



Python

in 90 minutes

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Python Variables

Built-in Types

Integer

Floating point

String

Boolean

Complex number

Type Conversion

int() # string to integer

float() # string to float

str() # number to string

bool() # 0, [], None => False

hex() # decimal to hex

ord() # ASCII value

Variable Naming Tips

- Naming can have letters, numbers and underscore, but cannot start with a number
- Some Python reserved words cannot be used (eg. if, for, in, open)
- Use descriptive variable names
 - first_name, date_of_birth, hair_color
- Case Matters
 - name is not the same as Name
- Constants in all caps:
PI = 3.14159, DOZEN = 12

All variables in Python are *reference variables*, meaning the variable contains a memory address to where the data is stored.

	Memory Address	Data
name →	21F7h	'Cassandra'

In Python, most variables are ***immutable***, meaning they don't change in-place.

Python creates a new value in a different memory location when a variable changes.

Integer	Immutable
Float	Immutable
String	Immutable
Tuple	Immutable
List	Mutable
Set	Mutable
Dictionary	Mutable

bool(expression)

Boolean: True or False

Evaluate to FALSE

0

0.0

""

[]

None

3 < 2

-1 > 33

8 >= 100

1 and 0

5 <= 1

0 or ""

0 == 88

5 - 5

1.2 != 1.2

Evaluate to TRUE

any non-zero number

any non-empty string

any non-empty list

1

10 > 5

1 or 0

-1 < 33

81 and -23

8 >= 8

'pig'

0 == 0

'cat' == 'cat'

1.2 != 1.3

['dog']

5 > 3 and 10

'a' < 'b'

1 == 0 or [0]

Python Math functions

Symbol

+

–

*

//

/

**

Function

addition

subtraction

multiplication

integer division

float division

power

Example

5 + 3

10 – 6

3 * 7

15 // 6

15 / 6

7 ** 2

Result

8

4

21

2

2.5

49

Order of Operations

1. ()
2. **
3. * / // %
4. + -
5. left to right

Example:

$$x = 1 + 5^{**} (3 // 2) - 6 \% 4$$

$$x = 1 + 5^{**} (3 \text{ ~~1~~ } // 2) - 6 \% 4$$

$$x = 1 + 5^{**} (5 // 2) - 6 \% 4$$

$$x = 1 + 5^{**} (5 // 2) - 6 \text{ ~~2~~ } \% 4$$

$$x = 1 + 5^{**} 6 (3 // 2) - 6 \text{ ~~2~~ } \% 4$$

$$x = 1 + 5^{**} (3 \text{ ~~4~~ } // 2) - 6 \% 4$$

Indexing Starts with 0

String: “Vikash”

List: ['V', 'i', 'k', 'a', 's', 'h']

Index	Value
0	V
1	i
2	k
3	a
4	s
5	h

String *Escape Sequences*

<code>\n</code>	newline	<code>print('my\ndog')</code>	my dog
<code>\t</code>	tab	<code>print('my\tcat')</code>	my cat
<code>\\</code>	backslash	<code>print('my\\turtle')</code>	my\turtle

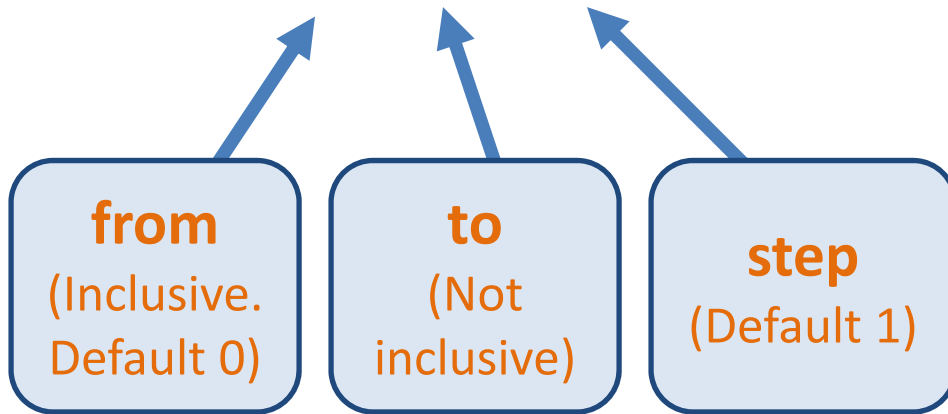
range

range gives a sequence of integers

“to” means up to but not including.

range(2, 10, 3)

returns [2, 5, 8]



```
for i in range(5):      [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
for i in range(7, 9):   [7, 8]
for i in range(1, 10, 2): [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
for i in range(10, 6, -1): [10, 9, 8, 7]
```

List

- General purpose
- Most widely used data structure
- Grow and shrink size as needed
- Sequence type
- Sortable

Tuple

- Immutable (can't add/change)
- Useful for fixed data
- Faster than Lists
- Sequence type

Set

- Store non-duplicate items
- Very fast access vs Lists
- Math Set ops (union, intersect)
- Unordered

Dict

- Key/Value pairs
- Associative array, like Java HashMap
- Unordered

SEQUENCES (String, List, Tuple)

- indexing: `x[6]`
- slicing: `x[1:4]`
- adding/concatenating: `+`
- multiplying: `*`
- checking membership: `in/not in`
- iterating `for i in x:`
- `len(sequence1)`
- `min(sequence1)`
- `max(sequence1)`
- `sum(sequence1[1:3])`
- `sorted(list1)`
- `sequence1.count(item)`
- `sequence1.index(item)`

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **indexing**

- Access any item in the sequence using its index

String

```
x = 'frog'  
print (x[3])                # prints 'g'
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse']  
print (x[1])                # prints 'cow'
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **slicing**

- Slice out substrings, sublists, subtuples using indexes
[start : end : step]

```
x = 'computer'
```

Code	Result	Explanation
<code>x[1:4]</code>	<code>'omp'</code>	Items 1 to 3
<code>x[1:6:2]</code>	<code>'opt'</code>	Items 1, 3, 5
<code>x[3:]</code>	<code>'puter'</code>	Items 3 to end
<code>x[:5]</code>	<code>'compu'</code>	Items 0 to 4
<code>x[-1]</code>	<code>'r'</code>	Last item
<code>x[-3:]</code>	<code>'ter'</code>	Last 3 items
<code>x[:-2]</code>	<code>'comput'</code>	All except last 2 items

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **adding / concatenating**

- Combine 2 sequences of the same type using +

String

```
x = 'horse' + 'shoe'
print (x)                # prints 'horseshoe'
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow'] + ['horse']
print (x)                # prints ['pig', 'cow', 'horse']
```


SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **multiplying**

- Multiply a sequence using *

String

```
x = 'bug' * 3  
print (x)           # prints 'bugbugbug'
```

List

```
x = [8, 5] * 3  
print (x)           # prints [8, 5, 8, 5, 8, 5]
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **checking membership**

- Test whether an item is **in** or **not in** a sequence

String

```
x = 'bug'
print ('u' in x)                # prints True
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse']
print ('cow' not in x)          # prints False
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **iterating**

- Iterate through the items in a sequence

Item

```
x = [7, 8, 3]
for item in x:
    print (item * 2)                # prints 14, 16, 6
```

Index & Item

```
x = [7, 8, 3]
for index, item in enumerate(x):
    print (index, item)            # prints 0 7, 1 8, 2 3
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **number of items**
 - Count the number of items in a sequence

String

```
x = 'bug'  
print (len(x))           # prints 3
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse']  
print (len(x))           # prints 3
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **minimum**

- Find the minimum item in a sequence lexicographically
- alpha or numeric types, but cannot mix types

String

```
x = 'bug'
print (min(x))                # prints 'b'
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse']
print (min(x))                # prints 'cow'
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **maximum**

- Find the maximum item in a sequence
- alpha or numeric types, but cannot mix types

String

```
x = 'bug'
print (max(x))                # prints 'u'
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse']
print (max(x))                # prints 'pig'
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **sum**
 - Find the sum of items in a sequence
 - entire sequence must be numeric type

String -> Error

```
x = [5, 7, 'bug']  
print (sum(x))           # error!
```

List

```
x = [2, 5, 8, 12]  
print (sum(x))           # prints 27  
print (sum(x[-2:]))       # prints 20
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **sorting**

- Returns a new list of items in **sorted** order
- Does not change the original list

String

```
x = 'bug'
print (sorted(x))           # prints ['b', 'g', 'u']
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse']
print (sorted(x))          # prints ['cow', 'horse', 'pig']
```


SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **count (item)**
 - Returns count of an item

String

```
x = 'hippo'
print (x.count('p'))           # prints 2
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse', 'cow']
print (x.count('cow'))         # prints 2
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **index (item)**

- Returns the index of the first occurrence of an item

String

```
x = 'hippo'
print (x.index('p'))           # prints 2
```

List

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse', 'cow']
print (x.index('cow'))        # prints 1
```

SEQUENCES

String List Tuple

- **unpacking**

- Unpack the n items of a sequence into n variables

```
x = ['pig', 'cow', 'horse']  
a, b, c = x                # now a is 'pig'  
                           # b is 'cow',  
                           # c is 'horse'
```

Note:

The number of variables must exactly match the length of the list.

LISTS

LISTS

All operations from Sequences, plus:

- constructors
- `del list1[2]` delete item from list1
- `list1.append(item)` appends an item to list1
- `list1.extend(sequence1)` appends a sequence to list1
- `list1.insert(index, item)` inserts item at index
- `list1.pop()` pops last item
- `list1.remove(item)` removes first instance of item
- `list1.reverse()` reverses list order
- `list1.sort()` sorts list in place
- `list1.clear()` empties list

- **constructors – creating a new list**

```
x = list((1, 2, 3))           # note double parens
x = ['a', 25, 'dog', 8.43]
x = list(tuple1)
```

List Comprehension:

```
x = [m for m in range(8)]
    resulting list: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
```

```
x = [z**2 for z in range(10) if z>4]
    resulting list: [25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

- **delete**

- Delete a list or an item from a list

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6]
```

```
del(x[1])                # [5, 8, 6]
```

```
del(x)                   # deletes list x
```

- **append**
 - Append an item to a list

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6]  
x.append(7)           # [5, 3, 8, 6, 7]
```

- **extend**
 - Append an sequence to a list

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6]
y = [12, 13]
x.extend(y)          # [5, 3, 8, 6, 7, 12, 13]
```


- **insert**

- Insert an item at given index

`x.insert(index, item)`

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6]
```

```
x.insert(1, 7)           # [5, 7, 3, 8, 6]
```

```
x.insert(1,['a','m'])    # [5, ['a', 'm'], 7, 3, 8, 6]
```

- **pop**
 - Pops last item off the list, and returns item

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6]
x.pop()          # [5, 3, 8]
                  # and returns the 6

print(x.pop())   # prints 8
                  # x is now [5, 3]
```

- **remove**
 - Remove first instance of an item

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6, 3]
x.remove(3)           # [5, 8, 6, 3]
```

- **reverse**
 - Reverse the order of the list

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6]  
x.reverse()      # [6, 8, 3, 5]
```

- **sort**
 - Sort the list in place

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6]  
x.sort()          # [3, 5, 6, 8]
```

Note:

`sorted(x)` returns a *new* sorted list without changing the original list `x`.

`x.sort()` puts the items of `x` in sorted order (sorts in place).

- **clear**
 - delete all items from the list

```
x = [5, 3, 8, 6]  
x.clear()          # []
```

TUPLES

TUPLES

- Support all operations for Sequences
- Immutable, but member objects may be mutable
- If the contents of a list shouldn't change, use a tuple to prevent items from accidentally being added, changed or deleted
- Tuples are more efficient than lists due to Python's implementation

- **constructors – creating a new tuple**

```
x = ()                # no-item tuple
x = (1,2,3)
x = 1, 2, 3           # parenthesis are optional
x = 2,                # single-item tuple
x = tuple(list1)      # tuple from list
```


- **immutable**

- But member objects may be mutable

```
x = (1, 2, 3)
del(x[1])           # error!
x[1] = 8            # error!

x = ([1,2], 3)      # 2-item tuple: list and int
del(x[0][1])        # ([1], 3)
```

- **constructors – creating a new set**

```
x = {3,5,3,5}           # {5, 3}
x = set()               # empty set
x = set(list1)          # new set from list
                        # strips duplicates
```

Set Comprehension:

```
x = {3*x for x in range(10) if x>5}
    resulting set: {18, 21, 24, 27} but in random order
```

- **basic set operations**

Description	Code
Add item to set x	<code>x.add(item)</code>
Remove item from set x	<code>x.remove(item)</code>
Get length of set x	<code>len(x)</code>
Check membership in x	<code>item in x</code> <code>item not in x</code>
Pop random item from set x	<code>x.pop()</code>
Delete all items from set x	<code>x.clear()</code>

- **standard mathematical set operations**

Set Function	Description	Code
Intersection	AND	<code>set1 & set2</code>
Union	OR	<code>set1 set2</code>
Symmetric Difference	XOR	<code>set1 ^ set2</code>
Difference	In set1 but not in set2	<code>set1 - set2</code>
Subset	set2 contains set1	<code>set1 <= set2</code>
Superset	set1 contains set2	<code>set1 >= set2</code>

DICTIONARIES

- **constructors – creating a new dict**

```
x = {'pork':25.3, 'beef':33.8, 'chicken':22.7}  
x = dict([('pork', 25.3),('beef', 33.8),('chicken', 22.7)])  
x = dict(pork=25.3, beef=33.8, chicken=22.7)
```

DICTIONARIES

- **basic dict operations**

Description	Code
Add or change item in dict x	<code>x['beef'] = 25.2</code>
Remove item from dict x	<code>del x['beef']</code>
Get length of dict x	<code>len(x)</code>
Check membership in x (only looks in keys, not values)	<code>item in x</code> <code>item not in x</code>
Delete all items from dict x	<code>x.clear()</code>
Delete dict x	<code>del x</code>

DICTIONARIES

- **accessing keys and values in a dict**

```
x.keys()      # returns list of keys in x  
x.values()    # returns list of values in x  
x.items()     # returns list of key-value tuple pairs in x
```

```
item in x.values() # tests membership in x: returns boolean
```

DICTIONARIES

- iterating a dict

```
for key in x:                                # iterate keys
    print(key, x[key])                       # print all key/value pairs

for k, v in x.items():                      # iterate key/value pairs
    print(k, v)                             # print all key/value pairs
```

Note:

Entries in a dict are in random order.

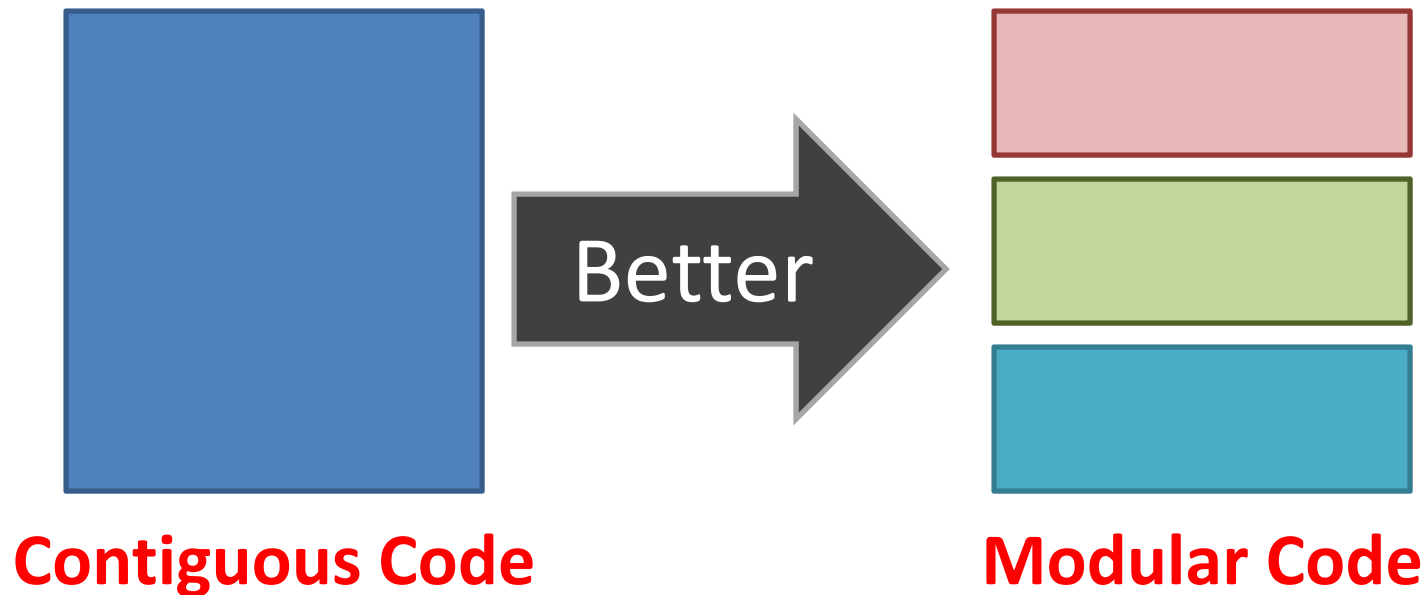
A ***function*** is a block of statements that together perform an operation.

Any operation that is used often in a program can be split into its own function.

Function benefits:

Modularizes code

Easier to **debug, re-use, maintain**



Classes and Objects

- Often programs must model the real world.
 - A school has courses, instructors and students.
 - A library has books and users.
- In programming this is done using *Classes*.
 - A *class* combines related **variables** and **functions** for a real-world object into one code block.
 - A class is the block of code, which is the blueprint or recipe for making an object. An object is an instance of a class (Instructor is a *class*, Professor Lee is an *object* of type Instructor)

LIBRARY

class: **Book**

Variables (data)

- book_id
- title

Functions (actions)

-

class: **Customer**

Variables (data)

- customer_id
- name
- phone_number

Functions (actions)

- check_out_book (id)
- return_book (id)



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