STATS 507
Data Analysis in Python

Week1.2: Data Types, Functions, Conditionals

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Recap: 1st lecture

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Recap: what is Python?

Python is a **dynamically typed**, **interpreted** programming language

Design philosophy: simple, readable

Dynamically typed
In many languages, when you declare a variable, you must specify the variable's **type** (e.g., int, double, Boolean, string). Python does not require this, the type of a variable is defined at **runtime**. v.s. statically typed, flexible yet more error-prone

Interpreted
Some languages (e.g. C/C++ and Java) are compiled: we write code, from which we get a runnable grogram via **compilation**. In contrast, Python is **interpreted**: a program, called the **interpreter**, runs our code directly, line by line. v.s compiled: simple yet slower

Now let’s write Python…

Python as a programming language

Aspects of language

Primitive constructs

- English: words -> sentences -> stories -> chapters -> books…
- Programming languages: numbers, strings, operators

  -> expressions-> functions-> modules -> apps …

Python as a programming language

Aspects of language -- Syntax

- English
  - “I stats 507.”
  - ”I love stats 507.”

Noun noun noun -> invalid syntax

Noun verb noun -> valid syntax

- Programming languages
  - “Hello World!” 100
  - “Hello World!” * 100

Object object -> invalid syntax

Object operator object -> valid syntax

Python as a programming language

Aspects of language -- Semantics (meaning)

The branch of linguistics and logic concerned with meaning

- English
  - ”I likes this class.”

Noun verb noun-> valid syntax
But semantic error

- Programming languages
  - “Hello World!” + 5

Object operator object -> valid syntax
But semantic error

Python as a programming language

Aspects of programming

A program is a sequence of definition and commands (recipe)…programs define and manipulate **data objects**

Unlike English, program can only have one meaning

- The chicken is ready to eat…

Where things could go wrong in Python…

Syntactic errors

- Common and easily caught
- Misspelled words, extra colons
- incorrect indentation, unmatched (){}[]…

Semantics errors

- Type mismatches…
- Use a variable before it is defined…

More on this later…

Run time & logical errors…

- Crashes
- Run-time error, programs run forever
- Generates the wrong answer…

1. Data Types in Python

2. Conditionals

3. Functions

Why do we need data types?

Different object can **represent** different concepts.

ANY object has a type that defines what kind of operations programs can do to them

- 30
  - Is a number
  - Can Add/sub/mul/div…
- “Stats 507”
  - Is a string (a sequence of characters)
  - Can get a substring, but can not div by a number…

Object data types in Python

- Built-in
  - Scalar (can not be subdivided)
    - Number
    - Truth, False
  - Non-scalar
    - Lists
    - Strings
    - Dictionaries
    - …
- Custom object
  - Tree
  - Graph
  - …

Text Type:	`str`
Numeric Types:	`int`, `float`, `complex`
Sequence Types:	`list`, `tuple`, `range`
Mapping Type:	`dict`
Set Types:	`set`, `frozenset`
Boolean Type:	`bool`
Binary Types:	`bytes`, `bytearray`, `memoryview`
None Type:	`NoneType`

Ref: https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_datatypes.asp

Scalar Objects in Python

- int, -- represent integers, ex: 507
- float, -- represent real numbers, ex: 3.1415, 2.0
- bool, -- represent Boolean values, ex: True, False
- NonType -- special and has one value, None

- Can use type() to see the type of any object

Let’s try it in Jupyter…

Dynamically typed one more time

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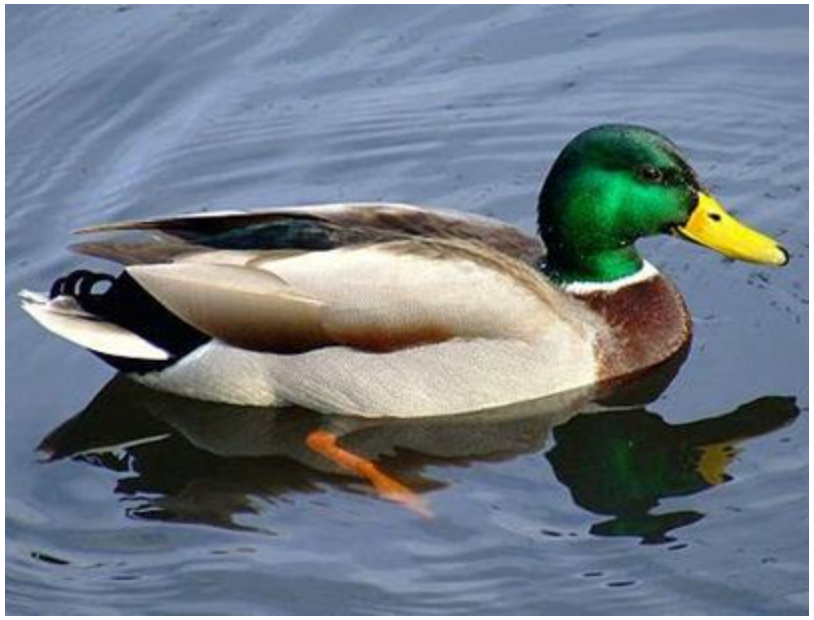


If it looks like a duck, swims like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it probably is a duck.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duck_test

Unlike some languages (e.g. C, C++, Java), **you don't tell Python the type of a variable** when you declare it.

This is often called "**duck typing**".

Pros and cons?

Type Conversion (Casting)

We can cast objects to different type…

```
float(1)
```

```
1.0
```

```
type(float(2))
```

```
float
```

```
int(2.0)
```

```
2
```

```
type(str(2))
```

```
str
```

Not all conversions make sense…

```
# When the conversion does not make sense
int("Hello World")
```

```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent cal
l last)
Cell In[11], line 1
----> 1 int("Hello World")

ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: 'Hello World'
```

Variable in Python

Variable is a name that **refers** to a **value.**

Assign a value to a variable via assignment operator “=”

```
# Variables in Python
# Store user input
name = input("Enter your name: ")

# Reuse the variable
print(f"Hello, {name}!")

# Change the value
name = name.upper()

# Reuse again
print(f"Your name in uppercase: {name}")
```

Why do we need variable?

Variables in Python

Assign a value to a variable via assignment operator “=”

```
In [1]: mystring = "It has been a lovely day."
        approx_pi = 3.1415
        number_of_planets = 9

In [2]: mystring
Out[2]: 'It has been a lovely day.'

In [3]: number_of_planets
Out[3]: 9
```

What are the types of my variables?

Change the value of a variable

```
In [4]: number_of_planets = 8
        number_of_planets
Out[4]: 8
```

Variable names in Python

Python variable names can be arbitrarily long, and may contain any letters, numbers and undercores(_), but may not start with a number. Variable can have any name, except for the python 3 reserved keywords

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

Key naming conventions for variables in Python:

1) Short but descriptive: **user_age** is preferable to **the_age_of_the_user** or **ua**.
2) Lowercase with underscores: **account_balance** or **number_of_planets**…
3) Constants, names of constants should be in all uppercase letters with underscores separating words. For example, **MAX_SIZE** or **DEFAULT_COLOR**

More can be found on: https://google.github.io/styleguide/pyguide.html

Talking about syntax -- comments

Comments provide a way to document your code.

- **Ignored** by the Python interpreter during execution
- Notes and explanations within the code, more **readable and maintainable**

1) Single line comment

```
In [2]: # hash symbol (#) let you write a single line comment
        # Python doesn't try to run code that is commented out
        euler = 2.71828 # Euler's number
        print("Euler's number: ", euler)

Euler's number:  2.71828
```

2) Multi-line comment

```
In [5]: '''
        Triple quotes let you write a write a multi-line comment like
        this one. Everything between the first triple-quote and the
        second one will be ignored by Python when you run your program
        '''
        print("Hello World")

Hello World
```

Expressions

Combine objects and operators to form expressions.

- 4 + 3
- (507 * 12) / 3

Syntax for a simple expression:

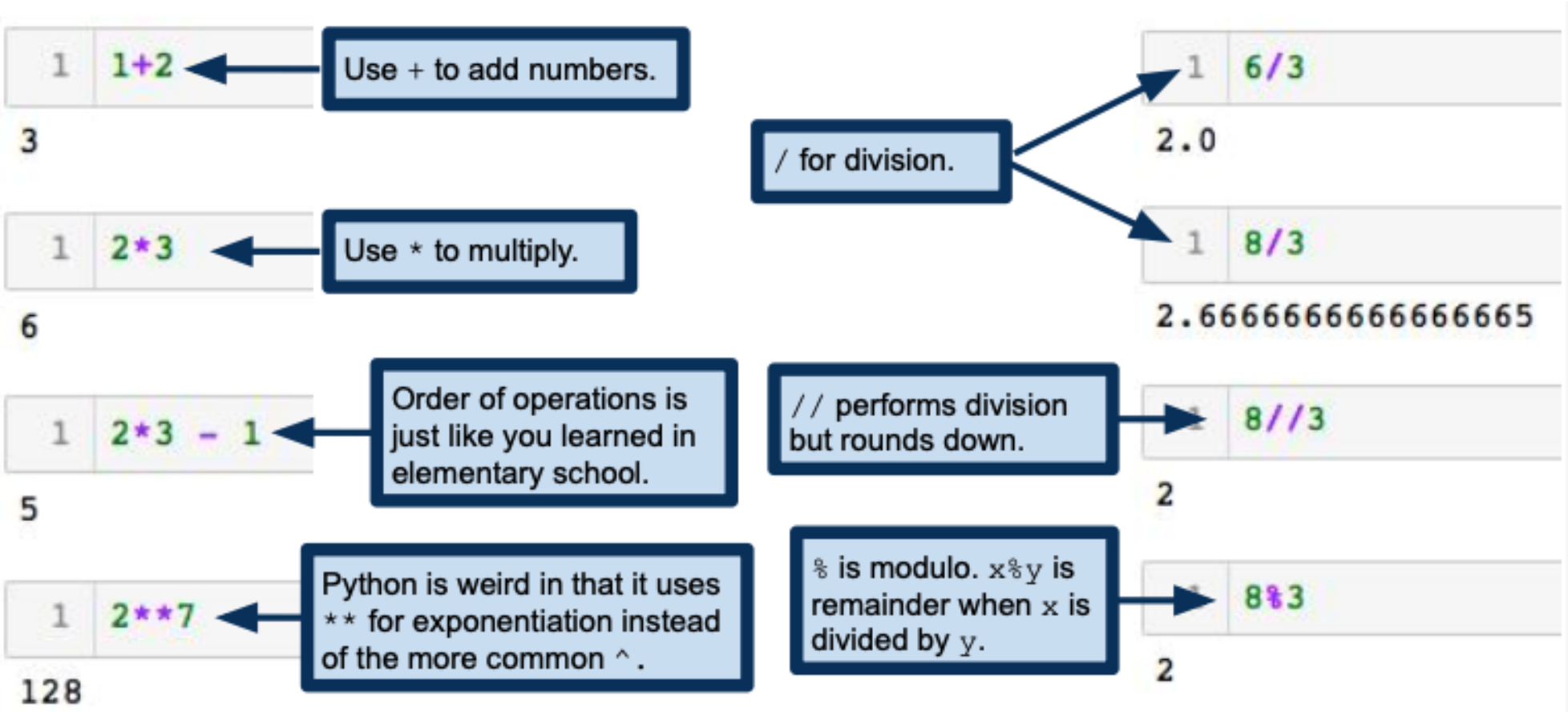
```
<object> <operator> <object>
```

Mathematical, Boolean and Conditional Expressions

Expression will always return a value with a **type**

Mathematical Expressions: int & float

There are **7** [arithmetic](#) operators in Python



1. Data Types

2. Conditionals (very entry-level)

3. Functions

Boolean expressions

What: Boolean expressions evaluate the truth/falsity of a statement

Python supplies a special Boolean type, bool variable of type bool can either be True or False

```
type(True)
```

```
bool
```

```
type(False)
```

```
bool
```

Boolean expressions

Comparison operators available in Python:

```
1 x == y # x is equal to y
2 x != y # x is not equal to y
3 x > y # x is strictly greater than y
4 x < y # x is strictly less than y
5 x >= y # x is greater than or equal to y
6 x <= y # x is less than or equal to y
```

Expressions involving comparison operators evaluate to a Boolean

```
x = 10
y = 20
x == y
```

```
False
```

```
x != y
```

```
True
```

```
x != x
```

```
False
```

```
x <= x
```

```
True
```

Note: in Pythonic style, one can compare many types, not just numbers. Most obviously, strings can be compared, with ordering given alphabetically.

Logical operators in Python

and, or and not

```
x = 10
x < 20 and x > 0
```

```
True
```

```
x > 100 and x > 0
```

```
False
```

```
x > 100 or x > 0
```

```
True
```

```
not x > 0
```

```
False
```

Note: technically, any nonzero number or any nonempty string will evaluate to be True, but you should avoid comparing anything that isn't Boolean

```
1 and x > 0
```

```
True
```

```
0 and x > 0
```

```
0
```

```
'cat' and x > 0
```

```
True
```

```
'' and x > 0
```

```
''
```

Python's and operator returns the first operand if it is false

Boolean Expressions: Example

Let's see Boolean expressions in action

```
def is_even(n):
    # Return a boolean
    # Return True if and only if
    # n is an even number
    return n % 2 == 0
```

Remainder: x % y returns the remainder when x is divided by y.

```
1 is_even(0)
```
True

```
1 is_even(1)
```
False

```
1 is_even(8675309)
```
False

```
1 is_even(-3)
```
False

```
1 is_even(12)
```
True

Note: in practice, we would want to include some extra code to check that n is actually a number, and to "fail gracefully" if it isn't, e.g., by **throwing an error with a useful error message**. More about this in future lectures.

From Boolean to Conditional expressions

Sometimes we want to do different things depending on certain conditions

```
1  x = 10
2  if x > 0:
3      print('x is bigger than 0')
4  if x > 1:
5      print('x is bigger than 1')
6  if x > 100:
7      print('x is bigger than 100')
8  if x < 100:
9      print('x is less than 100')
```

This is an **if-statement**.

```
x is bigger than 0
x is bigger than 1
x is less than 100
```

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8  if x < 100:
9      print('x is less than 100')
```

```
x is bigger than 0
x is bigger than 1
x is less than 100
```

This Boolean expression is called the test condition, or just the condition.

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7      print('x is bigger than 100')
8  if x < 100:
9      print('x is less than 100')
```

```
x is bigger than 0
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```

If the condition evaluates to the True, then Python runs the code in the body of the if-statement.

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8  if x < 100:
9      print('x is less than 100')
```

```
x is bigger than 0
x is bigger than 1
x is less than 100
```

If the condition evaluates to False, then Python skips the body and continues running code starting at the end of the if-statement

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7      print('x is bigger than 100')
8  if x < 100:
9      print('x is less than 100')
```

```
x is bigger than 0
x is bigger than 1
x is less than 100
```

Note: the body of a conditional statement can have any number of lines in it, but it must have at least one line. To do nothing, use the pass keyword.

```
1  y = 20
2  if y > 0:
3      pass # TODO: handle positive numbers!
4  if y < 100:
5      print('y is less than 100')
```

```
y is less than 100
```

Chained conditionals

More complicated logic can be handled with chained conditionals

```
1  def pos_neg_or_zero(x):
2      if x < 0:
3          print('That is negative')
4      elif x == 0:
5          print('That is zero.')
6      else:
7          print('That is positive')
8  pos_neg_or_zero(1)
```

```
That is positive
```

```
1  pos_neg_or_zero(0)
2  pos_neg_or_zero(-100)
3  pos_neg_or_zero(20)
```

```
That is zero.
That is negative
That is positive
```

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```

```
That is positive
```

Note: `elif` is short for **else if.**

...then we go to the condition. If this condition fails, we go to the next condition, etc.

```
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```

If all the other tests fail, we execute the block in the `else` part of the statement.

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```

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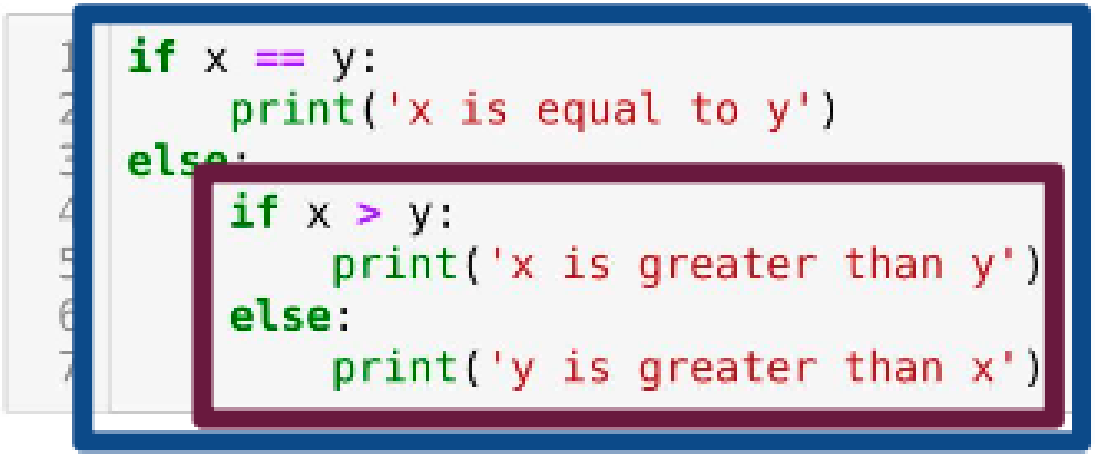
Conditionals can be nested



This if-statement...

...contains another if-statement.

Nested condition can be simplified

Often, a nested condition can be simplified.

When possible, I recommend for the sake of your sanity, because debugging complicated nested conditions is tricky!

```
if x > 0:
    if x < 10:
        print('x is a positive single-digit number')
```

```
if 0 < x and x < 10:
    print('x is a positive single-digit number')
```

Those two if-statement are equivalent, in that they do the same thing, but second is (arguably) preferable, as it is simpler to read

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Intro: Functions in Python

We've already seen examples of functions: e.g.,

type(), print(), int()…

Function calls take the form:

function_name(function arguments)

A function takes zero or more **arguments** and **returns** a value

Calling functions in Python

A function takes zero or more **arguments** and **returns** a value

The value can be any type…

```
import math
rt2 = math.sqrt(2)
print(rt2)
```

```
1.414213562373095
```

```
a = 2
b = 3
math.pow(a, b)
```

```
8.0
```

Python math **module** provides a number of math functions. We have to **import** (i.e., load) the module before we can use it.

math.sqrt() takes one argument, returns its square root.

math.pow() takes two arguments. Returns the value obtained by raising the first to the power of the second

Modules in Python

A file containing Python definitions, **functions** and statements. A module can define variables, functions, classes (which we will cover later), as well as runnable code.

Documentation for the Python modules:
https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/modules.html

Documentation for the Python math module:
https://docs.python.org/3/library/math.html

Functions can be composed

Supply an expression as the argument of a function

```
a = 60
math.sin( (a/360) * 2 * math.pi )
```

```
0.8660254037844386
```

math.sin() has an expression as its argument, which has to be evaluated before we can compute the answer.

Output of one function becomes input to another

```
x = 1.71828
y = math.exp(-math.log(x + 1))
y
```

```
0.3678796886266315 6
```

Functions can even have the output of another function as argumments

Make new functions (define functions)

All about making/writing new functions using **function definition**

Creates a new function, which we can then call whenever we need it

```
def print_welcome():
    print("Welcome to Python programming")
    print("Let's start with function definition")
```

```
print_welcome()
```

Let’s walk through this line by line.

```
Welcome to Python programming
Let's start with function definition
```

Defining functions

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```
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```

This line (called the **header** in some documentation) says that we are defining a function called print_welcome, and that the function takes no argument

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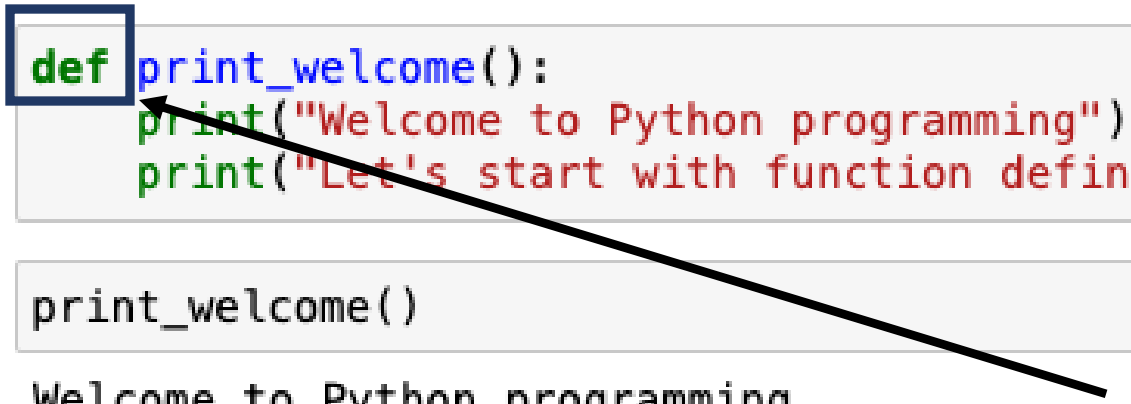

The def keyword tells python that we are defining a function.

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Any **arguments** to the function are given inside the **parenthesis**. This function takes no argument, so we just give empty parenthesis. In a few slides, we'll see a function that takes arguments

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The colon (:) is required by Python's syntax. You'll see this symbol a lot, as it is commonly used in Python to signal the start of an indented block of code. (More on this in a few slides).

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```
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```

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```

This is called the **body** of the function. This code is executed whenever the function is called.

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```
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```

This whitespace can be tabs, or spaces, so long s it's consistent. It is taken care of automatically by most IDEs.

Note: in languages like R, C/C++ and Java, code is organized into **blocks** using curly braces ({ and }). Python is **whitespace delimited**. So we tell Python which lines of code are part of the function definition using **indentation**.

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```

We have defined our function. Now, any time we call it, Python executes the code in the definition, in order.

Defining functions

After defining a function, we can use it anywhere, including in other functions

```
def print_welcome_with_name(name):
    print(name)
    print_welcome()

print_welcome_with_name("Xian")
```

```
Xian
Welcome to Python programming
Let's start with function definition
```

This function takes one argument, which we call name. All the arguments named here act like variables **within the body of the function**, but not outside the body. We'll return to this in a few slides.

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```

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Body of the function specifies what to do with the argument(s). In this case, we print whatever the argument was, then print out the message in print_welcome.

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```

```
Xian
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```

Note: this last line is not part of the function. We communicate this fact to Python by the **indentation**. Python knows that the function body is finished once it sees a line without indentation.

Now that we've defined the function, we can call it. In this case, when we call our function, the variable name in the definition gets the value "xian", and then proceeds to run the code in the function body

The return keyword

Using the return keyword, we can define functions that produce results

```
def double_string(string):
    return 2 * string
```

```
double_string("bird")
```

```
'birdbird'
```

double_string takes one argument, and returns that string, concatenated with itself

So when Python executes this line, it takes the string ‘bird’, which becomes the parameter string in the function double_string , and this line evaluates to the string ‘birdbird’.

One last thing…

Function is a type:

When you define a function, you are actually creating a variable of type **function**

Functions are objects that you can treat just like other variables.

```
type(print_welcome)
```

```
function
```

```
print_welcome
```

```
<function __main__.print_welcome()>
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print(print_welcome)
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<function print_welcome at 0x107f65620>
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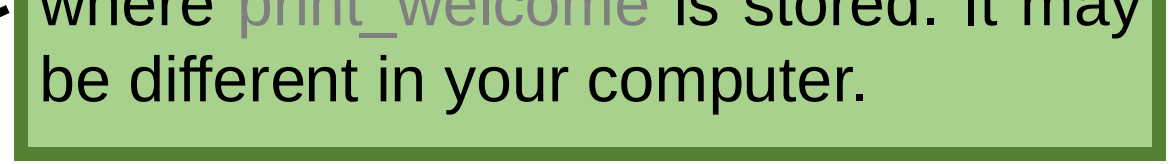

Things to do:

Install Anaconda and Jupyter

Familiarize yourself with Jupyter:
https://docs.jupyter.org/en/latest/start/index.html

Sign up for github and create your own stats 507 repo.

Read ch 1-6 in Python 4 Everybody

Other things

HW1 posted on canvas.

If you run into trouble, attend GSI office hours for help.

- You can also post to the canvas discussion board.
- If you're having trouble, at least one of your classmates is, too.
- You'll learn more by explaining things to teach other than by reading posts.

No lecture next Monday

Coming next:

Iteration, Strings, Lists, and Dictionaries.