Ms. Terkper's Digital Classroom

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Python is a high-level, beginner-friendly programming language used in robotics, automation, game development, and artificial intelligence. It is known for its **simple and readable syntax**, making it a great first language for learning programming.

1. Printing Output in Python

One of the first things you'll do in Python is **display text on the screen** using the `print()` function.

```
print("Hello, World!")
```

Output:

```
Hello, World!
```

- `print()` is used to **display messages** in Python.
- Text must be inside **quotation marks** (" " or ' ').

- Every statement in Python runs from **top to bottom**.

2. Taking User Input

Python allows users to **enter data** using the `input()` function:

```python
name = input("Enter your name: ")
print("Hello, " + name + "!")
```

Example Output: If the user types `Hannah`, the output will be:

```
Hello, Hannah!
```

- The `input()` function takes user input as a **string**.
- We can use `+` to **concatenate** (join) text together.

3. Variables and Data Types

In Python, a **variable** is used to store values, such as numbers or text:

```python
age = 15
height = 5.7
name = "Hannah"
```

Common Data Types:

- `int` → Whole numbers (e.g., `10`, `25`, `42`).
- `float` → Decimal numbers (e.g., `3.14`, `7.89`).
- `str` → Text (e.g., `"Hello"`, `"Python"`).
- `bool` → True/False values (e.g., `True`, `False`).

4. Type Conversion

When using `input()`, Python always treats the input as a **string**. To use numbers, we need to **convert the type**:

```python
age = input("Enter your age: ")  # Input is stored as a string
age = int(age)  # Convert to integer
print("Next year, you will be " + str(age + 1) + " years old!")
```

- `int()` → Converts a string to an integer.
- `float()` → Converts a string to a decimal number.
- `str()` → Converts numbers back to text.

Now that you've learned the basics, try answering the questions below! 👇

1. What will the following code output?

```python
print("Hello, World!")
```

- ⦿ A. Hello, World!
- ○ B. hello world
- ○ C. "Hello, World!"
- ○ D. An error

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2. Which function allows a user to enter input in Python?

- ○ A. print()
- ⦿ B. input()
- ○ C. get()
- ○ D. scan()

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3. Which of the following correctly stores user input in a variable?

- ⊙ A. name = input()
- ○ B. input(name)
- ○ C. name == input()
- ○ D. print(input(name))

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4. What will the following code output?

```
name = "Alex"
print(name)
```

- ⊙ A. Alex
- ○ B. "name"
- ○ C. name
- ○ D. Nothing

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5. What data type is stored in the variable `user_age`?

- ○ A. int
- ○ B. float
- ⊙ C. string
- ○ D. boolean

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6. What symbol is used for writing comments in Python?

- ○ A. //
- ◉ B. #
- ○ C.
- ○ D. **

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7. Which of the following is a valid variable name in Python?

- ○ A. 1stName
- ◉ B. first_name
- ○ C. first-name
- ○ D. print

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8. How do you convert user input to an integer in Python?

- ○ A. str(input())
- ◉ B. int(input())
- ○ C. input(int)
- ○ D. input().int()

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9. What happens if you try to add an integer and a string in Python?

- ○ A. The numbers will be added together.
- ○ B. The string will be converted to a number.

◉ C. An error will occur.
○ D. The string and number will be printed together.

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10. What will happen if you forget parentheses in `print "Hello"`?

○ A. It will print "Hello" correctly.
○ B. It will print `Hello` without quotes.
◉ C. It will cause a syntax error.
○ D. It will automatically correct the mistake.

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