Basic Syntax, Conditional Statements and Loops

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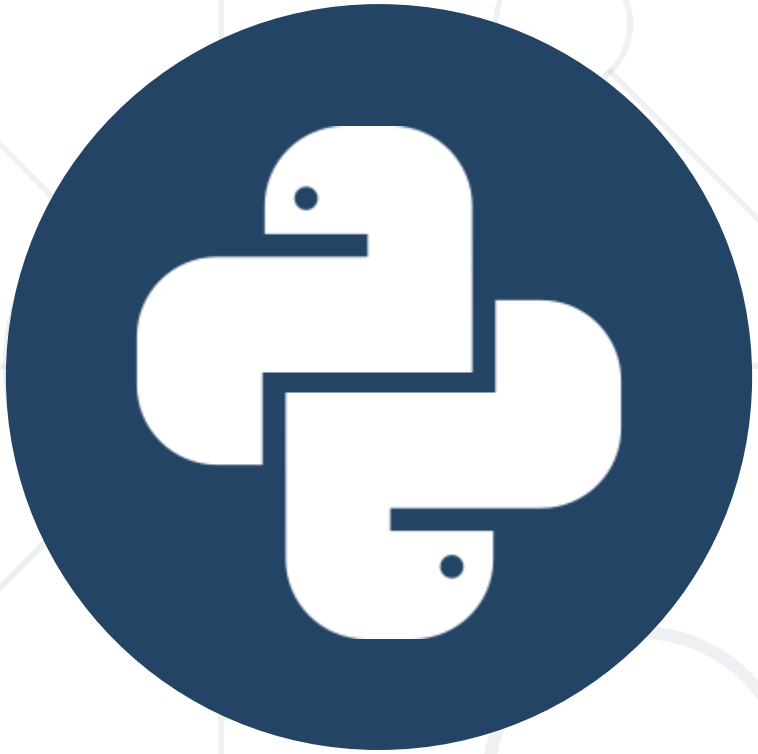


Basic Syntax and First Steps

Installing Python

- Go to python.org and click the download link depending on your operating system

Run Python in Command Prompt

- You can code and execute python directly in the command prompt by typing "**python**" or "**py**"

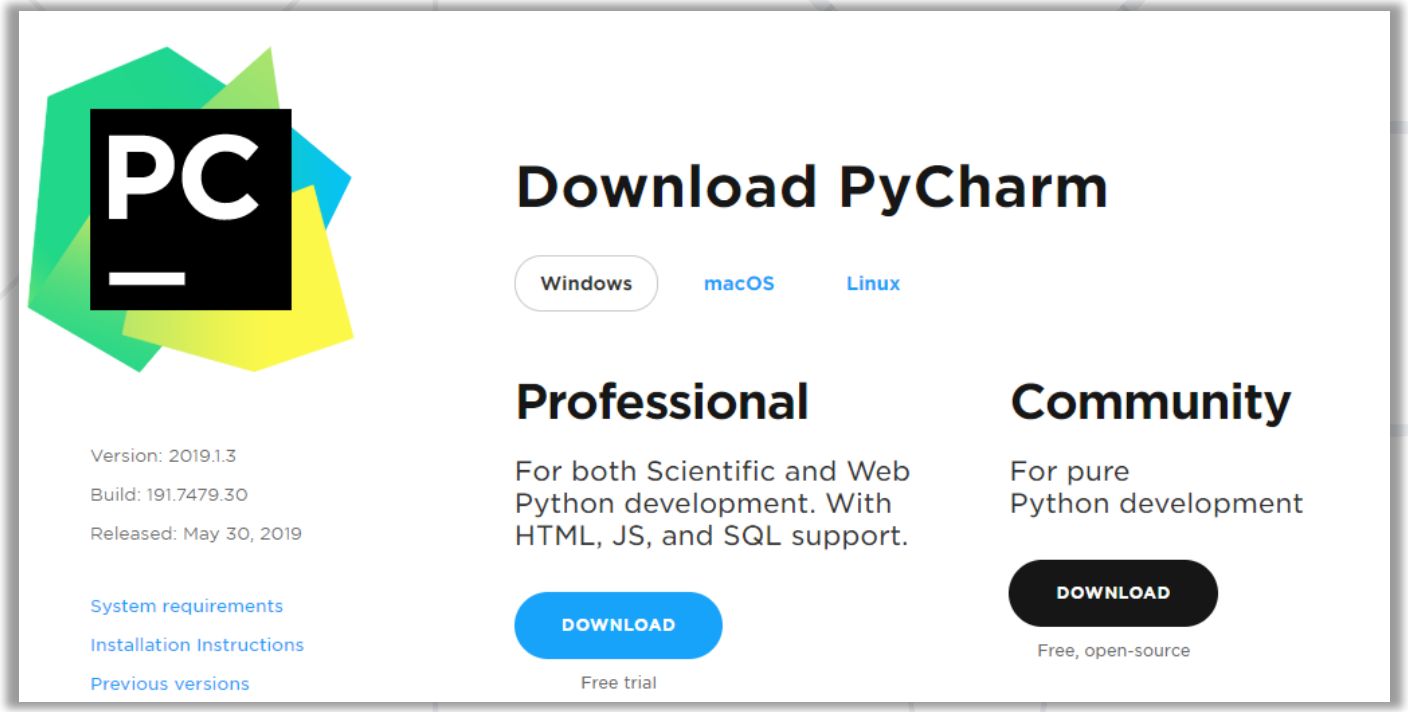
```
C:\Users\Dell>python
Python 3.7.3 (default, Mar 27 2019, 17:13:21) [MSC v.1915 64 bit (AMD64)] :: Ana
conda, Inc. on win32

Warning:
This Python interpreter is in a conda environment, but the environment has
not been activated.  Libraries may fail to load.  To activate this environment
please see https://conda.io/activation

Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> print("Hello World")
Hello World
>>>
```

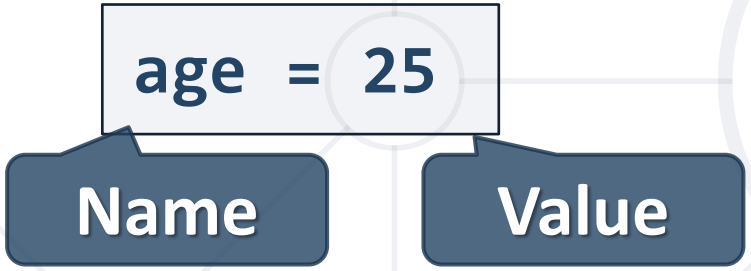
Write Python in IDE

- You can also code in Python using **IDE** (for example: **PyCharm**)
- You can download **PyCharm** from here: https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/download



Basic Syntax

- Variables – they are way to **store information** and are characterized by **name**, **type** and **value**



- Data types – variables are used to hold different data types
  - **int** - integer number : **1, 2, 3, 4, …**
  - **float** - real number : **0.5, 3.14, -0.5, …**
  - **str** - string and chars : **"a", "Hello", …**
  - **bool** - boolean: **True**, **False**

Conditional Statements

Conditional Code Execution

The If-Statement

- An "if statement" is written by using the `if` keyword

```
a = 33
b = 200
if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
```

- Python supports the usual logical conditions from mathematics
  - Equals: a == b
  - Not Equals: a != b
  - Less than: a < b
  - Less than or equal to: a <= b
  - Greater than: a > b
  - Greater than or equal to: a >= b

Indentation

- Python relies on indentation, using whitespace, to define scope in the code
- Other programming languages often use curly-brackets for this purpose
- If statement, without indentation will raise an error

```
a = 33
b = 200
if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
```

The Else-Statement

- The `else` keyword catches anything which isn't caught by the preceding conditions

```
a = 200
b = 33
if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
else:
    print("b is not greater than a")
```

The Elif-Statement

- The `elif` keyword is pythons way of saying "if the previous conditions were not true, then try this condition"

```
a = 33
b = 33
if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
elif a == b:
    print("a and b are equal")
```

And and Or

- The **and**/**or** keywords are logical operators. They are used to combine conditional statements

```
if a > b and c > a:
    print("Both conditions are True")
```

```
if a > b or a > c:
    print("At least one of the conditions is True")
```

Check Number Range

- If you want to check whether a number is in a given range, you can use the following syntax

```
a = int(input())
if 1 <= a <= 10:
    print("a is in the range 1 and 10")
```

1 … 10

Problem: Biggest of Three Numbers

- Write a program which
  - Reads three whole numbers from the console
  - Prints the biggest number

```
3
-1
5
```

→

```
5
```

```
0
-1
-2
```

→

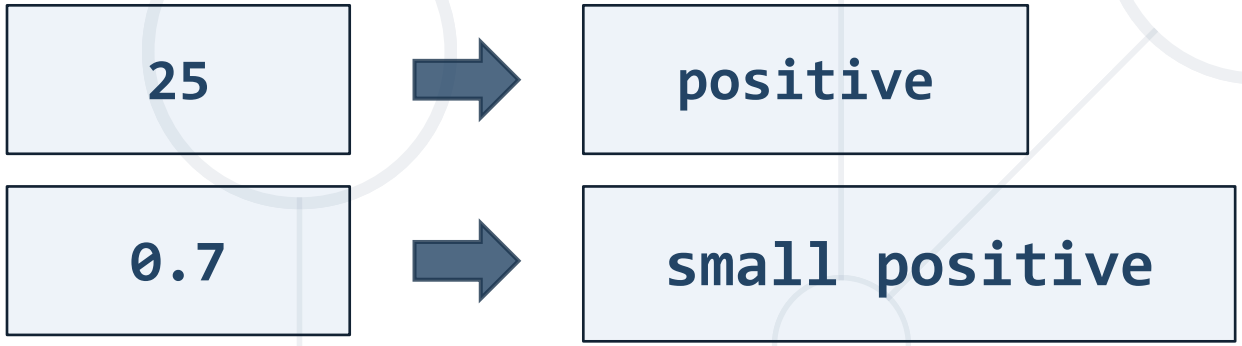
```
0
```

Solution: Biggest of Three Numbers

```
first_num = int(input())
second_num = int(input())
third_num = int(input())
if first_num > second_num and first_num > third_num:
    print(first_num)
elif second_num > first_num and second_num > third_num:
    print(second_num)
else:
    print(third_num)
```

Problem: Number Definer

- Write a program that
  - Reads a floating-point number
  - Prints `zero` if the number is zero otherwise prints `positive` or `negative`.
  - Add `small` if the absolute value of the number < 1, or `large` if the number > 1 000 000.



Solution: Number Definer

```
number = float(input())
if number == 0:
    print("zero")
elif number > 0:
    if number < 1:
        print("small positive")
    elif number > 1000000:
        print("large positive")
    else:
        print("positive")
# TODO
```

Loops

Repeating Blocks of Code

For-Loops

- A for loop is used to iterate over sequence of iterable types like
  - tuple
  - list
  - other iterable types
- The for loop does not require an indexing variable to set beforehand

The Range Function

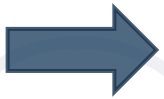
- To loop through a set of code a specified number of times, we can use the `range()` function

```
for x in range(3):
    print(x)
# 0
# 1
# 2
```

The Break Statement

- The **break** statement **stops** the loop before it has looped through all the items

```
for x in range(3):
    if x == 1:
        break
    print(x)
```

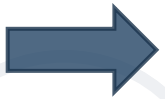


```
0
```

The Continue Statement

- The continue statement skips the current iteration of the loop and continue with the next

```
for x in range(3):
    if x == 1:
        continue
    print(x)
```



```
0
2
```

While-Loops

- With a while loop we can execute a set of statements as long as the condition is true

```
i = 1
while i < 6:
    print(i)
    i += 1
```

- **Note:** remember to increment `i`, or else the loop will continue forever

Problem: Word Reverse

- Write a program that
  - Receives a single word from the user
  - Reverses it and prints it

Solution: Word Reverse

```
word = input()
reversed_word = ""
for i in range(len(word) - 1, -1, -1):
    reversed_word += word[i]
print(reversed_word)
```

Problem: Number Between 1 and 100

- Write a program which
  - Reads numbers from the console until it receives a number between 1 and 100 inclusive
  - When the correct number is received, stop reading and print `"The number {number} is between 1 and 100"`

```
-3
0.9
44
```

```
The number 44 is between 1 and 100
```

Solution: Number Between 1 and 100

```
number = float(input())
while number < 1 or number > 100:
    number = float(input())
print(f'The number {number} is between 1 and 100')
```

Live Exercises

Summary

- We learned how to:
  - Execute code based on different conditions
  - Use loops to execute a block of code multiple times on different elements
  - Stop/skip iterations in loops

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