

1 Introduction to Python






What is Python?

- Python is a **high-level** language → easy to read & write (English-like).
- **Interpreted** → code runs line by line (no compilation needed).
- **Object-Oriented** → everything is treated as an object.

Why Python is popular?

- Simple syntax
- Huge library support
- Used by top companies (Google, Amazon, Netflix)

Where Python is used?

-  Web Development (Django, Flask)
-  AI & Machine Learning
-  Data Science
-  Automation & Testing
-  Cloud & DevOps

2 Data Types & Variables

What is a Variable?

- A **variable** is a name used to store data in memory.

```
x = 10
```

```
name = "Python"
```

int (Integer)

- Stores **whole numbers**

```
a = 10
```

```
b = -5
```

float

- Stores **decimal numbers**

```
price = 99.5
```

```
pi = 3.14
```

complex

- Stores numbers with **real + imaginary part**

`c = 2 + 3j`

str (String)

- Stores **text**

`name = "Deekshitha"`

list

- Ordered, mutable (can change)

`numbers = [1, 2, 3]`

tuple

- Ordered, immutable (cannot change)

`t = (10, 20)`

set

- Unordered, unique values only

`s = {1, 2, 3}`

dict (Dictionary)

- Stores data as **key : value**

`student = {"name": "A", "age": 20}`

type()

- Tells the datatype

`type(10) # int`

id()

- Memory address of variable

`id(x)`

3 OPERATORS IN PYTHON (DETAILED)

👉 What are Operators?

Operators are **symbols used to perform operations** on variables and values.

They are very important in **coding rounds & interviews**.

+ Arithmetic Operators

Used to perform **mathematical calculations**

Operator	Meaning	Example	Output
+	Addition	10 + 5	15
-	Subtraction	10 - 5	5
*	Multiplication	10 * 5	50
/	Division	10 / 4	2.5
%	Modulus (remainder)	10 % 3	1
//	Floor division	10 // 3	3
**	Power	2 ** 3	8

📌 Interview Tip:

- / always gives **float output**
 - % is used a lot in **even/odd, palindrome, digit problems**
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🔍 Relational (Comparison) Operators

Used to **compare two values**

Output is always **True or False**

Operator	Meaning	Example	Output
>	Greater than	10 > 5	True
<	Less than	5 < 3	False
==	Equal to	5 == 5	True
!=	Not equal	5 != 3	True
>=	Greater or equal	5 >= 5	True
<=	Less or equal	3 <= 5	True

📌 Used in **if-else conditions**

Logical Operators

Used to **combine multiple conditions**

Operator	Meaning	Example	Output
and	Both true	(5>2 and 10>3)	True
or	Any one true	(5>2 or 10<3)	True
not	Reverse result	not(5>2)	False

Interview Example:

if age > 18 and citizen == True:

```
    print("Eligible")
```

Assignment Operators

Used to **assign or update values**

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result
=	Assign	x = 10	10
+=	Add & assign	x += 5	15
-=	Subtract & assign	x -= 3	12
*=	Multiply & assign	x *= 2	24
/=	Divide & assign	x /= 4	6.0

 Used to **optimize code** in loops

Membership Operators

Used to **check presence of value in a collection**

Operator	Meaning	Example	Output
in	Present	'a' in 'apple'	True
not in	Not present	5 not in [1,2,3]	True

 Used in **strings, lists, sets, dictionaries**

Bitwise Operators

Operate on **binary numbers** (0 & 1)

Operator Meaning Example Result

&	AND	5 & 3	1
	OR	5 3	7
^	XOR	5 ^ 3	6
~	NOT	~5	-6
<<	Left shift	5 << 1	10
>>	Right shift	5 >> 1	2

📌 Mostly asked in **bit manipulation questions**

🔥 Interview Summary

- ✓ Arithmetic → calculations
- ✓ Relational → comparisons
- ✓ Logical → multiple conditions
- ✓ Assignment → value update
- ✓ Membership → searching
- ✓ Bitwise → low-level optimization

4 Control Statements

if statement

```
if age > 18:  
    print("Eligible")
```

if-else

```
if x > 0:  
    print("Positive")  
else:  
    print("Negative")
```

Loops

for loop

```
for i in range(5):  
    print(i)
```

while loop

```
while x < 5:
```

```
    x += 1
```

break

- Stops loop

continue

- Skips current iteration

pass

- Does nothing (placeholder)
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5 Functions

What is a function?

- Reusable block of code

```
def add(a, b):
```

```
    return a + b
```

5 FUNCTIONS IN PYTHON (DETAILED)

👉 What is a Function?

A **function** is a **reusable block of code** that performs a specific task.

Functions help to:

- Reduce code repetition
- Improve readability
- Make debugging easy

Basic Function Example

```
def add(a, b):
```

```
    return a + b
```

```
print(add(10, 5)) # Output: 15
```



Function Syntax

```
def function_name(parameters):  
    statements  
    return value
```



Types of Arguments (VERY IMPORTANT FOR INTERVIEWS)

1 Positional Arguments

- Values are passed **in order**

```
def sub(a, b):  
    return a - b
```

```
sub(10, 5) # a=10, b=5
```



Order matters

2 Keyword Arguments

- Values passed using **parameter name**

```
sub(b=5, a=10)
```

✓ Order does NOT matter

3 Default Arguments

- Default value is used if argument not passed

```
def greet(name="User"):  
    print("Hello", name)
```

```
greet() # Hello User
```

```
greet("Ram") # Hello Ram
```

4 Variable Length Arguments

*args (Non-keyword arguments)

- Accepts multiple values as a **tuple**

```
def total(*args):
```

```
return sum(args)
```

```
total(1,2,3,4)
```

****kwargs (Keyword arguments)**

- Accepts multiple values as a **dictionary**

```
def info(**kwargs):
```

```
    print(kwargs)
```

```
info(name="A", age=20)
```

 Used in **real-time projects & frameworks**

Return vs Print

return	print
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Sends value back	Displays output
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Can be reused	Cannot reuse
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Lambda Function (Anonymous Function)

What is Lambda?


- One-line function
- No function name
- Used for **short operations**

```
square = lambda x: x * x
```

```
print(square(5)) # 25
```

Lambda with multiple arguments

```
add = lambda a, b: a + b
```

 Used with `map()`, `filter()`, `reduce()`

OOPS CONCEPTS IN PYTHON (DETAILED)

 **What is OOPS?**

Object Oriented Programming System

Organizes code using **classes & objects**

Class

A **class** is a **blueprint** or template.

```
class Student:
```

```
    pass
```

Object

An **object** is an **instance of a class**

```
s1 = Student()
```

Constructor (`__init__`)

- Automatically called when object is created
- Used to initialize data


```
class Student:
```

```
    def __init__(self, name, age):
```

```
        self.name = name
```

```
        self.age = age
```

```
s = Student("Ram", 20)
```

 `self` refers to **current object**

OOPS Pillars (VERY IMPORTANT)

1 Encapsulation

- Binding data and methods together
- Data hiding using private variables

```
class Bank:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
```

```
        self.__balance = 1000
```

2 Inheritance

- Child class acquires parent properties

class Parent:

pass

class Child(Parent):

pass

✓ Code reuse

3 Polymorphism

- Same function name, different behavior

print(len("Python"))

print(len([1,2,3]))

4 Abstraction

- Hiding implementation details
- Achieved using abstract classes

📌 Focus on **what**, not **how**

7 EXCEPTION HANDLING (DETAILED)

👉 What is an Exception?

An **exception** is a **runtime error** that stops the normal flow of program execution.

Common exceptions:

- ZeroDivisionError
 - ValueError
 - TypeError
 - IndexError
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Basic Example

try:

x = 10 / 0

except:

print("Error occurred")

try-except-else-finally

try:

```
x = int(input())
```

except:

```
print("Invalid input")
```

else:

```
print("Success")
```

finally:

```
print("Always executed")
```

finally

- ✓ Always executes
 - ✓ Used for closing files, database connections
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Custom Exception

Used when **built-in exceptions are not enough**

```
age = -5
```

```
if age < 0:
```

```
    raise Exception("Age cannot be negative")
```

Interview Tip:

Explain **why** custom exceptions are needed (business rules)

FILE HANDLING (DETAILED)

What is File Handling?

Used to **store data permanently** in files.

open() function

```
f = open("file.txt", "r")
```

File Modes

Mode Meaning

r Read

Mode Meaning

w Write (overwrite)
a Append
r+ Read & write

read(), write(), append()

f.read()

f.write("Hello")

with keyword (BEST PRACTICE)

- Automatically closes file
- Prevents memory leaks

with open("file.txt") as f:

```
print(f.read())
```

Interview Tip:

Always say **with keyword is safer**

9 MODULES & PACKAGES (DETAILED)

Module

A **module** is a Python file (.py) that contains:

- functions
- variables
- classes

Example:

```
import math
```

```
print(math.sqrt(25))
```

Package

A **package** is a **collection of modules** organized in folders.

Example:

```
mypackage/
```

module1.py

module2.py

 Used to **organize large projects**

10 DATA STRUCTURES (DETAILED)

List

- Dynamic
- Ordered
- Mutable

lst = [1,2,3]

Stack (LIFO)

Last In First Out

Operations:

- push
- pop

stack = []

stack.append(10)

stack.pop()

Queue (FIFO)

First In First Out

from collections import deque

q = deque()

q.append(1)

q.popleft()

Dictionary

- Key-value pair
- Fast lookup

d = {"name": "A", "age": 20}

Comprehension

Short & efficient way to create collections

```
[x*x for x in range(5)]
```

📌 Saves lines of code → interviewer likes this

11 REGULAR EXPRESSIONS (REGEX)

👉 What is Regex?

Used for **pattern matching** in strings

Examples:

- Email validation
- Mobile number check
- Password validation

```
import re
```

search()

Searches pattern anywhere

```
re.search("a", "apple")
```

match()

Matches from beginning only

```
re.match("a", "apple")
```

findall()

Returns all matches

```
re.findall("\d", "a1b2")
```

12 MULTITHREADING vs MULTIPROCESSING

Multithreading

- Multiple threads in one process
- Best for **I/O tasks** (file, network)

import threading

Multiprocessing

- Multiple processes
- Uses multiple CPU cores
- Best for **CPU-intensive tasks**

import multiprocessing

Interview Question:

Why multiprocessing over multithreading?

👉 Due to **GIL limitation**

13 PYTHON FOR PLACEMENTS (MOST IMPORTANT)

Frequently Asked Topics

- ✓ Strings
 - ✓ Arrays
 - ✓ Loops
 - ✓ Patterns
 - ✓ Functions
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String Example

```
s = "python"
```

```
print(s[::-1])
```

Pattern Example

```
for i in range(1,5):
```

```
    print("*"*i)
```

Logic Building

- Think before coding
 - Break problem into steps
 - Use dry run
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Time Complexity (VERY IMPORTANT)

Complexity Meaning

O(1) Constant time

O(n) Linear

O(n²) Nested loops

Example:

```
for i in range(n): # O(n)
```

```
for i in range(n):
```

```
    for j in range(n): # O(n2)
```

📌 Interviewers LOVE when you mention time complexity

👉 What is a String?

A **string** is a sequence of **characters** enclosed in:

- single quotes ' '
- double quotes " "

```
s = "Python"
```

Strings are **immutable** → cannot be changed once created.

♦ String Indexing

Each character has an index (starts from 0)

```
s = "Python"
```

```
print(s[0]) # P
```

```
print(s[-1]) # n
```

♦ String Slicing

Used to extract part of a string

```
s = "Python"
```

```
print(s[1:4]) # yth
```

```
print(s[::-1]) # nohtyP (reverse)
```

📌 **Interview Favorite:** Reverse a string using slicing

♦ Common String Methods (VERY IMPORTANT)

Method Use

upper() Convert to uppercase

lower() Convert to lowercase

strip() Remove spaces

replace() Replace text

split() Split string

join() Join strings

find() Find index

count() Count occurrences

```
s = " hello python "
```

```
print(s.strip())
```

```
print(s.upper())
```

♦ String Operations

```
a = "Py"
```

```
b = "thon"
```

```
print(a + b)    # Concatenation
```

```
print(a * 3)    # Repetition
```

♦ Important String Interview Programs

Reverse a String

```
s = "python"
```

```
print(s[::-1])
```

Check Palindrome

```
s = "madam"
```

```
print(s == s[::-1])
```

Count Vowels

```
s = "hello"
```

```
count = 0

for c in s:
    if c in "aeiouAEIOU":
        count += 1

print(count)
```

Remove Duplicate Characters

```
s = "programming"
print("".join(set(s)))
```

String Interview Tips

- ✓ Strings are immutable
 - ✓ Slicing is powerful
 - ✓ Practice reverse, palindrome, frequency
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ARRAYS IN PYTHON (DETAILED)

Python does not have built-in arrays like C/Java.
We mainly use **Lists** as arrays.

What is an Array (List)?

An **array** stores multiple values of **same or different types**.

```
arr = [10, 20, 30]
```

Lists are:

- ✓ Ordered
 - ✓ Mutable
 - ✓ Dynamic
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♦ Array Indexing & Slicing

```
arr = [10,20,30,40]
```

```
print(arr[0]) # 10
```

```
print(arr[1:3]) # [20,30]
```

♦ Common List (Array) Methods

Method Use

append() Add element

insert() Insert at index

remove() Remove element

pop() Remove last

sort() Sort list

reverse() Reverse list

len() Length

arr.append(50)

arr.sort()

♦ **Traversing an Array**

for i in arr:

 print(i)

♦ **Important Array Interview Programs**

Find Largest Element

arr = [10, 25, 3]

print(max(arr))

Sum of Elements

print(sum(arr))

Remove Duplicates

arr = [1,2,2,3]

print(list(set(arr)))

Reverse an Array

print(arr[::-1])

◆ List Comprehension (VERY IMPORTANT)

Short way to create arrays

```
squares = [x*x for x in range(5)]
```

🕒 Time Complexity (INTERVIEW MUST)

Operation	Complexity
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Access	$O(1)$
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Search	$O(n)$
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Insert/Delete	$O(n)$
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🎯 FINAL INTERVIEW TIP

- ✓ Write clean code
- ✓ Explain logic step-by-step
- ✓ Don't panic
- ✓ Think loud