

Python training - lab 1

Introduction

Created: Guido van Rossum, 1991

Versions:

- Python 2.0: 2000, end of life 2020, still heavily used
- Python 3.0: 2008

Name origin: BBC TV show Monty Python's Flying Circus

Gain in popularity:

- since 2003
- used by: Intel, IBM, NASA, Netflix, Facebook, Spotify, Google, Pinterest, Instagram

Why Python

Python is a general-purpose language

Simple to read and write, easy to learn

Great as a first language

Open source and very active development community

Great selection of third party libraries

Rapid development

Running on various platforms (Windows, Linux, Android)

Installing

Download language: <https://www.python.org/>

Download PyCharm IDE:
<https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/download/>

IDE

- Integrated Development Environment
- editor, debugger, various tools

Running python:

- IDE
- console
- command line: `python program-name.py`

First program

Python file extension: .py

```
# my first python program!  
print('Hello World')
```

```
# my second python program.  
# I'm already an expert. :-)  
user = input('Cum te cheama? ')  
print('Hello ', user)
```

Comments

```
# this is a one line comment  
print('Hello World') # comment  
# another one line comment
```

```
'''  
This is a  
    multiple line comment  
'''
```

```
"""  
One more  
    multiple line comment  
"""
```

Data types

Description	Type name	Examples
Boolean	<code>bool</code>	<code>True</code> , <code>False</code>
Integer number	<code>int</code>	<code>-6</code> , <code>0</code> , <code>18</code>
Real number	<code>float</code>	<code>-56.12</code> , <code>3.0</code> <code>34.89e-12</code> , <code>34.89e12</code> <code>float('-inf')</code> , <code>float('inf')</code>
String of characters	<code>str</code>	<code>'ala bala '</code> , <code>"trilulilu 12 @\$"</code>
List of values	<code>list</code>	<code>[True, 23.56, 89, "something"]</code>

```
# the type of variable x  
type(x)
```

Operators

Operator	Explanation	Usage OK	Error
+	add numbers	-23 + 4.78	23 + ['abc', 56]
+	concatenate strings	"abc" + 'DEF'	"123" + 45
-	substitution	34 - 56	"123" - 45
*	multiplication	34 * 56	"123" * '45'
*	multiplication	3 * "ab"	
/	float division	5 / 2	5 / 'abc'
//	integer division	5 // 2	
%	modulo, returns the remaining	5 % 2	
**	power	5 ** 2, 16 ** 0.5	5 ** 'abc'
+=	increment, $v += 6 \leftrightarrow v = v + 6$	v += 6	

Operators

Comparisons, including membership tests and identity tests

<, <=, >, >=, !=, ==

is, in, not, and, or, not in, is not

<https://docs.python.org/3/reference/expressions.html#operator-precedence>

List operations

```
l = [34, 89]
```

```
l.append('abc')
```

```
l += ['DEF']
```

```
l[1] = 456
```