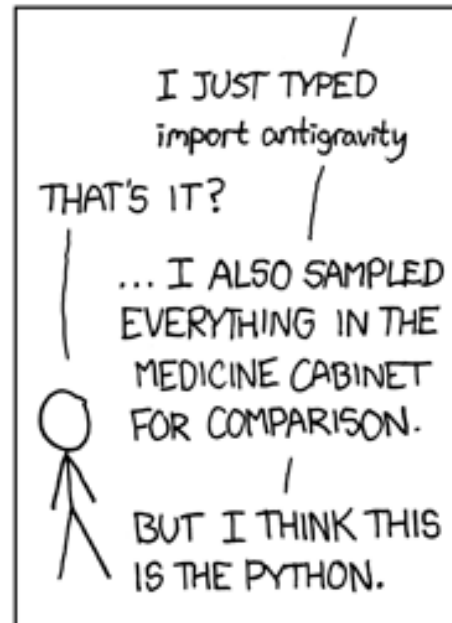


A Lightning Introduction to Python



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Basic syntax

```
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    for i in range(1, n + 1):  
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```

```
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```

TYPES (arrow pointing to `n`)

SEMICOLONS (arrow pointing to the semicolon after `print('fizzbuzz')`)

BRACKETS (arrow pointing to the opening parenthesis of `fizzbuzz(100)`)

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INDENT = "{ }" →

← NEWLINE = "SEMICOLON"

- 4 spaces is a common convention.
- Don't mix spaces and tabs.

Whitespace

- Whitespace on otherwise blank lines is ignored.

```
if i % 3 == 0 and i % 5 == 0:
```



← ARE THERE SPACES HERE? DON'T KNOW, DON'T CARE.

```
    print('fizzbuzz')
```

```
elif i % 3 == 0:
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

```
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```

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- Whitespace is ignored inside all brackets/parens.

```
if ( i % 3 == 0 and i % 5 == 0 ) :
```

```
    print( 'fizzbuzz' )
```

```
elif i % 3 == 0 :
```

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Whitespace

- Newline (+whitespace) is ignored after backslash.

```
if (i % 3 == 0 and
    i % 5 == 0):
    print('fizzbuzz')
elif i % 3 == \
0:
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    print('buzz')
else:
    print(i)
```

Dynamic typing

Variables don't have types.

Values do.

Dynamic typing

- A variable is created when you assign to it:

```
x = 3
```

- 3 is an integer. But **x** doesn't have to be—you can later give it a string value:

```
if x % 3 == 0:  
    x = 'fizz'
```

Functions

- Arguments and return values can also be any type:

WE HOPE THIS IS AN `int`, BUT IT CAN BE ANYTHING!

```
def fizzbuzzify(i):  
    if i % 3 == 0 and i % 5 == 0:  
        return 'fizzbuzz'  
    elif i % 3 == 0:  
        return 'fizz'  
    elif i % 5 == 0:  
        return 'buzz'  
    else:  
        return i
```

FUNCTION DEFINITIONS START WITH `def`. THAT'S ALL YOU NEED!

HERE WE RETURN A STRING...

BUT HERE WE RETURN WHATEVER `i` IS!

A few small spelling differences

Java	C++	Python
<code>&&, </code>	<code>&&, </code>	<code>and, or</code>
<code>else if</code>	<code>else if</code>	<code>elif</code>
<code>true, false</code>	<code>true, false</code>	<code>True, False</code>
<code>"string"</code>	<code>"string"</code>	<code>'string', "string"</code>
<code>// comment</code>	<code>// comment</code>	<code># comment</code>
<code>null</code>	<code>nullptr, NULL</code>	<code>None</code>

The interactive interpreter

Python 2 or Python 3?

- Python 3:
 - fixes some annoying design decisions
 - has a bunch of awesome new features
- but
 - some libraries might not support it

The differences aren't large, but Python 3 is not backwards compatible!

Code in this tutorial should work in both.

String operations

- Make a string:

```
first_name = 'Will'
```

- Concatenate two strings:

```
last_name = 'Monroe'
```

```
full_name = first_name + ' ' + last_name
```

- Get one character of a string

```
first_name[2] # 'l'
```

← START FROM ZERO

- Including numbers in strings

```
age = 'I am {} years old'.format(6 * 4)
```


String operations: Slicing

- “Slice” = “substring”:

```
>>> full_name[3:9]
"l Monr"
```

START (INCLUSIVE) END (EXCLUSIVE)

- Grab the first n characters:

```
>>> full_name[:3]
"Wil"
```

- ...or the last:

```
>>> full_name[-3:]
"roe"
```

NEGATIVE = COUNT FROM THE END

Containers

Java	C++ <code>std::</code>	Python
ArrayList	vector	list <code>[1, 2]</code>
HashMap	map	dict <code>{'a': 1, 'b': 2}</code>
HashSet	set	set <code>{1, 2}</code>
(n/a)	tuple	tuple <code>(1, 2)</code>

List operations: Building

- Make a list:

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
```

- Add a single value to the end:

```
numbers.append(4)
```

- Tack another list onto the end:

```
numbers.extend([5, 6])
```

- Concatenate two lists:

```
big_numbers = [7, 8, 9, 10]
```

```
lots_of_numbers = numbers + big_numbers
```

List operations: Slicing

- Works the same way as strings:

```
>>> fruit = ['apple', 'banana', 'peach']
```

```
>>> fruit[0]
```

```
'apple' ← NO COLON: GET A SINGLE ELEMENT
```

```
>>> fruit[1:3]
```

```
['banana', 'peach']
```

```
>>> fruit[-1:]
```

```
['peach'] ← WITH A COLON: GET A LIST
```

List operations: Slicing

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Appendix: A recursive smudges function

```
def possible_passwords(length, smudges):
    if len(smudges) > length:
        return []
    if length == 0:
        return ['']

    passwords = []

    for i in range(0, len(smudges)):
        first = smudges[i]
        for suffix in possible_passwords(length - 1,
                                         smudges[:i] + smudges[i + 1:]):
            passwords.append(first + suffix)
        # Consider duplicates
        for suffix in possible_passwords(length - 1, smudges):
            passwords.append(first + suffix)

    return passwords
```

Set operations

- Make a set:

```
>>> cats = { 'Phoebe', 'Annie' }
```

- Add a single value to the set:

```
>>> cats.add( 'Sylvester' )
```

- Check if a value is in the set:

```
>>> 'Tweety' in cats
```

```
False
```

- Get the union of two sets:

```
>>> cats.union( { 'Buster', 'Fido' } )  
{ 'Buster', 'Annie', 'Phoebe', 'Fido' }
```

Set operations

Method	Operation
<code>a.union(b)</code>	$a \cup b$
<code>a.intersection(b)</code>	$a \cap b$
<code>a.difference(b)</code>	$a - b$
<code>a.symmetric_difference(b)</code>	$a \cup b - a \cap b$
<code>a.issubset(b)</code>	$a \subseteq b ?$
<code>a.isdisjoint(b)</code>	$a \cap b = \emptyset ?$

```
>>> help(set)
```


File reading

```
with open('datafile.csv') as infile:  
    for line in infile:  
        print(line)
```

Appendix: Reading a CSV file

```
True, True, True, False, True, False  
False, True, False, True, True, True  
.  
.  
.
```

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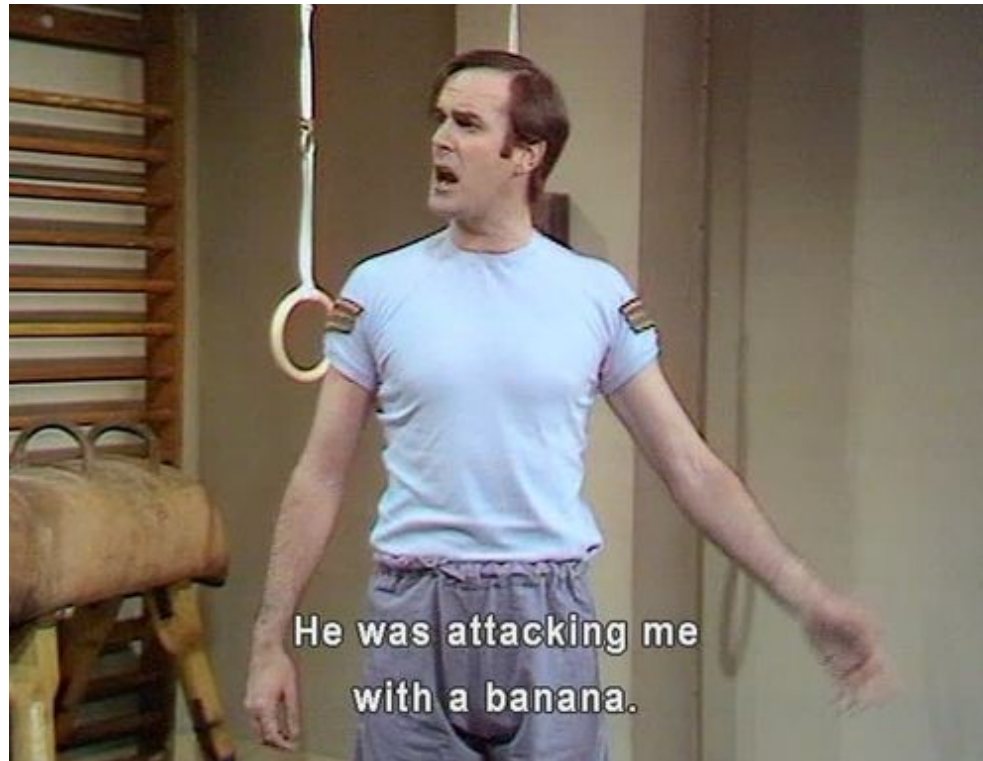
```
with open('data.csv') as infile:
    data = []
    for line in infile:
        # Strip off the final \n
        line = line[:-1]
        # line is 'True,True,False,...'
        # split(x) returns a list of
        # substrings, separated by x
        row = line.split(',')
        data.append(row)

# data is now a list of lists:
#     [['True', 'True', 'False', ...],
#      ['False', 'True', 'False', ...],
#      ...]
```

The random library

```
random.randint(a, b)
# integer between a and b, inclusive
random.choice(seq)
# pick one element of seq, equally likely
random.shuffle(seq)
# shuffle seq, in-place
random.sample(seq, k)
# draw k elements of seq without replacement
random.random()
# uniform float in [0, 1)
```

Appendix: How to ~~Defend Yourself Against~~ Fresh Fruit



←
GRATUITOUS MONTY
PYTHON REFERENCE.

PYTHON IS NAMED
AFTER THEM!

Appendix: Fresh fruit

From lecture Fri 4/7: 4 mandarins, 3 grapefruits in a bag. Draw 3. P(2 grapefruits, 1 mandarin)?

```
import random

def grapefruit(num_draws):
    bag = ['mandarin', 'mandarin', 'mandarin', 'mandarin',
           'grapefruit', 'grapefruit', 'grapefruit']
    total_successes = 0
    for i in range(num_draws):
        draw = random.sample(bag, 3)
        if sorted(draw) == ['grapefruit', 'grapefruit', 'mandarin']:
            total_successes += 1
    return total_successes * 1.0 / num_draws
# Note: * 1.0 not necessary on Python 3
```

Answer: $12/35 = 0.3428\dots$

Running with 10M draws gave me 0.3425...

Appendix: Python classes

← INHERITANCE!

```
class Mandarin(Fruit):  
    def __init__(self, juiciness):  
        self.juiciness = juiciness  
  
    def peel(self, care):  
        if self.juiciness - care > 9000:  
            print('Squirt!')
```

self IS LIKE this. YOU HAVE TO

WRITE IT EXPLICITLY HERE.

```
extra_juicy = Mandarin(1000000)  
extra_juicy.peel(0)
```

↑ BUT NO NEED TO WRITE self WHEN
CALLING A METHOD.