CN101 Lecture 2 Input, Processing, and Output

Topics

- Designing a Program
- Input, Processing, and Output
- Displaying Output with print Function
- Comments
- Variables
- Reading Input from the Keyboard
- Performing Calculations
- More About Data Output
- Named Constants

Designing a Program

- Programs must be designed before they are written
- Program development cycle:
 - Design the program
 - Write the code
 - Correct syntax errors
 - Test the program
 - Correct logic errors



Designing a Program (cont'd.)

- Design is the most important part of the program development cycle
- Understand the task that the program is to perform
 - Work with customer to get a sense what the program is supposed to do
 - Ask questions about program details
 - Create one or more software requirements

Designing a Program (cont'd.)

- Determine the steps that must be taken to perform the task
 - Break down required task into a series of steps
 - Create an algorithm, listing logical steps that must be taken
- <u>Algorithm</u>: set of well-defined logical steps that must be taken to perform a task

Pseudocode

- <u>Pseudocode</u>: fake code
 - Informal language that has no syntax rule
 - Not meant to be compiled or executed
 - Used to create model program
 - No need to worry about syntax errors, can focus on program's design
 - Can be translated directly into actual code in any programming language

Pseudocode (cont'd.)

- For example, suppose you have been asked to write a program to calculate and display the gross pay for an hourly paid employee.
- Here are the steps that you would take:
 - 1. Input the hours worked
 - 2. Input the hourly pay rate
 - 3. Calculate gross pay as hours worked multiplied by pay rate
 - 4. Display the gross pay

Flowcharts

- <u>Flowchart</u>: diagram that graphically depicts the steps in a program
 - Ovals are terminal symbols
 - Parallelograms are input and output symbols
 - Rectangles are processing symbols
 - Symbols are connected by arrows that represent the flow of the program



Input, Processing, and Output

- Typically, computer performs three-step process
 - Receive input
 - Input: any data that the program receives while it is running
 - Perform some process on the input
 - Example: mathematical calculation
 - Produce output



Codes and Characters

- Each character is coded as a byte
- Most common coding system is ASCII (Pronounced as-key)
- ASCII = American National Standard Code for Information Interchange

ASCII Features

- 7-bit code
- 8th bit is unused (or used for a parity bit)
- 2⁷ = 128 codes
- Two general types of codes:
 - 95 are "Graphic" codes (displayable on a console)
 - 33 are "Control" codes (control features of the console or communications channel)

Standard ASCII code (in decimal)

-											1				
Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char	Dec	Char
0	NUL	16	DLE	32	SP	48	0	64	0	80	Р	96	`	112	р
1	SOH	17	DC1	33	!	49	1	65	Α	81	Q	97	а	113	q
2	STX	18	DC2	34		50	2	66	В	82	R	98	b	114	r
3	ETX	19	DC3	35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	С	115	S
4	EOT	20	DC4	36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	Т	100	d	116	t
5	ENQ	21	NAK	37	°0	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	е	117	u
6	ACK	22	SYN	38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
7	BEL	23	ETB	39		55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	w
8	BS	24	CAN	40	(56	8	72	н	88	X	104	h	120	X
9	HT	25	EM	41)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	y
10	LF	26	SUB	42	*	58	:	74	J	90	Z	106	j	122	z
11	VT	27	ESC	43	+	59	;	75	К	91]	107	k	123	{
12	FF	28	FS	44	,	60	<	76	L	92	\	108	ι	124	I
13	CR	29	GS	45	-	61	=	77	М	93]	109	m	125	}
14	S 0	30	RS	46		62	>	78	N	94	^	110	n	126	~
15	SI	31	US	47	1	63	?	79	0	95	_	111	0	127	DEL

SP means space.

Standard ASCII code (in decimal)

95 Graphic codes

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2	STX	18	DC2	34	н	50	2	66	В	82	R	98	b	114	r
3	ETX	19	DC3	35	#	51	3	67	С	83	S	99	С	115	S
4	EOT	20	DC4	36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	Т	100	d	116	t
5	ENQ	21	NAK	37	90	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	е	117	u
6	ACK	22	SYN	38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
7	BEL	23	ETB	39	1	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	W
8	BS	24	CAN	40	(56	8	72	Н	88	X	104	h	120	X
9	HT	25	EM	41)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	У
10	LF	26	SUB	42	*	58	:	74	J	90	Z	106	j	122	z
11	VT	27	ESC	43	+	59	;	75	K	91]	107	k	123	{
12	FF	28	FS	44	,	60	<	76	L	92	١	108	ι	124	
13	CR	29	GS	45	-	61	=	77	М	93]	109	m	125	}
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Standard ASCII code (in decimal)

33 Control codes

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1	SOH	17	DC1	33	!	49	1	65	Α	81	Q	97	а	113	q
2	STX	18	DC2	34	п	50	2	66	В	82	R	98	b	114	r
3	ETX	19	DC3	35	#	51	3	67	С	83	S	99	С	115	S
4	EOT	20	DC4	36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	Т	100	d	116	t
5	ENQ	21	NAK	37	9,0	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	е	117	u
6	ACK	22	SYN	38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
7	BEL	23	ETB	39	I.	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	W
8	BS	24	CAN	40	(56	8	72	Н	88	X	104	h	120	X
9	HT	25	EM	41)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	y
10	LF	26	SUB	42	*	58	:	74	J	90	Z	106	j	122	z
11	VT	27	ESC	43	+	59	;	75	K	91]	107	k	123	{
12	FF	28	FS	44	,	60	<	76	L	92	١	108	ι	124	
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Displaying Output with the print Function

- <u>Function</u>: piece of prewritten code that performs an operation
- print function: displays output on the screen
- <u>Argument</u>: data given to a function
 - Example: data that is printed to screen
- Statements in a program execute in the order that they appear
 - From top to bottom

Displaying Output with the print Function (cont'd)

• In interactive mode

```
>>> print('Hello world')Enter
Hello world
>>>
```

• Script mode



Strings and String Literals

- String: sequence of characters that is used as data
- <u>String literal</u>: string that appears in actual code of a program
 - Must be enclosed in single (') or double (") quote marks



Strings and String Literals (cont'd)

 If you want a string literal to contain either a single-quote or an apostrophe as part of the string, you can enclose the string literal in double-quote marks

Program 2-3	(apostrophe.py)					
<pre>1 print("Don't fear!") 2 print("I'm here!")</pre>						
Program Out	put					
Don't fear! I'm here!						

Strings and String Literals (cont'd)

• Similarly if you want a string literal to contain a double-quote, you can enclose the string literal in single-quote marks

Program 2-4 (display_quote.py)

1 print('Your assignment is to read "Hamlet" by tomorrow.')

Program Output

Your assignment is to read "Hamlet" by tomorrow.

Strings and String Literals (cont'd)

- String literal can be enclosed in triple quotes (" or """)
 - Enclosed string can contain both single and double quotes and can have multiple lines
 - Here is an example:

<pre>>>> print("""One Two</pre>	>>> I'm	<pre>print("""] "Jimmy"</pre>	[' m	"Jimmy"	""")
Three""")		-			
0ne					
Тwo					
Three					

Comments

- <u>Comments</u>: notes of explanation within a program
 - Ignored by Python interpreter
 - Intended for a person reading the program's code
 - Begin with a # character
- End-line comment: appears at the end of a line of code
 - Typically explains the purpose of that line

Comments (cont'd)

Program 2-5 (comment1.py)

- 1 # This program displays a person's
- 2 # name and address.
- 3 print('Kate Austen')
- 4 print('123 Full Circle Drive')
- 5 print('Asheville, NC 28899')

Program Output

Kate Austen 123 Full Circle Drive Asheville, NC 28899

Comments (cont'd)

Program 2-6 (comment2.py)

- 1 print('Kate Austen')
- 2 print('123 Full Circle Drive') # Display the address.
- 3 print('Asheville, NC 28899')

Display the name.
Display the address.
Display the city, state, and ZIP.

Program Output

Kate Austen 123 Full Circle Drive Asheville, NC 28899

Variables

- <u>Variable</u>: name that represents a value stored in the computer memory
 - Used to access and manipulate data stored in memory
 - A variable references the value it represents
- <u>Assignment statement</u>: used to create a variable and make it reference data
 - General format is variable = expression
 - Example: age = 25
 - <u>Assignment operator</u>: the equal sign (=)



Variables (cont'd.)

- In assignment statement, variable receiving value must be on left side >>> 25 = age Enter SyntaxError: can't assign to literal
- A variable can be passed as an argument to a function
 - Variable name should not be enclosed in quote marks
- You can only use a variable if a value is assigned to it

```
>>> width = 10 Enter
>>> length = 5 Enter
>>>
```



Example

Program 2-8 (variable_demo2.py)

1 # Create two variables: top_speed and distance.

```
2 top_speed = 160

3 distance = 300

4 distance → 300
```

5 # Display the values referenced by the variables.

```
6 print('The top speed is')
```

7 print(top_speed)

```
8 print('The distance traveled is')
```

```
9 print(distance)
```

Program Output

```
The top speed is
160
The distance traveled is
300
```

Example

Program 2-7 (variable_demo.py)

- 1 # This program demonstrates a variable.
- 2 room = 503
- 3 print('I am staying in room number')
- 4 print(room)

Program Output

I am staying in room number 503

Variable Naming Rules

- Rules for naming variables in Python:
 - Variable name cannot be a Python key word
 - Variable name cannot contain spaces
 - First character must be a letter or an underscore
 - After first character may use letters, digits, or underscores
 - Variable names are case sensitive
- Variable name should reflect its use

Variable Name	Legal or Illegal?
units_per_day	Legal
day0fWeek	Legal
3dGraph	Illegal. Variable names cannot begin with a digit.
June1997	Legal
Mixture#3	Illegal. Variable names may only use letters, digits, or underscores.

Displaying Multiple Items with the print **Function**

- Python allows one to display multiple items with a single call to print
 - Items are separated by commas when passed as arguments
 - Arguments displayed in the order they are passed to the function
 - Items are automatically separated by a space when displayed on screen

Program 2-9 (variable_demo3.py)
1 # This program demonstrates a variable.
2 room = 503
3 print('I am staying in room number', room)
Program Output
I am staying in room number 503

Variable Reassignment

- Variables can reference different values while program is running
- <u>Garbage collection</u>: removal of values that are no longer referenced by variables
 - Carried out by Python interpreter
- A variable can refer to item of any type
 - Variable that has been assigned to one type can be reassigned to another type

Example

Program 2-10 (variable_demo4.py)

```
1 # This program demonstrates variable reassignment.
```

```
2 # Assign a value to the dollars variable.
```

```
3 dollars = 2.75
```

```
4 print('I have', dollars, 'in my account.')
```

```
5
```

```
6 # Reassign dollars so it references
```

```
7 # a different value.
```

```
8 dollars = 99.95
```

```
9 print('But now I have', dollars, 'in my account!')
```

Program Output

I have 2.75 in my account. But now I have 99.95 in my account!



Numeric Data Types, Literals, and the str Data Type

- <u>Data types</u>: categorize value in memory
 - e.g., int for integer, float for real number, str used for storing strings in memory
- <u>Numeric literal</u>: number written in a program
 - No decimal point considered int, otherwise, considered float
- Some operations behave differently depending on data type

Storing Strings with the str Data Type

```
Program 2-11 (string_variable.py)
```

```
1 # Create variables to reference two strings.
```

```
2 first_name = 'Kathryn'
```

```
3 last_name = 'Marino'
```

```
4
```

5 # Display the values referenced by the variables.

```
6 print(first_name, last_name)
```

Program Output

Kathryn Marino

Reassigning a Variable to a Different Type

• A variable in Python can refer to items of any type



Reading Input from the Keyboard

- Most programs need to read input from the user
- Built-in input function reads input from keyboard
 - Returns the data as a string
 - Format: variable = input (prompt)
 - prompt is typically a string instructing user to enter a value
 - Does not automatically display a space after the prompt

Example

```
Program 2-12 (string_input.py)
```

```
1 # Get the user's first name.
2 first_name = input('Enter your first name: ')
3 
4 # Get the user's last name.
5 last_name = input('Enter your last name: ')
6 
7 # Print a greeting to the user.
```

```
8 print('Hello', first_name, last_name)
```

Program Output (with input shown in bold)

Enter your first name: **Vinny** Enter Enter your last name: **Brown** Enter Hello Vinny Brown

Reading Numbers with the input Function

- input function always returns a string
- Built-in functions convert between data types
 - int(*item*) converts *item* to an int
 - float (*item*) converts *item* to a float
 - <u>Nested function call</u>: general format: function1(function2(argument))
 - value returned by function2 is passed to function1
 - Type conversion only works if item is valid numeric value, otherwise, throws exception

Program 2-13 (input.py)

```
1 # Get the user's name, age, and income.
2 name = input('What is your name? ')
3 age = int(input('What is your age? '))
4 income = float(input('What is your income? '))
5
6 # Display the data.
7 print('Here is the data you entered:')
8 print('Here is the data you entered:')
8 print('Name:', name)
9 print('Age:', age)
10 print('Income:', income)
```

Program Output (with input shown in bold)

```
What is your name? Chris Enter
What is your age? 25 Enter
What is your income? 75000.0 
Here is the data you entered:
Name: Chris
Age: 25
Income: 75000.0
```

Performing Calculations

- Math expression: performs calculation and gives a value
 - <u>Math operator</u>: tool for performing calculation
 - <u>Operands</u>: values surrounding operator
 - Variables can be used as operands
 - Resulting value typically assigned to variable

Performing Calculations (cont'd)

Symbol	Operation	Description
+	Addition	Adds two numbers
-	Subtraction	Subtracts one number from another
*	Multiplication	Multiplies one number by another
1	Division	Divides one number by another and gives the result as a floating-point number
11	Integer division	Divides one number by another and gives the result as a whole number
%	Remainder	Divides one number by another and gives the remainder
* *	Exponent	Raises a number to a power

Performing Calculations (cont'd)

- Two types of division:
 - / operator performs floating point division
 - // operator performs integer division
 - Positive results truncated, negative rounded away from zero

>>> 5 / 2 Enter	>>> 5 // 2 Enter	>>> -5 // 2 Enter
2.5	2	-3
>>>	>>>	>>>

Program 2-14 (simple_math.py)

```
# Assign a value to the salary variable.
1
   salary = 2500.0
 2
 3
 4
   # Assign a value to the bonus variable.
 5
   bonus = 1200.0
 6
 7 # Calculate the total pay by adding salary
 8 # and bonus. Assign the result to pay.
 9 pay = salary + bonus
10
11 # Display the pay.
12 print('Your pay is', pay)
```

Program Output

```
Your pay is 3700.0
```

Operator Precedence and Grouping with Parentheses

- Python operator precedence:
 - 1. Operations enclosed in parentheses
 - Forces operations to be performed before others
 - 2. Exponentiation (**)
 - 3. Multiplication (*), division (/ and //), and remainder (%)
 - 4. Addition (+) and subtraction (-)
- Higher precedence performed first
 - Same precedence operators execute from left to right

Example

	outcome = 12.0 + 6.0 / 3 outcome = 12.0 + 2.0	. 0
	outcome = 14.0	
Exp	pression	Value
5 +	2 * 4	13
10	/ 2 - 3	2.0
8 +	12 * 2 - 4	28
6 -	3 * 2 + 7 - 1	6
Expre	ssion	Value
(5 +	2) * 4	28
10 /	(5 - 3)	5.0
8 + 1	2 * (6 - 2)	56
(6 -	3) * (2 + 7) / 3	9.0

The Exponent Operator and the Remainder Operator

- Exponent operator (**): Raises a number to a power
 - x * $y = x^y$
- Remainder operator (%): Performs division and returns the remainder
 - a.k.a. modulus operator
 - e.g., 4%2=0, 5%2=1
 - Typically used to convert times and distances, and to detect odd or even numbers

Program 2-17 (time_converter.py)

```
# Get a number of seconds from the user.
 1
    total seconds = float(input('Enter a number of seconds: '))
2
3
   # Get the number of hours.
 4
    hours = total seconds // 3600
5
 6
7
   # Get the number of remaining minutes.
   minutes = (total_seconds // 60) % 60
8
9
10 # Get the number of remaining seconds.
11
    seconds = total seconds % 60
12
13 # Display the results.
    print('Here is the time in hours, minutes, and seconds:')
14
15 print('Hours:', hours)
16 print('Minutes:', minutes)
17 print('Seconds:', seconds)
```

Program Output (with input shown in bold)

```
Enter a number of seconds: 11730 Enter
Here is the time in hours, minutes, and seconds:
Hours: 3.0
Minutes: 15.0
Seconds: 30.0
```

Converting Math Formulas to Programming Statements

- Operator required for any mathematical operation
- When converting mathematical expression to programming statement:
 - May need to add multiplication operators
 - May need to insert parentheses

Algebraic Expression	Python Statement
$y = 3\frac{x}{2}$	y = 3 * x / 2
z = 3bc + 4	z = 3 * b * c + 4
$a = \frac{x+2}{b-1}$	a = (x + 2) / (b - 1)

Mixed-Type Expressions and Data Type Conversion

- Data type resulting from math operation depends on data types of operands
 - Two int values: result is an int
 - Two float values: result is a float
 - int and float: int temporarily converted to float, result of the operation is a float
 - Mixed-type expression
 - Type conversion of float to int causes truncation of fractional part

Breaking Long Statements into Multiple Lines

- Long statements cannot be viewed on screen without scrolling and cannot be printed without cutting off
- <u>Multiline continuation character (\)</u>: Allows to break a statement into multiple lines

result = var1 * 2 + var2 * 3 + \ var3 * 4 + var4 * 5

Breaking Long Statements into Multiple Lines

• Any part of a statement that is enclosed in parentheses can be broken without the line continuation character.

```
print("Monday's sales are", monday,
     "and Tuesday's sales are", tuesday,
     "and Wednesday's sales are", Wednesday)
```

More About Data Output

- print function displays line of output
 - Newline character at end of printed data
 - Special argument end='delimiter' causes print to place delimiter at end of data instead of newline character
- print function uses space as item separator
 - Special argument sep='delimiter' causes print to use delimiter as item separator

<pre>print('One', end=' ') print('Two', end=' ')</pre>	<pre>>>> print('One', 'Two', 'Three', sep='') Enter OneTwoThree</pre>
<pre>print('Two , end_) print('Three')</pre>	>>> print('One', 'Two', 'Three', sep='*') Enter
One Two Three	One*Two*Three

More About Data Output (cont'd.)

- Special characters appearing in string literal
 - Preceded by backslash (\)
 - Examples: newline (\n), horizontal tab (\t)
 - Treated as commands embedded in string

>>>	<pre>print('One\nTwo\nThree')</pre>	
0ne		
Two		
Thre	ee	
		_

Escape Character	Effect
\n	Causes output to be advanced to the next line.
\t	Causes output to skip over to the next horizontal tab position.
Υ.	Causes a single quote mark to be printed.
\"	Causes a double quote mark to be printed.
11	Causes a backslash character to be printed.

More About Data Output (cont'd.)

- When + operator used on two strings in performs string concatenation
 - Useful for breaking up a long string literal

```
>>> print('Enter the amount of ' +
    'sales for each day and ' +
    'press Enter.')
Enter the amount of sales for each day and press Enter.
```

Magic Numbers

• A magic number is an unexplained numeric value that appears in a program's code. Example:

amount = balance * 0.069

• What is the value 0.069? An interest rate? A fee percentage? Only the person who wrote the code knows for sure.

The Problem with Magic Numbers

- It can be difficult to determine the purpose of the number.
- If the magic number is used in multiple places in the program, it can take a lot of effort to change the number in each location, should the need arise.
- You take the risk of making a mistake each time you type the magic number in the program's code.
 - For example, suppose you intend to type 0.069, but you accidentally type .0069. This mistake will cause mathematical errors that can be difficult to find.

Named Constants

- You should use named constants instead of magic numbers.
- A named constant is a name that represents a value that does not change during the program's execution.
- Example:

INTEREST RATE = 0.069

• This creates a named constant named INTEREST_RATE, assigned the value 0.069. It can be used instead of the magic number:

```
amount = balance * INTEREST RATE
```

Advantages of Using Named Constants

- Named constants make code self-explanatory (self-documenting)
- Named constants make code easier to maintain (change the value assigned to the constant, and the new value takes effect everywhere the constant is used)
- Named constants help prevent typographical errors that are common when using magic numbers

Python 3's f-Strings

- Also called "formatted string literals," f-strings are string literals that have an f at the beginning and curly braces containing expressions that will be replaced with their values.
- Syntax: f"string {expression:format}"
 - Format: .mf, where m = the number of decimal place
 - Ex: .2f = two decimal places
- Other formatting options: % and .format()

f-Strings

Program s-1

name = "Eric"
age = 74
Print(f"Hello, {name}. You are {age}.")

Program Output

Hello, Erice. You are 74.

Program s-2

```
first_name = "Eric"
last_name = "Idle"
age = 74
profession = "comedian"
affiliation = "Monty Python"
print(f"Hello, {first_name} {last_name}. You are {age}. " +
        f"You are a {profession}. " +
        f"You were a member of {affiliation}.")
```

Program Output

Hello, Eric Idle. You are 74. You are a comedian. You were a member of Monty Python.

Program s-3

```
name = "eric"
sentence = f'{name.title()} is funny.'
print(sentence)
```

Program Output

Eric is funny.

Program s-4

```
x = 3.14159265
print(f'PI = {x:.2f}')
```

Program Output

PI = 3.14

Program s-5

x = 12345.6789
print(f'x = {x:,.2f}')

Program Output

x = 12,345.68

Program s-6			
	s1	=	'ab'
	s2	=	'abc'
	s3	=	'abcd'
	s4	=	'abcde'
	pri	int	(f'01234567890')
	pri	int	c(f'{s1:10}')
	pri	int	c(f'{s2:<10}')
	pri	int	c(f'{s3:^10}')
	pri	int	(f'{s4:>10}')
1			

Program Output
0123456789
ab
abc
abcd
abcde

Program s-7

```
a = 5
b = 10
print(f'Five plus ten is {a + b} and not {2 * (a + b)}.')
```

Program Output

Five plus ten is 15 and not 30.

Summary

- This chapter covered:
 - The program development cycle, tools for program design, and the design process
 - Ways in which programs can receive input, particularly from the keyboard
 - print function to display output
 - f-string to format output
 - Use of comments in programs
 - Uses of variables and named constants
 - Tools for performing calculations in programs