



# Python Tutorial Series

## Basics I

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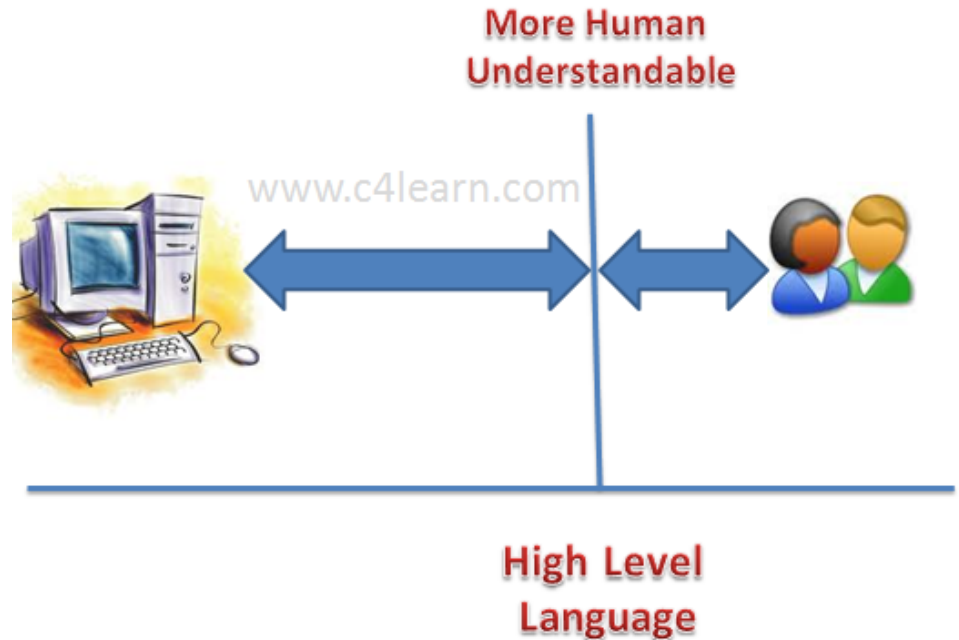


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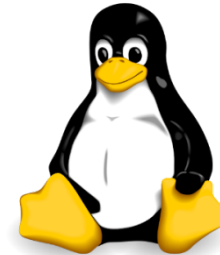
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MacOs



Linux™ Distributions



Linux Mint™



Ubuntu™



Fedora™



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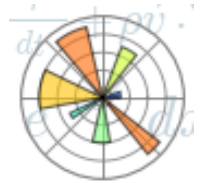
**NumPy**

Numerical Python



**SciPy**

Scientific Python



**Matplotlib**

Python Plotting



**AstroPy**

Astronomical Python



**Jupyter**

Python Notebooks



**Conda**

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**NetBeans**



**PyCharm**





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Which version am I using?

```
$ python --version  
Python 3.6.3
```



# Python as a script

File “**say\_hello\_world.py**”

```
01 print("Hello world")
```

To run this file:

```
path_to_file $ python say_hello_world.py  
Hello world
```



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01 #!/path/to/python  
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To run this file:

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path_to_file $ chmod a+x say_hello_world.py  
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```
#!/usr/bin/env python
```

```
#!/usr/bin/python
```

```
#!/usr/local/bin/python
```

```
#! python
```

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# Python as a script

File “**use\_coding.py**”

```
01 #!/path/to/python
02 # -*- coding: utf8 -*-
03 print(“aá eé cç”)
```

To run this file:

```
path_to_file $ python use_coding.py
Aá eé cç
```





# Python as a script

File “say\_hello\_world.py”

```
01 #!/path/to/python
02 # -*- coding: utf8 -*-
03 """
04 This is a docstring where information
05 about what you are doing and be written.
06 """
07 print("Hello world!")
```

To run this file:

```
path_to_file $ python say_hello_world.py
Hello world!
```



# Types of variables

## Integers

```
>>> 5 + 4  
9
```

```
>>> 5 - 4  
1
```

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>>> 5 * 4  
20
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>>> 5 / 4  
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More on operators  
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5.0
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>>> 2.0 - 3  
-1.0
```

```
>>> 2. * 3  
6.0
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```
>>> x = 2
>>> print(type(x))
<type 'int'>
>>>
>>> x = x + 2
>>> print(x.__class__)
<type 'int'>
```

**Any** assigned **variable** in Python is an **object** and objects have **attributes**.

## Float/Double

```
>>> x = 2.0
>>> print(type(x))
<type 'float'>
>>>
>>> y = 1
>>> y = x + y
>>> print(y.__class__)
<type 'float'>
```

Use `.__class__` attribute to find what type is your object.



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>>> x = x * 1.
>>> print(type(x))
<type 'float'>
>>>
>>> x = int(x)
>>> print(type(x))
<type 'int'>
```



# Types of variables

## Complex

```
>>> (2 + 3j) + (5 - 4j)
(7 - 1j)
```

```
>>> (2 + 3j) - (5 - 4j)
(-3 + 7j)
```

```
>>> (2 + 3j) * (5 - 4j)
(22 + 7j)
```

```
>>> (2 + 3j) / (5 - 4j)
(-0.049 + 0.561j)
```

```
>>> c = (1 + 3.j)
>>> print c.__class__
<type 'complex'>
```

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## Booleans

```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> fruit == 'apple'
False
>>> fruit != 'apple'
True
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>>> mag_v = 15.5
>>> test = mag_v < 10.0
>>> print(test)
False
```

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## Booleans

```
>>> True + False
True
>>> True or False
True
```

```
>>> True * False
False
>>> True and False
False
```

```
>>> not False
True
>>> not True
False
```

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```
>>> x = 1
>>> y = 1
>>> x == y
True
>>> x is y
False
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>>> y = x
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True
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```
>>> x = [5, 8, 2, 3]
```

Sum of lists (appending)

```
>>> x + x  
[5, 8, 2, 3, 5, 8, 2, 3]
```

Multiplication by integer

```
>>> 3 * x  
[5, 8, 2, 3, 5, 8, 2, 3, 5,  
8, 2, 3]
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C-Like Indexing (from 0 to n-1)

```
>>> x[0] # First element  
5
```

```
>>> x[3] # 4th element  
3
```

```
>>> x[-1] # Last element  
3
```



# Types of variables

## Lists

```
>>> x = [5, 8, 2, 3]
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## Slicing

```
>>> x[0:2]  
[5, 8]
```

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>>> x[i:j:k]  
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>>> x[2:]  
[2, 3]
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# Types of variables

## Lists

```
>>> y = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

## Slicing

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>>> y[::2]  
[0, 2, 4, 6]
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```
>>> y[1::2]  
[1, 3, 5]
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>>> y[::2]  
[0, 2, 4, 6]
```

```
>>> y[::-1]  
[6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
```

```
>>> y[1::2]  
[1, 3, 5]
```

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## Lists

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>>> y = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
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One list can hold variables of diferente types!

```
>>> z = [5, 2.0, "abc"]  
>>> z[1]  
2.0  
>>> z[2]  
"abc"
```



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## Strings

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'xyxyxyxyxy'
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Formating strings like C **printf**

```
>>> x = 7
>>> print("%03d" % x)
003
```

<http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Printf>

<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/cstdio/printf/>



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Or using **.format()**

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>>> x = 7
>>> print("{:03d}".format(x))
003
```

[Python – Format mini language specs](#)



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## Dictionaries

### Creating a dictionary and accessing its elements

```
>>> fruits = {'apple': 3, 'orange': 1.5}
>>> print fruits['apple']
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```

### Adding elements to a dictionary

```
>>> fruits['banana'] = 'none'
>>> print fruits
{'apple': 3, 'orange': 1.5, 'banana': 'none'}
```



# Types of variables

## Dictionaries

### Creating a dictionary and accessing its elements

```
>>> fruits = {'apple': 3, 'orange': 1.5}
>>> print fruits['apple']
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```

### Check if a dictionary has an element

```
>>> print 'apple' in fruits
True
>>> print 'kiwi' in fruits
False
```





# Questions?

