Python Basics!

functions, scope

CS101 Lecture #4

2016-08-31

Administrivia

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- Register your i>clickers on the course Compass page—attendance counts from today!
- Complete Homework #1 before 5:00 p.m. today.
- Homework #2 is due Friday Sep. 9.
- No lab next week (Labor Day).

Warmup Quiz

Question #1

```
x = ”3”
y = 10 % 4
print(x * y)
```

What does this program print?

A 6
B 2
C 33
D 32

Question #2

```
c = (10 + 5j)
i = 25
r = c.real + i
```

What is the type and value of `r`?

- A `int`, `35`
- B `complex`, `35 + 5j`
- C `float`, `35.0`
- D `complex`, `35 + 0j`

Question #3

Which of these expressions will cause an **overflow**?

A `10 ** 100000`
B `”10” * 100000`
C `10.0 ** 100000`
D `”10” ** 100000`
E None of the above

Question #4

```
x = ”10”
y = ”%i”
print( (x+y) % 2)
```

What does this program print?

A `102`
B `1111`
C `1010`
D None of the above

Strings Redux

Strings

- As a literal: text surrounded by quotes.
  - `”DEEP”`
- Each symbol is a character.
- Unlike numeric types, strings vary in length.

String operations

- **Concatenation**: combine two strings
  - Uses the + symbol
  - `'RACE' + 'CAR'`
- **Repetition**: repeat a string
  - Uses the `*`
  - `'HELLO '*10`
- **Formatting**: used to encode other data as string
  - Uses `%` symbol

Formatting operator

- Creates string with value inserted
  - Formats nicely
  - Requires indicator of type inside of string

`”%i”`	`int`
`”%f”`	`float`
`”%e”`	`float` (scientific notation)
`”%s”`	`str`

Example

```
print( ”An integer:  %i” % 7 )
print( ”A float:     %f” % 7.0 )
print( ”A float:     %e” % 7.0 )
print( ”A string:    %s” % ’seven’ )
```

Indexing operator **[]**

- Extracts single character
  ```
  a = ”FIRE”
  a[0]
  ```
- The integer is the index.
- We count from zero!
- If negative, counts down from end.

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- Can be a bit tricky at first:
  - Includes character at first index
  - Excludes character at last index

Example

```
alpha = ”ABCDE”
x = alpha[1:3]
```

What is the value of x?

A ’AB’
B ’ABC’
C ’BC’
D ’BCD’
E ’CD’

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  - `len('Rex Kwon Do')`
  - `abs(-123)`

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  - `min( 1,4,5 )`
  - `max( 1,4,5 )`

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- Next time we will write our first nontrivial program.

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