

02.2_Program-Variables-Operators

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1 Introduction to Python for Open Source Geocomputation



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1.1 The Way of Program

Program for problem solving: * formulate problems * think creatively about solutions * express a solution clearly and accurately

1.2 What is a program? - Computation

A sequence of instructions that specifies how to perform a **computation**.

Different types of computation:

| Type | Example (1) | Examples (2) |
|--------------|--|--|
| Mathematical | Solving a system of equations | Finding the roots of a polynomial |
| Symbolic | Searching and replacing text in a document | processing an image or playing a video |

1.3 What is a program? - Instructions

| Instruction | Function |
|-----------------------|---|
| input | Get data from the keyboard, a file, the network, or some other device. |
| output | Display data on the screen, save it in a file, send it over the network, etc. |
| math/operation | Perform basic mathematical operations like addition and multiplication. |
| conditional execution | Check for certain conditions and run the appropriate code. |
| repetition | Perform some action repeatedly, usually with some variation. |

Divde and conquer!!!

```
[1]: input()
```

2

```
[1]: '2'
```

1.4 Problem 1 : Print “Hello world!”

Think about the five basic instructions: input, output, math, conditional execution, repetition.

For this problem: which instructions will we need?

input, output

```
[2]: ?print
```

```
[3]: print("Hello world!")
```

Hello world!

1.4.1 Analyze the program `print("Hello world!")`

- A statement
- `print()`: function
 - indicated by `()`
 - displays the value of the input (required **argument**) on the screen
 - one of the many Python *built-in* functions
- `"Hello world!"`:
 - **string** data type
 - input
 - required argument: the string of characters it should print out for you

```
[4]: print(1)
```

1

1.5 Problem 2 : Print “Hello world!” three times

Think about the five basic instructions: input, output, math, conditional execution, repetition.

For this problem: which instructions will we need?

input, output, repetition

```
[5]: for i in range(3):  
      print("Hello world!")
```

Hello world!

Hello world!

Hello world!

1.6 Python as a calculator (Arithmetic operators)

The symbols are what you would expect, except for the “raise-to-the-power-of” operator, which you obtain with two asterisks: **. Try all of these:

+ - * / ** % //

The % symbol is the *modulo* operator (divide and return the remainder), and the double-slash is *floor division*.

Operators: special symbols that represent computations like addition and multiplication

```
[6]: 2 + 2
```

```
[6]: 4
```

```
[7]: 1.25 + 3.65
```

```
[7]: 4.9
```

```
[8]: 5 - 3
```

```
[8]: 2
```

```
[9]: 2 * 4
```

```
[9]: 8
```

```
[10]: 7 / 2
```

```
[10]: 3.5
```

```
[11]: 2**3
```

```
[11]: 8
```

```
[12]: 2 * 2 * 2
```

```
[12]: 8
```

```
[13]: 5%2
```

```
[13]: 1
```

```
[14]: 5//2
```

```
[14]: 2
```

```
[15]: 5/2
```

```
[15]: 2.5
```

Let's see an interesting case:

```
[16]: 9**1/2
```

```
[16]: 4.5
```

1.6.1 Discuss with your neighbor:

What happened? Isn't $9^{1/2} = 3$? (Raising to the power $1/2$ is the same as taking the square root.) Did Python get this wrong?

Compare with this:

```
[17]: 9 ** 0.5
```

```
[17]: 3.0
```

```
[18]: 9**(1/2)
```

```
[18]: 3.0
```

Yes! The order of operations matters!

| Order | Operation |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Parentheses means brackets() |
| 2 | Exponents (and Roots) means power |
| 3 | Multiplication & Division |
| 4 | Addition & Subtraction |

1.6.2 Another example of order of Arithmetic operations

```
[19]: 3 + 3 / 2
```

```
[19]: 4.5
```

```
[20]: (3 + 3) / 2
```

```
[20]: 3.0
```

```
[21]: 3 + (3 / 2)
```

```
[21]: 4.5
```

1.6.3 Group Exercise:

Discuss and work with your neighbor:

Suppose the cover price of a book is \$24.95, but bookstores get a 40% discount. Shipping costs \$3 for the first copy and 75 cents for each additional copy. What is the total wholesale cost for 60 copies?

When you are done with your calculation, raise your hand.

```
[22]: (24.95 * (1-0.4) * 60) + (3 * 1 + (60-1) * 0.75)
```

```
[22]: 945.4499999999999
```

1.7 Value and types

A value is one of the basic things a program works with, like a letter or a number

Each value has a type:

- 60 is an integer, 24.95 is a float, "Hello World" is a string
- we can use built-in function `type()` to check the type of a value

```
[23]: type(60)
```

```
[23]: int
```

```
[24]: type(24.95)
```

```
[24]: float
```

```
[25]: type("Hello World")
```

```
[25]: str
```

1.8 Variables

Two parts in a variable: **Name** and **Value**.

- Name: state
- value: "Texas", 48, "48"

1.8.1 Creating a variable: Assignment Statement

- Use the equal sign `name = value`
- The name of the variable goes on the left and the value on the right.
- Think of it as an arrow pointing from `name` to `value`.

We do not need to declare the type of a newly defined variable (makes the program more succinct than C/C++), python will infer the type based on the value.

```
[26]: state = "Texas"
      print(state)
```

Texas

```
[27]: type(state)
```

```
[27]: str
```

1.8.2 Updating a variable: Assignment Statement

- Use the equal sign `name = value`

```
[28]: state = 48
      print(state)
```

48

```
[29]: type(state)
```

```
[29]: int
```

1.8.3 Rules of Variable Names

- Leading character:
 - Must be a letter or the underscore character
 - Cannot be a number

```
[30]: _state = 48
```

```
[31]: $state = 48
```

```
File "/var/folders/6m/8n2ktxl566j8yp0n_qx7x5bw0000gt/T/ipykernel_3771/
↳3927349684.py", line 1
    $state = 48
    ^
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

```
[32]: 4state = 48
```

```
File "/var/folders/6m/8n2ktxl566j8yp0n_qx7x5bw0000gt/T/ipykernel_3771/
↳1752543828.py", line 1
    4state = 48
    ^
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

- can only contain alpha-numeric characters and underscores (A-z, 0-9, and _)

```
[33]: state_id = 48
```

```
[34]: state&id = 48
```

```
File "/var/folders/6m/8n2ktxl566j8yp0n_qx7x5bw0000gt/T/ipykernel_3771/
↳3220935798.py", line 1
    state&id = 48
    ^
SyntaxError: cannot assign to operator
```

- Case-sensitive

```
[35]: state = 48
```

```
[36]: STATE = 40
```

```
[37]: state
```

```
[37]: 48
```

1.8.4 “Good” Variable Names

1. Be clear and concise.
2. Be written in English.
3. Not conflict with any [Python keywords](#), such as `for`, `True`, `False`, `and`, `if`, or `else`. These are reserved for special operations in Python and cannot be used as variable names.

```
[38]: HSHDHAHFASFHAHF = 1
```

```
[39]: for = 9
```

```
File "/var/folders/6m/8n2ktxl566j8yp0n_qx7x5bw0000gt/T/ipykernel_3771/
↳338946984.py", line 1
    for = 9
      ^
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```

```
[40]: help("keywords")
```

Here is a list of the Python keywords. Enter any keyword to get more help.

| | | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|--------|
| False | break | for | not |
| None | class | from | or |
| True | continue | global | pass |
| __peg_parser__ | def | if | raise |
| and | del | import | return |
| as | elif | in | try |
| assert | else | is | while |
| async | except | lambda | with |
| await | finally | nonlocal | yield |

1.8.5 Good Variable Naming Format: pothole_case_naming

- lowercase words separated by underscores _.
- our suggested format as the underscores make it easy to read the variable, and don't add too much to the length of the variable name.
- As an example, consider the variable `temp_celsius`.

```
[41]: fire_station_id = "101533"
```

```
[42]: x = 1
```

```
[43]: xx = 3
```

```
[44]: xxxx
```

```
-----
NameError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
/var/folders/6m/8n2ktxl566j8yp0n_qx7x5bw0000gt/T/ipykernel_3771/3574181483.py i:
↳<module>
----> 1 xxxx
```



```
NameError: name 'xxxx' is not defined
```

```
[ ]: university_name = "UNT"
```

1.8.6 Automation 1: arithmetic operations on variables

Example: Group Exercise Suppose the cover price of a book is \ \$24.95, but bookstores get a 40% discount. Shipping costs \ \$3 for the first copy and 75 cents for each additional copy. What is the total wholesale cost for 60 copies?

```
[45]: 24.95 * 0.6
```

```
[45]: 14.969999999999999
```

```
[46]: price = 24.95  
      number = 0.6  
      price * number
```

```
[46]: 14.969999999999999
```

```
[47]: book_price = price * number  
      print(book_price)
```

```
14.969999999999999
```

```
[48]: price = 20  
      number = 1000  
  
      book_price = price * number  
      print(book_price)
```

```
20000
```

1.8.7 Automation 2: functions

```
[49]: def calc_book_price(price, number):  
      book_price = price * number  
      return book_price
```

```
[50]: calc_book_price(24.95, 0.6)
```

```
[50]: 14.969999999999999
```

```
[51]: calc_book_price(20, 1000)
```

```
[51]: 20000
```

1.8.8 Group Exercise:

Discuss and work with your neighbor:

Suppose the cover price of a book is \$24.95, but bookstores get a 40% discount. Shipping costs \$3 for the first copy and 75 cents for each additional copy. What is the total wholesale cost for 60 copies?

how to automate our solution in a function?

```
def calc_total_cost(copies):  
    return
```

```
[52]: def calc_total_cost(copies):  
        return
```

2 Next Class

- Topic: Functions
- Readings: Chapters 3