Python Variables

Definition:

- Variables store data values.
- Python is dynamically typed, so you don't need to declare a variable type explicitly.

Assigning Values:

```
x = 5
name = "Alice"
is_student = True
```

Naming Conventions:

- **Descriptive Names**: Use meaningful and descriptive names to make your code selfexplanatory. For example, use total_cost instead of tc.
- Lowercase with Underscores: Variable names should be written in lowercase letters and words should be separated by underscores for readability. For example, student_name instead of studentName.
- Avoid Reserved Words: Do not use Python reserved keywords as variable names, such as class, for, if, etc.
- Start with a Letter or Underscore: Variable names must start with a letter (a-z, A-Z) or an underscore (_). They cannot start with a number.
- No Special Characters: Variable names should only contain letters, numbers, and underscores. Avoid using special characters like !, @, #, etc.
- **Case Sensitivity**: Remember that variable names are case-sensitive. For example, myVariable and myvariable are two different variables.
- **Short but Meaningful**: While being descriptive, try to keep variable names reasonably short. For example, num_students is better than number_of_students_in_the_class.
- **Use Singular Nouns**: Use singular nouns for variables that hold a single value, and plural nouns for variables that hold collections. For example, student for a single student, and students for a list of students.
- Consistency: Be consistent with your naming conventions throughout your code to maintain readability and ease of understanding.
- Avoid Double Underscores: Do not use double underscores at the beginning and end of variable names, as these are reserved for special use in Python (e.g., __init___, __main__).

Basic Operations:

```
a = 10
b = 20
sum = a + b
print(sum) # Output: 30
```

Data Types in Python

Numeric Types

- int: Integer numbers, e.g., 5, -3, 42.
- float: Floating-point numbers, e.g., 3.14, -0.001, 2.0.
- complex: Complex numbers with real and imaginary parts, e.g., 1 + 2j, 3 4j.

```
x = 5  # int
y = 3.14  # float
z = 1 + 2j  # complex
```

Numeric Types Practical Use Case

- int: Whole numbers without decimal points. Used for counting and indexing.
- float: Numbers with decimal points. Used for precise calculations and measurements.
- complex: Numbers with real and imaginary parts. Used for advanced mathematical computations.

String Type

• str: A sequence of characters, e.g., "hello", 'world'.

```
greeting = "Hello, world!"
```

String Types Practical Use Case

- Collect and Store Feedback: Gather customer feedback and store it in a list of strings.
- Extract Useful Information: Identify key phrases or sentiments to understand customer opinions.

Format Responses: Prepare feedback data for reporting or display, enhancing readability.

Sequence Types

• list: Ordered, mutable collection of items, e.g., [1, 2, 3], ['a', 'b', 'c'].

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']
# It may have diff types of data
fruits = [1, 3.4, True ,'cherry']

# May have duplicate data
fruits = ['apple', 'apple', 'apple']

# List has index
print(fruits[0])
```

• **tuple**: Ordered, immutable collection of items, e.g., (1, 2, 3), ('a', 'b', 'c').

```
coordinates = (10, 20,40)
# It may have diff types of data
coordinates = (10, "20",4.0)

# May have duplicate data
coordinates = (10, 10,10)

# has index
print(coordinates[0])
```

• range: Represents an immutable sequence of numbers, commonly used in loops, e.g., range(5), range(1, 10, 2).

```
numbers = range(1, 10)

# Using Loop
numbers = range(1, 10)
for number in numbers:
    print(number)
```

```
# Converting List
print(list(numbers))

# Use Star
print(*numbers)

# Means Default Start from 0
numbers = range(10)

# Means Range After 2 Step
numbers = range(1, 10, 2)
```

String Types Practical Use Case

- List: Used for storing a collection of items that can be modified. Ideal for tasks where you
 need to add, remove, or change items frequently.
- **Tuple**: Used for storing a collection of items that should not be changed. Perfect for readonly data or fixed collections of items, like coordinates or configuration settings.
- Range: Used for generating a sequence of numbers. Commonly used in loops for iterating
 a specific number of times or creating sequences of numbers efficiently.

Mapping Type

• **dict**: Unordered, mutable collection of key-value pairs, e.g., {'name': 'Alice', 'age': 25}

```
person = {'name': 'Alice', 'age': 25}
print(person['name'])
print(person)
```

Mapping Type Practical Use Case

- **Storing Employee Data**: Use dictionaries to store employee information with unique IDs as keys and details (name, position, salary) as values.
- Accessing Employee Data: Retrieve specific employee details quickly using their unique ID as the key.
- Updating Employee Records: Easily update or modify employee information in the dictionary by accessing the relevant key.

Set Types

• **set**: Unordered, mutable collection of unique items, e.g., {1, 2, 3}, {'a', 'b', 'c'}.

```
# Must have unique data
unique_numbers = {1, 2, 3}

# Duplicate data avoided
unique_numbers = {1, 2,2, 3,3,3}
```

• **frozenset**: Unordered, immutable collection of unique items, e.g., frozenset([1, 2, 3]).

```
# Must have unique data
immutable_set = frozenset([1, 2, 3])

# Duplicate data avoided
immutable_set = frozenset([1,2, 2, 3])
```

Set Types Practical Use Case

- Set: Used for storing a collection of unique items. Ideal for tasks that require eliminating duplicates or performing mathematical set operations like unions, intersections, and differences.
- **Frozenset**: An immutable version of a set. Suitable for scenarios where a set of unique items needs to be hashable, such as using sets as dictionary keys or elements of another set.

Boolean Type

bool: Represents True or False.

```
is_active = True
```

Boolean Type Practical Use Case

- Authentication Status: Use a boolean variable to track if a user is logged in (True) or not (False).
- Conditional Statements: Use booleans in if statements to execute different code blocks based on conditions, such as granting access to certain features only if the user is authenticated.
- Validation Checks: Use booleans to validate user inputs or data integrity, such as checking if an input meets specific criteria (True) or not (False).

None Type

• NoneType: Represents the absence of a value or a null value.

```
result = None
```

None Type Practical Use Case

- **Function with No Return Value**: Use None to indicate that a function does not return a value. This is useful for functions that perform actions rather than calculations.
- **Default Parameter Values**: Use None as a default parameter value to signify that no argument was passed, allowing for flexible function definitions and behavior.
- Placeholder for Optional Data: Use None as a placeholder for optional or missing data, making it clear when a variable is intentionally left unset or waiting for a value.

Checking Data Types

```
x = 10
print(type(x)) # Output: <class 'int'>

y = 3.14
print(type(y)) # Output: <class 'float'>

message = "Hello"
print(type(message)) # Output: <class 'str'>

is_valid = True
print(type(is_valid)) # Output: <class 'bool'>
```

Checking Data Types Use Case

- Input Validation: Ensure that user inputs are of the expected type before processing them.
- Function Arguments: Validate function arguments to prevent type errors and ensure correct operation.
- Data Processing: Confirm data types during processing to apply appropriate operations and avoid errors.
- Configuration Loading: Verify the types of configuration settings loaded from files or environment variables.
- Dynamic Data Handling: Handle data that can come in various types (e.g., JSON parsing) by checking types before processing.

Mutable vs. Immutable Data Types:

- Mutable: Can be changed after creation (e.g., lists, dictionaries).
- Immutable: Cannot be changed after creation (e.g., strings, tuples).

Immutable Data Types

Immutable objects cannot be modified after their creation. Any operation that seems to modify an immutable object will actually create a new object. Immutable types include.

Integers (int): Whole numbers, positive or negative.

```
a = 5
initial_id = id(a)
a = 10  # Creates a new integer object with value 10
new_id=id(a)
```

Floating-point numbers (float): Numbers with a decimal point.

```
b = 3.14
initial_id = id(b)
b = 2.71 # Creates a new float object with value 2.71
```

```
new_id=id(b)
```

Strings (str): Sequences of characters.

```
s = "hello"
initial_id = id(s)
s = "world" # Creates a new string object with value "world"
new_id=id(s)
```

Tuples (tuple): Ordered collections of items.

```
t = (1, 2, 3)
initial_id = id(t)
t = (4, 5, 6) # Creates a new tuple object with different values
new_id=id(t)
```

Frozen Sets (frozenset): Immutable sets.

```
fs = frozenset([1, 2, 3])
initial_id = id(fs)
fs = frozenset([4, 5, 6]) # Creates a new frozenset object with different values
new_id=id(fs)
```

Immutable Practical Use Cases

- Configuration Settings: Store application settings in tuples to ensure they are not accidentally modified.
- User Roles: Define fixed user roles (e.g., admin, editor, viewer) using tuples for security and integrity.
- API Endpoints: Use tuples to store API endpoints, ensuring the URLs remain constant.
- **Coordinates**: Store geographical coordinates as tuples to maintain their integrity throughout the application.
- Cache Keys: Use frozensets for cache keys to ensure that key combinations remain consistent and hashable.

Mutable objects can be modified after their creation. Operations that modify mutable objects do not create new objects but rather change the existing object. Mutable types include:

Lists (list): Ordered collections of items.

```
l = [1, 2, 3]
initial_id = id(1)
l[0] = 4  # Modifies the existing list object
new_id = id(1)
```

Dictionaries (dict): Collections of key-value pairs.

```
d = {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
initial_id = id(d)
d['a'] = 3  # Modifies the existing dictionary object
new_id = id(d)
```

Sets (set): Unordered collections of unique items.

```
s = {1, 2, 3}
initial_id = id(s)
s.add(4) # Modifies the existing set object
new_id = id(s)
```

Mutable Practical Use Cases

- User Sessions: Use dictionaries to store session data, allowing dynamic updates of userspecific information.
- **Shopping Cart**: Implement shopping carts using lists to add, remove, or modify items based on user actions.
- Form Data: Collect and modify form inputs using dictionaries, making it easy to validate and process user submissions.
- Real-time Notifications: Maintain a list of notifications for users, allowing additions and deletions as new events occur.
- Dynamic UI Elements: Use lists or dictionaries to manage dynamic elements like usergenerated content or interactive components that change based on user interaction.

Explicit Type Conversion: The programmer manually converts a data type using functions like int(), float(), or str().

```
x = "123"
y = int(x)  # Convert string to integer
z = float(x)  # Convert string to float
a = str(456)  # Convert integer to string

print(y)  # Output: 123
print(z)  # Output: 123.0
print(a)  # Output: "456"
```

Implicit Type Conversion: Python automatically converts one data type to another during operations without explicit instruction from the programmer.

```
x = 10
y = 3.14
z = x + y # x is converted to float
print(z) # Output: 13.14
```

Handling Conversion Errors

```
try:
    x = "abc"
    y = int(x)
except Exception as e:
    print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
```

Type Conversion Use Case

- User Input Handling: Convert string inputs from forms into integers or floats for calculations.
- Data Processing: Convert data types when reading from or writing to files to ensure correct data formats.
- Mathematical Operations: Convert data to appropriate numeric types for accurate mathematical operations.
- JSON Parsing: Convert data types when parsing JSON to ensure correct types for further processing.

• **Database Interaction**: Convert data types to match database schema requirements when inserting or retrieving data.

Example: Simple Calculator

```
# Simple Addition
num1 = input("Enter first number: ")
num2 = input("Enter second number: ")

# Convert input strings to integers
num1 = int(num1)
num2 = int(num2)

# Calculate the sum
sum = num1 + num2

# Print the result
print("The sum is:", sum)
```

Example: Greeting Program

```
# Greeting Program
name = input("Enter your name: ")

# Print a personalized greeting
print("Hello, " + name + "!")
```

Example: Temperature Converter (Celsius to Fahrenheit)

```
# Temperature Converter (Celsius to Fahrenheit)
celsius = input("Enter temperature in Celsius: ")
```

```
# Convert input string to float
celsius = float(celsius)

# Calculate Fahrenheit
fahrenheit = (celsius * 9/5) + 32

# Print the result
print("Temperature in Fahrenheit:", fahrenheit)
```

Example: Even or Odd Checker

```
# Even or Odd Checker
num = input("Enter a number: ")

# Convert input string to integer
num = int(num)

# Check if the number is even or odd
if num % 2 == 0:
    print(num, "is even")
else:
    print(num, "is odd")
```

Example: Simple Interest Calculator

```
# Simple Interest Calculator
principal = input("Enter the principal amount: ")
rate = input("Enter the rate of interest: ")
time = input("Enter the time (in years): ")

# Convert input strings to float
principal = float(principal)
rate = float(rate)
time = float(time)

# Calculate simple interest
interest = (principal * rate * time) / 100
```

```
# Print the result
print("The simple interest is:", interest)
```