Numbers

In this chapter, we will work with the most basic data type: numbers.

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Start your Python REPL and write the following:

Print the Data Type

To print the number data type, use the built-in function `type(number)`:

```python
a = 2
print(type(a)) #print the data type of variable a

b = 2.5
print(type(b)) # prints data type of variable b
```

Basically, you are declaring two variables (named `a` and `b`) which will hold some numbers; variable `a` is an integer number `<type 'int'>` and variable `b` is a real number `<type 'float'>`.

Basic Operations on Numbers

We can now use our variables or any other numbers to do some calculations:

```python
a=2
b=2.5
```

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print(a + b)
print (a + b) * 2
print(2 + 2 + 4 - 2/3)
```

Now that the basics of the numbers are clear, let's check your knowledge in the upcoming exercises before moving on to the 'Strings' lesson.