

Ch2 Variables and Expressions

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Literal - an explicit value understood by the prog. lang.

Python Basic literals

- numbers \leftarrow integers, real, float
- Strings Scientific numbers. e

• Real numbers are not stored completely accurately

• strings. "apple" "orange"

Operators - basic operations, represented by special characters:

+ - * / ** power.

• On integer. % // modulus Integer division.

• Order of operations:

- () goes first

- **

- * / %

- + -

- left-to-right.

• On Strings.

+ * multiply w/ number. [i] character at position i

Note: "indexes" start at zero.
position.

• Variables:

a named item that holds a value.

a value is assigned to a variable

using the assignment operator =

variable = expression.

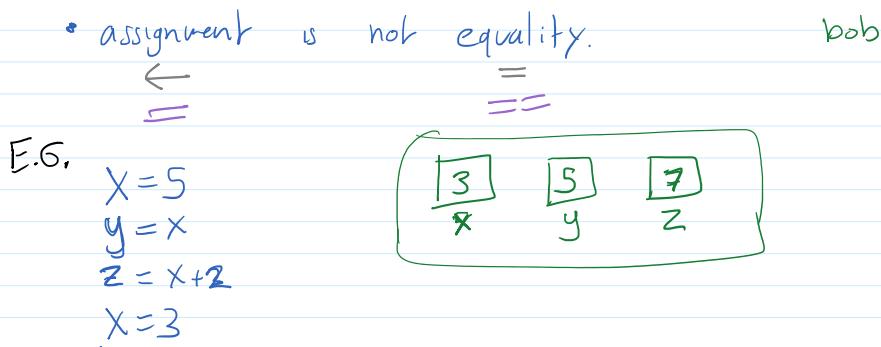
apple

Jeff

• assignment is not equality.

\leftarrow =

my
bob



- names are called "identifiers"
 - made of letters numbers or "-"
 - not begin with number.
 - cannot be the same as a "reserved" identifier.
- True for if and def
 False else is or in ...

• FILES and MODULES

Import <file>

• FUNCTIONS

sqrt() is a function.

: function - a named sequence of instructions.

calling a function - use it.

functions can take values, arguments, you place those in parenthesis

functions return a value which is used to compute the expression the function appears in.

* Import math.
 you get:

sqrt()

pow()

tan()

sin()

cos()

log()

exp()

* Import random
 "pseudo-random" numbers.

random() - random number in [0..1]

randrange() - random ^{integer} number between [l..u)

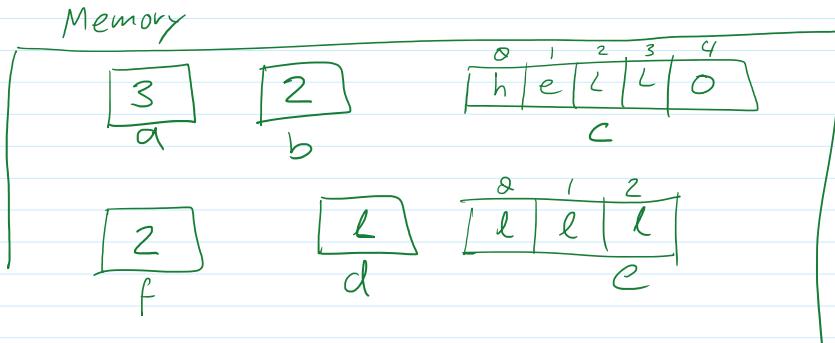
randint() - random integer number between [l..u]

random number generation needs an initial value called a **seed**.

The seed normally comes from the clock.

E.X #1

- a = 3
- b = 7 // a
- c = "hello"
- d = c[3]
- e = d*a
- f = random.randint(6)



• A Word About Text

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
a	b	c	d	e	b	a	n	a
97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105

Assignment number \rightarrow symbols

ASCII

0-128 7-bits
0-256 8-bits

Unicode.

$\leftarrow 64K$. 16 bits.

- ord(char)
- chr(number)

= "Escape Sequences"

\t tab.

\' single quote

\n newline

\\" double quote

\\\ backslash

• f strings:

special strings. to format the output of variables.

f' text {var} text {var} ... ' expr.

format options:

= after var (or expr) shows both expr and result.

:s string.

:d decimal

:b binary

:x hexadecimal

:e Scientific

:f Fixed

.2f two decimal digits

x hexadecimal
e Scientific
f Fixed.

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→ EOF