

Introduction to Python

Q1.Introduction to Python and its Features.

Python is an interpreted, high-level, general-purpose programming language created by Guido van Rossum and released in 1991.

Features of python:

Simple and Easy to Learn

interpreted language

object-oriented

high level language

Q2.History and evolution of Python.

Python was created by Guido van Rossum and released in 1991. It evolved from the ABC programming language, designed for simplicity and readability. Python 2.0 was released in 2000, introducing key features like garbage collection. In 2008, Python 3.0 was launched with significant changes, but it was not backward compatible. By 2020, Python 2 reached its end of life, and Python 3 has since become the standard, continuing to

evolve with improvements in performance, typing, and new features.

Q3. Advantages of using Python over other programming languages.

Python offers simplicity and readability, making it easy to learn and write code. It has an extensive collection of libraries and frameworks, which accelerates development. Python is cross-platform, meaning code runs seamlessly on various operating systems. Its large community ensures robust support and continuous improvements.

Q4. Installing Python and setting up the development environment.

1) Download Python:

Go to the official Python website.

Download the latest stable version of Python for your operating system (Windows, macOS, or Linux).

2) Install Python:

Windows:

Run the downloaded installer.

Make sure to check the box "Add Python to PATH" before clicking "Install Now".

Q5. Writing and executing your first Python program.

1. Create a Python File

First.py

2. Write Your First Program

Lab:

- Write a Python program that prints "Hello, World!".

```
print("Hello, World!")
```

- Set up Python on your local machine and write a program to display your name.

```
print("KARAN MODI")
```

2. Programming Style

Q1. Understanding Python's PEP 8 guidelines

PEP 8, the Style Guide for Python Code, is a set of recommendations designed to improve the readability and consistency of Python code.

Adhering to these guidelines makes your code

easier to understand, maintain, and collaborate on with others. Here's a breakdown of the key aspects of PEP 8:

Core Principles:

- **Readability Counts:** The primary goal of PEP 8 is to make Python code more readable. Code is read much more often than it's written, so optimizing for readability is crucial.
- **Consistency:** Following a consistent style across your projects, and within the Python community in general, reduces cognitive load and makes it easier to understand code.
- **A Foolish Consistency is the Hobgoblin of Little Minds:** While consistency is important, PEP 8 acknowledges that sometimes, deviating from the guidelines is acceptable if it improves readability or is necessary for compatibility with existing code.

Key Recommendations:

- **Indentation:**
 - Use 4 spaces per indentation level.
 - Avoid tabs.
- **Line Length:**

- Limit all lines to a maximum of 79 characters.
- For docstrings or comments, limit lines to 72 characters.

- **Blank Lines:**

- Separate top-level function and class definitions with two blank lines.
- Separate method definitions inside a class with one blank line.
- Use blank lines sparingly inside functions to indicate logical sections.

- **Imports:**

- Imports should usually be on separate lines.
- Imports are always put at the top of the file, just after any module comments and docstrings, and before module globals and constants.
- Imports should be grouped in the following order:
 1. Standard library imports
 2. Related third-party imports

3. Local application/library specific imports

- Put a blank line between each group of imports.
- Avoid wildcard imports (from <module> import *)

• **Whitespace in Expressions and Statements:**

- Avoid extraneous whitespace immediately inside parentheses, brackets, or braces.
- Avoid whitespace immediately before a comma, semicolon, or colon.
- Use exactly one space around assignment (=) and comparison (==, <, >, !=, <>, <=, >=, in, not in, is, is not) operators.
- Don't use spaces around the = sign when used to indicate a keyword argument or a default parameter value.

• **Naming Conventions:**

- **Functions:** lowercase_with_underscores
- **Variables:** lowercase_with_underscores
- **Constants:**
UPPERCASE_WITH_UNDERSCORES
- **Classes:** CamelCase

- **Modules:** lowercase_with_underscores
- **Packages:** lowercase
- **Comments:**
 - Comments should be complete sentences.
 - Block comments generally apply to some (or all) code that follows them, and are indented to the same level as that code.
 - Inline comments should be used sparingly.
 - Docstrings are very important. Write docstrings for all public modules, functions, classes, and methods.
- **Docstrings:**
 - Use triple double quotes ("""") for docstrings.
 - For one-line docstrings, close the "" on the same line.
 - Multi-line docstrings should have a summary line, followed by a blank line, followed by a more detailed description.
- **Trailing Commas:**

- Trailing commas are usually harmless, and sometimes helpful, especially when a list of values is expected to be extended.
- Trailing commas are mandatory when creating a tuple of one element.
- **Programming Recommendations:**
 - Code should be written in a way that does not disadvantage other implementations of Python (PyPy, Jython, IronPython, etc.).
 - Comparisons to singletons like None should always be done with is or is not, never the equality operators.
 - Use is not rather than not ... is.
 - Use .startswith() and .endswith() instead of string slicing to check for prefixes or suffixes.
 - Object type comparisons should always use isinstance() instead of comparing types directly.
 - Don't compare boolean values to True or False using ==.

Tools for Checking PEP 8 Compliance:

- **pycodestyle (formerly pep8):** A tool for checking Python code against some of the style conventions in PEP 8.
- **flake8:** Combines pycodestyle, pyflakes (for detecting errors), and mccabe (for complexity checks).
- **pylint:** A more comprehensive static analysis tool that checks for a wider range of issues, including style violations.
- **black:** An opinionated code formatter that automatically formats your code to adhere to PEP 8 (and some other style conventions).

Q2.Indentation, comments, and naming conventions in Python.

When it comes to Python, indentation, comments, and naming conventions are fundamental for writing clean, readable, and maintainable code. Here's a breakdown of each:

1. Indentation:

- **Importance:**
 - Unlike many other programming languages that use curly braces to define code blocks, Python uses indentation. This makes it a crucial part of the syntax.

- Correct indentation tells the Python interpreter which lines of code belong together.
- It significantly enhances code readability.
- **Rules:**
 - **Consistent spacing:** The most common practice, and the one recommended by PEP 8, is to use 4 spaces for each level of indentation.
 - **Avoid mixing tabs and spaces:** Mixing tabs and spaces can lead to unexpected errors. It's best to stick to one or the other. Most editors can be set to replace tabs with spaces.
 - **Indentation for code blocks:** Indent code within control structures (like if, for, while), functions, and classes.

• **Example:**

Python

```
def my_function(x):  
    if x > 5:  
        print("x is greater than 5")  
    return True
```

else:

```
    print("x is 5 or less")
```

```
    return False
```

2. Comments:

- **Purpose:**

- Comments are used to explain what the code does, making it easier for others (and your future self) to understand.
- They can also be used to temporarily disable code during debugging.

- **Types:**

- **Single-line comments:** Start with a # symbol.
- **Multi-line comments (docstrings):** Enclosed in triple quotes (""" or "). Docstrings are particularly useful for documenting functions, classes, and modules.

- **Best practices:**

- Write clear and concise comments.
- Keep comments up-to-date with code changes.

- Use docstrings to explain the purpose, parameters, and return values of functions and classes.

- **Example:**

Python

```
# This is a single-line comment  
def calculate_area(width, height):  
    """
```

```
    Calculates the area of a rectangle.
```

Args:

width: The width of the rectangle.

height: The height of the rectangle.

Returns:

The area of the rectangle.

```
    """
```

```
    return width * height
```

3. Naming Conventions:

- **Importance:**

- Consistent naming conventions make code more readable and predictable.
- They help to convey the purpose and type of variables, functions, and classes.
- **PEP 8 recommendations:**
 - **Variables and functions:** Use lowercase with underscores (e.g., my_variable, calculate_total).
 - **Classes:** Use CamelCase (e.g., MyClass).
 - **Constants:** Use uppercase with underscores (e.g., MAX_VALUE).
 - **Modules and packages:** Use lowercase with underscores.
- **Example:**

Python

```
MAX_COUNT = 100
```

```
def process_data(input_list):
```

```
    result_list = []
```

```
    for item in input_list:
```

```
        # ... process item ...
```

```
        result_list.append(item)
```

```
return result_list
```

```
class DataProcessor:  
    def __init__(self, data):  
        self.data = data
```

Q3. Writing readable and maintainable code.

Writing readable and maintainable code is a crucial skill for any programmer. It's not just about making the code work; it's about making it easy for yourself and others to understand, modify, and debug in the future. Here's a breakdown of key principles and practices:

1. Code Clarity and Readability:

- **Meaningful Naming:**

- Use descriptive names for variables, functions, and classes. Avoid single-letter variables or cryptic abbreviations.
- Example: Instead of `x`, use `customerName` or `totalAmount`.

- **Consistent Formatting:**

- Follow established coding style guidelines (like PEP 8 for Python).

- Use consistent indentation, spacing, and line breaks.
- Tools like black (for Python) can automate formatting.
- **Keep Functions Short and Focused:**
 - Each function should have a single, well-defined purpose.
 - Break down complex tasks into smaller, manageable functions.
 - This improves readability and makes code easier to test.
- **Avoid Deep Nesting:**
 - Excessive nesting of if statements or loops can make code difficult to follow.
 - Simplify logic or use techniques like "guard clauses" to reduce nesting.

2. Effective Documentation:

- **Comments:**
 - Use comments to explain complex logic, clarify the purpose of code sections, or provide context.
 - Focus on explaining "why" rather than "what" the code does.

- Don't over-comment obvious code.
- **Docstrings:**
 - For functions, classes, and modules, use docstrings to describe their purpose, parameters, and return values.
 - This provides valuable documentation for users of your code.

3. Code Structure and Organization:

- **Modular Design:**
 - Break down your code into reusable modules or components.
 - This promotes code reuse and makes it easier to maintain individual parts of the system.
- **Principle of "Don't Repeat Yourself" (DRY):**
 - Avoid duplicating code. Extract common logic into reusable functions or classes.
 - This reduces the risk of errors and makes it easier to update code.

4. Testing:

- **Write Unit Tests:**

- Create tests to verify that individual functions or components work as expected.
- This helps catch bugs early and ensures that code changes don't introduce regressions.
- **Test-Driven Development (TDD):**
 - Consider writing tests before writing the actual code.
 - This can help you design cleaner, more testable code.

5. Refactoring:

- **Regularly Refactor:**
 - Periodically review your code and make improvements to its structure, readability, and efficiency.
 - Refactoring should not change the functionality of the code.
 - Refactoring helps to remove technical debt.

Key Benefits of Readable and Maintainable Code:

- **Reduced Debugging Time:** Easier to find and fix bugs.

- **Increased Collaboration:** Easier for other developers to understand and contribute to the code.
- **Improved Code Longevity:** Easier to maintain and update over time.
- **Reduced Risk of Errors:** Clear and well-structured code is less prone to errors.

3. Core Python Concepts

Q1. Understanding data types: integers, floats, strings, lists, tuples, dictionaries, sets.

Python has several built-in data types that are essential for handling different kinds of data. Here's a breakdown of the most common ones:

1. Numeric Types:

- **Integers (int):**
 - These represent whole numbers, both positive and negative, without any decimal points.
 - Examples: 10, -5, 0.
- **Floats (float):**
 - These represent real numbers with decimal points.

- Examples: 3.14, -0.001, 2.5e2 (which is 250.0).

2. Sequence Types:

• Strings (str):

- These represent sequences of characters.
- They are enclosed in single quotes ('...'), double quotes ("..."), or triple quotes ("..." or "..."...").
- Examples: "hello", 'world', """This is a multi-line string.""".

• Lists (list):

- These are ordered, mutable (changeable) sequences of items.
- They are enclosed in square brackets ([...]).
- Lists can contain items of different data types.
- Examples: [1, 2, 3], ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry'], [1, 'hello', 3.14].

• Tuples (tuple):

- These are ordered, immutable (unchangeable) sequences of items.
- They are enclosed in parentheses ((...)).

- Like lists, tuples can contain items of different data types.
- Examples: (1, 2, 3), ('apple', 'banana', 'cherry').

3. Mapping Type:

. Dictionaries (dict):

- These are unordered collections of key-value pairs.
- They are enclosed in curly braces ({...}).
- Keys must be unique and immutable, while values can be of any data type.
- Examples: {'name': 'Alice', 'age': 30, 'city': 'New York'}.

4. Set Types:

. Sets (set):

- These are unordered collections of unique elements.
- They are enclosed in curly braces ({...}).
- Sets automatically remove duplicate elements.
- Examples: {1, 2, 3}, {'apple', 'banana', 'cherry'}.

Key Characteristics:

- **Mutability:**

- Mutable data types (like lists and dictionaries) can be modified after they are created.
- Immutable data types (like integers, floats, strings, and tuples) cannot be changed after they are created.

- **Ordering:**

- Ordered data types (like strings, lists, and tuples) maintain the order of their elements.
- Unordered data types (like dictionaries and sets) do not guarantee any specific order.

Q2. Python variables and memory allocation

1. Dynamic Typing:

- Python is a dynamically typed language. This means that you don't need to explicitly declare the data type of a variable before assigning a value to it.
- The Python interpreter automatically infers the data type at runtime.

- This flexibility comes with the trade-off of potentially higher memory consumption compared to statically typed languages.

2. Variables as References:

- In Python, variables are essentially references to objects in memory.
- When you assign a value to a variable, you're creating a reference that points to the memory location where the object is stored.
- This is a crucial distinction: variables don't "hold" values directly; they "refer" to them.

3. Memory Allocation:

• Heap Memory:

- Python primarily uses the heap for dynamic memory allocation. Objects (including numbers, strings, lists, dictionaries, etc.) are stored in the heap.
- The heap is a region of memory where objects can be created and destroyed during program execution.

• Memory Management:

- Python employs automatic memory management through a garbage collector.

This relieves developers from the burden of manually allocating and deallocating memory.

- **Reference Counting:**

- Python uses reference counting to track the number of references to an object. When an object's reference count drops to zero, it means that no variables are referring to it, and the garbage collector can reclaim the memory.

- **Garbage Collection:**

- In addition to reference counting, python also employs a garbage collector that is able to find and clean up circular references.

- **Object Interning:**

- Python optimizes memory usage by "interning" certain immutable objects, such as small integers and strings.
- This means that if multiple variables have the same value, they might refer to the same object in memory, rather than creating separate copies.

4. Memory and Object Identity:

- **id() function:**

- The id() function returns the memory address of an object. You can use it to check if two variables refer to the same object.

- **is operator:**

- The is operator checks if two variables refer to the same object in memory (i.e., if they have the same id()).
- The == operator checks if the values of two objects are equal.

Key Considerations:

- Mutable objects (like lists and dictionaries) can be modified in place, which means that changes made through one reference will be visible through other references to the same object.
- Immutable objects (like strings and tuples) cannot be modified in place. When you appear to modify an immutable object, you're actually creating a new object in memory.

Q3. Python operators: arithmetic, comparison, logical, bitwise.

Python operators are symbols that perform operations on values and variables. Here's a breakdown of the main categories:

1. Arithmetic Operators:

These operators perform mathematical calculations.

- **+** (**Addition**): Adds two operands.
 - Example: $5 + 3$ equals 8
- **-** (**Subtraction**): Subtracts the second operand from the first.
 - Example: $10 - 4$ equals 6
- ***** (**Multiplication**): Multiplies two operands.
 - Example: $6 * 7$ equals 42
- **/** (**Division**): Divides the first operand by the second (returns a float).
 - Example: $10 / 2$ equals 5.0
- **//** (**Floor Division**): Divides the first operand by the second (returns the integer part of the quotient).
 - Example: $10 // 3$ equals 3
- **%** (**Modulus**): Returns the remainder of the division.

- Example: $10 \% 3$ equals 1
- **** (Exponentiation)**: Raises the first operand to the power of the second.
 - Example: $2 ** 3$ equals 8

2. Comparison Operators:

These operators compare two operands and return a Boolean value (True or False).

- **== (Equal to)**: Checks if two operands are equal.
 - Example: $5 == 5$ is True
- **!= (Not equal to)**: Checks if two operands are not equal.
 - Example: $5 != 6$ is True
- **> (Greater than)**: Checks if the first operand is greater than the second.
 - Example: $8 > 3$ is True
- **< (Less than)**: Checks if the first operand is less than the second.
 - Example: $2 < 7$ is True
- **>= (Greater than or equal to)**: Checks if the first operand is greater than or equal to the second.

- Example: 5 >= 5 is True
- **<= (Less than or equal to):** Checks if the first operand is less than or equal to the second.
 - Example: 4 <= 6 is True

3. Logical Operators:

These operators combine Boolean expressions.

- **and:** Returns True if both operands are True.
 - Example: True and True is True
- **or:** Returns True if at least one operand is True.
 - Example: True or False is True
- **not:** Returns the opposite Boolean value of the operand.
 - Example: not True is False

4. Bitwise Operators:

These operators perform operations on individual bits of integers.

- **& (Bitwise AND):** Performs a bitwise AND operation.
- **| (Bitwise OR):** Performs a bitwise OR operation.

- **^ (Bitwise XOR):** Performs a bitwise XOR (exclusive OR) operation.
- **~ (Bitwise NOT):**¹ Performs a bitwise ² NOT (inversion) operation.

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- **<< (Left shift):** Shifts the bits to the left.
- **>> (Right shift):** Shifts the bits to the right.

Example of Bitwise Operators:

Python

a = 10 # Binary: 1010

`b = 4 # Binary: 0100`

`print(a & b) # Bitwise AND: 0 (Binary: 0000)`

`print(a | b) # Bitwise OR: 14 (Binary: 1110)`

`print(a ^ b) # Bitwise XOR: 14 (Binary: 1110)`

`print(~a) # Bitwise NOT: -11`

`print(a << 2) # left shift. 40`

`print(a >> 2) # right shift 2`

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1. Integers (int):

- These represent whole numbers, both positive and negative, without any decimal points.
- Examples: -10, 0, 5, 100

2. Floats (float):

- These represent real numbers with decimal points.
- Examples: 3.14, -0.5, 2.0

3. Strings (str):

- These represent sequences of characters, enclosed in single or double quotes.
- Examples: "hello", 'world', "123"

4. Lists (list):

- These are ordered collections of items, and they are mutable (meaning you can change them).
- Lists can contain items of different data types.
- Examples: [1, 2, "three", 4.0]

5. Tuples (tuple):

- These are also ordered collections of items, but they are immutable (meaning you cannot change them after they are created).
- Examples: (1, 2, "three")

6. Dictionaries (dict):

- These are collections of key-value pairs.
- Keys must be unique and immutable (like strings or numbers), while values can be of any data¹ type.

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- Examples: {"name": "Alice", "age": 30}

7. Sets (set):

- These are unordered collections of unique items.
- Sets automatically remove duplicate values.
- Examples: {1, 2, 3}

Why Data Types Matter:

- **Memory Management:** Data types tell the computer how much memory to allocate for each piece of data.
- **Operations:** They determine what operations can be performed on the data. For example, you can add two integers, but you can't directly add an integer and a string.
- **Error Prevention:** Using the correct data types helps prevent errors in your code.

Q2. Python variables and memory allocation

1. Python's Dynamic Typing:

- Unlike languages like C or Java, Python is dynamically typed. This means you don't explicitly declare the data type of a variable.

The interpreter determines the type at runtime.

- This flexibility comes with Python managing memory allocation behind the scenes.

2. Variables as Names/References:

- In Python, variables are essentially "names" or "references" that point to objects in memory.
- When you assign a value to a variable, you're creating a reference to an object that holds that value.
- If you reassign the variable, you're changing the reference to point to a different object.

3. Memory Allocation:

- Python uses a private heap to store objects.
- The Python memory manager handles the allocation and deallocation of memory within this heap.
- Key aspects of Python's memory allocation include:
 - **Dynamic Memory Allocation:** Python primarily uses dynamic memory allocation. This means memory is

allocated as needed during program execution. This allows for great flexibility.

- **Garbage Collection:** Python has an automatic garbage collector that reclaims memory occupied by objects that are no longer in use (no longer referenced). This prevents memory leaks.
- **pymalloc:** Python uses pymalloc, an optimized memory allocator designed for small objects, which improves performance.

4. Immutability vs. Mutability:

- Understanding immutability and mutability is crucial for memory management:
 - **Immutable Objects:** Objects like strings, tuples, and numbers are immutable. Once created, their values cannot be changed. If you appear to change an immutable object, you're actually creating a new object.
 - **Mutable Objects:** Objects like lists and dictionaries are mutable. Their values can be changed after they're created.

5. Memory Management Details:

- Python's memory management is complex and involves:
 - Reference counting: keeping track of how many references an object has.
 - Garbage collection to handle reference cycles (situations where objects refer to each other, preventing their reference counts from reaching zero).
 - The CPython implementation, which is the most common python implementation, has very specific ways of handling memory, and those ways can change between python versions.

Q3.Python operators: arithmetic, comparison, logical, bitwise.

Python provides a variety of operators to perform different operations. Here's a breakdown of the main categories:

1. Arithmetic Operators:

- These operators perform mathematical calculations.
 - **+**: Addition (e.g., $x + y$)
 - **-**: Subtraction (e.g., $x - y$)

- *: Multiplication (e.g., $x * y$)
- /: Division (e.g., x / y)
- %: Modulus (remainder) (e.g., $x \% y$)
- **: Exponentiation (e.g., $x ** y$)
- //: Floor division (integer division) (e.g., $x // y$)

2. Comparison Operators:

- These operators compare values and return a Boolean result (True or False).
 - ==: Equal to (e.g., $x == y$)
 - !=: Not equal to (e.g., $x != y$)
 - >: Greater than (e.g., $x > y$)
 - <: Less than (e.g., $x < y$)
 - >=: Greater than or equal to (e.g., $x >= y$)
 - <=: Less than or equal to (e.g., $x <= y$)

3. Logical Operators:

- These operators combine or modify Boolean values.
 - and: Returns True if both operands are True (e.g., $x \text{ and } y$)
 - or: Returns True if at least one operand is True (e.g., $x \text{ or } y$)

- not: Returns the opposite of the operand's Boolean value (e.g., not x)

4. Bitwise Operators:

- These operators perform operations on individual bits of integers.
 - &: Bitwise AND (e.g., x & y)
 - |: Bitwise OR (e.g., x | y)
 - ^: Bitwise XOR (exclusive OR) (e.g., x ^ y)
 - ~: Bitwise NOT (inverts the bits) (e.g., ~x)
 - <<: Left shift (e.g., x << 2)
 - >>: Right shift (e.g., x >> 2)

4. Conditional Statements

Q1.Introduction to conditional statements: if, else, elif.

Conditional statements are fundamental to programming, as they allow your code to make decisions and execute different blocks of code based on whether certain conditions are true or false. Python uses the if, elif (else if), and else keywords to create these conditional statements. Here's a breakdown:

1. if Statement:

- The if statement is the most basic conditional statement. It evaluates a condition, and if the condition is true, it executes the code block that follows.
- Syntax:

Python

if condition:

 # code to execute if condition is True

- Example:

Python

x = 10

if x > 5:

 print("x is greater than 5")

2. else Statement:

- The else statement is used in conjunction with the if statement. It provides a block of code that will be executed if the if condition is false.
- Syntax:

Python

if condition:

 # code to execute if condition is True

else:

code to execute if condition is False

- Example:¹

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Python

```
x = 3
```

```
if x > 5:
```

```
    print("x is greater than 5")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("x is not greater than 5")
```

3. elif Statement:

- The elif (else if) statement allows you to check multiple conditions in a sequence. It's used when you have more than two possible outcomes.
- Syntax:

Python

if condition1:

 # code to execute if condition1 is True

elif condition2:

 # code to execute if condition2 is True

else:

 # code to execute if all conditions are False

• Example:

Python

x = 7

if x > 10:

 print("x is greater than 10")

elif x > 5:

 print("x is greater than 5, but not greater than 10")

else:

 print("x is 5 or less")

Q2. Nested if-else conditions.

Nested if-else statements occur when you place an if, elif, or else statement inside another if or else block. This allows for more complex decision-making processes in your code. Here's a breakdown:

Purpose:

- Nested if-else statements are used when you need to evaluate multiple conditions that depend on the outcome of previous conditions.
- They help create a hierarchical decision structure, where subsequent checks are performed only if certain prior conditions are met.

How it Works:

- The outer if statement is evaluated first.
- If the outer condition is true, the code block within that if statement is executed.
- If that code block contains another if statement (a nested if), that inner if statement is then evaluated.
- This process can continue, with if statements nested within if statements, creating deeper levels of decision-making.
- If the outer if statement is false, then the outer else statement, if one exists, will be executed. If that else statement contains further if statements, those will then be evaluated.

Example:

Python

x = 10

y = 5

if x > 5:

 print("x is greater than 5")

 if y > 2:

 print("and y is greater than 2")

 else:

 print("but y is not greater than 2")

else:

 print("x is not greater than 5")

In this example:

- The outer if statement checks if x is greater than 5.
- If it is, the code inside that if block is executed.
- That code block contains another if statement that checks if y is greater than 2.

Key Considerations:

- **Readability:** Deeply nested if-else statements can become difficult to read and understand.

It's important to use clear indentation and consider alternative approaches (like logical operators or functions) for complex conditions.

- **Logic:** Carefully plan your logic to ensure that your nested conditions behave as expected.
- **Alternatives:** In some cases, you can simplify complex nested if-else structures by using logical operators (and, or) to combine conditions.

5. Looping (For, While)

Q1. Introduction to for and while loops.

Loops are essential control flow structures in programming that allow you to execute a block of code repeatedly. Python provides two primary loop types: for loops and while loops. Here's an introduction to each:

1. for Loops:

- **Purpose:**
 - for loops are designed for iterating over a sequence (like a list, tuple, string, or range) or other iterable objects.
 - They execute a block of code for each item in the sequence.

- **Syntax:**

Python

for variable in sequence:

 # code to execute

- **Example:**

Python

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
```

```
for fruit in fruits:
```

```
    print(fruit)
```

- **Key Characteristics:**

- Ideal when you know in advance how many times you need to iterate.
- Often used to process each element of a collection.
- The range() function is very commonly used with for loops.

2. while Loops:

- **Purpose:**

- while loops repeatedly execute a block of code as long as a specified condition is true.

- They continue looping until the condition becomes false.

- **Syntax:**

Python

```
while condition:
```

```
    # code to execute
```

- **Example:**

Python

```
count = 0
```

```
while count < 5:
```

```
    print(count)
```

```
    count += 1
```

- **Key Characteristics:**

- Useful when you don't know in advance how many times you need to iterate.
- Suitable for situations where the loop's termination depends on a dynamic condition.
- It is very important to make sure that the condition within a while loop will eventually become false. If it does not, the

while loop will run indefinitely, creating what is known as an infinite loop.

Key Differences:

- **Iteration Control:**

- for loops iterate over a predefined sequence.
- while loops iterate based on a condition.

- **Use Cases:**

- for loops are best for iterating over collections.
- while loops are best for repeating code until a condition is met.

Both for and while loops are fundamental tools in Python programming, and understanding their differences is crucial for writing efficient and effective code.

Q2. How loops work in Python.

Python loops are fundamental control flow structures that allow you to repeat a block of code multiple times. Python primarily uses two types of loops: for loops and while loops. Here's a breakdown of how they work:

1. for Loops:

- **Iteration over Sequences:**

- for loops are designed to iterate over sequences like lists, tuples, strings, or ranges.
- They execute a block of code for each element in the sequence.

- **How it Works:**

- The for loop takes each item from the sequence, one at a time, and assigns it to a variable.
- Then, it executes the code within the loop's block.
- This process repeats until all items in the sequence have been processed.

- **Example:**

Python

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
for fruit in fruits:  
    print(fruit)
```

* In this example, the loop iterates through the `fruits` list, and for each fruit, it prints the fruit's name.

- **The range() Function:**

- The range() function is often used with for loops to generate a sequence of numbers.
- For example, range(5) generates the sequence 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.

2. while Loops:

. Condition-Based Iteration:

- while loops repeat a block of code as long as a specified condition is true.
- They continue looping until the condition becomes false.

. How it Works:

- The while loop checks the condition before each iteration.
- If the condition is true, it executes the code within the loop's block.
- If the condition is false, the loop terminates.

. Example:

Python

```
count = 0
```

```
while count < 5:
```

```
    print(count)
```

```
count += 1
```

* In this example, the loop continues as long as `count` is less than 5.

* In each iteration, it prints the value of `count` and increments it by 1.

- **Important Note:**

- It's crucial to ensure that the condition in a while loop will eventually become false. Otherwise, you'll create an infinite loop.

Key Concepts:

- **Iteration:** The process of repeating a block of code.
- **Condition:** A Boolean expression that determines whether a loop should continue.
- **Loop Body:** The block of code that is executed repeatedly.

Q3. Using loops with collections (lists, tuples, etc.).

Using loops with collections like lists, tuples, and dictionaries is a very common and powerful practice in Python. Here's a breakdown of how it works and some common use cases:

1. for Loops and Collections:

- **Iterating Through Elements:**

- The for loop is the primary tool for iterating through the elements of a collection.
- It allows you to access each element in the collection one by one and perform operations on it.

- **Lists and Tuples:**

- Lists and tuples are ordered sequences, so for loops iterate through their elements in the order they appear.
- Example:

Python

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
```

```
for fruit in fruits:
```

```
    print(fruit)
```

```
numbers = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

```
for number in numbers:
```

```
    print(number * 2)
```

- **Dictionaries:**

- Dictionaries are collections of key-value pairs.
- When you iterate through a dictionary with a for loop, you iterate through its keys by default.
- To iterate through key-value pairs, you can use the `.items()` method.
- Example:

Python

```
student = {"name": "Alice", "age": 20, "major":  
"Computer Science"}  
  
for key, value in student.items():  
    print(f"{key}: {value}")
```

2. Common Use Cases:

• Processing Data:

- Loops are used to process data stored in collections, such as calculating sums, finding maximums, or filtering elements.

• Transforming Data:

- You can use loops to transform data by creating new collections based on the elements of existing ones.

• Searching and Filtering:

- Loops allow you to search for specific elements in a collection or filter elements based on certain criteria.
- **Performing Actions on Each Element:**
 - Loops are perfect for when you need to perform the same action on every item within a collection.

3. Additional Techniques:

- **enumerate():**
 - The enumerate() function is useful when you need to access both the index and the value of each element in a collection.
 - Example:

Python

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
for index, fruit in enumerate(fruits):  
    print(f"Index {index}: {fruit}")
```

6. Generators and Iterators

Q1. Understanding how generators work in Python

Generators in Python are a powerful tool for creating iterators in a memory-efficient way. They allow you to define a function that behaves like an iterator, yielding values one at a time, rather than

storing the entire sequence in memory. Here's a breakdown of how they work:

1. Iterators vs. Generators:

- **Iterators:**

- Iterators are objects that allow you to traverse through a sequence of data.
- They implement the `__iter__()` and `__next__()` methods.
- They produce values on demand.

- **Generators:**

- Generators are a simpler way to create iterators.
- They use the `yield` keyword to produce values.
- They automatically handle the `__iter__()` and `__next__()` methods.

2. The yield Keyword:

- The `yield` keyword is the key to generators.
- When a `yield` statement is encountered, the generator function's state is saved, and the yielded value is returned.
- The next time the generator¹ is called, it resumes execution from where it left off.

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- This "pausing and resuming" behavior is what makes generators memory-efficient.

3. How Generators Work:

- **Function Definition:**
 - A generator is defined like a regular function, but it contains one or more yield statements.
- **Generator Object:**
 - When you call a generator function, it doesn't execute the code immediately. Instead, it returns a generator object.
- **Iteration:**
 - You can iterate over the generator object using a for loop or the next() function.

- Each time you request a value, the generator executes until it encounters a yield statement.
 - The yielded value is returned, and the generator's state is saved.
 - Once the generator has no more values to yield, it raises a StopIteration exception.
- **Memory Efficiency:**
 - Generators produce values on demand, so they don't need to store the entire sequence in memory.
 - This is especially useful for working with large datasets or infinite sequences.

4. Example:

Python

```
def count_up_to(max):
```

```
    count = 1
```

```
    while count <= max:
```

```
        yield count
```

```
        count += 1
```

Creating a generator object

```
my_generator = count_up_to(5)
```

```
# Iterating over the generator
```

```
for num in my_generator:
```

```
    print(num)
```

```
#Or using next()
```

```
my_second_generator = count_up_to(3)
```

```
print(next(my_second_generator))
```

```
print(next(my_second_generator))
```

```
print(next(my_second_generator))
```

5. Use Cases:

- **Large Datasets:** Generators are ideal for processing large datasets that don't fit into memory.
- **Infinite Sequences:** Generators can represent infinite sequences, such as streams of data.
- **Lazy Evaluation:** Generators allow for lazy evaluation, where values are computed only when needed.

- **Improved Readability:** Generators can make code more readable and concise, especially for complex iteration logic.

Q2. Difference between yield and return.

The yield and return keywords in Python serve distinct purposes, particularly concerning how functions execute and return values. Here's a breakdown of their key differences:

1. Function Behavior:

- **return:**
 - Terminates the function's execution immediately.
 - Sends a specified value back to the caller.
 - The function's state is not preserved.
- **yield:**
 - Pauses the function's execution.
 - Sends a value back to the caller.
 - The function's state is preserved, allowing it to resume execution from where it left off when called again.

2. Function Type:

- **return:**

- Used in regular functions.
- **yield:**
 - Used in generator functions. When a python function contains the keyword yield, that function becomes a generator.

3. Return Values:

- **return:**
 - Returns a single value or a tuple of values.
- **yield:**
 - Yields a series of values, one at a time, creating an iterator.

4. Memory Usage:

- **return:**
 - May require storing all return values in memory at once.
- **yield:**
 - Generates values on demand, resulting in more memory-efficient processing, especially for large datasets.

5. Iteration:

- **return:**

- Does not inherently support iteration.
- **yield:**
 - Enables iteration by creating a generator object.

Q3. Understanding iterators and creating custom iterators.

Iterators are a fundamental concept in Python, enabling you to traverse through elements of a collection or sequence in a controlled and efficient manner. Here's a comprehensive overview:

1. What are Iterators?

- Iterators are objects that allow you to access elements of a container (like a list, tuple, or dictionary) sequentially.
- They provide a way to access elements without needing to load the entire collection into memory at once.
- They implement the iterator protocol, which consists of two methods:
 - `__iter__()`: Returns the iterator object itself.

- `__next__()`: Returns the next element¹ in the sequence. If there are no more elements, it raises a `StopIteration` exception.

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2. How Iterators Work:

- When you create an iterator from a collection, the `__iter__()` method is called.
- To retrieve the next element, you call the `__next__()` method.
- The iterator keeps track of its current position in the sequence.
- When there are no more elements, the `__next__()` method raises a `StopIteration` exception, signaling the end of the iteration.
- Python's for loops internally use iterators to traverse collections.

3. Built-in Iterators:

- Python provides built-in iterators for various data types, including lists, tuples, dictionaries, and strings.
- You can create an iterator from these collections using the `iter()` function.
 - Example:

Python

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3]
my_iterator = iter(my_list)
print(next(my_iterator)) # Output: 1
print(next(my_iterator)) # Output: 2
print(next(my_iterator)) # Output: 3
# next(my_iterator) # would raise StopIteration.
```

4. Creating Custom Iterators:

- You can create your own iterators by defining a class that implements the iterator protocol (`__iter__()` and `__next__()`).
- Example:

Python

```
class MyIterator:
    def __init__(self, max_value):
        self.max_value = max_value
```

```
self.current_value = 0
```

```
def __iter__(self):
```

```
    return self
```

```
def __next__(self):
```

```
    if self.current_value < self.max_value:
```

```
        result = self.current_value
```

```
        self.current_value += 1
```

```
        return result
```

```
    else:
```

```
        raise StopIteration
```

```
my_iterator = MyIterator(3)
```

```
for value in my_iterator:
```

```
    print(value)
```

Explanation of the Custom Iterator:

- The MyIterator class initializes with a max_value.
- The __iter__() method returns the iterator object itself.

- The `__next__()` method checks if the `current_value` is less than the `max_value`.
- If it is, it returns the `current_value` and increments it.
- If it's not, it raises a `StopIteration` exception.

5. Use Cases for Custom Iterators:

- **Generating complex sequences:** You can create iterators that generate sequences based on custom logic.
- **Reading large files:** Iterators can be used to read large files line by line, without loading the entire file into memory.
- **Working with infinite sequences:** Iterators can represent infinite sequences, such as streams of data.
- **Custom data structures:** when creating your own data structures, you may need to create custom iterators so that users can loop over your data structures.

7. Functions and Methods

Q1. Defining and calling functions in Python.

Functions are fundamental building blocks in Python, allowing you to organize code into

reusable blocks. Here's how you define and call functions:

1. Defining Functions:

- You define a function using the `def` keyword, followed by the function name, parentheses `()`, and a colon `:`.
- Inside the parentheses, you can specify parameters (inputs) that the function accepts.
- The code block within the function is indented.
- You can optionally use the `return` keyword to send a value back to the caller.

Syntax:

Python

```
def function_name(parameter1, parameter2, ...):  
    # Function body (code to execute)  
    # Optional: return value  
    return value
```

Example:

Python

```
def greet(name):
```

```
"""This function greets the person passed in as  
a parameter."""
```

```
print(f"Hello, {name}!")
```

```
def add(x, y):
```

```
    """This function adds two numbers and returns  
    the result."""
```

```
    result = x + y
```

```
    return result
```

Explanation:

- `def greet(name):` defines a function named `greet` that takes one parameter, `name`.
- `def add(x, y):` defines a function named `add` that takes two parameters, `x` and `y`.
- The lines within the indented code block are the function's body.
- The `return` statement in the `add` function sends the calculated result back to the caller.
- The docstrings (the text within triple quotes `""" """`) are used to document the function's purpose.

2. Calling Functions:

- To execute a function, you "call" it by using its name followed by parentheses ().
- If the function has parameters, you provide the corresponding arguments (values) within the parentheses.
- If the function returns a value, you can store it in a variable.

Example:

Python

```
greet("Alice") # Calls the greet function with the  
argument "Alice"
```

```
sum_result = add(5, 3) # Calls the add function  
with arguments 5 and 3
```

```
print(sum_result) # Output: 8
```

Explanation:

- `greet("Alice")` calls the `greet` function and passes the string `"Alice"` as the argument for the `name` parameter.
- `sum_result = add(5, 3)` calls the `add` function, passes 5 and 3 as arguments, and stores the returned value (8) in the `sum_result` variable.

Key Concepts:

- **Parameters:** Variables defined in the function's definition that receive values when the function is called.
- **Arguments:** Actual values passed to the function when it is called.
- **Return Value:** The value that a function sends back to the caller. If a return statement is not used, python will return None.
- **Scope:** Variables defined within a function have local scope, meaning they are only accessible within the function.
- **Docstrings:** Documentation strings used to describe the function's purpose, parameters, and return value.

Q2. Function arguments (positional, keyword, default).

Python functions offer flexibility in how you pass arguments, providing several ways to define and use them. Here's a breakdown of positional, keyword, and default arguments:

1. Positional Arguments:

- These are the most common type of arguments.

- Their order matters. The arguments are matched to the parameters based on their position in the function call.
- Example:

Python

```
def describe_pet(animal_type, pet_name):  
    print(f"I have a {animal_type}.")  
    print(f"My {animal_type}'s name is {pet_name}.")  
  
describe_pet("hamster", "Harry") # "hamster"  
is assigned to animal_type, "Harry" to pet_name  
  
describe_pet("Harry", "hamster") # "Harry" is  
assigned to animal_type, "hamster" to pet_name.
```

- In the first call, "hamster" is the first positional argument, so it's assigned to the animal_type parameter, and "Harry" is assigned to pet_name.
- In the second call, the arguments positions are switched, and thus, so are the parameter assignments.

2. Keyword Arguments:

- Keyword arguments allow you to pass arguments by explicitly naming the parameters.
- The order of keyword arguments doesn't matter.
- Example:

Python

```
def describe_pet(animal_type, pet_name):  
    print(f"I have a {animal_type}.")  
    print(f"My {animal_type}'s name is  
{pet_name}.")
```

```
describe_pet(pet_name="Harry",  
animal_type="hamster")
```

- Here, we're using the parameter names (pet_name, animal_type) to specify which argument corresponds to which parameter.

3. Default Arguments:

- Default arguments allow you to specify a default value for a parameter.
- If a value is not provided for that parameter when the function is called, the default value is used.

- Default arguments must come after positional arguments in the function definition.
- Example:

Python

```
def describe_pet(pet_name, animal_type="dog"):
    print(f"I have a {animal_type}.")
    print(f"My {animal_type}'s name is {pet_name}.")
```

```
describe_pet("Willie") # animal_type defaults to "dog"
```

```
describe_pet("Sparky", "cat") # animal_type is explicitly set to "cat"
```

- In the first call, we only provide the pet_name, so animal_type defaults to "dog".
- In the second call, we provide both arguments, so the default value is overridden.
- Important: mutable default arguments can lead to unexpected behavior. It is usually best to avoid using mutable objects as default arguments.

Combining Argument Types:

- You can combine positional, keyword, and default arguments in a single function call.
- However, positional arguments must come first, followed by keyword arguments.
- Example:

Python

```
def my_function(a, b, c=10):  
    print(f"a: {a}, b: {b}, c: {c}")
```

```
my_function(1, 2) # a=1, b=2, c=10 (default)
```

```
my_function(1, 2, 3) # a=1, b=2, c=3
```

```
my_function(1, b=2) # a = 1, b = 2, c = 10
```

Q3. Scope of variables in Python.

In Python, the scope of a variable determines where in your code that variable can be accessed. Understanding variable scope is crucial for writing clean and error-free code. Python primarily uses four types of variable scope:

1. Local Scope:

- Variables defined inside a function have local scope.
- They are only accessible within that function.

- When the function finishes executing, the local variables are destroyed.
- Each function call creates a new local scope.

2. Global Scope:

- Variables defined outside of any function or class have global scope.
- They can be accessed from anywhere within the program,¹ including inside functions.²

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- However, to modify a global variable from within a function, you must use the global keyword.

3. Enclosing (Nonlocal) Scope:

- This scope applies to nested functions (functions within functions).
- If a variable is defined in an outer function and accessed in an inner function, it has an enclosing or nonlocal scope.
- To modify a variable in the enclosing scope from within the inner function, you must use the nonlocal keyword.

4. Built-in Scope:

- This scope contains built-in names, such as functions like print() and len(), and exceptions like ValueError.
- These names are always available throughout your program.

Key Points:

- **LEGB Rule:** Python follows the LEGB rule to determine the scope of a variable:
 - Local
 - Enclosing

- **Global**
- **Built-in**
- **Variable Shadowing:** If a local variable has the same name as a global variable, the local variable takes precedence within the function.
- **global Keyword:**
 - Used to declare that a variable within a function refers to a global variable.
 - Allows you to modify global variables from within a function.
- **nonlocal Keyword:**
 - Used to declare that a variable within a nested function refers to a variable in the enclosing function's scope.
 - Allows you to modify variables in the enclosing scope.

Q4. Built-in methods for strings, lists, etc.

Python provides a rich set of built-in methods for working with various data types, including strings, lists, and dictionaries. Here's a look at some of the most commonly used methods:

Strings:

- **upper():**

- Converts all characters in a string to uppercase.
- **lower():**
 - Converts all characters in a string to lowercase.
- **strip():**
 - Removes leading and trailing whitespace from a string.
- **split():**
 - Splits a string into a list of substrings based on a delimiter.
- **join():**
 - Concatenates elements of an iterable (like a list) into a single string, using a specified separator.
- **find():**
 - Returns the index of the first occurrence of a substring within a string.
- **replace():**
 - Replaces occurrences of a substring with another substring.
- **startswith():**

- returns true if the string starts with the given value.
- **endswith():**
 - returns true if the string ends with the given value.

Lists:

- **append():**
 - Adds an element to the end of a list.
- **insert():**
 - Inserts an element at a specified position in a list.
- **remove():**
 - Removes the first occurrence of a specified element from a list.
- **pop():**
 - Removes and returns the element at a specified position (or the last element if no index is specified).
- **sort():**
 - Sorts the elements of a list in ascending order.
- **reverse():**

- Reverses the order of the elements in a list.
- **count():**
 - returns the number of elements with the specified value.
- **extend():**
 - Add the elements of a list (or any iterable), to the end of the current list.
- **clear():**
 - Removes all the elements from the list.

Dictionaries:

- **keys():**
 - Returns a view object that displays a list of all the keys in the dictionary.
- **values():**
 - Returns a view object that displays a list of all the values in the dictionary.
- **items():**
 - Returns a view object that displays a list of all the key-value pairs in the dictionary.
- **get():**

- Returns the value associated with a specified key.
- **update():**
 - Updates the dictionary with the key-value pairs from another dictionary or iterable.
- **pop():**
 - Removes the element with the specified key.
- **clear():**
 - Removes all the elements from the dictionary.

8. Control Statements (Break, Continue, Pass)

Q1. Understanding the role of break, continue, and pass in Python loops

break, continue, and pass are control flow statements used within Python loops to modify their behavior. Here's a breakdown of their roles:

1. break Statement:

- **Purpose:**
 - The break statement immediately terminates the loop (either for or while) in which it's encountered.

- It transfers control to the statement immediately following the loop.

- **Use Cases:**

- To exit a loop prematurely when a specific condition is met.
- To stop an infinite loop when a desired result is found.

- **Example:**

Python

```
for i in range(10):  
    if i == 5:  
        break # Exit the loop when i is 5  
    print(i)
```

#Output: 0 1 2 3 4

2. continue Statement:

- **Purpose:**

- The continue statement skips the rest of the current iteration of the loop.
- It transfers control to the beginning of the next iteration.

- **Use Cases:**

- To skip certain iterations of a loop based on a condition.
- To avoid executing code that's not needed for specific loop iterations.

- **Example:**

Python

```
for i in range(10):  
    if i % 2 == 0:  
        continue # Skip even numbers  
    print(i)
```

#Output: 1 3 5 7 9

3. pass Statement:

- **Purpose:**

- The pass statement is a null operation. It does nothing.
- It's used as a placeholder where a statement is syntactically required but no action needs to be taken.

- **Use Cases:**

- To create empty functions or classes.
- To create placeholders for code that will be implemented later.

- As a placeholder in conditional statements.

- **Example:**

Python

```
def my_function():  
    pass # Placeholder for future  
implementation  
  
if True:  
    pass #placeholder.  
  
for i in range(5):  
    if i == 2:  
        pass #I will add code here later.  
    else:  
        print(i)
```

Key Differences:

- break terminates the entire loop.
- continue skips the current iteration and proceeds to the next.

- pass does nothing and is used as a placeholder.

9. String Manipulation

Q1. Understanding how to access and manipulate strings.

Strings in Python are sequences of characters and are fundamental for working with text data. Here's a breakdown of how to access and manipulate strings:

1. Accessing Characters:

- **Indexing:** You can access individual characters in a string using their index, starting from 0 for the first character.

- Example:

Python

```
my_string = "Python"
```

```
print(my_string[0]) # Output: P
```

```
print(my_string[1]) # Output: y
```

```
print(my_string[-1]) # Output: n, negative indexes count from the end.
```

- **Slicing:** You can extract a portion of a string using slicing.

- Example:

Python

```
my_string = "Python"
```

```
print(my_string[1:4]) # Output: yth
```

```
print(my_string[:3]) # Output: Pyt
```

```
print(my_string[2:]) # Output: thon
```

```
print(my_string[:]) # Output: Python, creates a  
copy of the string.
```

2. String Manipulation:

- **Concatenation:** You can combine strings using the + operator.

- Example:

Python

```
str1 = "Hello"
```

```
str2 = "World"
```

```
result = str1 + ", " + str2
```

```
print(result) # Output: Hello, World
```

- **String Methods:** Python provides a rich set of built-in string methods:
 - **upper():** Converts the string to uppercase.
 - Example: "hello".upper() returns "HELLO".

- **lower()**: Converts the string to lowercase.
 - Example: "HELLO".lower() returns "hello".
- **strip()**: Removes leading and trailing whitespace.
 - Example: " hello ".strip() returns "hello".
- **split()**: Splits the string into a list of substrings.
 - Example: "hello,world".split(",") returns ['hello', 'world'].
- **join()**: Joins a list of strings into a single string.
 - Example: "-".join(['hello', 'world']) returns "hello-world".
- **find()**: Finds the index of a substring.
 - Example: "hello".find("l") returns 2.
- **replace()**: Replaces a substring with another substring.
 - Example: "hello".replace("l", "x") returns "hexxo".
- **startswith()**: Checks if a string starts with a given prefix.

- Example: `"hello".startswith("he")` returns True.
- **endswith()**: Checks if a string ends with a given suffix.
 - Example: `"hello".endswith("lo")` returns True.

3. String Formatting:

- **f-strings (formatted string literals)**: A convenient way to embed expressions within string literals.
 - Example:

Python

```
name = "Alice"
```

```
age = 30
```

```
print(f"My name is {name} and I am {age} years old.")
```

- **format() method**: A versatile method for formatting strings.
 - Example:

Python

```
name = "Bob"
```

```
age = 25
```

```
print("My name is {} and I am {} years  
old.".format(name, age))
```

4. Immutability:

- Strings in Python are immutable, meaning you cannot change them directly. When you perform a string manipulation, you are creating a new string.

- Example:

Python

```
my_string = "Hello"
```

```
my_string = my_string.replace("H", "J") #
```

my_string now refers to a new string.

```
print(my_string) #Output: Jello
```

Q2.Basic operations: concatenation,
repetition,string methods(upper(), lower(), etc.)

Let's delve into the basic operations and methods
for working with strings in Python:

1. Concatenation:

- **Purpose:** Joining two or more strings together.
- **Operator:** The + operator.
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "Hello"  
str2 = " World"  
result = str1 + str2  
print(result) # Output: Hello World
```

```
str3 = "Python"  
num = "3"  
result2 = str3 + num  
print(result2) #Output: Python3
```

- **Important:** You can only concatenate strings with other strings. If you try to concatenate a string with a number, you'll get a `TypeError`. You will need to convert the number into a string first.

2. Repetition:

- **Purpose:** Repeating a string a specified number of times.
- **Operator:** The `*` operator.
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "abc"
```

```
result = str1 * 3
```

```
print(result) # Output: abcabcab
```

3. String Methods:

- **upper():**

- Converts all characters in a string to uppercase.

- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "hello"
```

```
result = str1.upper()
```

```
print(result) # Output: HELLO
```

- **lower():**

- Converts all characters in a string to lowercase.

- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "WORLD"
```

```
result = str1.lower()
```

```
print(result) # Output: world
```

- **strip():**

- Removes leading and trailing whitespace from a string.
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = " example "  
result = str1.strip()  
print(result) # Output: example
```

• **lstrip():**

- Removes leading whitespace from a string.
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = " example "  
result = str1.lstrip()  
print(result) #Output: example
```

• **rstrip():**

- Removes trailing whitespace from a string.
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = " example "
```



```
result = str1.rstrip()
print(result) #Output: example
```

- **split():**

- Splits a string into a list of substrings based on a delimiter (default is whitespace).
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "apple,banana,cherry"
result = str1.split(",")
print(result) # Output: ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']
```

- **join():**

- Joins a list of strings into a single string using a specified separator.
- **Example:**

Python

```
my_list = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
result = "-".join(my_list)
print(result) # Output: apple-banana-cherry
```

- **find():**

- Returns the index of the first occurrence of a substring. Returns -1 if not found.
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "hello world"  
index = str1.find("world")  
print(index) # Output: 6
```

• **replace():**

- Replaces occurrences of a substring with another substring.
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "hello world"  
result = str1.replace("world", "Python")  
print(result) # Output: hello Python
```

• **startswith():**

- Returns True if the string starts with the specified value, otherwise False.
- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "hello world"
```

```
result = str1.startswith("hello")
```

```
print(result) #Output: True
```

- **endswith():**

- Returns True if the string ends with the specified value, otherwise False.

- **Example:**

Python

```
str1 = "hello world"
```

```
result = str1.endswith("world")
```

```
print(result) #Output: True
```

Q3. String slicing.

String slicing in Python is a powerful technique that allows you to extract portions of a string with ease. It's essential for various text manipulation tasks. Here's a breakdown of how it works:

Basic Concepts:

- **Indexing:**

- Strings in Python are ordered sequences of characters. Each character has an index, starting from 0 for the first character.

- You can also use negative indices to access characters from the end of the string, where -1 represents the last character.¹

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- **Slicing Syntax:**

- The general syntax for string slicing is `string[start:stop:step]`.
- **start:** The index where the slice begins (inclusive). If omitted, it defaults to 0.
- **stop:** The index where the slice ends (exclusive). If omitted, it defaults to the end of the string.
- **step:** The step size or increment. If omitted, it defaults to 1.

How String Slicing Works:

- **Extracting Substrings:**

- By specifying the start and stop indices, you can extract a substring from the original string.
- For example, `string[2:5]` extracts the characters from index 2 up to (but not including) index 5.
- **Omitting Indices:**
 - If you omit the start index, the slice starts from the beginning of the string.
 - If you omit the stop index, the slice goes to the end of the string.
 - If you omit both, you get a copy of the entire string.
- **Step Size:**
 - The step parameter allows you to extract characters at specific intervals.
 - For example, `string[::2]` extracts every other character from the string.
 - A negative step value will reverse the string.

Key Uses:

- **Parsing Data:**

- Extracting specific pieces of information from text data.
- **Text Manipulation:**
 - Modifying and rearranging strings.
- **Data Validation:**
 - Checking if strings conform to certain patterns.

10. Advanced Python (map(), reduce(), filter(), Closures and Decorators)

Q1. How functional programming works in Python.

While Python is primarily known as a multi-paradigm language (supporting object-oriented, procedural, and functional programming), it provides excellent tools for incorporating functional programming principles. Here's how functional programming works in Python:

Core Concepts:

- **Pure Functions:**
 - These functions produce the same output for the same input and have no side effects (they don't modify external state). This makes them predictable and easier to test.

- **Immutability:**
 - Functional programming favors immutable data structures, meaning data cannot be changed after it's created. This helps prevent unintended side effects and makes code more robust.
- **First-Class and Higher-Order Functions:**
 - In Python, functions are first-class citizens, meaning they can be treated like any other object. They can be assigned to variables, passed as arguments to other functions, and returned from functions.
 - Higher-order functions are functions that¹ take other functions as arguments or return them as results.

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- **Recursion:**

- Functional programming often uses recursion instead of loops for iteration.
- **Lambda Functions:**
 - These are small, anonymous functions defined using the lambda keyword. They're useful for creating simple functions on the fly.

Python's Functional Programming Tools:

- **map():**
 - Applies a function to each item in an iterable (like a list) and returns an iterator of the results.
- **filter():**
 - Filters elements from an iterable based on a given function, returning an iterator of the filtered elements.
- **reduce() (from functools):**
 - Applies a rolling computation to sequential pairs of elements in an iterable, reducing them to a single value.
- **List Comprehensions:**
 - Provide a concise way to create lists by applying expressions to elements of

existing iterables. They often serve as a functional alternative to loops.

- **Generator Expressions:**

- Similar to list comprehensions, but they create generators, which produce values on demand, saving memory.

- **functools Module:**

- Provides higher-order functions and tools for working with functions, such as `reduce()` and `partial()`.

- **itertools Module:**

- Provides tools for creating and working with iterators, which are essential for lazy evaluation in functional programming.

How it Works in Practice:

- Instead of using loops to modify data, functional Python code often uses `map()`, `filter()`, and list comprehensions to create new data structures based on transformations of existing ones.
- Lambda functions are used to create short, anonymous functions that can be passed as arguments to higher-order functions.

- Recursion is used to solve problems by breaking them down into smaller, self-similar subproblems.

Benefits of Functional Programming in Python:

- **Improved Readability:** Functional code can be more concise and easier to understand, especially for data transformations.
- **Increased Testability:** Pure functions are easier to test because they have no side effects.
- **Enhanced Concurrency:** Immutability and pure functions make it easier to write concurrent and parallel code.
- **Code Reusability:** Higher-order functions promote code reusability.

Q2. Using `map()`, `reduce()`, and `filter()` functions for processing data.

`map()`, `reduce()`, and `filter()` are powerful built-in functions in Python that facilitate functional programming paradigms. They are especially useful for processing data within iterables like lists, tuples, and sets. Here's how to use them effectively:

1. `map()` Function:

- **Purpose:** Applies a given function to each item in an iterable and returns an iterator that yields the results.
- **Syntax:** `map(function, iterable, ...)`
- **Example:**

Python

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
squared_numbers = map(lambda x: x**2,
numbers)
print(list(squared_numbers)) # Output: [1, 4, 9,
16, 25]
```

```
def to_upper(string):
    return string.upper()
```

```
strings = ["hello", "world"]
upper_strings = map(to_upper, strings)
print(list(upper_strings)) #Output: ['HELLO',
'WORLD']
```

- **Explanation:**

- The `map()` function applies the lambda function (or defined function) to each element of the numbers list.
- It returns an iterator, so we convert it to a list to see the results.

2. `filter()` Function:

- **Purpose:** Filters elements from an iterable based on a given function (that returns True or False).
- **Syntax:** `filter(function, iterable)`
- **Example:**

Python

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
even_numbers = filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0,
numbers)
print(list(even_numbers)) # Output: [2, 4, 6]

words = ["apple", "banana", "orange", "kiwi"]
long_words = filter(lambda word: len(word) > 5,
words)
print(list(long_words)) #output: ['banana',
'orange']
```

- **Explanation:**

- The filter() function applies the lambda function to each element of the numbers list.
- It keeps only the elements for which the function returns True.
- it also returns an iterator.

3. reduce() Function:

- **Purpose:** Applies a rolling computation to sequential pairs of elements in an iterable, reducing them to a single value.
- **Syntax:** reduce(function, iterable[, initializer])
- **Note:** reduce() is in the functools module, so you need to import it: from functools import reduce
- **Example:**

Python

```
from functools import reduce
```

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
sum_of_numbers = reduce(lambda x, y: x + y,  
numbers)
```

```
print(sum_of_numbers) # Output: 15
```

```
multiplied_numbers = reduce(lambda x,y: x*y,  
numbers)
```

```
print(multiplied_numbers) #output: 120
```

- **Explanation:**

- The reduce() function applies the lambda function to the first two elements of the numbers list.
- Then, it applies the function to the result and the next element, and so on.
- It reduces the list to a single value.

Key Advantages:

- **Conciseness:** These functions often allow you to write more compact and readable code compared to traditional loops.
- **Functional Programming:** They promote a functional programming style, which can lead to more maintainable and testable code.
- **Efficiency:** In many cases, these functions are implemented efficiently in C, making them faster than equivalent Python loops.

Important Considerations:

- `map()` and `filter()` return iterators, so you'll usually need to convert them to lists or other data structures to view the results.
- `reduce()` is very powerful, but for simple sums or products, the built in `sum()` and `prod()` functions are often more readable.
- For very complex data processing pipelines, consider libraries like NumPy and Pandas, which offer more advanced and optimized tools.

Q3. Introduction to closures and decorators.

Closures and decorators are powerful features in Python that enhance code reusability, modularity, and flexibility. Here's an introduction to both:

1. Closures:

- **Definition:**

- A closure is a function object that remembers values in enclosing scopes even if they are not present in memory.
- In simpler terms, a closure "closes over" the environment in which it was created.

- **How it Works:**

- Closures are created when a nested function references a variable from its enclosing scope.
- The inner function retains access to the outer function's variables even after the outer function has finished executing.

• **Example:**

Python

```
def outer_function(x):  
    def inner_function(y):  
        return x + y  
    return inner_function
```

```
closure = outer_function(10)  
result = closure(5) # closure remembers x = 10  
print(result) # Output: 15
```

• **Key Characteristics:**

- Nested function.
- Inner function refers to a variable in the enclosing scope.
- Outer function returns the inner function.

2. Decorators:

- **Definition:**

- Decorators are a way to modify or extend the behavior of functions or classes without changing their source code.
- They "wrap" a function with another function, adding functionality before or after the original function is called.

- **How it Works:**

- Decorators use closures to achieve their functionality.
- They take a function as input, add some functionality, and return a modified function.

- **Syntax:**

- Decorators are applied using the `@decorator_name` syntax above a function definition.

- **Example:**

Python

```
def my_decorator(func):  
    def wrapper():  
        print("Something is happening before the  
function is called.")
```

```
    func()
    print("Something is happening after the
function is called.")
    return wrapper
```

```
@my_decorator
def say_hello():
    print("Hello!")
```

```
say_hello()
```

- **Explanation:**

- my_decorator is a decorator function that takes a function func as input.
- It defines a wrapper function that adds extra functionality before and after calling func.
- @my_decorator applies the decorator to the say_hello function.
- When say_hello is called, the wrapper function is executed.

- **Decorators with Arguments:**

- Decorators can also accept arguments, which adds another layer of flexibility.
- Decorators that decorate functions with arguments, must also account for those arguments.

Key Benefits:

- **Code Reusability:** Decorators allow you to apply the same modification to multiple functions.
- **Separation of Concerns:** Decorators separate the core logic of a function from its auxiliary functionality.
- **Improved Readability:** Decorators can make code more concise and easier to understand.
- **Metaprogramming:** They enable you to write code that modifies or extends other code.

Closures and decorators are powerful tools for writing cleaner, more modular, and more flexible Python code.