



Introduction to Python

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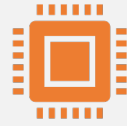


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EXPERIENCE



NEVER USED
PYTHON

Goals for this workshop



Introduce Python programming concepts

Distributions and packages (anaconda)



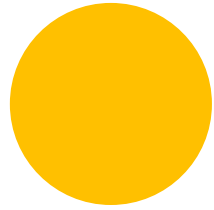
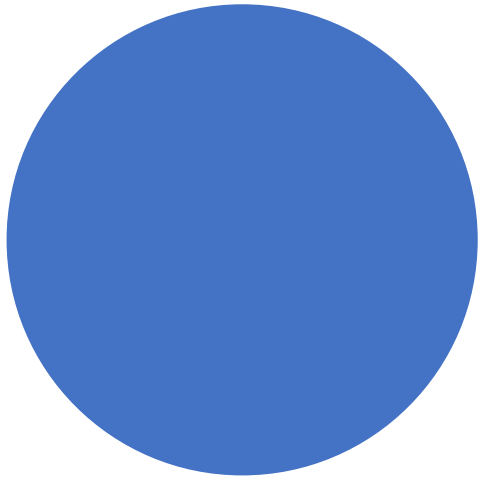
Review Python syntax



Review available development tools



Create a Python script!



Anaconda



Anaconda Prompt - conda install pyserial

```
(C:\Users\GradQuant\Anaconda3) C:\Users\GradQuant>conda install pyserial
```

```
Fetching package metadata .....
```

```
Solving package specifications: .
```

```
Package plan for installation in environment C:\Users\GradQuant\Anaconda3:
```

```
The following NEW packages will be INSTALLED:
```

```
  pyserial: 3.4-py36_0
```

```
The following packages will be UPDATED:
```

```
conda: 4.3.29-py36_0      conda-forge --> 4.5.11-py36_0
conda-env: 2.6.0-0        conda-forge --> 2.6.0-1
freetype: 2.7-vc14_2      conda-forge [vc14] --> 2.9.1-ha9979f8_1
icu: 58.1-vc14_1         conda-forge [vc14] --> 58.2-ha66f8fd_1
libiconv: 1.14-vc14_4     conda-forge [vc14] --> 1.15-h1df5818_7
libpng: 1.6.28-vc14_2     conda-forge [vc14] --> 1.6.34-h79bbb47_0
libtiff: 4.0.7-vc14_1     conda-forge [vc14] --> 4.0.9-h36446d0_2
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libxslt: 1.1.29-vc14_5    conda-forge [vc14] --> 1.1.32-hf6f1972_0
openssl: 1.0.2l-vc14_0    conda-forge [vc14] --> 1.0.2p-hfa6e2cd_0
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pycosat: 0.6.2-py36hf17546d_1  conda-forge --> 0.6.3-py36hfa6e2cd_0
sqlite: 3.19.3-vc14_1     conda-forge [vc14] --> 3.25.2-hfa6e2cd_0
tk: 8.6.6-vc14_5         conda-forge [vc14] --> 8.6.8-hfa6e2cd_0
yaml: 0.1.6-vc14_0        conda-forge [vc14] --> 0.1.7-hc54c509_2
```

```
Proceed ([y]/n)? y
```

```
conda-env-2.6.0 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 90.16 kB/s
icu-58.2-ha66f 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:12 1.90 MB/s
libiconv-1.15- 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 1.18 MB/s
libpng-1.6.34- 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:01 1.23 MB/s
openssl-1.0.2p 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:02 2.22 MB/s
sqlite-3.25.2- 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 5.07 MB/s
tk-8.6.8-hfa6e 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:01 2.73 MB/s
yaml-0.1.7-hc5 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 2.25 MB/s
freetype-2.9.1 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 7.70 MB/s
libtiff-4.0.9- 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 5.44 MB/s
libxml2-2.9.8- 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 4.19 MB/s
pycosat-0.6.3- 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 2.14 MB/s
pyserial-3.4-p 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 3.86 MB/s
libxslt-1.1.32 100% |#####| Time: 0:00:00 1.15 MB/s
```

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
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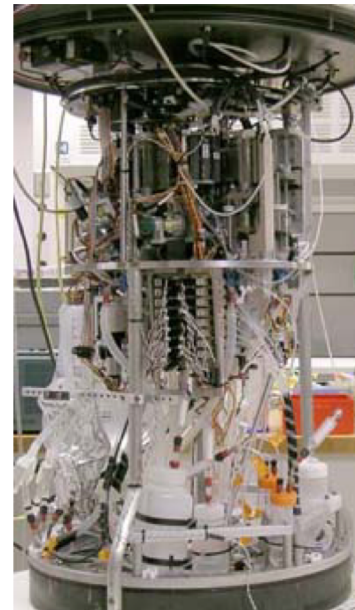
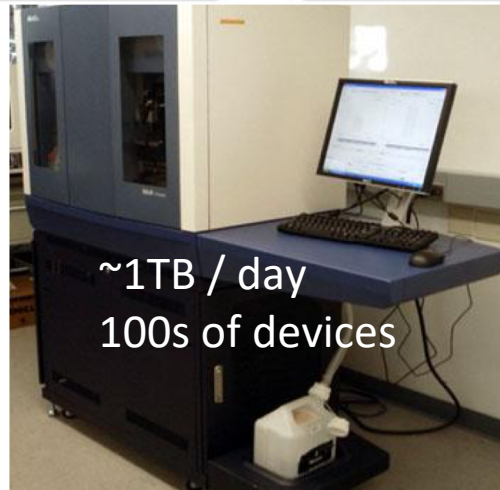
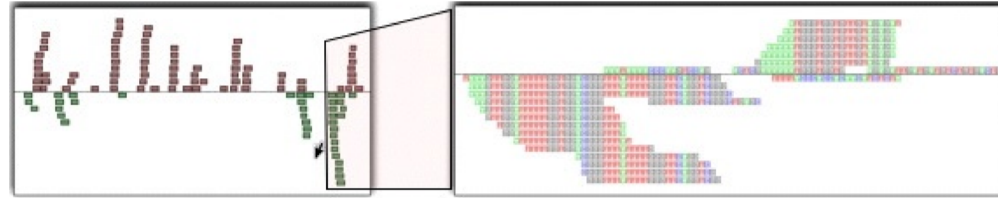
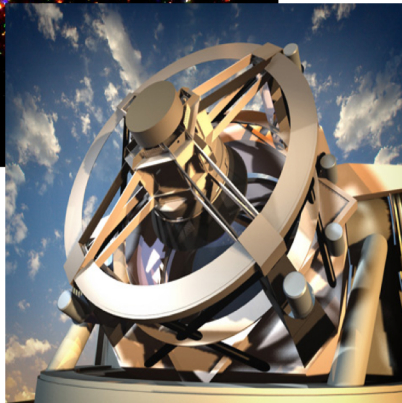
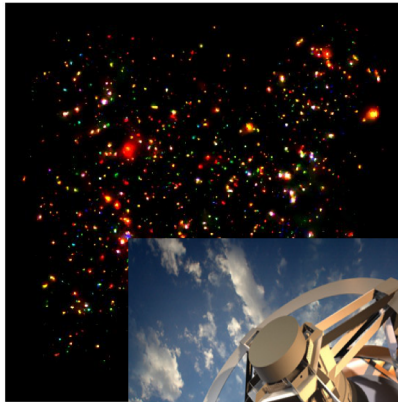
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All of science is reducing to computational data manipulation

- Astronomy: High-resolution, high-frequency sky surveys (SDSS, LSST, PanSTARRS)
- Biology: lab automation, high-throughput sequencing,
- Oceanography: high-resolution models, cheap sensors, satellites



Example: Assessing treatment efficacy

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	fu_2wk	fu_4wk	fu_8wk	fu_12wk	fu_16wk	fu_20wk	fu_24wk	total4type_fu	clinic_zip	pt_zip
2	1	3	4	7	9	9	9	12	98405	98405
3	2	4	6	7	8	8	8	8	98405	98403
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8405	98445
5	3	2	2	2	2	5	5	5	98405	98332
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98405	98405
7	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	402	402
8	1	2	5	6	8	10	10	14	98405	98418
9	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	98499	98406
10	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	6	98405	98404
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98405	98402
12	1	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	98405	98405
13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	98404	98404
14	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	98499	98498
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98499	98445
16	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	98499	98405
17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	98499	98498
18	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	98499	98499
19	1	1	4	5	7	7	7	7	98499	98371

number of follow ups within 16 weeks after treatment enrollment.

Zip code of clinic

Zip code of patient

Question: Does the distance between the patient's home and clinic influence the number of follow ups, and therefore treatment

Assessing treatment efficacy

- # This program reads an Excel spreadsheet whose penultimate
- # and antepenultimate columns are zip codes.
- # It adds a new last column for the distance between those zip
- # codes, and outputs in CSV (comma-separated values) format.
- # Call the program with two numeric values: the first and last
- # row to include.
- # The output contains the column headers and those rows.

```
followupdate.py x
1 import random, sys, time, xlrd # library for working with Excel spreadsheets
2 from gdapi import GoogleDirections
3
4 # No key needed if few queries
5 gd = GoogleDirections('dummy-Google-key')
6
7 wb = xlrd.open_workbook('mhip_zip_eScience_121611a.xls')
8 sheet = wb.sheet_by_index(0)
9
10 # User input: first row to process, first row not to process
11 first_row = max(int(sys.argv[1]), 2)
12 row_limit = min(int(sys.argv[2])+1, sheet.nrows)
13
14 def comma_separated(lst):
15     return ",".join([str(s) for s in lst])
16
17 headers = sheet.row_values(0) + ["distance"]
18 print comma_separated(headers)
19
20 for rownum in range(first_row, row_limit):
21     row = sheet.row_values(rownum)
22     (zip1, zip2) = row[-3:-1]
23     if zip1 and zip2:
24         # Clean the data
25         zip1 = str(int(zip1))
26         zip2 = str(int(zip2))
27         row[-3:-1] = [zip1, zip2]
28         # Compute the distance via Google Maps
29         try:
30             distance = gd.query(zip1, zip2).distance
31         except:
32             print >> sys.stderr, "Error computing distance:", zip1, zip2
33             distance = ""
34         # Print the row with the distance
35         print comma_separated(row + [distance])
36         # Avoid too many Google queries in rapid succession
37         time.sleep(random.random()+0.5)
38
```

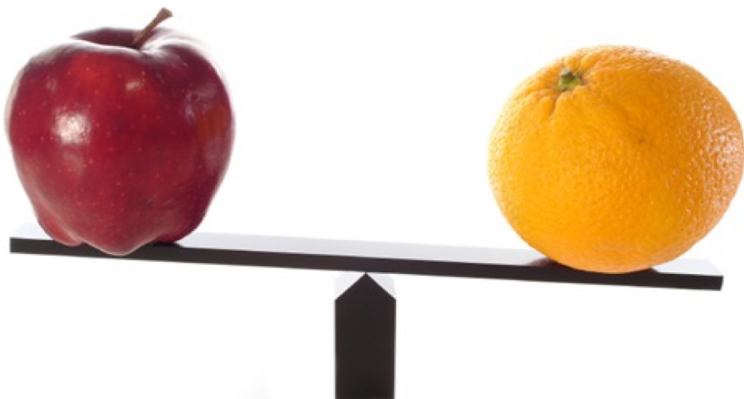
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2. Python performs operations



3. Different types act differently



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Don't panic!



This workshop is for people
who have never programmed



(If you have programmed, you
don't need to be here.)

Ask questions!

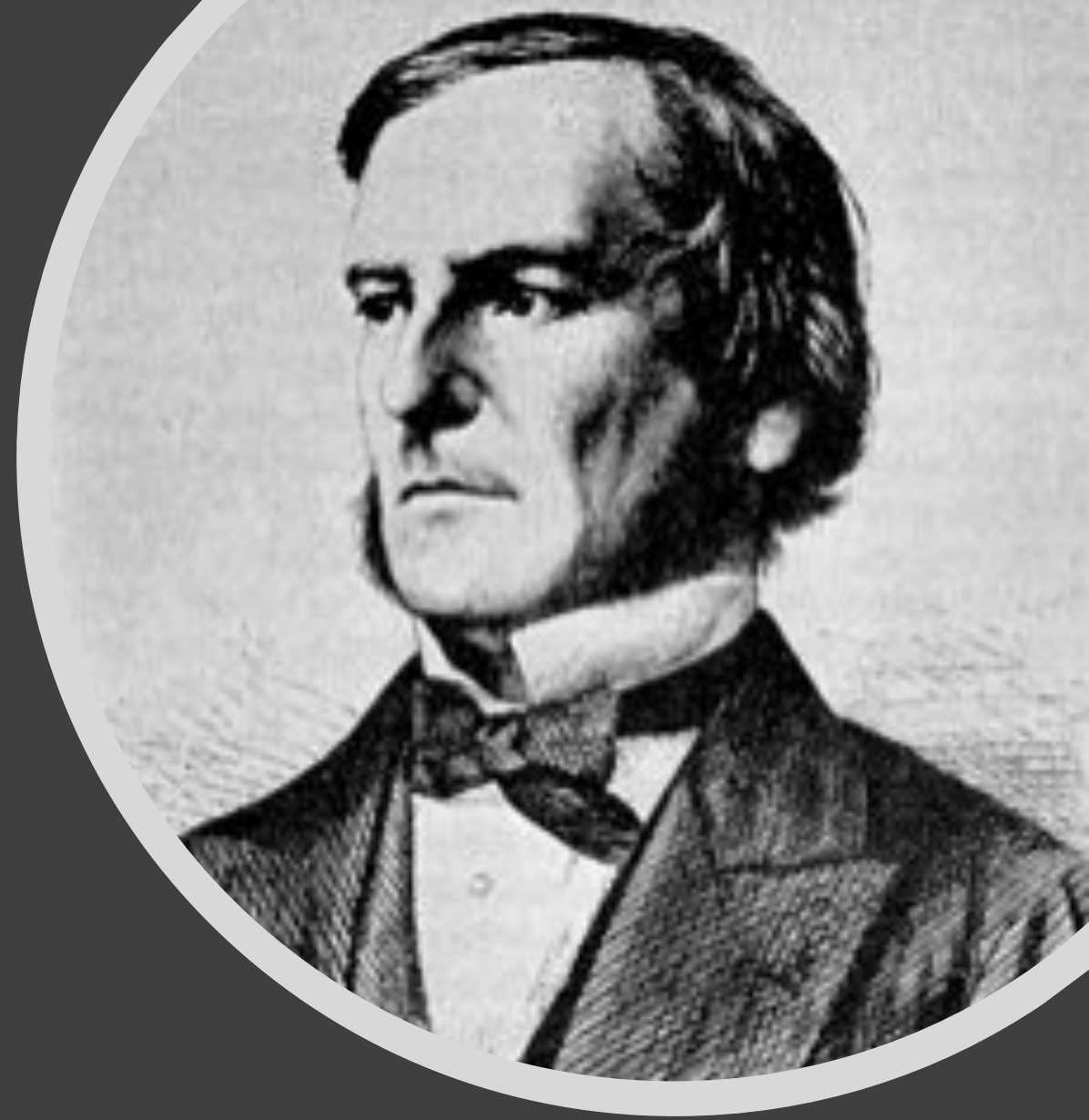
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4 Basic types of values

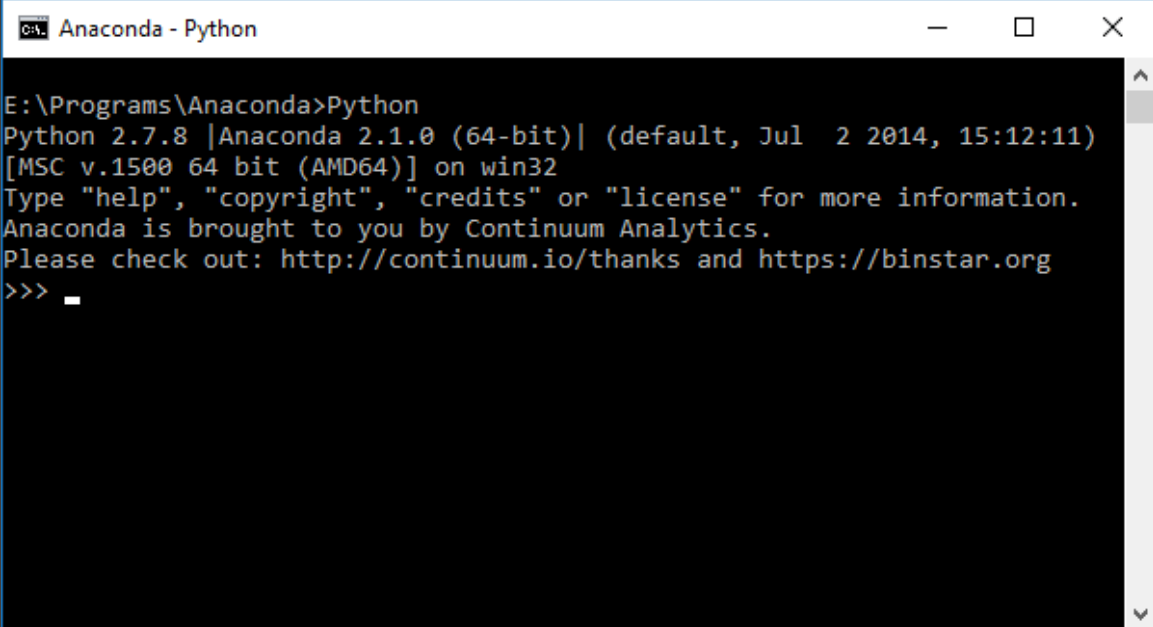
- Integers (**int**): **-22, 0, 44**
 - No decimal points
- Real numbers (**float**, for “floating point”): **2.718, 3.14159**
- Strings (**str**): **“Steph is the coolest!”**
- Truth values (**bool**, for “Boolean”): **TRUE, FALSE**



George Boole

The Python Interpreter

- **Type Python to start running python**
- **Python prompts with '>>>'.**
- **To exit Python: CTRL-D or type exit()**



```
E:\Programs\Anaconda>Python
Python 2.7.8 |Anaconda 2.1.0 (64-bit)| (default, Jul  2 2014, 15:12:11)
[MSC v.1500 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
Anaconda is brought to you by Continuum Analytics.
Please check out: http://continuum.io/thanks and https://binstar.org
>>> _
```


You type
expressions.
Python
computes their
values.

- 5
- 3+4
- 44/2
- 2**3 (what is a **?)
- 3*4+5*6
 - If precedence is unclear, use parentheses
- (72 – 32) / 9.0 * 5

Important: Integers vs. Floats

- An operation on Integers will return an Integer
- An operation on Floats will return a Float
- What will each of these return?
 - $12 / 4$
 - $13 / 4$
 - $13.0 / 4.0$
 - $13 / 4.0$
 - Modulo operator (for Integers)
 - $13 \% 4$
 - $12 \% 4$

Expressions

Expression: A data value or set of operations to compute a value.

Examples: $1 + 4 * 3$
 42

Arithmetic operators we will use:

$+$	$-$	$*$	$/$	addition, subtraction/negation, multiplication, division
$\%$				modulus, a.k.a. remainder
$**$				exponentiation

Precedence: Order in which operations are computed.

$*$ $/$ $\%$ $**$ have a higher precedence than $+$ $-$

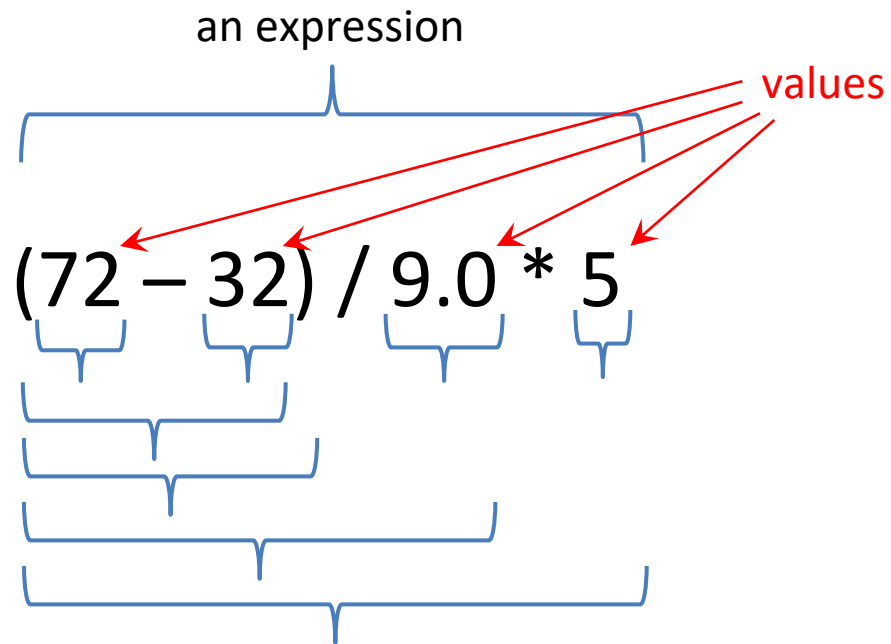
$1 + 3 * 4$ is 13

Parentheses can be used to force a certain order of evaluation.

$(1 + 3) * 4$ is 16

An expression is evaluated from inside out

- How many expressions are in this Python code?



$(72 - 32) / 9.0 * 5$

$40 / 9.0 * 5$

$4.44 * 5$

22.2

Assignment



Now we have expressions that return values



How do we store these values?

Variables



Assignment Operator

X = 5
NOT an equality!
In Python, equality is represented as ==

Variables hold values

- To assign a variable, use
“*variableName = expression*”
 - **pi = 3.14**
 - **pi**
 - **Lost = 4815162342**
 - **Lost**
 - **22 = x** # Error!
Why?
- Not all variable names are permitted

Naming Rules

- Names are case sensitive and cannot start with a number. They can contain letters, numbers, and underscores.
- bob Bob _bob _2_bob_ bob_2 BOB
-
- There are some reserved words:
 - and, assert, break, class, continue, def, del, elif, else, except, exec, finally, for, from, global, if, **import**, in, is, lambda, not, or, pass, print, raise, return, try, while

Changing existing variables ("re-binding" or "re-assigning")

- "=" in an assignment is *not* a promise of eternal equality
- Evaluating an expression gives a new (copy of a) number, rather than changing an existing one

x = 2 - 1

x

y = x

y

x = 5

x

y

How an assignment is executed

1. Evaluate the right-hand side to a value
2. Store that value in the variable

```
→ x = 2
→ print x
→ y = x + 1
→ print y
→ x = 5
→ print y
→ z = x + 1
→ print x
→ print y
→ print z
```

State of the computer:

```
x: 2
y: 3
z: 6
```

Printed output:

```
2
3
3
5
3
6
```

2. Python performs operations



Arithmetic Operations (already seen)

- . $22 * 10$
- . $22 / 10$
- . $22.0 / 10$
- . $3 ** 2$
- . $(5 + 6) * (4 - 3)$

- . $x = 3$
- . $y = x + 2$
- . $z = x + y$

- . **What about this?**
- . $z = 2$
- . $z - 5$
- . z

More operations: Conditionals (return TRUE/FALSE)

```
22 > 4
22 < 4
22 == 4
x = 100           # Assignment, not conditional!
x == 200
x == 100
22 = 4           # Error!
x >= 5
not True
not (x >= 200)
3<4 and 7<6
4<3 or 5<6

temp = 72
is_liquid = temp > 32 and temp < 212
```

More operations: “strings”

A string represents **text**, can use single or double quotations

```
“Python” or 'Python'  
myName = “Steph”
```

Operations:

- Length:

```
len(myName)
```

- Concatenation:

```
“Steph” + ‘DeMora’
```

#What will this do?

- More advanced: Containment/searching:

```
‘eph’ in myName
```

```
“v” in myName
```

#What do these return?

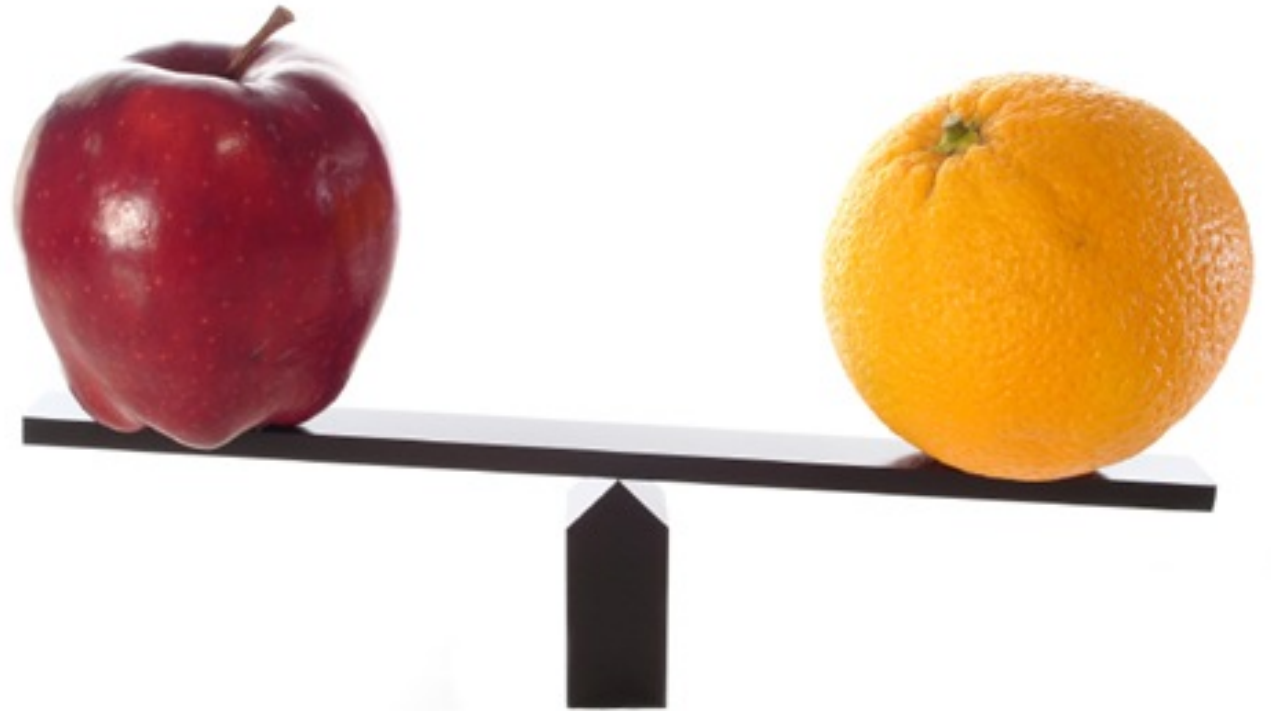
Mathematical Operations

- Python has useful commands for performing calculations.

<u>Command name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Constant</u>	<u>Description</u>
<code>abs(value)</code>	absolute value	<code>ea</code>	2.7182818...
<code>ceil(value)</code>	rounds up	<code>pi</code>	3.1415926...
<code>cos(value)</code>	cosine, in radians		
<code>floor(value)</code>	rounds down		
<code>log(value)</code>	logarithm, base e		
<code>log10(value)</code>	logarithm, base 10		
<code>max(value1, value2)</code>	larger of two values		
<code>min(value1, value2)</code>	smaller of two values		
<code>round(value)</code>	nearest whole number		
<code>sin(value)</code>	sine, in radians		
<code>sqrt(value)</code>	square root		

- To use many of these commands, you must write the following at the top of your Python program:
- `import math`

3. Different types act differently



Operations behave differently on different types

. Moral: Python *sometimes* tells you when you do something that does not make sense.

```
. 3.0 + 4.0  
. 3 + 4  
. 3 + 4.0  
. "3" + "4"  
. 3 + "4"  
    # Error  
. 3 + True  
    # What will this  
do?
```


Operations behave differently on different types

15.0 / 4.0

15 / 4

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Type conversion:

float(15)

int(15.0)

int(15.5)

int("15")

str(15.5)

float(15) / 4

int(x)

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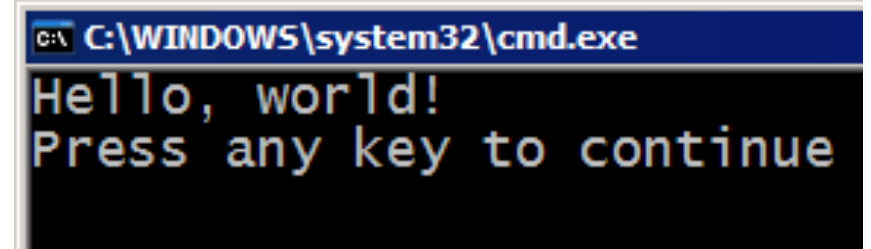
What is a program?

- A program is a sequence of instructions
- The computer executes one after the other, as if they had been typed to the interpreter
- Saving as a program is better than re-typing from scratch

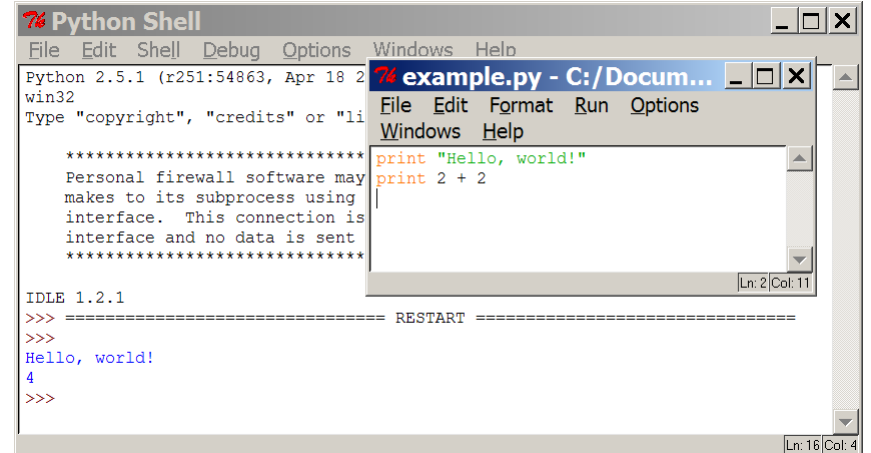
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x = (enter some value here)
y = (enter some value here)
z = x + y
print "x=", x
print "y=", y
print "The sum of", x, "and", y, "is", z
```

Programming Basics

- **code** or **source code**: The sequence of instructions in a program.
- **syntax**: The set of legal structures and commands that can be used in a particular programming language.
- **output**: The messages printed to the user by a program.
- **console**: The place where the user interacts with the program
 - Some source code editors pop up the console as an external window, and others contain their own console window.



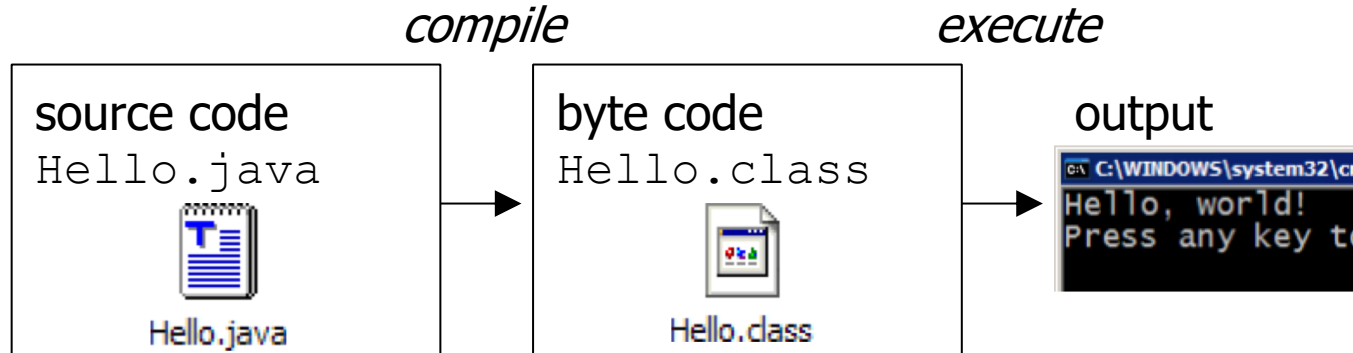
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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Hello, world!
Press any key to continue
```



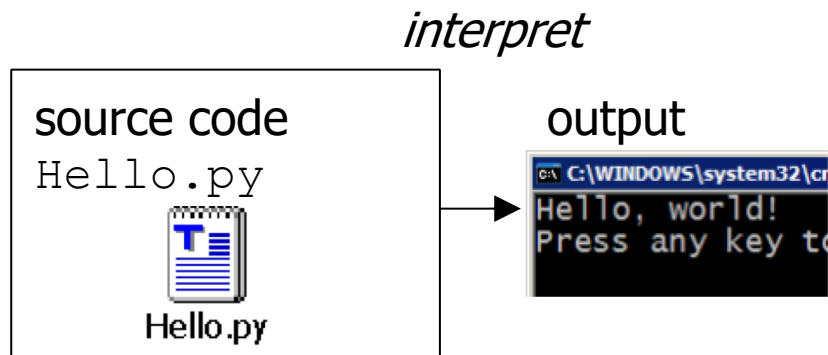
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Python Shell
File Edit Shell Debug Options Windows Help
Python 2.5.1 (r251:54863, Apr 18 2006) on win32
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license()" for more
>>>
*****
Personal firewall software may
makes to its subprocess using
interface. This connection is
interface and no data is sent
*****
IDLE 1.2.1
>>> ----- RESTART -----
>>>
Hello, world!
4
>>>
```

Compiling and interpreting

Many languages require you to compile (translate) your program into a form that the machine understands.



Python is instead directly interpreted into machine instructions.



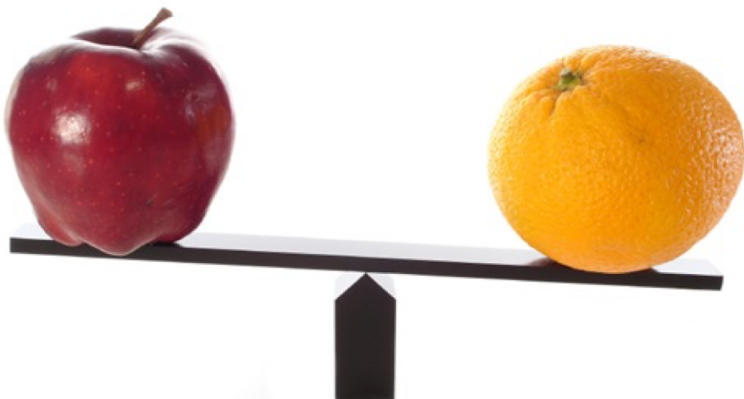
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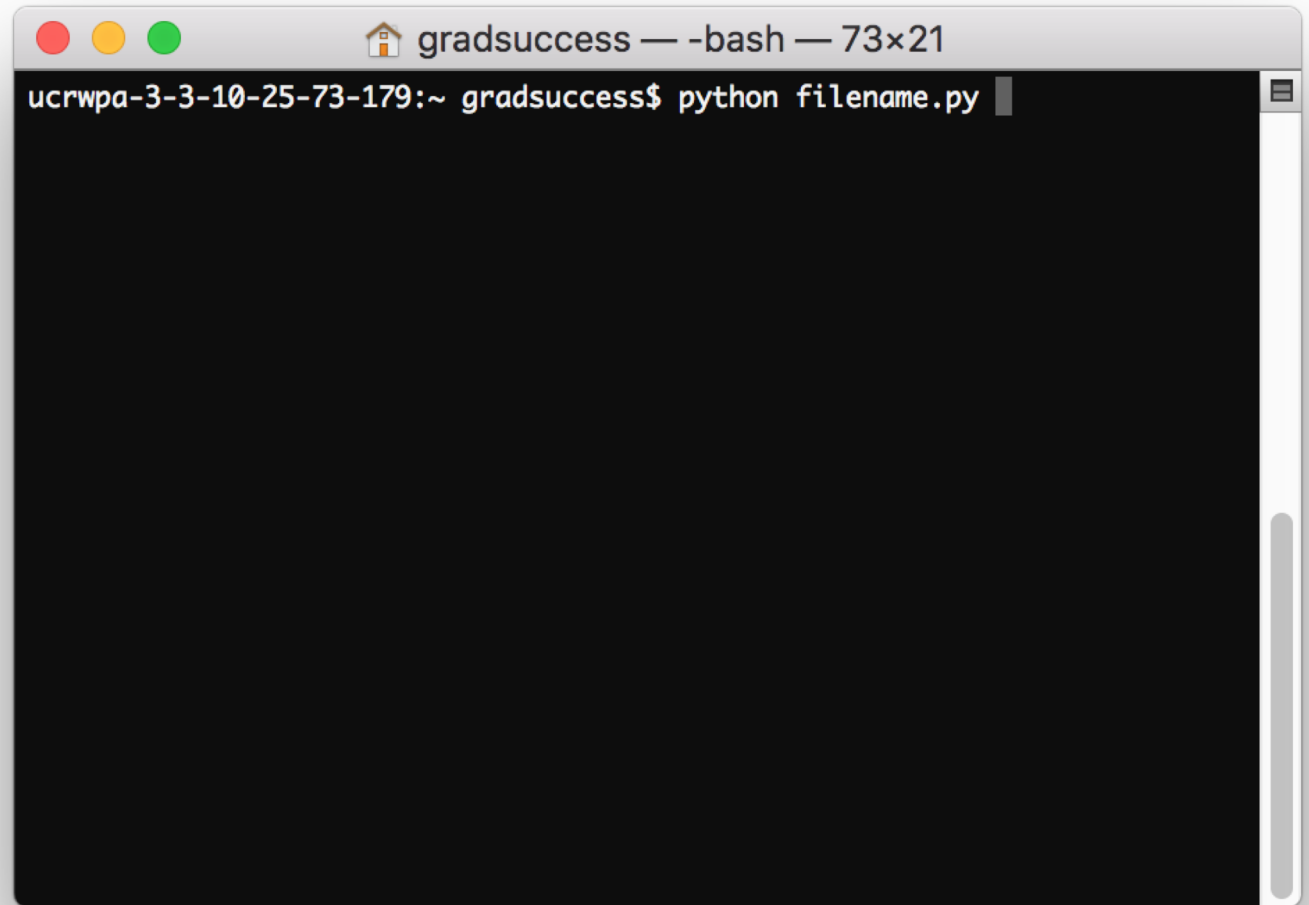
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Exercise 1:

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Running programs on UNIX

```
% python filename.py
```

A terminal window with a grey title bar containing three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left, a home icon, and the text "gradsuccess — -bash — 73x21". The terminal content shows the command "python filename.py" being executed. The prompt is "ucrwpa-3-3-10-25-73-179:~ gradsuccess\$".

```
ucrwpa-3-3-10-25-73-179:~ gradsuccess$ python filename.py
```


Comments

- Start comments with # – the rest of line is ignored.
- Can include a “documentation string” as the first line of any new function or class that you define.

```
# this is a comment
```

import statements

- Import allows a Python script to import additional modules

```
import numpy
import os
```

or

```
import numpy as np
import os
```

or

```
import numpy as np, os
```

Exercise 1:

```
#get inputs from the user
x = input('Provide a value for x:')
y = input ('Provide a value for y:')

#calculate output
z = x + y

#print results to the user
print "x = ", x
print "y = ", y
print "The sum of", x, "and", y, "is", z
```

Exercise 2: Fahrenheit to Celsius:

How could we take as input from the user a Fahrenheit temperature, and then convert it to Celsius?

Mathematical Equation for Celsius:

$$(F - 32) \times 5/9$$

Think about:

Input and output

Integers vs Floats

Exercise 2: Fahrenheit to Celsius:

```
#get inputs from the user
F = input('Provide the temperature in Fahrenheit:')

#calculate output
#make sure you maintain floats!
#try C = (F-32) * 5 / 9
C = (F - 32) * 5.0 / 9.0

#print results to the user
print "The temperature in Celsius is", C
```

Exercise 3: `if` statements

`"if"` provides a means of checking whether some condition is met.

Tabs are used to show what should run if the condition is met

```
if (5 < 6):  
    print "five is less than six"
```

```
if (x == "banana"):  
    print "x is banana"
```

```
if (y <= z):  
    print "y is less than or equal to z"  
    print "therefore I cannot choose the wine in front of  
me"
```

Exercise 3: `if` statements

```
Have the user input a number. If this number is greater than  
1000, output a message "Wow that is a big number!"
```

Exercise 3: if statements

```
#get inputs from the user
x = input('Provide a value:')

#print results to the user
if (x > 1000):
    print "Wow that is a big number!"

*ALTERNATIVELY:
if (1000 < x):
    print "Wow that is a big number!"
```


Exercise 4: else if

else if provides a means to check alternate conditions:

Consider this code:

```
if (x < 5):  
    print "x is pretty small"  
if (x < 10):  
    print "x is average"  
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Exercise 4: else if

Let's make a text-based adventure!

First line should be this:

```
x = raw_input('You are trapped with five dragons.  
              (A)run (B)fight (C)make friends:')
```

You should output a unique message based on whether the user types A, B, or C

How do you handle when a user types something else?

Exercise 4: else if

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#get inputs from the user
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#print results to the user
if (x == "A"):
    print "You cannot escape. You die!"
elif (x == "B"):
    print "You cannot win. You die!"
elif (x == "C"):
    print "They do not want to be friends. You die!"
elif (x == "cheat"):
    print "You found the way to cheat. You win!"
else:
    print "Invalid choice. You die"
```



Moving forward...

- There are many more tools available in Python that we can't cover here.
- If you want to move forward, the next things to look at would be:
 - Lists
 - For loops/while loops
 - Reading/Writing files

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Pandas

```
d = {'col1': [1, 2], 'col2': [3, 4]}  
df = pd.DataFrame(data=d)
```

	col1	col2
0	1	3
1	2	4



Python editors

- Eclipse with PyDev <http://pydev.org/>
- Sublime Text <http://www.sublimetext.com/>
- PyCharm <http://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/>
- Why use a python editor
 - Syntax Highlighting
 - Error Detection
 - Auto-completion

- Last commonly used release before version 3
- Implements some of the new features in version 3, but fully backwards compatible



- Released a few years ago
- Many changes (including incompatible changes)
- More existing third party software is compatible with Python 2 than Python 3 right now



Resources



Python's website
python.org/



Codecademy
codecademy.com/tracks/python



GradQuant Resources
gradquant.ucr.edu/workshop-resources/



Stack Overflow website
stackoverflow.com/

GradQuant

Make

One-on-one Consultations: Make appointment at gradquant.ucr.edu

Keep

Keep an eye out for emails regarding more seminars
gradquant.ucr.edu/workshop-resources/

Remember

Remember to fill out the seminar survey. Thank you!

Other libraries/python- related tools

- PyCharm
- Sublime Text
- Numpy
- SciPy
- Seaborn
- Bokeh
- Plotly
- Pandas
- Scikit-learn
- Django
- Tensorflow (python interface)
- Anaconda
- Other libraries specific to your field (e.g. Biopython)