

CIS 11000

Types & Variables! (Lecture)

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Review: Variables

Review: Intro to Variables

Lets start with a simpler example:

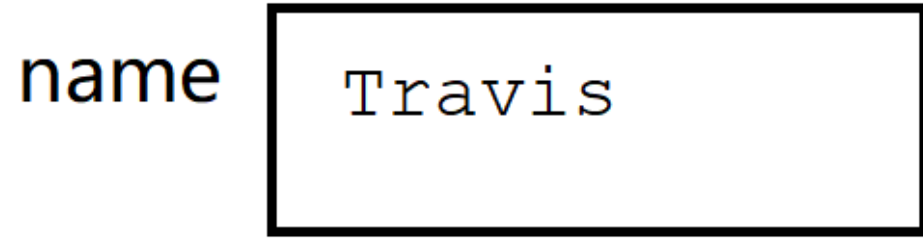
```
name = "Travis"
```

What this does is it creates a *Variable* stored named "name" holding the value "Travis".

You can think of a variable sort of like a box with a name attached to it.

The value in the box can change over the course of the program, but can only hold one thing at a time.

name



Travis

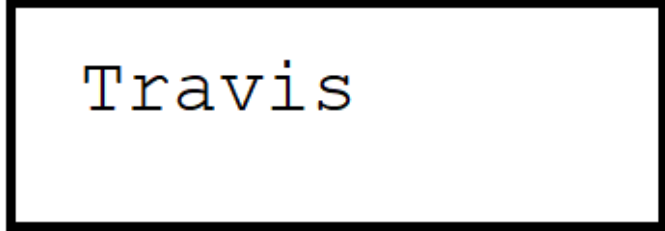
Review: Printing Variables

We can print variables, similar to how we print strings:

```
name = "Travis"  
print(name) # prints Travis
```

When we give the name of the variable, it tells python to see what is stored "inside that box"

name



Travis

Review: Variables Change over Time

Variables can change over the course of a program, and can only hold one value.

Consider:

```
name = "Harry"      <-----  
name = "Travis"  
print(name)
```

name

Harry

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name = "Harry"  
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```

name

Travis

Review: Variable Naming

For best practices We follow `lower_snake_case` when naming variables.

Consider the following variables, which ones are good variable names (and legal)

Use (M1) on your worksheet. Bubble in the corresponding bubble if you think it is a good (and legal) variable name

a) `local_counter3`

b) `2s_compliment`

c) `HowdyPartner`

d) `where_It_Is`

e) `import`

Review: Expressions

- **Expressions** are portions of a program that have a value.
- Basic expressions are composed of **literals**, **variables**, and **operators**

Term	Definition	Example
Literal	A part of an expression that has a value which can be interpreted <i>literally</i>	4.0 or "python"
Variable	A named portion of memory that stores some value	year or x or last_name
Operator	A symbol defining an operation or transformation	=, + or *

Review: Operators & Literals

Quick: Raise your fingers

- 1 Finger: Literal
- 2 Fingers: Variable
- 3 Fingers: Operators

Symbols:

- `"hello_there"`
- `=`
- `"+"`
- `2`

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Symbols:

- `howdy`
- `+`
- `"3"`
- `title_fight`

Review: f-strings

f-strings are string literals that have an `f` prefix.

Allows us to have `{}` inside the string that contain an expression. That expression will be evaluated into the string value.

Poll: What gets printed? (L11)

```
x = 3
print("{x}")
print(f"{x} + 1")
print(f"(x + 1) is equal to {x} + {1}")
```

Types

Data Type	Purpose	Sample Values	Sample Operations
<code>int</code>	whole (integer) numbers	<code>3</code> , <code>-14</code> , <code>0</code>	<code>+</code> , <code>-</code> , <code>*</code> , <code>/</code>
<code>float</code>	numbers with fractional parts	<code>3.0</code> , <code>-14.32</code> , <code>0.0</code>	<code>+</code> , <code>-</code> , <code>*</code> , <code>/</code>
<code>str</code>	text	<code>"CIS 1100"</code> , <code>"False"</code>	<code>len()</code> , indexing & slicing

there are others, but lets stick to these 3 for this lecture.

More in videos & next lecture

Strings

We have seen strings before, they contain a sequence of characters.

Even in our first program, we were using a string:

```
print("Hello World!")
```

operator `+` with strings

We can use the `+` operator to take two string values and append them together.

```
example = "hello" + "world"  
print(example) # prints "helloworld"
```

operator `+` with strings

Note: Using `+` on a variable doesn't change the variable used in the `+`, it copies the value for the expression.

Example:

```
x = "title"  
y = "fight"  
z = x + " " + y  
print(x) # "title"  
print(y) # "fight"  
print(z) # "title fight"
```

Calling functions "On" strings

We can also call functions *on* strings to perform some operation.

Consider this example:

```
x = "happy"  
y = x.upper()  
z = "World".lower()  
  
print(x)    # "happy"  
print(y)    # "HAPPY"  
print(z)    # "world"
```

Syntax: `<string>.func_name()`

More string functions

- `.upper()` makes a copy where all letters are uppercase
- `.lower()` makes a copy where all letters are lowercase
- `.replace(old, new)` makes a copy of the string where all instances of `old` are replaced by `new`
- `a + b` makes a new string value that has the value of `b` attached to the end of `a`

What does this `z` evaluate to? (S7)

```
x = "you"  
y = "ynrnr 2".lower()  
z = y.replace("nr", "e") + " " + x.upper()
```

Practice: Reassignment

Some easy mistakes to make when programming are:

- Forgetting that (most) operators do not modify variables that are operands
- Improperly keeping track of values stored in variables

lets practice these :)

Practice:

What are the final value of all variables in this program? (C12)

```
my = "ed"  
ele = "ge"  
name = f"{my + ele}".upper()  
ele.uppper()  
my = "Moons of Uranus"  
x = my.replace("Uranus", "Neptune").lower()  
my = "2015 feels like {2} years ago - {name}"
```

Numerical Types

Python can store numbers, but it makes a distinction between two types of numbers:

- `int` These are Integers, meaning any positive or negative value (or zero).
 - e.g. `0`, `-3200`, `10`
- `float` These can store rational numbers and some special values
 - e.g. `3.14`, `2.0`, `infinity`

Basic Operators

- $+$: addition
- $-$: subtraction
- $/$: divide
- $*$: multiplication

Order of operations (PEMDAS) read left \rightarrow right still applies.

If you are unsure about order of ops, just use $($ and $)$

Mixing Numerical Types

- If you use an operator on two `ints` you get an `int`
 - (except `/` then you get a `float`, why?)
- If you use an operator on two `floats` you get a `float`
- if you operate on an `int` and a `float` you get a `float` (why?)

What do these evaluate to and print?

- $3 + 0.5 * 2$ (S8)
- $(2 * 8) / 3$ (S9)

More Assignment Operators

There are also a few more operators worth covering:

- `+=` used to do both `+` and `=`

```
x = "h"  
x += "i"
```

is equivalent to

```
x = "h"  
x = x + "i"
```

works for numerical types as well

- Variants like `-=`, `*=` and `/=` exist for numerical types

Other Arithmetic Operators

- `**` used for exponents.
 - e.g. 5 squared is `5 ** 2`
- `//` used for "integer division, rounds the result towards 0"
 - `int // int` evaluates to an `int`
 - `3 // 2` evaluates to `1`
- `%` called "modulo" used to get the remainder of a division.
 - `5 % 2` evaluates to `1`
 - `9 % 3` evaluates to `0`

What does this evaluate to? `(10 % 3) ** 2 // 5` (S10)

If Time: Boolean Type

if we don't get to it this lecture, then we will cover in next lecture

Another type that exists is `bool` which can represent two values `True` or `False`

```
x = True
y = False
print(x)
```

Comparison

A common way to get boolean values is through comparison.

- `==` checks if two things are equal
- `!=` checks if two things are NOT equal

`"Hello" == "hello"` evaluates to false

`5 != 3` evaluates to true

`"hi" == "hi"` evaluates to true

More on `bool` & a new type `None` next time

Reminder:

- Next lecture on Monday 09/09
- There is another check-in due before that lecture as well.
- Office Hours and Recitation start next week
 - Recitation counts attendance, show up to your assigned recitation!
- HW00 is out and due Wednesday (9/11) at midnight
- Sunday Review Sessions start this weekend
 - every Sunday, 10-12am
 - check Ed for room announcement