global variable is defined outside of any function and can be accessed by any function. - Global variables are declared outside of functions and can be accessed by any function. - Local variables are declared inside functions and can only be accessed within those functions.

#### 7. Using global keyword to modify a global variable inside a function

```
# 7 - Using a global variables
x = 5
```

```
def my_func():
    global x
    x = 10
```

```
my_func()
print(x) # Output: 10
```

#### 8. Deleting a variable

```
# 8 - Deleting a variable
x = 5
del x
print(x) # This will raise an error because x is no longer defined
```

#### 9. Type casting

Casting in python is done using constructor functions:

- `int()` - constructs an integer number from an integer literal, a float literal (by removing all decimals), or a string literal (providing the string represents a whole number)
- `float()` - constructs a float number from an integer literal, a float literal or a string literal (providing the string represents a float or an integer)
- `str()` - constructs a string from a wide variety of data types, including strings, integer literals and float literals

```
# 9 - Type Casting
x = "10"
y = int(x)
print(y) # Output: 10
```

#### 10 Python Assignment: Swap Variables

Write a Python program that takes two variables and swaps their values without using a temporary variable.