## Introduction to Python

### Overview of Python:

- Python is a high-level, interpreted programming language known for its simplicity and readability.
- It was developed by Guido van Rossum and first released in 1991.
- Python emphasizes code readability with its notable use of significant whitespace.

### Why Learn Python?

- Simplicity: Easy to read and write.
- Versatility: Used in web development, data analysis, AI, scientific computing, and more.
- Large Community: Extensive libraries and frameworks available.
- Career Opportunities: High demand in various industries.

### Real-world Applications:

- Web Development (e.g., Django, Flask)
- Data Science and Machine Learning (e.g., Pandas, scikit-learn)
- Automation and Scripting
- Game Development (e.g., Pygame)
- Embedded Systems

## Installing Python

#### Step-by-Step Installation:

#### Windows:

- 1. Download the installer from the official <a href="Python website">Python website</a>.
- 2. Run the installer and check the box to add Python to your PATH.
- 3. Click "Install Now" and follow the prompts.

### macOS:

- 1. Download the installer from the <a href="Python website">Python website</a>.
- 2. Open the .pkg file and follow the instructions.
- 3. Verify installation by opening the terminal and typing python3 --version.

#### Linux:

- Open your terminal.
- 2. Update your package list: sudo apt update.

3. Install Python 3: sudo apt install python3.

### Verifying Installation:

- Open a terminal or command prompt.
- Type python —version or python3 —version to check the installed version.

# Install Pycharm

PyCharm is a popular Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Python development. Here's a step-by-step guide to installing PyCharm on your computer:

## **Step 1: Download PyCharm**

- 1. Go to the official PyCharm website: <u>JetBrains PyCharm</u>
- 2. You will see two versions: Professional and Community. The Community edition is free and open-source, while the Professional edition offers more features but requires a license. Choose the version that suits your needs and click the "Download" button.

## Step 2: Install PyCharm

#### For Windows:

- 1. Once the download is complete, open the installer (pycharm-community-\*.exe for the Community edition).
- 2. Follow the installation wizard:
  - Click "Next" to continue.
  - Choose the installation location and click "Next."
  - Select the installation options you prefer, such as creating a desktop shortcut or associating py files with PyCharm.
  - Click "Install" to begin the installation process.
- 3. After the installation is complete, click "Finish" to exit the installer. You can choose to run PyCharm immediately if you wish.

## Writing and Running Your First Python Program

Hello, World! Program

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

### **Running the Program:**

- Save the code in a file named hello.py.
- Open a terminal or command prompt and navigate to the directory containing hello.py.
- Run the script by typing python hello.py or python3 hello.py.

### **Using the Python Interactive Shell:**

- Open a terminal or command prompt.
- Type python or python3 to enter the interactive shell.
- Type the code directly:

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

# Understanding How Python Code Works

To understand how Python code works, we'll look at a simple example and explain each step involved in its execution.

### **Example: Greeting Program**

```
# greeting.py

# Step 1: Get the user's name
name = input("Enter your name: ")

# Step 2: Print a personalized greeting
print("Hello, " + name + "!")
```

## Steps Involved:

### 1. Reading the Source Code:

The Python interpreter reads the source code from the file greeting.py.

### 2. Bytecode Compilation:

- The source code is translated into bytecode by the interpreter.
- Bytecode is a set of instructions that can be executed by the Python Virtual Machine (PVM).

### 3. Execution by PVM:

The PVM executes the bytecode instructions line-by-line.

## Understanding Code Execution & Introduce with debugging

- Debugging goes beyond finding bugs; it's crucial from development to production and understanding code.
- It allows you to see what's happening at each line, making it easier to understand complex logic step-by-step.
- Small mistakes causing many errors can be quickly identified and fixed through debugging.
- Debugging helps break down and test large functions incrementally, avoiding the need to write and test all at once.
- It's useful for understanding other people's code, especially in varied coding styles and unfamiliar projects.
- Debugging improves testing, performance, and code quality across multiple languages, not just Python, including JavaScript, Java, and C#

```
# Calculate the area of a rectangle
length = 5  # Length of the rectangle
width = 3  # Width of the rectangle
area = length * width  # Area formula: length * width
print("Area:", area)
```

# Python Comments

Single-line Comments: Use the # symbol.

```
# This is a single-line comment
```

Multi-line Comments: Enclose comments in triple quotes.

```
This is a multi-line comment that spans multiple lines.
```

#### **Best Practices:**

Write clear and concise comments.

Use comments to explain the purpose of the code, not obvious details.

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```

## Python Variables

#### **Definition:**

- Variables store data values.
- Python is dynamically typed, so you don't need to declare a variable type explicitly.

### **Assigning Values:**

```
x = 5
name = "Alice"
is_student = True
```

#### **Naming Conventions:**

- Descriptive Names: Use meaningful and descriptive names to make your code selfexplanatory. For example, use total\_cost instead of tc.
- Lowercase with Underscores: Variable names should be written in lowercase letters and words should be separated by underscores for readability. For example, student\_name instead of studentName.
- Avoid Reserved Words: Do not use Python reserved keywords as variable names, such as class, for, if, etc.
- Start with a Letter or Underscore: Variable names must start with a letter (a-z, A-Z) or an underscore (\_). They cannot start with a number.
- No Special Characters: Variable names should only contain letters, numbers, and underscores. Avoid using special characters like !, @, #, etc.
- **Case Sensitivity**: Remember that variable names are case-sensitive. For example, myVariable and myvariable are two different variables.
- **Short but Meaningful**: While being descriptive, try to keep variable names reasonably short. For example, num\_students is better than number\_of\_students\_in\_the\_class.

- **Use Singular Nouns**: Use singular nouns for variables that hold a single value, and plural nouns for variables that hold collections. For example, student for a single student, and students for a list of students.
- Consistency: Be consistent with your naming conventions throughout your code to maintain readability and ease of understanding.
- Avoid Double Underscores: Do not use double underscores at the beginning and end of variable names, as these are reserved for special use in Python (e.g., \_\_init\_\_\_, \_\_main\_\_\_).

### **Basic Operations:**

```
a = 10
b = 20
sum = a + b
print(sum) # Output: 30
```

# Data Types in Python

### **Numeric Types**

- int: Integer numbers, e.g., 5, -3, 42.
- float: Floating-point numbers, e.g., 3.14, -0.001, 2.0.
- complex: Complex numbers with real and imaginary parts, e.g., 1 + 2j, 3 4j.

```
x = 5  # int
y = 3.14  # float
z = 1 + 2j  # complex
```

## **Numeric Types Practical Use Case**

- int: Whole numbers without decimal points. Used for counting and indexing.
- float: Numbers with decimal points. Used for precise calculations and measurements.
- complex: Numbers with real and imaginary parts. Used for advanced mathematical computations.

### String Type

• str: A sequence of characters, e.g., "hello", 'world'.

```
greeting = "Hello, world!"
```

#### **String Types Practical Use Case**

- Collect and Store Feedback: Gather customer feedback and store it in a list of strings.
- Extract Useful Information: Identify key phrases or sentiments to understand customer opinions.
- Format Responses: Prepare feedback data for reporting or display, enhancing readability.

### **Sequence Types**

• list: Ordered, mutable collection of items, e.g., [1, 2, 3], ['a', 'b', 'c'].

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']
# It may have diff types of data
fruits = [1, 3.4, True ,'cherry']

# May have duplicate data
fruits = ['apple', 'apple', 'apple']

# List has index
print(fruits[0])
```

• tuple: Ordered, immutable collection of items, e.g., (1, 2, 3), ('a', 'b', 'c').

```
coordinates = (10, 20,40)
# It may have diff types of data
coordinates = (10, "20",4.0)

# May have duplicate data
coordinates = (10, 10,10)

# has index
print(coordinates[0])
```

range: Represents an immutable sequence of numbers, commonly used in loops, e.g.,
 range(5), range(1, 10, 2).

```
numbers = range(1, 10)

# Using Loop
numbers = range(1, 10)
for number in numbers:
    print(number)

# Converting List
print(list(numbers))

# Use Star
print(*numbers)

# Means Default Start from 0
numbers = range(10)

# Means Range After 2 Step
numbers = range(1, 10, 2)
```

## **String Types Practical Use Case**

- List: Used for storing a collection of items that can be modified. Ideal for tasks where you need to add, remove, or change items frequently.
- Tuple: Used for storing a collection of items that should not be changed. Perfect for readonly data or fixed collections of items, like coordinates or configuration settings.
- Range: Used for generating a sequence of numbers. Commonly used in loops for iterating
  a specific number of times or creating sequences of numbers efficiently.

## **Mapping Type**

dict: Unordered, mutable collection of key-value pairs, e.g., {'name': 'Alice', 'age':
 25}

```
person = {'name': 'Alice', 'age': 25}
print(person['name'])
```

### **Mapping Type Practical Use Case**

- Storing Employee Data: Use dictionaries to store employee information with unique IDs as keys and details (name, position, salary) as values.
- Accessing Employee Data: Retrieve specific employee details quickly using their unique ID as the key.
- Updating Employee Records: Easily update or modify employee information in the dictionary by accessing the relevant key.

### **Set Types**

• set: Unordered, mutable collection of unique items, e.g., {1, 2, 3}, {'a', 'b', 'c'}.

```
# Must have unique data
unique_numbers = {1, 2, 3}

# Duplicate data avoided
unique_numbers = {1, 2,2, 3,3,3}
```

• **frozenset**: Unordered, immutable collection of unique items, e.g., frozenset([1, 2, 3]).

```
# Must have unique data
immutable_set = frozenset([1, 2, 3])

# Duplicate data avoided
immutable_set = frozenset([1,2, 2, 3])
```

### **Set Types Practical Use Case**

- Set: Used for storing a collection of unique items. Ideal for tasks that require eliminating duplicates or performing mathematical set operations like unions, intersections, and differences.
- Frozenset: An immutable version of a set. Suitable for scenarios where a set of unique items needs to be hashable, such as using sets as dictionary keys or elements of another

### **Boolean Type**

bool: Represents True or False.

```
is_active = True
```

#### **Boolean Type Practical Use Case**

- Authentication Status: Use a boolean variable to track if a user is logged in (True) or not (False).
- **Conditional Statements**: Use booleans in if statements to execute different code blocks based on conditions, such as granting access to certain features only if the user is authenticated.
- Validation Checks: Use booleans to validate user inputs or data integrity, such as checking if an input meets specific criteria (True) or not (False).

### **None Type**

NoneType: Represents the absence of a value or a null value.

```
result = None
```

### **None Type Practical Use Case**

- **Function with No Return Value**: Use None to indicate that a function does not return a value. This is useful for functions that perform actions rather than calculations.
- Default Parameter Values: Use None as a default parameter value to signify that no argument was passed, allowing for flexible function definitions and behavior.
- Placeholder for Optional Data: Use None as a placeholder for optional or missing data, making it clear when a variable is intentionally left unset or waiting for a value.

# Checking Data Types

```
x = 10
print(type(x)) # Output: <class 'int'>

y = 3.14
print(type(y)) # Output: <class 'float'>

message = "Hello"
print(type(message)) # Output: <class 'str'>

is_valid = True
print(type(is_valid)) # Output: <class 'bool'>
```

### **Checking Data Types Use Case**

- Input Validation: Ensure that user inputs are of the expected type before processing them.
- Function Arguments: Validate function arguments to prevent type errors and ensure correct operation.
- Data Processing: Confirm data types during processing to apply appropriate operations and avoid errors.
- Configuration Loading: Verify the types of configuration settings loaded from files or environment variables.
- Dynamic Data Handling: Handle data that can come in various types (e.g., JSON parsing) by checking types before processing.

## Mutable vs. Immutable Data Types:

- Mutable: Can be changed after creation (e.g., lists, dictionaries).
- **Immutable:** Cannot be changed after creation (e.g., strings, tuples).

# Immutable Data Types

Immutable objects cannot be modified after their creation. Any operation that seems to modify an immutable object will actually create a new object. Immutable types include.

**Integers** (int): Whole numbers, positive or negative.

```
a = 5
initial_id = id(a)
a = 10  # Creates a new integer object with value 10
new_id=id(a)
```

Floating-point numbers (float): Numbers with a decimal point.

```
b = 3.14
initial_id = id(b)
b = 2.71 # Creates a new float object with value 2.71
new_id=id(b)
```

**Strings** (str): Sequences of characters.

```
s = "hello"
initial_id = id(s)
s = "world"  # Creates a new string object with value "world"
new_id=id(s)
```

**Tuples** (tuple): Ordered collections of items.

```
t = (1, 2, 3)
initial_id = id(t)
t = (4, 5, 6) # Creates a new tuple object with different values
new_id=id(t)
```

Frozen Sets (frozenset): Immutable sets.

```
fs = frozenset([1, 2, 3])
initial_id = id(fs)
fs = frozenset([4, 5, 6]) # Creates a new frozenset object with different
values
new_id=id(fs)
```

#### **Immutable Practical Use Cases**

 Configuration Settings: Store application settings in tuples to ensure they are not accidentally modified.

- User Roles: Define fixed user roles (e.g., admin, editor, viewer) using tuples for security and integrity.
- API Endpoints: Use tuples to store API endpoints, ensuring the URLs remain constant.
- Coordinates: Store geographical coordinates as tuples to maintain their integrity throughout the application.
- Cache Keys: Use frozensets for cache keys to ensure that key combinations remain consistent and hashable.

## Mutable Data Types

Mutable objects can be modified after their creation. Operations that modify mutable objects do not create new objects but rather change the existing object. Mutable types include:

**Lists** (list): Ordered collections of items.

```
l = [1, 2, 3]
initial_id = id(l)
l[0] = 4  # Modifies the existing list object
new_id = id(l)
```

Dictionaries (dict): Collections of key-value pairs.

```
d = {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
initial_id = id(d)
d['a'] = 3  # Modifies the existing dictionary object
new_id = id(d)
```

**Sets** ( set ): Unordered collections of unique items.

```
s = {1, 2, 3}
initial_id = id(s)
s.add(4) # Modifies the existing set object
new_id = id(s)
```

#### **Mutable Practical Use Cases**

 User Sessions: Use dictionaries to store session data, allowing dynamic updates of userspecific information.

- **Shopping Cart**: Implement shopping carts using lists to add, remove, or modify items based on user actions.
- **Form Data**: Collect and modify form inputs using dictionaries, making it easy to validate and process user submissions.
- Real-time Notifications: Maintain a list of notifications for users, allowing additions and deletions as new events occur.
- Dynamic UI Elements: Use lists or dictionaries to manage dynamic elements like usergenerated content or interactive components that change based on user interaction.

## Type Conversion

**Explicit Type Conversion:** The programmer manually converts a data type using functions like int(), float(), or str().

```
x = "123"
y = int(x)  # Convert string to integer
z = float(x)  # Convert string to float
a = str(456)  # Convert integer to string

print(y)  # Output: 123
print(z)  # Output: 123.0
print(a)  # Output: "456"
```

**Implicit Type Conversion:** Python automatically converts one data type to another during operations without explicit instruction from the programmer.

```
x = 10
y = 3.14
z = x + y # x is converted to float
print(z) # Output: 13.14
```

### **Handling Conversion Errors**

```
try:
    x = "abc"
    y = int(x)
```

```
except Exception as e:
    print(f"An error occurred: {e}")
```

## **Type Conversion Use Case**

- User Input Handling: Convert string inputs from forms into integers or floats for calculations.
- Data Processing: Convert data types when reading from or writing to files to ensure correct data formats.
- Mathematical Operations: Convert data to appropriate numeric types for accurate mathematical operations.
- JSON Parsing: Convert data types when parsing JSON to ensure correct types for further processing.
- Database Interaction: Convert data types to match database schema requirements when inserting or retrieving data.

## Example: Simple Calculator

```
# Simple Addition
num1 = input("Enter first number: ")
num2 = input("Enter second number: ")

# Convert input strings to integers
num1 = int(num1)
num2 = int(num2)

# Calculate the sum
sum = num1 + num2

# Print the result
print("The sum is:", sum)
```

## Example: Greeting Program

```
# Greeting Program
name = input("Enter your name: ")
```

```
# Print a personalized greeting
print("Hello, " + name + "!")
```

## Example: Temperature Converter (Celsius to Fahrenheit)

```
# Temperature Converter (Celsius to Fahrenheit)
celsius = input("Enter temperature in Celsius: ")

# Convert input string to float
celsius = float(celsius)

# Calculate Fahrenheit
fahrenheit = (celsius * 9/5) + 32

# Print the result
print("Temperature in Fahrenheit:", fahrenheit)
```

# Example: Even or Odd Checker

```
# Even or Odd Checker
num = input("Enter a number: ")

# Convert input string to integer
num = int(num)

# Check if the number is even or odd
if num % 2 == 0:
    print(num, "is even")
else:
    print(num, "is odd")
```

# Example: Simple Interest Calculator

```
# Simple Interest Calculator
principal = input("Enter the principal amount: ")
rate = input("Enter the rate of interest: ")
time = input("Enter the time (in years): ")

# Convert input strings to float
principal = float(principal)
rate = float(rate)
time = float(time)

# Calculate simple interest
interest = (principal * rate * time) / 100

# Print the result
print("The simple interest is:", interest)
```