

## Multi-Line Statements

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Statements in Python typically end with a new line. Python does, however, allow the use of the line continuation character (\) to denote that the line should continue. For example:

```
total = item_one + \  
        item_two + \  
        item_three
```

Statements contained within the [], {}, or () brackets do not need to use the line continuation character. For example:

```
days = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday',  
        'Thursday', 'Friday']
```

## Quotation in Python

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Python accepts single ('), double (") and triple (''' or """) quotes to denote string literals, as long as the same type of quote starts and ends the string.

The triple quotes are used to span the string across multiple lines. For example, all the following are legal:

```
word = 'word'  
  
sentence = "This is a sentence."  
  
paragraph = """This is a paragraph. It is  
made up of multiple lines and sentences."""
```

## Comments in Python

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A hash sign (#) that is not inside a string literal begins a comment. All characters after the # and up to the end of the physical line are part of the comment and the Python interpreter ignores them.

```
#!/usr/bin/python  
  
# First comment
```