

# Intro to Python - Notes

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## What is Python?

- High-level, interpreted programming language
  - Emphasises readability with a simple syntax
  - Dynamically typed (no need to declare variable types)
  - Popular for web dev, data science, automation, AI/ML, scripting, etc.
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## Basic Syntax

### Print Statement

```
print("Hello, World!")
```

### Comments

```
# This is a single-line comment  
"""  
This is a  
multi-line comment  
"""
```

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## Variables

- No need to declare data type
- Created when you assign a value

```
name = "Aadit"  
age = 27  
height = 5.9  
is_coder = True
```

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## Data Types

Type	Example
int	age = 27
float	pi = 3.14
str	name = "Tania"
bool	is_alive = True
list	[1, 2, 3]
tuple	(1, 2, 3)
dict	{"key": "value"}
set	{1, 2, 3}

Use `type()` to check:

```
print(type(name)) # <class 'str'>
```

## Operators

Operator	Use	Example
+ - * /	Arithmetic	3 + 4
// % **	Floor, Mod, Power	10 // 3
== !=	Comparison	x == y
< > <= >=	Relational	a > b
and or not	Logical	a and b

## Control Flow

- `if`, `elif`, `else` for conditions

```
if age > 18:
    print("Adult")
elif age == 18:
    print("Just turned 18")
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else:  
    print("Minor")
```

- `for` and `while` loops (see loops note)

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## Functions

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

- Use `def` keyword
- Parameters optional
- `return` is used to give back output

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## Type Conversion

```
age = "25"  
age_int = int(age) # Now it's an integer
```

Functions: `int()`, `float()`, `str()`, `bool()`

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## ⚠ Common Errors

Error	Cause
<code>SyntaxError</code>	Bad indentation, missing colon
<code>NameError</code>	Variable not defined
<code>TypeError</code>	Invalid operation for data type
<code>ValueError</code>	Failed type conversion

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## Best Practices

- Use descriptive variable names
  - Follow indentation (4 spaces)
  - Use comments to explain logic
  - Avoid global variables when possible
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