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An introduction to Python 3

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Overview

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- developed by Guido van Rossum
- high-level programming language
- designed for easy readability and simplicity



Installation

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Python

Windows:

<https://www.python.org/downloads/>

Ubuntu:

```
$ sudo apt install python3
```

MacOS:

```
$ brew install python3
```

IDE

Pycharm:

<https://www.jetbrains.com/pycharm/>

-> professional

Visual Studio Code:

<https://code.visualstudio.com/>

First Steps

- verify installation
- we are using Python 3.7.3
- documentation:
 - <https://docs.python.org/3.7/>
- read the „Zen of Python“:
>>> import this
- install PEP 8 and get used to it

```
murmel@murmel-Swift-SF314-54G: ~  
murmel@murmel-Swift-SF314-54G:~$ python  
Python 2.7.15+ (default, Oct 7 2019, 17:39:04)  
[GCC 7.4.0] on linux2  
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.  
>>> quit()  
murmel@murmel-Swift-SF314-54G:~$ python3  
Python 3.7.3 (default, Apr 3 2019, 19:16:38)  
[GCC 8.0.1 20180414 (experimental) [trunk revision 259383]] on linux  
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.  
>>> |
```

Zen of Python

Beautiful is better than ugly.
Explicit is better than implicit.
Simple is better than complex.
Complex is better than complicated.
Flat is better than nested.
Sparse is better than dense.
Readability counts.
...

Basics

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```
1 # string
2 my_string = "abc" + 'def'.upper()
3 # my_string = "abcDEF"
4
5 # boolean
6 my_bool = (True or False) and not (False and True)
7 # my_bool = True
8
9 # integer
10 my_int = (2019 % 11) ** (2019 // 1024 + 1)
11 # my_int = 36
12
13 # float
14 my_float = 0.648 * 1.132
15
16 my_list = [1, "foo"]
17 my_list.append([2,3])
18 my_list[0] = "ROBO...bsss"
19 # my_list = ["ROBO...bsss", "foo", [2,3]]
```

```
21 print(my_list[2][1])
22 # 3
23
24 # tuple
25 my_tuple = (1,2,'hello_world')
26
27 # dictionary
28 my_dict = {
29     "Turing" : "Alan",
30     "Lovelace" : "Ada"
31 }
32 my_dict["Hopper"] = "Grace"
33 # my dict = {'Turing': 'Alan', 'Lovelace': 'Ada', 'Hopper': 'Grace'}
34
```

Basic Concepts

- interpreted
- inferred dynamic typing
- indentation determines structure
- no semicolons, parentheses or curly braces

```
1 # this is a comment
2 tutor_name = "Max"
3 tutor_age = 19
4 student_knows_how_to_program = True
5 student_has_a_question = False
6
7 def ask_question(question):
8     if question == None or question == "":
9         pass
10    else:
11        print(question)
12
13 if student_knows_how_to_program:
14     print("all easy")
15 elif student_has_a_question:
16     student_question = "How do I ..."
17     print(tutor_name + ask_question(student_question))
```

Object-oriented Example

- pay attention with these standart parameters:

- lists
- dicts
- sets

- usefull resources:

- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/index.html>
- https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_intro.asp

```
1 class Table:
2
3     def __init__(self, height, width, depth, material="wood"):
4         self.height = height
5         self.width = width
6         self.depth = depth
7         self.material = material
8         self.items = {}
9
10    def get_dimensions(self):
11        | return self.height, self.width, self.depth
12
13    @staticmethod
14    def leg_count():
15        | return 4
16
17    def get_area(self):
18        | return self.width * self.depth
19
20    # CAUTION!!!
21    def lay_down(self, items = []):
22        | self.items.update(items)
```

Python in RoboLab

- only import from standard library and ev3dev.ev3 (assignment 5)
- carefully read the documentation
- then read it again
- “First, solve the problem. Then, write the code.”

```
1 # bitwise operators: <<, >>, ~, &, |, ^
2 foo = 5 # 0b101
3 bar = 6 # 0b110
4 res = (foo & bar) ^ bar # res = 2
5
6 # lists of lists
7 my_matrix = [[1,2,3],
8              [4,5,6],
9              [7,8,9]]
10
11 [1] in list(map(lambda x: [x], [1,2,3]))
12 # true
13
14 """
15     further hints:
16     - Enums
17     - zip()
18 """
```

Unit Tests

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- you have to write your own tests
- write useful tests
- edge cases

```
1 class Inventory:
2     def __init__(self, items):
3         self.items = items
4
5     def add_item(self, item):
6         self.items.append(item)
7     def delete_item(self, item):
8         self.items.remove(item)
```

Unit Tests

```
1 from Inventory import Inventory
2 import unittest
3
4 class MyInventoryTest(unittest.TestCase):
5     def setUp(self):
6         self.empty = Inventory([])
7         self.inventory = Inventory(['apple', 'milk', 'cheese', 'apple'])
8
9     def test_empty_inventory(self):
10        self.assertEqual(self.empty.items, [])
11
12    def test_add(self):
13        self.inventory.add_item('banana')
14        self.assertEqual(self.inventory.items, ['apple', 'milk', 'cheese', 'apple', 'banana'], 'Adding Banana failed')
15
16    def test_remove_single_item(self):
17        self.inventory.delete_item('milk')
18        self.assertEqual(self.inventory.items, ['apple', 'cheese', 'apple'], 'Drinking milk failed')
19
20    def test_remove_double_item(self):
21        self.inventory.delete_item('apple')
22        self.assertEqual(self.inventory.items, ['milk', 'cheese', 'apple'], 'Where is my second apple?')
```

Dos and Don'ts

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- be consistent in formatting
- useful names
- comment your code (especially **why** you did it that way)
- no import loops!

```
1 import turtle
2
3 def MyVeryOwnFunction1(x,y,z):
4     for x in y:
5         return x in z
6
7 def this_is_a_function_with_a_very_short_and_useful_name(a,b,c,d=[]):
8     d = d.append(a)
9     c /= (b*c / c **(c|b))
10    return a
11
```

Questions?

Sources

- https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_intro.asp
- <https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/>
- <https://www.python.org/>
- [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Python_\(Programmiersprache\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Python_(Programmiersprache))
- Structure based on „An introduction to Python 3” held by Georg Lauterbach