



Python Bootcamp Basics II

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Loops and control

if/elif/else

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Python relies
on indentation, so

DON'T MESS UP!

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Loops and control

if/elif/else

PEP8 **HIGHLY** recommends you to use 4 spaces. And **NEVER** mix spaces and tabs. For more informations, read the [PEP-8](https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/).



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Loops and control

for List, tuples, arrays,
matrixes, dictionaries

```
>>> my_list = ['a', 'b', 'c']
>>>
>>> for my_item in my_list:
    .... print my_item
    ....
```

```
a
b
c
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Using indexes

```
>>> my_list = ['a', 'b', 'c']
>>>
>>> for index in range(len(my_list)):
    .... print index, my_list[index]
    ....
0 a
1 b
2 c
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Loops and control

while

```
>>> while some_condition_is_true:  
    ....do_something()
```

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Loops and control

while

test_while.py

```
>>> n_interested = 5
>>>
>>> while n_interested < 0:
...     print(" #Success :D ")
...     n_interested = n_interested - 1
...
>>> print(" #Fail :( ")
```

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Loops and control

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>>>
>>> while n_interested > 0:
>>>     ....print(" #Success :D")
>>>     ....n_interested -= 1
>>>     ....
>>> print(" #Fail :( ")
```

```
$ python foo.py
#Success :D
#Success :D
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#Success :D
#Success :D
#Success :D
#Fail :(
```

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Methods

Defining your own

Define a method

```
01 def my_method(x, y):  
02     """Add here some description"""  
03     k = 2 * x - y  
04     return k
```

More on methods (Functions): [Here](#)



Methods

Defining your own

Define a method

x and **y** are **required** parameters.

```
01 def my_method(x, y):  
02     """Add here some description"""  
03     k = 2 * x - y  
04     return k  
05  
06 print(my_method(2, 4))  
0
```

More on methods (Functions): [Here](#)



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Define a method **x** and **y** are now **keyword** parameters.

```
01 def my_method(x, y):  
02     """Add here some description"""  
03     k = 2 * x - y  
04     return k  
05  
06 print(my_method(y=4, x=2))  
0
```

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Methods

Defining your own

Define a method **z** and **w** are now **default** parameters.

```
01 def my_method(x, y, z=1, w=0):
02     """Add here some description"""
03     k = 2 * x - y / z + w
04     return k
05
06 print(my_method(y=4, x=2))
0
```

More on methods (Functions): [Here](#)



Methods

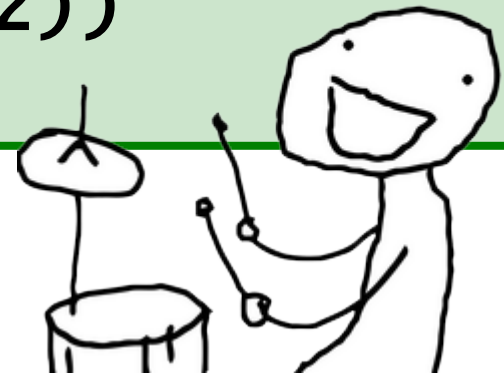
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```

BA DUM TSSS

Default parameters have **default** values.



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06 print(my_method(y=4, x=2, w=5))  
5
```

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Defining your own

Watch out namespaces!

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02 def my_method(x, y):
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07 print(my_method(4))
NameError: global name 'x' is not defined
```

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Methods

Defining your own

Use **lambda**!

```
01 x = 2
02 my_method = lambda x, y: 2 * x - y
03
04 my_method(3, 4)
2
```

More on methods (Functions): [Here](#)



Methods

Defining your own

Re-using your functions

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foo.py

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foo.py

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```

use.py

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Methods Using yours

Built-in methods (or Functions)

```
>>> len('Hello world!')
12
>>> range(5)
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> type('Aloha!')
<type 'string'>
>>> abs(-5.3)
5.3
```

Check all the build-in functions at
<https://docs.python.org/2/library/functions.html>



Methods Using yours

Using methods from libs

```
>>> import math
>>> math.sqrt(9)
3
```

For more, check:

<https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/modules.html>



Methods Using yours

Using methods from libs

```
>>> import math
>>> math.sqrt(9)
3
>>> import math as m
>>> m.sqrt(9)
3
```

For more, check:

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Methods Using yours

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```
>>> from math import sqrt, log
>>> sqrt(9)
3
>>> log(10)
1
```

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3  
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```
>>> from math import *  
>>> from numpy import *  
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>>> x = array([1, 4, 9])  
>>> sqrt(x)  
[1, 2, 3]
```

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TypeError: only length-1 arrays can be converted to Python scalars

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Methods Using yours

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```
>>> from math import sqrt as msqrt
>>> from numpy import sqrt as nsqrt
>>> msqrt(9)
3.
>>> nsqrt([1, 4, 9])
[1., 2., 3.]
```

For more, check:

<https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/modules.html>



Methods Using yours

Using methods from libs

```
>>> import math
>>> import numpy as np
>>> math.sqrt(9)
3.
>>> np.sqrt([1, 4, 9])
[1., 2., 3.]
```



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Methods Using yours

Using methods from objects

```
>>> s = 'Hello world!'
>>> s.lower()
'hello world!'
>>> s.isdigit()
False
```

For more, check:

<https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/modules.html>



Gathering information

The built-in function **help()**

```
>>> def double(x):  
>>>     """Doubles the value of x"""  
>>>     return 2 * x  
>>>
```

Help on built-in function **help()** [here](#).



Gathering information

The built-in function **help()**

```
>>> help(double_value)
Help on function double_value:

double_value(x)
    Return the double of x
```

Help on built-in function **help()** [here](#).



Gathering information

The built-in function **help()**

```
>>> y = 3.
```

```
>>> help(y)
```

```
Help on float object:
```

```
    class float(object)
| float(x) -> floating point number
|
| Convert a string or number to a floating point
| number, if possible.
|
. . .
```

Help on built-in function **help()** [here](#).



Gathering information

The built-in function **help()**

```
>>> y = 3.  
>>> help(y)
```

```
>>> z = 3  
>>> help(z)
```

```
>>> s = 'a string'  
>>> help(s)
```

Help on built-in function **help()** [here](#).



Gathering information

The built-in function **dir()**

```
>>> y = 3.  
>>> dir(y)  
['__abs__',  
 '__add__',  
 '...',  
 'is_integer',  
 'real']
```

Help on built-in function dir() [here](#).



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>>> y = 3  
>>> dir(y)  
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 'real',  
 'to_bytes']
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._variable

is semiprivate and meant just for convention

.__variable

is considered superprivate and gets namemangled to prevent accidental access

.__variable__

is typically reserved for builtin methods or variables

Help on built-in function dir() [here](#).



Questions?

