

1. Python Basics

What is Python?

→ Python is a high-level, interpreted, object-oriented programming language used for web, data science, AI, automation.

Features of Python

- Easy syntax (readable)
- Interpreted language
- Object-oriented
- Large libraries (NumPy, Pandas, etc.)

Compiled vs Interpreted

- Python is interpreted → runs line by line
- No need compilation like C/C++

Keywords

- Reserved words: if, else, for, while, def, class, True, False

2. Variables & Data Types

Variable

→ Used to store data (no datatype declaration needed)

```
x = 10
```

```
name = "Rashid"
```

Main Data Types

- int → numbers
- float → decimal
- str → text
- bool → True/False
- list → ordered mutable
- tuple → ordered immutable
- set → unique values
- dict → key-value pair

3. Type Conversion

Implicit conversion

→ Python automatically converts type

Explicit conversion

`int("10")`

`float(5)`

`str(100)`

4. Operators

Arithmetic → + - * / % // **

Comparison → == != > <

Logical → and, or, not

Assignment → = += -=

5. Conditional Statements (Decision Making)

Conditional statements are used when we want Python to take decisions based on conditions.

👉 if statement

Used when we want to run code only if condition is true.

`age = 18`

`if age >= 18:`

`print("You can vote")`

If condition is true → code runs

If false → skipped

👉 if-else statement

Used when we have two choices.

`age = 16`

`if age >= 18:`

`print("Eligible")`

`else:`

`print("Not eligible")`

If condition true → if block runs

If false → else block runs

👉 if-elif-else (multiple conditions)

Used when we check many conditions.

```
marks = 75
```

```
if marks >= 90:
```

```
    print("A grade")
```

```
elif marks >= 60:
```

```
    print("B grade")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Fail")
```

Python checks from top to bottom.

First true condition executes.

👉 Nested if

if inside another if.

```
age = 20
```

```
if age >= 18:
```

```
    if age >= 21:
```

```
        print("Adult")
```

Interview Questions

Q: Difference between if and elif?

→ if checks condition separately, elif checks only if above condition false.

Q: Can we write multiple if?

→ Yes, but all will check. elif stops after true.

6. Loops in Python

Loops are used to repeat code many times.

👉 for loop

Used when we know number of iterations.

```
for i in range(5):
```

```
    print(i)
```

Output: 0 1 2 3 4

range(5) → 0 to 4

for loop with list

```
fruits = ["apple","mango","banana"]
```

```
for f in fruits:
```

```
    print(f)
```

👉 while loop

Used when condition-based loop.

```
i = 1
```

```
while i <= 5:
```

```
    print(i)
```

```
    i += 1
```

Runs until condition becomes false.

👉 break statement

Stops loop immediately.

```
for i in range(5):
```

```
    if i == 3:
```

```
        break
```

```
    print(i)
```

Output: 0 1 2

👉 continue statement

Skips current iteration.

```
for i in range(5):
```

```
    if i == 2:
```

```
        continue
```

```
    print(i)
```

Output: 0 1 3 4

👉 pass statement

Does nothing (placeholder).

```
for i in range(5):
```

```
    pass
```

Q: Difference for vs while?

→ for when iterations known, while when condition based.

Q: Infinite loop?

→ When loop never ends.

7. Functions in Python

Function is reusable block of code.

Used to avoid repetition.

👉 Creating function

```
def greet():
```

```
    print("Hello")
```

Calling function:

```
greet()
```

👉 Function with parameters

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

```
    print(a+b)
```

```
add(5,3)
```

a and b = parameters

👉 Function with return

Return sends value back.

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

```
    return a+b
```

```
result = add(5,3)
```

```
print(result)
```

👉 Default parameters

```
def greet(name="Guest"):
    print(name)
greet()
greet("Rashid")
```

👉 Lambda function (Important)

One line function without name.

```
square = lambda x: x*x
print(square(5))
```

Used for short operations.

👉 Types of functions

1. Built-in → print(), len()
2. User defined → created by user
3. Lambda → one line function

👉 *args and **kwargs (interview favorite)

Used for multiple arguments.

```
def add(*nums):
    print(sum(nums))
add(1,2,3,4)
```

kwargs = dictionary arguments.

8. Python Data Structures (Definition, Features, Methods)

Data structures are used to **store and organize data** in Python.

Main 4 types:

1. List
2. Tuple
3. Set
4. Dictionary

1. LIST

👉 Definition

List is an **ordered, mutable (changeable)** collection that allows duplicate values.

```
l = [1,2,3,6,"rashid"]
```

👉 Features of List

- Ordered (index available)
- Mutable (can change value)
- Allows duplicates
- Can store different data types
- Written in []

👉 Important List Methods

append() → add element at end => l.append(50)

insert() → add at specific index => l.insert(1,100)

remove() → remove value => l.remove(20)

pop() → remove last element => l.pop()

sort() → sort list => l.sort()

reverse() → reverse list => l.reverse()

len() → length => len(l)

2. TUPLE -

Tuple is an **ordered and immutable** collection.

```
t = (1,2,3)
```

👉 Features of Tuple

- Ordered
- Immutable (cannot change)
- Allows duplicates
- Faster than list
- Written in ()

👉 Tuple Methods

Only 2 methods (because immutable):

count() → count values => t.count(10)

index() → find index => t.index(20)

Interview Difference: List vs Tuple

List mutable, Tuple immutable

List slower, Tuple faster

List [], Tuple ()

3. SET

👉 Definition

Set is an **unordered collection of unique elements**.

s = {1,2,3,4}

👉 Features of Set

- Unordered (no index)
- No duplicates allowed
- Mutable
- Written in {}
- Fast operations

👉 Important Set Methods

add() → add element => s.add(10)

remove() → remove element => s.remove(2)

union() → combine sets => a.union(b)

intersection() → common elements => a.intersection(b)

len() → length

4. DICTIONARY

👉 Definition

Dictionary is a **key-value pair** data structure.

d = {"name": "Rashid", "age": 22}

```
"name" = key  
"Rashid" = value
```

👉 Features of Dictionary

- Key-value pair
- Mutable
- Keys unique
- Fast access

👉 Important Dictionary Methods

keys() → show keys => d.keys()

values() → show values => d.values()

items() → key + value => d.items()

update() → update value => d.update({"age":25})

pop() → remove element => d.pop("age")

get() → safe access => d.get("name")

9. OOPs (Object Oriented Programming)

Object Oriented Programming (OOP) is a programming concept that uses **classes and objects** to structure code and represent real-world entities, making programs reusable, secure, and easy to maintain.

👉 Simple meaning

Instead of writing everything in one file, we divide code into **objects like real world**.

Example:

- Car → class
- BMW → object
- Student → class
- Rashid → object

CLASS

A class is a **blueprint or template** used to create objects.

It defines:

- variables (data)
- functions (methods)

👉 Why class used?

To organize code and represent real-world entities.

Example:

```
class Student:
```

```
    name = "Rashid"
```

Class = design

Object = real thing

OBJECT

An object is an **instance of a class**.

It is a real-world entity created from class.

Example:

```
class Student:
```

```
    pass
```

```
s1 = Student()
```

Student = class

s1 = object

👉 Why object used?

To access class data and methods.

CONSTRUCTOR (init)

A constructor is a **special method automatically called when object is created**.

In Python constructor = `__init__`

Used to initialize object data.

Example:

```
class Student:
```

```
    def __init__(self, name):
```

```
        self.name = name
```

```
s1 = Student("Rashid")
```

👉 Why used?

To assign values when object created.

Interview line:

→ Constructor initializes object automatically.

self Keyword -

self represents the **current object of the class**.

Used to access:

- instance variables
- methods inside class

Example:

class A:

```
def show(self):  
    print("Hello")
```

Without **self** → cannot access class data.

Interview line:

→ **self** refers to current object.

FOUR PILLARS OF OOP

1. ENCAPSULATION

Encapsulation is the process of **wrapping data and methods into a single unit (class)** and restricting direct access to data.

👉 Simple meaning

Data hiding + security.

Example:

class Bank:

```
def __init__(self,balance):  
    self.balance = balance
```

Here **balance** and function inside class = encapsulation.

👉 Why used?

- Data security
- Prevent direct modification
- Clean code

Interview line:

→ Encapsulation = data hiding and binding data with methods.

2. INHERITANCE

Inheritance is a mechanism where one class **acquires properties and methods of another class**.
Child class uses parent class code.

class Parent:

```
def show(self):  
    print("Parent")
```

class Child(Parent):

```
    pass
```

c = Child()

c.show() => Child using parent method.

👉 Why used?

- Code reuse
- Reduce repetition
- Easy maintenance

Real-life example

Father → Parent class

Son → Child class

Interview line:

→ Inheritance allows code reusability.

3. POLYMORPHISM

Polymorphism means **one function, many forms**.

Same function behaves differently.

Example:

```
print(len("abc"))  
print(len([1,2,3]))
```

Same len() works differently.

Method overriding example:

class A:

```
def show(self):  
    print("A")
```

class B(A):

```
def show(self):  
    print("B")
```

👉 Why used?

- Flexibility
- Same function for different tasks

Interview line:

→ Polymorphism = same function different behavior.

4. ABSTRACTION

Abstraction means **hiding internal implementation and showing only essential features**.

Simple meaning:

User only sees important things, not internal code.

Real-life example:

ATM machine

We use ATM but don't know internal code.

👉 Why used?

- Reduce complexity
- Increase security
- Show only necessary data

Interview line:

→ Abstraction hides internal details and shows only functionality.

Access Modifiers

Used to control access of variables.

Public

Accessible everywhere

self.name

Protected (_)

self._age

Private (_)

self.__salary => Cannot access directly outside class.

Why OOP used in real projects?

Use this answer in interview:

OOP is used because:

- Makes code reusable
- Easy to manage large projects
- Provides security (encapsulation)
- Helps in real-world modeling
- Used in ML, web development, software

10. Comprehensions in Python

Definition

Comprehension is a **short and easy way to create list, dictionary, or set using single line code.**

Used to make code:

- shorter
 - faster
 - readable
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1. List Comprehension

👉 Definition

List comprehension is a **compact way to create lists using loop in one line.**

Normal method:

```
l=[]
```

```
for i in range(5):
```

```
    l.append(i)
```

List comprehension:

```
l = [i for i in range(5)]
```

Both same output.

👉 With condition

```
l = [i for i in range(10) if i%2==0]
```

Output: even numbers

Interview line:

→ List comprehension is one-line method to create list.

2. Dictionary Comprehension

👉 Definition

Used to create dictionary in one line.

```
d = {x:x*x for x in range(5)}
```

Output:

0:0, 1:1, 2:4...

3. Set Comprehension

```
s = {x for x in range(5)}
```

Creates set.

Interview Questions

Q: Why comprehension used?

→ To write short and efficient code.

Q: Difference loop vs comprehension?

→ Comprehension shorter and faster.

11. Exception Handling

Exception handling is used to **handle errors and prevent program from crashing.**

When error occurs → program stops

Exception handling → program continues

👉 Example without exception

```
print(10/0)
```

Error → program stops

👉 try-except

try:

```
    print(10/0)
```

except:

```
    print("Error handled")
```

Program will not crash.

try block

Contains risky code.

except block

Handles error.

finally block

Always executes.

try:

```
    x=5
```

except:

```
    print("Error")
```

finally:

```
    print("Done")
```

Specific exception

try:

```
    print(10/0)
```

except ZeroDivisionError:

```
    print("Cannot divide by zero")
```

Multiple exception

try:

```
    x=int("abc")
```

```
except ValueError:  
    print("Value error")
```

Why exception handling used?

- Prevent crash
- Handle errors
- Maintain flow
- User-friendly program

Interview line:

→ Exception handling manages runtime errors.

Most asked interview questions

Q: What is exception?

→ Error that occurs during runtime.

Q: try vs except?

→ try contains code, except handles error.

Q: finally? → Always executed block.

12. File Handling in Python

File handling is used to **read, write, and manage files** in Python.

Used to store data permanently.

Opening file

```
f = open("file.txt","r")
```

Modes:

- r → read
 - w → write
 - a → append
-

Read file

```
f=open("file.txt","r")  
print(f.read())
```

Write file

```
f=open("file.txt","w")
```

```
f.write("Hello")
```

Append file

```
f=open("file.txt","a")
```

```
f.write("New line")
```

Close file

```
f.close()
```

with open (best method)

Automatically closes file.

```
with open("file.txt","r") as f:
```

```
    data = f.read()
```

```
    print(data)
```

13. Important Built-in Functions in Python

Built-in functions are **predefined functions already available in Python**, so we don't need to create them.

They make coding faster and easier.

Example: `print()`, `len()`, `type()`

1. `print()`

👉 Definition

Used to display output on screen.

```
print("Hello")
```

Interview line:

→ `print()` is used to display output.

2. `len()`

👉 Definition

Returns length of string, list, tuple, dictionary.

```
len("python") # 6
```

```
len([1,2,3]) # 3
```

3. type()

👉 Definition

Returns datatype of variable.

```
x = 10
```

```
print(type(x))
```

Output: int

4. range()

👉 Definition

Generates sequence of numbers, used in loops.

```
for i in range(5):
```

```
    print(i)
```

Output: 0 to 4

5. input()

👉 Definition

Takes input from user.

```
name = input("Enter name:")
```

Always returns string.

6. sum()

👉 Definition

Returns sum of all elements.

```
sum([1,2,3,4])
```

Output: 10

7. max() and min()

👉 Definition

Returns maximum and minimum value.

```
max([1,5,2]) # 5
```

```
min([1,5,2]) # 1
```

8. sorted()

👉 Definition

Returns sorted list.

```
sorted([3,1,2])
```

Output: [1,2,3]

9. map()

👉 Definition

Applies function to all elements in list.

```
nums = [1,2,3]
```

```
result = list(map(lambda x:x*2, nums))
```

```
print(result)
```

Output: [2,4,6]

10. filter()

👉 Definition

Filters elements based on condition.

```
nums=[1,2,3,4]
```

```
even=list(filter(lambda x:x%2==0,nums))
```

```
print(even)
```

Output: [2,4]

11. zip()

👉 Definition

Combines two lists.

```
a=[1,2]
```

```
b=["a","b"]
```

```
print(list(zip(a,b)))
```

Output: (1,a), (2,b)

12. enumerate()

👉 Definition

Gives index + value.

```
l=["a","b","c"]
```

```
for i,v in enumerate(l):
```

```
    print(i,v)
```

16. Iterator & Generator

👉 Iterator Definition

Iterator is an object that allows us to **traverse (loop) through elements one by one**.

Example:

```
l=[1,2,3]
```

```
for i in l:
```

```
    print(i)
```

Internally uses iterator.

Functions:

- iter()
- next()

```
x = iter([1,2,3])
```

```
print(next(x))
```

👉 Generator Definition

Generator is a function that returns values **one by one using yield instead of return**.

```
def count():
```

```
    for i in range(3):
```

```
        yield i
```

```
for i in count():
```

```
    print(i)
```

Why generator used?

- Memory efficient
- Faster

- Used in large data

Interview line:

→ Generator uses yield and returns values one by one.

17. Decorators

👉 Definition

Decorator is a function that **modifies another function** without changing its code.

Used in:

- Logging
- Authentication
- Flask/FastAPI

Simple example:

```
def my_decorator(func):  
  
    def wrapper():  
  
        print("Before")  
  
        func()  
  
        print("After")  
  
    return wrapper
```

Interview line:

→ Decorator modifies function behavior.

18. Virtual Environment

👉 Definition

Virtual environment is used to **create separate Python environment for each project**.

Why used:

- Avoid library conflicts
- Project isolation

Command:

`python -m venv env`

19. PIP

👉 Definition

pip is Python package manager used to install libraries.

Command:

pip install numpy

pip install pandas

Interview line:

→ pip installs Python packages.

21. Multithreading & Multiprocessing (basic)

👉 Definition

Used to run multiple tasks simultaneously.

Threading → lightweight

Multiprocessing → heavy tasks

Used in:

- Web scraping
- Data processing

Basic idea enough for interview.

22. `name == "main"`

👉 Definition

Used to check file running directly or imported.

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("Run directly")
```

Shallow Copy -

Shallow copy creates a **new object but references (links) same inner data**.

Means: outer copy new, inner data same.

Deep Copy -

Deep copy creates **completely independent copy** of object and all nested objects.

== operator

== compares **values** of two objects.

is operator

is compares **memory location (object identity)**.

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