

Python Programming

Unit 01 – Lecture 03: Tokens, Naming, Strings, and Numeric Types

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- Do not use keywords as names (e.g., `for = 5` is invalid)

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■ format() method:

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■ f-strings (recommended for readability):

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- Convert types when needed: `int("10")`, `float("2.5")`

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Checkpoint 1

Question: What is the output?

```
print("py" * 3)
```

Checkpoint 2

Question: What is the difference between `split()` and `join()`?

```
sentence = "Python is fun"  
parts = sentence.split()  
again = "-".join(parts)
```

Think-Pair-Share

You have input text with extra spaces:

- " UPES Dehradun "

Discuss: which methods would you use to clean it?

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Exit Question

Format 3.14159 to **2 decimal places**.