

# Short Introduction to Python

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# Python Introduction

## C

```
#include "stdio.h"
int main() {
    printf("Hello\n");
}
```

## Java

```
public class Hi {
    public static void main (String [] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello");
    }
}
```

C

```
#include "stdio.h"
int main() {
    printf("Hello\n");
}
```

python

```
print("hello")
```

**Notice: no ;**

Java

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public class Hi {
    public static void main (String [] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello");
    }
}
```

C

```
#include "stdio.h"

int main() {
    int x = 3;
    int y = 4;
    printf("%s\n", x+y);
}
```

python

```
x = 3
y = 4
print(x+y)
```

**Notice: no types**

## Common Types in Python

- **Numeric:** integers, float, complex
- **Sequence:** list, tuple, range
- **Binary:** byte, bytearray
- **True/False:** bool
- **Text:** string

C

```
#include "stdio.h"

int main() {
    int x = 3;
    x = 4.5;
}
```

python

```
x = 3
x = 4.5
```

**What happens when we  
run this in python?**

C

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}
```

python

```
x = 3
x = 4.5
```

**Dynamic Typing!!**



python

```
x = 3
```

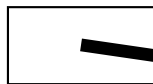
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PyIntObject {  
    value;  
    # other bookkeeping features  
    # type, num_refs, etc.  
}
```

python

```
x = 3
```

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**x**



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python

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```
PyFloatObject {  
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    # other bookkeeping features  
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}
```

**x**



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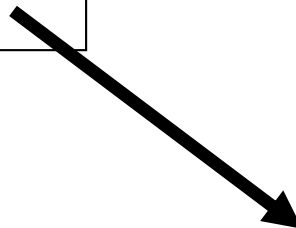
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python

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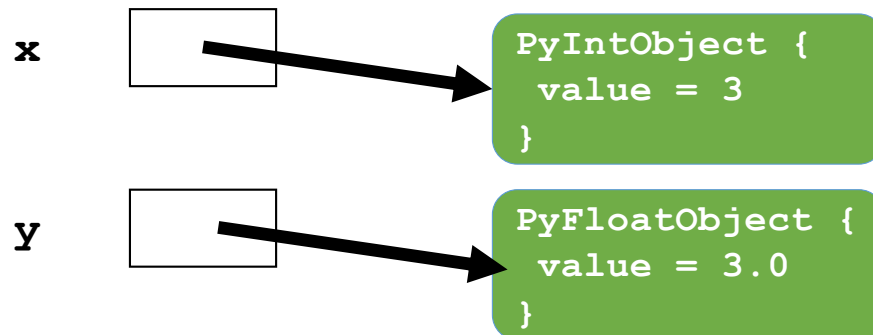
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## Python shell

```
>>> x = 3  
>>> y = 3.0  
>>> x is y
```

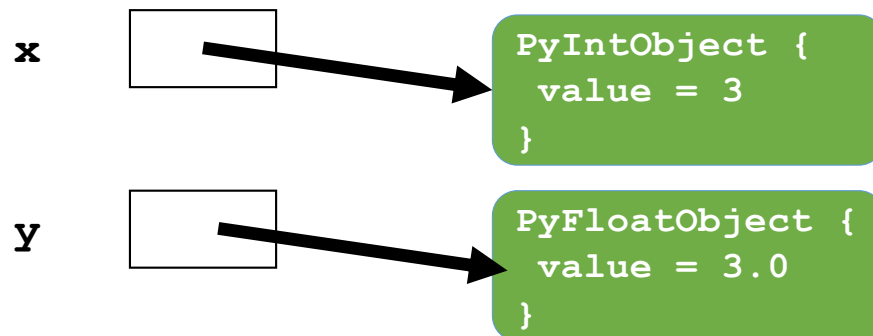
**is** returns if the references point to the same object



## Python shell

```
>>> x = 3
>>> y = 3.0
>>> x is y
False
```

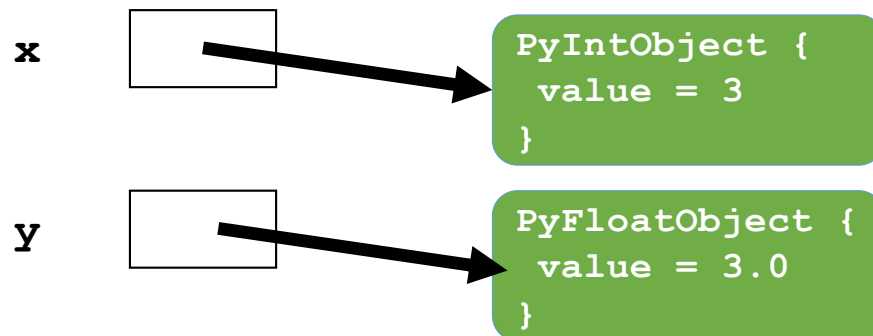
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## Python shell

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>>> x = 3  
>>> y = 3.0  
>>> x == y
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**is** returns if the references point to the same object  
**==** tests for equality

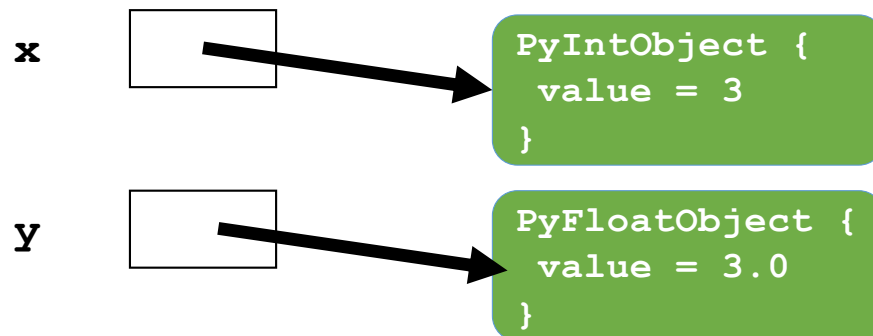


## Python shell

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>>> x = 3
>>> y = 3.0
>>> x == y
True
```

**is** returns if the references point to the same object

**==** tests for equality





python

```
>>> x = "Hello"
```

```
>>> x.lower()
```

```
'hello'
```

**<var\_name>.<method\_name>(params)**

C

```
#include "stdio.h"
int main() {
    int i = 0;
    for(i=0; i < 10; i++) {
        printf("%d\n",i);
    }
}
```

python

```
for i in range(0,10):
    print(i)
```

Python uses  
indentation  
rather than  
brackets.

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python

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for i in range(0,10):
    print(i)
```

```
range(start, stop[, step])
```

Returns values between **start** and **stop**, increasing by the value of **step** (defaults to 1).

python

```
for i in range(0,10,2):  
    print(i)
```

**What do you think this  
will print?**

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range(start, stop[, step])
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and **stop**, increasing by the  
value of **step** (defaults to 1).

## python

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for i in range(0,10,2):  
    print(i)
```

0

2

4

6

8

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python

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```

```
    _____  
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```

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What should I put here to  
print just the even  
values?

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python

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**What should I put here to  
print just the even  
values?**

**% (modulo)**

`x % y` produces the remainder  
from `x / y`.

For example, `22%3` is 1 because  
`22 / 3` is 21 R1

python

```
for i in range(0,10):  
    if i % 2 == 0:  
        print(i)
```

0  
2  
4  
6  
8

What should I put here to  
print just the even  
values?

% (modulo)

x % y produces the remainder  
from x / y.

For example, 22%3 is 1 because  
22 / 3 is 21 R1



## python

```
for i in range(0,5):  
    if i % 3 == 0:  
        print(i)  
    elif i % 3 == 1:  
        print(i+10)  
    else:  
        print(i-10)
```

0  
11  
-8  
3  
14

## % (modulo)

x % y produces the remainder  
from x / y.

For example, 22%3 is 1 because  
22 / 3 is 21 R1

C

```
int my_abs( int val) {  
    if(val < 0) {  
        return 0-val;  
    }  
    return val;  
}
```

python

```
def my_abs(val):  
    if val < 0:  
        return 0-val  
    return val
```

## python

```
def my_abs(val):  
    if val < 0:  
        return 0-val  
    return val  
  
print(my_abs(-7))
```

## python

```
def my_abs(val):  
    if val < 0:  
        return 0-val  
    return val  
  
print(my_abs("Hi"))
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "funct.py", line 6, in <module>  
    print(my_abs("Hi"))  
  File "funct.py", line 2, in my_abs  
    if val < 0:  
TypeError: unorderable types: str() < int()
```

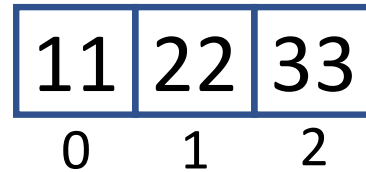
## List Basics

```
>>> list = [11,22,33]
>>> list
[11, 22, 33]
```

```
>>> list[1]
22
```

```
>>> list[3]
```

Error – index out of range



## Iterating over a List

```
>>> list = [11,22,33]
>>> for i in list:
...     print(i)
```

11  
22  
33

```
>>> for i in range(0,len(list)):
...     print(list[i])
```

11  
22  
33

This loop is:

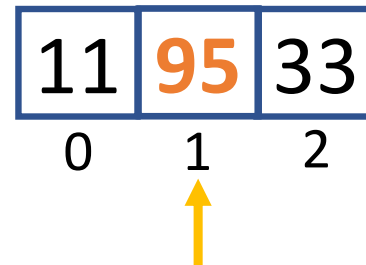
1. Easier to write
2. Less error prone
3. More readable

## Lists are MUTABLE

```
>>> list = [11,22,33]  
>>> list[1]=95
```

```
>>> print(list[1])
```

95



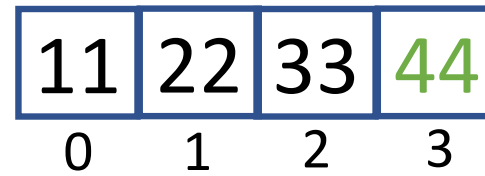
## Appending to a List

```
>>> list = [11,22,33]
```

```
>>> list.append(44)
```

```
>>> list
```

```
[11, 22, 33, 44]
```

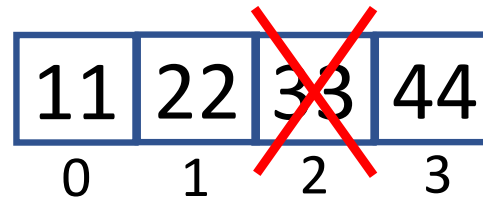




## Deleting from a List

```
>>> list = [11,22,33,44]  
>>> list.pop(2)
```

33



## Tuples Basics

'Honda'	'Civic'	4	2017
0	1	2	3

```
>>> tuple1 = ('Honda','Civic',4,2017)
```

```
>>> tuple1
```

```
('Honda', 'Civic', 4, 2017)
```

```
>>> tuple1[1]
```

```
'Civic'
```

```
>>> len(tuple1)
```

```
4
```

## Tuples are IMMUTABLE

```
>>> tuple1 = ('Honda','Civic',4,2017)
>>> tuple[3]=2018
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment

## Immutability Matters

**If an object is immutable, you can  
TRUST it to never change!**

## What are Dictionaries

Key	Value
'A12367'	'David Wu'
'A27691'	'Maria Sanchez'
'A16947'	'Tim Williams'
'A21934'	'Sarah Jones'

## Dictionary Examples

Key	Value
'CSE8A'	['Christine Alvarado', 'Beth Simon', 'Paul Cao']
'CSE141'	['Dean Tullsen', 'Steve Swanson', 'Leo Porter']
...	...

## Dictionary Examples

Movie

Rating

Ghostbusters 2016

Ghostbusters 1984

<http://www.imdb.com/>

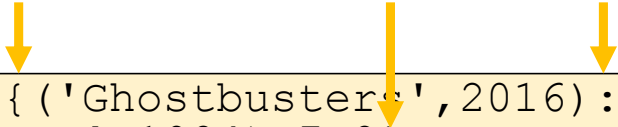
## Movie Ratings Dictionary

Key	Value
('Ghostbusters', 2016)	5.4
('Ghostbusters', 1984)	7.8
('Cars', 2006)	7.1
...	...

<http://www.imdb.com/>



## Dictionary Basics



```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8}  
>>> tuple1
```

```
{('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
 ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8}
```

```
>>> dict[('Ghostbusters', 2016)]
```

```
5.4
```

```
>>> len(dict)
```

```
2
```

## Adding to a Dictionary

```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8}  
>>> dict[('Cars', 2006)] = 7.1
```

```
>>> dict
```

```
{('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
 ('Cars', 2006): 7.1,  
 ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8}
```

**Dictionaries are *unordered***

## Getting a value from a dictionary

```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8, ('Cars', 2006): 7.1}  
>>> x = dict[('Cars', 2006)]  
>>> x
```

7.1

```
>>> x = dict[('Toy Story', 1995)]
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in  
<module>  
KeyError: ('Cars', 2000)
```

## Safer way to get from a dictionary

```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8, ('Cars', 2006): 7.1}  
>>> x = dict.get(('Cars', 2006))  
>>> x
```

7.1

```
>>> x = dict.get(('Toy Story', 1995))  
>>> x == None
```

True

```
>>> ('Toy Story', 1995) in dict
```

False

## Deleting from a Dictionary

```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8, ('Cars', 2006): 7.1}  
>>> dict.pop(('Ghostbusters', 2016))
```

5.4

```
>>> dict
```

```
{('Cars', 2006): 7.1,  
 ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8}
```

```
>>> del dict[('Cars', 2006)]
```

## Iterating over a dictionary

```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8, ('Cars', 2006): 7.1}  
>>> for i in dict:  
...     print(i)
```

```
('Ghostbusters', 2016)  
('Cars', 2006)  
('Ghostbusters', 1984)
```

## Iterating over a dictionary

```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8, ('Cars', 2006): 7.1}  
>>> for key, value in dict.items():  
...     print(key, ":", value)
```

```
('Ghostbusters', 2016) : 5.4  
( 'Cars', 2006) : 7.1  
( 'Ghostbusters', 1984) : 7.8
```

## Be CAREFUL while iterating

```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8, ('Cars', 2006): 7.1}  
>>> for i in dict:  
...     dict.pop(i)
```

5.4

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
RuntimeError: dictionary changed size  
during iteration



## Selective removal

```
>>> dict = {('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
            ('Ghostbusters', 1984): 7.8, ('Cars',  
            2006): 7.1}  
  
>>> to_remove = [];  
>>> for i in dict:  
...     if(i[1] < 2000):  
...         to_remove.append(i)  
>>> for i in to_remove:  
...     dict.pop(i)  
...  
>>> dict  
{('Ghostbusters', 2016): 5.4,  
 ('Cars', 2006): 2.1}
```