# Variables and Data Types

**Python Programming** 

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## 1. Introduction

#### Hello world!

- Printed "Hello, World!" in hello\_world.py python program in the previous chapter
  - Merely prints out a string with the welcome message:

print('Hello World!')

- What is print()? and where does the print() function come from?
  - a predefined function that can be used to *print things out*, for example to the user
    - "predefined": built into the Python environment and is understood by Python interpreter
    - → the interpreter knows where to find the definition of the print() function which tells it what to do when it encounters the print() function
  - this handles a stream (sequence) of data such as letters and numbers
  - this output stream of data can be sent to an output window such as the terminal on Mac or Command Window on Windows PC

### Hello world!

- The print() function actually tries to print whatever you give it,
  - when it is given a string it will print a string
  - if it is given an integer such as 42 it will print 42 and
  - if it is a given a floating point number such as 23.56 then it will print 23.56

#### Interactive hello world

- Let us make our program, hello\_world.py, a little more interesting
  - to ask us our name and say hello to us personally

```
print('Hello world!')
user_name = input('Enter your name: ')
print('Hello ', user_name)
Hello world!
```

Hello world! Enter your name: John Hello John

- user\_name = input('Enter your name: ')
  - this statement first execute another function called input()
    - this function is passed a string (a.k.a an argument) to use when it prompts the user for input
    - also a built-in function in Python environment
  - result is stored in the *variable* user\_name

• '='

- Assignment operator
- between the user\_name variable and the input() function;

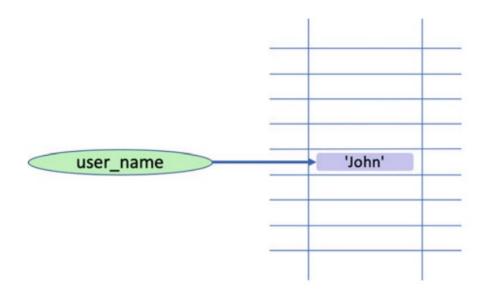
```
user_name = input('Enter your name: ')
```

• Used to assign the value returned by the function input() to the variable user\_name

## 2. Variables

#### Definition

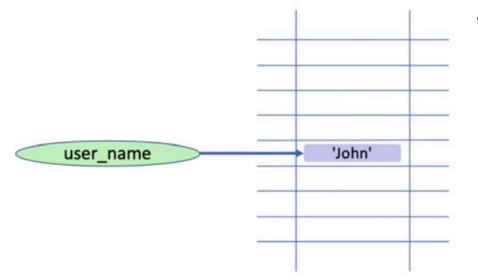
- Variable (변수): A named area of the computers' memory that can be used to hold things
  - often referred to as data
  - e.g., strings, numbers, Boolean (True/False), etc.
  - user\_name is acting as a label for an area of memory which will hold the string entered by user
    - can refer an area of memory containing actual data



Two dimensional grid "memory" location; each location has an address associated with it

- address is unique within the memory and can be used
  - to return to the data held at that location

#### Note: Memory, address, and variable



- this address is often referred to as memory address of the data
  - → this memory address that is actually held in the variable user\_name
  - → user\_name is shown as pointing to the area in memory containing the string 'John'

print('Hello ', user\_name)

 if we want to get hold of the name entered by the user in another statement, we can do by referencing the variable user\_name

#### Variable

- Let's modify hello\_world.py
  - to ask the user for the name of their best friend and print out a welcome message to that best friend

```
print('Hello, world')
name = input('Enter your name: ')
print('Hello', name)
name = input('What is the name of your best friend: ')
print('Hello Best Friend', name)
```

Hello world! Enter your name: John Hello John What is the name of your best friend: Denise Hello Best Friend Denise

• → Because the area of memory that previously held the string 'John' now holds the string 'Denise'

#### Variable declaration

- Variable in Python is not restricted to holding a string; 'John' and 'Denise'
  - can also hold other types of data such as numbers or the values (True/False)

```
my_variable = 'John'
print(my_variable)
my_variable = 42
print(my_variable)
my_variable = True
print(my_variable)
John
42
True
```

• Note: Python has no command for declaring a variable

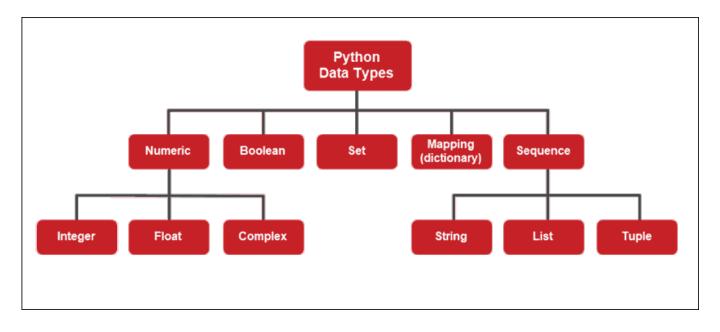
#### Variable declaration

• Provide the various variable declaration methods in Python

```
x, y, z = "Orange", "Banana", "Cherry"
print(x, y, z)
x, y, z = 5, 3.7, "Cherry"
print(x, y, z)
x = y = z = "Orange"
print(x, y, z)
Orange Banana Cherry
Orange Orange Orange
5 3.7 Cherry
```

#### Data types

- Primary data types
  - Numeric; Integer, Float, Complex
  - Boolean; True or False
  - String



- Collection types
  - Four classes in Python that provide container; that is data types of holding collections of other objects
  - List
  - Tuple
  - Set
  - Dictionary

#### Get the type

• Use type() function to obtain data type

x = 5
y = "John"
print(type(x))
print(type(y))

<class 'int'>
<class 'str'>

#### Naming rules

- Rules for Python variable names **should**:
  - only contain alpha-numeric characters and underbar; (A-Z, a-z, 0-9, and \_)
  - start with a letter or the underbar character
  - cannot start with a number
  - case-sensitive; age, Age and AGE are three different variables
  - cannot use "keyword"
    - if, for, return, def, …
    - How to obtain all keywords list in Python;

import keyword
print(keyword.kwlist)

['False', 'None', 'True', 'and', 'as', 'assert', 'async', 'await', 'break', 'class', 'continue', 'def', 'del', 'elif', 'else', 'except', 'finally', 'for', 'from', 'global', 'if', 'import', 'in', 'is', 'lambda', 'nonlocal', 'not', 'or', 'pass', 'raise', 'return', 'try', 'while', 'with', 'yield']

#### Naming rules

• Legal variable names:

myvar = "John"
my\_var = "John"
myVar = "John"
MYVAR = "John"
myvar2 = "John"

• Illegal variable names:

2myvar = "John" my-var = "John" my var = "John"

- Variable names
  - e.g. user\_name and my\_variable
     Snake naming convention
  - Both these variable names are formed of a set of characters with an underbar between 'words'

- Highlight a very widely used naming convention in Python; that variable names will:
  - be all lowercase
  - be in general more descriptive than variable names (e.g. a or b)
    - although there are some exceptions such as the use of variables i and j in looping constructs
    - with individual words separated by underscores as necessary to improve readability

- Camel case
  - Each word, except the first, starts with a capital letter:

myVariableName = "John"

- Pascal case
  - Each word starts with a capital letter:

MyVariableName = "John"

• Snake case

• Each word is separated by an underbar character with all lowercase

my\_variable\_name = "John"

#### Comments in code

- To add comments to code to help anyone reading the code to understand what the code does, what its intent was, any design decisions the programmer made etc.
- Comments are ignored by the Python interpreter
  - they are not executable code
- Comment is indicated by the '#' character in Python

```
# This is a comment
name = input('Enter your name: ')
# This is another comment
print(name) # this is a comment to the end of the line
```

#### In class practice

- P02-01 다양한 방법으로 여러가지 변수들을 선언하고 해당 변수들에 값을 할당하는 프로그램을 작성해보세요.
  - requirements
    - 변수의 이름은 Python variable naming rule을 따를 것
    - 정수, 부동소수점, 문자열 등 다양한 변수를 다루어 볼 것
    - 한 번에 여러 변수를 선언/값 할당 해볼 것

# 3. Strings

### What are Strings?

- String: a series, or sequence, of characters in order
  - character: anything you can type on the keyboard in one keystroke
    - a letter 'a', 'b', 'c', or a number '1', '2', '3'
    - a special character '₩', '[', '\$', etc.
    - a space '' (although it does not have a visible representation)
  - strings are immutable;
    - once a string has been created it cannot be changed

```
original_string = "Hello"
original_string[0] = "J"
```

```
TypeError Traceback (most recent call last)
    Cell In[9], line 2
    1 original_string = "Hello"
----> 2 original_string[0] = "J"
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```

#### **Note: Debugging**

• Runtime errors

TypeError Traceback (most recent call last)
 Cell In[9], line 2
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TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment

- if something goes wrong during runtime, Python prints a message that includes the name of the exception, the line of the program where the problem occurred, and a traceback
- NameError: trying to use a variable that doesn't exist in the current environment
- **TypeError**: there are several possible causes
  - trying to use a value improperly; indexing a string, list, or tuple with something other than an integer
  - a mismatch between the items in a format string and the items passed for conversion
  - passing the wrong number of arguments to a function

#### Runtime errors

- KeyError: trying to access an element of a dictionary using a key that the dictionary does not contain
- IndexError: using to access a list, string, or tuple is greater than its length minus one
- AttributeError: Triggered when an attribute reference or assignment fails, such as trying to access a method or property that does not exist for an object
- ZeroDivisionError: As the name suggests, it occurs when you try to divide a number by zero
- IOError: Raised when an I/O operation (like opening a file) fails for an I/O-related reason (e.g., "file not found")
- ImportError: Occurs when an imported module or object cannot be found
- ModuleNotFoundError: A specific case of ImportError, raised when a module cannot be found
- etc.

- Single quote character "
  - to define the start and end of a string
  - double quotes ("") are also valid

```
'Hello'
'Hello World'
'Hello Andrea2000'
'To be or not to be that is the question!'
"Double quotes are also fine"
```

• cannot mix the two styles of start and end strings; single quote and double quote

- Useful if your string need to contain one of the other type of string delimiters
  - single quote can be embedded in a string defined using double quotes and vice versa

```
print("It's the day")
print('She said "hello" to everyone')
```

- Triple quotes
  - support multi-line strings;

Z = """	
Hello World	
World	
ппп	
print(z)	

- Empty string
  - has no characters in it
  - defined as single quote followed immediately by a second single quote with no gap between them

empty\_string = ''

#### What can you do with strings?

- In python terms this means what operations or functions are their available or built-in that you can use to work with strings
  - concatenation, length, accessing, counting, replacing, splitting, etc.

- Concatenation
  - merge two strings together
  - using the '+' operator
    - an operator is an operation or behaviour that can be applied to the types involved
  - take one string and add it to another string to create a new third string

```
string_1 = 'Good'
string_2 = " day"
string_3 = string_1 + string_2
print(string_3)
print('Hello ' + 'World')
```

Good day Hello World

• each string is defined with single quotes and double quotes, respectively, but does not matter here

#### String concatenation

• To concatenate a string and some other types using '+' concatenation operator

```
msg = 'Hello Lloyd you are ' + 21
print(msg)
```

- get an error message indicating that you can only concatenate string with string not integers with strings
  - → Converting other types into strings

```
msg = 'Hello Lloyd you are ' + str(21)
print(msg)
```

Hello Lloyd you are 21

### Length of a string

- Useful to know how long a string is
  - if you are putting a string into a user interface you might need to know how much of the string will be displayed within a field

• To find out the length of a string in Python, use len() function

```
print(len(string_3))
```

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#### Accessing a character

- As a string is a fixed sequence of letters, it is possible to use square brackets [], and an index (or position) to retrieve a specific character from within a string
  - should note that strings are indexed from 0 (zero based indexing)

```
my_string = 'Hello World'
print(my_string[4])
```

0

 stating [4] indicates that we want to obtain the fifth character in the string, which in this case is the letter 'o'

#### Quiz

• What is the output of the following code?

```
p = 'Love for Programming'
print(p[6], p[4], p[5])
```

- a) Error
- b) e f
- c) e
- d) o f

#### Quiz

• What is the output of the following code?

msg = 'programming'
print(msg[-0])

- a) Error
- b) p
- c) g
- d) Blank output

- Accessing a subset of string
  - to obtain a subset of the original string, often referred to as a substring
  - Use the square brackets notation but using ':' to indicate the start and end points of substring
    - Syntax: string[start:stop:step]
    - start (optional) indicates start index
    - stop (optional) indicates stop+1 index
    - step (optional) indicates step size or stride between each character in substring

```
my_string = 'Hello_World'
print(my_string[1:5]) # from index 1 to 4
print(my_string[:5]) # from start to index 4
print(my_string[2:]) # from index 2 to the end
```

ello Hello llo\_World • Accessing a subset of string

```
my_string = 'Hello_World'
print(my_string[::]) # the entire string (slice operation)
print(my_string[0:10:2]) # from 0 to 9 step by 2
print(my_string[1:11]) # from 1 to 10 (step by 1, default)
print(my_string[10:0:-1]) # from 10 to 1 step by -1, reverse
print(my_string[::-1]) # reverse the entire string
```

Hello\_World HloWr ello\_World dlroW\_olle dlroW\_olleH

- Use the '\*' operator with strings
  - to repeat the given string a certain number of times
  - this generates a new string containing the original string repeated *n* number of times

# **Splitting strings**

- To split a string up into multiple separate string based on a specific character such as a space or a comma
  - it is a very common requirement to handle data
- Use split() function

```
title = 'The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly'
print('Source string:', title)
print('Split using a space')
print(title.split(' '))
print('Split using a comma')
print(title.split(','))
```

Source string: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly Split using a space ['The', 'Good,', 'The', 'Bad,', 'and', 'the', 'Ugly'] Split using a comma ['The Good', ' The Bad', ' and the Ugly']

• result format is a list

## **Counting strings**

- To find out how many times a string is repeated in another string
- Use count() function

```
my_string = 'Count, the number of spaces'
print("my_string.count(' '):", my_string.count(' '))
print("my_string.count('a'):", my_string.count('a'))
```

my\_string.count(' '): 4
my\_string.count('a'): 1

#### **Replacing strings**

- One string can replace a substring in another string in Python String
- Use replace() function

```
welcome_message = 'Hello World!'
print(welcome_message.replace("Hello", "Goodbye"))
```

Goodbye World!

### Finding substrings

- To find out if one string is a substring of another string using the find() function
  - this method takes a second string as a parameter and checks to see if that string is in the string receiving the find() function
    - string.find(string\_to\_find)

```
print('Edward Alun Rawlings'.find('Alun'))
```

- this prints out the value 7
  - index of the first letter of the substring 'Alun' note strings are indexed from zero
- return -1 if the string is not present

```
print('Edward John Rawlings'.find('Alun'))
```

-1

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#### **Comparing strings**

- To compare one string with another you can user the '==' equality and '!=' not equals operators
  - return either True or False indicating whether the strings are equal or not

<pre>print('James' == 'James') print('James' == 'John') print('James' != 'John')</pre>
True False True

 Should note that strings in Python are case sensitive, so string 'James' does not equal the string 'james'

#### Other string operations

- There are in fact very many different operations available for string
  - including checking that a string starts or ends with another string,
  - that is it upper or lower case,
  - to replace part of a string with another string,
  - convert strings to upper, lower, or title case, etc.

```
some string = 'Hello World'
print('Testing a String')
print('-' * 20)
print('some string', some string)
                                                                 Testing a String
print("some string.startswith('H')",
some string.startswith('H'))
                                                                 some string Hello World
print("some string.startswith('h')",
                                                                 some string.startswith('H') True
some string.startswith('h'))
                                                                 some string.startswith('h') False
print("some string.endswith('d')", some string.endswith('d'))
                                                                 some string.endswith('d') True
print('some string.istitle()', some string.istitle())
                                                                 some string.istitle() True
print('some string.isupper()', some string.isupper())
                                                                 some string.isupper() False
print('some string.islower()', some string.islower())
                                                                 some string.islower() False
print('some string.isalpha()', some string.isalpha())
                                                                 some string.isalpha() False
print('String conversions')
                                                                 String conversions
print('-' * 20)
print('some string.upper()', some string.upper())
                                                                 some string.upper() HELLO WORLD
print('some string.lower()', some string.lower())
                                                                 some string.lower() hello world
print('some string.title()', some string.title())
                                                                 some string.title() Hello World
print('some string.swapcase()', some string.swapcase())
                                                                 some string.swapcase() hELLO wORLD
print('String leading, trailing spaces', " xyz ".strip())
                                                                 String leading, trailing spaces xyz
```

- Python strings are case sensitive
  - in Python, the string 'I' is not the same as the string 'L';
    - one contains the lower-case letter 'I' and one the upper-case letter 'L'
  - If case sensitively does not matter to you then you should convert any strings you want to compare into a common case before doing any testing

- Function/method names
  - be very careful with capitalization of function/method names;
    - isupper(), not isUpper()

- Function/method invocations
  - be careful of always including the round brackets when you call a function or method;
    - event if it takes no parameters/arguments
  - There is a significant difference between isupper and isupper()

```
some_string = 'Heelo World'
print(some_string.isupper)
print(some_string.isupper())
```

<br/><built-in method isupper of str object at 0x000002A6DCDA0EB0><br/>False

- Python provides a sophisticated formatting system for strings that can be useful for printing information out or logging information from a program
- A special string known as format string that acts as a pattern defining how the final string will be laid out

```
format_string = 'Hello {}!'
print(format_string.format('Phoebe'))
```

Hello Phoebe!

Can have any number of placeholders that must be populated

```
name = "Adam"
age = 20
print("{} is {} years old".format(name, age))
Adam is 20 years old
```

- By default the value are bound to the placeholders based on the order that they are provided to the format() function
  - however, this can be overridden b providing an index to the placeholder to tell it which value should be bound

```
print("Hello {1} {0}, you got {2}".format('Smith', 'Carol', 75))
```

Hello Carol Smith, you got 75

• alternative approach is to use named value for the placeholder

```
format_string = "{artist} sang {song} in {year}"
print(format_string.format(artist='Paloma Faith', song='Guilty', year=2017))
```

Paloma Faith sang Guilty in 2017

- To indicate alignment and width within the format string
  - if you wish to indicate a width to be If for a placeholder whatever the actual value supplied, use ':' followed by the width to use
  - ex) to specify a gap of 25 characters which can be filled with a substituted value:

<pre>print(' {:25} '.format('25 characters width'))</pre>	
25 characters width	

- To indicate alignment and width within the format string (cont'd)
  - within this gap you can also indicate an alignment where:
  - < indicates left alignment (default)</li>
  - > indicate right alignment
  - ^ indicate centered

```
print('|{:<25}|'.format('left aligned')) # The default
print('|{:>25}|'.format('right aligned'))
print('|{:^25}|'.format('centered'))
```

left aligned	
right aligned	1
centered	

- Integer alignment {:[fill][align][width]d}
  - fill is the character you want to use for filling (optional)
  - align is the alignment indicator (< for left, > for right, ^ for center)
  - width is the total width of the formatted string
  - d specifies that the argument is an integer

```
number = 123
print("{:>10d}".format(number))
print("{:^10d}".format(number))
print("{:0>10d}".format(number))
print("{:_<10d}".format(number))
print("{:.^10d}".format(number))</pre>
```

123 123 0000000123 123\_\_\_\_\_ ...123....

- Floating point alignment {:[width].[precision]f}
  - width specifies the total field width (including decimal point and digits)
  - precision specifies the number of digits after the decimal point

```
number = 123.45678
print("Basic formatting: {:.2f}".format(number))
print("Width 10, right-aligned: {:10.2f}".format(number))
print("Width 10, left-aligned: {:<10.2f}".format(number))
print("Width 10, centered: {:^10.2f}".format(number))
print("Width 10, zero-filled: {:010.2f}".format(number))</pre>
```

Basic formatting: 123.46 Width 10, right-aligned: 123.46 Width 10, left-aligned: 123.46 Width 10, centered: 123.46 Width 10, zero-filled: 0000123.46

- Another formatting option
  - to indicate that a number should be formatted with separators (such as comma) to indicate thousands

```
print('{:,}'.format(1234567890))
print('{:,}'.format(1234567890.0))
```

1,234,567,890 1,234,567,890.0

- Prefix f-string option in print() function
  - similar with format() function
  - provide a concise and readable way to embed expressions inside string literals (Python 3.6 or later)
  - allow with 'f' or 'F'

name = "Alice"
age = 30
print(f"My name is {name} and I am {age} years old.")

My name is Alice and I am 30 years old.

- % operator in print() function
  - similar with format() function
  - but, % operator is an older way of formatting strings in Python

```
print("Name: %s, Age: %d" % ("Alice", 30))
Name: Alice, Age: 30
```

- %type
  - %d, %s, %c, etc.
  - C/C++ style print formatting

#### In class practice

#### • P02-02 다음 변수들을 아래 결과 처럼 예쁘게 출력하는 프로그램을 작성하라

```
a_id, a_name, a_major, a_income = 101, "Alice Smith", "Software Engineer", 75000.90
b_id, b_name, b_major, b_income = 102, "Bob Johnson", "Project Manager", 85000.50
c_id, c_name, c_major, c_income = 103, "Charlie Lee", "Data Analyst", 65000.00
d_id, d_name, d_major, d_income = 104, "David Wilson", "Intern", 32000.00
```

''' CODE HERE '''

ID	Name	Job Title	Salary
101	Alice Smith	Software Engineer	75,000.90
102	Bob Johnson	Project Manager	85,000.50
103	Charlie Lee	Data Analyst	65,000.00
104	David Wilson	Intern	32,000.00
4 space		18 spaces	10 spaces

# 4. Numbers and Booleans

#### Note: Primary ways data represented in computers

- Binary numbers (or binary codes)
  - the most basic form of data representation
  - all data is represented as sequences of bits (0s or 1s)
  - numbers, characters, and even executable instructions can be encoded in binary

- Hexadecimal numbers
  - a more compact form of binary representation
  - four bits are represented by a single hexadecimal digit (0-9 and A-F)

- ASCII code (The American Standard Code for Information Interchange)
  - a character encoding standard used to represent text in computer

• Bit

- the smallest unit of data in computer for a single binary value; either 0 or 1
- can represent a range of different meanings
  - e.g., 1/0, on/off, true/false, or any other two-state system

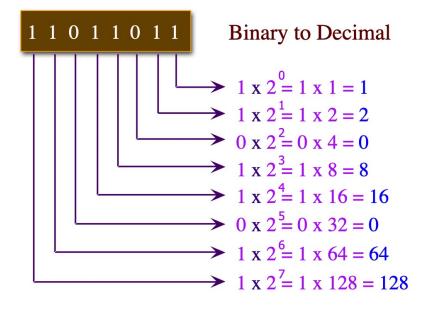
Bit Width	Unsigned Range	Signed Range
8-bit	$0$ to $2^8-1$	$-2^7$ to $2^7-1$
16-bit	$0$ to $2^{16}-1$	$-2^{15}$ to $2^{15}-1$
32-bit	$0$ to $2^{32}-1$	$-2^{31}$ to $2^{31}-1$
64-bit	$0$ to $2^{64}-1$	$-2^{63}$ to $2^{63}-1$

- Byte
  - a unit of digital information that most commonly consists of 8 bits
  - can represent 256 different values (from 0 to 255 in decimal)

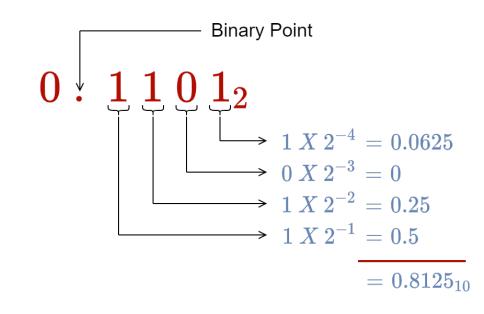
• Binary-decimal conversion

Decimal (BASE 10)	0	1	2	3	4	5	8	10
Binary (BASE 2)	0	1	10	11	100	101	1000	1010

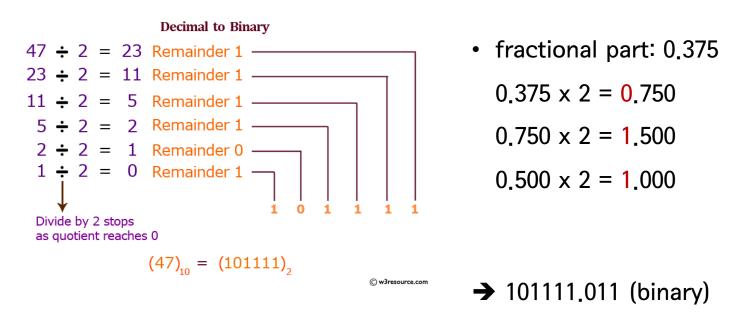
binary to decimal conversion



1 + 2 + 8 + 16 + 64 + 128 = 219



- Binary-decimal conversion
  - decimal to binary conversion
    - integer part: divide this number repeatedly by 2 until the quotient becomes 0
    - fractional part: multiply the fractional part repeatedly by 2 until it becomes 0
    - example: 47.375 (decimal) to binary conversion



- Other number systems
  - Octal numbers: 0~7
  - Hexadecimal number: 0~9, A~F

- How to convert
  - · hexadecimal to decimal number
    - e.g., AB1 (hexa) → ? (decimal)
  - octal to binary number
    - e.g., 1071 (octal) → ? (binary)

Decimal	Binary	Octal	Hexadecimal
0	0000	0	0
1	0001	1	1
2	0010	2	2
3	0011	3	3
4	0100	4	4
5	0101	5	5
6	0110	6	6
7	0111	7	7
8	1000	10	8
9	1001	11	9
10	1010	12	А
11	1011	13	В
12	1100	14	С
13	1101	15	D
14	1110	16	E
15	1111	17	F

• e.g., AB1 (hexa) → ? (decimal)

A \* 16<sup>2</sup> = 10 \* 256 = 2560 B \* 16<sup>1</sup> = 11 \* 16 = 176 1 \* 16<sup>0</sup> = 1 \* 1 = 12560 + 176 + 1 = 2737

- e.g., 1071 (octal) → ? (binary)
  - 1 → (001)<sub>2</sub> 0 → (000)<sub>2</sub> 7 → (111)<sub>2</sub> 1 → (001)<sub>2</sub> (001 000 111 001)<sub>2</sub>

# Types of numbers

- Three types used to represent numbers in Python
  - integers, floating point numbers, complex numbers

- Why have different ways of representing numbers?
  - human
    - can easily work with the number 4 and 4.0
    - don't need completely different approaches to writing them
  - computer
    - comes down to efficiency in terms of both the amount of memory needed to represent a number
    - integers are simpler to work with and can take up less memory than real numbers

#### Integers

• All integer values, no matter how big or small are represented by the integer type in Python

```
1
```

#### **Converting into integers**

• To convert another type into an integer using the int() function

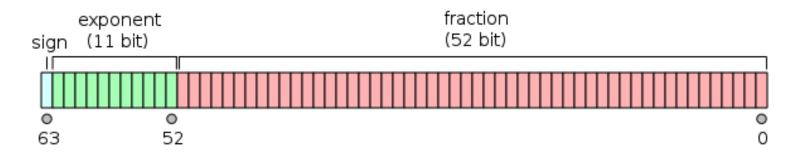
```
total = int(1.0)
total = int(1.234)
total = int('100')
```

• It is useful when used with the input() function

```
age = input('Please enter your age:')
print(type(age))
print(age)
age = int(input('Please enter your age:'))
print(type(age))
print(age)
```

```
Please enter your age:12345
<class 'str'>
12345
Please enter your age:12345
<class 'int'>
12345
```

- Real numbers are represented as floating point numbers (or floats)
  - an integer part + a fractional part (the bit after the decimal point)
  - computer can best work with integers (only 1s and 0s)
  - need a way to represent a floating point or real number; total 64 bits



• by IEEE 754 double-precision binary floating point number format

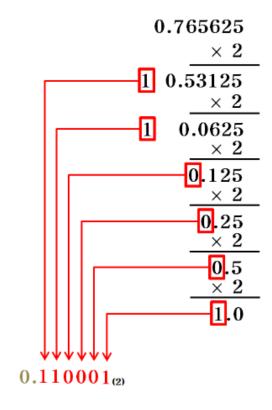
- Real number = integer (decimal) part + fractional (mantissa) part
  - 23.1519 = 23 + 0.1519

- Floating-point (부동소수점) by IEEE 754 floating point standard
  - a method to represent real numbers in computer
  - data types in Java: 'float' and 'double'
  - why are the real numbers represented by floating-point?
    - floating-point numbers cannot precisely represent all real numbers
      - $\rightarrow$  precision and rounding errors
      - ex) 0.1 (decimal) → 0.0011001100110011..... (binary)

#### **IEEE 754 Floating Point Standard**



- Example for 11.765625 (decimal) (only float type)
  - 1) representation in binary → 1011.110001 (binary)
    - integer part: 11 (decimal) → 1011 (binary)
    - fractional part: 0.765625 (decimal) → 0.110001 (binary)
  - 2) normalize the binary number
    - 1011,110001 → 1,01110001 \* 2<sup>3</sup>
  - 3) determine the exponent
    - the exponent is 3 → 130 (=127 + 3) = 10000010
      - 127 is is the bias for float type; double is 1023
  - 4) encode the fraction
    - 01110001 (ignoring the leading 1)





- Example for 0.15625 (decimal)
  - 1) representation in binary → 0.00101 (binary)
  - 2) normalize the binary number
    - 0.00101 → 1.01 \* 2<sup>(-3)</sup>
  - 3) determine the exponent
    - the exponent is  $-3 \rightarrow 124$  (=127 3) = 01111100
  - 4) encode the fraction
    - 01 (ignoring the leading 1)



• How to obtain the memory size for higher-level data type

```
import sys
int_size = sys.getsizeof(100)
float_size = sys.getsizeof(101.1239930)
char_size = sys.getsizeof('100')
print(f"Size of an integer in bytes: {int_size}")
print(f"Size of a float in bytes: {float_size}")
print(f"Size of a character in bytes: {char_size}")
Size of an integer in bytes: 28
```

Size of a float in bytes: 24 Size of a character in bytes: 50

- Python's data types are dynamically sized (primitive size + overhead size)
  - unlike Java, C, C++

- Why is different the result of sys.getsizeof(101.1239930) from size of floating point number format?
  - sys.getsizeof(101.1239930) = 24 bytes
  - Remember IEEE 754 double-precision binary floating point number format → 8 bytes (64 bits)

exp	onent	fraction			
sign (1	1 bit)	(52 bit)			
0	0		0		
63	52		0		

- $\rightarrow$  the remaining bytes, 16 (24 8) bytes, for the Python object overhead and memory alignment
  - object overhead: some additional information (reference count, type, other bookkeeping info.)
  - memory alignment: padding to align the objects' data in memory for faster access

• Real number, or floating point number

```
exchange_rate = 1.83
print(exchange_rate)
print(type(exchange_rate))
```

1.83
<class 'float'>

• Due to fractional representation, it cannot provide the "precise" value

```
a = 1.83 * 1.000000001
a == 1.83
a = 1.83 * 1.00000000000000001
a == 1.83
False
```

True

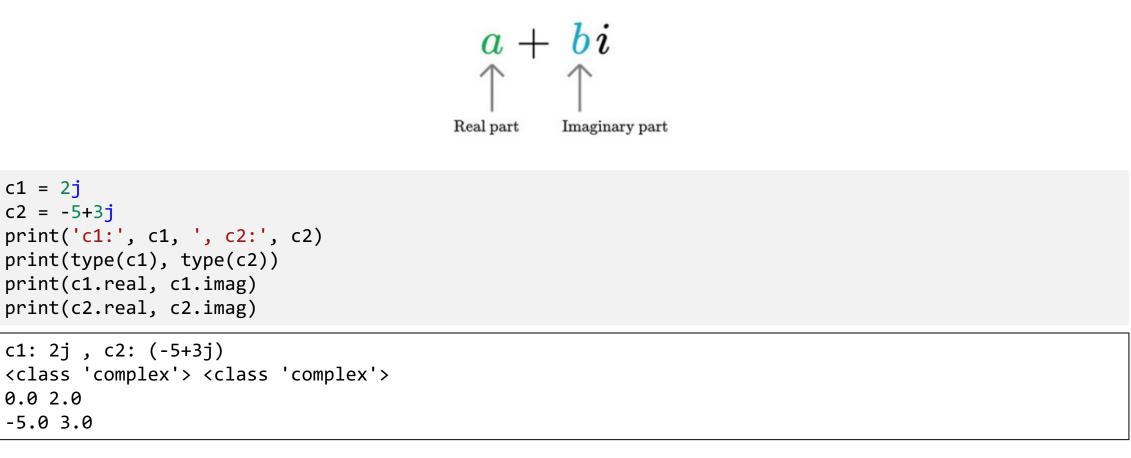
• To convert another type into a float using the float() function

```
int_value = 1
string_value = '1.5'
float_value = float(int_value)
print('int value as a float:', float_value)
print(type(float_value))
float_value = float(string_value)
print('string value as a float:', float_value)
print(type(float_value))
```

int value as a float: 1.0
<class 'float'>
string value as a float: 1.5
<class 'float'>

#### **Complex numbers**

• Defined by a real part and an imaginary part; a+bi



• the letter 'j' is used in Python to represent the imaginary part of the number

#### Quiz

• What is the output of the following code?

```
complex_number = 4 + 3j
print(abs(complex_number))
```

- abs()
  - make absolute number
- a) 4
- b) 5
- c) 5.0
- d) 7

#### **Boolean values**

- Python supports another type called Boolean;
  - only be one of True or False (and nothing else)
    - with capital T and F; not 'true' and 'false'

```
all_ok = True
print(all_ok)
all_ok = False
print(all_ok)
print(type(all_ok))
```

True False <class 'bool'>

#### **Boolean values**

- Boolean type is actually a sub type of integer (but with only the values True and False)
  - easy to translate between the two, using function int() and bool()

```
print(int(True))
print(int(False))
print(bool(1))
print(bool(0))

1
0
True
False
```

• Can also convert strings into Booleans as long as the strings contain either True or False

#### **Boolean values**

• Can also determine True or False by whether there is a value in the string

```
status = bool(input('OK to proceed: '))
print(status, type(status))
status = bool(input('OK to proceed: '))
print(status, type(status))
status = bool(input('OK to proceed: '))
print(status, type(status))
OK to proceed: True
True <class 'bool'>
OK to proceed: False
True <class 'bool'>
OK to proceed:
False <class 'bool'>
```

### Quiz

• What is the output of the following code?

print(1+True)

- a) Error
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) True

#### Quiz

• What is the output of the following code?

print(max(min(False, False), 1, True))

- a) Error
- b) 1
- c) True
- d) 0

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