

# Python Lab 3.1: String manipulation - Functions - Loops

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The purpose of this practice is to help you apply the concepts discussed up to **week 3**:

- obtain user input
- define functions that accept parameters and return values
- call functions
- perform string manipulation / iteration
- use conditional expressions

In `lab3_1.py` in the text editor at top-right, write a program which will:

1. Define the `avg_digits()` function:

- The function should accept one string parameter, and return the **average** of the digits in the string.
- `sum` and `countdigits` are initialized to 0
- The main part of the function should repeat the steps for each character in the string:
  - if the character is a digit:
    - add the number to the `sum`
    - increment the `countdigits` variable to keep track of how many digits exist

2. The main program should:

- Read a sentence or a string from the user
- Call the `avg_digits()` function by passing `str1` as an argument. Assign the value returned from the function to an **average** variable.
- Display the **average** using only 2 decimal points.

## Some Technical Details: A Basic Python `main()`

In some Python scripts, you may see a function definition and a conditional statement that looks like the example below:

```
def main():  
    print("Hello World!")  
  
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    main()
```

In this code, there is a function called `main()` that prints the phrase Hello World! when the Python interpreter executes it. There is also a conditional (or if) statement that checks the value of **name** and compares it to the string **"main"**. When the if statement evaluates to True, the Python interpreter executes `main()`.

In this program write your code to accept user input in `def main()`:

```
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```

You can use a for loop

► Hint 1 : Iterate through every character in a string

```
for char in input_str:
    ....
    ....
```

Use `char.isdigit()` function. This function return true if the character is a digit and false otherwise...

► Hint 2 : Check if the character is a digit

```
def avg_digits(input_str):
    sum = 0
    countdigits=0
    # repeat the steps below for each character in the string
    for char in input_str:
        # is the character a digit?
        if char.isdigit():
            # increment the countdigits
            # add the number to the sum

    #return the average (sum/countdigits)
```

Use `print(f" ")` to format your output

► Hint 3 : how to print only two decimals

```
print(f"{average:.2f}")
```

## Execute your program

Remember in order to execute your code you type in the terminal:

```
python lab3_1.py
```

Check that your code produces correct results.

For the sample string provided, the average is: 6.333333333333333 and when formatted using 2 decimals, the correct output should be 6.33

```
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```

## Check Your Code

Execute the below to evaluate the correctness of your code using `check50`, but be sure to test it yourself also.

```
check50 mkotsovoulou/ods6001a/main/labs/lab3_1
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Execute the below to evaluate the style of your code using `style50`.

```
style50 lab3_1.py
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## Submit your code

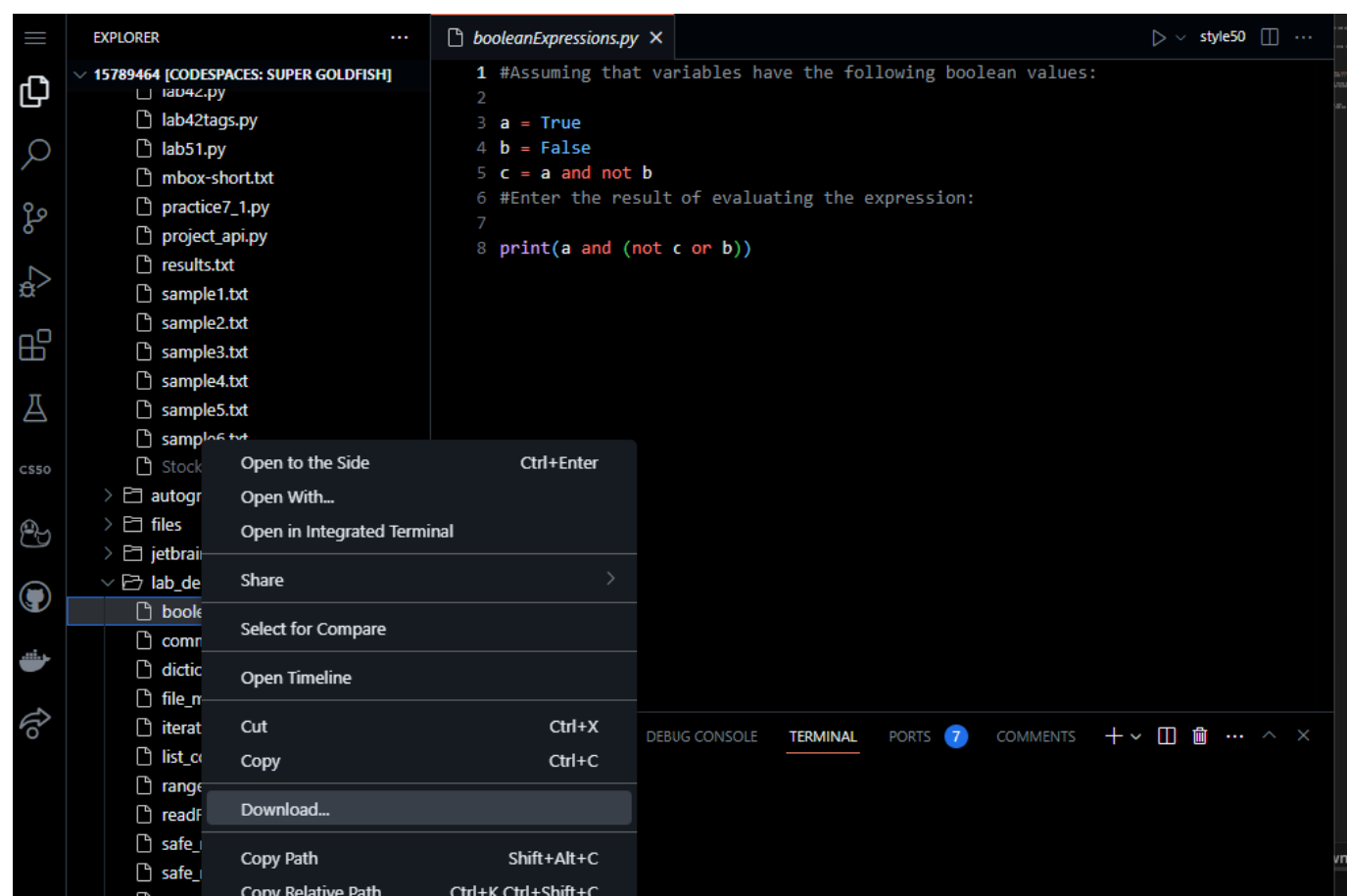
Execute the command below, logging in with your `GitHub username` and `Personal Access Token` when prompted. For security, you'll see asterisks (\*) instead of the actual characters in your token.

If you do not have generated a Personal Access Token follow the instructions:

<https://docs.github.com/en/authentication/keeping-your-account-and-data-secure/creating-a-personal-access-token>

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submit50 mkotsovoulou/ods6001a/main/labs/lab3_1
```

You can re-submit your solution as many times as you want. When you are happy with your solution, download the code and upload it to Canvas.



Done!

