- data types
- conversions
- variables
- formatting strings
- mathematical operations
- rounding

data types

In Python we have several data structures, which are fundamental in programming since they store information and allow us to manage it.

Python

text (str)	numbers		booleans	
"Python" "750"	int 250 float 12.50		True False	
structures	mutable	ordered	duplicates	
lists []	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	
tuples ()	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	
sets { }	\checkmark	×	×	
dictionaries { }	\checkmark	*	X: \(**	

^{*:} In Python 3.7+, there are new features **: key is unique; value can be repeated

"hello", "%\$&", " ", "123" string (str) integer (int) 150, 1, 555, -15, 0 floating (float) 1.25, 25.0, 500.50, -95.1 ["sea", 1, -3, 4.5, "mars", 0] lists (list) dictionaries (dict) {'color':'blue','dog':'chop'} tuples (tuple) ('mon','tue','wed',thu','fri') sets (set) {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'} booleanos (bool) True, False



naming variables

There are conventions and best practices associated with naming variables in Python. They are aimed towards readability and maintainability of the code.

rules

- 1. Readable: variable name should be relevant to its content
- 2. Unit: there are no spaces (instead, use underscores)
- 3. Plain: omit certain language-specific signs, such as ñ, è, ç
- 4. **Numbers**: Variable names must not start with numbers (although we can have them at the end of the variable name)
- 5. Symbols: Must not include: "', <>/?|\()!@#\$%^&*~
- 6. Keywords: we do not use Python reserved words





rule 1: readable

mydoghasanameandthisisit= 'Buster'

- rule 1: readable
- rule 2: unity

Unity means you can't make variables separated by spaces...

students_name = 'John'

- rule 1: readable
- rule 2: unity
- rule 3: numbers

You can also use numbers in your variables just not at the beginning. ..

Variables must always start with a letter

- rule 1: readable
- rule 2: unity
- rule 3: numbers
- rule 4: signs

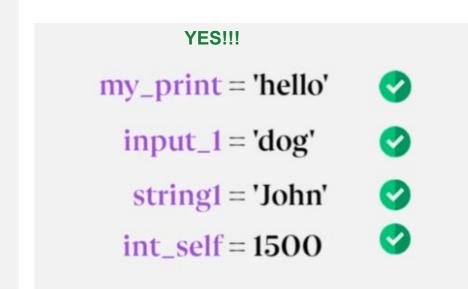
Next your variable names **cannot contain any** of these symbols...

- rule 1: readable
- rule 2: unity
- rule 3: numbers
- rule 4: signs
- rule 5: keywords

You cannot name your variables using any special reserved keywords.. You will get an error.

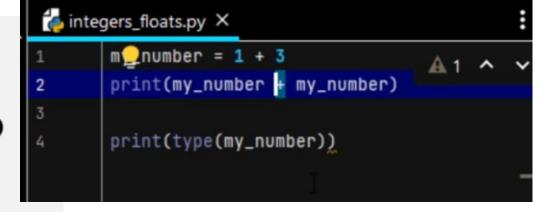
These are words reserved by python to structure how the code works...





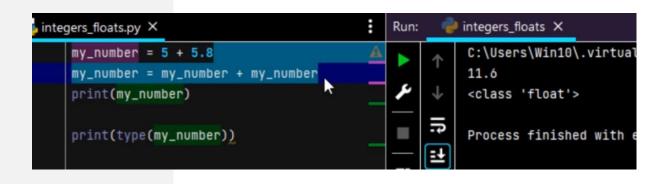
integers

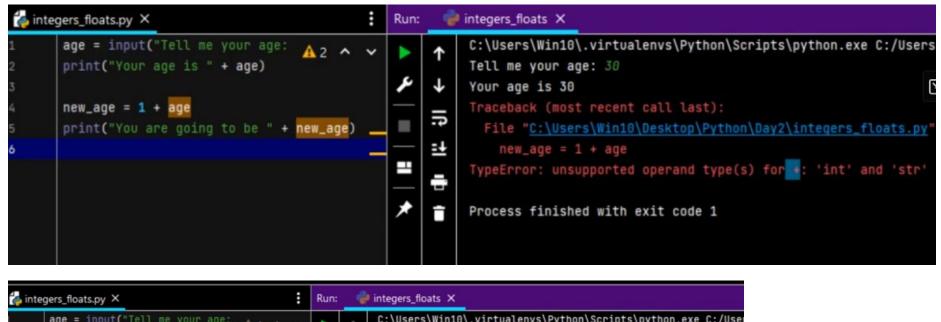
```
age = 45
population = 3.500.000
remaining_days = 25
rank = 563
```

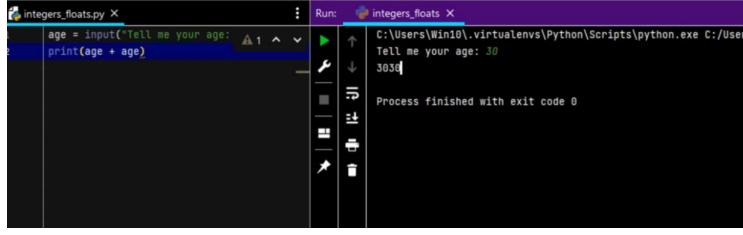


floats

```
grades = -3,5
value = 65,71
weight = 1,76
```







type conversions

Python performs implicit data type conversions automatically to operate on numeric values. If you want to specify the data type, you can use constructor functions.

```
int(var)
>> <class 'int'> Setting the data type as integer

float(var)
>> <class 'float'> Setting the data type as float
```

One of the advantages of Python about variables is that you can store any kind of data in them.

For example, the variable my data can contain an integer, then replace it with a float, then change it to a string and it would always be able to store whatever you put inside.

In most other programming languages, when you declare a variable, you have to give it a name and assign it a specific data type, for example, integer. From then on, that variable will only hold integers. So that's what's great about variables and Python.

They only get a name and you can store any kind of data type inside them.

On the other hand, there may be situations where you need to convert the contents of a variable to a different data type.

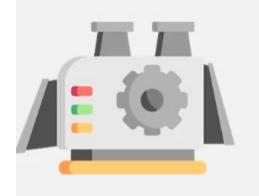
$$age = "30"$$

when we wanted to take a user input, which is a string data type by default, and treat it as an integer in order to perform a mathematical operation on it.

The process of converting a specific data type into another is called casting, and there are two types of conversions implicit and explicit.

Implicit conversion is done automatically by Python. It happens when we perform certain operations with two different types, and Python solves it by transforming the data type without us noticing.

In contrast, explicit conversion is when we expressly ask through the code for a data type to be converted to another data type.



implicit

 Python converts the data type to another data type automatically. In this process, the user must do nothing.



print(another_value)

explicit

 Python needs the user to do something to convert one data type to another

 $my_value = 1$

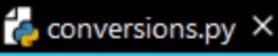
For example, if I have a variable called my value that contains an integer, let's say the number one,

I can reassign it to another variable with a different data type, for example, a string.

Now if I print this variable, I will see the same value one.

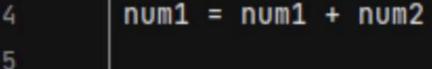
But this time is no longer an integer, it is a string.

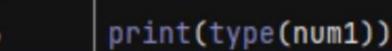
another_value = string(my_value)

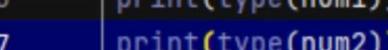


1	num1	=	20
2	num2	=	30.5
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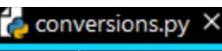








print(type(num2))



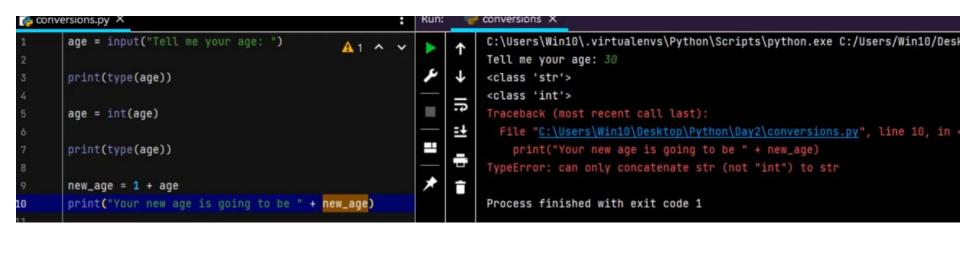
1	num1 = 5.8
2	nnint(num1)

print(type(num1))

num2 = int(num1)print(num2)

print(type(num2))





formatting strings

We have two main tools to mix static text and variables into strings:

 Format function: enables you to concatenate parts of a string at desired intervals. Multiple pairs of curly braces can be used while formatting the string. Python will replace the placeholders with values in order.

```
print("My car is {}, and it's license
plate is {}".format(car_color,plate))
```

• formatted string literals (f-strings): the newer way to format strings (Python 3.8+), with a simple and less verbose syntax: just include f at the beggining of the string and call the variables inside curly brackets.

```
print(f"My car is {car_color} and it's
license plate is {plate}")
```

We need to print the associate name and number within the following sentence:

"Dear (associate_name), your
associate number is:
 (associate_number)"

Strings Formatting Practice #1

Remember that the precision of your answer (spaces, spelling and punctuation) is very important to arrive at the correct result.

associate_name = "Jesse Pinkman" associate_number = 399058

Dear (associate_name), your associate number is: (associate_number)

Strings Formatting Practice #2 total_points = 1225

Tell the user the amount of points earned within the following phrase:

"You have earned (new_points)

points"

Remember that the precision of your answer (spaces, spelling and punctuation) is very important to arrive at the correct result.

points! In total, you have
accumulated (total_points)

Tell the user the amount of points earned new_points = 350 within the following phrase:

"You have earned (new_points)
points! In total, you have
accumulated (total_points)
points"

Strings Formatting Practice #3

This time, the amount of points accumulated (total_points) will be equal to the previous_points plus the new_points.

Remember that the precision of your answer (spaces, spelling and punctuation) is very important to arrive at the correct result.

arithmetic operators

Arithmetic operators are used with numeric values to perform common mathematical operations:

Addition: +

Subtraction: -

Multiplication: *

Division:

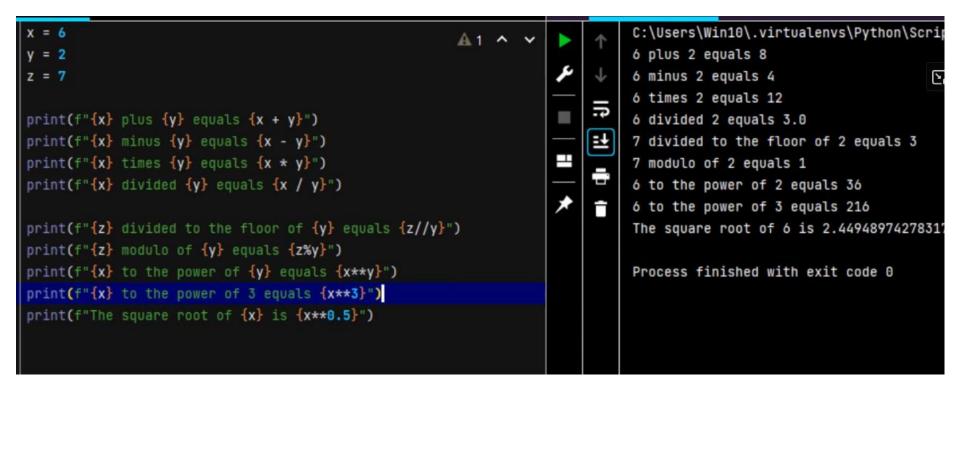
Floor division:

Modulus: % useful for detecting even values:)

Exponentiation: **

Square root: ****0.5** just a special case of exponentiation

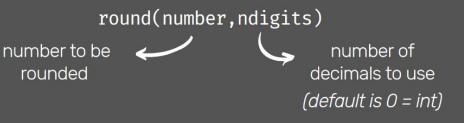




round



Rounding makes it easier to read calculated values by limiting the number of decimal places displayed on the screen. It also allows us to approximate decimal values to the nearest integer.



examples

```
print(round(100/3))
>> 33

print(round(12/7,2))
>> 1.71
```

Day 2 Python Challenge

Congratulations: You've finished learning all the content of **Day 2**, and now you're able to create a slightly more complex program.

You already know how to do things like mathematical operations, data type conversions, string formatting and rounding. Let's celebrate with a new challenge.

The situation is this: You work in a company where salespeople receive 13%

commissions on their total sales, and your boss wants you to help the salespeople calculate their commissions by creating a program that asks them their name and how much they've sold this month.

Your program will answer them with a sentence that includes their name and the amount of commissions they are entitled to.

Now, this is not a complex program, but that's okay, you're still learning. Even though what you have learned so far is very simple, putting it all together in one program can make your new skills get a little bit messy.

A couple of guidelines:

• This program should start by asking the user for things. So, you're going to need to use

- input to receive user input, and you should use variables to store that input. Remember that user inputs are stored as strings, so you should convert one of those inputs to float to be able to do operations on it.
- And what operation do you need to do? Well, calculate 13% of the number that the user has entered. That is, multiply the number by 13, then divide by 100.
- It would be good to print the result on the screen, so make sure this information has no
 more than two decimals, so it is going to be easy to read. Then, organize all that in a
 string that you would format. Remember, we learned two ways to do it, and any of them
 is valid.

All right, go on. Try to solve it. And if it gets complicated, Federico will do it with you in the next lesson.