

# DAY 1: Python basics

## 1. What is Python?

- High-level, interpreted programming language
- Renowned for user-friendliness, clarity, and versatility
- Extensive applications:
  - Web development
  - Data analysis
  - Artificial intelligence
  - Scientific computing
  - Automation
- Favored choice among developers and data scientists
- Comprehensive standard library
- A rich ecosystem of third-party packages
- Facilitates rapid development and prototyping
- Strong community support and thorough documentation
- Accessible to beginners; powerful for advanced users
- Compatible with multiple platforms
- Integrates well with other languages and tools
- Appeals to diverse programming environments

## 2. Data Types

Python includes several built-in data types:

1. **Integer (int):**
  - Whole numbers, such as 10 or -3.
2. **Float (float):**
  - Numbers that contain decimals, like 3.14 or -0.5.
3. **String (str):**
  - A sequence of characters, for instance, "Hello" or 'Python'.
4. **Boolean (bool):**
  - Represents values of True or False.
5. **None:**
  - Indicates the absence of a value, represented as None.

## 3. Variables

- Variables store data in memory
- Example:

```
age = 24
name = "Thapelo"
is_student = True
```

### Rules for Naming Variables:

- It must start with a letter or an underscore.
- You cannot start with a number.
- It can only contain letters, numbers, and underscores.
- Case-sensitive (e.g., Name and name are different).

## 4. Printing Output

Use the `print()` function to display text or values:

```
print("Hello, Python!") # Prints a string
print(5 + 3)            # Prints the result of a math operation
```

## 5. Checking Data Types

Use the `type()` function to find the data type of a variable:

```
x = 10
print(type(x)) # Output: <class 'int'>
```

# Exercises for Day 1

### Exercise 1: Storing and Printing Data

1. Create variables to store:
  - Your name
  - Your age
  - Whether you like Python (True or False)
2. Print the variables in a sentence.

### Exercise 2: Basic Math with Variables

1. Create two variables `x` and `y` with values of your choice.
2. Perform the following operations:
  - Addition
  - Subtraction
  - Multiplication
  - Division

- Modulus (remainder of division)

### Exercise 3: Exploring Data Types

1. Assign a value of each data type to a variable (e.g., int, float, str, bool, None).
2. Print the variable along with its data type.

### Exercise 4: Swapping Variables

Write a program to swap the values of two variables.

### Exercise 5: Simple User Input

1. Ask the user for their name and age.
2. Print a greeting message using their input.

### Exercise 6: Arithmetic Operations with User Input

Write a program that:

1. Asks the user to input two numbers.
2. Performs and prints the results of addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and modulus.

### Exercise 7: Area and Perimeter of a Rectangle

Write a program that:

1. Prompts the user to input the length and width of a rectangle.
2. Calculates and prints the area and perimeter.

#### Formulae:

- Area = length × width
- Perimeter = 2 × (length + width)

### Exercise 8: Temperature Conversion

Create a program that:

1. Accepts a temperature in Celsius from the user.
2. Converts it to Fahrenheit using the formula:

HOW TO CONVERT		EXAMPLES
<b>CELSIUS</b> ⇔ <b>FAHRENHEIT</b>		
<b>C → F</b>	<b>F → C</b>	
Convert 35°C to Fahrenheit:	Convert 50°F to Celsius:	
$F = \frac{9}{5}(35) + 32$	$C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$	

