

Day 1 - Day 4 Handwritten

1. What is Python?

↳ Python is a high-level, interpreted programming language known for its simplicity and readability. It was created by Guido Van Rossum and first released in 1991.

2. Key features of Python?

- * Easy to learn & use.
- * Versatile
- * Interpreted
- * Dynamically typed
- * Extensive libraries & frameworks
- * Cross platform.

3. Is python ~~is~~ compiled or Interpreted?

Python is both compiled & Interpreted.

→ It is compiled to bytecode,

→ The bytecode is interpreted at runtime by PVM.

4. Main application of python?

→ Python is incredibly versatile & used in many areas.

Here are some of its main application.

1. Web development.
2. Data science & Analytics
3. Machine Learning & AI
4. Automation & Scripting

5. Scientific Computing
6. Game development
7. Desktop GUI Applications
8. Networking & Cybersecurity

5. How to download python on your system?

For windows:

1. Download python:

* Go to the official Python website:

<http://www.python.org/downloads/>

* Click on the latest window installer

2. Run the installer:

* Double click the downloaded file.

* Important: Check the box "Add python 3.x to PATH" at the bottom.

* Click Install now & follow the prompts.

3. Verify Installation:

* Open command prompt (search for cmd)

* Type python --version or python & press Enter.

* You should see the installed python version.

6. Difference b/w Python 2 & Python 3?

→ The key difference b/w python 2 & python 3 is that Python 3 is the future, while Python 2 is now obsolete (officially ended on January 1, 2020).

Feature	Python 2	Python 3
Print Statement	<code>print "Hello"</code>	<code>print ("Hello")</code> (function)
Integer Division	$5/2 = 2$ (truncates)	$5/2 = 2.5$ (true division)
Unicode support	Not default; use u-text	Strings are Unicode by default.
<code>xrange()</code>	Exists; more memory-efficient	Removed, <code>range()</code> behaves like <code>xrange()</code>
Library support	Most new libraries don't support it	Full support for all modern libraries.
End of life	Support ended in 2020	Actively maintained & updated.

7. How can you check the installed python version?

* You can check the installed python version from your terminal or command prompt using the following commands, depending on your system setup.

→ `python --version` (or) `python -V`

8. What is the role of `print()` function?

`print()` function is used to display output to the console. It is one of the most basic & commonly used functions to show information, debug programs or interact with users.

9. What is an IDE?

* An IDE (Integrated Development Environment) is a software application that provides comprehensive facilities to programmers for software development.

Commonly used Python IDEs:

1. Pycharm
2. Visual Studio Code
3. Spyder
4. Jupyter Notebook.
5. IDLE.

10. How do you run python from the terminal?

1. Open your terminal.

* On windows: Use command prompt or Powershell

* On MacOS/Linux: Use Terminal.

2. Navigate to the folder where your Python file is saved.
`cd /path/to/your/folder.`

3. Run the python file using one of the following commands

* `python3 filename.py` (If using python3)

(or)

`python filename.py`

(or)

`py filename.py` (Use only Python launcher is installed)

Variable in Python (11-20).

11. What is a variable in Python?

* A variable in Python is a named storage location used to hold a value that your program can use or change later.

12. How do you declare a variable in python?

You declare a variable simply by assigning a value to a name using the = operator. No need to specify the type.

Syntax: Variable _ name : value.

13. Is it necessary to declare the type of a variable in python?

* No, it is not necessary to declare the type of a variable.

* Python is dynamically typed language, which means

→ You do not need to specify a variable's data type when declaring it.

→ Python automatically infers the type based on the value you assign.

name, "Alice"; # Python knows this is a string.

14. What are the rules for naming a Variable?

1. Start with a letter or underscore(_)

* Valid : name, _name

* Invalid : 1name, @value.

2. Can contain letters, numbers, & underscores.

* Valid : user1, total_amount, max-Speed

* Invalid : user-name, price\$

3. Case-sensitive:

* score, Score, SCORE are different variables.

4. Cannot be a Python keyword.

* Invalid : if, class, for, def, True etc.

15. Global variable & local variable differences?

Global variable	Local variable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Declared outside of all functions* Can be accessed anywhere in the program* To modify them inside a function, you must use the global keyword. <pre>x=10 # global variable def update(): global x x=20 # modifies global x update() print(x) # o/p : 20</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Declared inside a function* Can only be used within the function.* They are created when the function is called & destroyed when it ends. <pre>def greet(): message: "Hello" # local variable print(message) greet() # print(message) # Error!</pre>

16. Can a Variable start with a number in Python? Why or why not?

* No, a variable name cannot start with a number in Python.

1st - place : "Anu" # Syntax Error.

Correct way:

first - place : "Anu"

Why not?

* Python follows strict naming rules for identifiers (like variable names) and one of these rules is

→ A variable must begin with a letter (A-Z or a-z) or an underscore (_), not a digit.

→ This rule helps Python avoid confusion with numeric literals and maintain clean, predictable syntax.

17. What happens if you use a variable w/o assigning a value?

* If you use a variable w/o assigning a value you will get a NameError, becoz python doesn't know what the variable refers to.

Eq: print(score) # NameError: name 'score' is not defined

Correct Usage:

score : 100

print(score)

18. How is memory managed for variables in Python?

* Memory management for variables in Python is automatic. But it's still structured and efficient under the hood.

19. Can Python variable names contain special characters?

* No, Python variable names ^{cannot} contain special characters like \$, @, #, %, or !

* It allows only,

→ Letters (A-Z or a-z)

→ Digits (0-9) But not at the beginning

→ Under score (_)

* Not allowed, because will cause a Syntax Error.

20. What is the difference b/w = & == operator?

= (Single Equals) Assignment

* Used to assign a value to a variable.

* Stores data in a variable.

x = 10

praname = "Anu"

== (Double Equals) Comparison

* Used to compare two values for equality.

* Return True if values are equal, otherwise False

x = 5

print(x == 5) # True

print(x == 10) # False.

Data Types in Python (21-30)

21. Basic Data Types in Python?

In Python, there are several builtin data types that you use to store different kinds of data.

1. Numeric Types.

* int - Integers - 1, 2

* float - Decimal numbers - 3.14, 2.5

* Complex - Complex numbers - $2+3j$

2. Text type:

str

String (Text)

"Hello"

3. Boolean Type:

bool

Logical True/False

True, False.

4. Sequence Type:

list

Ordered, mutable -

[1, 2, 3] ['a', 'b']

tuple

Ordered, immutable -

(10, 20), ('a', 'b')

range

Sequence of numbers -

range(5) (0 to 4)

5. Set type:

set

Unordered, Unique values

{1, 2, 3}

frozenset

Immutable set

frozenset({1, 2, 3})

6. Mapping Type:

dict

keyvalue Pairs

`{"name": "Anu",
"age": 20}`

7. None Type:

NoneType

Represents no value

None.

22. Difference b/w int, float, Complex?

int (Integer)	float (Floating point)	Complex (Complex number)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Represents whole number (no decimal point) * Can be +ve, -ve or 0. * Eg: 5, -12, 0. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Represents decimal numbers. * Used when precision is needed * Eg: 3.14, -0.5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Represents a number with real & imaginary part Eg: $a + bj$ (j is the imaginary unit).

23. What is the difference b/w list & tuple?

List	Tuple
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Mutable: You can add, remove or change. * created using square brackets <code>[]</code> * Slower, but more flexible. <pre>fruits = ['Apple', 'banana', 'cherry'] fruits[1] = 'orange'</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Immutable: Once created, cannot be changed. * Created using parentheses <code>()</code> * Faster & use less memory. <pre>Colors = ('red', 'green', 'blue') Colors[1] = 'Yellow' #Type Error</pre>

24. Difference b/w dictionary & list?

List	Dictionary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Sequence of Ordered items* Accessed using index number starts from 0* Created using square brackets [] <pre>fruits = ['Apple', 'banana', 'Cherry']</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Collection of key value pairs* Accessed using keys, not index numbers.* Created using curly braces {} <pre>person = {"name": "Anu", "age": 25}</pre>

25. What is a set? How is it different from list?

* A set is ~~set~~ collection of unordered, unique elements ~~known~~

set	List
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Unordered: Items have no index or order.* No duplicates allowed.* created using curly braces {} or set() function. <pre>my_set = {1, 2, 3, 2, 1} print(my_set) # O/P {1, 2, 3} Duplicates are removed</pre>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Ordered: Items are stored in a specific order* Duplicates are allowed* created using square brackets. <pre>my_list = [1, 2, 3, 2, 1] print(my_list) # O/P [1, 2, 3, 2, 1]</pre>

26. Difference b/w Mutable & Immutable data types?

Mutable	Immutable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Can be change after they are created.* You can add, remove or modify elements <p>Eg: list, dict, set.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Cannot be changed after creation.* If you try to change them, Python creates a new object <p>Eg: int, float, str, tuple, bool.</p>

27. What will type() function return if the variable is String?

* If the variable is String, the type() function will return `<class 'str'>`

Eg: name : "Anu"
 print (type(name)) # o/p `<class 'str'>`

28. What are the Boolean data types?

* Boolean (or) bool data type in python that can

hold only two possible values.

- True,
- False.

29. How do you convert data from one type to another?

* In Python, you can convert data from one type to another using type conversion functions also known as type casting.

Type conversion formulas:

Function	Converts to	Example.
int()	Integer	int("5") → 5
float()	Float	float("3.5") → 3.5
str()	String	str(100) → "100"
bool	Boolean	bool(0) → False.
list	List	list("abc") → ['a', 'b', 'c']
tuple	Tuple	tuple([1, 2]) → (1, 2)
set	Set	set([1, 2, 2]) → {1, 2}

30. What does the len() function do for different data types?

* The len() function return the number of items (length) in a container-type object such as strings, list, dictionaries etc..

Eg: len("hello") → 5
len([1, 2, 3]) → 3