



Intro to Python

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Introductions

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Fun Fact

Developed a novelty
BBQ product that
was featured in USA
Today



Class Introductions

- Name
- What's your job?
- How do you plan to apply skills your Python skills?
- Fun Fact

Objectives for Class

- Build strong foundation of Python
- Remove barriers/frustration
- Enable you to approach more advanced topics
 - Data Analytics
 - Web Development
 - Machine Learning

Course Structure

- Lectures on topics
 - Interaction is good
 - Feel free to ask questions
 - If there's not enough time to cover questions, we'll put it in a parking lot for after class
- Hands on exercises
 - Pair programming
 - Mix up partners

Schedule

Time	Topic
10:00 – 10:30	Overview of Python
10:30 – 12:30	Python Fundamentals
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30	If Statements
2:30 – 3:00	Lists, Tuples and Dictionaries
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:15	For Loops
4:15 – 5:00	Datetime Package

Why Python?

- Readability
- Flexibility
- Supports multiple programming paradigms
 - Object oriented
 - Functional
 - Procedural

**Libraries of Tools for Data
Analysis**

What is Anaconda?

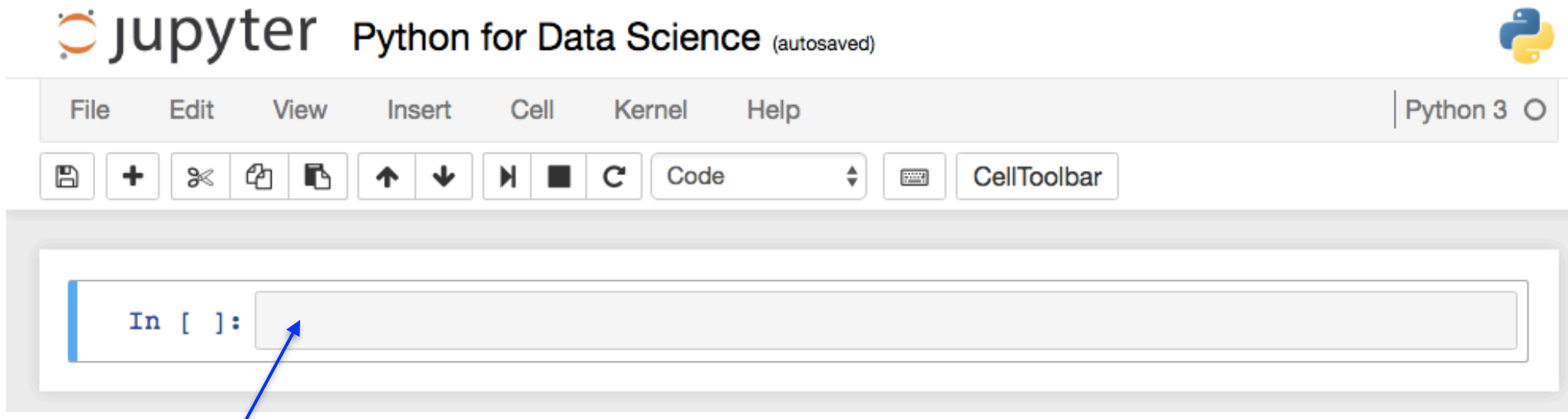
- Distribution of Python and commonly used libraries of tools
- Easier than individually installing many libraries
- Ensures the versions of each library are compatible with each other

How to Interact with Python

- Python Command Line
- Operating System Command Line
- iPython
- Jupyter Notebook (a.k.a. iPython Notebook)

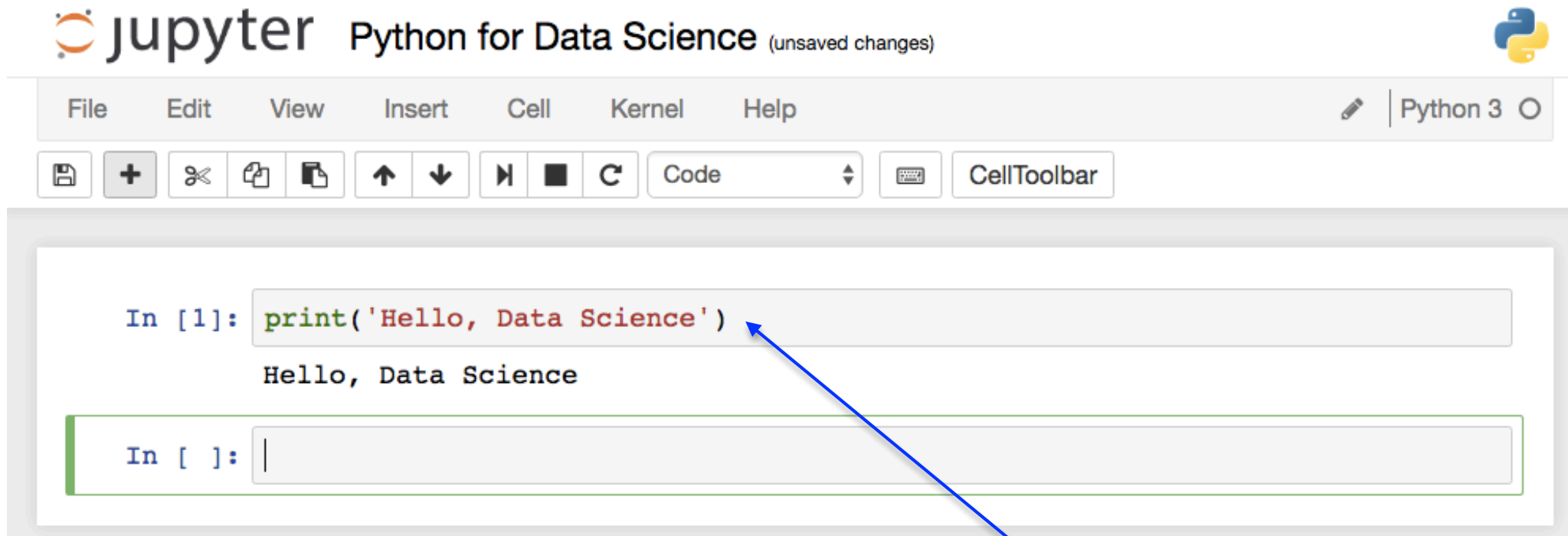
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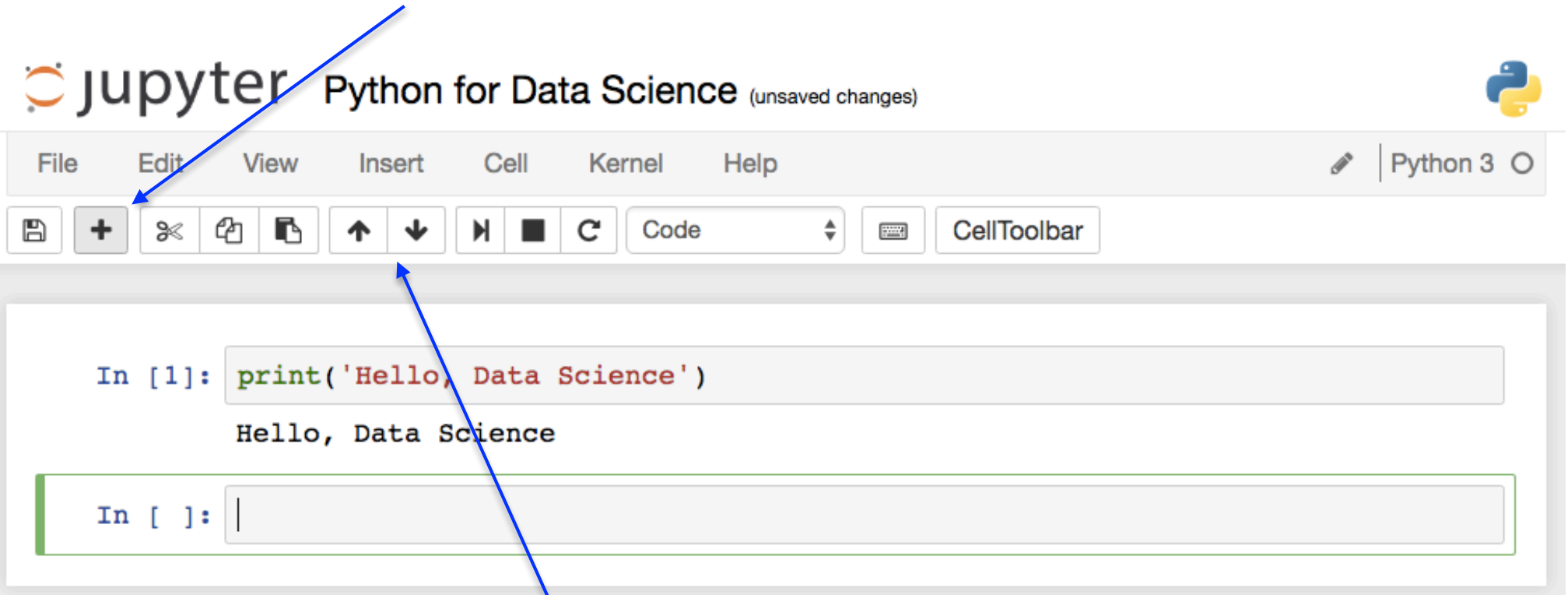
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Shift + Enter runs code
and returns results

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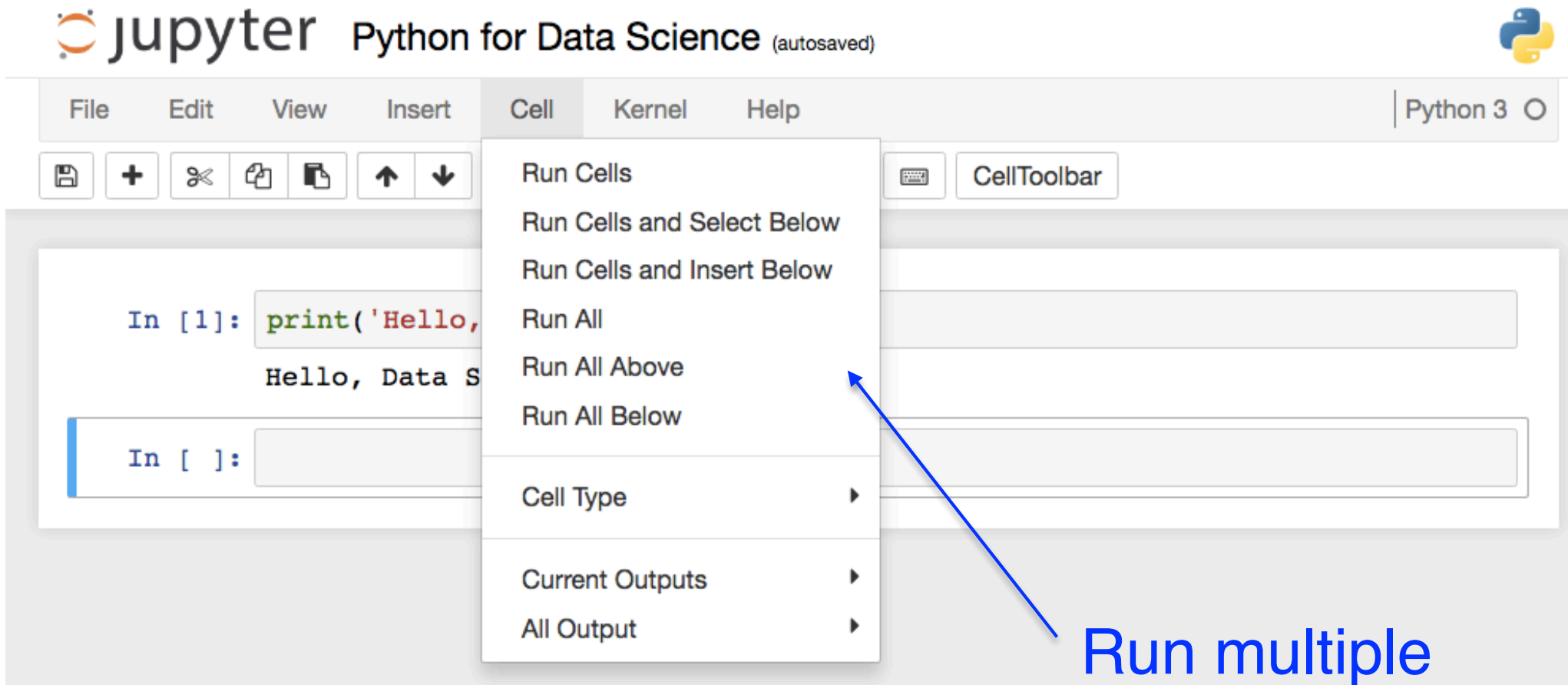
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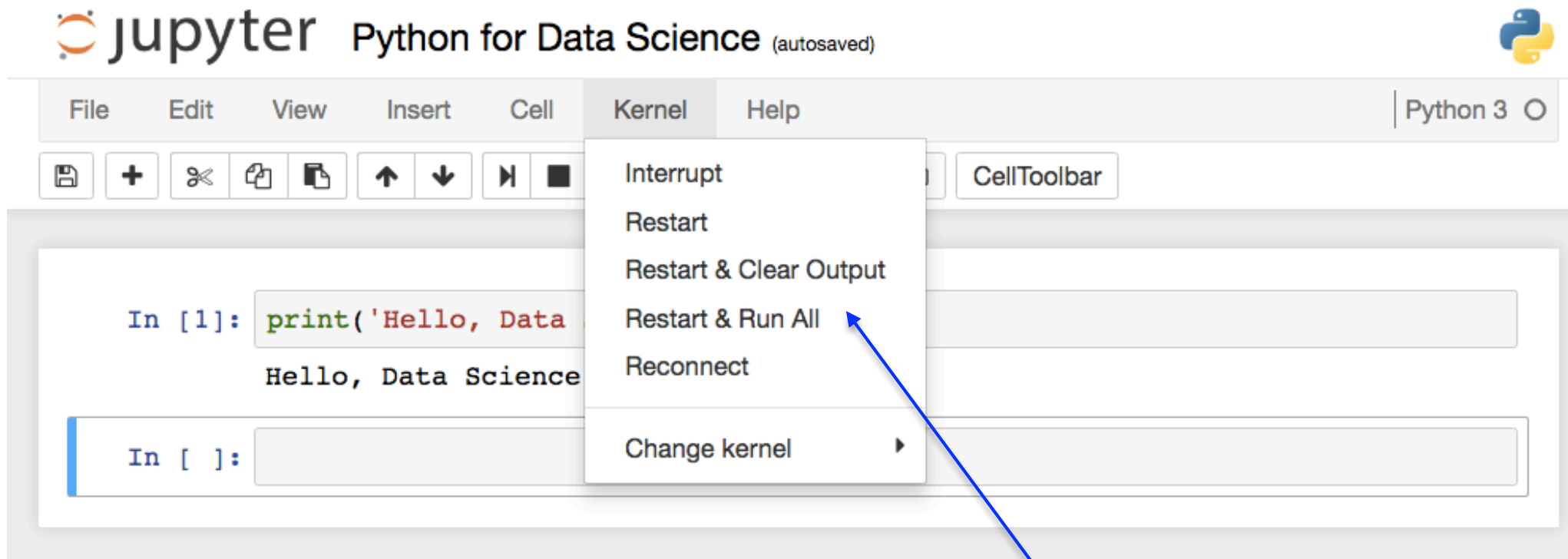
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Run multiple
code
blocks

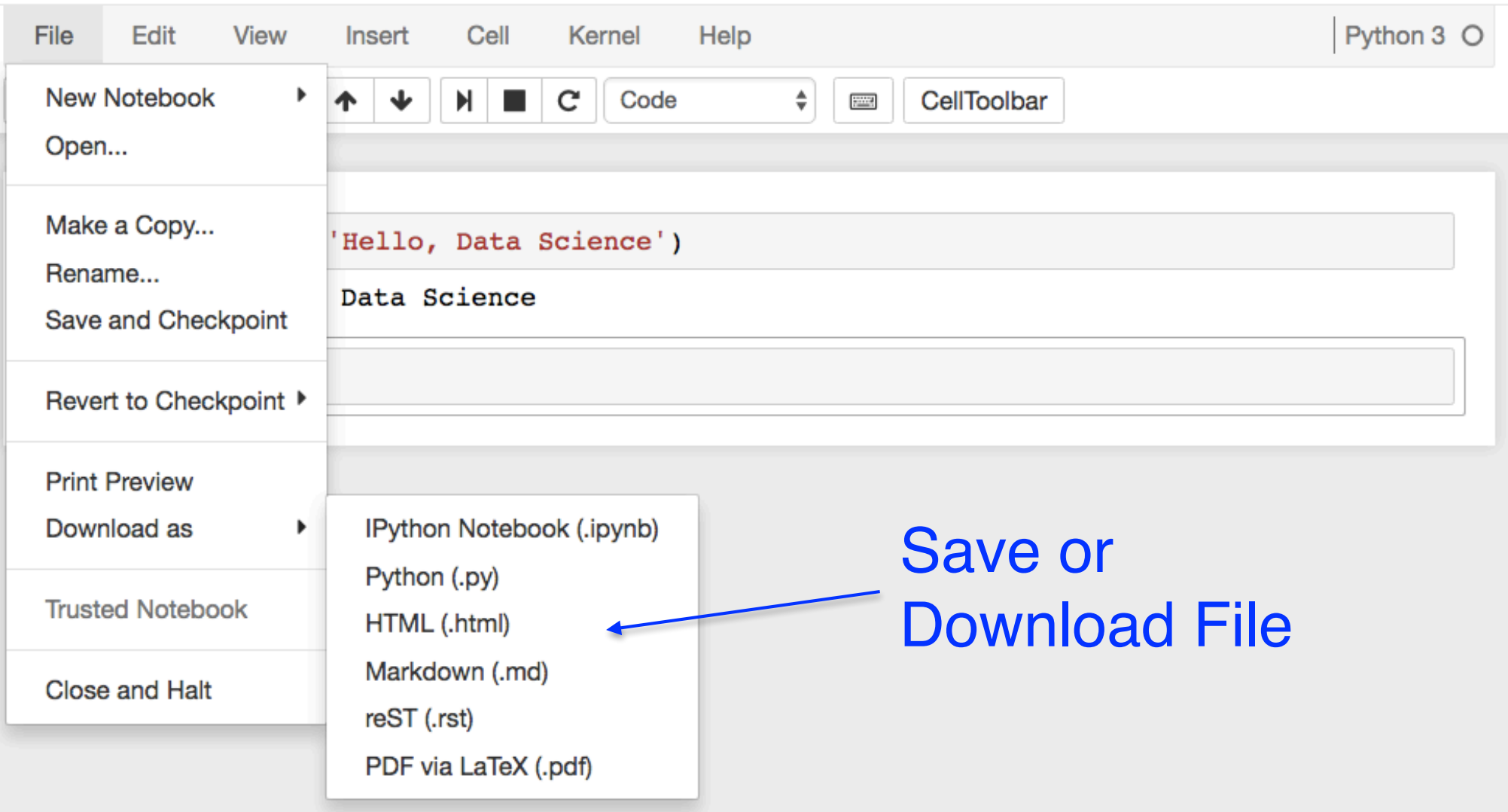
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Restart
Notebook to
Clear Memory

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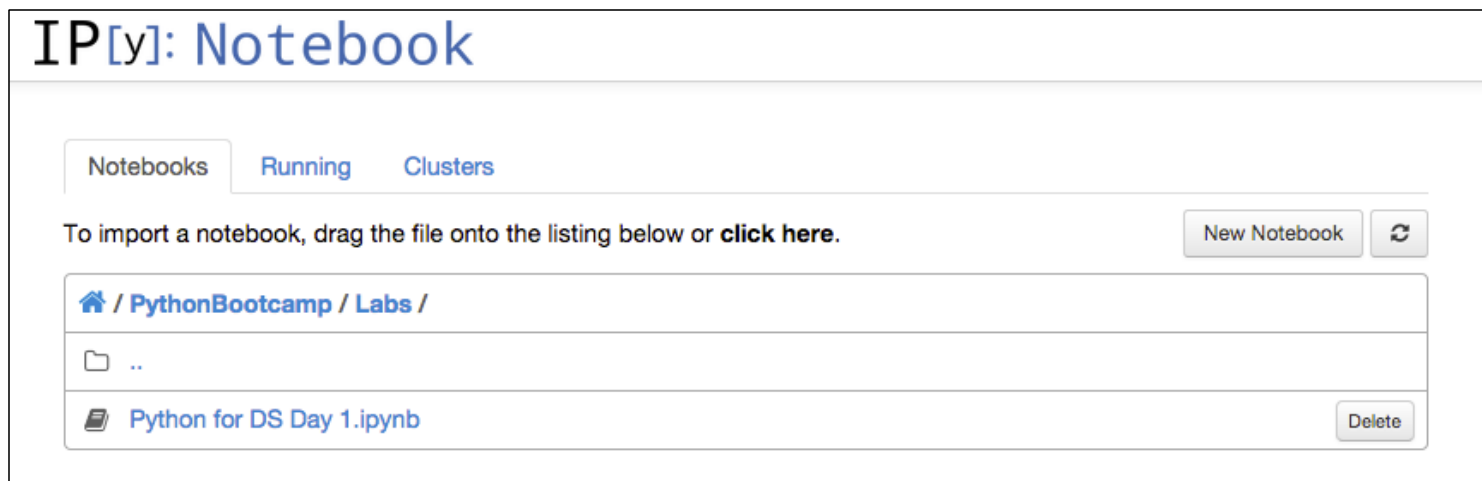


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Save or
Download File

Set Up for Jupyter Notebooks

- Create a folder on your Desktop Called “python”
- Copy the files from my emails into the folder
- Open your terminal/command prompt and launch jupyter notebook
- Open the Python Fundamentals.ipynb File



Write Your First Python Code

Type in the first code block:

```
print "Hello Data Science"
```

Press Shift + Enter

Data Types

- **Numeric Types**
 - Integer (whole numbers)
 - Float (includes decimals)
 - Boolean (True/False)
- **Strings**
 - Text
 - Must be in single or double quotes

Python has function to return data type:
`type(<value>)`

Try Data Types

```
type(1)
```

```
type(2.5)
```

```
type(True)
```

```
type('string')
```

Object Oriented Programming

- Define custom classes of objects
- Classes can have built-in attributes
- Methods are built-in functions for classes
- Python has built in classes:
 - Integers
 - Strings
 - Floats
- Many packages have custom classes

Applying Method to Object

Text in quotes

Method for Object

“Your Name”.upper()

Optional parameters in
parentheses

Convert String to Upper Case

```
"My name".lower()
```

String Insertion Syntax

Text in quotes

Placeholder for insertion

Command for
string insertion

“Bunch of text {}”.format(<value>)

Value in
parentheses

Try Basic String Insertion

```
"My name is {}".format('Craig')
```

```
name = "Waldo"
```

```
"Where in the world is {}".format(name)
```

Multiple Insertions

Multiple insertions require values in the brackets

```
place = "SF"  
"{0} is in {1}".format(name, place)
```

What happens when you change the order of the variables?

Basic Math

Some operators are pretty obvious

$$5 + 5$$

$$3 * 7$$

Basic Math

Some are less intuitive

```
print "Hello " + "World"
```

```
10 % 3 # modulo
```

```
10 ** 2 # exponent
```

```
1E3 + 1E-3 # exponent base 10
```

Variables

- Variables are objects that hold values
- Name variable using letters, numbers and underscore
- Special characters can't be used for naming variables (e.g., [, * , @)
- Python commands can't also be used as variable names
- Assign values to variables using single =
- You can re-assign values to variables

Assign Values to Variables

Create a few variables

$$x = 10$$

$$y = 5$$

$$z = 4$$

Try math with variables

$$x - y$$

$$x * y$$

Data Types in Math

Try dividing two integers

$$x / z$$

Now try using one float

$$x / 4.0$$

Functions

- Reusable snippets of code
- Define the function once
- Call the function to execute your code as many times as you like
- Can receive inputs and return results

Function Syntax

start with
define

name you assign
to function

Parentheses (with
optional variable)

```
def <function>(<optional variables>):
```

```
<code line 1>
```

```
<code line 2>
```

Colon

Code to Execute
(can be multiple lines
if also indented)

4 space
indent



Create a simple function

Write a function

```
def simplest_function():  
    print "I made a function"
```

Call the function

```
simplest_function()
```

Function with Input

Write a function that requires an input and returns a result

```
def square(x):  
    return x ** 2
```

Call the function

```
square(5)
```

Line Continuation

- Sometimes code gets too long to write on one line
- Python automatically recognizes line continuation in specific cases like commas
- Backslashes (\) can be used to continue line of code

Line Continuation

Line continuation with commas

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3,  
           4, 5, 6,  
           7, 8, 9]  
print numbers
```

Backslashes can also be used for continuation

```
long_string = 'This is a really, really, really ' \  
              + 'long sentence'  
print long_string
```

Instructions for Exercises

- Pair programming
 - Using only one computer
 - Take turns typing
 - Collaborate on solutions
- Save Examples for Future Reference
 - Add notes using # Comments
- Error Tracking
 - Create a text file to keep notes on your errors
- Trouble-shooting References
 - Online documentation
 - Stackoverflow / Google

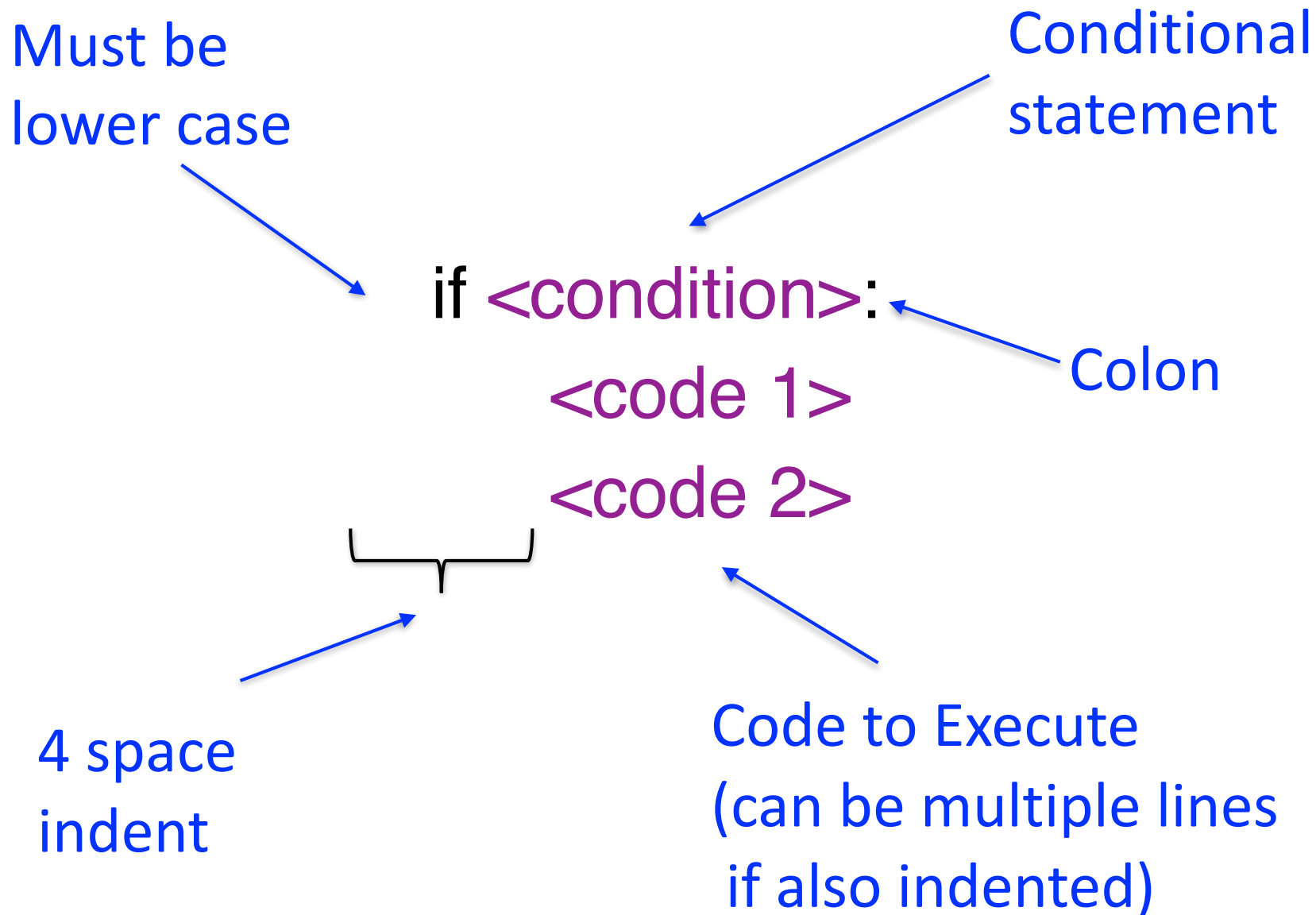
Exercise

1. Create a function that converts Celsius to Fahrenheit. Results should be accurate to at least one decimal point.
2. Update your function to return a sentence (string type) with the Celsius and Fahrenheit values inserted into the string.

If Statements

- Used to execute commands when defined conditions are met
- Contains a conditional statement that has a True/False value
- If statement is True then a series of commands will be executed
- If the statement is False then commands are skipped

If Statements Syntax



Conditional Statements

$a == b$

Equal

$a != b$

Not Equal

$a > b$

Greater Than

$a >= b$

Greater Than or Equal

$a <= b$

Less Than or Equal

Multiple Conditions

True and True = True

(True) & (False) = False

} and, & are
interchangeable

True or False = True

(False) | (False) = False

} or, | are
interchangeable

If Statement

Write a simple if statement

```
x = 3  
if x > 0:  
    print x
```

Try different values for x

If Statement

Write if statements with multiple conditions

```
x = 4
```

```
if x > 0 and x%2 == 0:
```

```
    print x, 'is even and greater than zero'
```

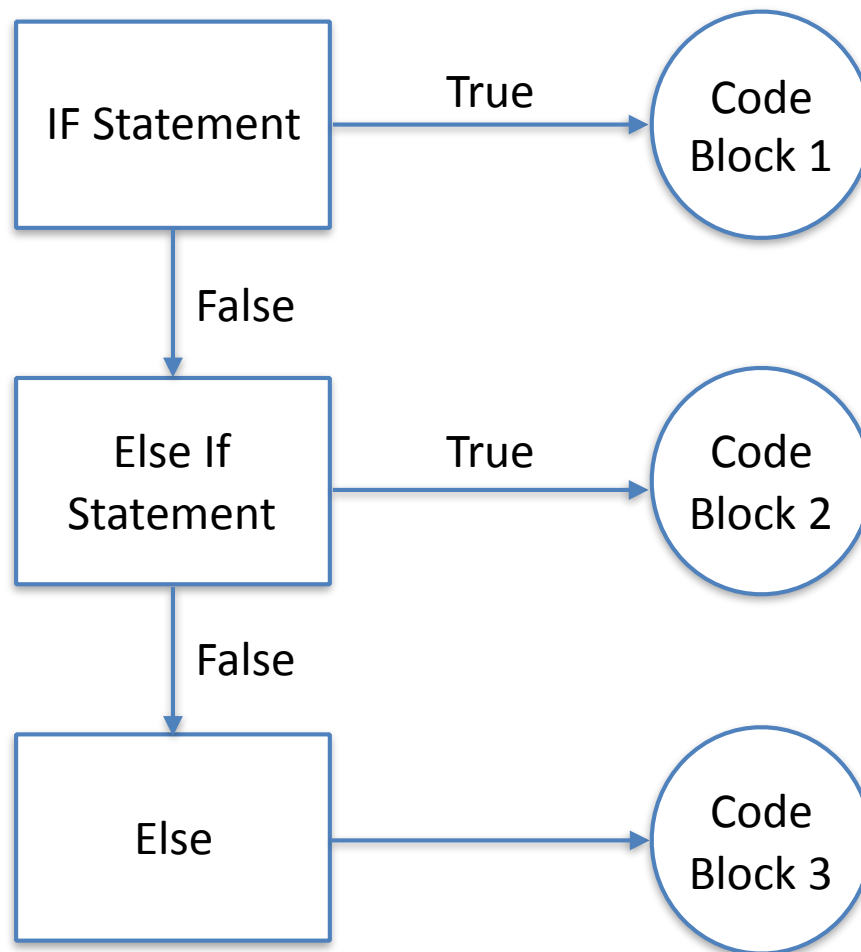
```
x = 3.0
```

```
if (x > 10) | (type(x) == float):
```

```
    print x, 'is greater than 10 or a float type'
```

Else and Else If

Allow additional conditions and actions



Executes First
True Statement

Else is catch all and
must be at the end

Else If Statement

If statement with Else If

```
sales = 300
if sales > 1000:
    print 'top customer'
elif sales > 100:
    print 'regular customer'
else:
    print 'small customer'
```

Exercise

1. Create a function that checks the type of an input and returns a True/False value if it is numeric
2. Update your temperature function from the Python Fundamentals exercise to return an error message if a string is entered instead of a number

Lists, Tuples and Dictionaries

- Python has built-in objects that can hold multiple values
- Can be assigned to variables
- Has built-in methods
- Methods are functions for object

Lists

- Lists are ordered data containers
- Lists are defined with square brackets []
- They can contain any type of objects
 - Mix of data types (e.g., integer, string, float)
 - Lists can even contain other lists
- Lists are mutable (you can edit them)
- Uses index to reference items in lists
- Lists can be empty

List Basics

Use brackets to define list

```
x = [1, 'b', True]
```

Use index position to reference items

```
print x[2]
```

Reassign values in a list

```
x[1] = 'a'  
print x
```

Indexing Lists

Create list of lists

```
a = [[1,2,3], 4, 5]
```

Use multiple indexes for lists within lists

```
print a[0]  
print a[0][1]
```

Index from the end of the list

```
print a[-1]
```

Appending and Indexing

Append an item to a list

```
a.append('one more item')
```

Reference multiple items in a list

```
print a[2:4]
```

Open ended indexes go to the ends of lists

```
print a[:3]
```

Tuples

- Tuples are similar to lists
- Tuples are defined using parentheses ()
- Only difference is that tuples are immutable (you can't change them)
- Tuples with single value must have a comma (1,)

Tuple Basics

Use parentheses to define tuple

```
y = (1, 'a', 2.5)
```

Use index position to reference items

```
print y[0]
```

Try reassigning values in a tuple

```
y[0] = 2
```

Dictionaries

- Dictionaries are collections of key-value pairs
- Dictionaries are indicated by curly braces { }
- Values are looked up by key
- Dictionaries are unordered

Dictionary Basics

Create a dictionary

```
info = {'name': 'Bob', 'age': 54, 'kids': ['Henry', 'Phil']}
```

Use key to reference a value

```
print info['name']
```

Dictionary Basics

Change the value for a key

```
info['age'] = 55
```

Create new key-value pair

```
info['state'] = 'CA'
```

Dictionary Methods

View all keys

```
info.keys()
```

View all values

```
info.values()
```

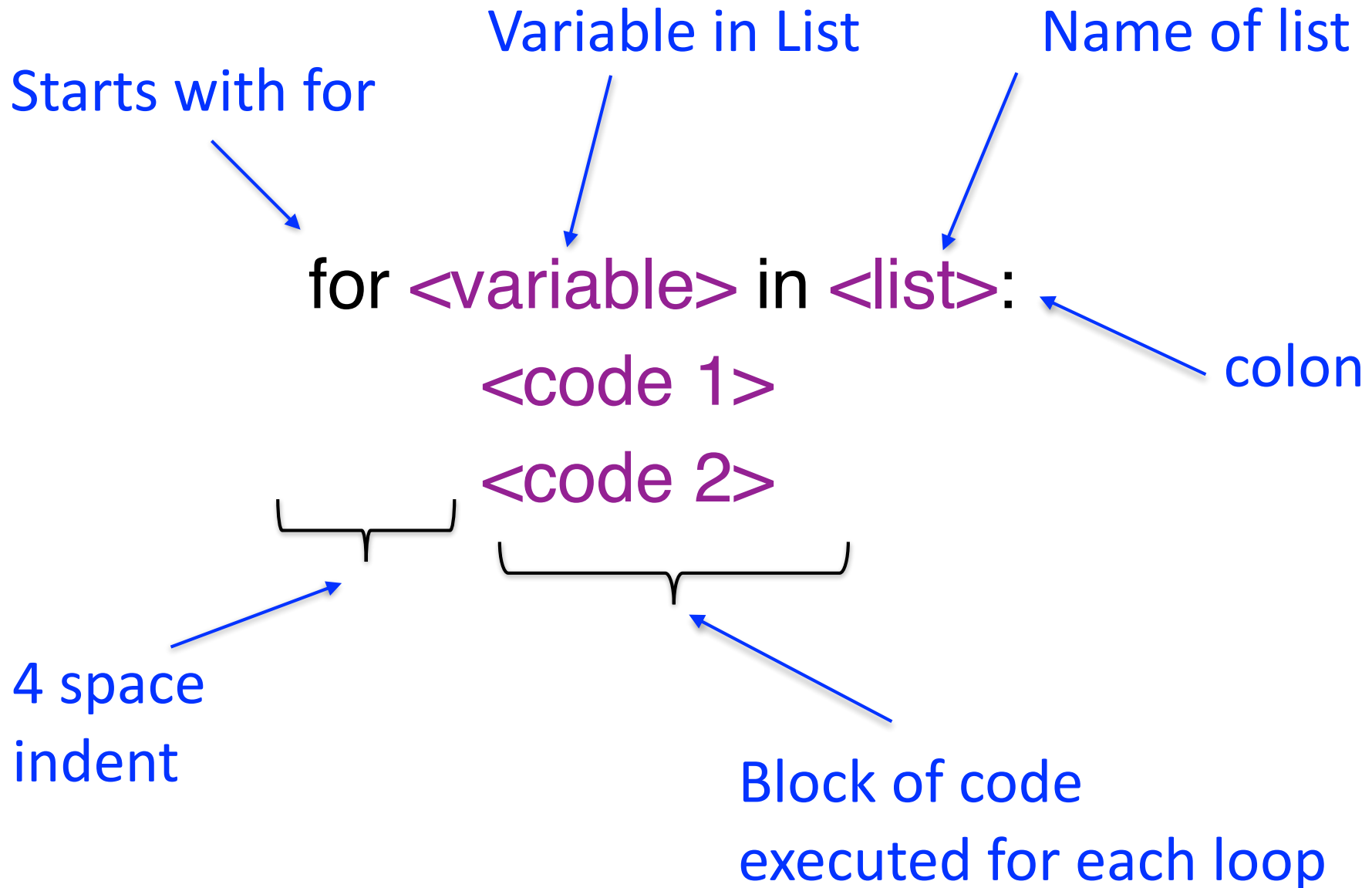
Check if a key exists

```
info.has_key('age')
```

For Loops

- Iterates through multiple values
- Commonly used to process values in a list
- Loop of code is executed for each item

For Loop Syntax



Functions Used with For

range(<integer>)

- Creates list of integers
- Starts with zero and each subsequent value is incremented by 1
- Returns list with length = input integer
- Last item in list is input -1 since list starts with zero

Basic For Loops

Create basic for loop

```
for x in [1,2,3]:  
    print x
```

Create a for loop with range

```
for x in range(10):  
    print x ** 2
```

For Loop with Multiple Values

Create for loop with multiple values

```
for price, quantity in [[1.99, 4], [2.99, 5], [3.99, 6]]:  
    print price * quantity
```


For Loops with Empty List

Capture the all the results of a for loop

```
results = []  
for x in [1,2,3]:  
    squared = x **2  
    results.append(squared)  
  
print results
```

Exercise

1. Create procedures that convert a list of Celsius temperatures into a list of Fahrenheit temperatures.
2. Update your temperature conversion function from the Python Fundamentals exercise to accept a list of Celsius temperatures and return a list of Fahrenheit temperatures

Bonus:

Add error handling to your temperature conversion function.

Python Packages

- Data analytics packages are what make python so powerful
- Packages are just files of python code
- Importing packages allow you to use the functions from these files
- Most packages have online documentation and code examples

Common Packages for Data Science

Package	Usage
numpy	Scientific computing
pandas	Data slicing and manipulation
datetime	Manage date and time formats
matplotlib	Creating charts and graphs
scikit-learn	Machine learning
statsmodels	Statistics

Importing Packages

- Plain import statement:
`import <package name>`
- Use a nickname:
`import <package name> as <nickname>`
- Import a subset of the package:
`from <package name> import <function>`
- Avoid this technique, because it can create namespace conflicts
`from <package name> import *`

Import Packages

Let's import a package

```
import datetime as dt
```

Use ipython magic to see function options.
Type `datetime.` and press tab. Highlight time
and press enter. Hit shift-tab

```
dt.
```

Use a function from the datetime package

```
print dt.time(1)
```

Datetime Package

Use the now function to get the current datetime stamp.

```
ts_now = dt.datetime.now()  
print ts_now
```

Extract the day from the timestamp

```
print ts_now.day
```

Datetime Package

Extract some other datetime elements

```
print ts_now.year  
print ts_now.month  
print ts_now.minute  
print ts_now.second
```

Create a timestamp for Christmas

```
ts_xmas = dt.datetime(2018,12,25)  
print ts_xmas
```


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8.1.4. `datetime` Objects

A `datetime` object is a single object containing all the information from a `date` object and a `time` object. Like a `date` object, `datetime` assumes the current Gregorian calendar extended in both directions; like a `time` object, `datetime` assumes there are exactly 3600*24 seconds in every day.

Constructor:

```
class datetime.datetime(year, month, day[, hour[, minute[, second[, microsecond[, tzinfo]]]])
```

The year, month and day arguments are required. `tzinfo` may be `None`, or an instance of a `tzinfo` subclass. The remaining arguments may be ints or longs, in the following ranges:

- `MINYEAR <= year <= MAXYEAR`
- `1 <= month <= 12`
- `1 <= day <= number of days in the given month and year`
- `0 <= hour < 24`
- `0 <= minute < 60`
- `0 <= second < 60`
- `0 <= microsecond < 1000000`

If an argument outside those ranges is given, `ValueError` is raised.

Other constructors, all class methods:

```
classmethod datetime.today()
```

Return the current local `datetime`, with `tzinfo` `None`. This is equivalent to `datetime.fromtimestamp(time.time())`. See also `now()`, `fromtimestamp()`.

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8.1.2. `timedelta` Objects

A `timedelta` object represents a duration, the difference between two dates or times.

```
class datetime.timedelta([days[, seconds[, microseconds[, milliseconds[, minutes[, hours[, weeks]]]]]]])
```

All arguments are optional and default to 0. Arguments may be ints, longs, or floats, and may be positive or negative.

Only *days*, *seconds* and *microseconds* are stored internally. Arguments are converted to those units:

- A millisecond is converted to 1000 microseconds.
- A minute is converted to 60 seconds.
- An hour is converted to 3600 seconds.
- A week is converted to 7 days.

and days, seconds and microseconds are then normalized so that the representation is unique, with

- `0 <= microseconds < 1000000`
- `0 <= seconds < 3600*24` (the number of seconds in one day)
- `-999999999 <= days <= 999999999`

If any argument is a float and there are fractional microseconds, the fractional microseconds left over from all arguments are combined and their sum is rounded to the nearest microsecond. If no argument is a float, the conversion and normalization processes are exact (no information is lost).

If the normalized value of days lies outside the indicated range, `OverflowError` is raised.

Note that normalization of negative values may be surprising at first. For example,

```
>>> from datetime import timedelta
>>> d = timedelta(microseconds=-1)
>>> (d.days, d.seconds, d.microseconds)
(-1, 86399, 999999)
```

>>>

Timedeltas

Do math with the timestamps

```
ts_diff = ts_xmas - ts_now  
print ts_diff  
print type(ts_diff)
```

Strptime Function

Converts string to datetime

Starts with function

String to be converted

`dt.datetime.strptime(<string> , <format>)`

Format Examples:

%Y Year

%m Month

%d Day

Format of string in quotes
(e.g., “%Y-%m-%d”)

Strptime Function

Convert a string to datetime format

```
date_str = "01-10-2015"  
date_ts = dt.datetime.strptime(date_str,  
                                "%m-%d-%Y")  
print date_ts  
print type(date_ts)
```

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Directive	Meaning	Example	Notes
%a	Weekday as locale's abbreviated name.	Sun, Mon, ..., Sat (en_US); So, Mo, ..., Sa (de_DE)	(1)
%A	Weekday as locale's full name.	Sunday, Monday, ..., Saturday (en_US); Sonntag, Montag, ..., Samstag (de_DE)	(1)
%w	Weekday as a decimal number, where 0 is Sunday and 6 is Saturday.	0, 1, ..., 6	
%d	Day of the month as a zero-padded decimal number.	01, 02, ..., 31	
%b	Month as locale's abbreviated name.	Jan, Feb, ..., Dec (en_US); Jan, Feb, ..., Dez (de_DE)	(1)
%B	Month as locale's full name.	January, February, ..., December (en_US); Januar, Februar, ..., Dezember (de_DE)	(1)
%m	Month as a zero-padded decimal number.	01, 02, ..., 12	
%y	Year without century as a zero-padded decimal number.	00, 01, ..., 99	
%Y	Year with century as a decimal number.	1970, 1988, 2001, 2013	
%H	Hour (24-hour clock) as a zero-padded decimal number.	00, 01, ..., 23	
%I	Hour (12-hour clock) as a zero-padded decimal number.	01, 02, ..., 12	
%p	Locale's equivalent of either AM or PM.	AM, PM (en_US); am, pm (de_DE)	(1), (2)
%M	Minute as a zero-padded decimal number.	00, 01, ..., 59	
%S	Second as a zero-padded decimal number.	00, 01, ..., 59	(3)
%f	Microsecond as a decimal number, zero-padded on the left.	000000, 000001, ..., 999999	(4)
%z	UTC offset in the form +HHMM or -HHMM (empty string if the object is naive).	(empty), +0000, -0400, +1030	(5)
%Z	Time zone name (empty string if the object is naive).	(empty), UTC, EST, CST	
%j	Day of the year as a zero-padded decimal number.	001, 002, ..., 366	
%U	Week number of the year (Sunday as the first day of the week) as a zero padded decimal number. All days in a new year preceding the first Sunday are considered to be in week 0.	00, 01, ..., 53	(6)

Strftime Function

Convert a datetime object to a string

```
new_date_str = dt.datetime.strftime(  
    date_ts,"%H:%M:%S %m-%d-%Y")  
print new_date_str
```

Exercise

1. Create a variable called future with a datetime value of January 20, 2021 at 12:00pm
2. Create a variable with a timedelta equal to the difference between future and now
3. Print the total seconds from the timedelta
4. Convert the following string into a datetime object 'Jan 20, 2017 5pm'

Bonus:

Try converting strings to datetime objects and datetime objects back to strings. What are some interesting datetime formats you can find in the documentation?

Coding Best Practices

PEP-8 Style Guide

- <https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>
- maximum line length of 79 characters
- indentation
- line continuation
- commenting

Hard to Use at First But Review Once a Month and You'll Incrementally Improve

Debugging Tips

- Test early and often
- print command is your best friend
- Identify common mistakes and use as checklist for debugging
- Use google and stackoverflow
- Check documentation
- Ask for help

Next Steps

- Practice, Practice, Practice
 - Find a fun project
 - Get a pair programming buddy
 - Don't Be Afraid to Ask for Help
- Join a Python Meetup
 - San Francisco Python
 - Bay Area Python Interest Group (BayPIGgies)
- Keep Learning
 - Pycon videos on YouTube
 - Python and Machine Learning Course
- Keep in Touch



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