

## Variables and Data Types in Python

In Python, a variable is a name that refers to a value stored in memory. Variables themselves have no fixed type; instead, they reference objects of some type.

Example:

```
x = 5          # x refers to an integer object (int)
```

```
y = "Alice"    # y refers to a string object (str)
```

Python is dynamically typed; the type is inferred from the value:

```
x = 10         # int
```

```
x = "hello"    # str (now x is a string)
```

Variable naming rules:

- Can include letters, digits, and underscores.
- Cannot start with a digit.
- Case-sensitive.
- Should not use reserved keywords.

Checking type:

```
name = "Jane"
```

```
age = 30
```

```
print(type(name))  # str
```

```
print(type(age))   # int
```

Major Data Types:

1. int: Whole numbers.
2. float: Decimal numbers.
3. complex: Numbers with a real and imaginary part.
4. str: Text (strings).
5. bool: Boolean values (True, False).
6. list: Ordered, mutable collection.
7. tuple: Ordered, immutable collection.
8. set: Unordered collection of unique items.
9. dict: Unordered collection of key-value pairs.

Mutable vs. Immutable:

- Mutable: list, dict, set
- Immutable: int, float, str, tuple, bool

Examples:

```
list_example = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
tuple_example = (1, 2, 3)
```

```
set_example = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
dict_example = {"name": "Alice", "age": 30}
```