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To open a Python REPL (read-eval-print loop), you have to go to your command line/terminal and type python.

In this environment, you can evaluate different Python statements without having to use the print function.

Running a file

If you're using Visual Studio Code, there should be a play button somewhere on the top right that allows you to run your file.

In most cases, this is all you will need to run a file.

Otherwise, you'll need to run the following command:

python [insert name of your file here]

Types

- int: integers
- float: real numbers (like 3.14, 1.0, etc)
- bool: boolean values (True and False)
- str: strings or sequence of characters



Variables

Variables are ways to store information that we can reference or mutate in a program.

```
a_number = 40
a_string = "John"
a_bool = False
an_expression = 5 * 5
a, b = 10, 11
a, b, c = 10, 11, 12
```

Variables



Create three variables and print each one out separately.

- name str
- hoight float

Variables

Exercise

Suppose that we have 4 variables a, b, c, and c. Swap the values of the following pairs using inline assignments:

• a, d

Type casting

Type casting is a means of transforming data from one type to another

- int() can be used to transform some values into an integer
- float() can be used to transform some values into a real number
- str() can be used to transform some values into a string
- bool() can be used to transform some values into a boolean



Type casting



Certain values when cast into a boolean will evaluate to <a>False. These values from the basic data types we know are:

• 0 • 0.0

Type casting

Exercise

- Create a variable num_str with the value "42".
- Convert it to an integer and store it in num_int.
- Convert it to a float and store it in num_float.
- Print all three values along with their types.



Input and output

To output items to the console when you run your code, you should use the print() function.

print("my name here")

```
Recap
```

Input and output



We can insert variables into strings by using Python's f-string feature.

Note here that we need to add | before the string to denote that the string is an f-string.

```
name = "Jaime"
print(f"Hello, {name}")
```

Input and output

In order to get user-inputted information, we can use the input() function.

The input() function always gives us a string.

If we need the input to be an integer or a real number, then we should cast them appropriately

age = input("How old are you? ")
age = int(age)

Input and output



Create a small program that receives a string name and two float numbers monthly salary and monthly expenses from the user.

Find out how much money this person has left and output the following:

Arithmetic Operators

Addition

When working with numbers (int, float), the addition operator - predictably will add the two numbers together.

```
_sum = 1 + 2
print(_sum)
# expected: 3
```

Arithmetic Operators

Addition

When working with strings (str), the addition operator will concatenate the strings together.

"Hello, " + "World!"
expected: "Hello, World!"

Arithmetic Operators

Subtraction

The subtraction operator - will find the difference between two numbers.

_difference = 4 - 2 print(_difference)

Strings do not implement the subtraction operator. Using it with strings will raise an error.

```
Arithmetic Operators
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Multiplication

The multiplication operator | will find the product of two numbers.

product = 12 * 12
print(product)

```
Arithmetic Operators
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Multiplication
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You cannot multiply two strings together; however you can multiple a string by an integer!

```
print("he" * 4)
# expected: hehehehe
```

This allows us to duplicate a sequence by the number of times we've denoted on the right-hand side.

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Arithmetic Operators
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Division
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The division operator / will find the quotient between two numbers; however, the result will be of type float

```
print(4 / 2) # expected: 2.0
print(1 / 1) # expected: 1.0
print(1 / 0) # raises a ZeroDivisionError
```

```
Arithmetic Operators
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Division

Integer Division

If we want to divide two integers and receive a quotient of type \overline{mt} , we use the integer division operator \overline{M}

```
print(4 // 2) # expected: 2
print(7 // 2) # expected: 3
print(-1 // 2) # expected: -1
```

Integer division will always round down.

We should note that integer division only respects the integer result if and only if both parts of the expression are integers.

For example, print(5.8 // 2) will actually print out 2.0 rather than 2 because 5.8 has type float

```
Arithmetic Operators
```

```
Modulo
```

The modulo operator $\[mathbb{N}\]$ returns the remainder after a number if divided by another.

In Python, the modulo operator follows the following implementation:

```
a % b = a - (b * floor(a / b))

print(7 % 3)  # expected: 1
print(-7 % 3)  # expected: 2
print(7 % -3)  # expected: -2
print(-7 % -3)  # expected: -1
```

Note: floor function will round a value down.

```
Arithmetic Operators
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Exponentiation

Exponentiation is done using the ** operator

```
print(2 ** 128)
print((-3) ** 3)
```

- Python Lab Exercise: Arithmetic, Logical, and Relational Operators
- Task 1: Arithmetic Operators

Write a Python program that performs the following calculations:

- 1. Ask the user to input two numbers, num1 and num2.
- 2. Perform the following operations and display the results:
 - Addition
 - Subtraction
 - Multiplication
 - Division
 - Floor division
 - Modulo
 - Exponentiation

Example Output:

Enter the first number: 10
Enter the second number: 3
Addition: 13
Subtraction: 7
Multiplication: 30
Division: 3.333
Modulo: 1
Exponentiation: 1000
Floor Division: 3

```
Relational Operators
```

```
Equals
```

The equals operator == checks if two values are equal.

If they are equal, then it returns True otherwise it returns False.

```
print(100 == 2)
print("name" == "name")
print(True == 1)
print(False == 0)
```

- Relational Operators
- Equals
- Issue with comparing floating point numbers

```
print(0.3 == 0.3) # expected: true

# But how about
print(0.1 + 0.2 == 0.3)
```

This happens for the following reasons:

- 0.1 and 0.2 have infinitely repeating binary representations
- Since Python typically uses 64 bits to store a float value, this means that the infinitely repeating binary representation will have to be truncated
- The sum of two truncated values then may not necessarily lead to a precise value!

Relational Operators

- Equals
- Issue with comparing floating point numbers

A best practice for comparing floats is then check that the absolute difference between the values is less than some tolerance.

```
epsilon = 0.0000000001

a = 0.1 + 0.2
b = 0.3

print(abs(a - b) < epsilon)</pre>
```

Note here that abs() gives us the absolute value of a number

Relational Operators

Not equals

The 📭 operator checks whether two values are not equal to each other.

```
print(0.3 != 0.3)
print("cheese" != "egg")
print(1 != 1.0)
```

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Relational Operators
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Less than | Less than or equal
```

The operator returns True if the left-hand side is less than the right-hand side and False otherwise.

The coperator returns True if the left-hand side is less than or equal to the right-hand side and False otherwise.

```
print(1 < 12)
print(123 <= 123)</pre>
```

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Relational Operators
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Greater than | Greater than or equal

The poperator returns True if the left-hand side is greater than the right-hand side and False otherwise.

The poperator returns True if the left-hand side is greater than or equal to the right-hand side and False otherwise.

```
print(1 > 12)
print(123 >= 123)
```

Example Output:

```
Enter the first number: 5
Enter the second number: 8
5 > 8: False
5 < 8: True
5 == 8: False
5 != 8: True
5 >= 8: False
5 <= 8: True
```

Logical Operators

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Operand A	Operand B	A AND B
True	True	True
True	False	False
False	True	False
False	False	False

print(True and True) # Output: True
print(True and False) # Output: False
print(False and True) # Output: False
print(False and False) # Output: False

Logical Operators

or

Operand A	Operand B	A OR B
True	True	True
True	False	True
False	True	True
False	False	False

print(True or True) # Output: True
print(True or False) # Output: True
print(False or True) # Output: True
print(False or False) # Output: False

```
Logical Operators
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not

The not operator negates the boolean value of a variable/expression/constant

```
some_bool = True
print(not some_bool) # expected: False
```