Intro to Python

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1 Express Yourself!

An expression describes to the computer how to combine pieces of data. Many expressions form computer programs.

1.1 Write an expression to get to 2017. (Bonus Challenge: Try to use the numbers 1 through 9)

1.2 Write an expression to get to your birth year.

2 To Float or not to Float

Integers are called int values in Python - they can only represent whole numbers. Any number that has decimal point values is called a float.

2.1 Are these expressions floats or ints? It's up to you to decide!

3 Assign and Rate

We can assign names to values in Python using assignment statements:

```
>>> a = 10
>>> a
... 10
```

3.1 Mike had a tremendous growth spurt over the past year. Find his growth rate over this 1 year. (Hint: The Growth Rate is the absolute difference between the final and initial levels divided by the initial value)

```
>>> initial_height = 92
>>> final_height = 138
>>> growth_rate = ?
```

4 Call and Response

Call expressions invoke functions, which are defined expressions (ex. add is a function). The name of the function is in front of the opening parentheses, and the expressions in parentheses are the inputs.

```
Ex. >>> add(15, add(20, 15))
```

Remember: Because the inputs to a call expression are expressions themselves, you can have another call expression as an input. Additionally, remember that in Python we evaluate from left to right.

4.1 What's the output?

```
>>> from operator import add, sub, mul
>>> mul(4, sub(3, 1))
>>> add(sub(mul(2, 3), 2), 3)
>>> float_num = 2.3
>>> round(2 - float_num)
>>> rounded_num = round(4.4 - 1)
>>> max(2, abs(12 - 9), rounded_num)
```

5 Diagramming Calls

Diagram each of the following calls. An example is provided:

5.1 Example:

... 8

All of the lines in our diagram are expressions - the line at the top is an addition expression, the mul a multiplication expression, and the sub a subtraction expression.

The following variables could be used in the diagrams:

```
>>> x = 1
>>> z = 2
>>> y = 3
```

5.2 Infix Diagramming

```
(** in Python is the power operator)
ex.
>>> 2 ** 3
... 8
>>> 5 + z ** y - y / z * 6
```

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5.3 Call Diagramming

The function truediv operates like the \setminus sign **and** the **pow** function operates like **. >>> sub(add(5, **pow**(z, y)), mul(truediv(y, z), 6))

5.4 Callception

>>> mul(add(sub(max(y, z), x), z), y)

5.5 Callception

>>> (max(y, z) - x + z) * y