Python Beginner's Workshop In Collaboration with the Pikes Peak Library District 21st Century Library

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- ► What's one thing you know about programming in Python?
- What's one thing that you'd like to learn about programming in Python?





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- ▶ It doesn't involve much math

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An Example

```
passwordFile = open('SecretPasswordFile.txt')
secretPassword = passwordFile.read()
print 'Enter your password.'
typedPassword = input()
if typedPassword == secretPassword:
    print 'Access granted'
    if typedPassword == '12345':
        print('That one is used on luggage.')
    else:
        print('Access denied')
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```
$ python
enter the following into the interactive prompt:
>>> print("Hello, World!")
and
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>>> **import** this



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When you see an example like:

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```
>>> print("Hello, World!")
```

it means to type that out in the interactive prompt. When you see an example like:

```
example.py
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print("Hello, World!)
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it means to type that out into a file, in this case, named example.py.



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Python as a Calculator

>>> 100 * 2

>>> **abs**(-163)

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> % ** //

Python Math Operations

▶ Does python obey order of operations?

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```
print('Howdy!')
    print('Howdy!!!')
    print('Hello there.')
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```

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hello() hello()

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hello('Alice')
hello('Bob')

print('Hello ' + name)

```
def add(a, b):
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return a + b

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>>> help(str)

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"This is 'a' string" 'This is "a" string'

>>> help(str)

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'This is "a" string'

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'This is also a string.'

We can also get more information from python:

>>> help(str)



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```
>>> 'this is a string'.title()
'This Is A String'
>>> 'this is a string'.upper()
'THIS IS A STRING'
>>> 'what ARE you doing!?'.lower()
'what are you doing!?'
>>> " there's whitespace in this
"there's whitespace in this string."
```

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".strip()

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>>> s[7:10]

>>> s[-7:-4]

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'say'

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```
>>> mylist = [1, 2, 'three', "4", 5.3]
>>> s = "What are the words in this string?"
>>> s.split()
['What', 'are', 'the', 'words', 'in', 'this',
   'string?'
>>> words = s.split()
>>> words.sort()
>>> words
['What', 'are', 'in', 'string?', 'the', 'this'
   . 'words'l
```

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>>> dir(list)

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```
>>> myCat = {'size': 'fat', 'color': 'gray',
             'disposition': 'loud'}
>>> myCat['size']
'fat'
>>> 'My cat has ' + myCat['color'] + ' fur.'
'My cat has gray fur.'
```

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What are the methods of list?

>>> help(dict)
>>> dir(dict)

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\$ pip install requests

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http://pypi.python.org

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Requests Example

```
requests script.py
```

```
import requests
resp = requests.get('http://httpbin.org/ip')
print resp.json()
```



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True
```

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>>> **bool**("no")

>>> bool("")

>>> bool([])

>>> **bool**([42])

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```
>>> for word in words:
        print word.title()
```

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```
password = input(
    "Enter the secret word: "
)
if password == "sesame":
    print("Access granted.")
else:
    print("Access denied!")
```

Boolean operators

```
▶ == != <= >= > < in
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print("Access denied!")

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```
while True:
    password = input("Enter the secret word: ")
    if password == "sesame":
        print("Access granted.")
        break
    else:
        print "Access denied!"
```



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```
age = int(input("How old are you? "))
if age < 18:
    print("You're not old enough dance.")
elif age == 18:
    print("Welcome, is it your first time here?")</pre>
```

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else:

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print("You can dance if you want to, you can le

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Practice Problems

- ▶ Write code that prints Hello if 1 is stored in spam, prints Howdy if 2 is stored in spam, and prints Greetings! if anything else is stored in spam.
- ▶ Write a short program that prints the numbers 1 to 10 using a for loop. Then write an equivalent program that prints the numbers 1 to 10 using a while loop.
- ▶ Write a function named collatz() that has one parameter named number. If number is even, then collatz() should print number // 2 and return this value. If number is odd, then collatz() should print and return 3 * number + 1.



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► Say you have a list value like this:

```
spam = ['apples', 'bananas', 'tofu', 'cats']
```

Write a function that takes a list value as an argument and returns a string with all the items separated by a comma and a space, with and inserted before the last item. For example, passing the previous spam list to the function would return 'apples, bananas, tofu, and cats'. But your function should be able to work with any list value passed to it.



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➤ You are creating a fantasy video game. The data structure to model the player's inventory will be a dictionary where the keys are string values describing the item in the inventory and the value is an integer value detailing how many of that item the player has. For example, the dictionary value

```
{'rope': 1, 'torch': 6, 'gold coin': 42,
  'dagger': 1, 'arrow': 12}
```

means the player has 1 rope, 6 torches, 42 gold coins, and so on.



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Write a function named displayInventory() that would take any possible "inventory" and display it like the following:

```
Inventory:
```

- 12 arrow
- 42 gold coin
- 1 rope
- 6 torch
- 1 dagger
- Total number of items: 62

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Conclusion

- ► Final Takeaways (1-2-4-all)
- Survey https://goo.gl/forms/ZpNl0z8pw5J8J8Rv1
- ► Feedback http://sayat.me/pysprings
- ► Based on https://automatetheboringstuff.com/released under



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Projects!

- Daily Programmer https://www.reddit.com/r/dailyprogrammer/
 - ► Game of Threes
- WordPlay https://github.com/jesstess/Wordplay
- ► Colorwall https://github.com/jesstess/ColorWall



