

Why Python?



Versatile

Data science, machine learning, web development, & more



Strong Community

There's a package for everything

```
name = "IBM"
if name == "IBM":
    print("Hi IBM!")
else:
    print("Imposter!")
```

Easy to Learn

Easy-to-read, concise, interpreted language

Where Do We Start?

```
> How old are you?  
> 202  
> You are 20 decades  
    and 2 year(s) old.
```

Where Do We Start?

```
> How old are you?
```

```
> 202
```

```
> You are 20 decades  
and 2 year(s) old.
```

◀..... *Ask the user for input*

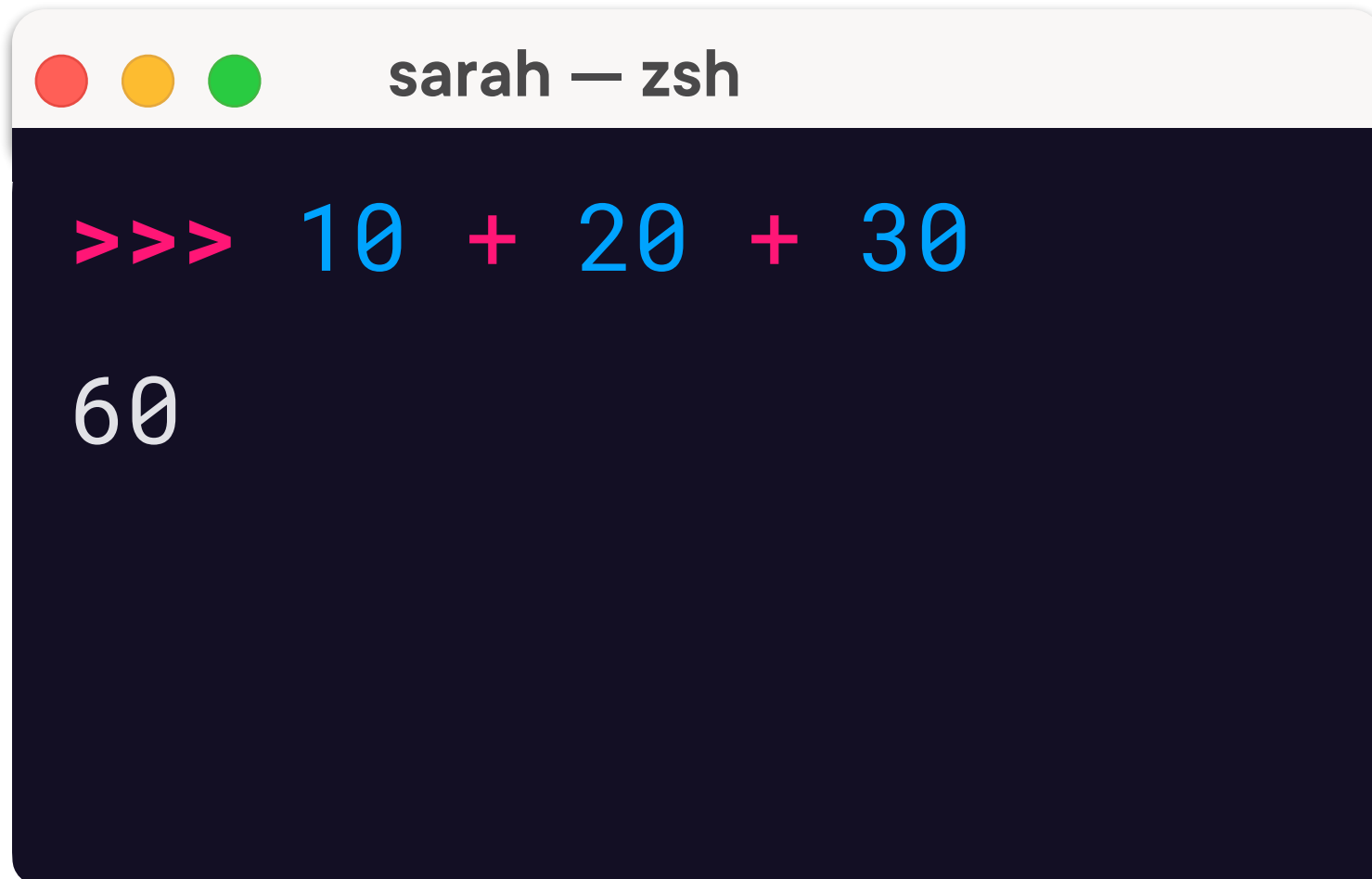
◀..... *Save the input to a variable*

◀..... *Calculate the decades and years*

Convert these numbers to text

Print the result to the screen

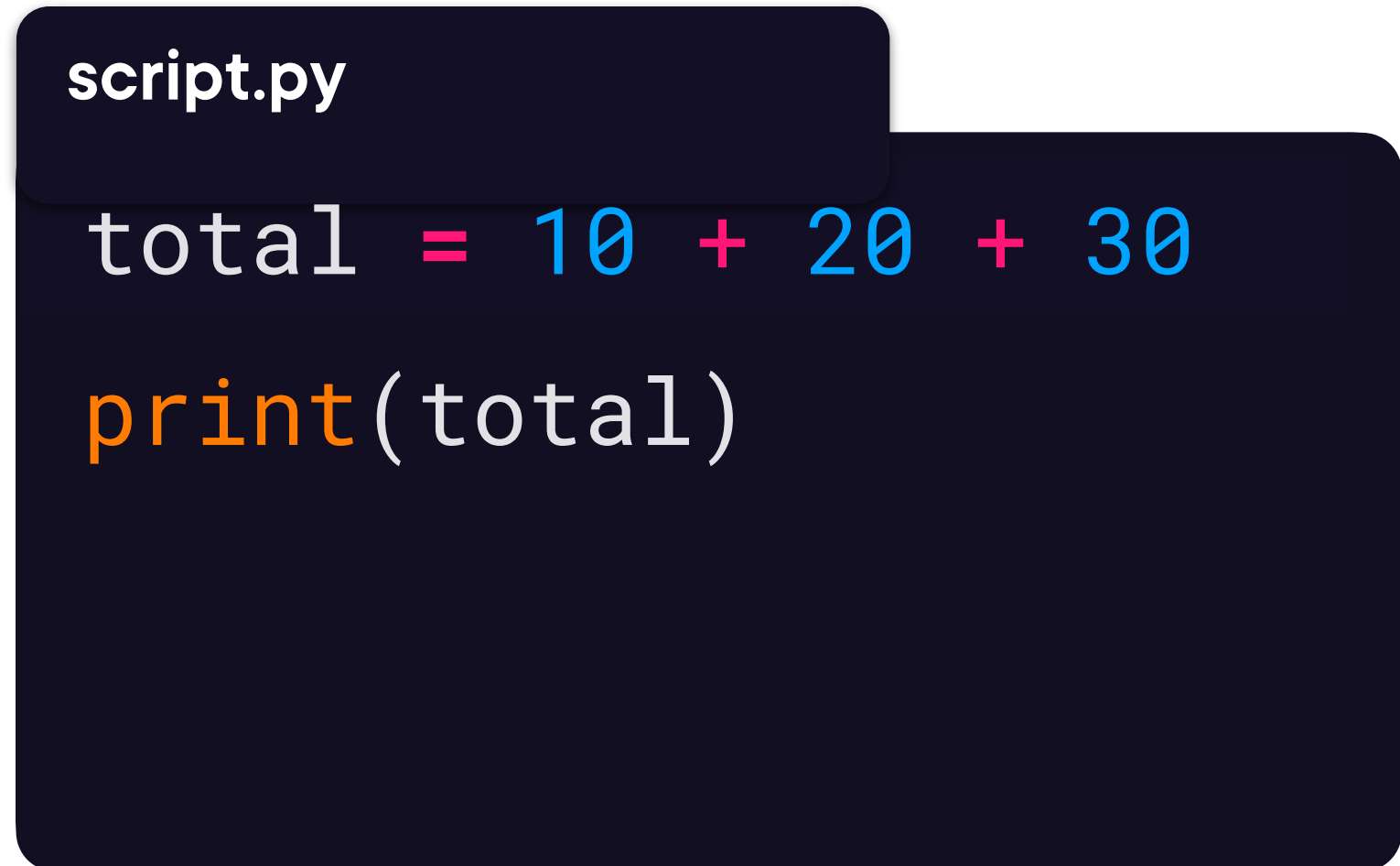
Where Do We Write Python Code?

A terminal window titled 'sarah — zsh' with three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) in the top-left corner. The terminal has a dark background and displays the Python prompt '>>>' followed by the expression '10 + 20 + 30' on one line, and the result '60' on the next line.

```
sarah — zsh  
>>> 10 + 20 + 30  
60
```

The Python Interactive Shell

The Python shell let's you
run Python lines of code
one at a time

A dark-themed code editor window showing a Python script file named 'script.py'. The file contains two lines of code: 'total = 10 + 20 + 30' and 'print(total)'.

```
script.py  
total = 10 + 20 + 30  
print(total)
```

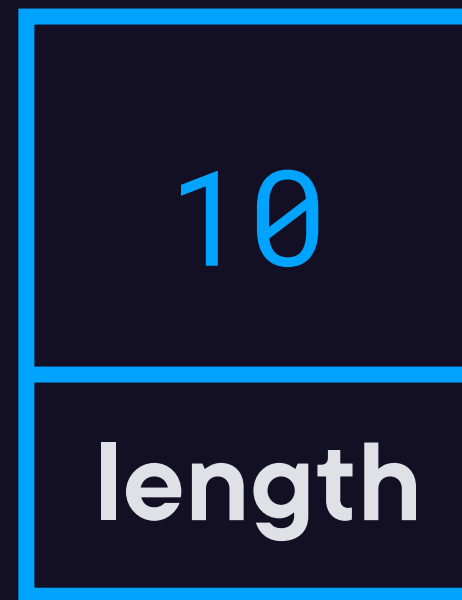
A Python File

A Python script or file is
where you create longer
Python programs

Saving Numbers to Variables

Assigning the value 10 to the variable length

>>> length = 10



←...

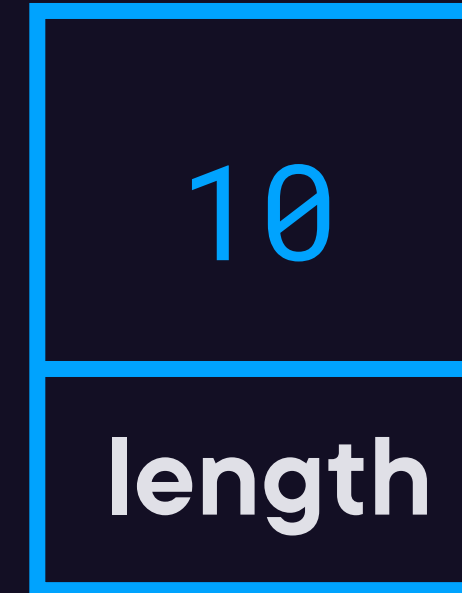
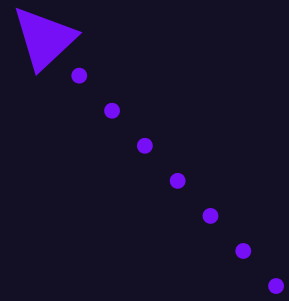
Now on your computer there is a piece of memory labeled length that stores the value 10

Saving Numbers to Variables

```
>>> length = 10
```

```
>>> length
```

```
10
```



From the shell we can enter the name of the variable length to see it's value and see that it's actually 10

Saving Numbers to Variables

```
>>> length = 10
```

```
>>> width = 20
```



*Let's also add the
width of the rectangle*



*Now we have another
variable stored in memory*

Saving Numbers to Variables

```
>>> length = 10
```

```
>>> width = 20
```

```
>>> area = length * width
```



*Now we can calculate the area
with the multiplication operator*

*And now we have another
variable stored in memory*

*The arithmetic operators in Python are mostly the same
ones you know already from a calculator: + - * /*

Saving Numbers to Variables

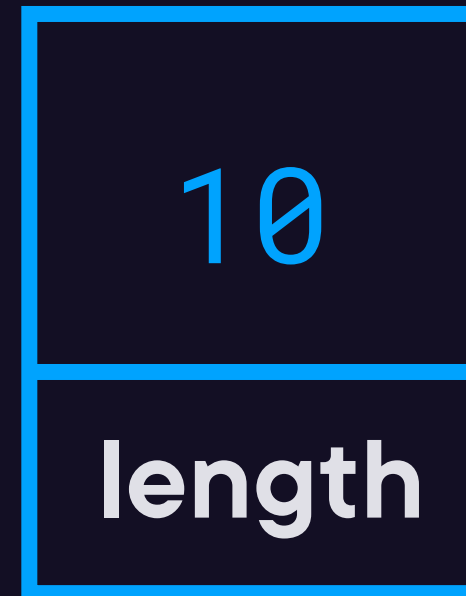
```
>>> length = 10
```

```
>>> width = 20
```

```
>>> area = length * width
```

```
>>> area
```

200



The value of area is output to the screen

Primitive Data Types

Python assumes the type of variable based on the assigned value

```
>>> amount = 10
```

int

Python infers that amount
is an int since it is a
whole number

```
>>> amount = 10.50
```

float

Python infers that amount
is a float since it is a
decimal

A Python Script

sales_tax.py

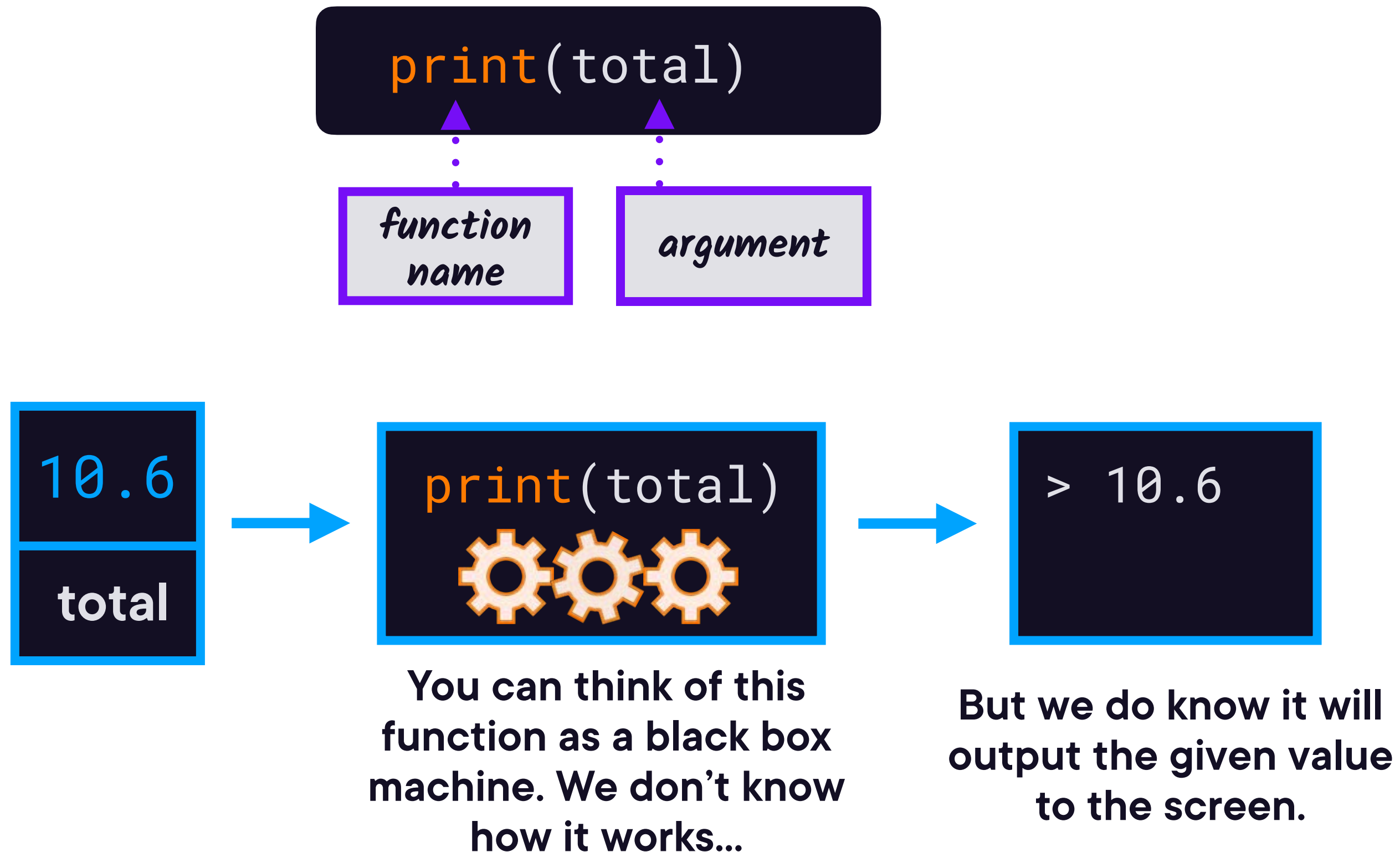
```
amount = 10  
tax = .06  
total = amount + amount*tax  
print(total)
```

*We can call the print()
function to output total*

```
> python3 sales_tax.py  
10.6
```

*Now the value of total
is printed to the screen*

Python print() Function



Data Type Conversion Functions

What if we want to convert
a **float** to an **int**?

```
>>> amount = int(10.6)
>>> amount
10
```

int()

Use the `int()` conversion
function

What if we want to convert
an **int** to a **float**?

```
>>> amount = float(10)
>>> amount
10.0
```

float()

Use the `float()`
conversion function

A String Stores Text

greeting.py

```
name = 'Sarah'  
  
print(name)
```

*Creating a String
with single quotes*

*The string 'Sarah'
is saved to the
variable name*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
Sarah
```

*The value of name prints
without quotes*

*The quotes are only used
to tell Python that
anything inside them is
a String.*

Create Strings with Single or Double Quotes

greeting.py

```
store_name = "IBM's Store"  
print(store_name)
```

◀ ... *Double quotes are useful if a single quote is literally part of the String*

```
store_name = 'IBM's Store'  
print(store_name)
```

◀ ... *This would cause an error because the second single quote would end the String and Python doesn't know what to do with the rest.*

String Concatenation

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = "IBM"  
greeting = hello + name  
print(greeting)
```

*Concatenate two
Strings with a +*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
HelloIBM
```

*Notice how the two strings are
smushed together? We need a
space between them.*

Fixing Our Program

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = "IBM"  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

*Concatenate
a space*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
Hello Sarah
```

Fixed

Fixing Our Program

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = "IBM"  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

*Let's ask the user
for their name.*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
Hello Sarah
```

*How can we customize this
program for other names?*

Python input() Function

```
>>> my_name = input("What's your name?")
```

*function
name*

*The argument
is a message*

*The string the user types in is
then saved to the variable*

```
> What's your name?
```

```
Alice
```

*The message gets
printed to the screen*

*The program waits for the user to
input something and press enter*

Console Input

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = input("What's your name?")  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

*input() prints the statement, then
waits for a value from the console*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
What's your name?Bob  
Hello Bob
```

*Notice how the name Bob is now
printed inside of the greeting.*

Console Input

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = input("What's your name?")  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

```
> python3 greeting.py  
What's your name?Bob  
Hello Bob
```



This looks bad. Can we enter the name on the next line?

Console Input

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = input("What's your name?\n")  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

\n is a special character for a new line

```
> python3 greeting.py  
What's your name?
```

```
Bob  
Hello Bob
```

Now input is entered on the next line.

Summary of Primitive Data Types

```
>>> amount = 10
```

int

```
>>> amount = 10.50
```

float

```
>>> name = "IBM"
```

string

Summary of Input and Output

```
>>> name = input("What's your name?\n")  
What's your name?  
IBM
```

input

```
>>> print("Hello " + name + "!!")  
Hello IBM!!
```

output

Age Calculator

> How old are you?

> 202

> You are 20 decades
and 2 year(s) old.

◀... Ask the user for input

◀... Save the input to a variable

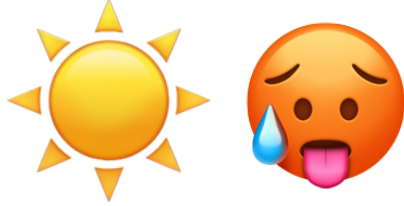
◀... Calculate the decades and years

Convert these numbers to text

Print the result to the screen

How Do We Make Decisions in a Program?

A conditional statement, or if statement, lets us make decisions in Python


If it's sunny and
90° and higher



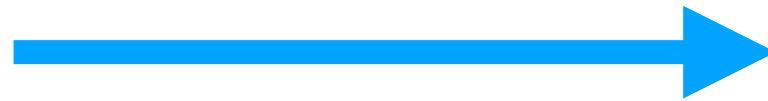

Stay inside!


If it's raining



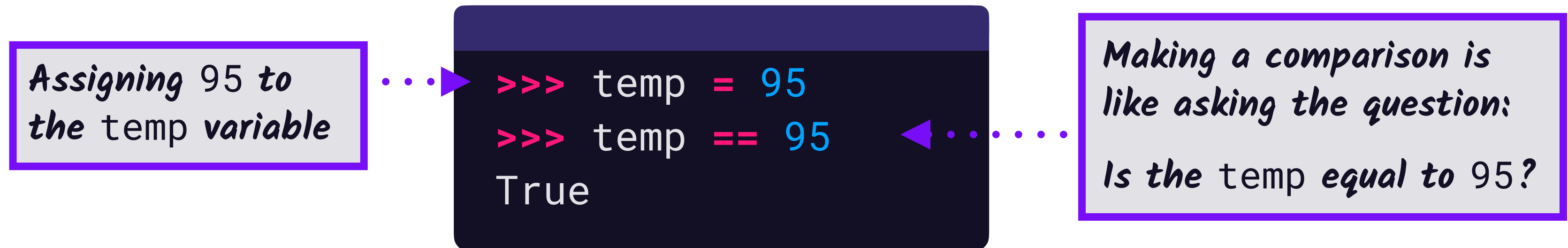
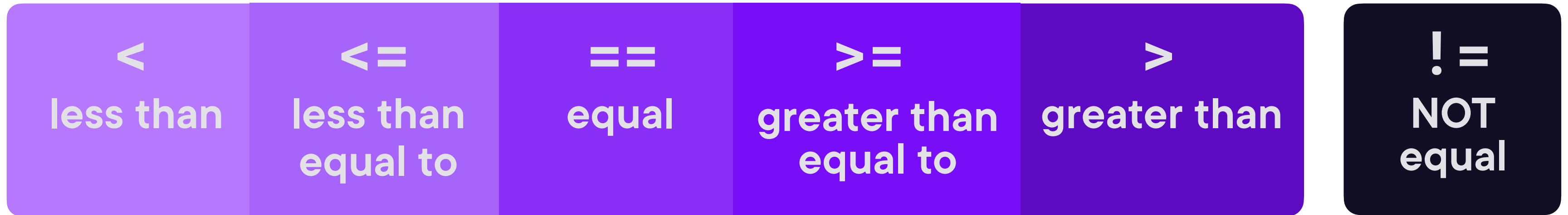

Stay inside!


Otherwise




Go outdoors!

The 6 Python Comparators



Notice: the assignment is 1 = sign
And the equals to comparator is 2 == signs

The 6 Python Comparators

<

less than

<=

less than
equal to

==

equal

>=

greater than
equal to

>

greater than

!=

NOT
equal

*Is the temperature
less than 90?*



```
>>> temp = 95
>>> temp == 95
True
>>> temp < 90
False
```

An if statement

Lets us *decide* what to do: if *True*, then *do* this.

weather.py

```
temperature = 95
```

*Assign 95 to the
temperature variable*

```
if temperature > 80:
```

*Is the temperature
greater than 80?*



*If this is True, let's add
something to do here*

An if statement

Lets us *decide* what to do: if *True*, then *do* this.

weather.py

```
temperature = 95
```

```
if temperature > 80:  ◀..... This is True
```

```
    print("It's too hot!")
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

```
◀.. So these lines are run
```

```
> python3 weather.py  
It's too hot!  
Stay inside!
```

if Code Block

weather.py

```
temperature = 95
```

```
if temperature > 80:
```

```
    print("It's too hot!")  
    print("Stay inside!")
```



*Any indented code
that comes after
an if statement is
called a code block*

```
> python3 weather.py  
It's too hot!  
Stay inside!
```

When the `if` statement is False

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
if temperature > 80:
    print("It's too hot!")
    print("Stay inside!")
```

..... *This is False*

.. *So these lines are NOT run*

```
> python3 weather.py
```

▲
:
:

And there is no output

The Program Continues After the `if` Code Block

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
if temperature > 80: ◀..... This is False
```

```
    print("It's too hot!")
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

```
print("Have a good day!") ◀... The program keeps running after  
the if statement and its code  
block, so this is printed after.
```

```
> python3 weather.py  
Have a good day!
```



Rules for Whitespace in Python

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
if temperature > 80:
```

```
    print("It's too hot!")
```

2 space indent

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

4 space indent

```
> python3 weather.py
```

```
File "weather.py", line 6
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

^

IndentationError: unexpected indent



Whitespace indents in Python need to be consistent, otherwise there will be an IndentationError.

An if, else statement

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
if temperature > 80:  ◀ .. This is False  
    print("It's too hot!")  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

◀ How do we do something
else here if this is False?

An if, else statement

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
if temperature > 80:
    print("It's too hot!")
    print("Stay inside!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

*If this statement is False,
then run the code block below*

*Otherwise,
then run this code block*

```
> python3 weather.py  
Enjoy the outdoors!
```

if, elif, and else

weather.py

```
temperature = 50
```

```
if temperature > 80: ... False
```

```
    print("It's too hot!")
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

```
elif temperature < 60: ... True
```

```
    print("It's too cold!")
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

*So both of these
lines are run.*

```
> python3 weather.py  
It's too cold!  
Stay inside!
```

Can We Combine Two if Statements?

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
if temperature > 80:  
    print("Stay inside!")  
elif temperature < 60:  
    print("Stay inside!")  
else:  
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

*Let's shorten our program
to only say: "Stay inside!"
OR "Enjoy the outdoors!"*

◀ ... We're repeating
◀ ... print("Stay inside!")

*Can we combine the first
2 if statements?*

Logical Operator - or

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

The keyword or lets you combine multiple comparisons.

```
if temperature > 80 or temperature < 60:  
    print("Stay inside!")  
else:  
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

At least one needs to be True for the whole if statement to be True

Logical Operator - or

Only *one* comparison needs to be *True* for the if statement to be *True*

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

False or False → False

```
if temperature > 80 or temperature < 60:
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

←·· This is run

```
> python3 weather.py  
Enjoy the outdoors!
```


Logical Operator - or

Only *one* comparison needs to be *True* for the if statement to be *True*

weather.py

```
temperature = 50
```

False

or

True



True

```
if temperature > 80 or temperature < 60:
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```

This is run

```
else:
```

```
    print("Enjoy the outdoors!")
```

```
> python3 weather.py  
Stay inside!
```

Store the Forecast as a String

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
forecast = "rainy" ← .....
```

Let's add another variable with the forecast as "rainy", "cloudy", or "sunny".

Logical Operator - and

Both comparisons need to be True for the if statement to be True

weather.py

```
temperature = 75  
forecast = "rainy"
```

```
if temperature < 80 and forecast != "rain":  
    print("Go outside!")  
else:  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

Logical Operator - and

Both comparisons need to be True for the if statement to be True

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
forecast = "rainy"
```

True

and

False



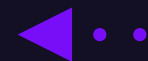
False

```
if temperature < 80 and forecast != "rain":
```

```
    print("Go outside!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```



This is run

Logical Operator - and

Both comparisons need to be True for the if statement to be True

weather.py

```
temperature = 75
```

```
forecast = "sunny"
```

True

and

True



True

```
if temperature < 80 and forecast != "rain":
```

```
    print("Go outside!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```



This is run

Logical Operator – not

The keyword `not` lets you negate a comparison. And can help make the statement more readable.

`weather.py`

```
forecast = "rainy"
```

```
if not forecast == "rainy":  
    print("Go outside!")  
else:  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

Logical Operator - not

weather.py

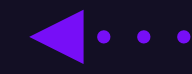
```
forecast = "rainy"
```

not

True



False



Negate means make the opposite:

not True → False,

not False → True

```
if not forecast == "rainy"
```

```
    print("Go outside!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Stay inside!")
```



This is run

The 3 Python Logical Operators

and

or

not

The keywords **and** and **or** let you combine multiple comparisons

The keyword **not** lets you negate a comparison

All of the Primitive Data Types

```
>>> amount = 10
```

int

```
>>> amount = 10.50
```

float

```
>>> name = "Sarah"
```

string

```
>>> answer = True
```

boolean

A boolean can store a
True or False value

Evaluating Boolean Variables

weather.py

```
raining = True
```



*You can set boolean variables
to either True or False*

```
if raining:  
    print("Stay inside!")
```



This reads more like English

```
> python3 weather.py  
Stay inside!
```

Evaluating Boolean Variables

weather.py

```
raining = True
```

not True → False

```
if not raining:  
    print("Go outside!")
```

```
else:  
    print("Stay inside!")
```

←·· This is run

```
> python3 weather.py  
Stay inside!
```

A Random Rock, Paper, Scissors Game

How can we randomly pick the computer's choice?

*The computer has the
same choice every time*

⋮



```
computer_choice = 'scissors'
```

```
user_choice = input("Do you want - rock, paper, or scissors?\n")
```

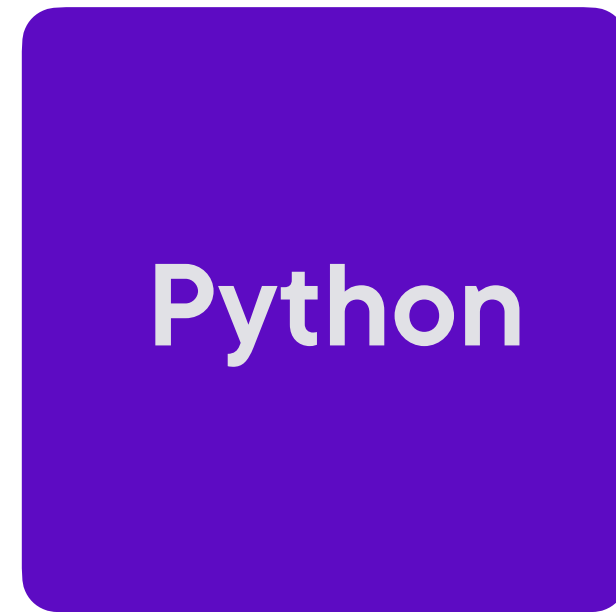
```
...
```



⋮

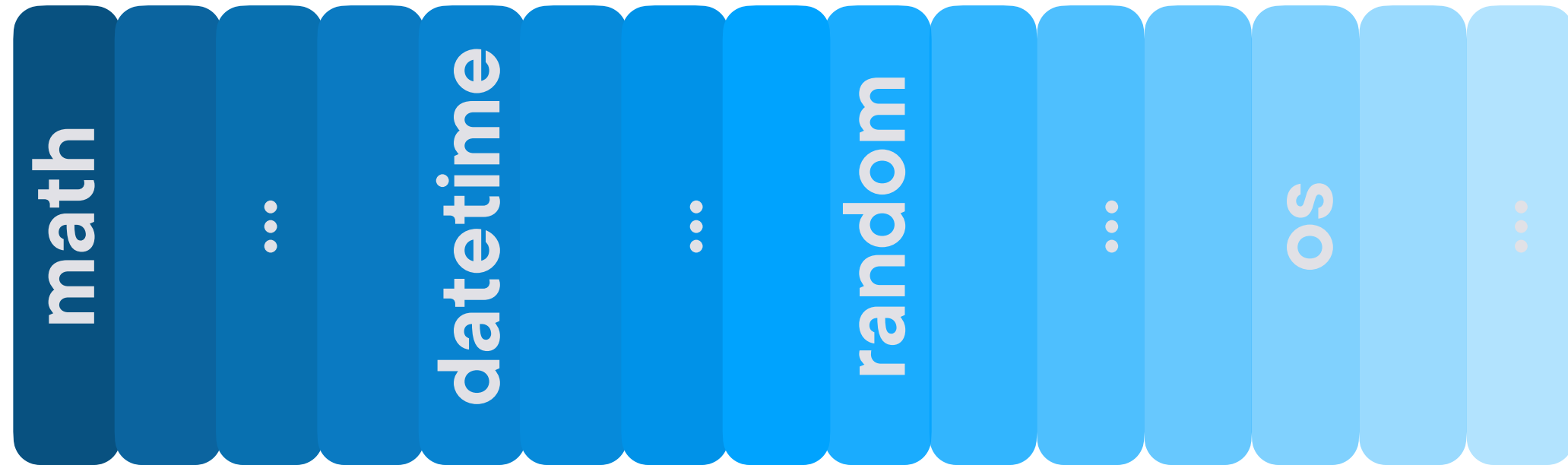
*The user gets to pick a
new choice for each game*

When You Install Python



Python's built-in functionality

Our programs so far have
just used Python and its
built-in types and functions



Python Standard Library

But if you need something
extra you can import it from
the Python standard library

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random
```

◀ ...

We need to import the module to use it

```
roll = random.randint(1,6)
```

◀ ..

This function will return a random number between 1 and 6

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random
```

```
roll = random.randint(1,6)
```

```
print("The computer rolled a " + str(roll))
```

Don't forget to convert the int to a string to concatenate it.

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
```

```
The computer rolled a 6
```

If we ran this more times we would see different random numbers generated.

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random
```

```
roll = random.randint(1,6)
```

```
guess = int(input('Guess the dice roll:\n'))
```

We want to convert the input to an int so we can compare guess to roll.

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
```

```
Guess the dice roll:
```

```
6
```


Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random

roll = random.randint(1,6)

guess = int(input('Guess the dice roll:\n'))

if guess == roll:
    print("Correct! They rolled a " + str(roll))
```

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
Guess the dice roll:
6
Correct! They rolled a 6
```

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random

roll = random.randint(1,6)

guess = int(input('Guess the dice roll:\n'))

if guess == roll:
    print("Correct! They rolled a " + str(roll))
```

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
Guess the dice roll:
6
```

*Why isn't there
more output now?*

*We need an else statement
for when the guess is wrong.*

Using the random Module

roll_dice.py

```
import random

roll = random.randint(1,6)
guess = int(input('Guess the dice roll:\n'))

if guess == roll:
    print("Correct! They rolled a " + str(roll))
else:
    print("Wrong! They rolled a " + str(roll))
```

```
> python3 roll_dice.py
Guess the dice roll:
6
Wrong! They rolled a 4
```