

Python Basics!

strings, functions, scope

CS101 Lecture #4

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 - 'HELLO ' *10

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 - Indicators for different data types
 - '%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' )
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x = 3
s = ("%i" % (x+1)) * x**(5%x)
print(s)
```

What does this program print?

A 3333333333333

B 4444444444

C 9999

D %i%i%i%i%i

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<https://docs.python.org/2.0/ref/strings.html>

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```
alpha = "ABCDE"  
x = alpha[1:3]
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What is the value of x?

- A 'AB'
- B 'ABC'
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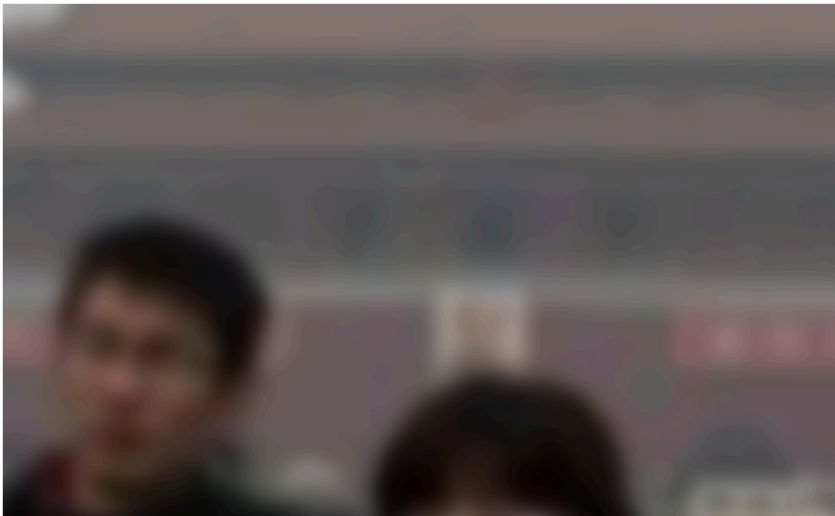
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By Louise Watt · January 14 2013 12:07 PM EDT · Associated Press



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