INIAD CS Essentials

1-1: Let's Get Introduced to Python

Python is a Programming Language

1. What is programming?

Means of making the computer process information the way you want, for example, for doing number crunching, string manipulation, displaying graphics, playing sound, etc.

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Roles of computers and programming

- Our society depends on computers on a day-to-day basis
  - Numerous consumer electronics
    - Smartphones and PCs.
    - Home electronics (Air conditioners, microwave, TV, etc.)
  - Various public services
    - Economic activity (e-commerce), Political activities (e-government), etc.
    - Weather forecast, traffic signals, electronic displays at stations, etc.
- Programming = making such activities
  - Using the computer is just like eating served food
  - Programming is like cooking your own food

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Programming is very important

- A computer is a tool for labor saving
  - Programming can automate various things
    - For example, by programming a mechanized farm, it is cheaper, more efficient, and more delicious and nutritious crops are achieved without manpower.
  - In modern society, programming is important not only for computer experts, but also for people from other industries

Strawberry Farm Using ICT technology(* 1)

Farmnote 2.0 Management of the Ranch by(* 2)

Source
(* 1) Https://www.tohoku-epco.co.jp/fukyu/report/contents/f45_ichigo/index.html
(* 2) https://farmnote.jp/press-release/20150413.html

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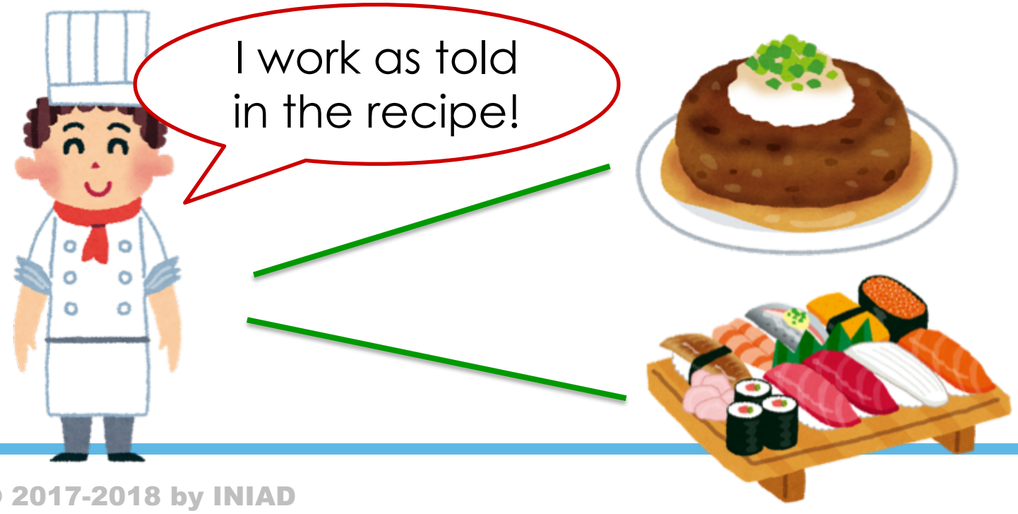
Program = Recipe to Computers

- Programming = Teaching computer how to do any task
- Like a recipe for a cook who does not know hot to cook
  - Depending on the recipe you will get hamburger, sushi, and so on
- You can get whatever you want by changing the recipe
  - This universality is the essential feature of computers (more precisely referred to as **von Neumann Computer**」)
  - Program (Software) = Recipe for the computer

Recipe



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Programming language “Python”

- Python programming language is easy to learn with high level versatility and clean grammar. Used in cutting-edge technologies like AI. Definitely worth learning!
- Study Python and make the computer work as you want

```
def add5(x):
   return x+5

def dotwrite(ast):
   nodename = getNodename()
   label=symbol.sym_name.get(int(ast[0]),ast[0])
   print '    %s [label="%s' % (nodename, label),
   if isinstance(ast[1], str):
      if ast[1].strip():
         print '= %s"];' % ast[1]
      else:
         print '"]'
   else:
      print '"];'
      children = []
      for  in n, childenumerate(ast[1:]):
         children.append(dotwrite(child))
      print ,'    %s -> {' % nodename
      for  in :namechildren
         print '%s' % name,
```

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2. Let's interact with Python

Before writing "actual" programs, we will learn how to use Python for simple interactions with computers

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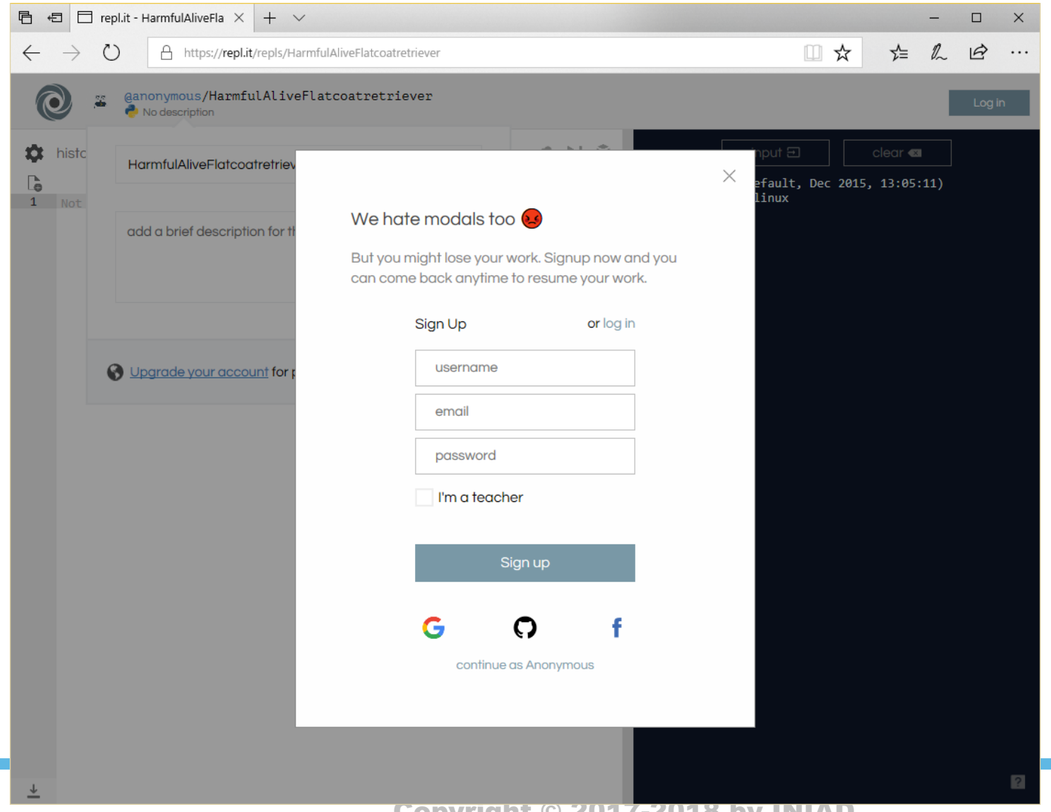
Let's run Python in your browser

- Let's open https://repl.it/languages/python3
  - Click the above link to open Python in a browser
- The following screen should come out



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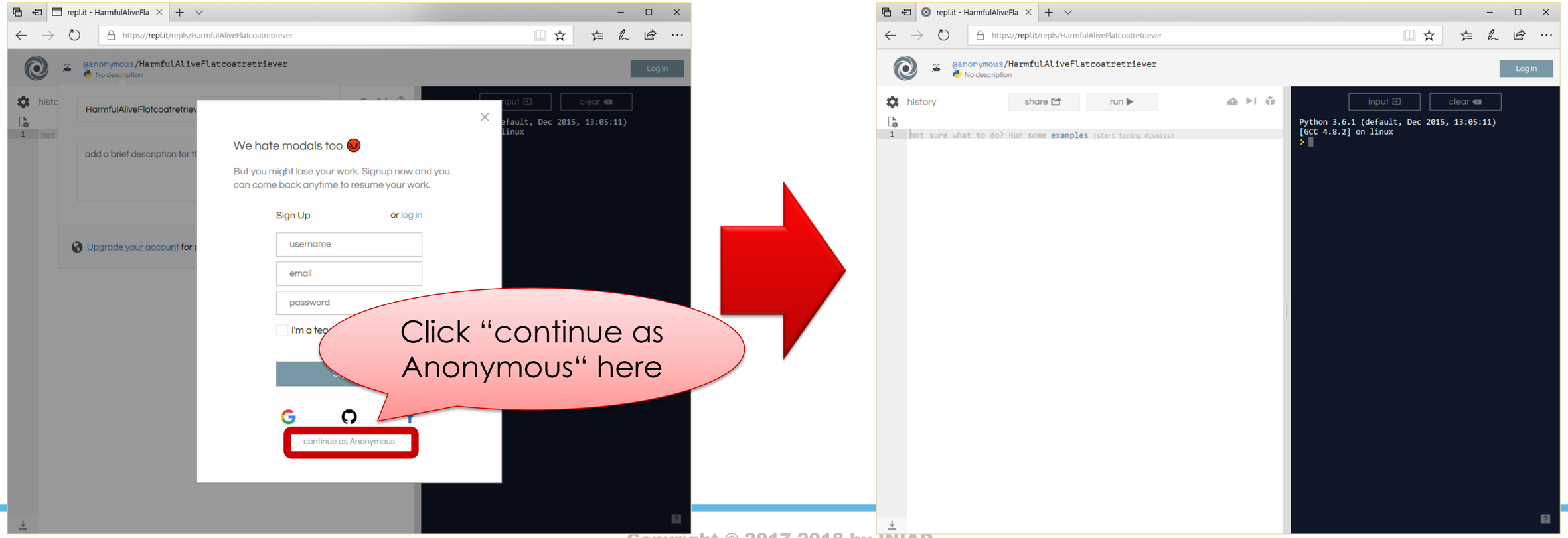
Closing the dialog box (which came to the front)

- Click “continue as Anonymous”
- Then you can close the “dialog box” that has come out to the front



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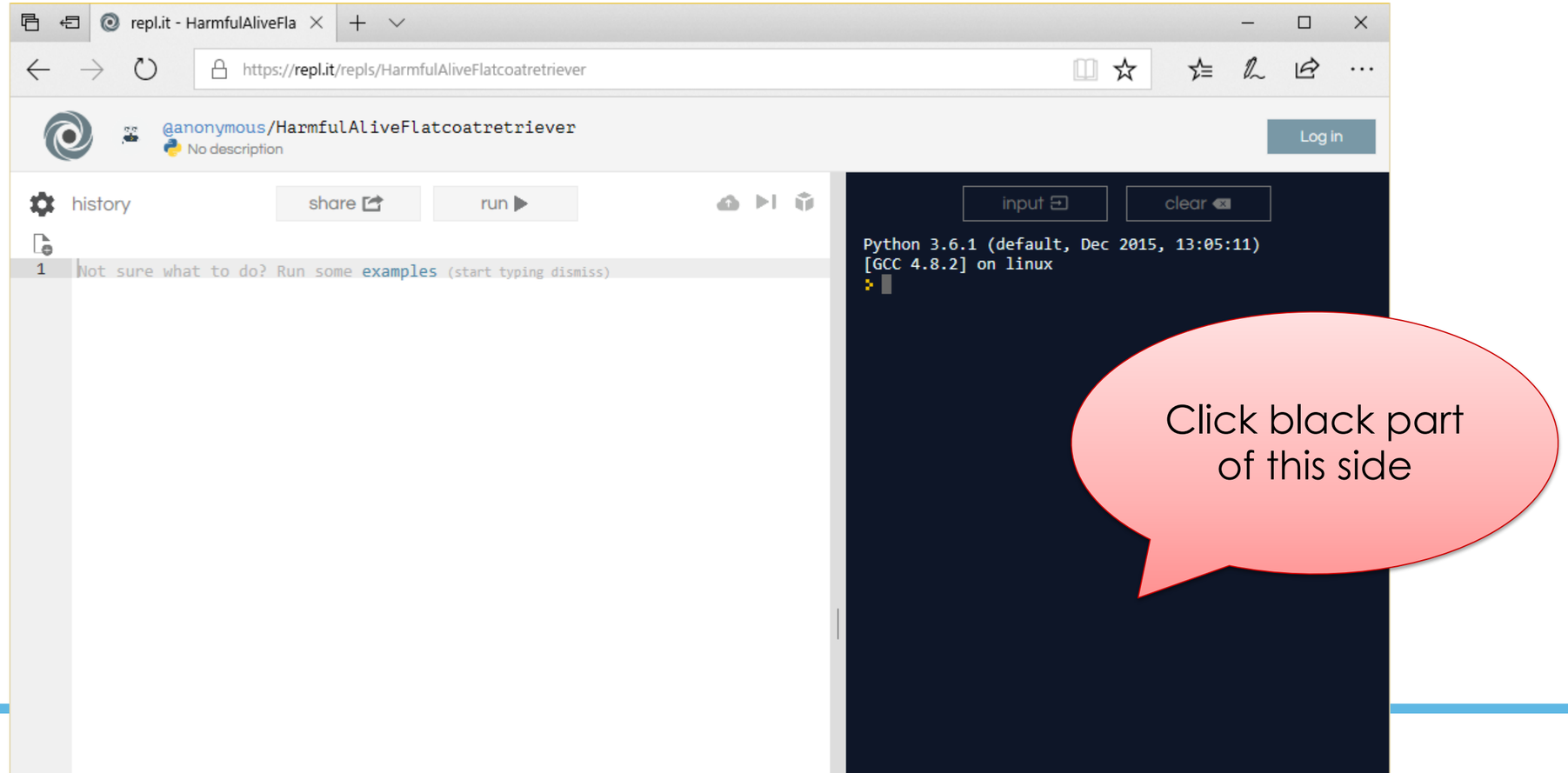
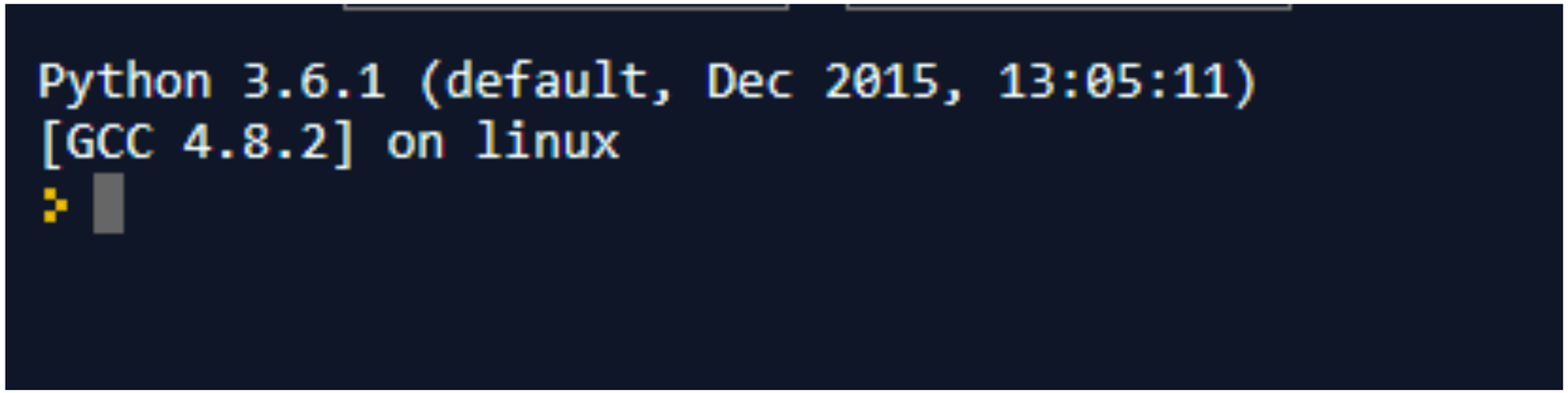
Move input focus to black part on the right

- Click black part on the right, to input programs from your keyboard



For a while, we only use the right side only

- You see something like below on the right side, right?



- 「>」Indicates that the computer is waiting for your instructions
- Let's input 「1 + 2」in the Python language
  - From here, red string indicates your input
  - You can include whitespace between numbers and plus(+) signs, but it's not mandatory to put it here
    - If it is absolutely necessary, we denote that as 「␣」

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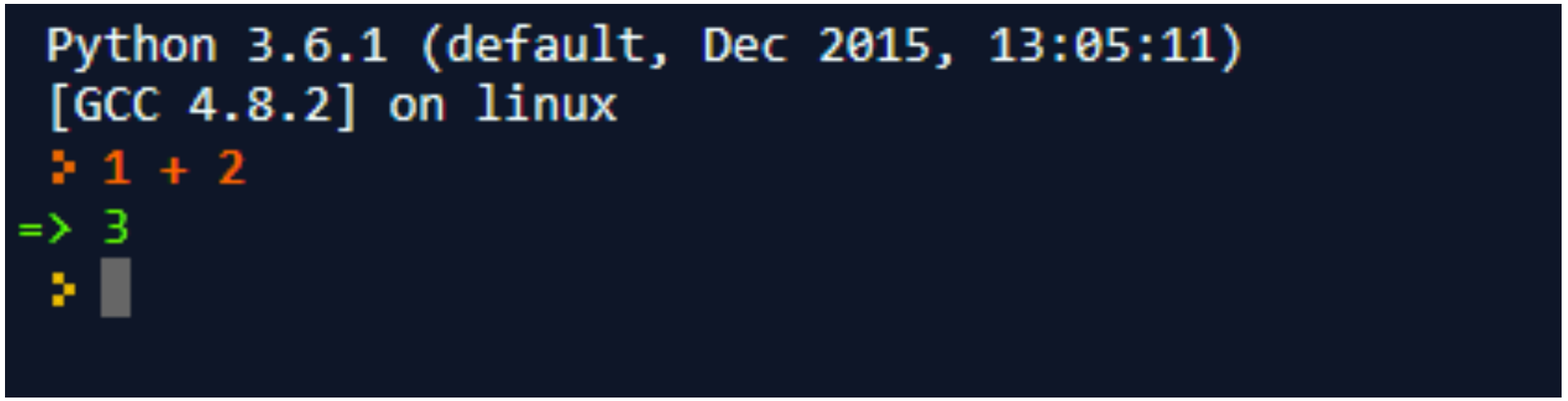
Result

- The answer from the computer is 「3」
  - You instructed to your computer「1 + 2 」
  - Then, the answer 「3」 is returned.
- Following the answer, you get new「>」
  - The computer that answered to you is waiting for the next instruction



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Try more inputs

- Continue inputting more instructions after `>` .
  - `> 2 + 3`
  - `> 4 + 5`
  - `> 6 - 7`
  - `> 8 + 9 + 10`
  - `> 11 + 12 - 13`
- Did you get the answer you expected?

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Operators

- 「+」means addition,「-」means subtraction
  - ```
    > 2 + 3
    5
    ```
  - ```
    > 2 - 3
    -
    ```
- 「*」(asterisk) means multiplication, and「/」(Slash) means division
  - ```
    > 2 * 3
    6
    ```
  - ```
    > 2 / 3
    0.6666666666666666
    ```
- Such symbols used for calculation are called **operator(s)**

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Operators

- 「//」(two slashes) means integer division,「%」means its remainder
  - `> 5 //3`
    `1`
  - `> 5 % 3`
    `2`
- 「()」(parentheses) can be used to change calculation order
  - `> (1 + 2) * 3`
    `9`
  - `> 1 + (2 * 3)`
    `7`
- Brackets and braces are not used; when you write a complex expression, you can nest parentheses
  - `> 1 + ((2 + 3) * 4 - 5)`

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No problems if you made mistakes

- Even if you made mistakes, you computer will tell you so
  - Even if you inputted something like below...
  - ```
    > Asdmaismdiasrasa9rtortf,;:G,; a
    File "<stdin>", line 1
        Asdmaismdiasrasa9rtortf,;:G,; a
                                    ^
    SyntaxError: Invalid syntax
    ```

Not following the grammer of Python language

- The computer does not break easily!
  - In order to improve your computer skills, you should try what you think as much as possible without fearing of making mistakes
  - On computers, you can repeat the trial and error many times and modifying programs again and again

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    ```

3. Understanding Character Strings

The computer can handle both numbers and characters

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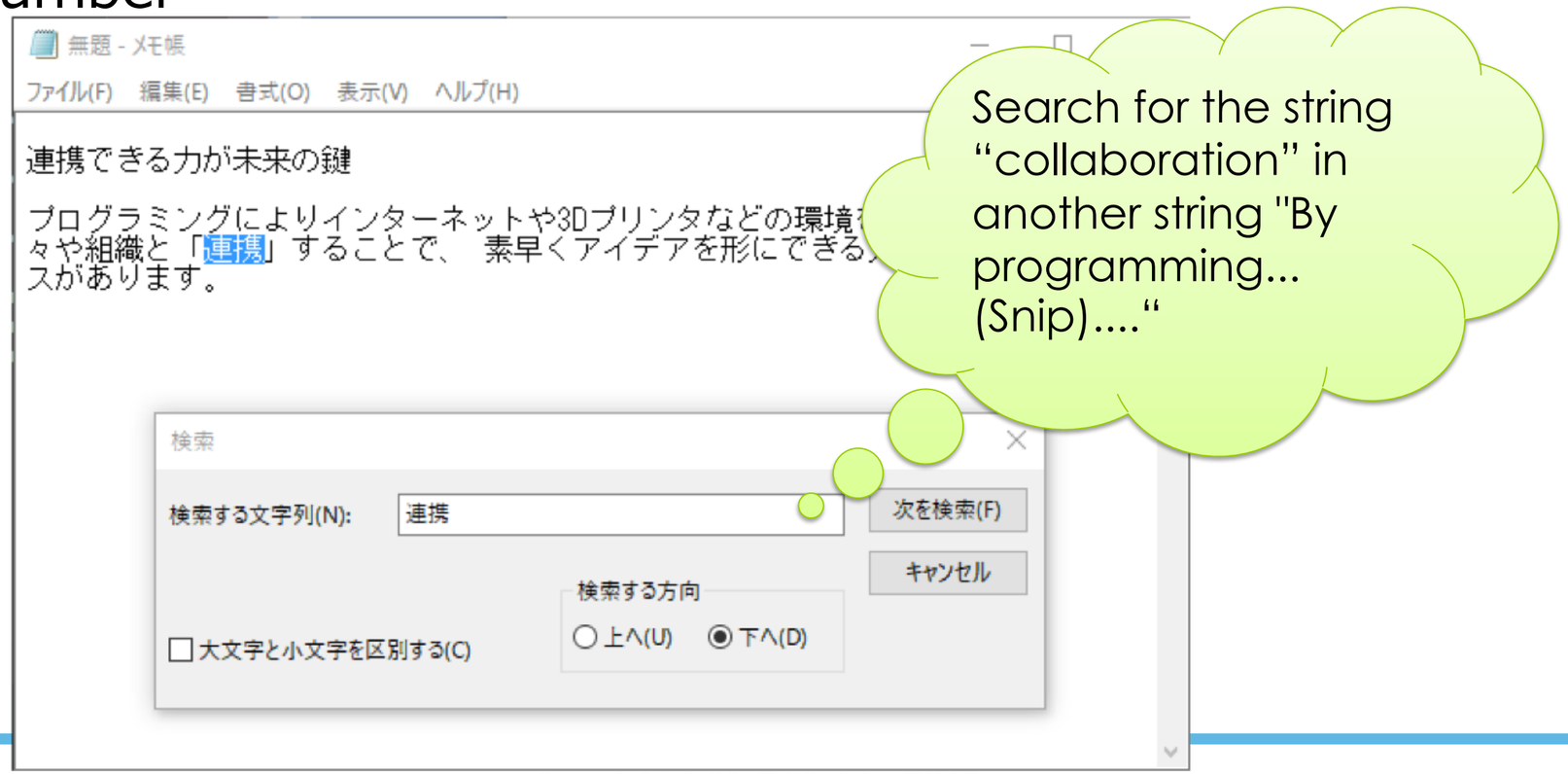
Do computers deal with numerical data only?

- We deal with not only numbers, but also images, videos, sounds, etc.
- Sequence of characters, called “string”, is one of the most important kinds of data
  - Apparently, searching for words in a sentence is not naturally achieved as a single number



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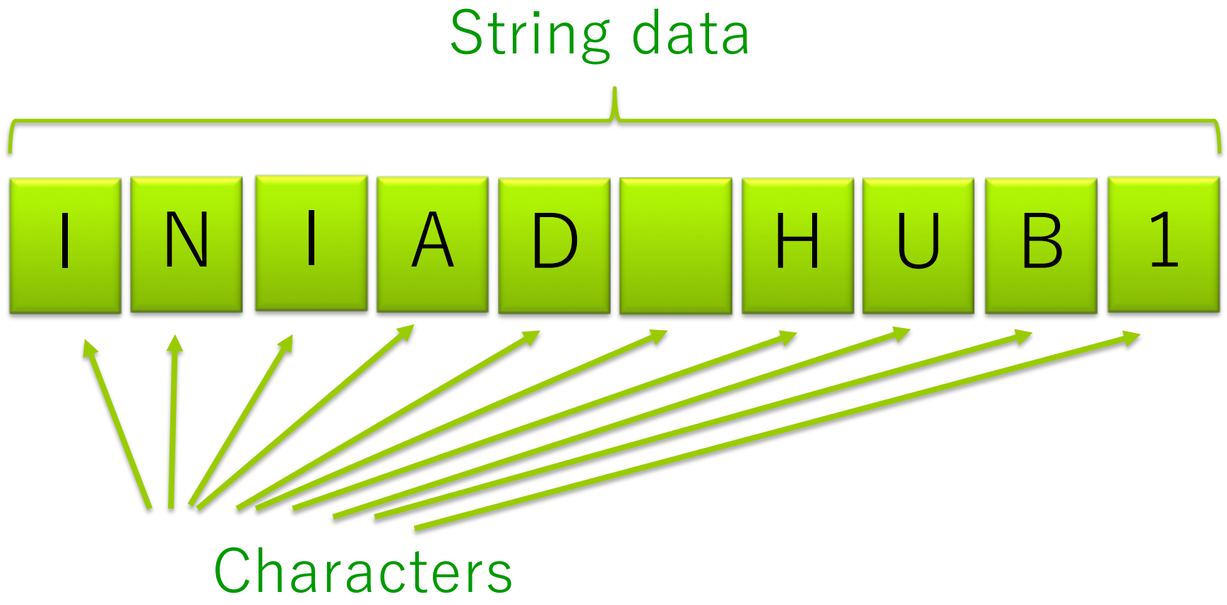
What is string?

- Data created by arranging letters or characters



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Let's input a string

- To differentiate strings from other parts, strings need to be enclosed within quotes symbols (「“」 or 「’」)
  - Using 「“」 and 「’」 results in the same meaning
  - If you just type in the string, the string will be returned as it is
  - The outputted string from the computer is also enclosed with 「’」

```
> '情報連携学部'
> "INIAD"
> '3.14159'
> "1 + (2 + 3)"
'1 + (2 + 3)'
```

Note that the result is not “6”!

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Calculation of strings

- 「String + String」results in the concatenation of strings
  - ```
    >>> "abc" + "123"
    'abc123'
    ```
  - ```
    >>> "123" + "45"
    '12345'
    ```

「Note that the result is not “6”!

- 「String * Integer」or 「Integer * String」results in repetition of the same string the given number of times
  - ```
    >>> "iniad" * 3
    'iniadiniadiniad'
    ```
  - ```
    >>> 5 * "iniad"
    'iniadiniadiniadiniadiniad’
    ```
- For strings, operators「-」,「/」,「//」,「%」are not available

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4. Understanding data types and values

Things may look similar, but they are NOT!

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Distinguish clearly, even if they may look similar

- Understand the differences of 123 and '123’, even if they may look quite similar
  - ```
    > 123 + 45
    168
    ```
  - ```
    > '123' + '45'
    '12345'
    ```
- What is the difference?
  - 123 is a number, but '123’ is a string
  - As a result, the meaning of addition(+) is totally different

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By the way

- As strings and numbers are different, so you cannot add them together
  - ```
    > '123' + 45
    ...
    TypeError: Can't convert 'int' object to str
    implicitly
    ```
- This is like summing the weight and length of something; you cannot get the answer

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    ```

What is a data type (or type)?

- Categories of data, like number or string, is called data type (or simply types)
- We have so far seen data from three types
  - int type : Integers (Example: 10, 123, -30)
  - float type : Floating point numbers
    (Example: 2.5, 16.1, -89.1)
  - str type : Strings
    (Example: “hello”, ‘INIAD’, “情報連携”)

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Value and type determine calculation

- Different types results in different operators available
  - `> 123 - 45`
    `78`
  - `> '123' - '45'`
    `…`
    `TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for -: 'str' and 'str'`
- The same operator works differently depending on types
  - `> 123 + 45`
  - `> '123' + '45’`
- If values of wrong types are given, calculation results in an error
  - `> '123' * 3`
    `'123123123'`
  - `> '123' * '3'`
    `TypeError: can't multiply sequence by non-int of type 'str'`

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Type conversion

- You can convert data to those of other types, by enclosing them using int( ), float ( ), str( )

```
> int("123")
123
```

```
> float("123.4") + 5.6
129.0
```

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When you want to check the type

- You can get type information of data by enclosing them using type( )
  - ```
    > type(12.3)
    <class 'float'>
    ```
  - ```
    > type("12.3")
    <class 'str'>
    ```

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