

CS Bridge, Lecture 4

Variables and Expressions



2021



Today's questions

How do computers conduct tasks we ask for?

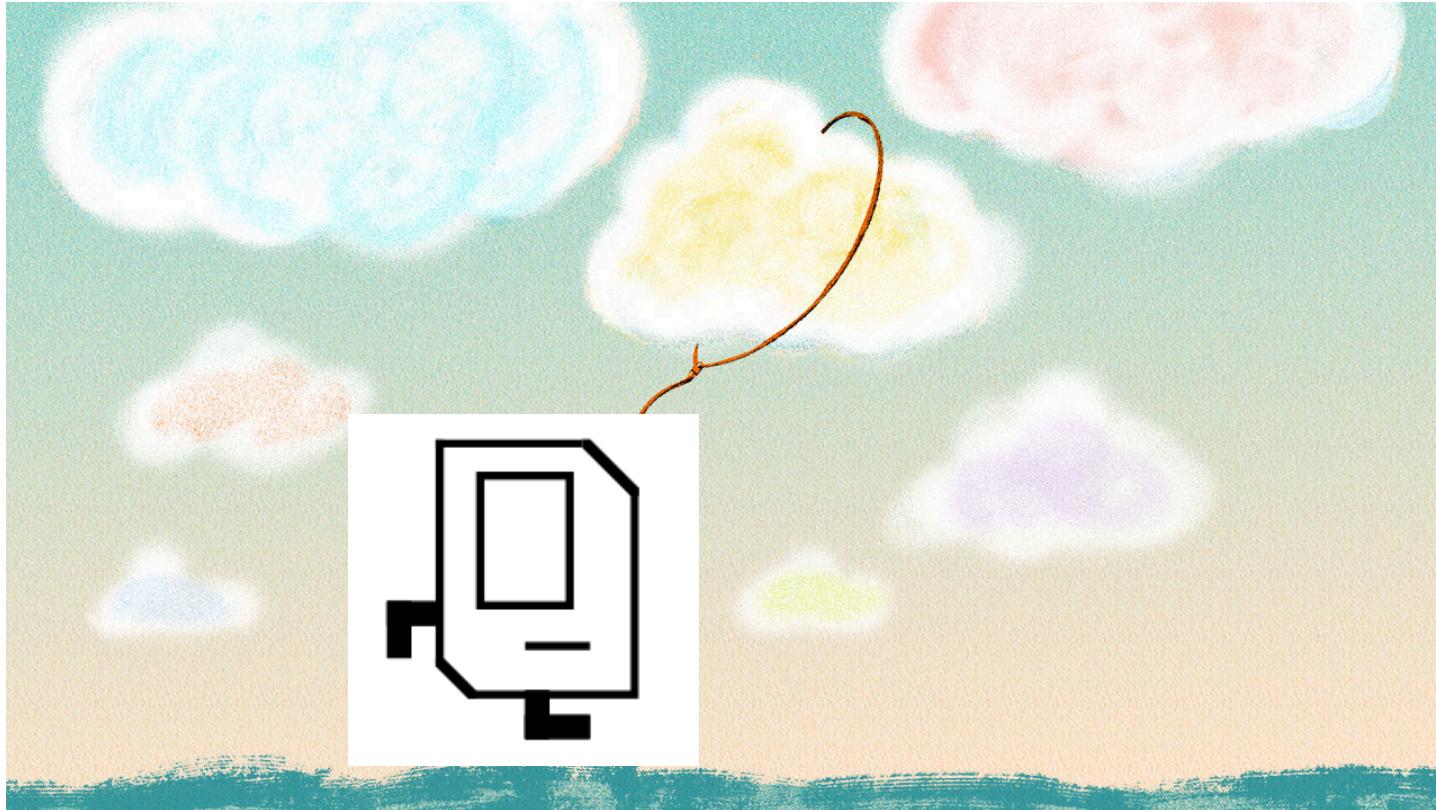
How do computers store information (data) using code?

Once we store that information, how do we use it?

Today's topics

1. Welcome to Python
Input, output, process
2. Variables
Assignment and retrieval
Types
3. Using variables
In expressions

Good bye Karel, I'll see you in my dreams

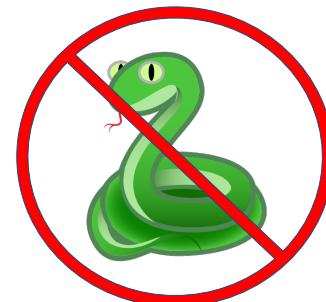
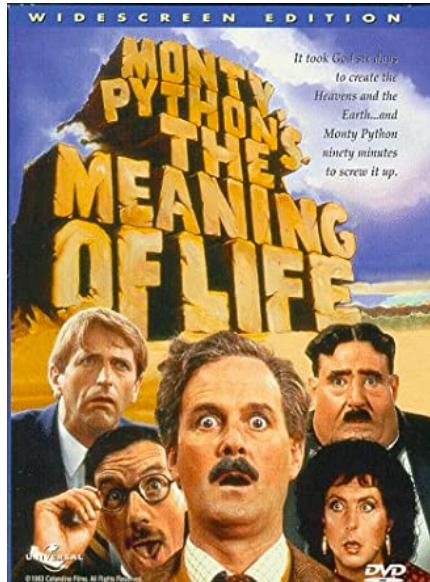


Thanks for teaching me ***for, while, if***

Welcome to Python

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Guido van Rossum
(Creator of Python)



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monty_Python

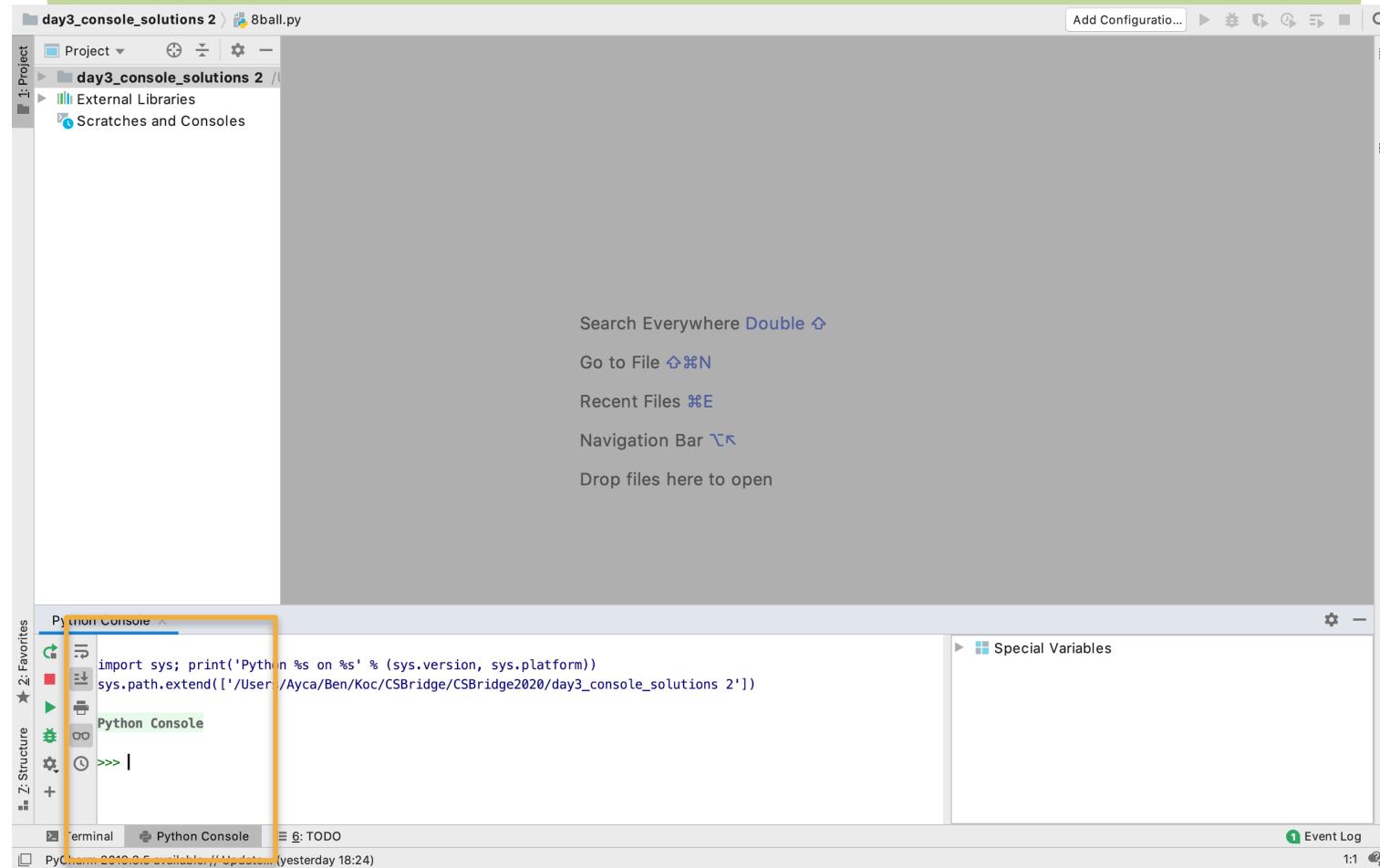
Using Python

- **Python must be installed and configured prior to use**
 - One of the items installed is the Python interpreter
- **Python interpreter can be used in two modes:**
 - Interactive mode: enter statements on keyboard
 - Script mode: save statements in Python script

Interactive Mode in Python

- **When you start Python in interactive mode, you will see a prompt**
 - Indicates the interpreter is waiting for a Python statement to be typed
 - Prompt reappears after previous statement is executed
 - Error message displayed If you incorrectly type a statement
- **Good way to learn new parts of Python**

Interactive Mode in Python



Writing and Running in Script Mode

- **Statements entered in interactive mode are not saved as a program**
- **To have a program use script mode**
 - Save a set of Python statements in a file
 - The filename should have the .py extension
 - To run the file, or script, type
`python filename`
at the operating system command line

Writing and Running in Script Mode

The screenshot shows the PyCharm IDE interface. The top navigation bar displays the path: Lecture4-Python [/Users/Ayca/Ben/Koc/CSBridge/CSBridge2020/Lecture4-Python] - /Users/Ayca/Ben/Koc/CSBridge/CSBridge2020/Day3-Vari... and the file helloworld.py. The Project tool window on the left shows a folder named Day3-Variables containing several Python files: add2numbers.py, add2numbersStarter.py, constants.py, constantsStarter.py, helloworld.py (which is selected), helloworldStarter.py, rolddice.py, and rolddiceStarter.py. The Editor tool window on the right contains the code for helloworld.py:

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For more details, please visit https://support.apple.com/kb/HT208050.
(base) Aycas-MacBook-Pro:Day3-Variables ayildirim$ python3 helloworld.py
```

How do computer program typically consists of?

Input, Processing and Output

- **Typically, computer performs three-step process**
 - Receive input
 - Input: any data that the program receives while it is running
 - Perform some process on the input
 - Example: mathematical calculation
 - Produce output

How do computers output?
Any idea?

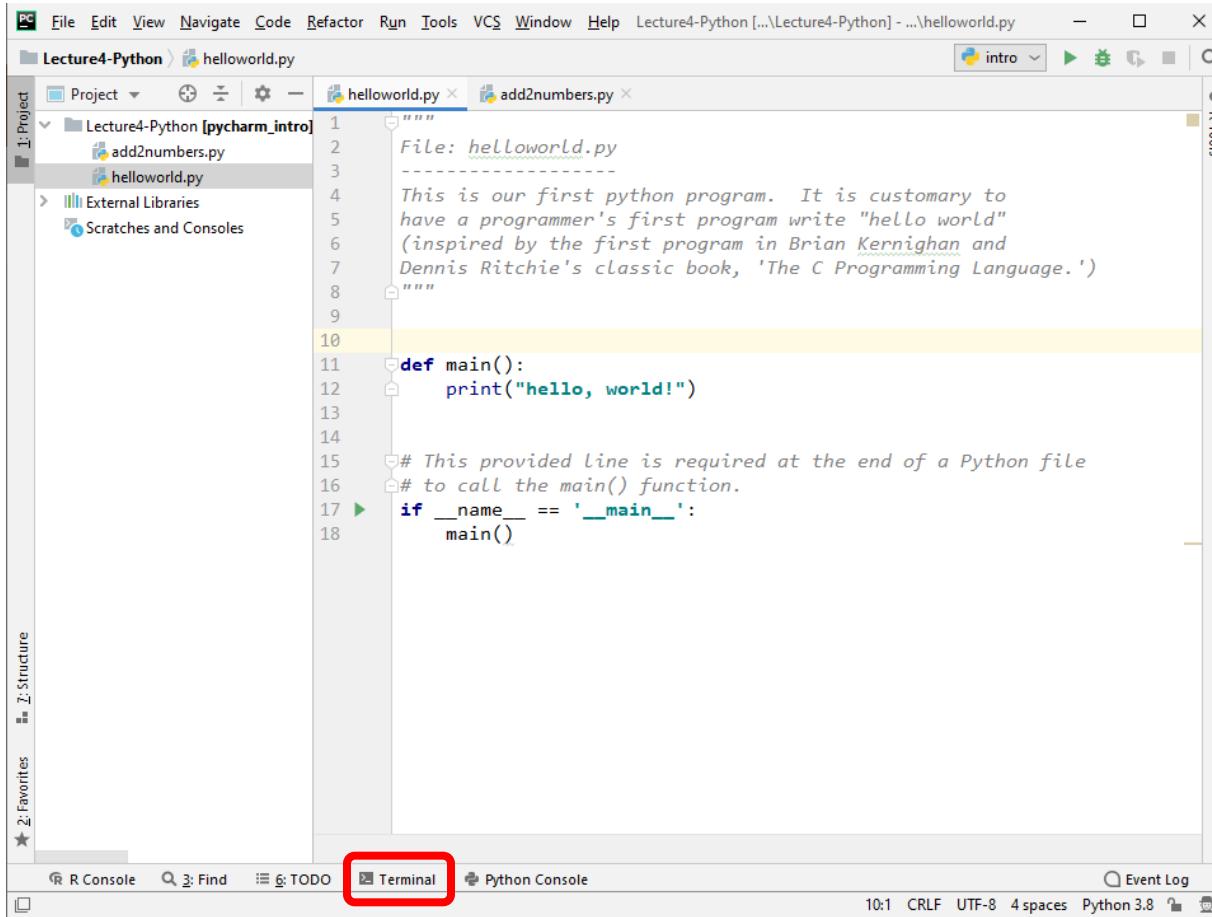
print function

```
print("This program adds two numbers.")
```

- **print** command prints text to the terminal
- Text printed is between double quotes ("text")
 - Can also be between single quotes ('text')
 - Choice of quotes depends on text you are printing
 - Double quotes when text contains single quotes
`print("no, you didn't") → no, you didn't`
 - Single quotes when text contains double quotes
`print('say "hi" Karel') → say "hi" Karel`

Our First Python Program

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- File Menu:** File, Edit, View, Navigate, Code, Refactor, Run, Tools, VCS, Window, Help.
- Title Bar:** Lecture4-Python [pycharm_intro] - ...\\helloworld.py
- Toolbar:** intro, Run, Tools, Find, Event Log.
- Project Explorer:** Shows the project structure with files: Lecture4-Python [pycharm_intro] (add2numbers.py, helloworld.py), External Libraries, and Scratches and Consoles.
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Below the editor is a Terminal window showing the output of running the script:

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A yellow callout box with a red border contains the text:

This is on a PC.
On Macs: **python3 helloworld.py**

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How do computers get input (data)?

How do computers store information (data)?

Your computer has memory!

- Information is stored in your computer's memory (RAM)



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Variables!

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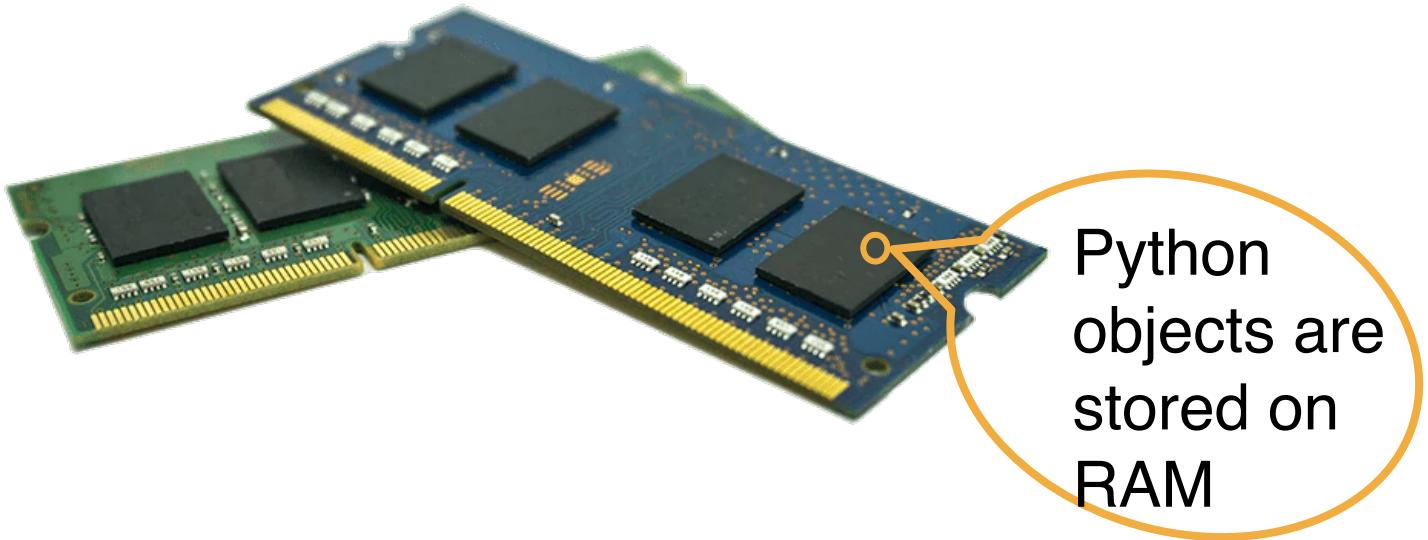
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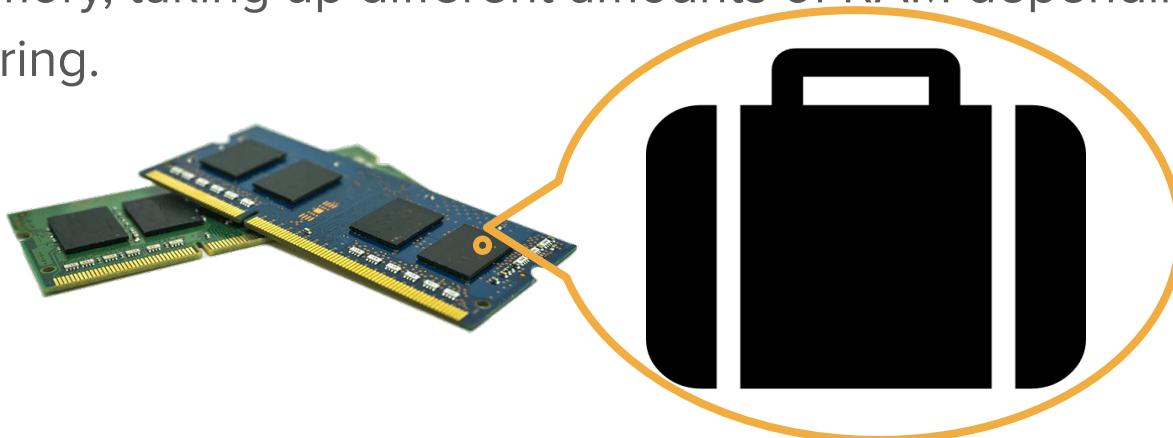
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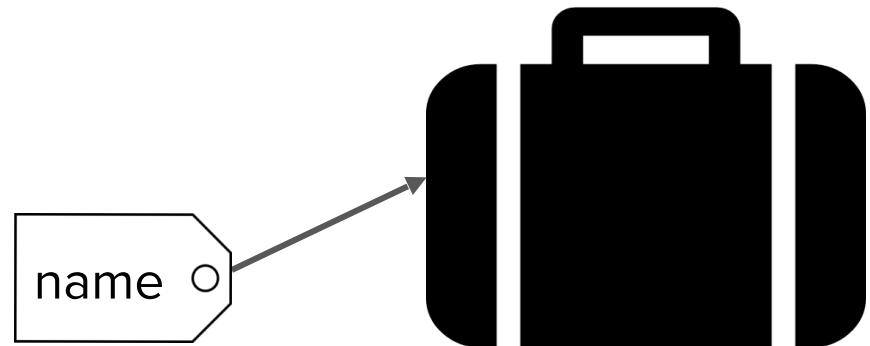
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Suitcase Analogy

- A variable is a luggage tag for your suitcase that gives it a name!



Variable

- **Variable**: name that represents a value stored in the computer memory
 - Used to access and manipulate data stored in memory
 - A variable references the value it represents
- **Assignment statement**: used to create a variable and make it reference data
 - General format is `variable = expression`
 - Example: `age = 29`
 - **Assignment operator**: the equal sign (=)

Variable

- In assignment statement, variable receiving value must be on left side
- You can only use a variable if a value is assigned to it
 - my_age = 18

Variable Naming Rules

- **Rules for naming variables in Python:**
 - Variable name cannot be a Python key word
 - Variable name cannot contain spaces
 - First character must be a letter or an underscore
 - After first character may use letters, digits, or underscores
 - Variable names are case sensitive
- **Variable name should reflect its use**
 - `x = 10` versus `my_grade = 10`

~~while = 5~~

~~my age = 17~~

~~1x = 5.2~~

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An example

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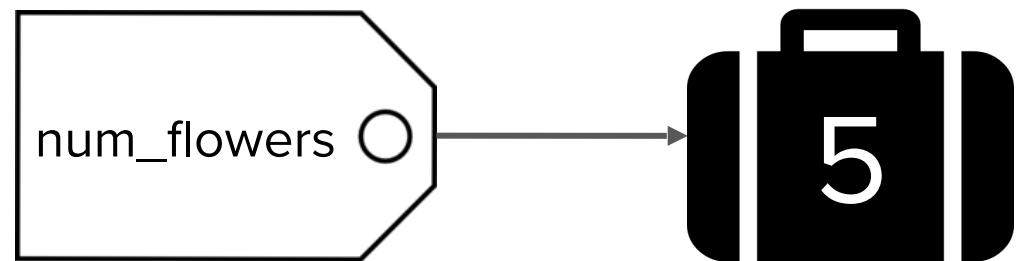
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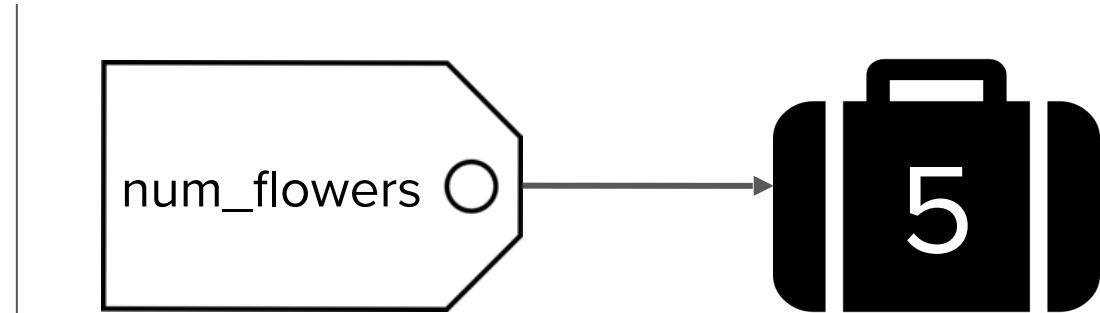
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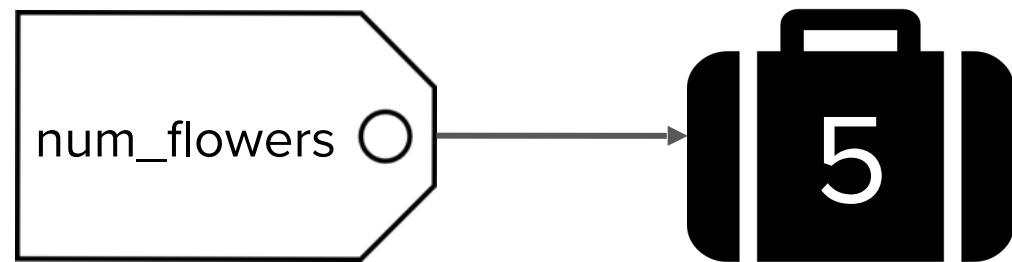
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Definition i.e. attaching it to the bag

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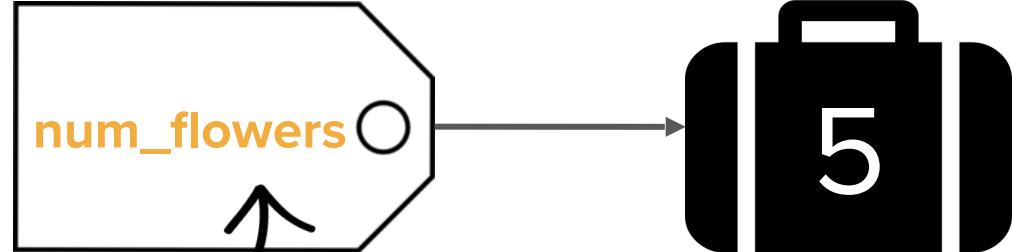
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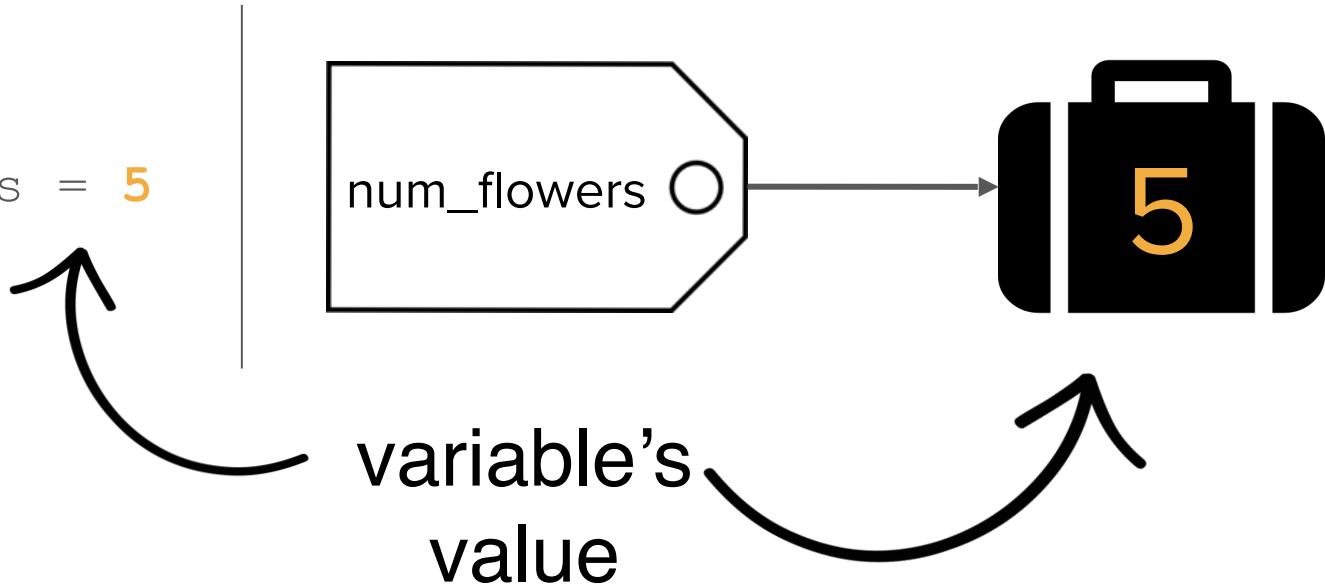
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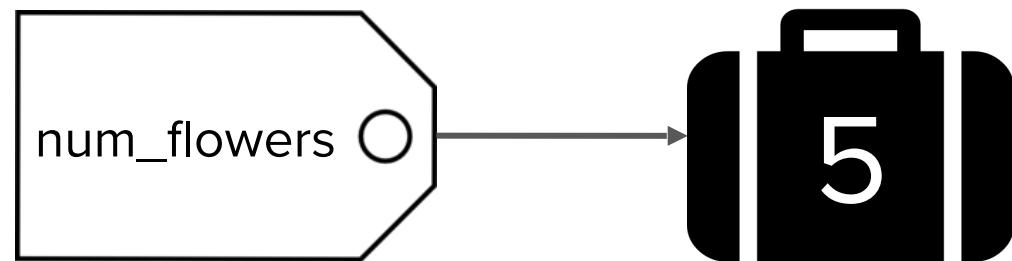
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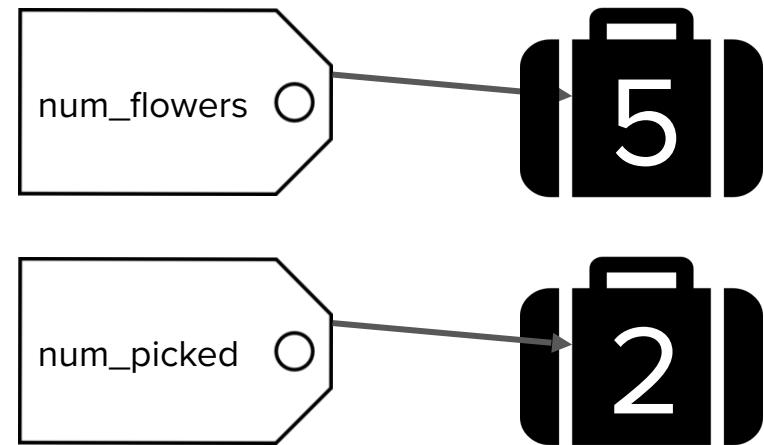


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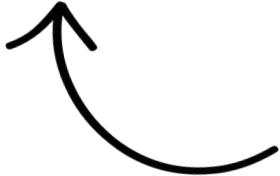
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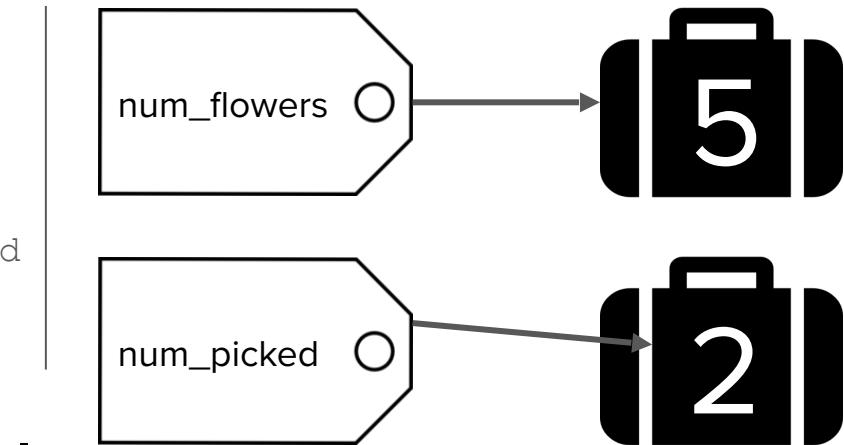
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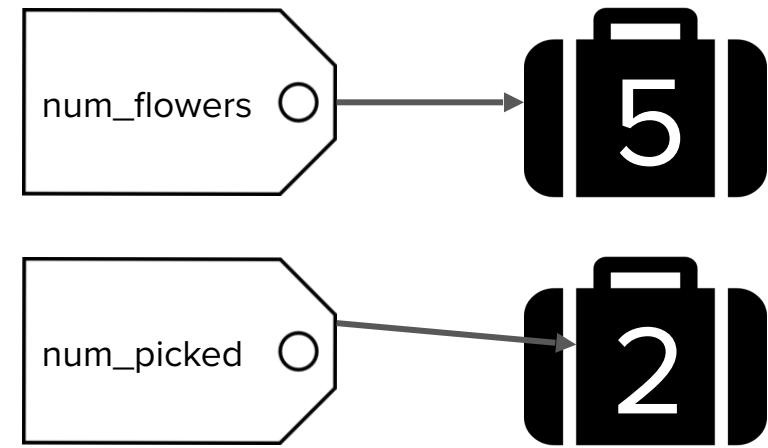
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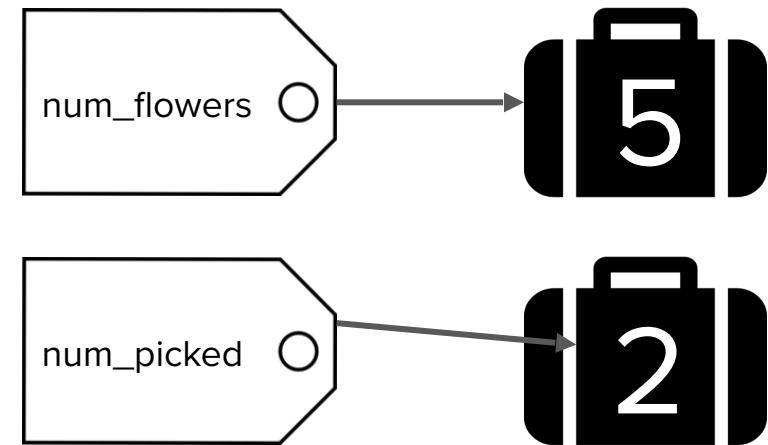
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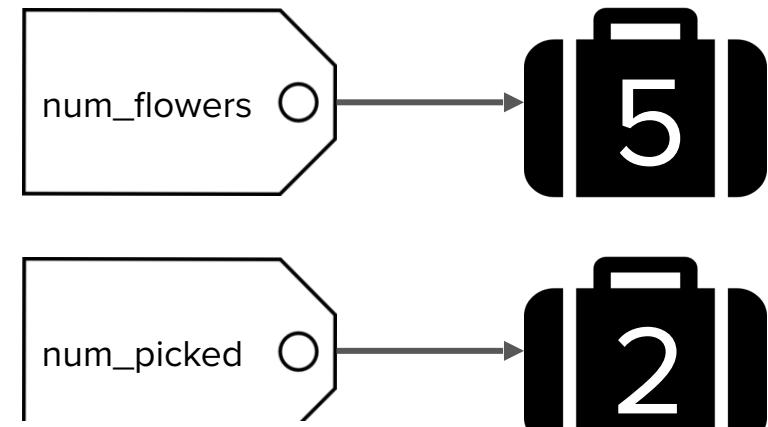


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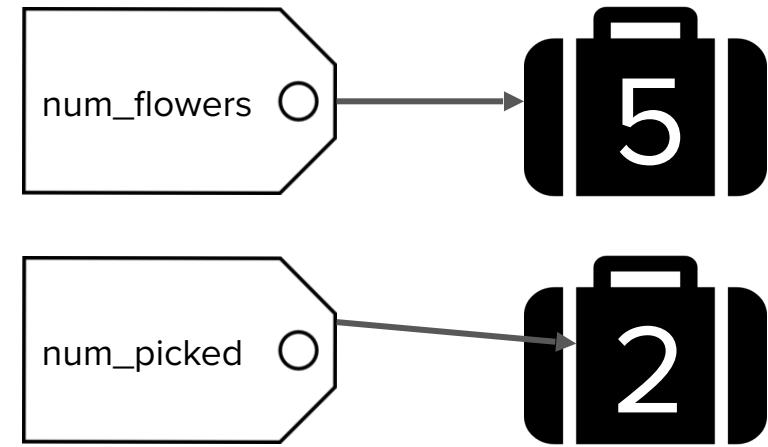
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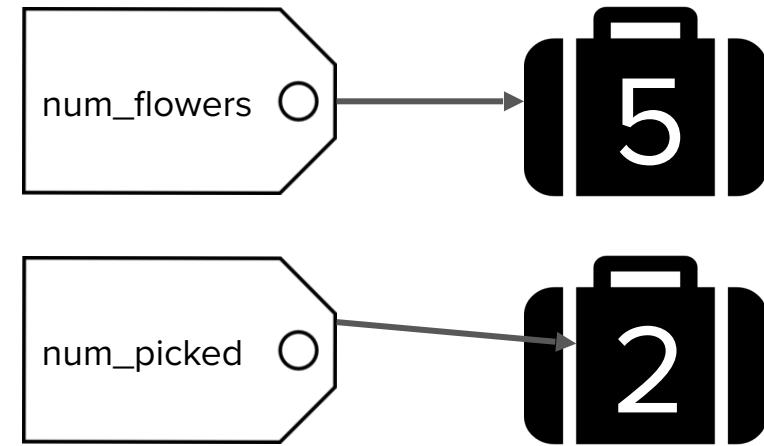
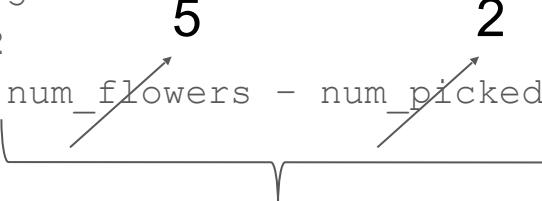


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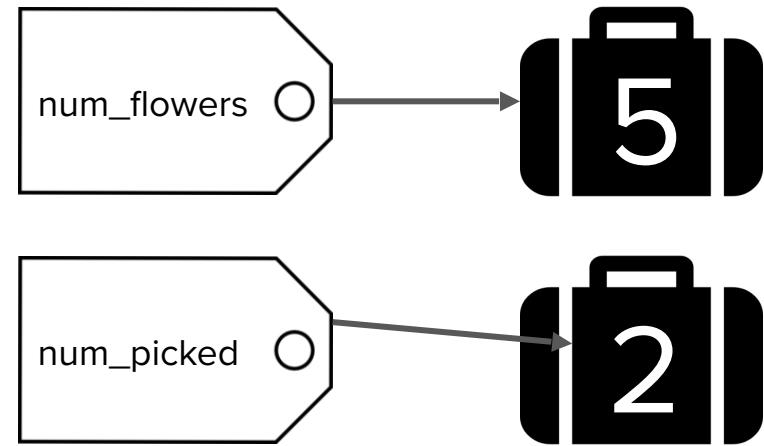
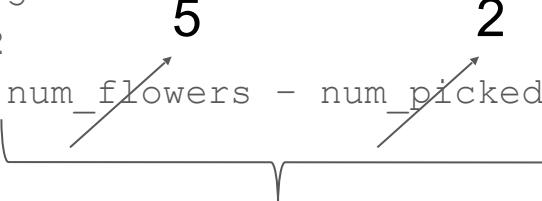


We get the values using variable retrieval
(i.e. checking what suitcase is attached).

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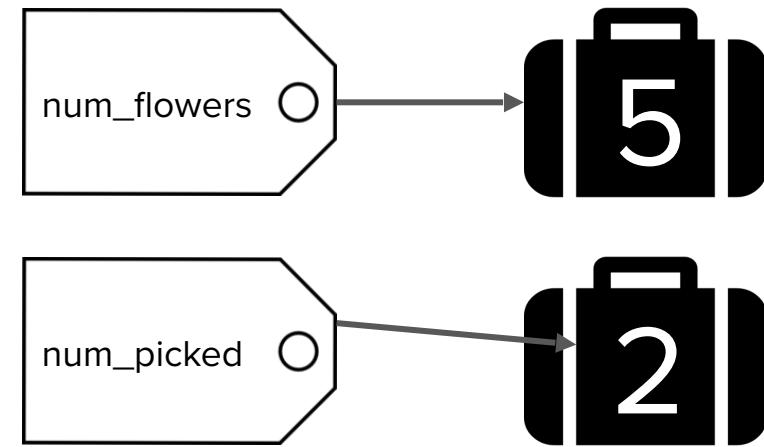
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The diagram illustrates the state of variables in memory. On the left, three variables are shown: `num_flowers` with value 5, `num_picked` with value 2, and a third variable that is being assigned the result of the subtraction. A bracket below the first two variables groups them together, with the value 3 written underneath, indicating that `num_flowers` minus `num_picked` equals 3. Arrows point from the labels `num_flowers` and `num_picked` to their respective values 5 and 2. Another arrow points from the label of the third variable to the value 3.



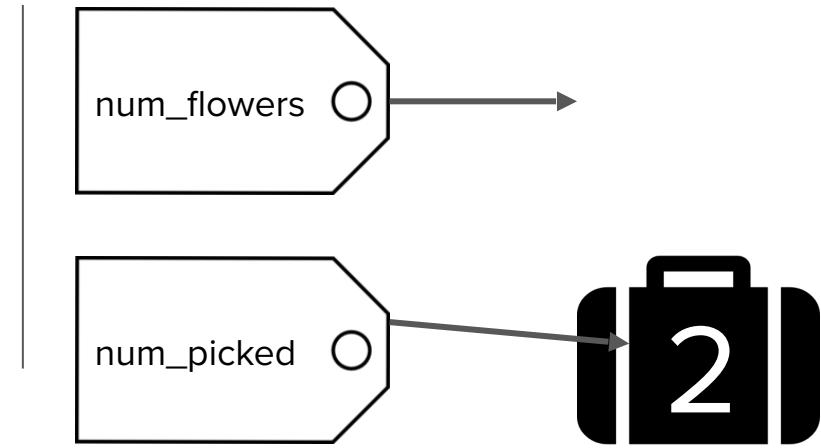
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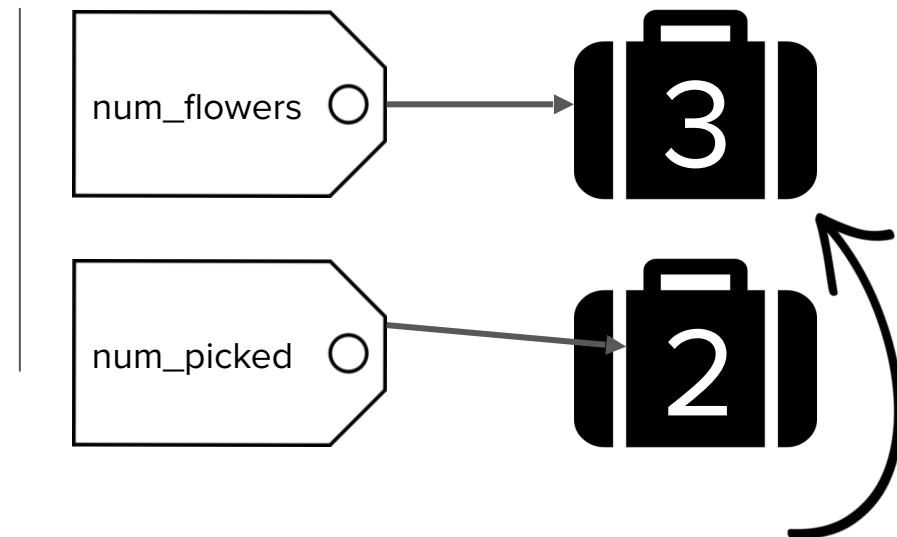
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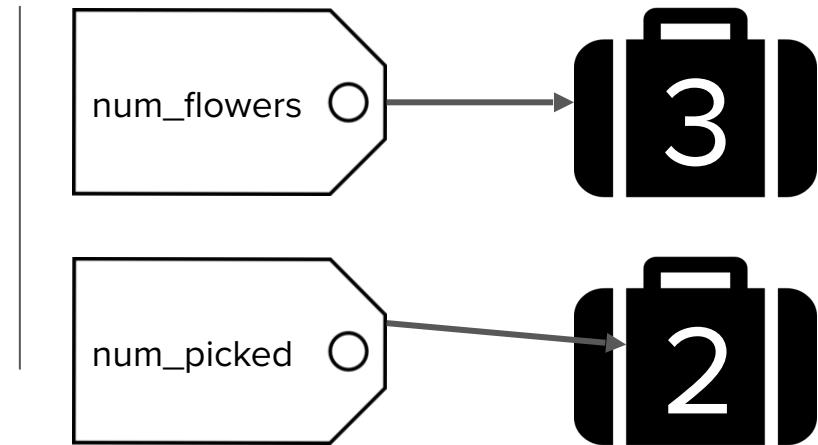
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Python handles all the baggage for you when you use variables.

How do computer get user input?

input function

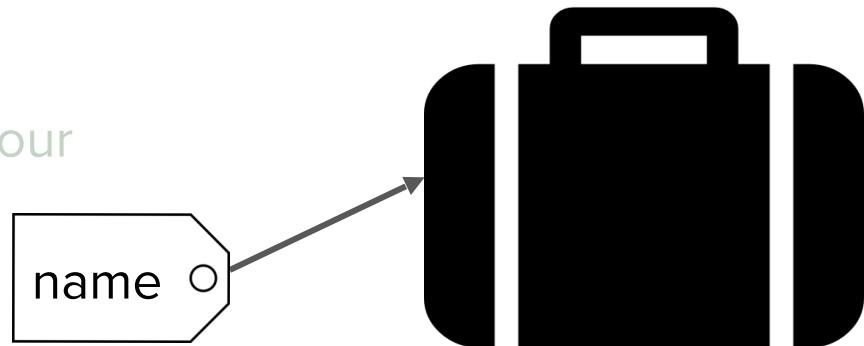
```
num1 = input("Enter first number: ")
```

- **input** command gets text input from the user
- Prints text specified in double/single quotes
 - Then waits for user input
 - Here, user input from **input** is put in a variable (**num1**)
 - The user input is considered text, even if user entered a number
- We'll talk more about **input** function later

Data Types

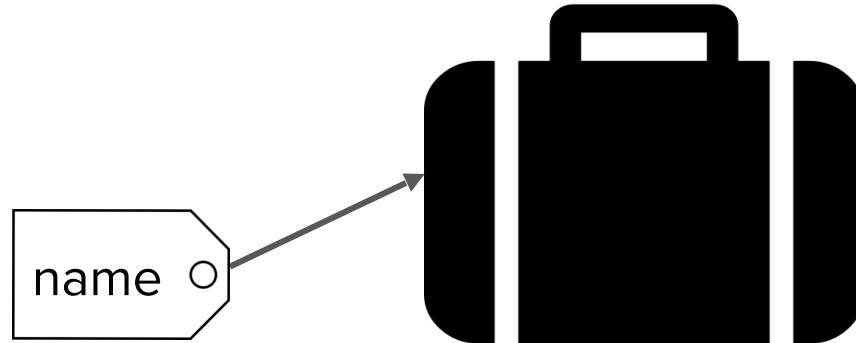
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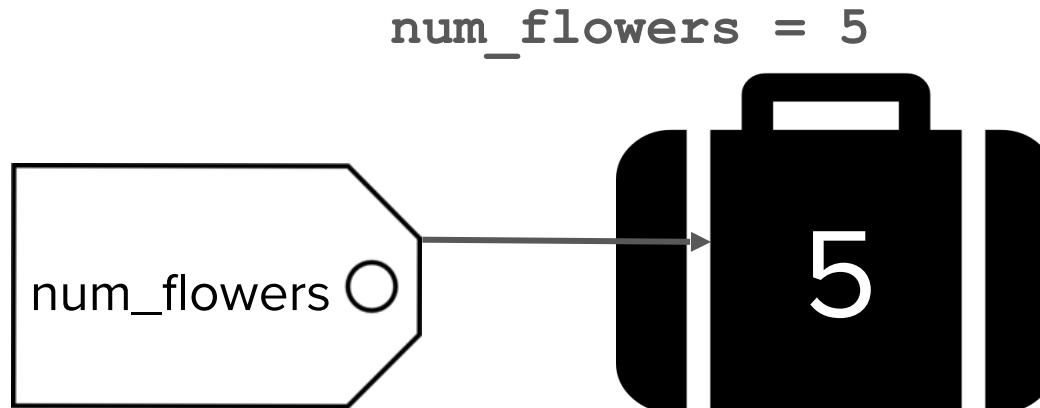
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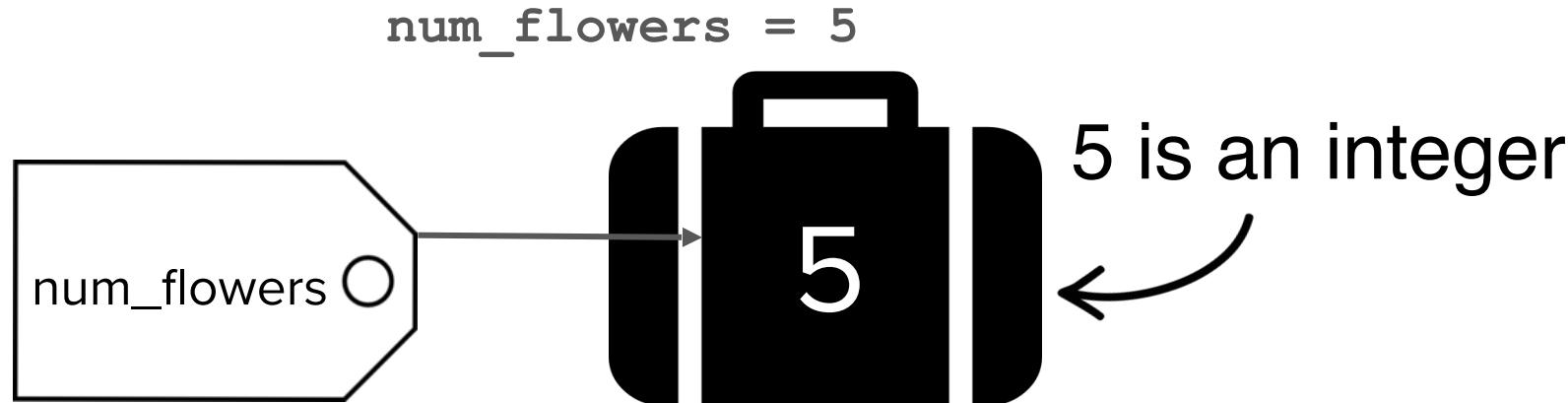
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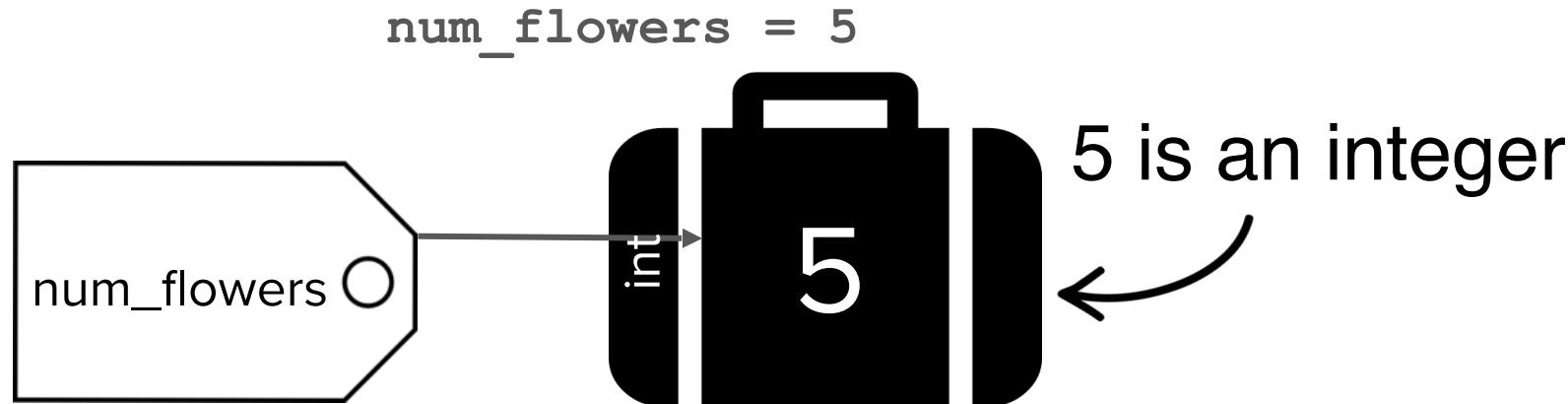
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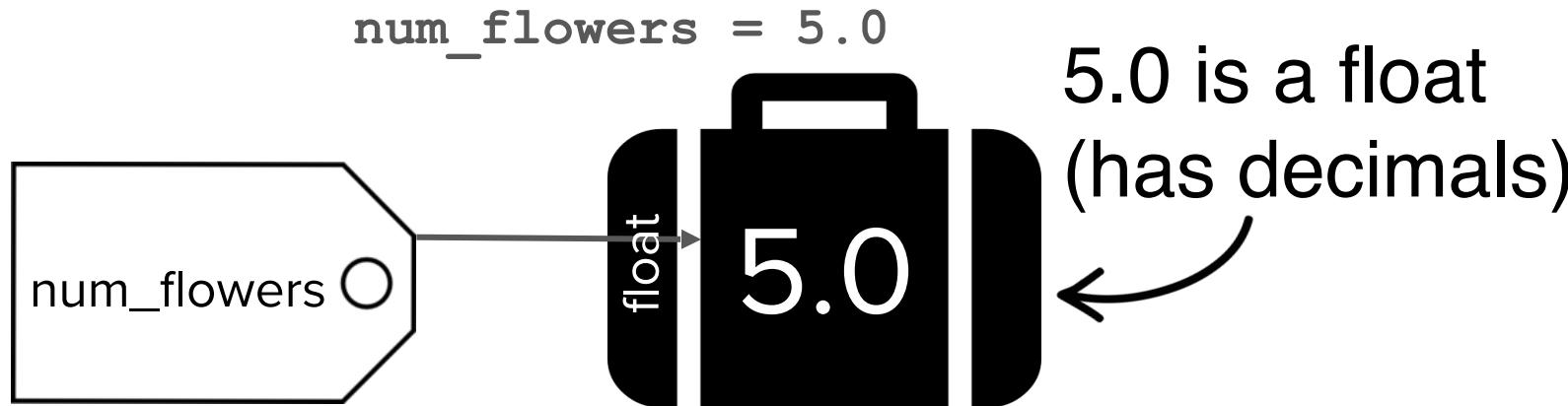
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Types

All Python objects have a type!

- Python automatically figures out the type based on the value
 - Variables are “**dynamically-typed**”: you don’t specify the type of the Python object they point to

Types

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- Integers - numbers with no decimals

```
num_flowers = 5
```

- Floats - numbers with decimals

```
fraction = 0.2
```

- Booleans - true or false

```
is_raining_today = True
```

- Strings - collection of characters

```
myName = 'Baris'
```

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Think/Share

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- Use **float(*value*)** to create new real-valued number

float(num1) => 5.0 (float)

- Note that **num1** is not changed. We created a new value.

num1 + float(num2) => 7.0 (float)

num1 + num2 => 7 (int)

- Use **int(*value*)** to create a new integer-valued number
(truncating anything after decimal)

int(num3) => 1 (int)

int(-2.7) => -2 (int)

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- Use **str**(*value*) to create new text out number

str(num1)	=> '5'	(String)
str(num2)	=> '2'	(String)
str(num3)	=> '1.9'	(String)

Ready for another example?

Another Program

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```

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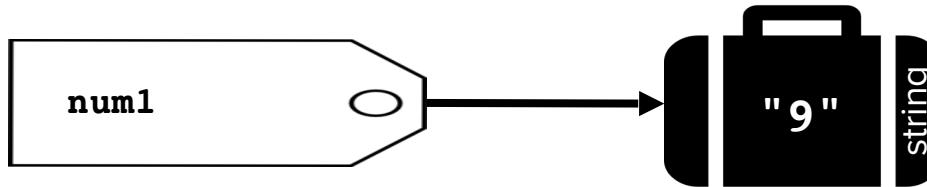
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- **input** command gives you back a **string**
 - Even if the user types in a number

Show Me The Luggage!

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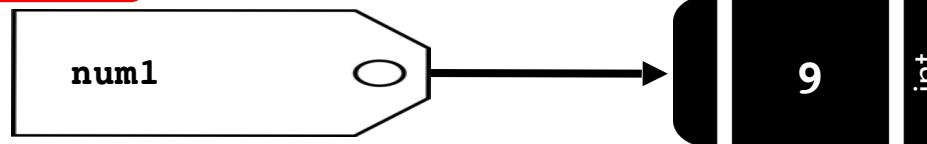


- We create an integer version of `num1`

```
num1 = int(num1)
```

- Create a new suitcase that has **int** version of `num1`
- Then assign the tag `num1` to that piece of luggage

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9

num2

"17"

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```

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    print("The total is " + str(total) + ".")
```

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The total is 26.

What's Going on With `print`

- Adding strings in `print` command

```
print("The total is " + str(total) + ".")
```

- The `+` operator concatenates strings together

```
str1 = "hi"
```

```
str2 = " "
```

```
str3 = "there"
```

```
str4 = str1 + str2 + str3
```

- `total` is integer, so we need to create a string version

```
str(total)
```

- String version of `total` is a new value that is concatenated to produce final string that is printed
- Original variable `total` is still an `int`

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Side note about `print`

- You can `print` numbers by themselves directly
 - Only need to create string version of numbers when printing other text (strings) with them

```
def main():
    x = 10
    y = 3.5
    print(x)
    print(y)
    print("x = " + str(x))
```

```
10
3.5
x = 10
```

You just wrote your first
Python program and learned
about variables!

How do we process the information that we've stored?

Expressions

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Literals are Python objects written directly in code, e.g. the 5 in `num_flowers = 5`

Performing Calculations

- **Math expression:** performs calculation and gives a value
 - Math operator: built-in tool for performing calculation
 - Operands: values surrounding operator
 - Variables can be used as operands
 - Resulting value typically assigned to variable

Performing Calculations

Arithmetic operators

- * Multiplication
 - / Division
 - // Integer division
 - % Modulus (remainder)
 - +
 - Subtraction
 - ** Exponentiation
- **Two types of division:**
 - / operator performs floating point division
 - // operator performs integer division
 - Positive results truncated, negative rounded away from zero

Arithmetic Operators

```
num1 = 5  
num2 = 2
```

- Operations on numerical types (**int** and **float**)
- Operators

		<u>num3</u>
+	"addition"	Ex.: num3 = num1 + num2
-	"subtraction"	Ex.: num3 = num1 - num2
*	"multiplication"	Ex.: num3 = num1 * num2
/	"division"	Ex.: num3 = num1 / num2
//	"integer division"	Ex.: num3 = num1 // num2
%	"remainder"	Ex.: num3 = num1 % num2
**	"exponentiation"	Ex.: num3 = num1 ** num2
-	"negation" (unary)	Ex.: num3 = -num1

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This is your “order of operations” for Python!

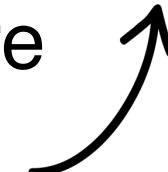
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Ties within rows are broken by going from left to right



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Let's all think about it

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[demo]

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NOTE: Any of the literals can also be replaced with variables that are associated with the same value

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For example:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2 \\4 + x * 3\end{aligned}$$

This evaluates to 10,
just like our first
example expression!

Expression Shorthands

```
num1 = 5  
num2 = 2  
num3 = 1.9
```

num1 = num1 + 1	same as	num1 += 1
num2 = num2 - 4	same as	num2 -= 4
num3 = num3 * 2	same as	num3 *= 2
num1 = num1 / 2	same as	num1 /= 2

- Generally:

variable = *variable* operator (*expression*)

is same as:

variable operator= *expression*

Implicit Type Conversion

```
num1 = 5  
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- Operations on two **ints** (except `/`) that would result in an integer value are of type **int**

`num1 + 7 => 12 (int)`

- Dividing (`/`) two **ints** results in a **float**, even if result is a round number (Ex.:
`6 / 2 = 3.0`)

- If either (or both) of operands are **float**, the result is a **float**

`num3 + 1 => 2.9 (float)`

- Exponentiation depends on the result:

`num2 ** 3 => 8 (int)`

`2 ** -1 => 0.5 (float)`

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Style note

constants

Use constants with descriptive names instead of literals directly in your code.

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d = 299792458 * 3
```

```
SPEED_OF_LIGHT = 299792458  
d = SPEED_OF_LIGHT * 3
```

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- Constants are usually assigned outside functions and at the top of your program file (underneath the imports)

Example of Using Constants

```
"""
File: constants.py
-----
An example program with constants
"""

INCHES_IN FOOT = 12

def main():
    feet = float(input("Enter number of feet: "))
    inches = feet * INCHES_IN FOOT
    print("That is " + str(inches) + " inches!")

# This provided line is required at the end of a Python file
# to call the main() function.
if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

Your job: Play with variables!

