Data Structures & Programmatic Thinking

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Plan for today

- Python basic datatypes
- variables
- operators

Datatypes

Datatypes tell Python how we want to use the data. There are several primitive data types in Python such as bool, int, str, float.

Integers

Integers (or ints) represent whole numbers without decimal parts. We create them by using their numeric representation directly

Integers

Floating point numbers

floats represent numbers that have a fractional part. We use a dot to separate the integer and fractional parts

```
3.14
1.0
```

33.33

Floating point numbers

Strings

Strings are used for textual representation. They can be created using either double or simple quotes.

```
'this is a string'
"this is another string"
```

Strings

Booleans

Booleans represent truthiness. There are only two values in for the bool type in Python: True and False

True False

Booleans

Getting the type of a value

We can always ask ask a value for its type using the **type(value)** function

```
type("patata")
```

Getting the type of a value

Inside Spyder, check what's the type of the following expressions:

```
"there is some text here"

True

44.4
'true'
'False'

2
'33.3'
```

Operators

Operators are symbols in the language that perform different kinds of computations on values

They're binary

Arithmetic Operators

symbol	meaning
+	sum
-	substraction
	multiplication
/	division
	exponentiation
//	floored division
%	modulus

Arithmetic Operators

Rules of precedence

- Parentheses
- Exponentiation
- Multiplication/Division
- Sum/Substraction
- when operators have the same precedence, evaluate left to right

Rules of precedence

String operators

sum and multiplication operators work on strings too. They're used to concatenate and multiply strings, respectively

String operators

Show some examples of string concatenation & multiplication

Variables

Variables are names that point to values in Python.

Variables

Naming variables

It's important to be as descriptive as possible when naming variables

There are some naming rules we should obey

Naming variables

Naming rules

- variable names can't start with a number
- variable names can't contain special characters such as !, @, .
- Can't be one of the reserved words

Reserved words

```
and del from None True
as elif global nonlocal try
assert else if not while
break except import or with
class False in pass yield
continue finally is raise
def for lambda return
```

Mutability

In Python variables are mutable. This means that we can change their value at any time

```
name = "Pepe"
print(name)

name = "Jose"
print(name)
```

Mutability

Converting values

There are some times when we need to convert a value from one type to another.

```
We use the int(), bool(), str(), and float() functions for that
int('23')
bool(1)
bool(0)
str(True)
float("3.2")
```

Converting values

Printing output

One can print output using the **print()** function

User input

There is a handy function **input()** that allows us to capture input from the user

```
name = input("Tell me your name: ")
print("hello, " + name)
```

Recap

- Datatypes (int, float, bool, str)
- Variables (naming, mutability)
- Operators (arithmetic, precedence, string operators)
- Converting values
- User input

Exercises

- 1. Create a program that calculates the total number of seconds in an hour
- 2. How does the following expression evaluate?

$$2 + (3 + 4) + (5 * 33 ** 34)$$

- Create a program that asks the user for their age and their mother's age and calculate the age difference
- 4. What are the results and result types of the following expressions? think it yourself, do not use the Python console for this
 - 3 * 5 * 2
 - 3 / 11
 - 3 // 11
 - 25 % 2