



Python Basics: Variables, Numbers & Strings

TAKEAWAYS

Variables

- 1** Variables are containers that store data in a Python program
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- 3** Rules of naming variables correctly,
 - You can not use reserve words as variable names (e.g. def, True etc.)
 - Variable names must start with a letter or an underscore _
 - It cannot contain spaces or special characters (@, #, \$, %, etc.)
 - Underscore _ is a valid character and can be present at any place in a variable name

Numbers

- 1** Integer numbers store whole numbers (without decimal part), e.g. 57
- 2** Float numbers store fractional numbers with whole and decimal part, e.g. 57.23
- 3** `type(variable_name)` can be used to detect the data type of a variable
- 4** `/` operator is used for division whereas `//` is used to retrieve integer part of the division
- 5** `%` is a modulo operator, it returns the remainder of a division operation

Numbers

- 6** `x**y` will return `x` raised to the power of `y`
- 7** You can do type casting using functions such as `float()`, `int()`, `str()` etc.
- 8** `float("10.2")` will convert string value "10.2" to a float value 10.2
- 9** `math` is a handy module in Python that allows you to run different functions such as `sqrt`, `floor`, `ceil` etc.

Strings

- 1 In Python, strings are immutable, meaning they cannot be changed once created.
- 2 Access specific characters or substrings in Python using indexing (e.g., **name[0]**) and slicing (e.g., **name[1:5]**).
- 3 Use string formatting techniques like f-strings (e.g., **f'{variable}'**) for easier and more readable string composition in Python.
- 4 Python provides built-in methods for strings, such as **.upper()**, **.lower()**, **.split()**, and **.strip()**