



## Introduction to Python

### Description

Python is a programming language that is easy to read and write. In this notebook, you will learn the basics and then move on to more advanced concepts like functions, lists, and dictionaries.

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## 1. The print() function

It is used to display a message on the screen.

Example:

```
print("Hello, world!")
```

**Exercise 1:** Write a program that prints your name.

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## 2. Variables

A variable is a container that can store a value.

Example:

```
name = "Luca"  
age = 13
```

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**Exercise 2:** Create two variables, one with your name and one with your age, then print them.

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### 3. Keyboard Input

With the `input()` function we can ask the user to enter data.

Example:

```
name = input("What is your name? ")  
print("Hello", name)
```

**Exercise 3:** Ask the user for their favorite color and print it.

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### 4. Mathematical Operations

Python can perform calculations:

- + addition
- - subtraction
- \* multiplication
- / division
- \*\* exponentiation

Example:

```
a = 5  
b = 2  
print(a + b)
```

**Exercise 4:** Ask the user for two numbers and print the sum.

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### 5. Conditions (if - else)

With `if` we can decide what to do depending on a condition.

Example:

```
age = int(input("How old are you? "))
if age >= 18:
    print("You are an adult")
else:
    print("You are a minor")
```

**Exercise 5:** Ask for a number and print whether it is even or odd.

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## 6. Loops (for - while)

### For loop

```
for i in range(1, 6):
    print(i)
```

### While loop

```
i = 1
while i <= 5:
    print(i)
    i += 1
```

**Exercise 6:** Print numbers from 1 to 10 using `for`.

**Exercise 7:** Print even numbers from 2 to 20 using `while`.

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## 7. Comments

Comments explain the code but are not executed.

```
# This is a comment
```

**Exercise 8:** Rewrite one of your programs adding a comment to each line.

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## 8. Lists

A **list** is a sequence of values enclosed in square brackets.

Example:

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "kiwi"]  
print(fruits[0]) # prints "apple"
```

**Exercise 9:** Create a list with 5 animals and print the second item.

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## 9. Looping through a list

You can use a `for` loop to read each item in the list.

```
for fruit in fruits:  
    print(fruit)
```

**Exercise 10:** Write a program that prints all the items in a list of sports.

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## 10. Functions

A **function** is a block of code that can be reused.

Example:

```
def greet(name):  
    print("Hello", name)  
  
greet("Julia")
```

**Exercise 11:** Write a function that takes two numbers and prints their sum.

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## 11. Dictionaries

A **dictionary** is a collection of key-value pairs.

Example:

```
student = {"name": "Anna", "age": 13}
print(student["name"])
```

**Exercise 12:** Create a dictionary with information about a city (name, population, country).

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## 12. Final Challenge (optional)

Write a program that:

- Asks the user for two numbers
- Adds them and calculates the average
- Prints a different message if the average is greater or less than 10

**Exercise 13:** Try using `if`, `input()`, `print()` and math operations.

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