

Lecture 8 - Python Basic

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Python v.s. Java

Comparing Python with Java:

- **Java** is characterized by its **strong typing and performance**, making it a common choice for **large-scale enterprise applications**.
- **Python** is known for its **simplicity and readability**, making it popular for **rapid development and data analysis**.



Python v.s. Java



Performance

Readability

Collaboration

Hiring

Learning Difficulty

Dynamic vs Static



Performance

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Dynamic vs Static

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Java example:

3-sum

- Read int values from StdIn.
- Print triples that sum to 0.
- [See *Performance* lecture]

ThreeSum.java

```
public class ThreeSum
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        int[] a = new int[N];
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
            a[i] = StdIn.readInt();
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
            for (int j = i+1; j < N; j++)
                for (int k = j+1; k < N; k++)
                    if (a[i] + a[j] + a[k] == 0)
                        StdOut.println(a[i] + " " + a[j] + " " + a[k]);
    }
}
```

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Python example:

You can *also* write Python code.

Example 2. Use Python like Java.

Noticeable differences

- No braces (indents instead).
- No type declarations.
- Array creation idiom.
- I/O idioms.
- for (iterable) idiom.

threesum.py



```
import sys

N = int(sys.argv[1])
a = [0]*N
for i in range(N):
    a[i] = int(sys.stdin.readline().strip())
for i in range(N):
    for j in range(i+1, N):
        for k in range(j+1, N):
            if (a[i] + a[j] + a[k]) == 0:
                print(a[i], a[j], a[k])
```

← range(8) is [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

```
% python threesum.py 8 < 8ints.txt
30 -30 0
30 -20 -10
-30 -10 40
-10 0 10
```

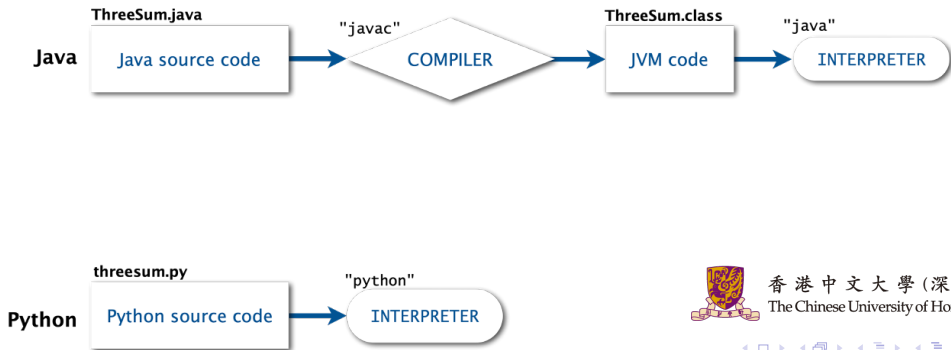
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Compiler and Interpreter:

Definition. A **compiler** translates your entire program to (virtual) machine code.

Definition. An **interpreter** simulates the operation of a (virtual) machine running your code.



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Python Syntax

Some commonly applied Python syntax :

- **Indentation** refers to the **spaces** (the most common use is four, i.e., **<Tab>** in your keyboard) at the beginning of a code line. For example:

```
if 5 > 2:  
    print("Five is greater than two!")
```

- **Variables** are created when you **assign a value** to it:

```
x = 5  
y = "Hello, World!"
```



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Python Syntax

Some commonly applied Python syntax :

- **Casting** can be applied to **specify the data type** of a variable. The **type()** function can be used to **get the data type of any object**.

```
x = str(3) # x will be '3'  
y = int(3) # y will be 3  
z = float(3) # z will be 3.0  
print(type(x))
```

- **Comments** start with a **#**, and Python renders **the rest of the line** as a comment:

```
#This is a comment.  
print("Hello, World!")
```



Python Lists

Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

- **Lists** are created using **square brackets**:

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
print(thislist)
```

- To determine **how many items** a list has, use the **len()** function:

```
print(len(thislist))
```

- A list can contain **different data types**:

```
list1 = ["abc", 34, True, 40.2, "male"]
```



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Python Lists

Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

- **List** items are indexed and you can access them by referring to the **index number**:

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
print(thislist[1])
```

- You can specify **a range of indexes** by specifying **where to start and where to end** the range.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango"]  
print(thislist[2:5])
```



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Python Lists

Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

- To determine if a specified item is present in a list use the "in" keyword.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
if "apple" in thislist:  
    print("Yes, 'apple' is in the fruits list")
```

- To change the value of a specific item, refer to the index number.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
thislist[1] = "blackcurrant"  
print(thislist)
```



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Python Lists

Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

- To add an item to the end of the list, use the `append()` method.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
thislist.append("orange")  
print(thislist)
```

- The `insert()` method inserts an item at the specified index.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
thislist.insert(1, "orange")  
print(thislist)
```



Python Lists

Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

- The `remove()` method removes the specified item.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
thislist.remove("banana")  
print(thislist)
```

- Use the `range()` and `len()` functions to create a suitable iterable.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
for i in range(len(thislist)):  
    print(thislist[i])
```



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Python Lists

Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

- You can **loop through the list** items by using a **while** loop.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
i = 0  
while i < len(thislist):  
    print(thislist[i])  
    i = i + 1
```

- Alternatively, you can **loop through the list** by using a **in**.

```
thislist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
for value in range(thislist):  
    print(value)
```



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Python Lists

Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

- There are several ways to **join, or concatenate**, two or more lists in Python.

```
list1 = ["a", "b", "c"]
```

```
list2 = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
list3 = list1 + list2
```

```
list1.extend(list2)
```



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Python If ... Else

Python supports the usual logical conditions from mathematics:

- Equals: $a == b$
- Not Equals: $a != b$
- Less than: $a < b$
- Less than or equal to: $a <= b$
- Greater than: $a > b$
- Greater than or equal to: $a >= b$



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Python If ... Else

Python supports the usual logical conditions from mathematics:

- An "if statement" is written by using the if keyword.
- The **elif** says "if the previous conditions were not true, then try this condition".
- The **else** keyword catches anything which isn't caught by the preceding conditions.

```
a = 200
b = 33
if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
elif a == b:
    print("a and b are equal")
else:
    print("a is greater than b")
```



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Python If ... Else

Python supports the usual logical conditions from mathematics:

- The **and** keyword is used to **combine conditional statements**:

```
a = 200
b = 33
c = 500
if a > b and c > a:
    print("Both conditions are True")
```

- The **or** keyword is used to **combine conditional statements**:

```
if a > b or a > c:
    print("At least one of the conditions is
True")
```



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Python If ... Else

Python supports the usual logical conditions from mathematics:

- The **not** keyword is used to **reverse** the result of the conditional statement:

```
a = 33
b = 200
if not a > b:
    print("a is NOT greater than b")
```



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Python Booleans

- **Booleans** represent one of two values: **True** or **False**.

```
print(10 > 9)
print(10 == 9)
print(10 < 9)
```

Almost any value is evaluated to **True** if it has some sort of content, except 0, empty strings and other data structures.

```
bool("abc")
bool(123)
bool(["apple", "cherry", "banana"])
```



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Python Example Code

Here's an example in Python that incorporates a list, a for loop, if-else statements, and Boolean logic.

```
numbers = [10, 15, 22, 33, 42, 55, 61, 70, 81, 90]
divisor = 5
divisible_by_divisor, not_divisible_by_divisor = [], []
for number in numbers:
    if number % divisor == 0:
        divisible_by_divisor.append(number)
    else:
        not_divisible_by_divisor.append(number)
print("Numbers divisible:", divisible_by_divisor)
print("Numbers not divisible:", not_divisible_by_divisor)
```



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Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Python

PyCharm ([Download Here](#))

PyCharm is an integrated development environment (IDE) specifically designed for Python programming, offering code analysis, a graphical debugger, an integrated unit tester, and supports web development with Django.

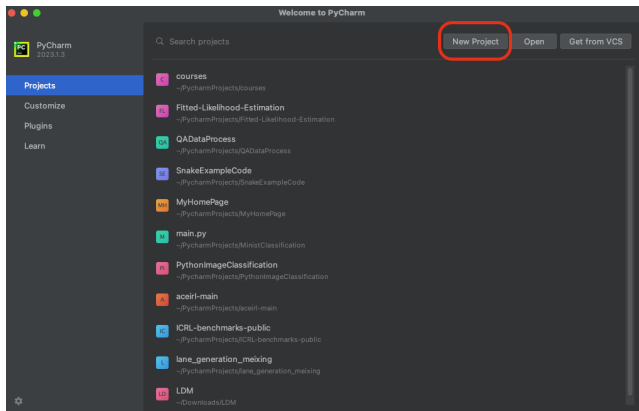


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Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Python

To create a python project: Step 1 [pen PyChram](#)



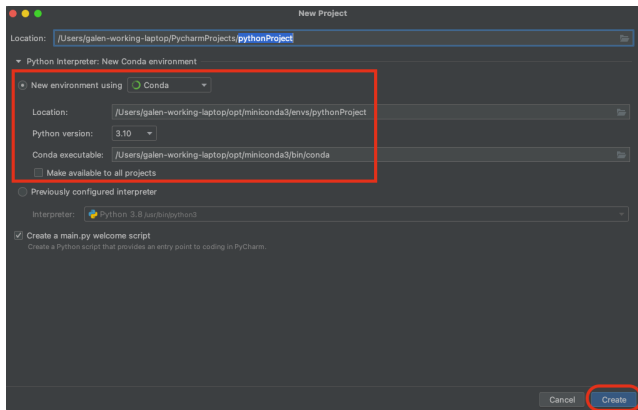
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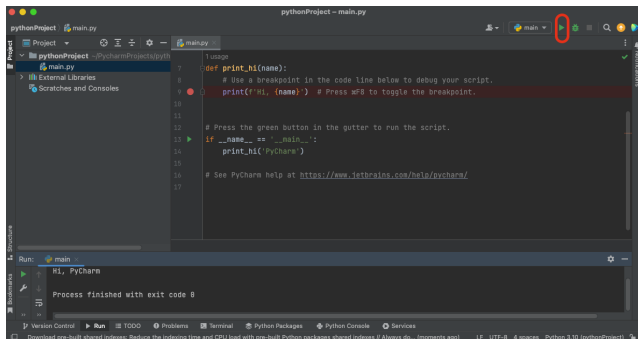
Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Python

To create a python project: Step 2 Set up a new project



Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Python

To create a python project: Step 3 done and run the example code



```
pythonProject - main.py
pythonProject - (PyCharmProject)pyth
main.py
7 def print_hi(name):
8     # Use a breakpoint in the code line below to debug your script.
9     print(f'Hi, {name}') # Press F8 to toggle the breakpoint.
10
11
12 # Press the green button in the gutter to run the script.
13 if __name__ == '__main__':
14     print_hi('PyCharm')
15
16 # See PyCharm help at https://www.jetbrains.com/help/pycharm/
17
```

Run: main - HI, PyCharm
Process finished with exit code 0



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