Variables and Types

Exercises

Week 2

Prior to attempting these exercises ensure you have read the lecture notes and/or viewed the video, and followed the practical. You may wish to use the Python interpreter in interactive mode to help work out the solutions to some of the questions.

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| Enter your answers directly into the highlighted boxes. |

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Which is the purpose of a *variable* within Python?

*Answer:*

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| *The purpose of a variable is to store values for later access.* |

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Write a simple Python statement that creates and assigns a value of 3.142 to a variable called ‘pi’

*Answer:*

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| *pi=3.142* |

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result

question?

name\_1

*Answer:*

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| *“Question?”* **not** a valid name for a variable within Python |

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age = 10 + 20

age = age + 5

*Answer:*

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| *35 is the answer.* |

In the answer box below write the *exact* output that would be displayed if the following statement was executed (assuming age has been created as in the previous question):

print("The age value is",age)

*Answer:*

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| *The age value is 35* |

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total = total + 5

total \*= 100

total = max

*Answer:*

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| “total \*= 100” is an example of augmented Assignment. |

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result = "xyz"

result = 20

result = 20.5

result = False

*Answer:*

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| “result = 20” is an example of integer type variable. |

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*Answer:*

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| *True and False are the only two legal values of a boolean type variable.* |

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Following the execution of the code below, what will be the *data-type* of the variable 'average'?

average = total / count

*Answer:*

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| *The data-type of the variable ‘average’ will be float.* |

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Following the execution of the code below, what will be the *data-type* of the variable 'message'?

message = "hello there!"

*Answer:*

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| *The data-type of the variable ‘message’ is string.* |

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*Answer:*

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| *The data itself determines the current data-type of a variable.* |

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*Answer:*

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| *The purpose of the built-in type() function is to return the type of data.* |

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type(10.2)

*Answer:*

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| *Float will be the output of the following code.* |

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*Answer:*

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| *The python language support Dynamic Typing.* |

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answer = 10

print(answer)

total \*= 10

10 + 20

*Answer:*

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| *“print(answer)” is an example of a function call.* |

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*Answer:*

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| *Actual Arguments is the name given to the values that are passed to a function within the parentheses.* |

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*Answer:*

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| *The purpose of the built-in input() function is to input data from the user.* |

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*Answer:*

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| *String is the data - type of the value returned by the input() function.* |

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Use the Python interpreter to input a small Python program that prints your name and address on the screen. Once this works type the program in the answer box below.

*Answer:*

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| name="Ayushree Singh"  address="Kuleshwor"  print("Name:",name)  print("adress:",address)  Name: Ayushree Singh  adress: Kuleshwor |

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Within the answer box below write a small Python program, that when run, would print the following message including the double quotes -

Hello, is your name "Bwian"?

*Answer:*

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| name="Bwian"  print(f'Hello, is your name "{name}?"')  Hello, is your name "Bwian?" |

Now write a second small Python program, that when run, would print the following message including the single quotes -

Or is your name 'Woger'?

*Answer:*

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| name="Bwian"  name2='woger'  print(f'Hello, is your name "{name}" or is your name \'{name2}\'?')  Hello, is your name "Bwian" or is your name 'woger'? |

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Within the answer box below write a small Python program, that when run, uses *escape sequences* to print the following text exactly.

This is a string containing a backslash (\),

a single quote ('), a double quote (")

and is split across multiple lines

*Answer:*

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| print("This is a string containing a backslash (\\),\n"        "a single quote ('), a double quote (\"),\n"        "and is split across multiple lines.") |

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Within the answer box below write a small Python program, that when run, uses *triple quotes* to print the following text exactly.

This is a string containing a backslash (\),

a single quote ('), a double quote (")

and is split across multiple lines

*Answer:*

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| print("""This is a string containing a backslash (\),  a single quote ('), a double quote (")  and is split across multiple lines""") |

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Use the Python interpreter to input a small Python program that asks the user to input a temperature in fahrenheit. Once the value has been input, display a message that shows the same temperature in celsius. You may have to do some research in order to find out the conversion method. Once this works, type the program in the answer box below.

*Answer:*

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| # Ask the user for the temperature in Fahrenheit  fahrenheit = float(input("Enter the temperature in Fahrenheit: "))  # Convert Fahrenheit to Celsius  celsius = (fahrenheit - 32) \* 5.0 / 9.0  # Display the result  print(f"The temperature in Celsius is: {celsius:.2f}°C") |

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Within the answer box below write a small Python program that asks the user to enter two values. Store these in variables called 'a' and 'b' respectively.

*Answer:*

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| # Ask the user to enter two values  a = input("Enter the first value (a): ")  b = input("Enter the second value (b): ")  # Display the values  print(f"You entered: a = {a}, b = {b}")  You entered: a = 10, b = 5.5 |

Once the values have been input use three calls to the print() function to show output such as the following (in this example the user entered *10.2* and *18.3*) -

The value 'a' was 10.2 and the value 'b' was 18.3

The sum of 'a' and 'b' is 28.5

The product of 'a' and 'b' is 186.66

*Answer:*

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| # Ask the user to enter two values  a = float(input("Enter the first value (a): "))  b = float(input("Enter the second value (b): "))  # Display the values and calculations  print(f"The value 'a' was {a} and the value 'b' was {b}")  print(f"The sum of 'a' and 'b' is {a + b}")  print(f"The product of 'a' and 'b' is {a \* b}") |

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Python includes a built-in function called **max()**. When this is called with multiple argument values it returns the largest of the given arguments. e.g.

max(20, 50, 30) # this would return 50

Within the answer box below write a small program that asks the user to input three values. Store these in variables (the names are up to you) then use the **max()** function to display the largest of the input values.

*Answer:*

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| # Ask the user to enter three values  value1 = float(input("Enter the first value: "))  value2 = float(input("Enter the second value: "))  value3 = float(input("Enter the third value: "))  # Find the maximum value using max()  largest\_value = max(value1, value2, value3)  # Display the largest value  print(f"The largest value is: {largest\_value}")  The largest value is: 10.5 |

Using the Python interpreter execute your code, then examine the output generated when the input the values are 'hello', 'welcome', and 'bye'

Does the program still show the maximum value? If not, what does it show?

*Answer:*

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| # Ask the user to input three values  value1 = input("Enter the first value: ")  value2 = input("Enter the second value: ")  value3 = input("Enter the third value: ")  # Find the maximum value using max()  largest\_value = max(value1, value2, value3)  # Display the largest value  print(f"The largest value is: {largest\_value}")  Enter the first value: hello  Enter the second value: welcome  Enter the third value: bye  The largest value is: welcome  The program does still show a "maximum value,". It shows “The largest value is: welcome” |

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Given the following definition:

name = "Black Knight"

What would each of the following Python statements display?

print( name[0] )

*Answer:*

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| *B* |

print( name[4] )

*Answer:*

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| --- |
| *C* |

print( name[-1] )

*Answer:*

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| *t* |

print( name[-2] )

*Answer:*

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| *h* |

print( name[2:5] )

*Answer:*

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| *a,c,k* |

print( name[6:] )

*Answer:*

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| --- |
| " Knight". |

print( name[:5] )

*Answer:*

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| --- |
| "Black". |

print( name[:] )

*Answer:*

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| --- |
| *Black Knight* |

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names = "Terry"

names = 10

names = [ "Mark", "Jon", "Amanda", "Edward", "Sally" ] names = "Mark", "Jon", "Amanda"

*Answer:*

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| names = [ "Mark", "Jon", "Amanda", "Edward", "Sally" ] |

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*Answer:*

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| Yes, the following is a valid list in Python. |

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*Answer:*

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| Yes, if a value is mutable, it can be modified after it has been created. Mutable objects in Python, such as lists, dictionaries, and sets, can have their contents changed, elements added, or removed without creating a new object. |

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| *The term used to describe a value that cannot be changed once it has been created is immutable.* |

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*Answer:*

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| *A list is mutable in Python. This means that you can modify a list after it has been created by adding, removing, or changing its elements.* |

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*Answer:*

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| *A string is immutable in Python. This means that once a string is created, it cannot be changed or modified. Any operation that appears to modify a string will actually create a new string instead.* |

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names = ["Terry", "John", "Michael", "Eric", "Terry", "Graham"] What would each of the following Python statements display?

print( names[2] )

*Answer:*

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| *Index 2: "Michael"* |

print( names[-2] )

*Answer:*

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| --- |
| *Index -2: "Terry"* |

print( names[0:3] )

*Answer:*

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| ["Terry", "John", "Michael"]. |

names = names + "Brian"

print( names )

*Answer:*

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| *['Terry', 'John', 'Michael', 'Eric', 'Terry', 'Graham', 'Brian']* |

names[0:1] = ["Mark", "Jon"]

print( names )

*Answer:*

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| *['Mark', 'Jon', 'Michael', 'Eric', 'Terry', 'Graham']* |

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What built-in function within Python can be used to find out how many elements are contained within a string or list?

*Answer:*

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| *The built-in function in Python that can be used to find out how many elements are contained within a string or a list is len()* |

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