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Python Introduction

Python is...

Interpreted

- Processed in run-time
- No compilation required

Object-Oriented

 Support of Object-Oriented style or technique of programming

Interactive

• You can interact with interpreter directly

Easy-to-learn

- Great for beginners
- Simplicity helps with automation

Installation & Hello World Application

Local environment setup

Download Python	Run Python	Hello World
 Go to https://www.python.org/ Download Python 2.7.X Run downloaded file 	 Open Command Line (cmd.exe) Type "python" Press Enter 	 • While in interpreter type "print "Hello World!", • It just works ☺ • Or: • Create new file with .py extension • Write "print "Hello World!", in it • Run in cmd: "python filename.py"

Syntax

Indentation	No braces in python code – blocks of code are denoted by line indentation if True: print True else: print False	
Comments	Comments are starting with hash (#) character	print "Hello, Python!" # comment
Variable assignment	No initial variable type required in python	var1 = 5 var2 = True

Variable Types - Numbers

- Integer
 - int signed integers

- Long
 - •long big numbers, python automatically converts big ints to longs

var1 = 11312312L var2 = -513212312L

- Float
 - •float floating point real values

- Complex
 - complex numbers with imaginary values

Variable Types - Strings

String

• Denoted by either single ('), double (") or triple quote (''')

word = 'word'
sentence = "This is a sentence"
paragraph = """This is a paragraph. It is
made up of multiple lines and sentences."""

String parsing

Access specific letter or letters via index

```
>>> sentence = "Hello Dubai!"
>>> sentence[0]
'H'
>>> sentence[2:6]
'llo '
>>> sentence[:6]
'Hello '
```

You can also build up strings

```
>>> var1 = "Hello"
>>> var2 = "Dubai"
>>> var1 + " " + var2
'Hello Dubai'
```

Variable Types - List

List

- ·List of objects, created via square brackets []
- •Can store any type of object
- Basic List operations
 - Access specific objects via index
 - Can be added or multiplied
 - Easily change elements

```
>>> my_list = [1, 2, "str"]
>>> my_list[1]
2
>>> my_list[:2]
[1, 2]
>>> my_list * 2
[1, 2, 'str', 1, 2, 'str']
>>> my_list + [3, 4]
[1, 2, 'str', 3, 4]
>>> my_list
[1, 2, 'str']
>>> my_list[1] = "cat"
>>> my_list
[1, 'cat', 'str']
```

Variable Types - Tuple

Tuple

- •List of objects, created via standard brackets ()
- •Can store any type of object
- Unlike list cannot be changed after creation
- Basic Tuple operations
 - Access specific objects via index
 - · Can be added or multiplied

```
>>> my_tuple = (1, "str", 3)
>>> my_tuple
(1, 'str', 3)
>>> my_tuple[1]
'str'
>>> my_tuple[:2]
(1, 'str')
>>> my_tuple[2] = 1
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<pyshell#33>", line 1, in <module>
    my_tuple[2] = 1
TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

Variable Types - Dictionary

Dictionary

- Hashmap, created via curly brackets {}
- Values stored in key: value manner

Basic Dictionary operations

- Access specific objects via its key
- Keys need to be static objects like ints, and strings
- Fast variable assignment and access

```
>>> my_dict = {"key": "value", "one": 1}

>>> my_dict
{'key': 'value', 'one': 1}

>>> my_dict["one"]
1

>>> my_dict["key"]
'value'

>>> my_dict["one"] = "two"

>>> my_dict
{'key': 'value', 'one': 'two'}

>>> my_dict
{'new key': 'new value', 'key': 'value', 'one': 'two'}
```

Operators – Basic Arithmetic

Basic Arithmetic		
Operator + Addition	Description Adds values on either side of the operator.	Example a + b = 30
- Subtraction	Subtracts right hand operand from left hand operand.	a – b = -10
* Multiplication	Multiplies values on either side of the operator	a * b = 200
/ Division	Divides left hand operand by right hand operand	b / a = 2
% Modulus	Divides left hand operand by right hand operand and returns remainder	b % a = 0
** Exponent	Performs exponential (power) calculation on operators	a**b =10 to the power 20
// Floor Division	The division of operands where the result is the quotient in which the digits aft the decimal point are removed. But if one of the operands is negative, the result is floored, i.e., rounded away from zero (towards negative infinity):	

Operators – Comparison

Comparison		
Operator	Description	Example
==	If the values of two operands are equal, then the condition becomes true.	(a == b) is not true.
!=	If values of two operands are not equal, then condition becomes true.	
>	If the value of left operand is greater than the value of right operand, then condition becomes true.	S (a > b) is not true.
<	If the value of left operand is less than the value of right operand, then condition becomes true.	^J (a < b) is true.
>=	If the value of left operand is greater than or equal to the value of right operand, then condit on becomes true.	i (a >= b) is not true.
<=	If the value of left operand is less than or equal to the value of right operand, then condition becomes true.	(a <= b) is true.

Decisions – if/elif/else

	if/elif/else	
Statement	Description	
if statements	An if statement consists of a boole an expression followed by one or m ore statements.	
ifelse statements	An if statement can be followed by an optional else statement , which executes when the boolean expressi on is FALSE.	
nested if statements	You can use one if or else if statem ent inside another if or else if state ment(s).	

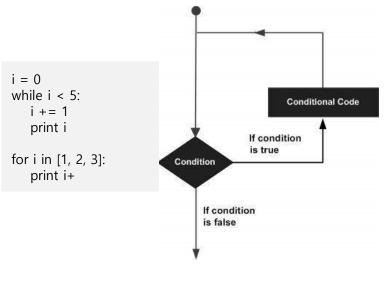
Boolean conversion

- Conversion to boolean is done via bool method
- Empty strings, lists and tuples will return False by default
- Python does boolean conversion automatically in if/else/loop statements

```
>>> bool("Hello")
True
>>> bool("")
False
>>> bool(1)
True
>>> bool(0)
False
>>> bool([])
False
>>> bool([1, 2])
True
>>> if "string":
            print "Converted automatically"
Converted automatically
>>> if "":
            print "This one won't print"
```

Loops

Loops		
Loop Type	Description	
	Repeats a statement or group of statements while a given c	
while loop	ondition is TRUE. It tests the condition before executing the loop body.	i = 0 while i < 5: i += 1 print i
for loop	Executes a sequence of state ments multiple times and abb	for i in [1, 2, 3]: print i+
for loop	reviates the code that manag es the loop variable.	
nested loops	You can use one or more loo p inside any another while, for or dowhile loop.	



Loops – Loop control

Loops		
Control Statement	Description	
break statement	Terminates the loop statement and transfers execution to the stateme nt immediately following the loop.	
continue statement	Causes the loop to skip the remain der of its body and immediately re test its condition prior to reiteratin g.	
pass statement	The pass statement in Python is us ed when a statement is required sy ntactically but you do not want an y command or code to execute.	

```
i = 0
while i < 5:
    i += 1
    if i == 3:
        break # ends loop

for i in [1, 2, 3]:
    if i == 2:
        continue # skips to next iteration
    print i

for i in [1, 2, 3]:
    if i == 2:
        pass # no action is performed
    else:
        print i</pre>
```

Functions

Creation

Function blocks begin with the keyword **def** followed by the function name and parentheses ()
Return value with **return <your variable or value>** statement

def my_method(foo, bar): print 123 return True

Arguments

Arguments can be passed either in order or via keywords

my_method(123, bar=456)

Reference or value?

Some parameters in Python are passed by reference (lists and dictionaries) and some are passed by value (ints, strings)

```
>>> def my_method(arg):
arg += "1"
return arg
```

```
>>> var = ""
>>> my_method(var)
'1'
>>> var
```

Modules

- You can import all methods and classes from other files
- By default you can import all .py files from your current directory
- If you want to import file from a directory you need to add empty __init__.py file into it

```
>>> import math >>> math.pi
```

3.141592653589793

```
>>> from math import pi >>> pi
```

3.141592653589793

```
>>> from math import *
```

>>> pow(2, 2)

4.0

>>> from my_dir.my_module import method

Files I/O

- Opening files in python is very easy
 - •There are three ways of opening files in Python: read, write and append
 - Remember about closing file!
- Writing to file
- Reading file
- Appending to file

```
>>> f = open("new_file.txt", "w")
>>> f.write("test!")
>>> f.close()

>>> f = open("new_file.txt", "r")
>>> f.read()
'test!'
>>> f.close()

>>> f = open("new_file.txt", "a")
>>> f.write("₩nnewline")
>>> f.close()

>>> f = open("new_file.txt", "r")
>>> f.close()

>>> f = open("new_file.txt", "r")
>>> f.close()
```

Classes

- Classes in python are defined by class keyword
- Python supports Object-Oriented programming style (overloading, inheritance)
- __init__ method is a constructor
- Access to internal values is done via self attribute
- Functions require self argument to have access to internal attibutes of the class
- Everything is public

Exceptions

- Exceptions function like in every other language
- Can be handled by try/except blocks
- Raising exception can be done via raise Exception(message)
- Most base Exception is called BaseException
- Common exceptions:
 - IOError problems with file reading/writing
 - NameError not defined method/variable
 - ZeroDivisionError division by zero
 - AttributeError missing object attribute
 - KeyError missing key in dictionary
 - IndexError lack of corresponding index in the list/tuple/string

Useful methods

- Changing object to int/string/float
- Checking length of the list/tuple/string
- Replacing values in a string
- Splitting string into list

```
>>> int("123")
123
>>> str(123)
'123'
>>> float(123)
123.0

>>> len("Hello!")
6
>>> len([1, 2, 3])
3

>>> "Hello World!".replace("World", "Dubai")
'Hello Dubai!,
>>> "This is a sentence".split(" ")
['This', 'is', 'a', 'sentence']
```

Useful methods

- Getting list of keys from the dictionary
- Sorting list
- Reverting list

```
>>> my_dict = {"key1": "value1", "key2": "value2"}
>>> my_dict.keys()
['key2', 'key1']

>>> my_list = [1, 5, 10, 3]
>>> my_list.sort()
>>> my_list
[1, 3, 5, 10]

>>> my_list.reverse()
>>> my_list
[10, 5, 3, 1]
```

Useful methods

- List comprehension
- Range method

```
>>> my_list = [i for i in "Iterable object"]
>>> my_list
['I', 't', 'e', 'r', 'a', 'b', 'l', 'e', ' ', 'o', 'b', 'j', 'e', 'c', 't']
>>> range(10)
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

Thank You

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