


Hello Python!

INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON



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Daily XP 0



Exercise

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13
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Python



- General purpose: build anything
- Open source! Free!
- Python packages, also for data science
 - Many applications and fields
- Version 3.x - <https://www.python.org/downloads/>

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Python Script

- Text files - `.py`
- List of Python commands
- Similar to typing in IPython Shell

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- Use `print()` to generate output from script

DataCamp Interface

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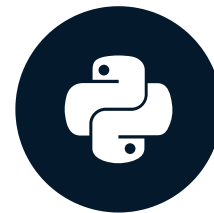
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Variables and Types

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Variable

- Specific, case-sensitive name
- Call up value through variable name
- 1.79 m - 68.7 kg

```
height = 1.79  
weight = 68.7  
height
```

```
1.79
```

Calculate BMI

```
height = 1.79
weight = 68.7
height
```

```
1.79
```

$$\text{BMI} = \frac{\text{weight}}{\text{height}^2}$$

```
68.7 / 1.79 ** 2
```

```
21.4413
```

```
weight / height ** 2
```

```
21.4413
```

```
bmi = weight / height ** 2
bmi
```

```
21.4413
```

Reproducibility

```
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weight = 68.7  
bmi = weight / height ** 2  
print(bmi)
```

```
21.4413
```

Reproducibility

```
height = 1.79  
weight = 74.2 # <-  
bmi = weight / height ** 2  
print(bmi)
```

```
23.1578
```


Python Types

```
type(bmi)
```

```
float
```

```
day_of_week = 5  
type(day_of_week)
```

```
int
```

Python Types (2)

```
x = "body mass index"  
y = 'this works too'  
type(y)
```

str

```
z = True  
type(z)
```

bool

Python Types (3)

```
2 + 3
```

```
5
```

```
'ab' + 'cd'
```

```
'abcd'
```

- Different type = different behavior!

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