

Variables, Expressions, and Statements

Chapter 2

Python for Everybody

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Constants

values such as numbers, letters, and strings, are **constants** because their value does not change

Basic **constants** are as you expect

constants use single quotes (')

double quotes (")

```
>>> print(123)
```

```
123
```

```
>>> print(98.6)
```

```
98.6
```

```
>>> print('Hello world')
```

```
Hello world
```

Reserved Words

Do not use **reserved words** as variable names / identifiers

False	class	return	is	finally
None	if	for	lambda	continue
True	def	from	while	nonlocal
and	del	global	not	with
as	elif	try	or	yield
assert	else	import	pass	
break	except	in	raise	

Variables

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x

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$y = 14$

y

14

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`x = 14`

`y = 100`

x

~~12.2~~ 100

y

14

Python Variable Name Rules

start with a letter or underscore _

consist of letters, numbers, and underscores

Case Sensitive

Valid:	spam	eggs	spam23	_speed
Invalid:	23spam	#sign	var.12	
Different:	spam	Spam	SPAM	

Mnemonic Variable Names

As we programmers are given a choice in how we choose variable names, there is a bit of “best practice”

We name variables to help us remember what we intend them to do. A mnemonic (“mnemonic” = “memory aid”)

can confuse beginning students because well-named variables often “sound” so good that they must be keywords.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mnemonic>

d = 35.0

d = 12.50

d = x1q3z9ocd * x1q3z9afd
q3p9afd)

s this bit of
e doing?


```
d = 35.0  
d = 12.50  
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```

```
a = 35.  
b = 12.  
c = a *  
print(c
```

re these bits
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```
hours = 35.0
rate = 12.50
pay = hours * rate
print(pay)
```

Sentences or Lines

2 ← Assignment statement
x + 2 ← Assignment with expression
t(x) ← Print statement

le Operator Constant Function

Assignment Statements

Assign a value to a variable using the assignment statement

An assignment statement consists of an **expression on the right side** and a **variable** to store the result

$$x = 3.9 * x * (1 - x)$$

a memory location
a value (0.6)

x

0.6

0.6

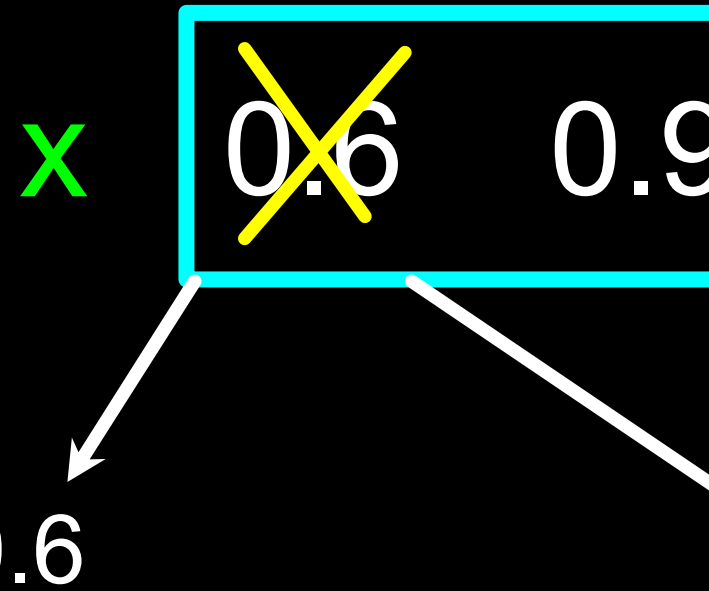
x = 3.9 * x * (1 -

0.4

0.936

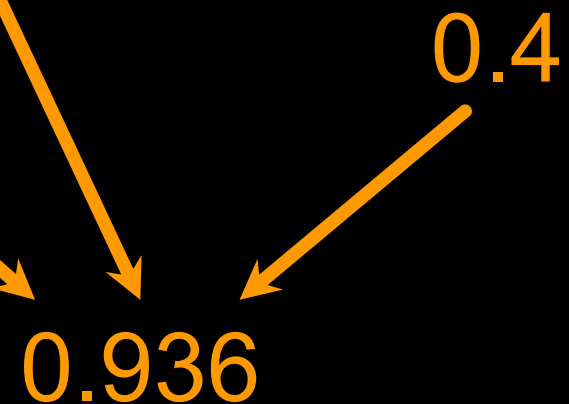
is an expression.
expression is evaluated, the
ed in (assigned to) x.

memory location used to
The value stored in a
is updated by replacing the
) with a new value (0.936).



$$x = 3.9 * x * (1 - 0.4)$$

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evaluated, the result is
signed to) the variable on the
x).



Expressions...

Numeric Expressions

Due to the lack of mathematical symbols on computer keyboards - we use "computer-speak" to express the math operations

* is multiplication

Exponentiation (raise to a power) looks different than in math

Operator	
+	
-	s
*	M
/	
**	
%	

Numeric Expressions

```
= 2
= xx + 2
int(xx)

= 440 * 12
int(yy)

= yy / 1000
int(zz)
```

```
>>> jj = 23
>>> kk = jj % 5
>>> print(kk)
3

>>> print(4 ** 3)
64
```

5 $\overline{) 23}$
20

3

Operator
+
-
*
/
**
%

Order of Evaluation

we string operators together - Python must know what
st

called “operator precedence”

operator “takes precedence” over the others?

`x = 1 + 2 * 3 - 4 / 5 ** 6`

Operator Precedence Rules

precedence rule to lowest precedence rule:

Parentheses are always respected

Exponentiation (raise to a power)

Multiplication, Division, and Remainder

Addition and Subtraction

Left to right

Parentheses

Power

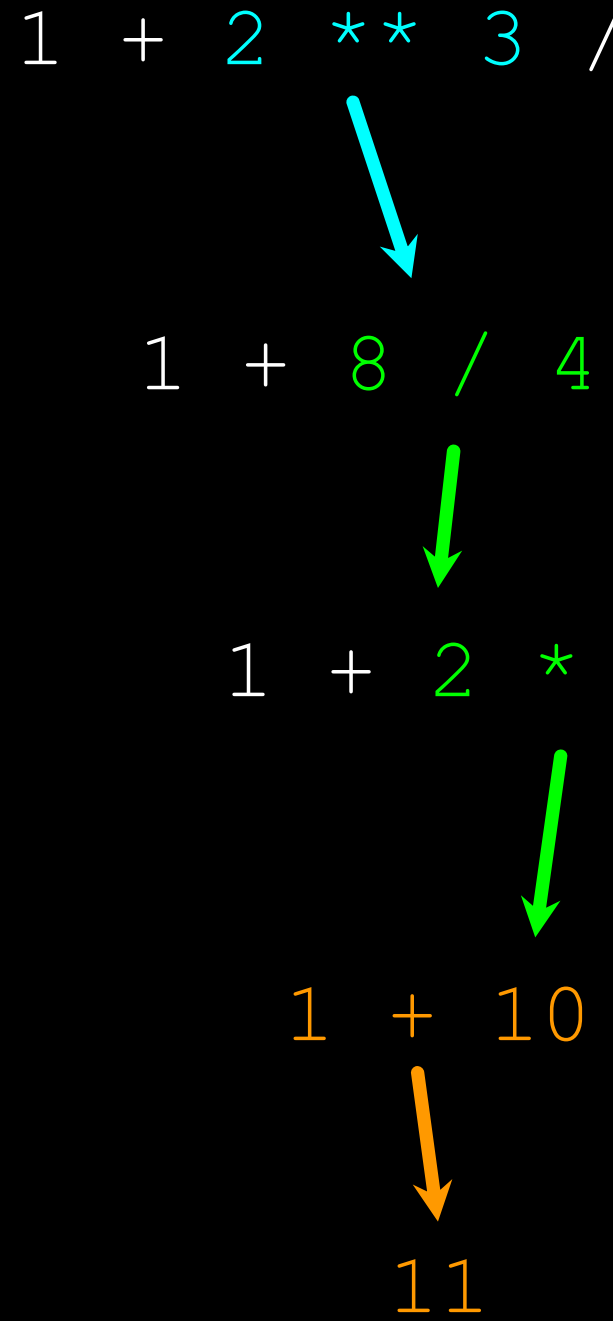
Multiplication

Division

Left to right

= 1 + 2 ** 3 / 4 * 5
int(x)

Parenthesis
Power
Multiplication
Addition
Left to Right



Operator Precedence

Remember the rules top to bottom

When writing code - use parentheses

When writing code - keep mathematical expressions simple
so they are easy to understand

Group a long series of mathematical operations up to make
it clear

Parentheses

Power

Multiplication

Addition

Left to right

What Does “Type” Mean

on variables, literals, and
nts have a “type”

knows the difference between
ger number and a string

ample “+” means “addition” if
ing is a number and
enate” if something is a string

```
>>> ddd = 1 + 4
>>> print(ddd)
5
>>> eee = 'hello
>>> print(eee)
hello there
```

concatenate = pu

Type Matters

Python knows what “**type**”
something is

Arithmetic operations are
typed

Cannot “add 1” to a string

To ask Python what type
something is by using the
`type` function

```
>>> eee = 'hello ' + 'world'
>>> eee = eee + 1
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: Can't convert 'int' object to str in
concatenation
>>> type(eee)
<class 'str'>
>>> type('hello')
<class 'str'>
>>> type(1)
<class 'int'>
>>>
```

Several Types of Numbers

Numbers have two main types

Integers are whole numbers:

2, 0, 1, 100, 401233

Floating Point Numbers have

decimal parts: -2.5 , 0.0, 98.6, 14.0

There are other number types - they
operate on float and integer

```
>>> xx = 1
>>> type (xx)
<class 'int'>
>>> temp = 1.5
>>> type(temp)
<class 'float'>
>>> type(1.5)
<class 'float'>
>>> type(1)
<class 'int'>
>>>
```


Conversions

When you put an integer and a decimal point in an expression, the integer is automatically converted to a float

You can control this with the functions `int()` and

```
>>> print(float(99))
199.0
>>> i = 42
>>> type(i)
<class 'int'>
>>> f = float(i)
>>> print(f)
42.0
>>> type(f)
<class 'float'>
>>>
```

Integer Division

Division produces a floating
result

```
>>> print(10 / 2)
5.0
>>> print(9 / 2)
4.5
>>> print(99 / 1)
0.99
>>> print(10.0 / 2)
5.0
>>> print(99.0 / 1)
0.99
```

different in Python 2.x

String Conversions

You can also use `int()` and
to convert between
strings and integers

You will get an **error** if the string
does not contain numeric
characters

```
>>> sval = '123'
>>> type(sval)
<class 'str'>
>>> print(sval + 1)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: Can't convert str to str implicitly
>>> ival = int(sval)
>>> type(ival)
<class 'int'>
>>> print(ival + 1)
124
>>> nsval = 'hello bob'
>>> niv = int(nsval)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'x'
```

User Input

can instruct Python to
write and read data from
user using the `input()`
function

`input()` function
returns a string

```
nam = input('Who are you? ')
print('Welcome', nam)
```

Who are you? **Chuck**
Welcome Chuck

Converting User Input



When we want to read a number from the user, we must convert it from a string to a number using a type conversion function

When we will deal with bad data

```
inp = input('Europe floor')  
usf = int(inp) + 1  
print('US floor', usf)
```

Europe floor?
US floor 1

Comments in Python

g after a # is ignored by Python

comment?

ribe what is going to happen in a sequence of code

ment who wrote the code or other ancillary information

off a line of code - perhaps temporarily

```
# Get the name of the file and open it
```

```
name = input('Enter file:')
```

```
handle = open(name, 'r')
```

```
# Count word frequency
```

```
counts = dict()
```

```
for line in handle:
```

```
    words = line.split()
```

```
    for word in words:
```

```
        counts[word] = counts.get(word, 0) + 1
```

```
# Find the most common word
```

```
bigcount = None
```

```
bigword = None
```

```
for word, count in counts.items():
```

```
    if bigcount is None or count > bigcount:
```

```
        bigword = word
```

```
        bigcount = count
```

```
# All done
```

```
print(bigword, bigcount)
```

Summary

erved words

ables (mnemonic)

ators

ator precedence

- Integer Division
- Conversion between
- User input
- Comments (#)

Write a program to prompt the user for hours and rate per hour to compute gross pay.

Enter Hours: 35

Enter Rate: 2.75

Pay: 96.25

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