

2/9/19 Class 2: Python Programming Fundamentals

- I. Datatypes and Class
- II. Variables and Literals
- III. Operators and Functions
(<https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/> for more methods)
- IV. Control Flow: if/else/elif

I. Datatypes and Class

Datatypes: a set of values and operations that can be used on them → abstract concept (not specific to any language)

Class: program-code-template written by programmers to create an object of the datatype (defines the properties and operations for each datatype) → programming language-specific

Datatype	Python class	Functions defined for our use
Integers	int	arithmetic, comparisons
Floating point numbers	float	arithmetic, comparisons
Booleans	bool	negation, and/or
Strings (sequence of characters)	str	concatenation, indexing

II. Variables and Literals

Code	Variable	Literal	Class of variable
a=2	a	2	int
c = a>3	c	a>3 (False)	bool
d = a==2	d	a==2 (True)	bool
bob_friend = 'fred'	bob_friend	'fred'	str

** Make sure you understand the difference between = and ==

=	It serves to assign the <u>literal on the right</u> to the <u>variable on the left</u> - x==y means 'literal y has been assigned to x '
==	- Used as part of a Boolean literal - Allows for literal to be either True or False - x==y means 'is x equal to y?'

III. Operators and Functions (includes review of last class)

1. Integers, Floats (int, float)

1) Basic operators

Arithmetic operators:

+ (addition), - (subtraction), / (division), // (floor division), %(modulus), **(exponent), *(multiplication)

Comparison operators:

== (equal), != (unequal), >, <, <=, >=

2) Functions in math module

First, the keyword `import`: brings in functions that are not built-in from a module (e.g. math module)

Eg) Run the following code and understand what each line is printing

****notice how we first import `math`, then also specify the math module again when calling the constants and functions from this module: e.g. `math.pi`, not just `pi`**

```
import math
print('some constants in Math module')
print('pi: ',math.pi)

a=3
print('some common functions')
print('square root of a: ', round(math.sqrt(a),2))
```

- `math.pi`: calling the constant `pi` within the `math` module
- `math.sqrt(a)`: calling the function `sqrt` within the `math` module on the variable `a`
- `round(math.sqrt(a),2)`: rounding the square root of `a` to 2 decimal points

3) Casting between float and int

```
In: int(7.99)
Out: 7
```

```
In: float(7)
Out: 7.0
```

2. Booleans

1) Boolean logic: `and`, `or`, `not`

2) Casting between `bool` and `int`

```
In: bool(1)
Out: True
```

```
In: bool(0)
Out: False
```

```
In: int(True)
Out: 1
```

```
In: int(False)
Out: 0
```

3. Strings

1) Concatenation

```
In: a= 'happy'+ 'joy'
In: a
Out: 'happyjoy'
```

2) Indexing and splicing

- To obtain the **character at the x(th) index** of the string *s*, you use *s[x]*
- To obtain the **length** of the string *s*, you use *len(s)*
- **Splicing**: To obtain all characters from 0th index to 5th index of the string *s*, you use *s[0:6]* (Remember that the 'end' index is exclusive, i.e. not included in your 'splice')

e.g. Make sure you understand the following:

```
In[1]: s = 'ihatethecold'
```

```
In[2]: [0]
Out[2]: 'i'
```

```
In[3]: s[1]
Out[3]: 'h'
```

```
In[4]: s[0:2]
Out[4]: 'ih'
```

```
In[5]: s[3:8]
Out[5]: 'tethe'
```

```
In[6]: len(s)
Out[6]: 12
```

```
In[7]: s[0:len(s)-1]
Out[7]: 'ihatethecol'
```

4. Input/Output functions

1) We already know **output** function: *print('...')*

2) **Input**:

```
variable_name = input("string to print before user enters info")
```

- waits for the user to input information and assigns that string to the variable
- To make the input info into a different datatype other than a string, we must use the casting functions seen above: *int()*, *float()*, or *bool()*

Eg)

```
name=input("What's your name dude?: ")
fav1=input("What's your favorite color?: ")
fav2=int(input("What's your favorite number?: "))
fav3=float(input("What's your favorite non-integer number?: "))
```

IV. Control Flow (if/else/elif)

```
if (Boolean expression1):  
    things to execute if expression1 is true  
  
elif (Boolean expression2):  
    things to execute if 1 is false and 2 is true  
  
else:  
    things to execute if 1 and 2 are false
```

Eg) '3' will print out in the example below

```
a=20  
if(a<10):  
    b=12  
elif(a>30):  
    b=15  
else:  
    b=3  
print b
```

Eg2) Run both case 1 and case 2 and make sure you understand why the output is different!

```
Case1>>  
x=3  
if(x==3):  
    print 'happy'  
print 'sad'
```

```
Case 2>>  
if(x==3):  
    print 'happy'  
else:  
    print 'sad'
```