

Python 3

Fundamentals

Data Types and Input and Output



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Why Python?



Versatile

Data science, machine learning, web development, & more



Strong Community

There's a package for everything

```
name = "Sarah"
if name == "Sarah":
    print("Hi Sarah!")
else:
    print("Imposter!")
```

Easy to Learn

Easy-to-read, concise, interpreted language



Where Do We Start?

```
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> 202  
> You are 20 decades  
   and 2 year(s) old.
```



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←... *Ask the user for input*

←... *Save the input to a variable*

←... *Calculate the decades and years*

Convert these numbers to text

Print the result to the screen



Where Do We Start?

In This Video

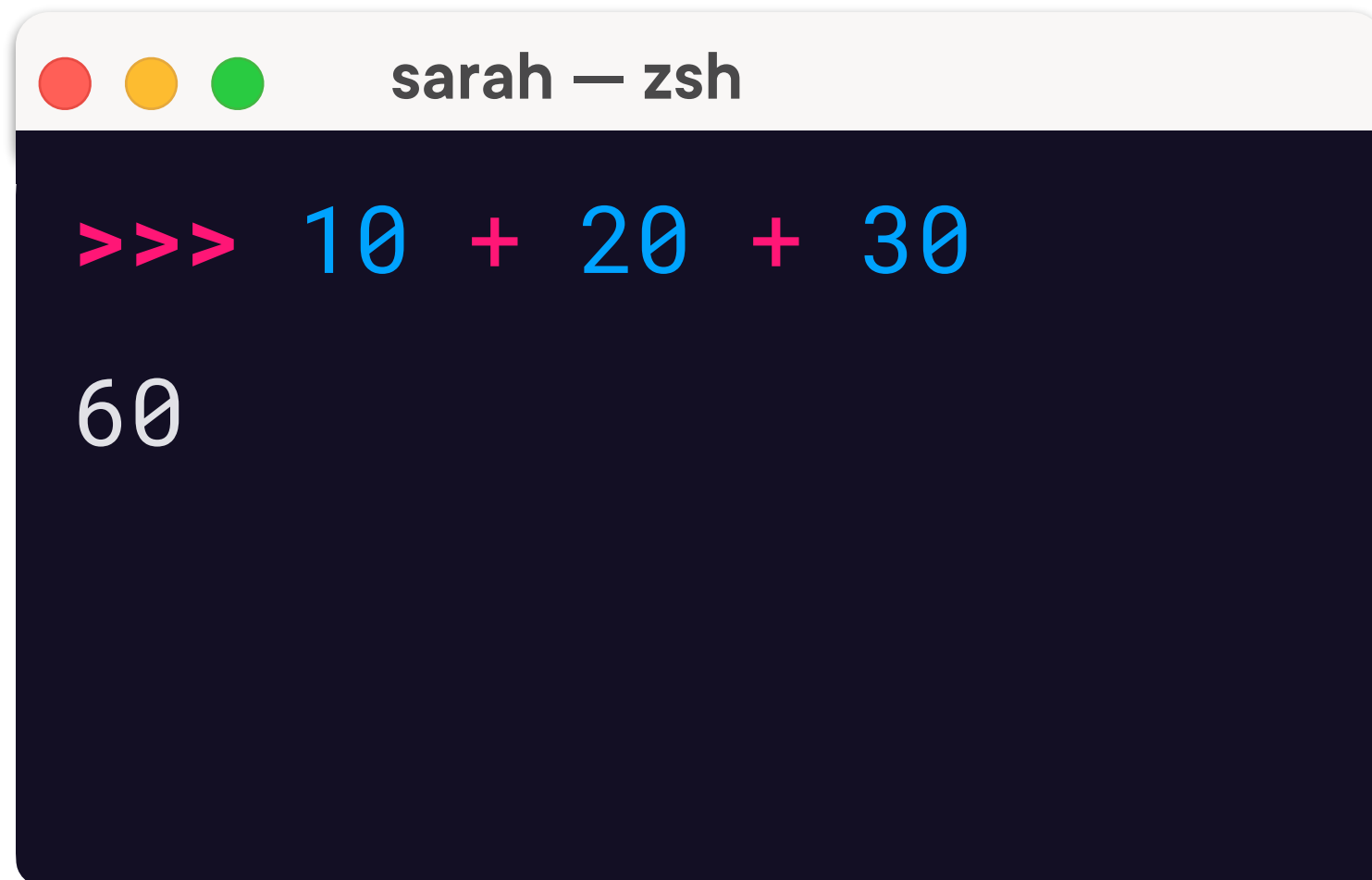
- We'll save numbers to variables
- Do basic math calculations, like calculate the area of a room

You Can

- Follow along if you want
- (Or wait until the next clip to install Python)



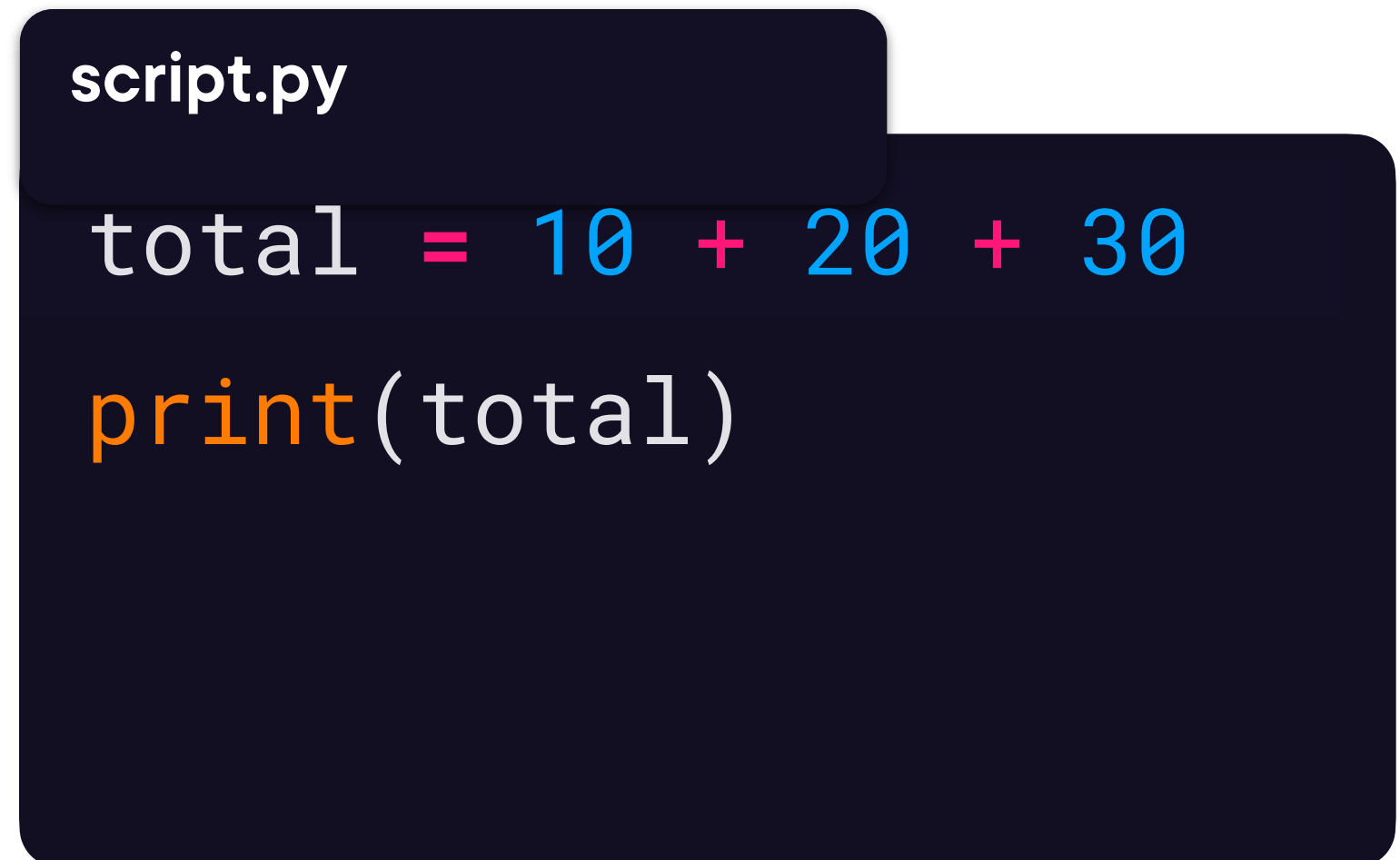
Where Do We Write Python Code?

A terminal window with a title bar containing three colored circles (red, yellow, green) and the text "sarah — zsh". The terminal has a dark background and shows the Python prompt ">>>" in pink, followed by the expression "10 + 20 + 30" in blue. The result "60" is displayed in white on the line below.

```
>>> 10 + 20 + 30
60
```

The Python Interactive Shell

The Python shell let's you
run Python lines of code
one at a time

A dark-themed code editor window with a tab labeled "script.py". The code inside the editor consists of two lines: "total = 10 + 20 + 30" and "print(total)". The numbers and operators are blue, and the function name "print" is orange.

```
total = 10 + 20 + 30
print(total)
```

A Python File

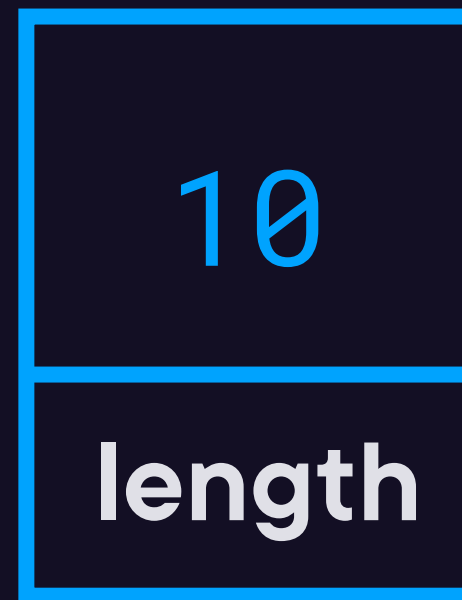
A Python script or file is
where you create longer
Python programs




Saving Numbers to Variables

Assigning the value 10 to the variable length

>>> length = 10



Now on your computer there is a piece of memory labeled length that stores the value 10

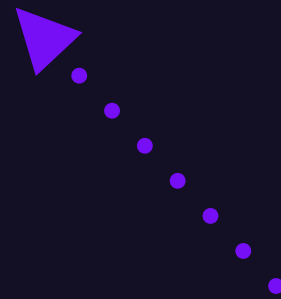


Saving Numbers to Variables

```
>>> length = 10
```

```
>>> length
```

```
10
```



From the shell we can enter the name of the variable length to see it's value and see that it's actually 10



Saving Numbers to Variables

```
>>> length = 10
```

```
>>> width = 20
```



*Let's also add the
width of the rectangle*



*Now we have another
variable stored in memory*

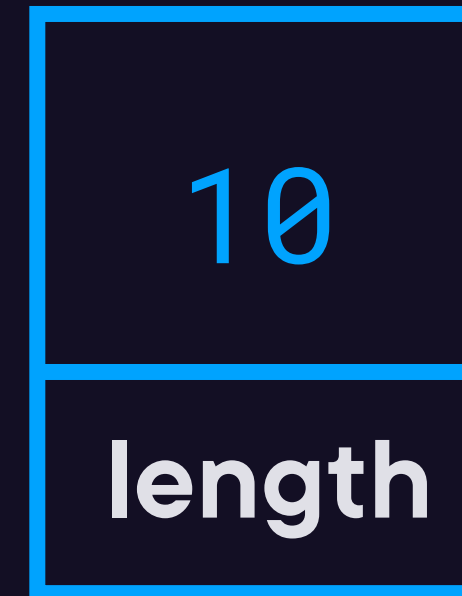


Saving Numbers to Variables

```
>>> length = 10
```

```
>>> width = 20
```

```
>>> area = length * width
```



*Now we can calculate the area
with the multiplication operator*

*And now we have another
variable stored in memory*

*The arithmetic operators in Python are mostly the same
ones you know already from a calculator: + - * /*



Saving Numbers to Variables

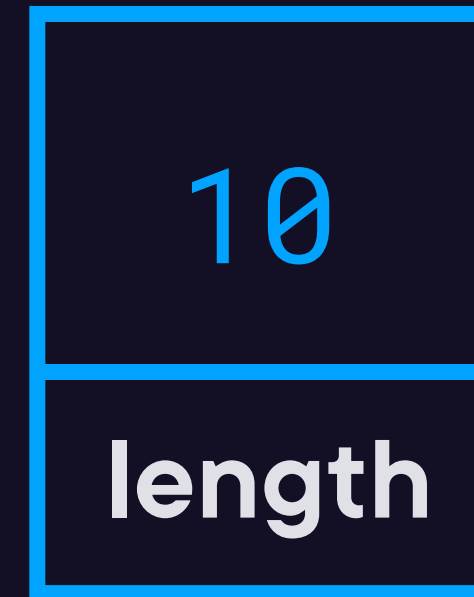
```
>>> length = 10
```

```
>>> width = 20
```

```
>>> area = length * width
```

```
>>> area
```

```
200
```



The value of area is output to the screen



Primitive Data Types

Python assumes the type of variable based on the assigned value

```
>>> amount = 10
```

int

Python infers that amount
is an int since it is a
whole number

```
>>> amount = 10.50
```

float

Python infers that amount
is a float since it is a
decimal



Strings and Input and Output



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A Python Script

sales_tax.py

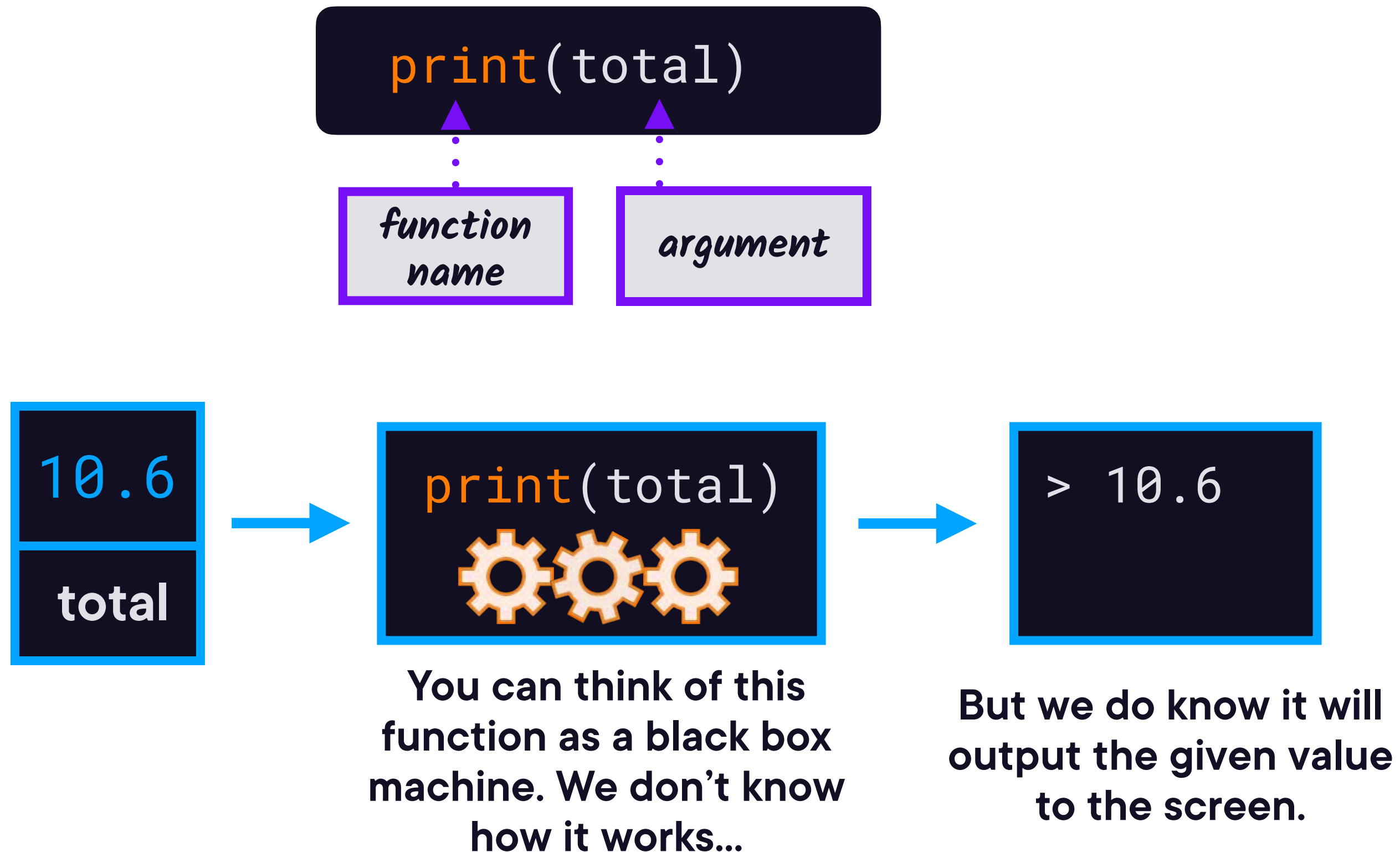
```
amount = 10  
tax = .06  
total = amount + amount*tax  
print(total)
```

*We can call the print()
function to output total*

```
> python3 sales_tax.py  
10.6
```

*Now the value of total
is printed to the screen*

Python `print()` Function



Data Type Conversion Functions

What if we want to convert
a **float** to an **int**?

```
>>> amount = int(10.6)
>>> amount
10
```

int()

Use the `int()` conversion
function

What if we want to convert
an **int** to a **float**?

```
>>> amount = float(10)
>>> amount
10.0
```

float()

Use the `float()`
conversion function



A String Stores Text

greeting.py

```
name = 'Sarah'
```

```
print(name)
```

*Creating a String
with single quotes*

*The string 'Sarah'
is saved to the
variable name*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
Sarah
```

*The value of name prints
without quotes*

*The quotes are only used
to tell Python that
anything inside them is
a String.*

Create Strings with Single or Double Quotes

greeting.py

```
store_name = "Sarah's Store" ◀...  
print(store_name)
```

Double quotes are useful if a single quote is literally part of the String

```
store_name = 'Sarah's Store' ◀...  
print(store_name)
```

This would cause an error because the second single quote would end the String and Python doesn't know what to do with the rest.

String Concatenation

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = "Sarah"  
greeting = hello + name  
print(greeting)
```

*Concatenate two
Strings with a +*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
HelloSarah
```

*Notice how the two strings are
smushed together? We need a
space between them.*

Fixing Our Program

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = "Sarah"  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

*Concatenate
a space*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
Hello Sarah
```

Fixed

Fixing Our Program

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = "Sarah"  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

*Let's ask the user
for their name.*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
Hello Sarah
```

*How can we customize this
program for other names?*

Python input() Function

```
>>> my_name = input("What's your name?")
```

*function
name*

*The argument
is a message*

*The string the user types in is
then saved to the variable*

```
> What's your name?
```

```
Alice
```

*The message gets
printed to the screen*


*The program waits for the user to
input something and press enter*



Console Input


greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = input("What's your name?")  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```



input() prints the statement, then waits for a value from the console

```
> python3 greeting.py  
What's your name?Bob  
Hello Bob
```



Notice how the name Bob is now printed inside of the greeting.

Console Input

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = input("What's your name?")  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

```
> python3 greeting.py  
What's your name?Bob  
Hello Bob
```



This looks bad. Can we enter the name on the next line?

Console Input

greeting.py

```
hello = "Hello"  
name = input("What's your name?\n")  
greeting = hello + " " + name  
print(greeting)
```

*\n is a special
character for a new line*

```
> python3 greeting.py  
What's your name?
```

```
Bob  
Hello Bob
```

*Now input is entered
on the next line.*

Summary of Primitive Data Types

```
>>> amount = 10
```

int

```
>>> amount = 10.50
```

float

```
>>> name = "Sarah"
```

string



Summary of Input and Output

```
>>> name = input("What's your name?\n")  
What's your name?  
Sarah
```

input

```
>>> print("Hello " + name + "!!")  
Hello Sarah!!
```

output



Age Calculator

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