

## Module 2: Numbers, Strings, and Lists



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### Knowledge Points

- Creating variables (Assigning values to them)
- Numbers and Arithmetic Operations
- Boolean and testing conditions
- Stings and Polymorphism:
  - Length
  - Slicing and Indexing
  - Concatenation
- Lists:
  - Indexing
  - Slicing
  - Nested
  - Sorting
- Types and Mutability

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## Using Variables

```
num_quarters = 7
num_nickels = 10
num_dimes = 5

total_change = num_quarters*.25 + \
               num_nickels*0.05 + \
               num_dimes*0.1

total_change
```

2.75

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## Conditional Tests

- Sets the variables x equal to 5.

```
x = 5
```

- Asks if x is equal to 5. Returns boolean.

```
x == 5
```

True

- Asks if x is less than or equal to 4. Returns boolean.

```
x <= 4
```

False

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## Slicing Strings

We can access the characters of the string through their **index**

```
sentence = 'Charlie likes walks.'
```

```
sentence[7]
```



```
len(sentence)
```

```
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```

Returns the number of characters in the string

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## String Concatenation

- I can combine strings using the + operator.
- So the + operator between two numbers add them and the + operator between two strings concatenates them! This is called **polymorphism**.

```
first = "Jake"
middle = "Belinkoff"
last = "Feldman"

full_name = first + middle + last
full_name
```

```
'JakeBelinkoffFeldman'
```

- If we want a space, we have to say so.

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## Slicing Lists

- Slicing for lists is also very similar to strings

```

      0  1  2  3
      ↓  ↓  ↓  ↓
nums = [1, 2, 3, 5]

#Get elements at index 1,2
nums[1:3]
Returns lists → [2, 3]

#Get element at index 0,1
nums[:2]
[1, 2]

len(nums)
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```

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## Sorting Lists

- We can sort lists with the built-in sorted() function.

```

#Build list
L = [3, 4, 2, 1, 5]

#keyword reverse
sorted(L, reverse = True)
[5, 4, 3, 2, 1]

```

- Sort list descending
- Default is reverse = False

Next session we will see how to sort L "inplace".

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## Converting Types

```
y = 5.5
type(y)
```

float

```
#Convert float to integer
int_y = int(y)
int_y
```

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Built in int() function

```
#Check type
type(int_y)
```

int

- int() is one way to perform a floor operation

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## Example of Immutability

```
#Create a string
name = "jake"
name
```

'jake'

Let's say I want to change the first letter of name to a "J"

```
#How I access the first letter
name[0]
```

'j'

```
#Ituitively...
name[0] = "J"
```

```
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-28-35bdf32ef360> in <module>()
      1 #Ituitively...
----> 2 name[0] = "J"

TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```

Can't change name once it is created!

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