



Python - Global Variables

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Global Variables

Variables that are created outside of a function (as in all of the examples above) are known as global variables.

Global variables can be used by everyone, both inside of functions and outside.

Example

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Create a variable outside of a function, and use it inside the function

```
x = "awesome"

def myfunc():
    print("Python is " + x)

myfunc()
```

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If you create a variable with the same name inside a function, this variable will be local and can only be used inside the function. The global variable with the same name will still be global.

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Example

Create a variable inside a function, with the same name as the global variable

```
x = "awesome"

def myfunc():
    x = "fantastic"
    print("Python is " + x)

myfunc()

print("Python is " + x)
```

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The global Keyword

Normally, when you create a variable inside a function, that variable is local, and can only be used inside that function.

To create a global variable inside a function, you can use the `global` keyword.

Example

If you use the `global` keyword, the variable belongs to the global scope:

```
def myfunc():
    global x
    x = "fantastic"

myfunc()
```

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Also, use the `global` keyword if you want to change a global variable inside a function.

Example

To change the value of a global variable inside a function, refer to the variable by using the `global` keyword:

```
x = "awesome"

def myfunc():
    global x
    x = "fantastic"

myfunc()

print("Python is " + x)
```

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