



Introduction to Python



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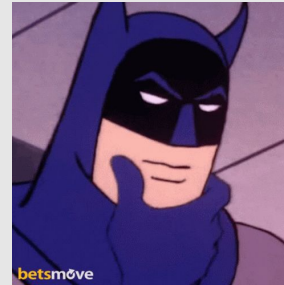
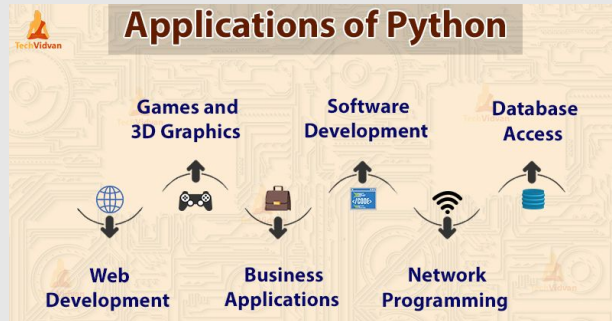


What is Python?

Programming language with many uses including creating websites, software, automating tasks, data analysis, and more.

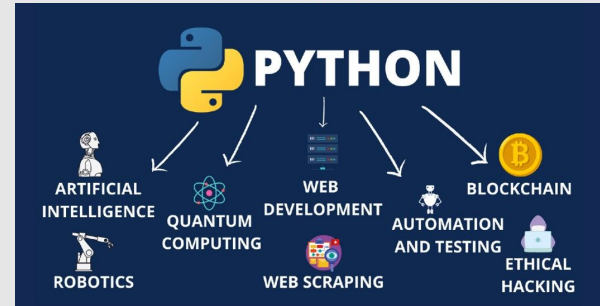
```
# Python 3: Simple output (with Unicode)
>>> print("Hello, I'm Python!")
Hello, I'm Python!

# Input, assignment
>>> name = input('What is your name?\n')
>>> print('Hi, %s.' % name)
What is your name?
Python
Hi, Python.
```



What's so Special About Python?

- ★ Emphasizes code readability and allows you to use English keywords without using punctuation.
- ★ Used by applications/websites like Instagram, Uber, and many video games.
- ★ Provides extensive libraries, and a supportive community
- ★ Can create custom applications

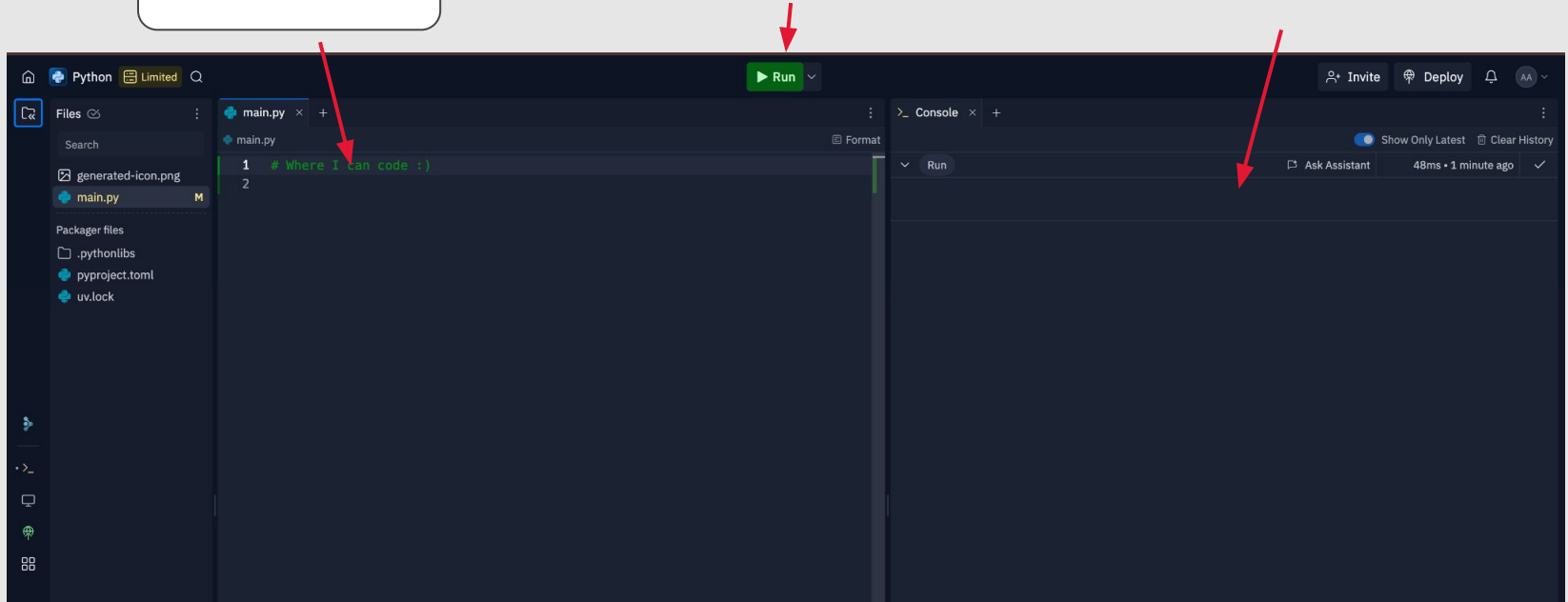


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Coding Area

Hitting the run button executes your code.

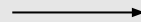
Console: Where Python programs run. The result of running your code, or errors are displayed.



Print Statements

`print()` is a built-in Python function that takes in a value or argument in between the parentheses, and outputs the argument to the console.

```
main.py
1 print("I love python!")
2
```



```
>_ Console x Shell x +
I love python!
```

syntax		console output
<code>print("hi")</code> or <code>print('hi')</code>	→	hi
<code>print(25)</code>	→	25
<code>print(10 * 4)</code>	→	40

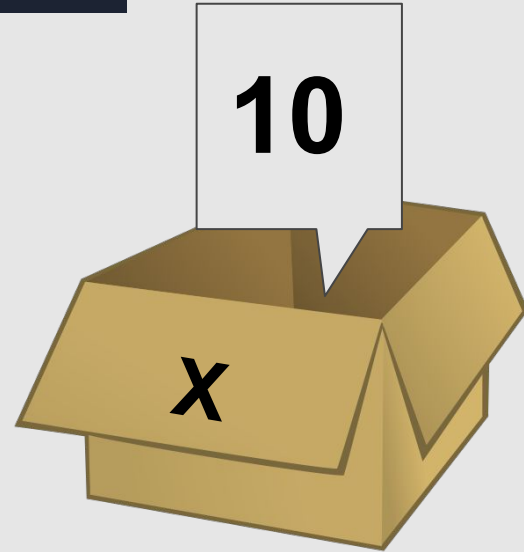
Variables

 main.py

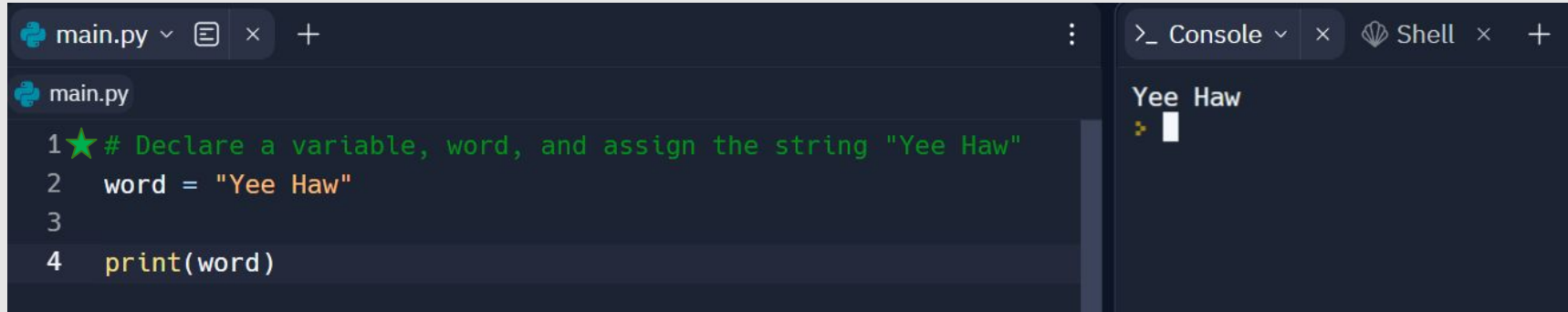
```
1 # Declare a variable, x, and assign the number 10
2 x = 10
```



Variables store data that
can be later
referenced or used.



Variables: Another Example



```
main.py × +
main.py
1 ★ # Declare a variable, word, and assign the string "Yee Haw"
2 word = "Yee Haw"
3
4 print(word)

>_ Console × Shell × +
Yee Haw
```

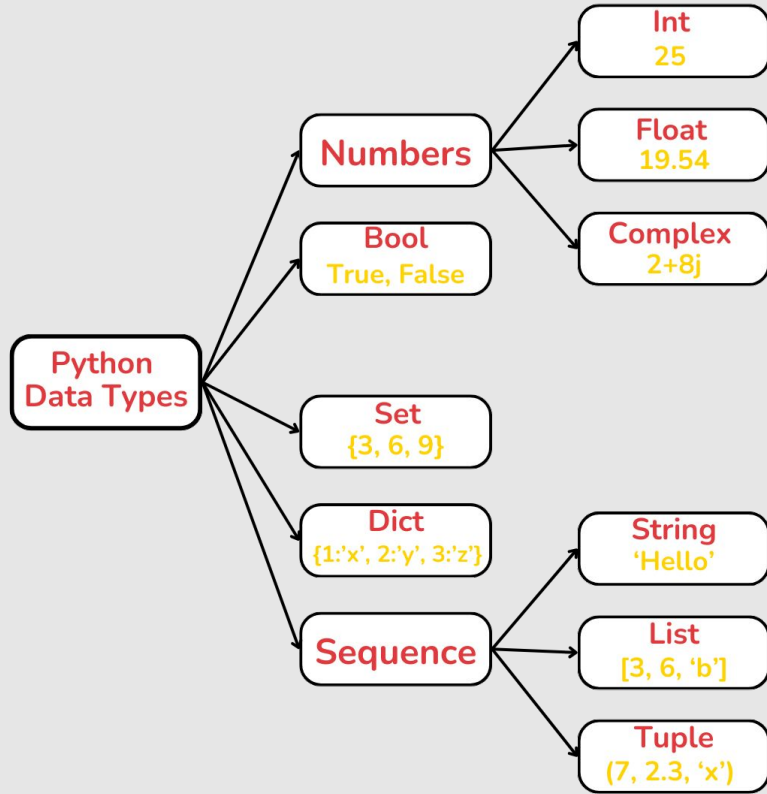


When naming variables, keep in mind that python has variable name restrictions.



marks a single line comment. Comments do not affect the execution of code.

Variable Types



- Python has data types built-in by default.
- You do not have to specify the type when assigning a variable because Python infers the type.
- The `type(variable_name)` function can show the type of a variable.

```
temp = 80.4  print(type(temp))  →  float
```

```
flag = False  print(type(flag))  →  bool
```

Operators

Arithmetic Operators

Multiply

*

Subtract

-

Add

+

Divide

/

Exponent

**

Conditional Operators

Greater

>

Less

<

Equality

==

Less,Equal

<=

Greater,Equal

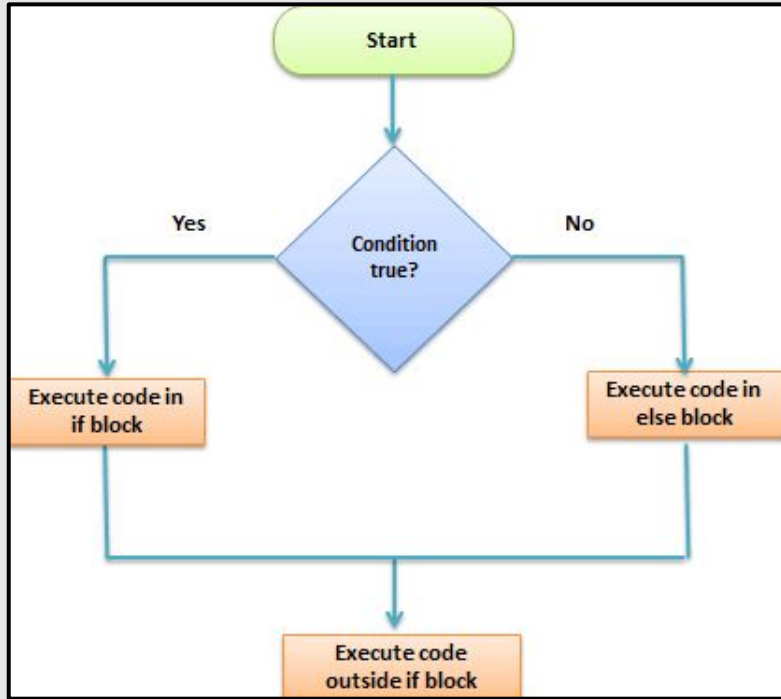
>=

And
and

Or
or

Not
not

Conditional Statements



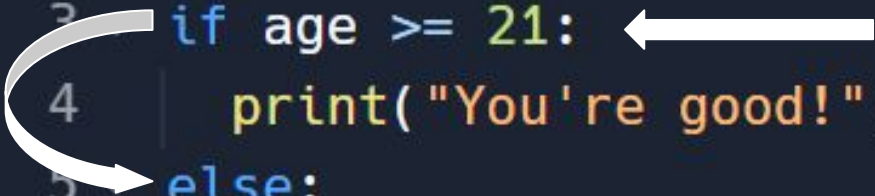
- A conditional is a situation where you see the pattern of:
`if __, then __.`
- If a condition is met, something will happen as a result.

Conditional Statements: Execution Pattern

Conditional Keyword + Syntax	What it does?
if condition: body	If the condition is met then the body will be executed. If not, then the body will be skipped.
elif condition: body	If none of the previous conditions were true, execute the body. You can have multiple elif statements.
else: body	If none of the previous conditions were true, execute the body.

Conditional Statements: Bouncer Example

```
1 age = 19
2
3 if age >= 21: ←
4     print("You're good!")
5 else:
6     print("Kick rocks! *snaps ID*")
```

A diagram illustrating the execution flow of a conditional statement. A white arrow points from the right to the condition 'if age >= 21:' on line 3. A curved white arrow starts from the end of line 3 and points to the 'else:' statement on line 5, indicating that the code will skip the 'if' block and execute the 'else' block because the condition is false.

Conditional Statements: Bouncer Example + A Twist

```
main.py
1  age = 25
2
3  if age >= 65:
4      print("You're too old!")
5  elif age >= 21:
6      print("You're good!")
7  else:
8      print("Kick rocks! *snaps ID*")
```



Try It, What Would be Printed?

```
x = 7
y = 10

if x + y > 15:
    if x == 35 and y == 12:
        print("A")
    elif x - y <= 0 or x + 7 > 30:
        print("B")
    else:
        print("C")
elif x + y > 0:
    if x + y == 17:
        print("C")
else:
    print("D")
```

Answer:



- Note that the outer elif and else clauses are never reached in this case.

Capturing User Input

```
input("What's your favorite color? Type your answer here.")
```

Syntax: `input("message")`

The input function is similar to the print function. However, the input function subsequently asks the user to put in an answer.

The console will print the *message* in quotation marks, and then wait for user input.

Generating Random Numbers



Chooses a random number inside of a range.

Syntax: `randint(min number, max number)`

```
1  from random import randint
2
3  print(randint(1, 6))
```



Randomly generates
a number:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6

Review: What We've Learned

**Print
Function**

`print("message")`

Variables

`x = "terrapin"`
`y = 1738`

Conditionals

if, else, elif

**Input
Function**

`input("message")`

randint()

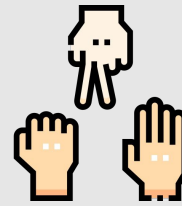
`randint(min, max)`

Now it's Your Turn: Rock Paper Scissors

Rules:

1. Each player randomly chooses: Rock, Paper, or Scissors
 - Players are playing against the computer which also randomly chooses what to play.
2. Rock beats Scissors
3. Scissors beats Paper
4. Paper beats Rock
5. If both the player and computer select the same thing, it's a Tie

Things to Keep in Mind:



1

Ensure that your program allows the user to enter what they want to play (rock, paper, or scissors)

2

Be sure you account for the different cases in what both players can play.

(ie. Player chooses Paper, computer chooses rock, Player wins.)

3

Ensure that the computer choice of what to play is random.

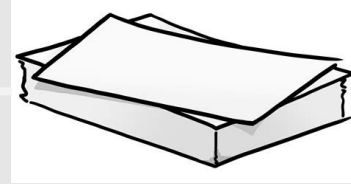
4

Print out the winner at the end.

Possible Outcomes



Player



You Lose 😞



Tie



You Win!

Computer

Example of a Completed Rock, Paper, Scissors Code

<https://replit.com/@JasonSteinberg/CharmingHorizontalCore#main.py>



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