Programming Refresher

Python Data Types and Operators

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Identify Python data types

- Learn data assignment in Python

- List the different operators in Python

- Work with string functions

Business Scenario

A software development company is organizing a training session on Python data types, operators, and string functions. The goal is to enhance the team's understanding of these fundamental concepts and improve their ability to handle diverse data, perform efficient operations, and manipulate strings effectively. This training will equip the team with essential Python programming skills, resulting in higher code quality, optimized performance, and increased productivity when delivering exceptional software solutions to clients.

In this lesson, we will explore the following:

- Python data types

- Different types of operators and string functions in Python

Data Types and Data Assignment

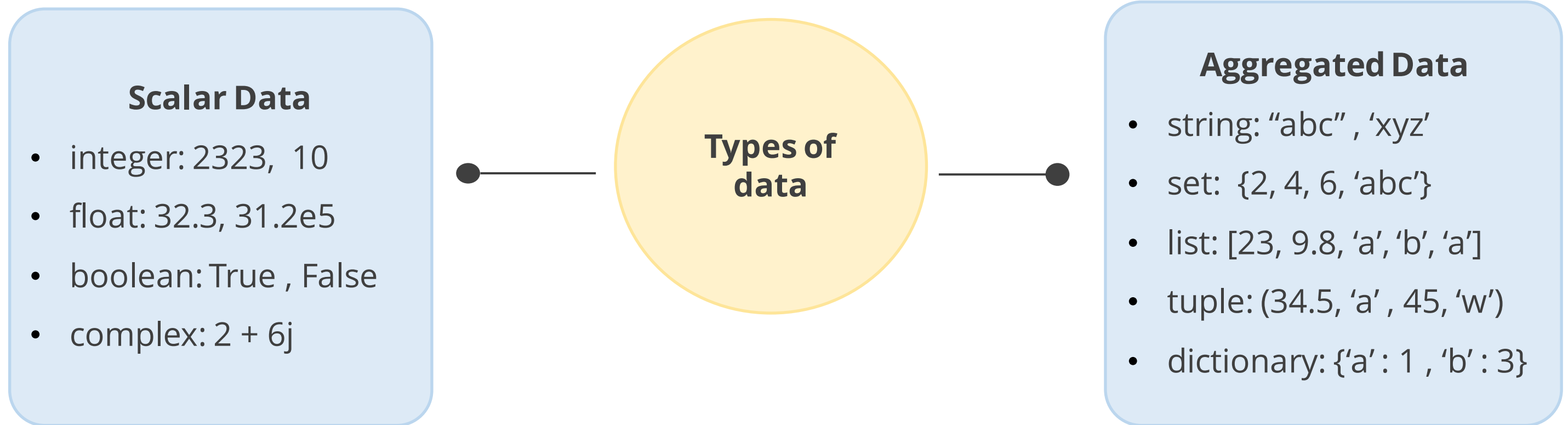**Discussion**

Data Types and Data Assignment

Are data types required in Python?

- What are the different data types and operators in Python?

- What are miscellaneous operators in Python, and how are they different from other operators?

Data Types

Variables can store various kinds of data, each of which has a specific function.
Objects are used to represent data.

Types of data

Scalar Data

- integer: 2323, 10
- float: 32.3, 31.2e5
- boolean: True , False
- complex: 2 + 6j

Aggregated Data

- string: "abc" , 'xyz'
- set: {2, 4, 6, 'abc'}
- list: [23, 9.8, 'a', 'b', 'a']
- tuple: (34.5, 'a' , 45, 'w')
- dictionary: {'a' : 1 , 'b' : 3}

Note

The data type of any object can be checked by using the built-in function: *type()*.

Data Assignment

Python variables are references to objects, but actual data is contained in the objects.

```
x = 34
y = x
print('x = ', x, ' ; id of x: ', id(x))
print('y = ', y, ' ; id of x: ', id(y))

x =   34  ; id of x:   140210482584912
y =   34  ; id of x:   140210482584912
```

```
y = 78
print('x = ', x, ' ; id of x: ', id(x))
print('y = ', y, ' ; id of x: ', id(y))

x =   34  ; id of x:   140210482584912
y =   78  ; id of x:   140210482774800
```

Here, *x* and *y* are pointing to the same memory location where 34 (an integer object) is stored.

Here, *y* is pointing to a new integer object with 78 as a value, and *x* is pointing to the previous object with 34.
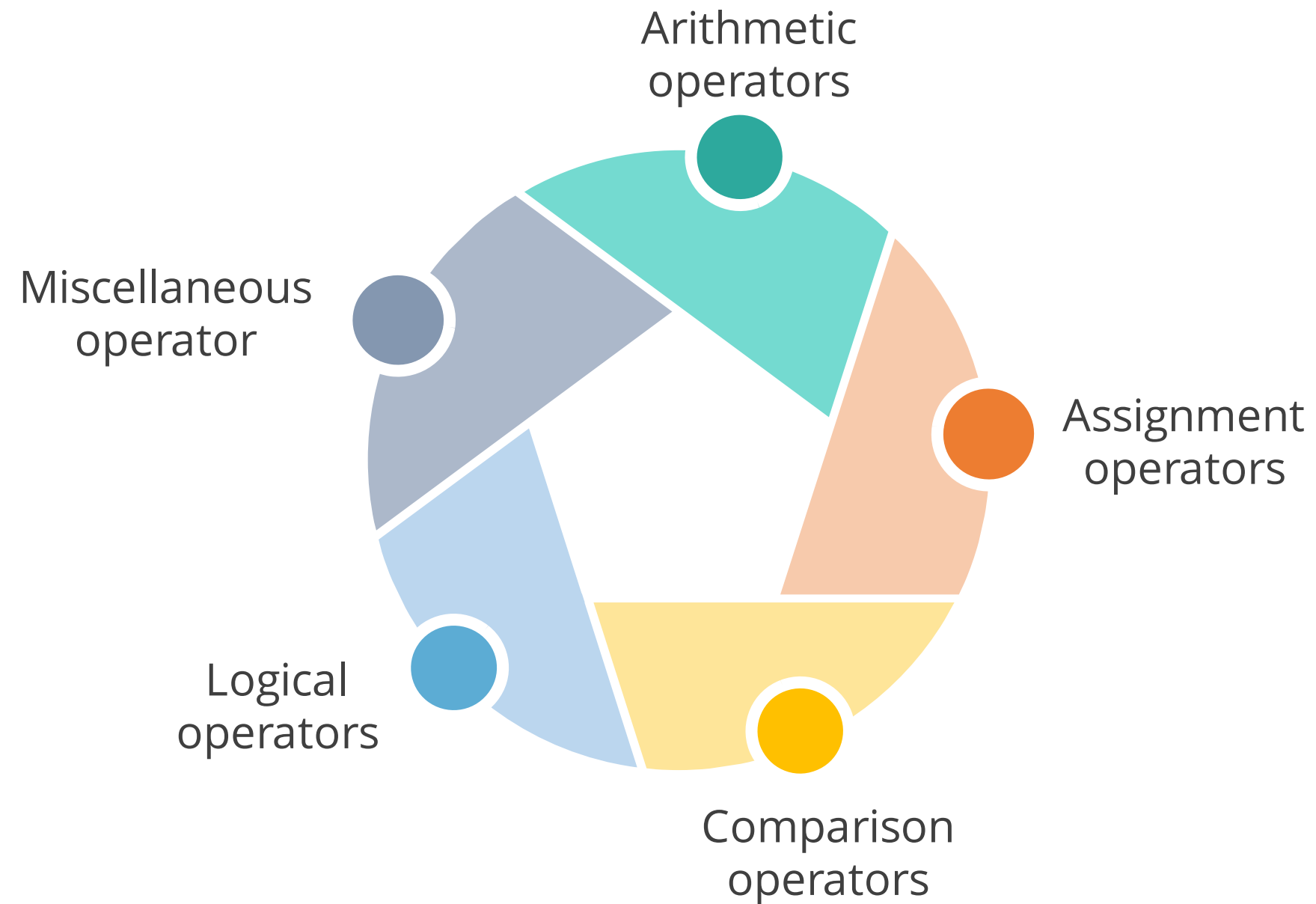
These references can be verified by using id() function

Operators in Python

Operators

The different types of operators are given below:

- Arithmetic operators
- Assignment operators
- Comparison operators
- Logical operators
- Miscellaneous operator

Arithmetic Operators

Different arithmetic operators are given below with an example:

Operator	Description	Example
+	Addition	>> x = 12 ; y = 50 >> x + y 62
-	Subtraction	>> x = 45 ; y = 24 >> x - y 21
*	Multiplication	>> x = 50 ; y = 4 >> x * y 200
/	Division	>> x = 50 ; y = 4 >> x / y 12.5

Arithmetic Operators

Different arithmetic operators are given below with an example:

Operator	Description	Example
%	Modulo	>> x = 50 ; y = 4 >> x % y 2
//	Integer divide	>> x = 50 ; y = 4 >> x // y 12
**	Exponent	>> x = 5 ; y = 4 >> x ** y 625

Assignment Operators

The *equal to "="* operator is used for data assignment in Python.

Example:

```
a = 10
print(a)
a += 5
print(a)

10
15
```

- Assignment operators can be combined with arithmetic operators.

- Here, a += 5 is same as a = a + 5.

- Similar operators are: -= , *=, /=, %=, //=, and **= .

Comparison Operators

Comparison operators are used to compare two values

Operator	Description	Example
==	Returns True when the two values are equal.	>> x = 20 ; y = 20 >> x == y True
!=	Returns True when the two values are not equal.	>> x = 45 ; y = 24 >> x != y True

Note

These operators return true or false based on the comparison.

Comparison Operators

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Operator	Description	Example
<	Returns True when first value is less than the second.	>> x = 20 ; y = 30 >> x < y True
>	Returns True when first value is greater than the second.	>> x = 20 ; y = 30 >> x > y False

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Comparison Operators

Comparison operators are used to compare two values

Operator	Description	Example
<=	Returns True when first value is less than or equals to the second.	>> x = 40 ; y = 30 >> x <= y False
>=	Returns True when first value is greater than or equals to the second value.	>> x = 30 ; y = 30 >> x >= y True

Note

These operators return true or false based on the comparison.

Logical Operators

Logical operators are used for combining conditional statements.

```
a=1
b=2
a==1 and b==2
```

True

```
a=1
b=4
a==1 or b==2
```

True

```
b=0
not b
```

True

Operator	Description
and	Returns True if both statements are true
or	Returns True if one of the statements is true
not	Reverses the results, returns False if the result is true

Miscellaneous Operators

There are two kinds of miscellaneous operators, such as
identity and membership operators.

```
a = ['a', 'b', 'c']
b = ['a', 'b', 'c']
a is b


False


a = ['a','b','c']
b = ['a','b','c']
a is not b


True
```

1. Identity Operators

Identity operators compare variables to see
whether they are the same object at the same
memory address.

- **is:** Returns True if both variables are the same
  object

- **is not:** Returns True if both variables are not
  the same object

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```
a = [20, 45, 10]
10 in a

True


a = [20, 45, 10]
10 not in a

False
```

2. Membership Operators

Membership operators are used to testing if a sequence is present in an object.

in: Returns True if a value is present in the object

not in: Returns True if a value is not present in the object

Data Types and Data Assignment

Are data types required in Python?

- What are the different data types and operators in Python?

Answer: Variables can store various kinds of data, and objects are used to represent the data, each of which has a specific function. The different types of operators include arithmetic operators, miscellaneous operators, assignment operators, logical operators, and comparison operators.

- What are miscellaneous operators in Python, and how are they different from other operators?

Answer: There are two kinds of miscellaneous operators, that is, identity and membership operators. The identity operators compare variables to see whether they are the same object at the same memory address.

Strings in Python

Discussion

Strings

You have been given a sentence and have been asked to fetch a particular word from it.

Take the text "Welcome to the course of Data Science from Simplilearn". You have been asked to use the string functions and print only the word "Simplilearn".

How will you achieve this? Also, specify if the indexing starts from 0 or 1.

Strings

Strings are a sequence of characters that can be either letters or alphanumeric.

Strings in python are enclosed in either single quotation marks or double quotation marks.

```python
message_1 = "Hi! Welcome to Python Programming!!"
message_2 = 'Hi! Welcome to Python Programming!!'

print(message_1)
print(message_2)
```

```
Hi! Welcome to Python Programming!!
Hi! Welcome to Python Programming!!
```

In the above example, the values of message_1 and message_2 are same:

Strings

Triple single quotes ('''... ''') or triple double quotes (""" ... """) can be used to create multiline strings in Python.

```python
message_1 = 'Hello Class!! \nHi! Welcome to Python Programming!!'
print(message_1)

Hello Class!!
Hi! Welcome to Python Programming!!

message_2 = '''Hello Class!!
Hi! Welcome to Python Programming!!'''
print(message_2)

Hello Class!!
Hi! Welcome to Python Programming!!
```

In the above example, the values of message_1 and message_2 are similar.

Accessing Characters in Strings

Strings can be accessed by using subscripts or indexes. Indexing in Python starts with 0.

The characters of the string can be accessed as:

```
string = "Hello World!"
print(string[0])
```
```
H
```
```
print(string[4])
```
```
o
```

Explanation

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

H	e	l	l	o		W	o	r	l	d	!

-12	-11	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

The last character or reverse of the string can be accessed as:

```
print(string[-1])

!

print(string[-2])

d
```

String Functions

String functions include:

Methods	Description
capitalize	Returns a string in sentence case, which means that the first letter is upper case, and the rest is lower case
lower	Returns a copy of the string converted to lowercase
upper	Returns a copy of the string converted to uppercase
strip	Returns a copy of the string with leading and trailing whitespace removed
join	Concatenate any number of strings

Strings are immutable Python objects.
All string methods return a new value and do not change the original string.

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Answer: Strings can be accessed by using subscripts or indexes. Indexing in Python starts with 0.

Key Takeaways

- In Python, data is represented as objects.

- Python supports different types of operators, such as arithmetic, comparison, logical, and miscellaneous operators.

- Strings are immutable objects in Python.

- Strings can be accessed by using subscripts or indexes.

- All string methods return a new value and do not change the original string.
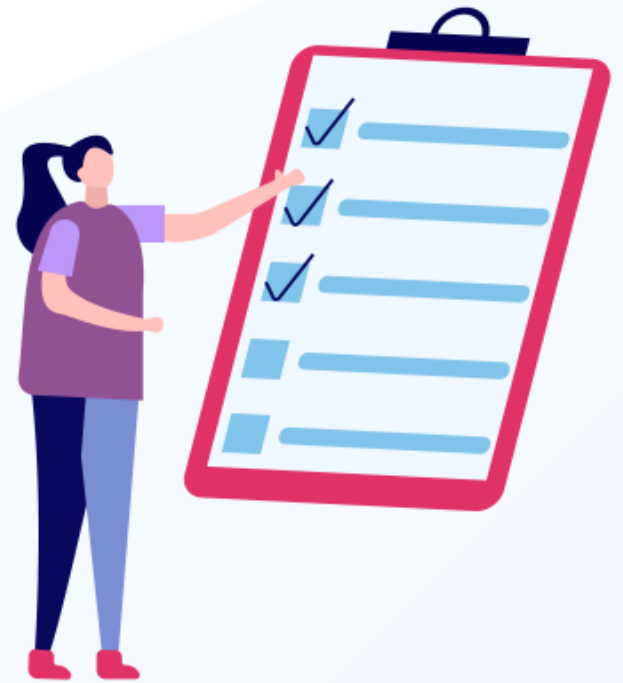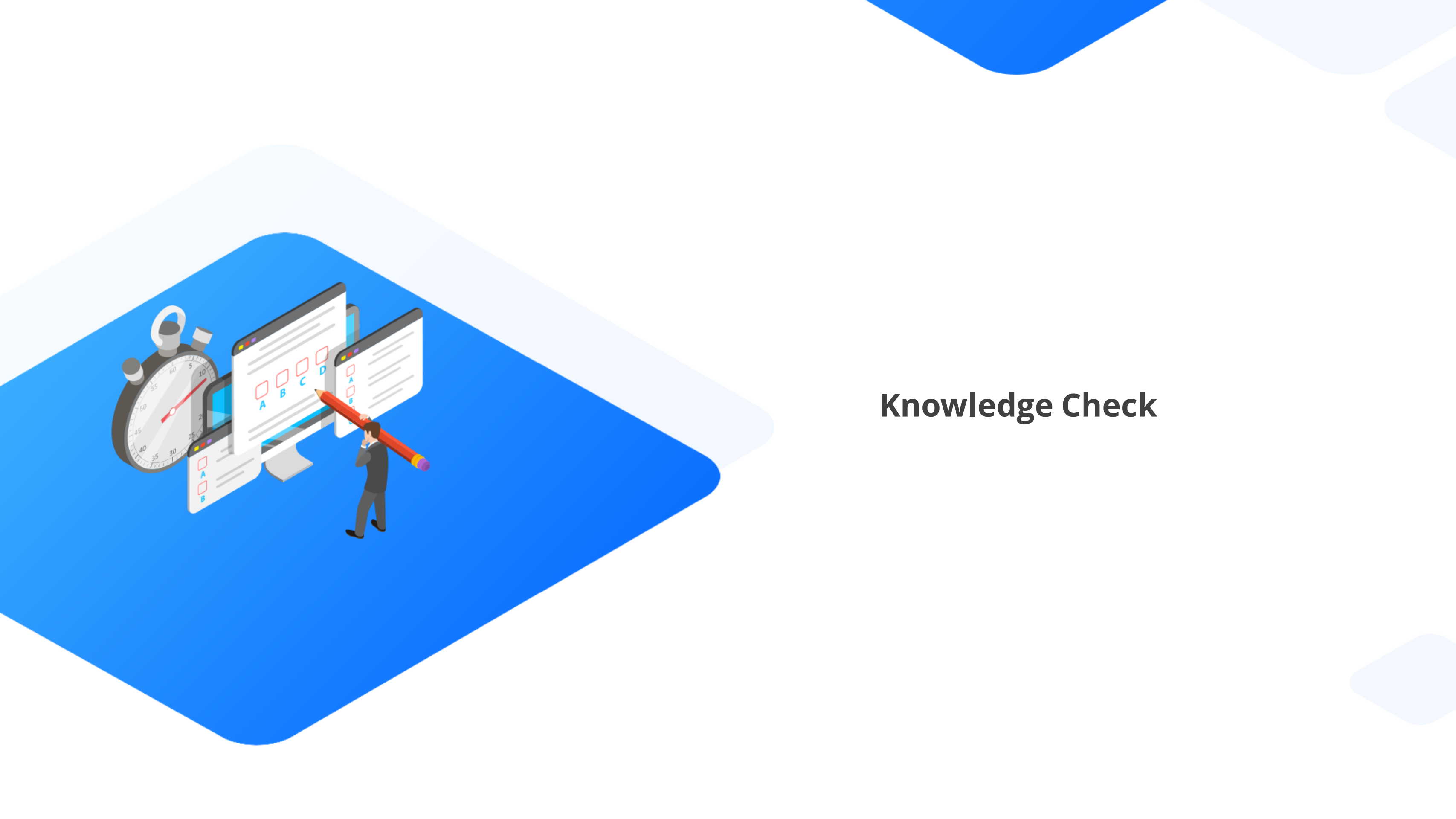
Knowledge Check

Which of the following is NOT an arithmetic operator?

A.   "+" Addition

B.   "-" Subtraction

C.   "/" Division

D.   "|" Bitwise OR

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The correct answer is **D**

Bitwise "OR" operator is a type of logical operator that is used to compare binary numbers.

_____ operators are used to test if a sequence is present in an object.

A. Membership

B. Logical

C. Comparison

D. All of the above

_____ **operators are used to test if a sequence is present in an object.**

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The correct answer is **A**

Membership operators are used to test if a sequence is presented in an object.

String indexing in Python starts with _____.

A.   2

B.   1

C.   0

D.   All of the above

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A.   2

B.   1

C.   0

D.   All of the above

The correct answer is **C**

String indexing in Python starts with 0.

Thank You