



INTRO TO PYTHON PROGRAMMING

- WEEK 1 - S1 COURSE OVERVIEW AND PROGRAMMING BASICS
- WEEK 1 - S2 IDE AND GITHUB SETUP



WELCOME TO IDX EDUCATION

ABOUT US

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Summer Course Overview

Course Structure

Hour-long Bi-weekly online class meetings

- Featuring Lab work and practical applications of pre-class material
- Requires self-exposure to topics via course provided online resources

Weekly Homework

- Guided steps of practical learning that will lead up to a capstone project

Intro to Python Course July - August

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Visual Studio and Github

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Control Structures and Running a script

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Functions and Modules

Week 4:
Data Structures

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File Handling and Command Line

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Object Oriented Programming

Week 7:
Libraries and Frameworks

Week 8:
Final Project Social



What is Programming?

Programming is the process of creating a set of instructions that a computer can understand and execute. These instructions, also known as code, tell the computer how to perform specific tasks, from simple calculations to complex operations. Programming allows us to solve problems, automate tasks, and create applications that can range from simple games to advanced scientific simulations.

Programming Languages



Programming languages are formal languages comprised of a set of instructions that produce various kinds of output. They are used to implement algorithms and control the behavior of computers. Each programming language has its syntax, rules, and unique features, making it suitable for specific tasks.

Programming Languages

Feature	Python	JavaScript	C	Java	PHP
Ease of Learning	Easy	Moderate	Moderate to Difficult	Moderate	Moderate
Primary Use	General-purpose	Web development	System programming	Enterprise, Android apps	Web development
Syntax	Readable, concise	C-like, flexible	Low-level, less intuitive	C-like, structured	C/Perl-like, flexible
Performance	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Moderate
Community	Large, supportive	Large, supportive	Moderate	Large, supportive	Large, supportive

Pseudocode

Pseudocode

Pseudocode is a simplified, informal way of writing algorithms using plain language. It is not bound by the syntax rules of any specific programming language, making it easier to understand and communicate ideas. Pseudocode helps programmers plan and design their code before writing the actual code in a programming language.

Why Use Pseudocode?

Clarity: Pseudocode allows you to express complex ideas in a clear and concise manner without worrying about syntax errors.

Planning: It helps in planning and visualizing the structure of the program before implementation.

Communication: Pseudocode is an excellent tool for communicating algorithms and logic to others, including those who may not be familiar with specific programming languages.

Examples

START

 Declare variables **num1**, **num2**, **sum**

 Set **num1** to 5

 Set **num2** to 3

 Calculate **sum** as **num1** + **num2**

 Print **sum**

END

Foundations of Programming

At the lowest level, Machine code describes the interaction between software and the CPU. But most importantly, the fundamental operations include:

ADD

MOVE

JUMP

LOAD

Translating this to python functionality, variables and arithmetic operators are essential to any algorithm or script.

Variables

In programming, variables are used to store data that can be changed and manipulated throughout the execution of a program. Think of variables as containers or storage boxes that hold different types of information, such as numbers, text, or more complex data structures.

- Storage: Variables allow you to store data that your program can use later.
- Manipulation: You can perform operations on the data stored in variables, such as calculations or modifications.
- Reusability: Variables can be used multiple times within a program, making your code more efficient and readable.

Declare Variables

Declaring a variable means giving it a name and assigning it a value. Different programming languages have different rules for declaring variables, but the basic idea remains the same.

```
age = 16
```

```
name = "Alice"
```

```
is_student = True
```

Python Variables

```
num1 = 10
```

```
num2 = 5
```

```
sum = num1 + num2
```

```
difference = num1 - num2
```

```
print("Sum is", sum)
```

```
print("Difference is", difference)
```

Data Types

Variables can hold different types of data.

The most common data types include:

- **Integers:** Whole numbers, such as 1, 2, 100
- **Floats:** Decimal numbers, such as 3.14, 2.71
- **Strings:** Sequences of characters, such as "Hello, World!"
- **Booleans:** Logical values, True or False

Using Variables of Different Types

```
num1 = 10
num2 = 5
sum = num1 + num2
difference = num1 - num2
print("Sum is", sum)
print("Difference is", difference)
```

```
first_name = "John"
last_name = "Doe"
full_name = first_name + " " + last_name
print("Full Name:", full_name)
# Output: Full Name: John Doe
```

Variable Naming Conventions

When naming variables, it's important to follow certain rules to ensure your code is readable and error-free:

```
# Valid variable names
student_age = 16
StudentAge = 16
_student_age = 16
studentAge1 = 16

# Invalid variable names
1student_age = 16 # Starts with a number
student-age = 16 # Contains a special character
student age = 16 # Contains a space
```

More on Arithmetic Operators

What are Arithmetic Operators?

Arithmetic operators are symbols used in programming to perform mathematical operations on variables and values. They allow you to carry out basic arithmetic tasks like addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, as well as more complex operations like exponentiation and modulus.

Common Arithmetic Operators

Addition (+): Adds two numbers.

Subtraction (-): Subtracts one number from another.

Multiplication (*): Multiplies two numbers.

Division (/): Divides one number by another.

Modulus (%): Returns the remainder of a division.

Exponentiation (**): Raises one number to the power of another.

Floor Division (//): Divides one number by another and rounds down to the nearest whole number.

```
# Complex expression  
a = 10  
b = 5  
c = 2  
result = a + b * c - b / c  
print("Result:", result)
```

What is the result?



Today's Goals

Setup - VSCode

Step 1:
Download Visual Studio Code

Step 2:
Installing Packages

Step 3:
Logic and Programming



Step 1: Download Visual Studio Code

VSCode is a IDE that easily integrates extensions for programming languages.

<https://code.visualstudio.com/download>



Step 2: Create a Github Account

- GitHub is a web hosting platform for managing git repositories. Github is often used to provide a web interface for file management, user management, as well as online web hosting services.
- Git is an open-source tool used for version control. Using a command line interface, git provides functionality to edit repositories for local or online use.

<https://github.com>



Step 3: Download Git via VSCode Terminal

<https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2/Getting-Started-Installing-Git>

In VSCode, open up a terminal to install git by entering the commands provided that correspond to your machine



Step 4: Github connection

Because this is a crucial step, the lab will include office hours for debugging.



Step 4a: Github Config

In order to remotely access and edit your repositories, it needs to know what GitHub account to use!

****Skip this if you already have git configured****

Steps (type these in carefully!):

1. Open up a new terminal in VSCode
2. Type up the following commands:
 - `git config --global user.name "First Last"`
 - `git config --global user.email "youremail@address.edu"`

This must be the email you used to create your account!

Try running `git config --global user.email` to verify!

Step 4b: Github SSH Connection

1. Make an ssh key with ssh-keygen

- Hit “enter” to skip destination/password
- If it says you already have one, use that!

2. Go to <https://github.com/settings/keys>

- Click “New ssh key” and set some title
- Open “.ssh/id_rsa.pub” (use cat on linux, notepad or another text editor on windows/mac)
- Copy ALL TEXT (CTRL-A) into “key”

```
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22621.2283]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\basic>ssh-keygen
Generating public/private rsa key pair.
Enter file in which to save the key (C:\Users\basic/.ssh/id_rsa):
Enter passphrase (empty for no passphrase):
Enter same passphrase again:
Your identification has been saved in C:\Users\basic/.ssh/id_rsa
Your public key has been saved in C:\Users\basic/.ssh/id_rsa.pub
The key fingerprint is:
SHA256:iZj1... [REDACTED] QV/Gc basic@BOOK-OP2M7N5I01
The key's randomart image is:
+---[RSA 3072]---+
| [REDACTED] |
| ==o+o. . o |
| [REDACTED] |
| 0==o o . . = . E |
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| [REDACTED] |
| [REDACTED] |
+---[SHA256]---+
C:\Users\basic>
```

Add new SSH Key

Title

Key type

Key

```
ssh-rsa
AAAAAB3NzaC1yc2EAAAQABAAABgQCh9WeErcSGsj3vhLuhRnCV05yxMvoAK9oaySGypX5y8hQgb
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
KpeQQkpbSisbpLHU3KN5omJ9Ra5ekhJDIHiVQfb8oMUCxXaXaBA42wpXkF2TW89L63B0Rwq7VW
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OP2M7N5I01
```

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Step 4: Complete!

Congrats you can know fork, clone, pull, and push to your repositories

Basic git definitions:

docs.github.com/en/repositories/creating-and-managing-repositories/about-repositories

git reference sheet/documentation:

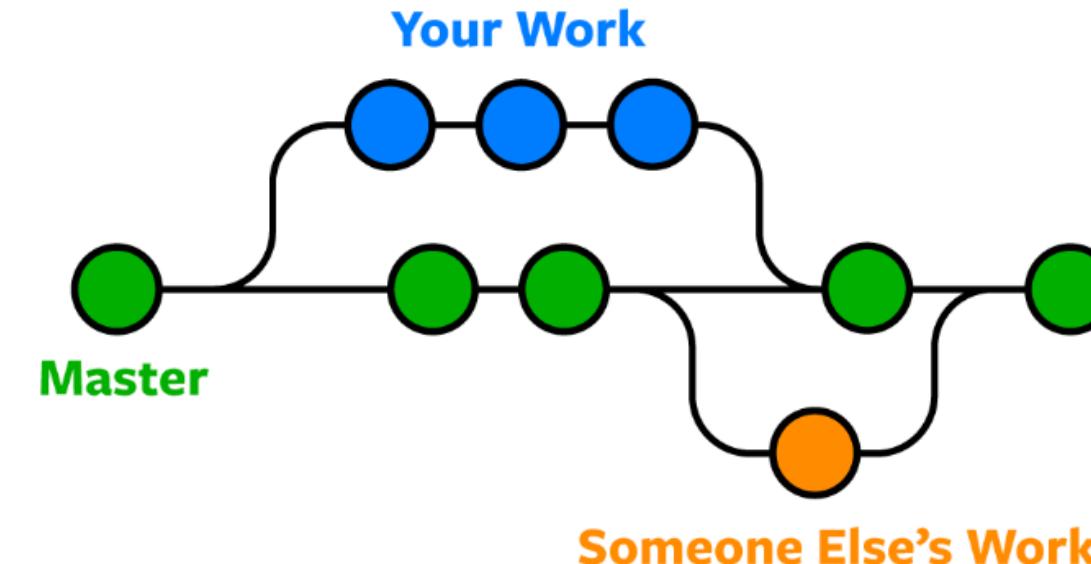
<https://git-scm.com/docs>



Branching

What is a branch?

- “A parallel version of your code that is contained within the repository, but does not affect the primary or main branch.”
- Can see changes between branches
- “main” is the current (main) version of your repository –can merge branches to main



Making a branch in your fork (git bash):

```
git branch example_branch
```

```
git switch example_branch
```

Try making, adding, and committing a new file!

```
git push --set-upstream origin example_branch
```

Now you can PR the branch to your repo!