

Python Programming Identifier

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Identifier (variable name)

- Identifier: Variable name: `sum = 10` => `sum` is identifier
- Identifier consist of: letters, digits, `_`
 - `status1`, `total_sum`, `_valid`, `is_valid`
- It can't start with digit: `[7Core` is wrong]
- It can't contain space or `:`, `<`, `>`, `/`, `\`, `?`, `!`, `(`, `)`, `@`, `#`, `$`, `%`, `^`, `&`, `~`, `+`, `-`, `*` [my-var is wrong]
- It is case sensitive: `sum` != `SUM`
- You shouldn't use reserved keyword (built in)
 - `and`, `as`, `assert`, `break`, `class`, `continue`, `def`, `del`, `elif`, `else`, `except`, `finally`, `for`, `from`, `global`, `if`, `import`, `in`, `is`, `lambda`, `not`, `or`, `pass`, `raise`, `return`, `try`, `while`, `with`, `yield`
- Common guideline: Use a lowercase single letter, word, or words.
 - Separate words with underscores to improve readability. (e.g. `total_sum`)

Some from software Engineering

- Readability

- A good code should be [easy to read](#)
- Think in meaningful variable names
 - `s = 0` ⇒ bad name: says nothing
 - I may use such names for shorter coding or educational purposes. *You don't*
 - `total_sum = 0` ⇒ good name: seems something will be summed (e.g. salaries)

- [Code Review](#)

- When you finish a coding task in a company. One or more guys review it
- Code needs to be correct + readable + following coding guidelines

- Coding guidelines

- A list of dos and don'ts for coding programs.
- [Google Python Style Guide](#)

Your turn

- Create different variables (int, float, string)
- Print them
- Print expressions over them using + - * /
- Intend to create errors and read the error message
- Try to create variables with invalid identifier

“Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people.”

“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”