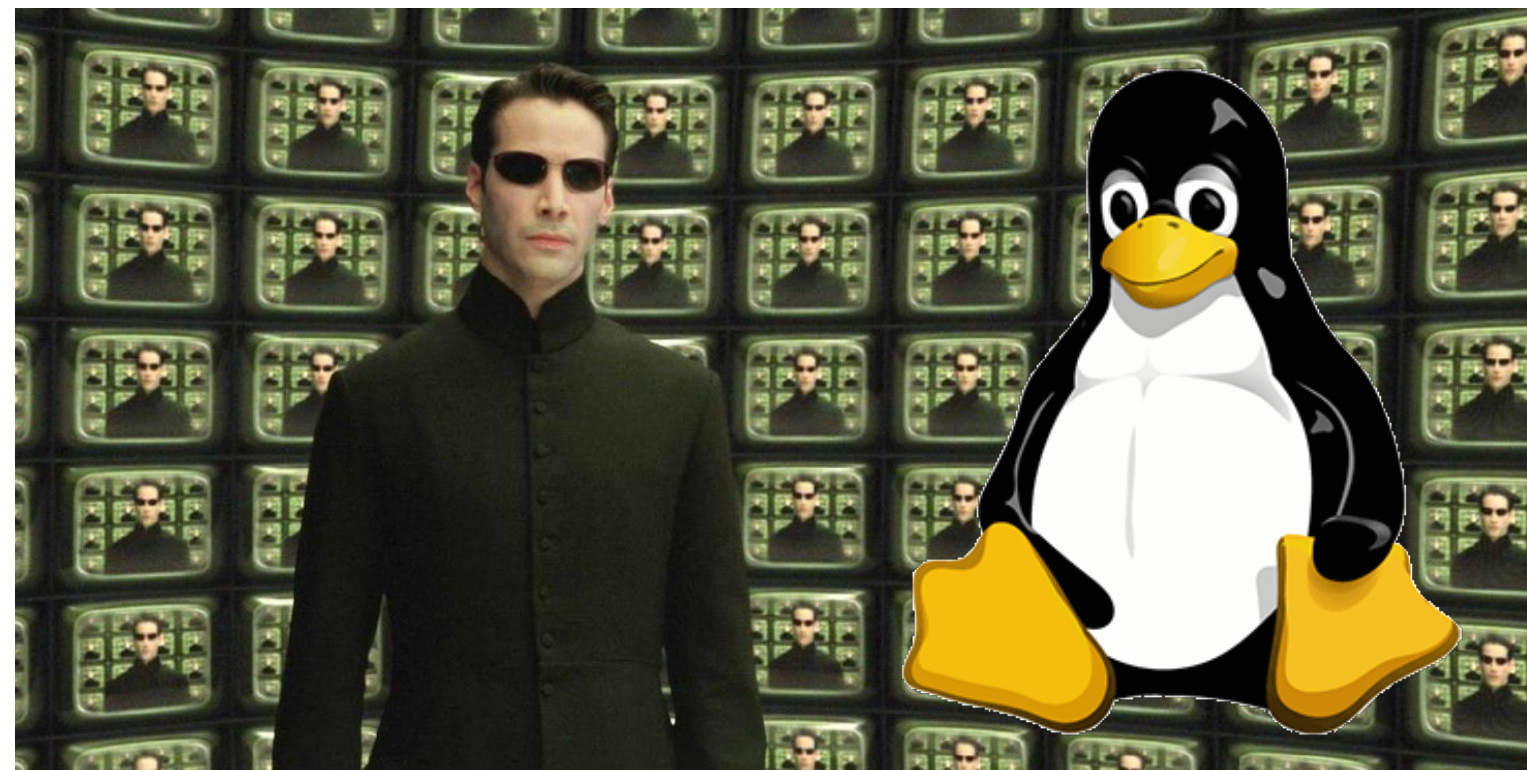




CSCI 120

Introduction to Computer Science and Programming I

Lecture 1: Your First Python Programme III



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Overview

- Focus: Basic C/C++ Syntax
- Architecture: Linux/Unix OS
- Core Ideas:
 1. More on `str`
 2. `if` conditions

More on `str`

Variables

- `int` variables
 - Integers, converts to `float` automatically when seeing fractions
 - can be converted to `str` using `str(var)`
- `float` variables
 - Fractions, can be converted to `str` using `str(var)`
- `str` variables
 - Valid variables can be converted to `int` and `float` using `int(var)` and `float(var)`

What is happening in `str`?

```
var = "Hello World!"
```

- `str` variable
 - a string of characters
 - each character is an element in the string

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Memory Table

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Slot 0	var	str	"Hello World!"
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var = "Hello World!"  
print(var[0])
```

- Individual characters can be accessed by index
- Index can be specified using square brackets

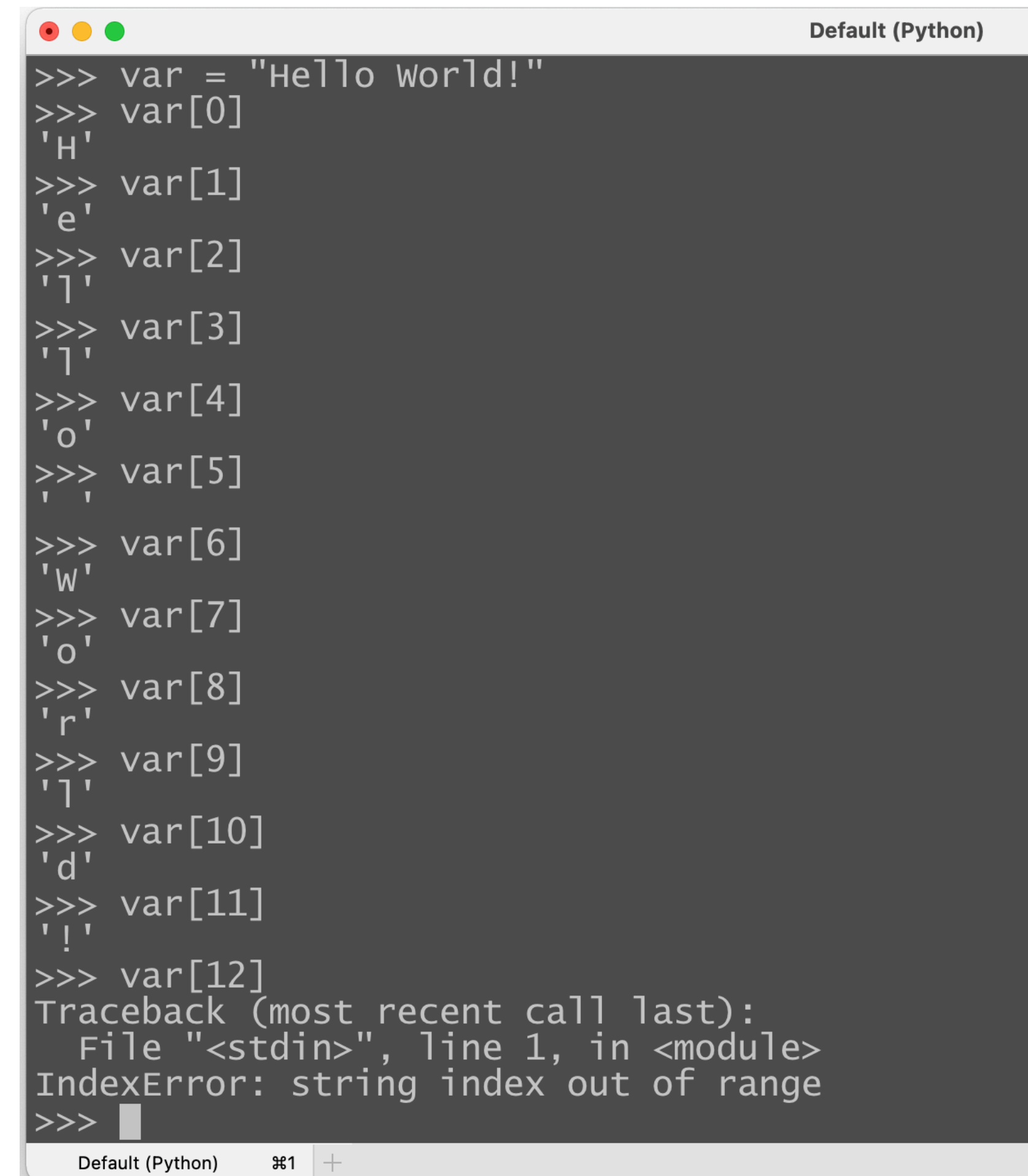
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Slot 0	var	str	"H"
			"e"
			"l"
			"l"
			"o"
			" "
....			...

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```
Default (Python)  
>>> var = "Hello world!"  
>>> var[0]  
'H'  
>>> var[1]  
'e'  
>>> var[2]  
'l'  
>>> var[3]  
'l'  
>>> var[4]  
'o'  
>>> var[5]  
' '  
>>> var[6]  
'w'  
>>> var[7]  
'o'  
>>> var[8]  
'r'  
>>> var[9]  
'l'  
>>> var[10]  
'd'  
>>> var[11]  
'!'  
>>> var[12]  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
IndexError: string index out of range  
>>>
```


What is happening in `str`?

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print(var[0])
```

- You can get the length of a string using `len(var)`
- You can get the last character of a string using `var[-1]`

Advanced Indexing

- Python supports complex indexing with ranges: `var[i:j]`, meaning from index `i` to `j-1`
- e.g. substring for `var = "Hello World!"`
 - `print(var[6:9])`
This will return a substring with `var[6]`, `var[7]`, `var[8]`: "Wor"
 - `print(var[:5])`
This will return the first 5 characters as a substring: "Hello"
 - `print(var[6:])`
This will return the entire substring starting from `var[6]`: "World!"
 - `print(var[6:-1])`
This will return the entire substring starting from `var[6]`, until the 2nd last: "World"

str splitting method

- A string can be split into a list of substrings, separated by whitespaces (space, tabs, newline symbols, etc.)

```
aList = "I am\t a\nsentence".split()  
# This is called a method of string class
```

- `print(aList)`
This prints `['I', 'am', 'a', 'sentence']`
- `print(aList[3])`
Lists can be accessed by index, this prints `sentence`
- We'll talk more about `lists` next week once we've covered loops

Conditions

`if` conditions, logical expressions, basic subroutine

Conditional Statements

```
if EXPRESSIONS:  
    DO STUFF
```

- Conditional expressions allow you to execute code only when certain conditions are met
- These conditions are mathematical expressions that can be converted to boolean values (`bool`)

Boolean Values

- `bool` class
 - A special type that has only two values: `True` and `False`
- `bool` values can be generated as results of comparisons or assigned to variables
- Arithmetic comparison operators:
 - Equal, not equal: `==`, `!=`
 - Greater/Less than: `>`, `<`
 - Greater/Less than or equal to: `>=`, `<=`

```
>>> 34 > 29
True
>>> 56 < 12
False
>>> 55 >= 55
True
>>> 53 <= 38
False
```

```
>>> 1234 == 1234
True
>>> 1234 == 7890
False
>>> 1234 != 1234
False
>>> 1234 != 7890
True
>>> █
```

Conditional Statements

```
if var1 > var2:
```

```
    print("var1 is greater than var2")
```

A subroutine

- The expression in `if` statement must be (or be convertible to) a boolean value
- Execution: subroutine

Python subroutines

```
if var1 > var2:  
    print("1st print, inside if subroutine")  
    print("2nd print, inside if subroutine")  
    print("3rd print, inside if subroutine")  
print("last print, outside if subroutine")
```

- A subroutine is a block of code that is executed together
- Python subroutine is specified by **indentation, usually using 4 space bars**
- `if` condition requires code to be inside a subroutine

Python subroutines

```
var1 = input()  
var2 = input()
```

```
if var1 == "Missile":
```

```
    print("Confirming missile strike")
```

```
    if var2 == "Confirm":
```

```
        print("Missile strike confirmed")
```

A subroutine

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```
if var1 == "Sleep":
```

```
    print("Confirming sleep order")
```

```
    if var2 == "Bed":
```

```
        print("Sleep inside my bed")
```

A subroutine

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Python subroutines

- Maintain consistent indentation
- Recommended:
use increment of 4 space bars
- Do not mix tabs (`\t`) with space bars

```
if var1 > var2:  
print("...")  
print("...")  
# doesn't work, no subroutine
```

```
if var1 > var2:  
    print("...")  
    print("...")  
# doesn't work
```

```
if var1 > var2:  
    print("...") # 4 space bar  
    print("...") # 1 tab '\t'  
# doesn't work
```

else and elif

```
if var1 > var2:  
    print("var1 is greater than var2")  
else:  
    print("var1 is not greater than var2")
```

- `else` must be on the same routine level as `if`
- `else` subroutine will be executed when `if` condition is not met

else and elif

```
if var1 > var2:  
    print("var1 is greater than var2")  
elif var1 == var2:  
    print("var1 is equal to var2")  
else:  
    print("var1 is less than var2")
```

- `elif` is like `else`, but with another condition
 - same routine level as `if`
 - `elif` condition will be examined when conditions above are not met
 - can have multiple `elif` under a single `if`

else and elif

```
var = input()
if var == "1":
    print("Subroutine 1")
elif var == "2":
    print("Subroutine 2")
elif var == "3":
    print("Subroutine 3")
elif var == "4":
    print("Subroutine 4")
else:
    print("Subroutine 5")
```

bool expressions

```
if var1 == "Missile Launch" and var2 == "Confirm":  
    print("Missile launch confirm")
```

```
if (person1 == "Yes" and person2 == "Yes") or (president == "Yes"):  
    print("Authorised")
```

- You can combine multiple `bool` values to form complex conditions using `and`, `or`, `not`, and parentheses
 - `bool1 and bool2`
returns `True` when `bool1` and `bool2` are both `True`, otherwise `False`
 - `bool1 or bool2`
returns `True` when either `bool1` or `bool2` is `True`, otherwise `False`
 - `not bool1`
returns opposite value