

Programming Concepts Review

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Major Programming Topics

- Expressions
- Variables
- Functions
- Data and other Structures
- Boolean Expressions
- Looping and Blocks
- Assignment

Expressions

- 42
- $1 + 2$
- $(3 + 5) * 7.675236623$
- $(56 + 34) * (76 - 23)$
- True or False
- True and True
- $5.1 > 8$
- “this is a string” + “, and so is this!”

Variables

- $x = 42$
- $y = 16 + x$
- $z = (x > 45) \text{ and } (y < 50)$
- `thisIsAVariable` = “sequence of characters”
- `this_is_a_variable` = $x + y * z$
- `_privateVariable` = 34
- `__protectedVariable` = 78

Functions

- `def NAME():`
 `expression...`
- `def name():`
 `34 + 34`
- `def compute_tip(bill):`
 `return bill * 0.20`
- `def compute_total(bill):`
 `return compute_tip(bill) + bill`

Data and other Structures

- Lists
 - [1, True, "some string", 3.2, len]
 - `[].append(x)`, `[].remove(x)`, `EXP in []`, `sorted([])`
- Modules/Libraries
 - `import random; random.random()`
- Objects and Methods
 - `[21, 22].append(23)`

Boolean Expressions

- An expression that results in True or False
- True == True
- True == False
- True and False and False and False
- False or False or False or True
- 1 == 2 and 4 != 4 or 6 < 7
- [True, False][0] and

Looping and Blocks

- if BOOLEAN-EXPRESSION:
 EXPRESSION...
- if BOOLEAN-EXPRESSION:
 EXPRESSION...
 elif BOOLEAN-EXPRESSION:
 EXPRESSION...
- if BOOLEAN-EXPRESSION:
 EXPRESSION...
 else:
 EXPRESSION...

Looping and Blocks

- if True:
 x = 1
 y = 2
else:
 x = 2
 y = 1
- while True:
 print "Waiting..."

Looping and Blocks

- for x in range(10):
 print "Happy Birthday to you!"
- for x in [5, 2, 1, 7, 4, 3]:
 print x
- for x in range(100):
 if is_prime(x):
 print x, "is prime!"
- X = 0
while x < 10:
 x = x + 1
 print "Happy Birthday to you!"

Assignment

- Write a function to determine if a number is prime or not
- Find the first 100 primes, and put in list
- BONUS: what is the largest prime that you can write a program to find?
- Find all of the unique words in a paragraph, and put in a list. What does the ratio of unique words to text length say about the writer?
- BONUS: What were the most common words in some recent public speeches?