What is Python

- Python is an interpreted, object-oriented, high-level programming language.
- Python's simple, easy to learn syntax emphasizes readability and therefore reduces the cost of program maintenance.
- Python supports modules and packages, which encourages program modularity and code reuse.
- The Python interpreter and the extensive standard library are available in source or binary form without charge for all major platforms, and can be freely distributed.

Download Python

https://www.python.org/downloads/

Pre-requisites

- Indentation (No Curly Brackets), Line Spacing {.fragment .grow}
- Declaration of variable not required (automatically derive the data type) {.fragment .grow}
- Python is by default installed on all Linux Servers. {.fragment .grow}
- For any program to work in your Local Machine/Server, the Runtime Programming Language environment should be installed. {.fragment .grow}
- As of January 1st, 2020 no new bug reports, fixes, or changes will be made to Python 2, and Python 2 is no longer supported. {.fragment .grow}

Python Shell

- We can use any one of the below Python Shell for understanding of this lannguage
 - Python Online Shell
 - Navigate to Python Online Shell in browser: https://www.python.org/shell/
 - Login to EC2 and Install python3 using yum

sudo yum install python3

To Open Python Interpretor enter

python3

Values and types

A value is one of the basic things a program works with, like a letter or a number.

• To get the type of the value

```
# this is similar to echo in bash
print("Hello world!")
```

- These values belong to different types:
 - o 2 is an integer
 - 'Hello, World!' is a string because it contains a "string" of letters.
- You (and the interpreter) can identify strings because they are enclosed in quotation marks.
- A string is a series of characters, surrounded by ".

Variables

- Variables are used to store values.
- An assignment statement creates new variables and gives them values:

```
msg = "Hello world!"
type(msg)
print(msg)
```

Concatenation (combining strings)

• The below + concats the two string values:

```
first = 'AWS'
last = 'Devops'
full_name = first + ' ' + last
print(full_name)
```

Comments

- Comments in Python start with the # symbol:
- This comment contains useful information that is not in the code:

```
>>> v = 5 # velocity in meters/second.
>>> print(v)
```

- Multi-Line Comments
 - Starts ''' and ends with ''' are lines commented.

Boolean expressions

• A boolean expression is an expression that is either true or false. The following examples use the operator == which compares two operands and produces True if they are equal and False otherwise:

```
>>> 5 == 5
True
>>> 5 == 6
False
```

• True and False are special values that belong to the type bool; they are not strings:

```
>>> type(True)
<type 'bool'>
>>> type(False)
<type 'bool'>
```

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• The == operator is one of the relational operators; the others are:

```
o x != y
```

x is not equal to y

o x > y

x is greater than y

o x < y

x is less than y

 \circ x >= y

x is greater than or equal to y

o x <= y

x is less than or equal to y

• Create file **test.py** file

```
vi test.py

# Add below code in the test.py file
a=10
print("Value of a variable is",a)
print("type of a variable is",type(a))

# Exit from the editor
# Execute the script file using below command
python3 test.py
```

Conditional Execution

- Conditional statements provides the ability to check conditions and change the behavior of the program accordingly.
- The simplest form is the if statement:

```
x=5
if x > 0:
    print('x is positive')

print("This code is checking if condition")
```

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- The boolean expression after if is called the **condition**. If it is **true**, then the indented statement gets executed. If not, nothing happens.
- Another Example of if

```
age = 21
if age >= 18:
    print("You can vote!")
else:
    print("You cannot vote!")
```

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• If-elif-else statements

```
# Which print statement will be shown as output
age = 21
if age < 4:
    print("Assigning value of ticket_price variable as 0")</pre>
```

```
ticket_price = 0
elif age < 18:
    print("Assigning value of ticket_price variable as 10")
    ticket_price = 10
else:
    print("Assigning value of ticket_price variable as 15")
    ticket_price = 15

print("ticket_price final value is", ticket_price)</pre>
```

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- Create if_else_price.py file
- Write above code in file
- Run it with python3 if_else_price.py

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-77-89 ~]$ python3 if_else_price.py
Assigning value of ticket_price variable as 15
ticket_price final value is 15
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-77-89 ~]$
```

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Indentation Errors

```
age = 21
if age < 4:
    print("Assigning value of ticket_price variable as 0")
        ticket_price = 0
elif age < 18:
    print("Assigning value of ticket_price variable as 10")
    ticket_price = 10
else:
    print("Assigning value of ticket_price variable as 15")
    ticket_price = 15

print("ticket_price final value is",ticket_price)</pre>
```

```
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-77-89 ~]$ python3 if_else_price.py
File "if_else_price.py", line 4
    ticket_price = 0
    ^
IndentationError: unexpected indent
[ec2-user@ip-172-31-77-89 ~]$
```

- A list stores a series of items in a particular order. You access items using an index, or within a loop. In a list, first value is at index 0
- List can store items with multiple datatypes. i.e str, int etc
- List are mutable i.e something is changeable or has the ability to change

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```
bikes = ['Apache', 'Suzuki', 'Pulsar',10]
print(bikes)
type(bikes)
<class 'list'>
#Get the first item in a list
print(bikes[0])
print(bikes[1])
first_bike = bikes[0]
second_bike = bikes[1]
bikes[4]
# Traceback (most recent call last):
# File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
#IndexError: list index out of range
bikes[1] = 'bmw'
last_bike = bikes[-1]
# total number of items in list
len(bikes)
# bikes = ['Apache', 'Suzuki', 'Pulsar']
```

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Iterate through every item in the list

```
# bikes = ['Apache', 'Suzuki', 'Pulsar',10]
for bike in bikes:
   print("This is bike:",bike)
# Here print command is written once, but it is executed number of times
```

```
# below is output of previous
This is bike: Apache
This is bike: Suzuki
This is bike: Pulsar
This is bike: 10
```

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• Adding items to a list

```
len(bikes)
bikes.append('HeroHonda')
bikes.append(9)
len(bikes)
```

• Removing items to a list with item name

```
bikes.remove('Apache')
print(bikes)
len(bikes)
```

Removing items to a list with item index number

```
bikes.pop(1)
print(bikes)
len(bikes)
```

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- Adding items to a list
 - o **index**: the index at which the element has to be inserted.
 - **element**: the element to be inserted in the list.

```
list_name.insert(index, element)
```

• Accessing items from a list using index numbers

```
# This will return the index number of an element inside the list
list_name.index('LIST_ITEM_NAME')
```

• Slicing a list

```
# `LIST_NAME[ Initial : End : IndexJump ]`
# If `LIST_NAME` is a list, then the above expression returns the portion of the
list from index `Initial` to index `End`, at a step size `IndexJump`.
aws_topics = ['ec2', 's3', 'rds', 'lambda']

aws_topics[<start_index>:<nth_index - 1>]

first_two = aws_topics[0:2]
first_two = aws_topics[:2]
print(first_two)
```

```
aws_topics_copy = aws_topics[:]

>>> aws_topics[:]
['ec2', 's3', 'rds', 'lambda']
>>> aws_topics[0:1]
['ec2']
>>> aws_topics[0:2]
['ec2', 's3']
>>> aws_topics[:2]
['ec2', 's3']
>>> aws_topics[:2]
['ec2', 'rds']
```

Tuples

- Tuples are immutable
- A tuple is a sequence of values.
- The values can be any type, and they are indexed by integers, so in that respect tuples are a lot like lists.
- Syntactically, a tuple is a comma-separated list of values:

```
>>> t = 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'
```

• Although it is not necessary, it is common to enclose tuples in parentheses:

```
>>> t = ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e')
```

• Also, tuple can be created as a built-in function tuple. With no argument, it creates an empty tuple:

```
>>> t = tuple()
>>> print(t)
>>> t = ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e')
>>> print(t[0])
>>> print(t[1:3])
```

• But if you try to modify one of the elements of the tuple, you get an error:

```
>>> t[0] = 'A'
TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

• It stores connections between pieces of information. Each item in a dictionary is a key:value pair

```
s3buckets = {'name': 'mys3bucket', 'numOfObj': 10}
type(s3buckets)
print("The S3 Bucket name is " + s3buckets['name'])
print("The numOfObj in S3 Bucket " + s3buckets['numOfObj'])
print("The numOfObj in S3 Bucket " + str(s3buckets['numOfObj']))
print(len(s3buckets))
```

• Adding a new **key: value** pair

```
s3buckets['size'] = 0
len(s3buckets)
print(s3bucket)
```

• Removing a new **key: value** pair

```
removed_value = s3buckets.pop('size')
print(s3buckets)
```

Dictionaries and tuples

• Dictionaries have a method called items that returns a list of tuples, where each tuple is a key-value pair.

```
>>> d = {'name':'mys3bucket', 'num0f0bj':10, 'totalSize':200}
>>> type(d)
>>> list_d = d.items()
>>> type(list_d)
>>> print(list_d)
# dict_items([('name', 'mys3bucket'), ('num0f0bj', 10), ('totalSize', 200)])
```

• Combining items, tuple assignment and for, you get the item for traversing the keys and values of a dictionary

```
>>> len(d)
>>> for key, val in d.items():
... print(key,val)
```

• Looping through all key-value pairs

```
s3buckets = {'name': 'mys3bucket', 'numOfObj': 10}
for key, value in s3buckets.items():
   print("key is ",key)
   print("value is ",value)
```

• Looping through all keys

```
s3buckets = {'name': 'mys3bucket', 'numOfObj': 10}
s3buckets.keys()
for s3key in s3buckets.keys():
    print(s3key)
```

Looping through all the values

```
s3buckets = {'name': 'mys3bucket', 'numOfObj': 10}
s3buckets.values()
for s3value in s3buckets.values():
   print(s3value)
```

Python User Input

• Your programs can prompt the user for input. All input is stored as a string i.e <class str>.

```
name = input("What's your name? ")
print("Hello, " + name + "!")
type(name)
count = input("How many Data Centers are present in NV region?")
type(count)
count = int(count)
type(count)
pi = input("What's the value of pi? ")
type(pi)
pi = float(pi)
type(pi)
```

• String in the above input is converted into specific data type using int() and float() methods.

Python While Loop

- A while loop repeats a block of code as long as a certain condition is True.
- A simple while loop

```
current_value = 1
while current_value <= 5:
    print(current_value)
    # current_value = current_value + 1
    current_value += 1</pre>
```

Letting the user choose when to quit

```
msg = ''
while msg != 'quit':
   msg = input("Type your message? ")
   print(msg)
```

Functions

• Functions are named blocks of code, designed to do one specific job. Information passed to a function is called an **argument**, and information received by a function is called a **parameter**.

Defining a Function

- Function blocks begin with the keyword **def** followed by the function name and parentheses (()).
- Any input parameters or arguments should be placed within these parentheses.
- The statement **return [expression]** exits a function, optionally passing back an expression to the caller. A return statement with no arguments is the same as return None.

Calling a Function

- Defining a function only gives it a name, specifies the parameters that are to be included in the function and structures the blocks of code.
- Once the structure of a function is finalized, you can execute it by calling it from another function or directly in the Python Script.

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A simple function

```
def greet_user():
    """Display a simple greeting."""
    print("Hello!")
    greet_user()
```

Function Arguments

• Required arguments are the arguments passed to a function in correct positional order.

```
# Function Definition
def greet_user(username):
    print("Hello, " + username + "!")

# Function call
greet_user("AWS")
greet_user("Python")
greet_user("DevOps")
```

• Default values for arguments

```
def create_s3_bucket(bktname='mys3bucket'):
    print("Creating a " + bktname + " S3 bucket!")

create_s3_bucket()
create_s3_bucket('news3bucket')
```

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Returning a value

```
# Function Defination
def add_numbers(x, y):
    print("Inside add_numbers function")
    return x + y

sum1 = add_numbers(3, 5)
sum2 = add_numbers(10, 15)
print("Value of sum1",sum1)
print("Value of sum2",sum2)
```

Python Modules

- The module object contains the **functions** and **variables** defined in the module. To access one of the functions, you have to specify the name of the module and the name of the function, separated by a dot. This format is called **dot notation**.
- https://docs.python.org/3/py-modindex.html

Math functions

- Python has a **math** module that provides most of the familiar mathematical functions. A **module** is a file that contains a collection of related functions.
- Before we can use the module, we have to import it:

```
>>> import math
```

• This statement creates a module object named **math**.

```
>>> print(math)
<module 'math' (built-in)>
```

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- If you **import math**, you get a module object named **math**. The module object contains constants like **pi** and **functions** like **sin** and **exp**.
- Find factorial of a given number:

```
import math
math.factorial(4)
```

• Math Module : https://docs.python.org/3/library/math.html#module-math

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Importing modules in python

- Python provides below ways to import modules
- using dot notation

```
>>> import math
>>> print(math)
<module 'math' (built-in)>
>>> print(math.pi)
3.14159265359
```

• But if you try to access pi directly, you get an error.

```
>>> print(pi)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'pi' is not defined
```

• As an alternative, you can import an object from a module like this:

```
>>> from math import pi
>>> print(pi)
3.141592653589793
```

Json module in Python

- **json objects** are surrounded by curly braces { }. They are written in key and value pairs.
- **json.loads()** takes in a string and returns a json object (dict)
- **json.dumps()** takes in a json object and returns a string.

```
String (JSON) ----> json.loads() ----> json Object (dict)json Object (dict) ----> String
```

• Example : json.loads()

```
import json
x = '{ "name":"John", "age":30, "city":"New York"}'
print("Type of x is ",type(x))
y = json.loads(x)
print("Type of y is ",type(y))
print(y["age"])
```

• Example : json.dumps()

```
import json
a = {"GroupName": "default", "GroupId": "sg-32ef414c"}
print("Type of a is ",type(a))
b = json.dumps(a)
print("Type of b is ",type(b))
print (b)
```

Python sys.argv

- The **sys** module provides functions and variables used to manipulate different parts of the Python runtime environment.
- This module provides access to variables used or maintained by the interpreter, like **sys.argv** which is a simple list structure.
 - It is a list of command line arguments.
 - **len(sys.argv)** provides the number of command line arguments.
 - o sys.argv[0] is the name of the current Python script.

```
import sys
# total arguments
print(type(sys.argv))
n = len(sys.argv)
print("Total arguments passed:", n)
# Arguments passed
print("\nName of Python script:", sys.argv[0])
print("\nArguments passed:", sys.argv )
for i in range(1, n):
    print(sys.argv[i])
# Addition of numbers
sum_val = 0
for i in range(1, n):
    sum_val = sum_val + int(sys.argv[i])
print("\n\nResult:", sum_val)
```

• Execute the above code as:

```
python3 add.py 2 4 6 8
python3 add.py 10 20 30 40 50
```

Tips

• All core concepts of Python List/Dictionary/Tuples with creating and traversal are important.