

Python Basics - Identifiers, Variables & Data Types

Features of Python

- 1 Easy to Learn & Readable** – Simple syntax like English.
- 2 Interpreted Language** – No compilation needed, executes line by line.
- 3 Dynamically Typed** – No need to declare variable types.
- 4 Object-Oriented** – Supports classes and objects.
- 5 Extensive Libraries** – Rich set of built-in modules (NumPy, Pandas, etc.).
- 6 Platform Independent** – Runs on Windows, macOS, Linux.
- 7 Memory Management** – Automatic garbage collection.
- 8 Multi-Paradigm** – Supports procedural, functional, and OOP styles.
- 9 Scalability** – Used in web dev, AI, ML, data science, and more!

Identifiers

Identifiers are the names used in Python to define functions, modules, methods, classes, and variables.

Rules for Identifiers:

- Must start with a letter (A-Z or a-z) or an underscore (_).
- Followed by letters, digits (0-9), or underscores.
- Cannot be a reserved keyword.
- Case-sensitive (e.g., **name** and **Name** are different).
- Cannot contain special characters like @, #, \$, %, etc.



Example:




```
my_variable = 10 # ✓ Valid identifier
_variable = 20  # ✓ Valid identifier
2variable = 30  # ✗ Invalid identifier (Cannot start with a number)
class = 40      # ✗ Invalid identifier (Reserved keyword)
```

12 Variables

Variables are containers that hold data values in Python.

Declaring Variables:

```
x = 5          # Integer
name = "Alice" # String
is_valid = True # Boolean
```

 **Note:** Python is dynamically typed, meaning you don't need to declare the type explicitly.

Data Types

Data types define the type of value a variable can store.

Data Type	Example	Description
Integer	10, 100, -5	Whole numbers
Float	10.6, 695.3	Decimal numbers
Boolean	True, False	Represents True/False values
Byte	b'128'	Sequence of bytes
ByteArray	bytearray(b'124')	Mutable byte sequence
None	None	Represents a null value


Data Type	Example	Description
Complex	<code>10+20j</code>	Complex numbers (real & imaginary)
List	<code>[1, 12, 23, 3, 5]</code>	Ordered, mutable collection
Tuple	<code>(1, 2, 3, 6, 4, 7)</code>	Ordered, immutable collection
Set	<code>{1, 2, 5, 47, 3}</code>	Unordered, unique values
Dictionary	<code>{'a': 1, 'b': 2}</code>	Key-value pairs
String	<code>"abcdef"</code>	Sequence of characters
Frozenset	<code>frozenset({1,2,3,5})</code>	Immutable set
Range	<code>range(1, 10)</code>	Sequence of numbers

Checking Data Types

Use the

```
type()
```

function to check the type of a variable.

 Example:

```
data = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6} # Set
data = {'course': "Python"} # Dictionary
data = "Python" # String
data = 10 + 16j # Complex Number

print(data)
print(type(data))
```

Summary:

- Identifiers follow naming rules and cannot use special characters.
- Variables store data and Python dynamically assigns types.
- Different data types exist in Python, each with a specific purpose.
- Use

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type()
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to check the data type of a variable.