AI/ML for Climate Workshop

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Python Basics for Climate and Meteorology

Welcome

This is a practical introduction to the Python programming language, with climate and meteorology-flavored examples.





Click the Binder button above to launch an interactive Jupyter notebook environment where you can run all the code examples in this lesson!

Tip: The Binder environment includes all necessary packages and sample climate data. It may take 1-2 minutes to start up the first time.

Python is:

- An interpreted, high-level language
- Designed for readability and simplicity
- Very popular in data science, machine learning, and climate analytics
- Backed by strong scientific libraries (NumPy, Pandas, Xarray, etc.)

Python emphasizes:

- Simple, readable syntax
- Built-in powerful data types

- Large ecosystem of libraries
- Strong community support

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0. Basic Syntax and Structure

```
# Import necessary modules
import sys
import keyword
import operator
from datetime import datetime
import os
```

Keywords

Keywords are the reserved words in Python and can't be used as an identifier

```
print(keyword.kwlist) # List all Python Keywords

Output:

['False', 'None', 'True', 'and', 'as', 'assert', 'async', 'await', 'break', 'class', 'class'
```

Comments in Python

Comments can be used to explain the code for more readabilty.

```
# Single line comment
val1 = 10

# Convert 2 m temperature from Celsius to Kelvin (K = C + 273.15)
t2m_c = 27.3  # daily mean 2 m air temp in C
t2m_k = t2m_c + 273.15  # result in Kelvin
t2m_k
# Multiple line comment
```

```
Multiple line comment
Multiple line comment
Multiple line comment
'''
```

```
Multiple line comment
Multiple line comment
Multiple line comment
Multiple line comment
"""
```

Statements

Instructions that a Python interpreter can execute

Single line statement

```
p1 = 10 + 20
p1
```

Multiple line statement

```
p1 = 20 + 30 \
+ 40 + 50 +\
+ 70 + 80
p1
```

Multiple line statement

Indentation

• Indentation refers to the spaces at the beginning of a code line.

- It is very important as Python uses indentation to indicate a block of code.
- If the indentation is not correct we will endup with IndentationError error.

```
p = 10
if p == 10:
    print ('P is equal to 10') # correct indentation

# if indentation is skipped we will encounter "IndentationError: expected an inde
p = 10
if p == 10:
print ('P is equal to 10')

for i in range(0,5):
    print(i)

# Count wet days (> 1 mm) using proper indentation
rain = [0.0, 0.8, 1.2, 5.0, 0.0, 2.0]
wet = 0
for x in rain:
    if x > 1.0:
        wet += 1 # wet = wet + 1
wet
```

Docstrings

- 1) Docstrings provide a convenient way of associating documentation with functions, classes, methods or modules.
- 2) They appear right after the definition of a function, method, class, or module.

```
def square(num):
    '''Square Function :- This function will return the square of a number'''
    return num**2

square(2)

square.__doc__ # We can access the Docstring using __doc__ method
```

```
def c_to_k(t_c: float) -> float:
    """Convert Celsius to Kelvin.

Parameters
------
t_c: float
    Temperature in C.
Returns
-----
float
    Temperature in Kelvin.
"""
return t_c + 273.15
c_to_k(30.0)
```

```
c_to_k.__doc__
```

1. Variables and Data Types

1.1 Variables

- Variable is a reserved memory location to store values.
- A variable is created the moment you first assign a value to it.
- A variable in Python can either be of 3 data types: integer, float, or a string.
- Data type specifies the category of the variables.
- We can use type (variable name) to find the type of given variable name.
- Comments do not change anything and are not compiled.
- The lines inside triple quotes are ignore during runtime.
- We also use = to assign a value to the name of variable.
- Example: var name = 1. Note that it's different to comparison operator of equal to (==).
- We can use print () to display the value of variable or the results of any expression.
- Be aware of indentations. Python is serious about them.

```
p =30
```

Memory address of the variable

```
\# Get the memory address in hexadecimal format using hex() function \mbox{hex(id(p))}
```

```
station_id = "ADD001"  # Addis Ababa example code
lat, lon = 9.03, 38.74  # degrees
elev_m = 2355
print(station_id, lat, lon, elev_m)
```

Variable Assigment

- · Variable names in Python can contain alphanumerical characters
- a-z, A-Z, 0-9 and some special characters such as _. Variable names must start with a letter.
- · By convention, variable names start with a lower-case letter
- There are a number of Python keywords that cannot be used as variable names.

```
intvar = 10 # Integer variable
floatvar = 2.57 # Float Variable
strvar = "Python Language" # String variable
print(intvar)
print(floatvar)
print(strvar)
```

```
intvar, floatvar, strvar = 10, 2.57, "Python Language" # Using commas to separate
print(intvar)
print(floatvar)
print(strvar)
```

```
p1 = p2 = p3 = p4 = 44 \# All variables pointing to same value print(<math>p1, p2, p3, p4)
```

Data Types

1.2 Numbers

- Numbers in Python can either be integers int or floats float.
- Integer are real, finite, natural or whole numbers.
- Take an example: 1 , 2 , 3 , 4 are integers.
- Floats are numbers that have decimal points such as 4.6, 6.0, 7.7.
- Note that 4.0 is considered as a float data type too.
- We can perform operations on numbers. The operations that we can perform include addition, multiplication, division, modular, etc...

```
int_var = 10
float_var = 12.8

print(type(int_var))
print(sys.getsizeof(val1)) # size of integer object in bytes
```

```
print(type(float_var))
print(sys.getsizeof(float_var)) # size of float object in bytes
```

```
# Unit conversions common in climate work
wind_ms = 6.0
wind_kmh = wind_ms * 3.6  # m/s -> km/h
precip_mm_day = 12.0
precip_m_day = precip_mm_day / 1000.0
print("Wind (km/h):", wind_kmh, "| Precip (m/day):", precip_m_day)
```

Boolean

• Boolean data type can have only two possible values true or false.

```
bool1 = True

bool2 = False

print(bool1)
print(bool2)
print(type(bool1))
print(type(bool2))
```

```
Numeric Operations
  # Addition
  1 + 100
  # Multiplication
  1 * 100
  # Division
  1 / 100
  # Floor division
  \#\# Floor division is a type of division that rounds the result down to the nearest whol
  7 // 2
  # Modular (%)
  # This is the remainder or a value remaining after dividing two numbers
  # 100 / 1 = 100, remainder is 0
  10 % 2
  # Powers
  # 1 power any number is 1 always
  1 ** 100
```

```
2 ** 2
```

1.3 Strings

- String is a sequence of characters.
- Strings are one of the commonly used and important data types.
- Strings are expressed in either "..." or '...'.

We can manipulate strings in many ways. A simple example is to concat the strings.

```
str_var = 'One'
str_var2 = 'Hundred'

str_var + str_var2

str_var + ' ' + 'and' + ' '+ str_var2 + '.'

# We can use print() to display a string
print(" This is a string")

# We can also compare strings to check whether they are similar.
# If they are similar, case by case, comparison operator returns true. Else false
"A string" == "a string"

"A string" == "A string"
```

Strings Methods

• Python provides many built-in methods for manipulating strings.

As a programmer, knowing typical string methods and how to use them will give you a real leverage when working with strings.

```
sentence = 'this IS A String'
```

```
# Case capitalization
# It return the string with first letter capitalized and the rest being lower cases.
sentence.capitalize()

# Given a string, convert it into title (each word is capitalized)
sentence_2 = 'this is a string to be titled'
sentence_2.title()

# Converting the string to upper case
sentence.upper()

# Converting the string to upper case
sentence.lower()

# Splitting the string
sentence.split()
```

- You can use replace() method to replace some characters in string with another characters.
- Replace method takes two inputs: characters to be replaced, and new characters to be inserted in string, replace('characters to be replaced', 'new characters').

Example, given the string "This movie was awesome", replace the world movie with project .

```
stri = "This movie was awesome"
stri.replace('movie', 'project')

# In the following string, replace all spaces with `%20'
stri_2 = "The future is great"
stri_2.replace(' ', '%20')

stri_3 = "Climate "
stri_3 = stri_3*5
stri_3
```

```
len(stri_3)

mystr = "Hello World"

mystr[0] # First character in string
```

String Indexing

```
mystr[-1] # Last character in string
```

String Slicing

```
mystr[0:5] # First five characters
# mystr[:5] # From start to index 5
mystr[6:11] # From index 6 to index 10
# mystr[6:] # From index 6 to end
mystr[-5:] # Last five characters
del mystr # Delete a string
print(mystr)
mystr2 = " Hello Everyone "
mystr2
mystr2.strip() # Remove leading and trailing whitespace
mystr2.rstrip() # Remove trailing whitespace
mystr2.lstrip() # Remove leading whitespace
mylist =mystr2.split()
mylist
```

```
station_name = "Addis Ababa Observatory"
msg = f"Station {station_id} ({station_name}) at {lat:.2f} deg, {lon:.2f} deg"
msg
```

2. Data Structures

- Data structures are used to organize and store the data.
- ullet Python has 4 main data structures: Lists , Dictionaries , Tuples and Sets .

2.1 List

- · A list is a set of ordered values.
- Each value in a list is called an element or item and can be identified by an index.
- A list supports different data types, we can have a list of integers, strings, and floats.

What we will see with Python lists:

- · Creating a list
- · Accessing elements in a list
- · Slicing a list
- · Changing elements in a list
- · Traversing a list
- · Operations on list
- Nested lists
- · List methods
- · List and strings

Creating a List

A python list can be created by enclosing elements of similar or different data type in square brackets <code>[...]</code> , or with <code>range()</code> function.

```
# Creating a list
week_days = ['Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thur','Fri']
even_numbers = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
mixed_list = ['Mon', 1, 'Tue', 2, 'Wed', 3]
# Displaying elements of a list
print(week_days)
```

```
print(even_numbers)
print(mixed_list)
```

Accessing the elements of the list

We can access the a given element of the list by providing the index of the element in a bracket. The index starts at 0 in Python.

```
# Accessing the first elements of the list
week_days = ['Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thur','Fri']
week_days[0]

# Get the third element of the list
even_numbers = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
even_numbers[2]

# Getting the last element of the list
even_numbers = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
print(even_numbers[-1])
```

Slicing a list

Given a list, we can slice it to get any parts or combination of its elements forming another list.

```
# Get the elements from index 0 to 2. Index 2 is not included.

week_days = ['Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thur','Fri']
week_days[0:2]

# Get elements from the last fourth elements to the first
# -1 starts at the last element 'Fri', -2 second last element `Thur'..... -4 to 'Tue'
week_days[-4:]

# Get all elements up to the fourth index
week_days[:4]

# Get all elements from the second to the last index
week_days[2:]
```

You can use [:] to copy the entire list.

```
# Get all elements in the list
week_days[:]
```

Changing elements in a list

Python lists are mutable. We can delete or change the elements of the list.

```
names = ['James', 'Jean', 'Sebastian', 'Prit']
names

# Change 'Jean' to 'Nyandwi' and 'Sebastian' to 'Ras'
names[1:3] = ['Nyandwi', 'Ras']
names

# Change 'Prit' to Sun
names[-1] = 'Sun'
names

# Change `James` to `yonas`
names[0] = 'yonas'
names
```

In order to delete a given element in a list, we can empty slice it but the better way to delete element is to use del keyword.

```
# Delete Nyandwi in names list

del names[1]

names
```

- If you know the index of the element you want to remove, you can use pop().
- If you don't provide the index in pop(), the last element will be deleted.

```
names = ['James', 'Jean', 'Sebastian', 'Prit']
names.pop(2)
names
```

Also, we can use remove() to delete the element provided inside the remove() method.

```
names = ['James', 'Jean', 'Sebastian', 'Prit']
names.remove('James')
names
```

We can also use append() to add element to the list.

```
# Adding the new elements in list

names = ['James', 'Jean', 'Sebastian', 'Prit']
names.append('Jac')
names.append('Jess')
names
```

Operations on list

```
# Concatenating two lists

a = [1,2,3]
b = [4,5,6]

c = a + b
```

```
# We can also use * operator to repeat a list a number of times
[None] * 5
```

```
# Creating a list with repeated elements
[True] * 4
```

```
# Creating a list with repeated elements
[1,2,4,5] * 2
```

Nested lists

```
# Creating a list in other list
nested_list = [1,2,3, ['a', 'b', 'c']]
```

```
# Get the ['a', 'b', 'c'] from the nested_list
nested_list[3]

nested_list[3][0] # Get 'a' from the nested list

# Indexing and slicing a nested list is quite similar to normal list
nested_list[1]
```

List Methods

- Python also offers methods which make it easy to work with lists.
- We already have been using some list methods such as pop() and append() but let's review more other methods.

```
# Sorting a list with sort()
even_numbers = [2,14,16,12,20,8,10]
even_numbers.sort()
even_numbers

# Reversing a string with reverse()
even_numbers.reverse()
even_numbers

# Adding other elements to a list with append()
even_numbers = [2,14,16,12,20,8,10]
even_numbers.append(40)
even_numbers.append(40)
even_numbers
# Removing the first element of a list
even_numbers.remove(2)
even_numbers
```

```
## Return the element of the list at index x

even_numbers = [2,14,16,12,20,8,10]

## Return the item at the 1st index

even_numbers.pop(1)

week_days = ['Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thur','Fri']

even_numbers
```

```
# pop() without index specified will return the last element of the list
even_numbers = [2,14,16,12,20,8,10]
even_numbers.pop()
even_numbers
```

```
# Count a number of times an element appear in a list
even_numbers = [2,2,4,6,8,2]
even_numbers.count(2)
```

List and strings

We previously have learned about strings. Strings are sequence of characters. List is a sequence of values.

```
# We can convert a string into list
stri = 'Apple'
list(stri)
```

```
# Splitting a string produces a list of individual words
stri_2 = "List and Strings"
stri_2.split()
```

The split() string method allows to specify the character to use a a boundary while splitting the string. It's called delimiter.

```
stri_3 = "state-of-the-art"
```

```
stri_3.split('-')
```

2.2 Dictionaries

- Dictionaries are powerful Python data structure that are used to store data of <code>`key</code> and <code>values</code>.
- A dictionary is a collection of key and values. A dictionary stores a mapping of keys and values. A key is what we can refer to index.
- It is unordered, changeable, and does not allow duplicate keys.

What we will see:

- Creating a dictionary
- · Accessing values and keys in dictionary
- Solving counting problems with dictionary
- Traversing a dictionary
- · The setdefault() method

Creating a dictionary

- We can create with a dict() function and add items later
- or insert keys and values right away in the curly brackets { }.

Let's start with dict() function to create an empty dictionary.

```
# Creating a dictionary
countries_code = dict()
print(countries_code)
```

You can verify it's a dictionary by passing it through type().

```
type(countries_code)
```

Let's add items to the empty dictionary that we just created.

```
# Adding items to the empty dictionary.
```

```
countries_code["Kenya"] = 254
```

```
countries_code
```

Let's create a dictionary with {}. It's the common way to create a dictionary.

```
countries_code = {
    "Ethiopia": 251,
    "Kenya": 254,
    "Rwanda":250,
    "Uganda": 49,
    "Tanzania": 91,
}
countries_code
```

To add key and values to a dictionary, we just add the new key to [] and set its new value. See below for example...

```
countries_code['Djibouti'] = 253
countries_code
```

Accessing the values and keys in a dictionary

Just like how we get values in a list by using their indices, in dictionary, we can use a key to get its corresponding value.

```
# Getting the code of Rwanda

countries_code["Rwanda"]
```

We can also check if a key exists in a dictionary by using a classic in operator.

```
"India" in countries_code

# Should be False

"Kenya" in countries_code
```

To get all the keys, value, and items of the dictionary, we can respectively use keys(), values(), and items() methods.

```
# Getting the keys and the values and items of the dictionary
dict_keys = countries_code.keys() # Get all keys of the dictionary
dict_values = countries_code.values() # Get all values of the dictionary
dict_items = countries_code.items() # Get all items (key-value pairs) of the dictionary
print(f"Keys: {dict_keys}\n Values:{dict_values}\n Items:{dict_items}")
```

Lastly, we can use <code>get()</code> method to return the value of a specified key. Get method allows to also provide a value that will be returned in case the key doesn't exists. This is a cool feature!!

```
# Get the value of the Kenya
countries_code.get('Kenya')
countries_code
```

Traversing a dictionary

We previously used for loop in dictionary to iterate through the values. Let's review it again.

```
countries_code

for country in countries_code:
    print(country)
```

We can also iterate through the items(key, values) of the dictionary.

```
for country, code in countries_code.items():
    print(country, code)
```

The setdefault() Method

- The setdefault() method allows you to set a value of a given key that does not already have a key.
- This can be helpful when you want to update the dictionary with a new value in case the key you are looking for does not exist.

```
countries_code.setdefault("Somalia", 252)
```

```
countries_code
```

```
# Remove a key-value pair
countries_code.pop("UK")
```

```
countries_code
```

```
station = {
    "id": "ADD001",
    "name": "Addis Ababa Observatory",
    "coords": (9.03, 38.74),
    "daily_precip_mm": [0.0, 2.1, 0.0, 5.4, 1.2],
}
station["name"], station["coords"]
```

Summarizing dictionary

- Dictionaries are not ordered and they can not be sorted list are ordered (and unordered) and can be sorted.
- Dictionary can store data of different types: floats, integers and strings and can also store lists.

2.3 Tuples

- Tuple is similar to list but the difference is that you can't change the values once it is defined (termed as immutability).
- Due to this property it can be used to keep things that you do not want to change in your program.
- Example can be a country codes, zipcodes, etc...

```
coords = (9.03, 38.74)
lat, lon = coords  # tuple unpacking
lat, lon
```

```
# Empty tuple
tup1 = ()
```

```
# tuple of integers numbers
tup2 = (10,30,60)
print(tup2)
# tuple of float numbers
tup3 = (10.77, 30.66, 60.89)
print(tup3)
# tuple of strings
tup4 = ('apple', 'banana', 'cherry')
print(tup4)
# Nested tuples
tup5 = ('Asif', 25, (50, 100), (150, 90))
print(tup5)
# accessing elements in nested tuples
tup5[2] # Accessing the third element which is a tuple (50, 100)
tup5[2][0] # Accessing the first element of the third element which is 50
len(tup5) #Length of list
tup = (1,4,5,6,7,8,1)
# Indexing
tup[4]
tup[-1]
## Tuples are not changeable. Running below code will cause an error
tup[2] = 10
```

```
# You can not also add other values to the tuple. This will be error
tup.append(12)

# Get the length of a tuple
print(len(tup))

# Count occurrences of an element
print(tup.count(1))
```

Tuple Slicing

```
# tuple slicing
tup = (1,4,5,6,7,8,1)

tup[-1] # Accessing the last element which is 1
tup[0] # Accessing the first element which is 1
tup[0:3] # Accessing elements from index 0 to 2
tup[-1:3] # Accessing elements from last to index 3
```

Sorting a tuple with sorted() function

```
tup = (5,2,8,1,4)
sorted(tup) # Returns a sorted list of the tuple elements

sorted(tup, reverse=True) # Returns a sorted list of the tuple elements in descending
```

2.4 Sets

Sets are used to store the unique elements. They are not ordered like list.

```
codes = ["RA","RA","TS","BR","TS","NSW","DZ"]
unique_codes = set(codes)
unique_codes

set_1 = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}
set_1
```

```
set_2 = {1,1,2,3,5,3,2,2,4,5,7,8,8,5}
set_2
len(set_2)
```

As you can see, set only keep unique values. There can't be a repetition of values.

```
# List Vs Set

odd_numbers = [1,1,3,7,9,3,5,7,9,9]

print("List:{}".format(odd_numbers))

print("*******")

set_odd_numbers = {1,1,3,7,9,3,5,7,9,9}

print("Set:{}".format(set_odd_numbers))
```

3. Comparison and Logic operators

Comparison operators are used to compare values. It will either return true or false.

```
## Greater than
100 > 1

## Equal to
100 == 1

## Less than
100 < 1

## Greater or equal to
100 >= 1

## Less or equal to
```

```
'Intro to Python' == 'intro to python'
'Intro to Python' == 'Intro to Python'
```

Logic operators are used to compare two expressions made by comparison operators.

- Logic and returns true only when both expressions are true, otherwise false.
- Logic or returns true when either any of both expressions is true. Only false if both expressions are false.
- Logic not as you can guess, it will return false when given expression is true, vice versa.

```
100 == 100 and 100 == 100

100 <= 10 and 100 == 100

100 == 10 or 100 == 100

100 == 10 or 100 == 10

not 1 == 2

not 1 == 1
```

4. Control Flow

We will cover:

- · If statement
- For loop
- · While loop

4.1 If, Elif, Else

Structure of If condition:

```
if condition:
  do something
else:
  do this
if 100 < 2:
  print("This will not be printed")
if 100 > 2:
  print("This will be printed out")
if 100 < 2:
  print("As expected, no thing will be displayed")
else:
  print('Printed')
# Let's assign a number to a variable name 'jean_age' and 'yannick_age'
john age = 30
luck age = 20
if john_age > luck_age:
 print("John is older than Luck")
else:
  print(" John is younger than Luck")
# Let's use multiple conditions
john age = 30
luck_age = 20
yan_age = 30
if john age < luck age:
print("John is older than Luck")
elif yan_age == luck_age:
  print(" Yan's Age is same as Luck")
```

```
elif luck_age > john_age:
    print("Luck is older than John")

else:
    print("John's age is same as Yan")
```

We can also put if condition into one line of code. This can be useful when you want to make a quick decision between few choices.

Here is the structure:

```
'value_to_return_if_true' if condition else 'value_to_return_if_false'
```

Let's take some examples...

```
# Example 1: Return 'Even' if below num is 'Even' and `Odd` if not.
num = 45
'Even' if num % 2 == 0 else 'Odd'
```

```
# Example 2: Return True if a given element is in a list and False if not
nums = [1,2,3,4,5,6]
True if 3 in nums else False
```

```
pr = 8.0 # mm/day
if pr == 0:
    print("Dry day")
elif pr < 2.5:
    print("Light rain")
else:
    print("Rainy day")</pre>
```

4.2 For Loop

For loop is used to iterate over list, string, tuples, or dictionary.

Structure of for loop:

```
for item in items:
do something
```

```
even_nums = [2,4,6,8,10]
for num in even_nums:
  print(num)
week days = ['Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed', 'Thur', 'Fri']
for day in week_days:
 print(day)
sentence = "It's been a long time learning Python. I am revisiting the basics!!"
for letter in sentence:
 print(letter)
sentence = "It's been a long time learning Python. I am revisiting the basics!!"
\# split is a string method to split the words making the string
for letter in sentence.split():
 print(letter)
# For loop in dictionary
countries_code = { "United States": 1,
                 "India": 91,
                 "Germany": 49,
                 "China": 86,
                 "Rwanda":250
            }
for country in countries_code:
  print(country)
```

```
for code in countries_code.values():
   print(code)
```

For can also be used to iterate over an sequence of numbers.

Range is used to generate the sequence of numbers.

```
for number in range:
do something
```

```
for number in range(10):
    print(number)

for number in range(10, 20):
    print(number)
```

One last thing about for loop is that we can use it to make a list. This is called list comprehension.

```
letters = []

for letter in 'MachineLearning':
   letters.append(letter)

letters
```

The above code can be simplified to the following code:

```
letters = [letter for letter in 'MachineLearning']
letters
```

```
# Accumulate rain until we reach 10 mm
rain = [0.0, 0.5, 2.1, 7.8, 0.0, 0.0, 3.0]
total = 0.0
for r in rain:
    total += r # total = total + r
total
```

4.3 While loop

While loop will executes the statement(s) as long as the condition is true.

Structure of while loop

```
while condition:
statement(s)
```

```
a = 10
while a < 20:
    print('a is: {}'.format(a)) # Display the value of a
    a = a + 1</pre>
```

```
# Walk forward until cumulative rain >= 10 mm or we run out of days
i, cumulative = 0, 0.0
while i < len(rain) and cumulative < 10.0:
    cumulative += rain[i]
    i += 1 # i = i + 1
i, cumulative</pre>
```

5. Functions

- Functions are used to write codes or statements that can be used multiple times with different parameters.
- One fundamental rule in programming is "DRY" or Do not Repeat Yourself.

This is how you define a function in Python:

```
def function_name(parameters):
    """
    This is Doc String
    You can use it to notes about the functions
    """
    statements
    return results
```

- function_name is the name of the function. It must not be similar to any built in functions. We will see built in functions later.
- parameters are the values that are passed to the function.
- Doc String is used to add notes about the function. It is not a must to use it but it is a good practice.
- return specify something or value that you want to return everytime you call or run your function.

```
# Function to add two numbers and return a sum

def add_nums(a,b):

"""

Function to add two numbers given as inputs
It will return a sum of these two numbers
"""
```

```
sum = a+b
  return sum
add_nums(2,4)
add_nums(4,5)
# Displaying the doc string noted early
print(add_nums.__doc__)
def activity(name_1, name_2):
  print("{} and {} are playing basketball!".format(name_1, name_2))
activity("yonas", "Tamirat")
def c to k(t c: float) -> float:
   """Convert Celsius to Kelvin.
   Parameters
    -----
   t_c : float
      Temperature in C.
   Returns
    float
       Temperature in Kelvin.
   return t_c + 273.15
c to k(30.0)
```

6. Lamdba Functions

- There are times that you want to create anonymous functions.
- These types of functions will only need to have one expressions.

```
## Sum of two numbers
```

```
def add_nums(a,b):
    sum = a+b
    return sum
add_nums(1,3)
```

We can use lambda to make the same function in just one line of code! Let's do it!!

```
sum_of_two_nums = lambda c,d: c + d
sum_of_two_nums(4,5)

c_to_f = lambda c: c * 9/5 + 32
list(map(c_to_f, [20.0, 25.0, 30.0]))
```

7. Built in Functions

Python being a high level programming language, it has bunch of built in functions which make it easy to get quick computations done.

```
# using len() to count the length of the string
message = 'Do not give up!'
len(message)

# Using max() to find the maximum number in a list
odd_numbers = [1,3,5,7]
max(odd_numbers)

# Using min() to find the minimum number in a list
min(odd_numbers)

# Sorting the list with sorted()
odd_numbers = [9,7,3,5,11,13,15,1]
sorted(odd_numbers)
```

Let's learn two more useful built functions: they are map and filter.

7.1 Map function

- Map gives you the ability to apply a function to an iterable structures such as list.
- When used with a list for example, you can apply the function to every element of the list.

Let's see how it works.

```
def cubic(number):
    return number ** 3

num_list = [0,1,2,3,4]

# Applying `map` to the num_list to just return the list where each element is cubed...
list(map(cubic, num_list))

# Convert a list of C to K using map
temps_c = [24.0, 26.5, 29.0]
temps_k = list(map(lambda c: c + 273.15, temps_c))
temps_k
```

7.2 Filter function

```
def odd_check(number):
    return number % 2 != 0

# != is not equal to operation

# Create a list of numbers
num_list = [1,2,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11]

# Applying `filter` to the num_list to just return the odd numbers in the list
list(filter(odd_check, num_list))

# Keep rainy days >= 1 mm
daily_mm = [0.0, 0.6, 1.2, 3.5, 0.0, 5.0]
```

```
wet_days = list(filter(lambda mm: mm >= 1.0, daily_mm))
wet_days
```

8. More Useful Python Stuff

Python is an awesome programming language that has a lot of useful functions.

Let's see more useful things you may need beyond what's we just saw already.

8.1 Enumerate Function

Enumerate function convert iterable objects into enumerate object. It basically returns a tuple that also contain a counter.

That's sounds hard, but with examples, you can see how powerful this function is...

```
seasons = ['Spring', 'Summer', 'Fall', 'Winter']
list(enumerate(seasons))
```

As you can see, each element came with index counter automatically. The counter initially start at 0, but we can change it.

```
list(enumerate(seasons, start=1))
```

Here is another example:

```
class_names = ['Spring', 'Summer', 'Fall', 'Winter']

for index, class_name in enumerate(class_names, start=0):
    print(index,'-',class_name)
```

```
# Find first day exceeding 35C
tmax = [30.0, 31.5, 34.9, 35.1, 33.0]
idx = None
for i, val in enumerate(tmax):
    if val > 35.0:
        idx = i
        break
idx
```

8.2 Zip Function

Zip is an incredible function that takes two iterators and returns a pair of corresponsing elements as a tuple.

```
name = ['Jessy', 'Joe', 'Jeannette']
role = ['ML Engineer', 'Web Developer', 'Data Engineer']
zipped_name_role = zip(name, role)
zipped_name_role
```

The zip object return nothing. In order to show the zipped elements, we can use a list. It's also same thing for enumerate you saw above.

```
list(zipped_name_role)
```

9. Python Modules

- A Python module is a file containing Python code, such as functions, variables, or classes, that can be imported and used in another Python program.
- Modules are reusable code libraries in Python.
- You can import entire modules or specific functions/variables.
- Built-in modules are ready to use, while external modules need installation with pip.

Types of Loading Modules - Import the entire module: You can import an entire module and access its functions or variables using the module name.

```
# Importing the math module
import math

# Use the sqrt function from the math module
result = math.sqrt(16)
print(result)
```

Importing Specific Functions or Variables

```
# Importing only the sqrt function from math
from math import sqrt
# Directly use the sqrt function
```

```
result = sqrt(25)
print(result)
```

Using an Alias '

• You can give a module or function an alias (short name) for convenience.

```
# Using an alias for math
import math as m

# Use the alias to call functions
result = m.pow(2, 3) # 2 raised to the power of 3
print(result)
```

Importing All Contents of a Module

 You can import everything from a module, but this is not recommended as it may lead to naming conflicts.

```
# Importing all contents of math
from math import *

# Use functions without the module name
result = factorial(5)
print(result)
```

Built-in vs. External Modules

Built-in Modules: Python comes with several modules built-in. Examples include:

- · math (mathematical functions)
- · os (interacting with the operating system)
- sys (system-specific parameters and functions)
- random (random number generation)

External Modules: are not built into Python and need to be installed using a package manager like pip.

- SciPy
- Scikit-learn
- TensorFlow
- PyTorch
- Keras

Getting Help with Modules

• Using the help() Function: provides detailed documentation about a module.

```
# Getting help on the math module
import math
help(math)
```

• Using the dir() Function: lists all attributes and functions available in a module.

```
# Listing all functions in the math module
import math
print(dir(math))
```

Creating Your Own Module

• Create a Python file (e.g., my_module.py) with functions or variables.

```
def greet(name):
    return f"Hello, {name}!"
```

• Using the custom module: import your module in another Python file or script.

```
import my_module
message = my_module.greet("Yonas")
print(message)
```

```
from climate_utils import heat_index_c
heat_index_c(32.0, 60.0)
```

10. Common Python Errors

- Python errors, also called exceptions, occur when something goes wrong during the execution of your program.
- · Understanding these errors is key to debugging.

SyntaxError

SyntaxError occurs when the Python code violates the syntax rules.

```
print("Hello") # Corrected version
```

NameError

• happens when you use a variable or function that hasn't been defined.

```
print(value) # Trying to print a variable that hasn't been defined

# Corrected version:
value = 10
print(value) # Output: 10
```

TypeError

TypeError occurs when an operation is performed on incompatible data types.

```
number = 5
text = "hello"

print(number + text)  # Trying to add a number to a string

# Corrected version:
print(f"{number} {text}")  # Output: 5 hello
```

IndexError

• occurs when you try to access an index that's out of range in a list or similar data structure.

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
print(numbers[3]) # Accessing an index that doesn't exist

# Corrected version:
print(numbers[2])
```

Debugging Basics

- Debugging helps identify and fix errors in your program.
- Python provides tools like try-except for error handling preventing the program from crashing abruptly when an exception occurs.
- Graceful Recovery: can provide informative error messages or take alternative actions to recover from the error.

```
try:
    result = 10 / 0  # Division by zero causes ZeroDivisionError

except ZeroDivisionError: # except block catches specific errors and prevents the progr
    print("Error: Cannot divide by zero!")
```

Catch different types of errors

```
try:
    value = int("text")

try:
    value = int("text")  # This will cause a ValueError
except ValueError:
    print("Error: Cannot convert text to an integer!")
except TypeError:
    print("Error: There was a type mismatch!")
```

Catch any error

- Using Exception catches any type of error.
- The variable e contains information about the error.

```
try:
    result = 10 / 0 # This will cause a ZeroDivisionError
except Exception as e:
    print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
```

Exercise

1) Create a loop that prints all the odd numbers between 1 and 20? 2) Write a function that takes a number and returns its square? 3) Create a function that takes two numbers and returns their average? 4) Write a function with a default argument that prints a farewell message (e.g., "Goodbye, Guest!")? 5) Write a program that handles a ValueError when converting user input to an integer? 6) Use a try-except block to handle a FileNotFoundError when opening a non-existent file? 7) Debug a program by printing variable values at different points?

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