KOLT Python

Basic Operators & Branching

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Agenda

1. Recap

2. Basic Operators

3. Branching

Comments

```
# Single line comments start with a '#'

"""
Multiline comments can be written between
three "s and are often used as function
and module comments.
"""
print('Hello, stranger!')
```

Python will basically ignore comments, they are purely written **for humans**!

Variables

Type	Explanation	Examples
`int`	represent **integers**	3, 4, 17, -10
`float`	represent **real numbers**	3.0, 1.11, -109.123123
`bool`	represent **boolean** truth values	`True`, `False`
`str`	A sequence of characters.	'Hello', '', '3'
`NoneType`	special and has one value, None	`None`

- How to create a variable? `variable_name = value`
- How about types? use `type()`
- Can a variable change type? **Yes!** Just assing a new value with any type.
- What if we if want to convert a value between types, i.e, '2'$\rightarrow$ 2

Casting

- `int('2')` $\rightarrow$ 2
- Any possible reasons for casting? -taking user input -reading numbers from a file?
- Can we cast every value to every type? **NO!** try `int('hello')`

Console I/O(Input/Output)

`print(*args, sep=' ', end='\n')`

- Can take arbitrary number of arguments
- Separates elements with space by default
- Adds newline character `'\n'` to end by default

`input([prompt])`

- Prints the prompt to Console
- Program is paused until user enters something
- **returns an `str` object!**

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bool(3.14) # => True
bool(int) # => True
# Nonempty data structures
bool([1, 'a', []]) # => True
bool([False]) # => True
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1/0  # => ZeroDivisionError
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3.2 + 1.4   # => 4.6
3.2 - 1   # => 2.2
3.2 * 1.2   # => 3.84
3.5 / 1.5   # => 2.3333333333333335
3.5 // 1.5 # => 2.0
3.5 % 1.5   # => 0.5
2 ** 10   # => 1024
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```
3.0 == 3   # => True
3.0 >= 3   # => True
# Small-case characters
# have bigger ASCII value
'Aa' > 'aa' # => False
'hi' == 'hi'   # => True
'a' == None   # => True
3 > 'a'   # => TypeError
3 == 'a'   # => False
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3 > 2 == 1 < 5 > 4   # => False
3 > (2 == 1) < 5 > 4   # => True
3 > True > False # => True
3 > 5 < 1/0   # => False
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`result *= 2` is equivalent to `result = result * 2`

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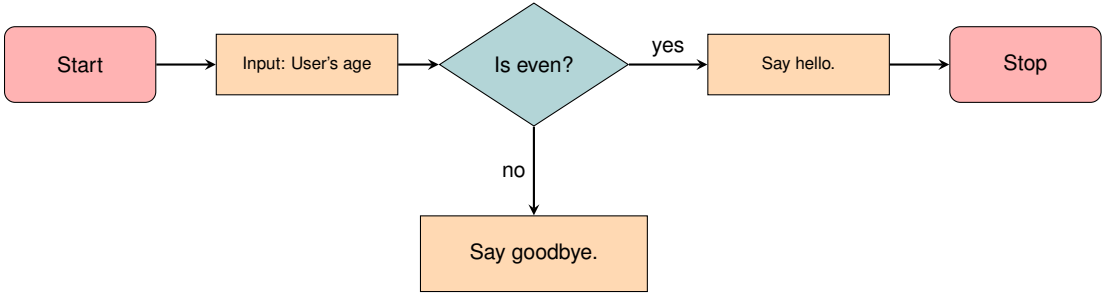
Operator	Usage	Equivalent
`+=`	`val += 3`	`val = val + 3`
`-=`	`val -= 3`	`val = val - 3`
`*=`	`val *= 3`	`val = val * 3`
`/=`	`val /= 3`	`val = val / 3`
`%=`	`val %= 3`	`val = val % 3`
`**=`	`val **= 3`	`val = val ** 3`
`//=`	`val //= 3`	`val = val // 3`

Branching


Start
Input: User's age
Is even?
yes
Say hello.
Stop
no
Say goodbye.

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    <expression>
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- `<condition>` has a **`bool`** value (`True` or `False`)
- Which expressions will be evaluated in which conditions?