

# Procedural programming

Explicit sequence of steps to compute

## Python syntax

Manipulate values

Assign names to keep track of them

### Assignment

name = expression

$n := m + 5$      $n \leftarrow m + 5$

not equality  
 $n = m + 5$   
 $n = n + 5$

Haskell : type     Int, Float, Bool, Char,

Python

Values have types

Names derive type from  
current value

$n = 5$       $\leftarrow$   $n$  is Int

$n = \text{False}$       $\leftarrow$  now  $n$   
is Bool

In contrast to C, C++, Java --

int n ;

$n = \text{False};$       $\leftarrow$  error

Names must be assigned before they are used

$x = y + 1$        $y$  has no value, error

Dynamic type      vs      Static

Strong type      vs      Weak

$x = \text{False}$

$y = x + 2$

X      No + for False

Not quite! False is 0.  
Clarify later.

# Basic types Integer, Float

$+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$

$\%$  mod

$//$  div

always  
"real"  
division

exponent mantissa

$6.02 \times 10^{23}$

$.602 \times 10^{24}$

$==$ ,  $<$ ,  $<=$ ,  $>$ ,  $>=$ ,  $!=$

Boolean:

True, False

or  
and  
not( )

No Char type - only strings

String: "hello" 'world'

Triple quote ''' my ''' """ hi """

Behaves like a list, but is not a list of Char  
(because there is no Char)

List: [ , , ]      Need not have uniform  
         ["hello", 2, [3, False]]      underlying type

## Confusion between lists & arrays

$l = [2, 3, 8, 9, 10]$   
0 1 2 3 4  
-5 -4 -3 -2 -1

$l[3] \leadsto 9$

$l[0]$  to  $l[4]$  are valid positions

$l[-1]$  to  $l[-5]$  are also valid

$l[5]$  — error

$l[-6]$  ✓

$s = \text{"hello"}$   
0 1 2 3 4

$s[3] = ?$  "l"

Lists

$\text{len}(l)$

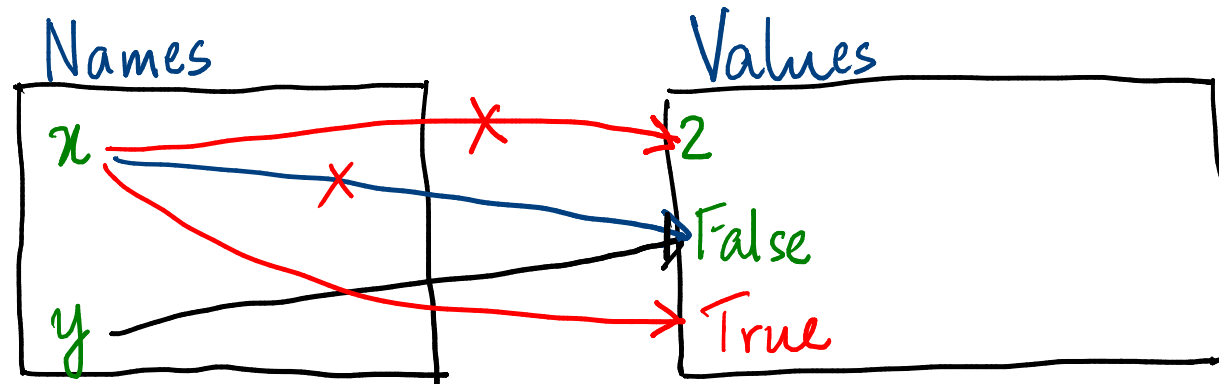
length

$l1 + l2$

concatenation (++)

$l1 * 3$

$\sim l1 + l1 + l1$



$x = 2$   
 $x = \text{False}$

"Immutable"

$y = x$

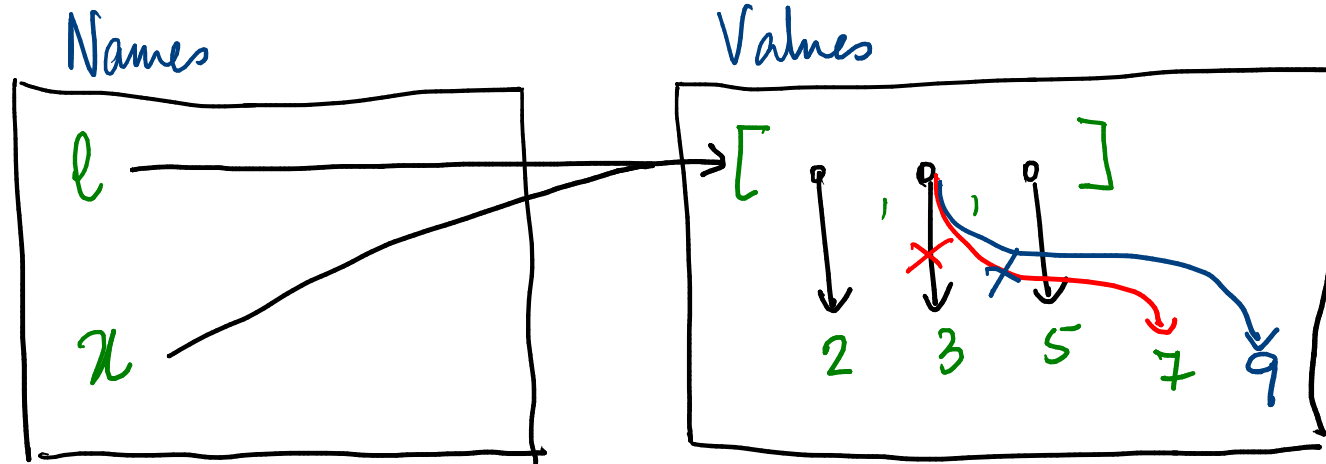
$x = x \text{ or } \text{True}$

Does not update  $y$



Lists are different

"Mutable"



$l = [2, 3, 10]$

$l[1] = 7$

$x = l$

$x[1] = 9$

$l[1] \rightsquigarrow ? \quad 9 !$

Strings are not mutable

`x = "hell"`

`x[3] = "p" X`