

Chapter 2: Basic Syntax, Operators, and Data Type Introduction

1. Python Syntax Overview

☒ Key Points:

- Case-sensitive (age and Age are different).
 - Indentation (usually 4 spaces) is mandatory in Python.
 - No need for {} or ; like C/C++.
 - Use # for single-line comments and triple quotes (''' or ''') for multi-line strings or docstrings
 - #This is a comment
- ```
print("Hello, Deepak!") # Indentation is required in blocks
```

### • Why does Python enforce indentation?

- For cleaner syntax and to improve readability. It's part of Python's design philosophy (PEP 8).

## 2. Python Keywords

These are reserved words and cannot be used as variable names.

- and, or, not, if, else, elif, while, for, break, continue, def, class, try, except, True, False, None, is, in, import, pass, return, lambda.
  - import keyword
- ```
print(keyword.kwlist)
```

3. Python Identifiers

- Valid names for variables, functions, classes.
- Must begin with a letter (A-Z, a-z) or underscore (_).
- Cannot start with a digit.
- Cannot use keywords as identifiers.

4. Python Data Types

Type	Example	Description
int	5, -10	Integer
float	3.14, -0.5	Decimal numbers
bool	True, False	Boolean values
str	"Hello"	Text or characters
list	[1, 2, 3]	Ordered, mutable sequence
tuple	(1, 2, 3)	Ordered, immutable sequence

dict	{"a": 1}	Key-value pairs
set	{1, 2, 3}	Unordered, no duplicates
None	None	Null-like object

5. Type Conversion

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◇ Implicit:
a = 10
b = 2.5
print(a + b) # a becomes float → 12.5

◇ Explicit (Type Casting):
x = int("123")    # String → Integer
y = str(3.14)     # Float → String
```

What is the difference between implicit and explicit conversion?

- Implicit conversion is done automatically by Python to prevent data loss in operations, while explicit conversion is done manually by the programmer to control how data types are changed.

6. Python Operators

A. Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Example	Result
+	2 + 3	5
-	5 - 2	3
*	4 * 2	8
/	5 / 2	2.5
//	5 // 2	2
%	5 % 2	1
**	2 ** 3	8

B. Comparison Operators

==, !=, >, <, >=, <=

C. Logical Operators

Operator	Example	Meaning
and	x > 0 and x < 10	Both True
or	x > 0 or x < 0	Either True
not	not(x > 5)	Negation

D. Assignment Operators

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x = 5
x += 1 # x = x + 1
Also: -=, *=, /=, //=, %= etc.
```

E. Membership & Identity

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- Membership checks if a value exists within a sequence (in, not in), while
identity checks if two variables point to the same object in memory (is, is not)
- x = [1, 2, 3] #membership
  print(2 in x) # True

- a = [1, 2] #Identity
  b = a
  print(a is b) # True (same object)
```