

# Code in Place 2024

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Section - Week 3

Programming with the Python Console

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# Today's Agenda



## 1. Check-In

How are we all doing?



## 2. Concepts Review

Console Programming,  
Expressions



## 3. Practice Problem #1

"Mars Weight"



## 4. Practice Problem #2

"Planetary Weight"



## Before We Start

How are you all doing?  
Hopefully your second week of CIP went well!

- If you could have Karel know a 5th default command, what would it be?

# Concepts Review

# Intro to Console Programming



Welcome to real-life Python world!  
No longer restricted to Karel's world with only 4 commands!



Basic commands for today's Exercise:

`print()`

- Prints text or value to console.
- Example:
  - `print("Hello, world!")`
  - `print(42)`

`input()`

- Requests the user to type in an input, which can be stored as a string.
- Example:
  - `user_height = input("Please enter your height: ")`
  - `print(user_height)`

# Variables



- A **variable** is a place to store information in a program.
- Creating and assigning a new variable:
  - `variable_name = value or expression`

```
x = 10           # Assign the value 10 to the variable named "x"  
x = 5           # The value of "x" is now 5  
x = 5 + 7       # The value of "x" is now 12
```

# Variables: Assignment (=) vs Comparison (==)



Spot the difference



`x = 64`

- Assigns the value 64 to a variable named `x`.
- Creates the variable if it didn't already exist.

`x == 64`

- Checks if a variable named `x` has the value 64.
- Returns either `true` or `false`.

# Variables: Python Naming Conventions



- Variable name must:
  - Start with a letter or an underscore (`_`)
  - Contain only letters, digits, or underscores
  - Cannot be one of the “built-in” Python commands (e.g. `for`)
- Variable names are **case sensitive**
  - `User_height` is not the same as `user_height`
- Use “snake case” for variable names.
  - **Do:** `user_height`
  - **Don't:** `userheight`, `userHeight`





# Variables: Constants



- **Constants** are variables that you think should be a fixed value.
  - Constant names use capital SNAKE\_CASE.
  - Examples:
    - `PI = 3.14159`
    - `MINUTES_PER_HOUR = 60`
    - `CAPITAL_OF_FRANCE = "Paris"`

# Variables: Data Types



- Each variable needs to know what **Type** of information it's carrying.
- **Some Types in Python:**
  - **int:** integer value (no decimal point)
    - -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
  - **float:** real number value (has decimal point)
    - 2.0, -0.39, 3.14159
  - **string:** text characters (surrounded by single/double quotes)
    - "Hello CIP!", 'Hello CIP!', "10", '10'
  - **bool:** Boolean logical values (True or False)
    - True, False

# Type Casting (aka Converting)



- You can **cast** (aka convert) a variable from one Type to another.
- Python has several built-in functions for type casting. Here are a few you might find helpful:
  - `x = int(y)` # y is cast to an int
  - `x = float(y)` # y is cast to a float
  - `x = str(y)` # y is cast to a string
- Examples:
  - `user_input = int("75")` # user\_input: 75 [Type: int]
  - `height = float("5.3")` # height: 5.3 [Type: float]
  - `total = str(42.9)` # total: "42.9" [Type: str]

# Combining strings



- Different ways of **concatenating** a string:
  - Using plus sign (+) to combine strings.

```
print("Hello Chris Piech!")  
print("Hello " + "Chris " + "Piech!")  
print("Hello" + " " + "Chris" + " " + "Piech!")
```

- Using comma ( , ) to combine multiple arguments.
  - Each argument will be separated by a space.

```
print("Hello", "Chris", "Piech!")
```



- There are other ways, such as f-strings! We'll cover in the future!

# Be mindful of Types when using print()



- `print(argument)`: **The argument can be any Type.**

```
print("42") # string
print(42)   # int
```

```
print(42.0) # float
print(True) # bool
```

- You **can't mix-and-match** Types for the argument.

```
print("My age is " + 42)
print("My age is " + str(42))
```

```
# Error; you can't mix a string with an int
# This will work; argument is entirely of type string
```



- You can print variables, but remember the above rule!

```
student_name = "Chris"           # Type: string
student_age = 25                  # Type: int
print("My name is " + student_name + " and I am " + str(student_age))
```

# Be mindful of Types when using `input()`



- `input(argument)`: **Will return a result of Type string.**
  - If the result is a number and you want to do calculations with it, remember to cast the result to an `int` or `float`.

```
user_weight = input("Enter your weight (kg): ")
```



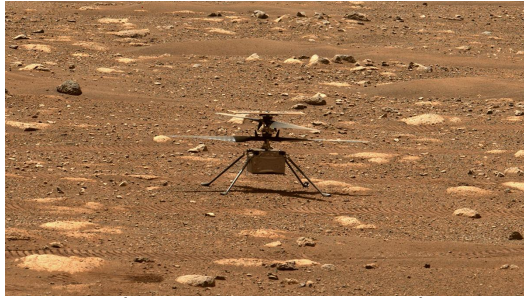
```
new_weight = user_weight + 5
```

```
# Error; can't add a string with an int
```

```
new_weight = int(user_weight) + 5
```

```
# This will work; adding two ints
```

# Section Exercise: “Mars Weight Calculator”



(Image source: NASA)

## Gravitational constant for Mars compared to Earth's:

- Mars: 37.6%



**Milestone #1:** Ask the user their weight on Earth. Output the equivalent weight on Mars!

### Input

Enter a weight on Earth: 120



### Output

The equivalent weight on Mars: 45.36

# How to Round a Number



- **Number Rounding:**

- `round(float, num_decimals)`

```
x = 3.1415926
rounded_x = round(x, 2)      # Rounds x to 2 decimal places
print(rounded_x)            # Prints: 3.14
```

```
y = 2.71828
print(round(y, 4))          # Prints: 2.7183
```



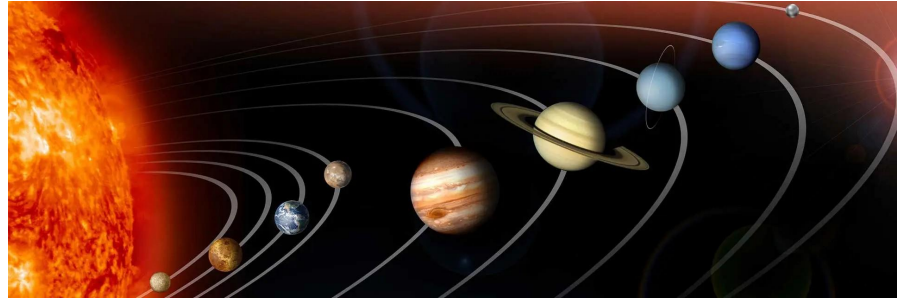
# Section Exercise: “Planetary Weight Calculator”



**Milestone #2:** Make the calculator work for any planet in solar system.

**Gravitational constants for each planet compared to Earth's:**

- Mercury: 37.6%
- Venus: 88.9%
- Earth: 100.0%
- Mars: 37.8%
- Jupiter: 236.0%
- Saturn: 108.1%
- Uranus: 81.5%
- Neptune: 114.0%



(Image source: <https://science.nasa.gov/solar-system/>)



**Input**

Enter a weight on Earth: 150  
Enter a planet: Jupiter



**Output**

The equivalent weight on Jupiter: 354.0