



Introducing Python

Lecture# 2

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OBJECTIVES

After this session, students will be able to:

- To write programs that perform simple computations
- To obtain input from a program's user by using the **input** function
- To use identifiers to name elements such as variables and functions
- To assign data to variables
- To perform simultaneous assignment
- To define named constants
- To use the operators **+**, **-**, *****, **/**, **//**, **%** and ******
- To write and evaluate numeric expressions
- To use augmented assignment operators to simplify coding
- To perform numeric type-conversion with the **int** and **round** functions
- To obtain the current system time and date by importing **time** and **datetime** modules

WRITING A SIMPLE PROGRAM

- **Algorithm**
 - An algorithm describes how a problem is solved by listing the actions that need to be taken and the order of their execution.
 - Algorithms can help the programmer plan a program before writing it in a programming language.
 - Algorithms can be described in natural languages or in pseudo code.
 - The algorithm for calculating the area of a circle can be described as follows:
 1. Get the circle's radius from the user
 2. Compute the area by applying the following formula
$$\text{Area} = \text{radius} \times \text{radius} \times \pi$$
 3. Display the result
 - *ComputeArea.py* contains the code for the above algorithm.

WRITING A SIMPLE PROGRAM

ComputeArea(2_1).py

```
1. from math import pi
2. radius = float(input("Input the radius of the Circle: "))
3. Area = pi * radius * radius
4. print("The Area of the circle is ", Area)
```





ComputeAverage(2_2).py

```
1. number1 = eval(input("Enter the first number: "))
2. number2 = eval(input("Enter the second number: "))
3. number3 = eval(input("Enter the third number: "))
4. average = (number1 + number2 + number3) / 3
5. print("The average of", number1,",", number2,",", number3, "is", \
    average)
```

IDENTIFIERS

- In the previous program , `number1`, `number2`, `number3`, `input` are all names known as identifiers.
 - An identifier is a sequence of characters that consists of letters, digits, and underscores (`_`).
 - An identifier must start with a letter or an underscore and not with a number.
 - A user defined identifier/variable cannot be a Python keyword.
 - An identifier can be of any length.
- For example, `Area`, `radius`, and `number1` are legal identifiers, where as `2A` and `d+4` are not because they do not follow the rules.
- Because Python is case sensitive, `area`, `Area` and `AREA` are all different identifiers.

VARIABLES, ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS AND EXPRESSIONS

- In Python, variables are actually objects and are treated as references to the memory locations in a computer.
- In the previous example, Area, radius are variables. They are called variables because they can reference different memory locations.
- Assignment statements sets a variable to reference a variable/constant/expression.
 - `radius = 20`
 - `Area = radius * radius * pi`  *(expression made of variables)*
 - `Area = 20**2 * 3.14159`  *(expression made of constants)*
- Valid assignments:
 - `x = x + 1`  *adds 1 to the variable x and then updates x*
 - `i = j = k = 1`  *assigns 1 to the variables i, j, k simultaneously*

NUMERIC DATA TYPES AND OPERATORS

- The information stored in a computer is generally referred to as *data*.
- There are two types of numeric data: integers and real number
 - Integer type (*int*) represents whole numbers
 - Real type (*float*) represents numbers with fractional part
- Python interpreter differentiates between different types of numbers itself.
- There are several other data types/container classes which will be discussed later.
- Operators operates on operands. There are a few classes of operators:
 - Numeric/Arithmetic operators
 - Assignment/Augmented assignment operators
 - Relational operators
 - Logical operators
 - Unitary operators

Binary operators

NUMERIC/ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

TABLE 2.1 Numeric Operators

<i>Name</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Result</i>
+	Addition	34 + 1	35
-	Subtraction	34.0 - 0.1	33.9
*	Multiplication	300 * 30	9000
/	Float Division	1 / 2	0.5
//	Integer Division	1 // 2	0
**	Exponentiation	4 ** 0.5	2.0
%	Remainder	20 % 3	2

NUMERIC/ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

TABLE 2.2 Augmented Assignment Operators

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Equivalent</i>
<code>+=</code>	Addition assignment	<code>i += 8</code>	<code>i = i + 8</code>
<code>-=</code>	Subtraction assignment	<code>i -= 8</code>	<code>i = i - 8</code>
<code>*=</code>	Multiplication assignment	<code>i *= 8</code>	<code>i = i * 8</code>
<code>/=</code>	Float division assignment	<code>i /= 8</code>	<code>i = i / 8</code>
<code>//=</code>	Integer division assignment	<code>i //= 8</code>	<code>i = i // 8</code>
<code>%=</code>	Remainder assignment	<code>i %= 8</code>	<code>i = i % 8</code>
<code>**=</code>	Exponent assignment	<code>i **= 8</code>	<code>i = i ** 8</code>

NUMERIC/ARITHMETIC OPERATORS EXAMPLE

- [ArithmeticOperators\(2_3\).py](#)

```
1. x = 15
2. y = 4
3. print('x + y =', x+y)      #Addition operator
4. print('x - y =', x-y)      #Subtraction operator
5. print('x * y =', x*y)      #Multiplication operator
6. print('x / y =', x/y)      #Division operator
7. print('x // y =', x//y)    #Integer Division operator
8. print('x % y =', x%y)      #Remainder operator
9. print('x ** y =', x**y)    #Power operator
```

RELATIONAL OPERATORS

- [relationalOperators\(2_4\).py](#)

```
1. x = 10
2. y = 12
3. print('x > y is ', x>y)      # greater than
4. print('x < y is ', x<y)      # less than
5. print('x == y is ', x==y)    # equals to
6. print('x != y is ', x!=y)    # not equal to
7. print('x >= y is ', x>=y)    # greater than or equal to
8. print('x <= y is ', x<=y)    # less than or equal to
```

LOGICAL OPERATORS

- [logicalOperators\(2_5\).py](#)

1. `x = True`

2. `y = False`

3. `print('x and y is ', x and y)` *# x and y is False*

4. `print('x or y is ', x or y)` *# x or y is True*

5. `print('not x is ', not x)` *# not x is False*

TYPE CONVERSION AND ROUNDING

- If an integer and a float variable is added and assigned to another variable, Python converts it to the float data type.
- `int()` function converts a float or a string version of integer to an integer value:
- Similarly, a `float()` function converts an integer or a string version of float to a float value.
 - `int(3.5)` *# outputs value 3 by truncating*
 - `int("35")` *# outputs value 35*
 - `int("35.5")` *# outputs ValueError*
- `Round()` function rounds of a floating point value to the nearest integer value.
 - `round(3.5)` *# outputs value 4*
 - `round(3.4)` *# outputs value 3*

CURRENT TIME AND DATE

- Time module

- The time module helps to find the GMT time in seconds (GMT starts from 1970)

1. `import time`

2. `print(time.time())` # outputs `1575130330.9903283`

seconds milliseconds

- Datetime module

- The datetime module returns the date as well as the current time in hour mins and seconds format.

1. `import datetime`

2. `print(datetime.datetime.now())` #`2019-11-30 21:19:48.334138`

PYTHON programming exercises

2.1 (*Convert Celsius to Fahrenheit*) Write a program that reads a Celsius degree from the console and converts it to Fahrenheit and displays the result. The formula for the conversion is as follows:

```
fahrenheit = (9 / 5) * celsius + 32
```

Here is a sample run of the program:

```
Enter a degree in Celsius: 43   
43 Celsius is 109.4 Fahrenheit
```

PYTHON programming exercises

2.3 (*Convert feet into meters*) Write a program that reads a number in feet, converts it to meters, and displays the result. One foot is **0.305** meters. Here is a sample run:

```
Enter a value for feet: 16.5   
16.5 feet is 5.0325 meters
```

2.4 (*Convert pounds into kilograms*) Write a program that converts pounds into kilograms. The program prompts the user to enter a value in pounds, converts it to kilograms, and displays the result. One pound is **0.454** kilograms. Here is a sample run:

```
Enter a value in pounds: 55.5   
55.5 pounds is 25.197 kilograms
```


PYTHON programming exercises

****2.6** (*Sum the digits in an integer*) Write a program that reads an integer between 0 and 1000 and adds all the digits in the integer. For example, if an integer is 932, the sum of all its digits is 14. (Hint: Use the % operator to extract digits, and use the // operator to remove the extracted digit. For instance, $932 \% 10 = 2$ and $932 // 10 = 93$.) Here is a sample run:

```
Enter a number between 0 and 1000: 999   
The sum of the digits is 27
```

Questions & Answers

