

Python Tutorial

Part I

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Outline

1 Introduction to Python

- What is Python?
- Features of Python
- Why Python?
- Dos and Don'ts

2 Python Standard Types

- Arithmetic
- Strings
- Data Structures

What is Python?

Python is an easy to learn, powerful programming language. It has efficient high-level data structures and a simple but effective approach to object-oriented programming. Python's elegant syntax and dynamic typing, together with its interpreted nature, make it an ideal language for scripting and rapid application development in many areas on most platforms.

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if __name__ == "__main__":
 main()
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>>> ur'Hello\u0020World !'
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>>> tel['jack']  
4098
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Questions??

Ask! :)

Thanks

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