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## An introduction to Python

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# Agenda

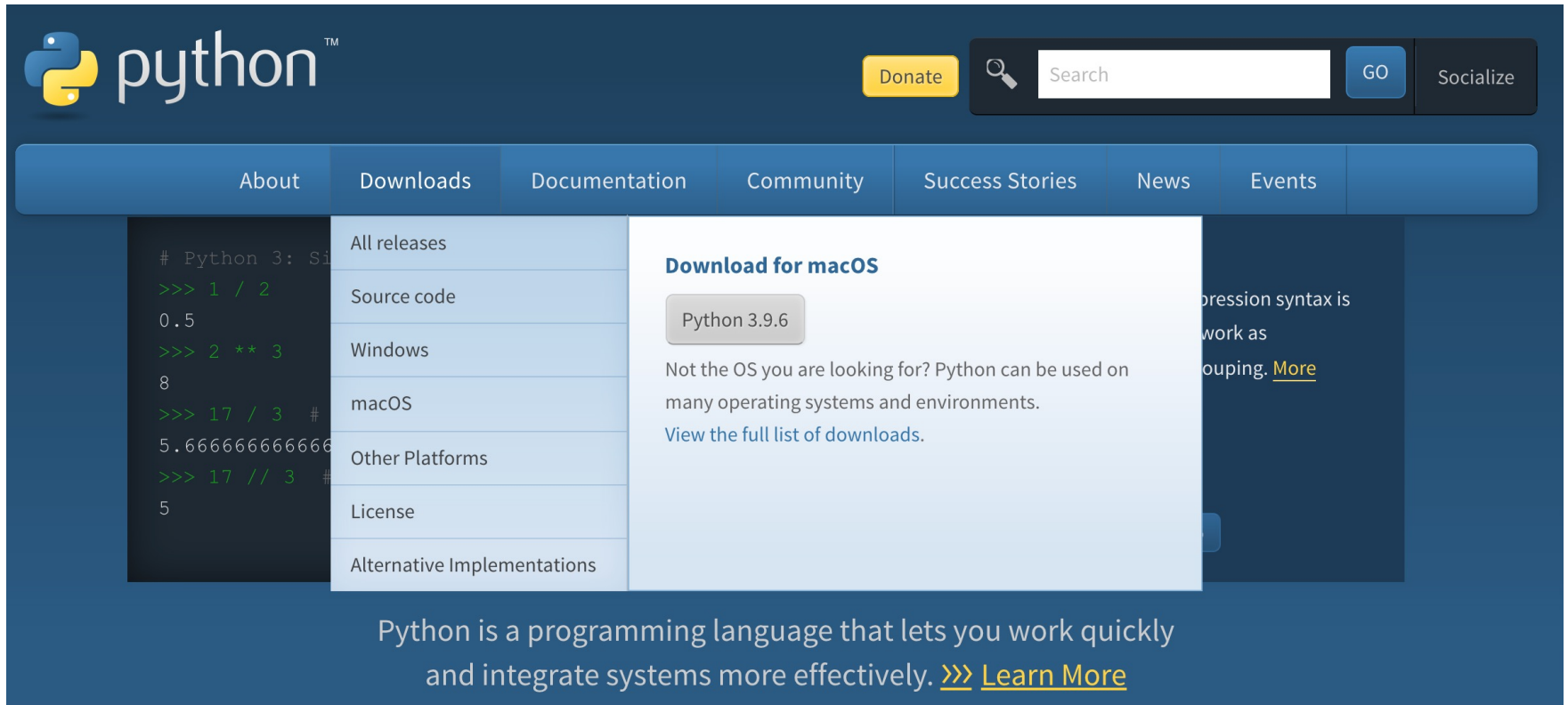
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- Data structures
- Syntax



# INTRODUCTION

# Python Installation

www.python.org



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>>> 2 ** 3
8
>>> 17 / 3 #
5.666666666666667
>>> 17 // 3 #
5
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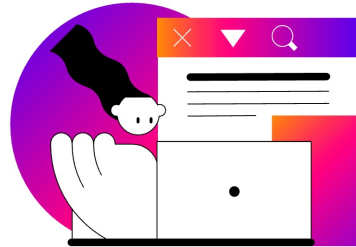


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# Python VS C

	C	Python
<b>Architecture</b>	Procedural, high-level, general-purpose, compiled programming language	multi-paradigm, (also) interpreted programming language
<b>Variables</b>	requires a compulsory declaration of variable types	loosely-typed Dynamically-typed
<b>Pointers</b>	yes	not supported
<b>Garbage collector</b>	not supported	yes
<b>Indentation</b>	Nice have	mandatory
<b>Built-in functions</b>	limited number of built-in functions	large library of built-in functions



# Object oriented programming (OOP)

*Object-oriented programming (OOP) is a programming paradigm based on the concept of "objects", which may contain data, in the form of fields, often known as attributes; and code, in the form of procedures, often known as methods.*

*Wikipedia*

## **Class**

Is a template that defines the behavior of an object, defines the data (attributes) and the functions that operates on the data (methods).

## **Object**

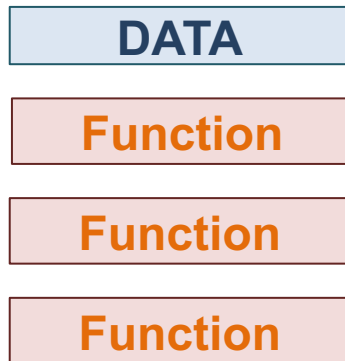
Is an instance of a class, initialized with specific data, objects are created and eventually destroyed at run time and belongs to a specific class.



# OOP Core principles

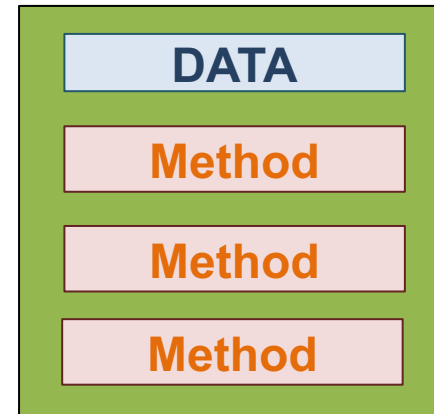
**Encapsulation:** Bind the data with the code that manipulates it

## Procedural



- Data is accessible to all the functions of the program

## Object Oriented



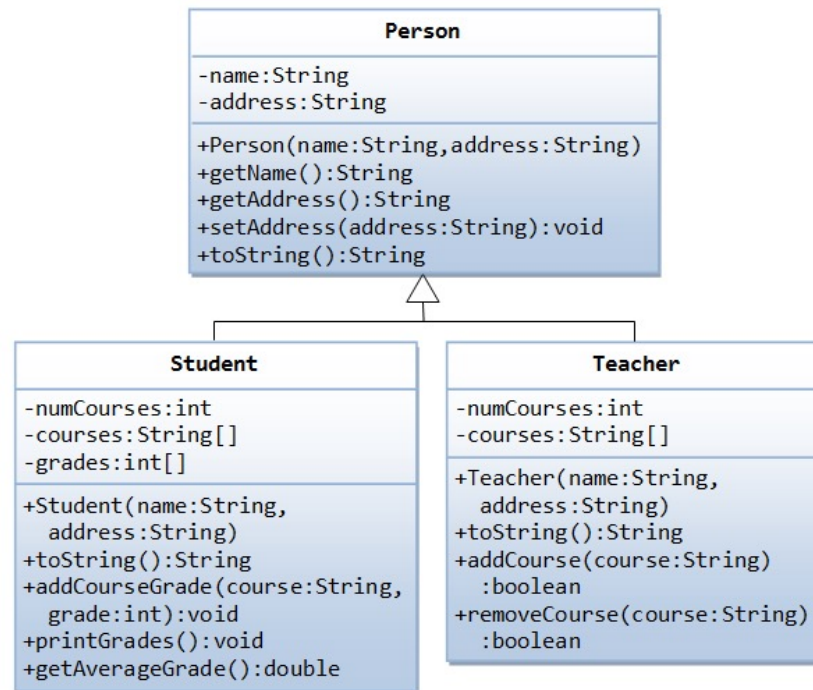
- Data is encapsulated in the object invisible to the world "outside"
- Methods can be used to access and manipulate data





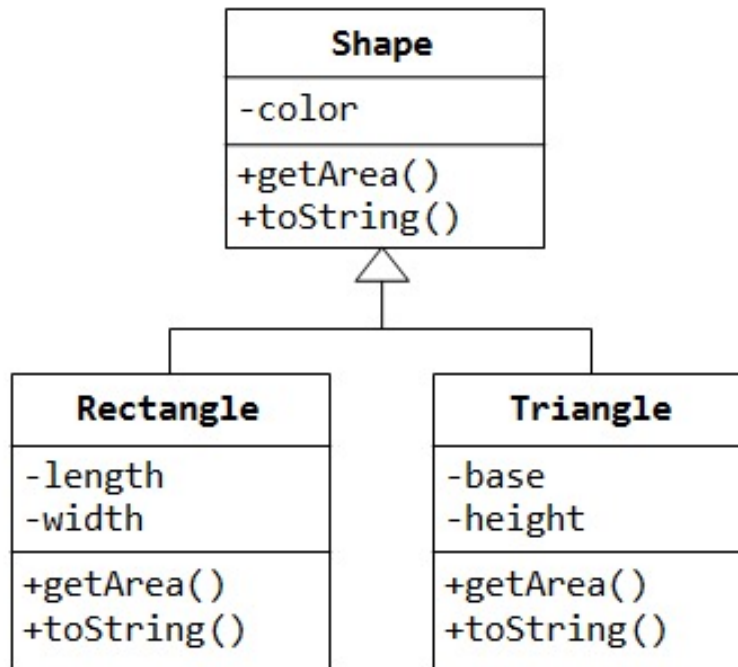
# OOP Core principles

**Inhetitance:** A child object can extend the behavior of a paren object



# OOP Core principles

**Polymorphism:** Ability to present the same interface for different underlying form



# Class example

```
# class definition
class Animal(object):
    # constructor of the class
    def __init__(self, n):
        self.name = n

    # a method
    def get_name(self):
        return(self.name)

### instances of class
lion = Animal('lion')
cat = Animal('cat')

animals = [lion, cat]
for a in animals:
    print(a.get_name())
```

```
lion
cat
```



# Indentation

```
/* C code */  
C = 0;  
if (A > 6) {  
    if (B < 3) {  
        C = A + B;  
    } else {  
        C = A - B;  
    }  
}
```

```
/* C code */  
C = 0;  
if (A > 6) {  
    if (B < 3) {  
        C = A + B;  
    }  
else {  
    C = A - B;  
}}}
```

INPUT:

A = 7 B = 2

A = 7 B = 4

A = 4 ...



OUTPUT:

C = 9

C = 3

C = 0

EQUAL!

INPUT:

A = 7 B = 2

A = 7 B = 4

A = 4 ...



OUTPUT:

C = 9

C = 3

C = 0



# Indentation

```
# Python code
```

```
C = 0
```

```
if A > 6:
```

```
    if B < 3:
```

```
        C = A + B
```

```
    else:
```

```
        C = A - B
```

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    if B < 3:
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```
else:
```

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DIFFERENT!

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OUTPUT:

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C = 3



# Data types

Python is a dynamic language but it is also strongly typed.  
The interpreter keeps track of all variable types

```
>>> my_number = 123
>>> type(my_number)
<class 'int'>
```

```
>>> my_string = "a string"
>>> type(my_string)
<class 'str'>
```

```
>>> print(my_string + my_number)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: Can't convert 'int' object to str implicitly
```



## How big can a python integer be?

```
10443888814131525066917527107166243825799642490473837803842334832839
53907971557456848826811934997558340890106714439262837987573438185793
60726323608785136527794595697654370999834036159013438371831442807001
18559462263763188393977127456723346843445866174968079087058037040712
84048740118609114467977783598029006686938976881787785946905630190260
94059957945343282346930302669644305902501597239986771421554169383555
988529148631823413490084170616
750936683338505213796825837188
091833656751221259567449219461
702380650591324982023131690176
78006675195485079921636419370285375124784014907159135459982790513399
61155179427110683113409058427288427979155484978295432353451706522326
90613949059876930021229633956877828789484406160074129456749198230505
71642377154816321380631045902916136926708342856440730447899971901781
46576347322385026725305989979599609079946920177462481771844986745565
92501783290704731194331655508075682218465717463732968849128195203174
57002440926616910874148385078411929804522981857338977648103126085903
00130241346718972667321649151113160292078173803343609024380470834040
3154190336
```

There is no limit



# Packages and modules

## Modules

- python files with .py extension that implements functions or classes
- imported into the code using `import` command
- python provides a set of built-in modules

## Packages

- namespaces which contain multiple package or modules
- implemented as a directory containing modules or other package
- the directory MUST contain a file called `__init__.py` that can be empty





# Packages and modules

```
# Imports datetime module into current namespace
import datetime
today = datetime.date.today()
yesterday = today - datetime.timedelta(days=1)
print(today)
print(yesterday)
```

```
# imports datetime and add date and timedelta
# into current namespace
from datetime import date, timedelta
today = date.today()
yesterday = today - timedelta(days=1)
print(today)
print(yesterday)
```



# Frameworks

- Stand alone applications
  - Console
  - Tkinter (Tcl,Tk)
  - PyQT
  - wxPython
- Web application
  - Flask microframework
  - Django
- Numerical analysis
  - NumPy
  - SciPy



# Extensions

PIP is the recommended tool to install python packages

```
pip install django  
pip install  
git+git://github.com/django/django.git#egg=django
```

## Virtual environments

- a program that separates environments in order to isolate dependencies for different projects.



# **DATA STRUCTURES**

# Boolean

```
# simple boolean
```

```
is_python = True
```

```
# Everything can be converted to boolean
```

```
is_python = bool("yes sure!")
```

```
# some things are equivalent to False
```

```
these_are_false = False or 0 or "" or {} or [] or None
```

```
# others are True
```

```
these_are_true = True and 1 and 2 and "Some Text" and  
{ 'foo': 'bar' } and [1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8]
```



# Numbers

# Integers

```
year = 2016
```

```
year = int("2016")
```

# Floating point

```
pi = 3.14159265
```

```
pi = float("3.14159265")
```

# Fixed Point

```
from decimal import Decimal
```

```
price = Decimal("0.02")
```



# List

```
# initializing list
empty_list = []
my_list = [1,5,10]
my_heterogeneous_list = [1, "foo", "bar", True]
nested_list = [1, [1, 10]]
```

```
#accessing list elements
len(my_list)          # => 3
print(my_list[0])      # => 1
print(my_list[0:2])    # => [1, 5]
print(my_list[1:])     # => [5, 10]
```

```
# adding elements
mylist.append(42)
mylist.extend(['python', "rulez", True])
```



# Dictionary

```
person = {  
    'name': 'John',  
    'surname': "Doe"  
}  
person['age'] = 25                # add field  
print(person['name'])             # => John  
  
>>> person.keys()  
dict_keys(['age', 'name', 'surname'])  
  
>>> person.values()  
dict_values([25, 'John', 'Doe'])  
  
>>> person.items()  
dict_items([('age', 25), ('name', 'John'), ('surname',  
    'Doe')])
```





# Strings

```
name = "I'm a string"
```

```
me_too = 'I am also a string using "am" instead of "m"
```

```
multiline = """And I am  
a multiline string that is  
splitted on more than one line"""
```

```
multiline2 = '''also with  
single quotes'''
```



**SYNTAX**

# Comments

```
# inline comment
```

```
"""
```

```
This is a multiline comment that can be used to  
create automatic documentation for code
```

```
"""
```

```
'''
```

```
Single quote can also be used instead double one
```

```
'''
```



# Arithmetic operators

a = 10                   # 10

a += 1                   # 11

a -= 1                   # 10

b = a+1                 # 11

c = a-1                 # 9

d = a \* 2               # 20

e = a / 2               # 5

f = a % 3               # 1

g = a \*\* 2              # 100



# Other operators

- Logical operators

- logical AND       $a \text{ **and** } b$
- logical OR       $a \text{ **or** } b$
- negation       $\text{not}(a)$

- Arithmetic comparison

- Ordering       $> \geq < \leq$
- Equality       $==$
- Difference       $!=$



# String manipulation

```
fullname = "John" + " " + "Doe"           # John Doe
fullname += " is my name"                  # John Doe is my name

fullname = " ".join(["John", "Doe", "is my name"])

# this will give "Dec 31 1989"
my_string_date = '%s %d %d' % ('Dec', 31, 1989)

# this will give "John Doe is 27 years old"
my_label = '%(first)s %(last)s is %(age)d years old'
           % {'first': 'John', 'last': 'Doe', 'age': 27}
```



# Conditionals

```
temperature = 22

if temperature < 15:
    print("cold")
elif temperature >=16 and temperature <25:
    print("warm")
else:
    print("cold")
```



# Loops

## for loop

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'kiwi']  
for f in fruits:  
    print(f)
```



```
apple  
banana  
kiwi
```

```
primes = [2, 3, 5, 7]  
for n in primes:  
    print(n)
```



```
2  
3  
5  
7
```

```
misc = [1, '1', 'joe']  
for m in misc:  
    print(m, end="")  
    print(": ", end="")  
    print(type(m))
```



```
1: <class 'int'>  
1: <class 'str'>  
joe: <class 'str'>
```

```
for i in range(0,3):  
    print(f)
```



```
0  
1  
2
```





# Loops

## for loop with dictionaries

```
persons = {  
    'Andrea': 21,  
    'Fabio': 22,  
    'Simone': 31  
}  
for key, value in persons.items():  
    print("%s, %s" % (key, value))
```



```
Andrea, 21  
Fabio, 22  
Simone, 31
```

## while loop

```
x = 0  
while x < 3:  
    print(x)  
    x += 1
```



```
0  
1  
2
```



# Functions

## Function definition

```
def print_welcome():  
    print("Welcome to our powerful program.")  
    print("Type X to exit or C to continue")
```

```
def adder(n1, n2):  
    result = n1 + n2  
    return(result)
```

## Function use

```
print_welcome()
```

```
c = adder(12, 40)
```



# Functions

## Default value for parameters

```
def hello(message="Hello World"):  
    print(message)  
  
hello()                # Hello World  
hello("Ciao Mondo!")   # Ciao Mondo!
```

## Positional parameters and keyword

```
def hello(how_many, message="Hello World"):  
    print(hoe_many*message)  
  
hello(1)                # Hello World  
hello(2, message="Ciao Mondo!")  
                        # Ciao Mondo!Ciao Mondo!
```



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