

Python Fundamentals

DevOps Training

@COPYRIGHT OF WWW.CLOUDBEARERS.COM

Scripts are Usually Interpreted

- Using an interpreter instead of a compiler makes sense when programs change frequently and/or are very interactive.
 - Reason: no extra compile time
- In the scripting language-as-glue-language mode, performance is dominated by the modules being connected by the scripting commands

Why Python?

- No universal agreement on which scripting language is best
- Perl, Ruby, Python all have advocates
- Perl: good for system administration duties, traditional scripting
- Python has attracted many former Perl users
- Ruby syntactically similar to Perl and Python; popularized because it was used to write Ruby on Rails, a framework for web apps.

Python - Intro

- Python is a general purpose scripting language that implements the imperative, object-oriented, and functional paradigms.
- Dynamic typing, automatic memory management, exceptions, large standard library, modular.
 - Extensions can be written in C and C++
 - Other language versions (Jython, IronPython) support extensions written in Java and .Net languages)
- Design philosophy: easy to read, easy to learn

Versions

- Current production versions are <u>2.6.4</u> and <u>3.1.1</u>
- Both versions are stable and suitable for use
- Python 2: compatible with much existing software
- Python 3: a major redesign
 - Not backward compatible.
 - Most features are the same or similar, but a few will cause older programs to break.
 - Part of the Python philosophy don't clutter up the language with outdated features

Interesting Features

- White space <u>does</u> indicate meaning
 - Instead of curly brackets or begin-end pairs, whitespace is used for block delimiters.
 - Indent statements in a block, un-indent at end of block.
- Statements are terminated by <Enter>
- No variable declarations
- Dynamic typing
- Associative arrays (dictionaries)
- Lists and slices

Execution Modes - Calculator Mode

```
Type in an expression
Python will evaluate
it
>>> a = 5
>>> b = 10
>>> a + b
15
>>> x = a + b
>>> x
15
```

Dynamic type change

```
>>> a = 'horse'
>>> b = ' cart'
>>> a + b
'horse cart'
>>> a + x
Traceback (most recent
call last):
   File
 "<pyshell#10>",line
  1,in <module>
    a + x
  TypeError: Can't
  convert 'int' object to
  str implicitly
```

Execution Modes - Program

```
>>> #factorial.py
>>> #compute factorial
>>> def main():
 n = int(input("enter an int "))
  fact = 1
  for factor in range (n, 1, -1):
     fact = fact * factor
 print("the answer is: ", fact)
>>> main()
enter an int 5
the answer is: 120
>>>
```

Execution Modes - Program

 You can also create the program in a text file, adding the statement

```
main()
as the last statement, and then run it
later.
```

Program Elements

Identifiers:

 Must begin with letter or underscore, followed by any number of letters, digits, underscores

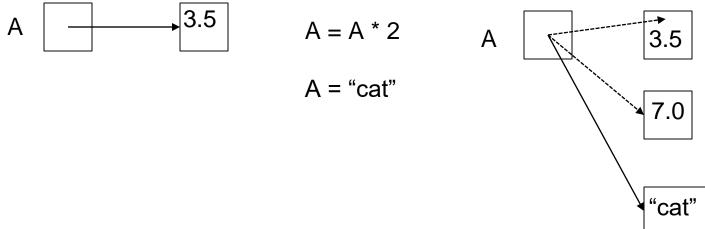
Variables:

- Do not need to be declared
- A variable is created when a value is assigned to it:Examples: num = 3
- Can't be used in an expression unless it has a value
- Error message: Name Error means no value is associated with this name

Variables

- Variable names don't have static types values (or objects) do
 - A variable name has the type of the value it currently references
- Variables actually contain references to values (similar to pointers).
 - This makes it possible to assign different object types to the same variable

Variables contain references to data values



Python handles memory management automatically. It will create new objects and store them in memory; it will also execute garbage collection algorithms to reclaim any inaccessible memory locations.

Python does not implement reference semantics for simple variables; if A = 10 and B = A, A = A + 1 does not change the value of B

Basic Data Types

- Numeric types: integer, floats, complex
- A literal with a decimal point is a float; otherwise an integer
- Complex numbers use "j" or "J" to designate the imaginary part: x = 5 + 2j
- type() returns the type of any data value:

Data Types

```
>>> 1j * 1j
>>> type (15)
                   (-1+0j)
<class 'int'>
>>> type (3.) >>> s = 3 + 1j
<class 'float'>
                   >>> type(s)
>>> x = 34.8
                   <class 'complex'>
                   >>> x = "learning"
>>> type(x)
<class 'float'>
                   >>> type(x)
                   <class 'str'>
```

Expressions

- An expression calculates a value
- Arithmetic operators: +, -, *, /, ** (exponentiation)
- Add, subtract, multiply, divide work just as they do in other C-style languages
- Spaces in an expression are not significan

Expressions

Mixed type (integer and float) expressions are converted to floats:

Mixed type (real and imaginary) conversions:

>>>
$$x = 5 + 13j$$

>>> $y = 3.2$
>>> $z = x + y$
>>> $z = x + y$
>>> $z = x + y$

• Explicit casts are also supported:

>>>
$$y = 4.999$$
 >>> $x = 8$
>>> int(y) >>> float(x)
4 8.0

Assignment Statements

- Syntax: Assignment → variable = expression
- A variable's type is determined by the type of the value assigned to it.
- Multiple_assign →var{, var} = expr{, expr}

```
>>> x, y = 4, 7
>>> x
4
>>> y
7
>>> x
7
>>> y
7
>>> x, y = y, x
>>> x
7
>>> y
4
>>> y
```

 Syntax: input → variable = input(string) The string is used as a prompt. Inputs a string >>> y = input("enter a name --> ") enter a name --> max >>> y 'max' >>> number = input("Enter an integer ") Enter an integer 32 >>> number **′32′**

input() reads input from the keyboard as a string;

To get numeric data use a cast:

```
>>> number = int(input("enter an integer: "))
enter an integer: 87
>>> number
87
```

• If types don't match (e.g., if you type 4.5 and try to cast it as an integer) you will get an error:

ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10:

Multiple inputs:

```
>>> x, y = int(input("enter an integer: ")),
           float(input("enter a float: "))
enter an integer: 3
enter a float: 4.5
>>> print("x is", x, " y is ", y)
x is 3 y is 4.5

    Instead of the cast you can use the eval() function

  and Python choose the correct types:
>>> x, y = eval(input("Enter two numbers: "))
Enter two numbers: 3.7, 98
>>> x, y
(3.7, 98)
```

Python Control Structures

- Python loop types:
 - while
 - for
- Decision statements:
 - if
- Related features:

```
- range( ) # a function
```

– break # statements similar to

– continue # those in C/C++

General Information

- The control structure statement must end with a semicolon (:)
- The first statement in the body of a loop must be indented.
- All other statements must be indented by the same amount
- To terminate a loop body, enter a blank line or "unindent".

While Loop

```
>>> x = 0
>>> while (x < 10):  # remember semicolon!
    print(x, end = " ") #no new line
    x = x + 1
```

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Conditions are evaluated just as in C/C++: 0 is false, non-zero is true

The conditional operators are also the same Note indentation – provided by the IDLE GUI

While Loop

r x in range(10):
This is in the loop
print("We are currently on the number {}!".format(x))
if x == 5:
This is in the if statenent which is in the loop
print("Cool! 5!")
if $x \% 2 == 0$:
#This is in a different if statement but still in the loop
print("Alright! () is an even number!".format(x))

For Loops

Syntax:

- <sequence> can be a list of values or it can be defined by the range() function
 - range(n) produces a list of values: 0, 1, ...,n-1
 - range(start, n): begins at start instead of 0
 - range(start, n, step): uses step as the increment

```
>>> for i in range(3):
          print(i,end = " ")
0 1 2
>>> for i in range(5,10):
           print(i,end = " ")
5 6 7 8 9
>>> for i in range(6,12,2):
           print(i)
6
8
10
>>> for i in (1, 2, 3):
     print(i)
```

Ranges can also be specified using expressions:

```
>>> n = 5
>>> for i in range(2*n + 3):
    print(i,end = " ")
```

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Using a List in a for loop

Lists are enclosed in square brackets

If Statement

- Python if statement has three versions:
 - The if (only one option)
 - The if-else (two options)
 - The if-elif-else (three or more options)
- The if-elif-else substitutes for the switch statement in other languages.
- Each part must be followed with a semicolon and whitespace is used as the delimiter.

If-elif-else Statement

```
x = int(input("enter an integer: "))
if x < 0:
       print ('Negative')
elif x == 0:
   print ('Zero')
elif x == 1:
   print ('Single')
else:
    print ('More')
```

Right way

Wrong way

>>> if x < 0:

$$y = x$$

elif x == 0:

$$y = 1$$

elif x < 10:

$$y = 100$$

else:

print("none")

(you may have to override the IDLE indentation)

>>> if x < 0:

$$y = x$$

elif x == 0:

$$y = 1$$

elif x < 10:

$$y = 100$$

else:

print("none ")

SyntaxError: unindent does not match any outer indentation level (<pyshell#86>, line 3)

Python Data Types/Data Structures

- Many built-in simple types: ints, floats, infinite precision integers, complex, string, etc.
- Built-in data structures:
 - Lists or dynamic arrays
 - Dictionaries (associative arrays or hash tables)
 - Accessed by key-value indices
 - Tuples
 - Similar to lists, but cannot be modified
 - Sometimes used like structs, but indexed by position instead of field name

String Data Type

- A sequence of characters enclosed in quotes (single or double; just be consistent)
- Elements can be accessed via an index, but you cannot change the individual characters – you will get an error if you try:
- TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment

String Data Type

```
>>> str1 = 'happy'
>>> str2 = "Monday"
>>> str1, str2
('happy', 'Monday') # a tuple
>>> str1[1]
'a'
>>> x = str1, str2
>>> x
('happy', 'Monday') # x is a tuple
>>> x[1]
'Monday'
```

String Data Type - continued

```
>>> print(str1, str2)
Happy Monday
>>> "I don't like hotdogs"
"I don't like hotdogs"
>>> 'I don't like hotdogs'
>>> 'Syntax Error: invalid syntax
```

Use double quotes when you want to include single quotes (and vice versa)

String Data Type

More examples:

```
>>> '"why not?" said Jim'
'"why not?" said Jim'
>>> 'can\'t'
"can't"
```

You can get the same effect by using the escape sequence \' or \"

- Indexing: 0-based indexing for string characters

Negative indexes work from right to left:

```
>>> myName = "Joe Smith"
>>> myName[-3]
'i'
```

• Slicing: selects a 'slice' or segment of a string <string>[<start>:<end>] where <start> is the beginning index and <end> is one past final index >>> myName = "Joe Smith" >>> myName[2:7] 'e Smi'

• If either <start> or <end> is omitted, the start and end of the string are assumed

```
>>> myName[:5]
'Joe S'
>>> myName[4:]
'Smith'
>>> myName[:]
'Joe Smith'
```

```
Concatenation (+)
 >>> "happy" + "birthday"
 'happybirthday'
 >>> 'happy' + ' birthday'
  'happy birthday'
Repetition (*)
 >>> word = 'ha'
 >>> 3 * word
 'hahaha'
 >>> word + 3 * '!'
 'ha!!!'
```

```
Other examples:
>>> word = 'ha'
>>> len(word) # length function
2
>>> len("ham and eggs")
12
>>> for ch in myName:
         print(ch, end = " ")
Joe Smith
```

Lists

- A list is a comma-separated sequence of items, enclosed in square brackets
- Lists can be heterogeneous items don't have to be from the same data type
- Like strings, lists can be sliced, indexed, concatenated, and repeated.
- The len() function will return the number of elements in the list

Lists

- Unlike strings, lists are mutable (can be changed by element assignment)
 - Make an assignment, using the index

```
>>> myList = ['milk','eggs','bread']
>>> myList[1] = 'butter'
>>> myList
['milk', 'butter', 'bread']
```

 You can also assign to slices, and even change the length of the list

List Slice Operations

```
#create a list and assign to a variable
>>> data = ['bob', 32, 'sue', 44]
>>> data
['bob', 32, 'sue', 44]
#assign to a list slice
>>> data[1:3] = ['dave', 14]
>>> data
['bob', 'dave', 14, 44]
#insert an element (or several)
>>> data[1:1] = [19]
>>> data
['bob', 19, 'dave', 14, 44]
#delete an element
>>> data[3:4] = []
>>> data
['bob', 19, 'dave', 44]
```

Python Lists

```
>>> a = [1, 2, 3]
>>> b = a
>>> b
[1, 2, 3]
>>> a[1] = 6
>>> b
[1, 6, 3]
>>> a = [6, 7, 8]
>>> b[2] = 'x'
>>> b
[1, 6, 'x']
>>> # copy or reference semantics?
```

Python Lists

```
>>> x = 13
>>> L1 = [x, 'y', 3]
>>> L1
[13, 'y', 3]
>>> x = 19
>>> L1
[13, 'y', 3]
```

Adding to a List

 You can grow the list dynamically with the concatenation operator:

```
>>> x = [2, 4, 6, 8]

>>> x

[2, 4, 6, 8]

>>> x = x + [10]

>>> x

[2, 3, 6, 8, 10]
```

List Insertion by Slicing

```
>>> x = [2,3,6,8.10]
>>> x
[2, 3, 6, 8.1]
>>> x = x[:2]+[100,200] + x[2:]
>>> x
[2, 3, 100, 200, 6, 8.1]
>>> x = x[:4] + []
>>> x
[2, 3, 100, 200]
```

Nested Lists

```
>>> grades = [100, 97, 85]
>>> stRec = ['A000','jack',grades]
>>> stRec
['A000', 'jack', [100, 97, 85]]
>>> len(stRec)
3
```

Additional String Operations

```
    split: divides a string into a list of substrings

   >>> myStr = 'The fat black cat'
 >>> myStr.split()
     ['The', 'fat', 'black', 'cat']

    split defaults to blank as the delimiter, but you

 can specify a different character:
  >>> myStr = '12/10/2008'
  >>> myStr.split('/')
  ['12', '10', '2008']
```

Strings

- After you have split a string into a list of substrings, you may want to convert some of the substrings to specific data types.
 - specific casts: int(), float(), long(), and str()
 - If you don't know the data types, you can use the generic cast eval()

Example

```
>>> mysplitStr
['12', '10', '2008']
>>> first = eval(mysplitStr[0])
>>> first
12
>>> #etc. - you can use the type function to
  determine if the list elements are the
  type you expected:
>>> x = 3.4
>>> if type(x) == float:
 print('float')
float
```

More About Lists

- See Python tutorial to get a whole set of list functions:
 - append(x)
 - insert(i, x)
 - etc.
- Since lists are objects, dot notation is used to call the functions
- When using string functions you may need to import the string library:
 - import string

List Functions

```
>>> stRec = ['A000', 'jack', grades]
>>> stRec.remove(grades)
>>> stRec
['A000', 'jack']
>>> stRec.append([100, 97, 85])
>>> stRec
['A000', 'jack', [100, 97, 85]]
>>> stRec.pop(2) #removes item at index
[100, 97, 85]
>>> stRec
['A000', 'jack']
```

Python Tuples 5.3 in Tutorial

 A tuple is a sequence of comma-separated values:

```
>>> t = ('A000','jack',3.56,'CS')
```

- Tuples can be indexed like lists and strings.
- Like strings, tuples are immutable (cannot assign to individual elements)
- Tuples can be sliced and concatenated

Tuple Example

```
>>> t = ('A000', 'jack', 3.56, 'CS')
>>> t1 = ('A001', 'jill', 2.78, 'MA')
>>> t2 = ('A0222', 'rachel', 3.78, 'CS')
>>> students = [t, t1, t2]
>>> for (ID, name, GPA, major) in students:
          print(ID, name, GPA, major)
A000 jack 3.56 CS
A001 jill 2.78 MA
A0222 rachel 3.78 CS
>>>
For each iteration, one tuple in the list of tuples is
  unpacked into the individual variables
```

Sequences

- Strings, lists, and tuples are all examples of the sequence data type.
- Operations that can be performed on sequences:

```
<seq> + <seq> concatenation
<seq> * <int-exp> repetition
<seq>[] indexing
<seq>[:] slicing
len(<seq>) length
for <var> in <seq> iteration
```

Only the list sequence type is modifiable

Dictionaries

- A dictionary is an example of a mapping object.
- Some languages call them associative arrays or hashes.
- Unlike sequences (lists, strings, tuples) which are indexed by an ordered range of values, dictionaries are indexed by keys
- Items are retrieved according to their keys.

Dictionary Entries

- Dictionaries contain <key, value> pairs
- The key is a unique identifier (student #, account #, SSN, etc.) and the value is whatever data might be associated with the key; e.g., name, address, age, ...
- The value can be one thing or it can be a list, or sequence, or tuple, or ...

Dictionaries

- A key must be unique within a given dictionary object.
- Keys must be hashable; i.e., they cannot contain lists, dictionaries, or other mutable objects. Tuples can be used as keys as long as they don't contain lists, dictionaries, ...
- Items are retrieved according to their keys.

Dictionaries

- List: an ordered collection of elements
- Dictionary: an <u>unordered</u> collection of elements (items aren't stored sequentially)
- Other characteristics:
 - Mutable (add, delete elements or change them)
 - Variable length
 - Cannot be sliced or concatenated

Creating Dictionaries

```
Create an empty dictionary:
>>> roll = { }
Create and initialize a dictionary:
>>> roll = {1023: 'max', 404: 'sue'}
Retrieve an item by its key:
>>> roll[1023]
'max'
Add an item:
>>> roll[9450] = 'alice'
>>> roll
{9450: 'alice', 404: 'sue', 1023: 'max'}
```

Alternate Dictionary Creation

Using the dict() function:

```
>>> tel = dict(max = (94, 'x'),
   alice = (5, 'y'))
>>> tel
{'max': (94, 'x'), 'alice': (5,
   'y')}
```

```
To get a list of the keys:
>>> list(roll.keys())
[9450, 404, 1023]
To get the list in sorted form:
>>> x = sorted(roll.keys())
>>> x
[404, 1023, 9450]
To find out if a key is in the dictionary:
>>> 2600 in roll
False
```

```
To remove a key
>>> del roll[404]
>>> roll
{9450: 'alice', 1023: 'max'}
To change an element's value:
>>> roll[9450] = ('alice', 3.45, 'CS')
>>> roll
{9450: ('alice', 3.45, 'CS'), 1023: 'max'}
Sort on the value field if sortable:
>>> numd = {34: 56, 45:100, 906: 25, 100: 3}
>>> numd
{34: 56, 100: 3, 45: 100, 906: 25}
>>> sorted(numd.values())
[3, 25, 56, 100]
>>> sorted(numd.keys())
[34, 45, 100, 906]
```

Looping Through Dictionaries

You can retrieve the key and the value at the same time:

Notice the items are processed in stored order, not the order in which they were entered

Python Functions

- A Python function can be either void or value returning, although the definition isn't identified as such.
 - Technically, they are all value returning, since a void function returns the value none
- Each function defines a scope. Parameters and local variables are accessible in the scope; values in other functions are available only as parameters.

Function Syntax

Function definition

```
def <name> (formal-parameters>):
     <body>
```

Function call syntax:

```
<name>. (<actual parameters>)
```

```
>>> def square(x):
    return x * x
>>> square(10)
100
>>> z = 23
>>> square(z * 4)
8464
>>> x = square(z)
>>> x
529
```

You can enter functions at the command line and use in calculator mode, or include them in programs, or in modules (similar to libraries).

A main program file

```
#File: chaos.py
#A simple program illustrating chaotic behavior
def main():
    print("a chaotic function")
    x=eval(input("enter a number betw 0 and 1: ")
    for i in range (10):
        x = 3.9 * (1 - x)
        print(x)
    # freeze the output window:
    y = input("Press any key to exit ")
main()
```

Functions That Return Values

```
>>> def SumDif(x,y):
>>> def sum(x, y):
                             sum = x + y
     sum = x + y
                             dif = x - y
     return sum
                             return sum, dif
>>> num1, num2 = 3,79
                        >>> x, y = 7, 10
>>> sum(num1, num2)
                        >>> a,b = SumDif(x,y)
82
                        >>> a
                        17
                        >>> print(a, b)
                        17 -3
                        >>>
```

```
>>> def incre(list):
    n = len(list)
    for i in range(n):
         print(i)
         list[i] = list[i] + 1
>>> myList = [2, 4, 6]
>>> incre(myList)
>>> print(myList)
[3, 5, 7]
>>>
```

File I/O

 To open a file: <filevar> = open(<filename>, <mode>) where filename is the name of the file on disk, and mode is usually 'r' or 'w' - infile = open("data.in", "r") - outfile = open("data.out", "w") Files must also be closed: - infile.close() - outfile.close()

Input Operations

- <filevar>.read: returns the remaining contents of the file as a multi-line string (lines in the file separated by \n)
- <filevar>.readline(): returns next line as a string; includes the newline character (you can slice it off, if needed)
- <filevar>.readlines(): returns the remaining lines in the file, as a list of lines (each list item includes the newline character)

Detecting End of File (from the documentation)

- f.readline() reads a single line from the file; a newline character (\n) is left at the end of the string, and is only omitted on the last line of the file if the file doesn't end in a newline. This makes the return value unambiguous;
- if f.readline() returns an empty string, the end of the file has been reached, while a blank line is represented by '\n', a string containing only a single newline.

Detecting End of File (from the documentation)

```
>>> f.readline()
'This is the first line of the file.\n'
>>> f.readline()
'Second line of the file\n'
>>> f.readline()
'
''
```

Reading a File Line-by-Line

Stops when there are no more lines in the file

File Output

- f.write(string) writes the contents of string to the file, returning the number of characters written.
- >>> f.write('This is a test\n') 15

To write something other than a string, convert it to a string first:

- >>> value = ('the answer', 42)
- >>> s = str(value)
- >>> f.write(s) 18

Modules

- Modules are additional pieces of code that further extend Python's functionality
- A module typically has a specific function
 - additional math functions, databases, network...
- Python comes with many useful modules
- arcgisscripting is the module we will use to load ArcGIS toolbox functions into Python

Modules

- Modules are accessed using import
 - import sys, os # imports two modules
- Modules can have subsets of functions
 - os.path is a subset within os
- Modules are then addressed by modulename.function()
 - sys.argv # list of arguments
 - filename = os.path.splitext("points.txt")
 - filename[1] # equals ".txt"

Modules

Save this code in the file mymodule.py

person1 = {

"name": "John",

"age": 36,

"country": "Norway"

Import the module named mymodule, and access the person1 dictionary:

Built-in Functions & Modules

https://www.w3schools.com/python/python reference.asp



THANK YOU!

training@laksans.com

@copyright of www.cloudbearers.com