Session 1.2: Essential Python Syntax Completion: Control Flow, Collections, and Business Automation

PEDAGOGICAL AGENDA

1:2 Delivery Rhythm

Session Learning Architecture

Structured 3-hour applied computing session designed for business students with zero prior coding experience.

- **Phase 1 (60 Min Lecture):** Computational foundations, business vocabulary, and syntactic mechanics.
- **Phase 2 (120 Min Lab):** Guided hands-on implementation, error diagnosis, and AI co-pilot resolution.
- **Zero Fluff Mandate:** Focus directly on executable Python code, tabular data wrangling, and commercial intelligence.

STRATEGIC OUTCOME

Operational Autonomy

Business Analytical Competency

Transforming passive spreadsheet users into autonomous programmatic decision makers.

- **Speed & Scale:** Processing datasets exceeding spreadsheet limits with instantaneous vectorized execution.
- **Repeatable Pipelines:** Replacing manual copy-paste workflows with fully automated Python scripts.
- **AI Debugging Literacy:** Leveraging modern IDEs to diagnose and resolve errors independently.

Core Computational Keywords & Business Meaning

CONCEPT 01 — Core Keyword

Boolean Expression

A logical comparison that evaluates strictly to `True` or `False`, used by computers to test commercial conditions (such as `annual_spend >= 50000.0`).

CONCEPT 02 — Core Keyword

Conditional Branching (else)

Directing code execution down distinct logical pathways depending on operational thresholds, eliminating complex spreadsheet nested logic.

CONCEPT 03 — Core Keyword

List Collection

An ordered, mutable sequence of business records enclosed in square brackets (e.g., `daily_orders = [120, 85, 94, 142]`), indexed sequentially starting from zero.

CONCEPT 04 — Core Keyword

Dictionary Collection

A key-value associative data structure enclosed in curly braces (e.g., `{"client_id": "CUST-101", "annual_spend_USD": 145000.0}`), enabling instant data retrieval by descriptive business keys rather than numeric indices.

Computational Foundations & Business Operations

PILLAR 01 Architecture

**Core Programming & Computational Foundations

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PILLAR 02 Architecture

Eliminating Fragile Nested Spreadsheets

In Excel, multi-tier decision policies require nested formulas such as `=IF(C2>100000, "Platinum", IF(C2>50000, "Gold", IF(C2>20000, "Silver", "Standard")))`. These formulas quickly become unreadable, impossible to audit, and vulnerable to formula drift. In Python, conditional branching (`if-elif-else`) structures business rules into clean vertical indentation blocks that mirror managerial decision trees.

PILLAR 03 Architecture

Deterministic Repetition over Human Fatigue

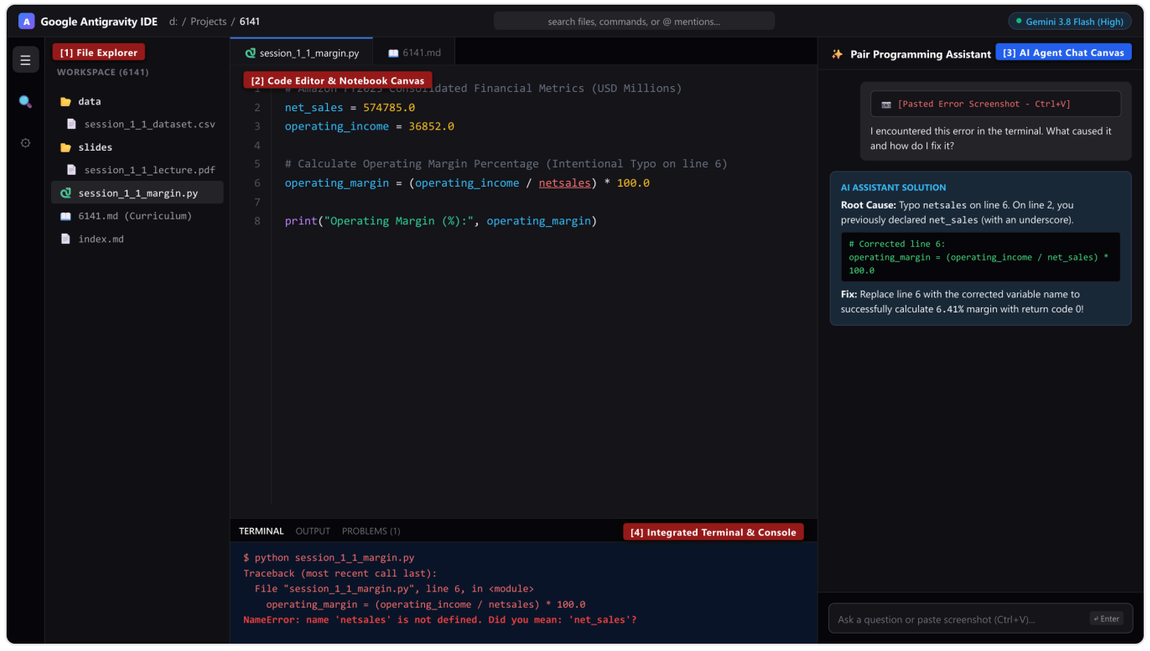
When processing transactional ledgers with thousands of rows, human analysts experience fatigue, eye strain, and copy-paste errors. A Python `for` loop executes repetitive calculations across 10 records or 1,000,000 records with identical mathematical precision and zero cognitive degradation.

PILLAR 04 Architecture

Real-World Entity Modeling with Dictionaries

Modeling complex commercial entities as structured computational objects. A single customer account is captured as a dictionary of labeled attributes (name, industry, spend, risk score), while an enterprise client portfolio is structured as an iterable list of dictionaries.

Google Antigravity IDE Architecture & AI Debugging Protocol



[1] File Explorer

Project Hierarchy

Manage datasets in `data/`, scripts in root, and exported artifacts.

[2] Code Editor

Syntax Workspace

Modern syntax highlighting, lint diagnostics, and line-by-line script authoring.

[3] AI Agent Chat

AI Pair Programmer

Paste error screenshots directly to inspect root causes and get verified fixes.

[4] Terminal

Execution Engine

Run Python scripts (`python script.py`) and view console logs and tracebacks.

Zero-Friction AI Error Resolution Protocol

1. **Capture:** Press `Win + Shift + S` to clip terminal error traceback.
2. **Paste:** Press `Ctrl + V` into AI Chat [3] with "Explain root cause & fix".
3. **Apply:** Review the explanation and apply verified fix into Editor [2].

Script Demonstration 1: Script Demonstration 1

session_1_2_demo_1.py — Python 3.10

```python
annual_spend = 82000.0

    "kw">class="kw">if annual_spend >= 100000.0:
        tier = "Platinum"
        discount_rate = 0.15
    "kw">class="kw">elif annual_spend >= 50000.0:
        tier = "Gold"
        discount_rate = 0.10
    "kw">class="kw">elif annual_spend >= 20000.0:
        tier = "Silver"
        discount_rate = 0.05
    "kw">class="kw">else:
        tier = "Standard"
        discount_rate = 0.0
```

```
$ python session_1_2_demo_1.py [Exit 0]
```

1 Syntactic Structure

Importing production libraries and defining clean analytical data structures.

2 Vectorized Transformation

Applying deterministic operations across the full dataset without fragile cell references.

3 Console Verification

Emitting formatted business KPIs to the terminal for auditability and compliance.

Script Demonstration 2: Script Demonstration 2

session_1_2_demo_2.py — Python 3.10

```python
daily_sales = [4200.0, 5100.0, 3900.0, 6200.0, 7800.0, 8400.0, 4900.0]
    total_revenue = 0.0

    "kw">class="kw">for sale "kw">class="kw">in daily_sales:
        total_revenue += sale

    avg_daily_sales = total_revenue / "fn">len(daily_sales)
    "fn">print("Total Weekly Revenue (USD):", "fn">round(total_revenue, 2))
    "fn">print("Average Daily Sales (USD):", "fn">round(avg_daily_sales, 2))
```

```
$ python session_1_2_demo_2.py [Exit 0]
```

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Script Demonstration 3: Script Demonstration 3

session_1_2_demo_3.py — Python 3.10

```python
client = {
        "client_id": "CUST-104",
        "company_name": "Apex Logistics",
        "annual_spend_USD": 215000.0,
        "credit_limit_USD": 75000.0,
        "outstanding_balance_USD": 23400.0
    }

    available_credit = client["credit_limit_USD"] - client["outstanding_balanc
    "fn">print(f"{client['company_name']} Available Credit: ${available_credit
```

```
$ python session_1_2_demo_3.py [Exit 0]
```

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Interactive Two-Tier Lab Protocol & AI Diagnosis

EXERCISE 1

Guided Lab

Foundational Implementation

Step-by-step guided practice establishing baseline syntax mastery in Antigravity IDE.

- **Step 1:** Ingest dataset from `data/session_1_2_dataset.csv`.
- **Step 2:** Implement core analytical functions and compute primary business metrics.
- **Step 3:** Format console outputs and verify calculations against baseline ledger totals.
- **Step 4:** Run in Terminal [4] and confirm clean execution with exit code 0.

EXERCISE 2+

Coding Challenge

Advanced Scripting & AI Debugging

Applied programming challenge expanding pipeline logic and resolving intentional exceptions.

- **Task 1 (Pipeline Expansion):** Add secondary business unit logic and multi-tier calculations.
- **Task 2 (Deliberate Error & AI Capture):** Introduce intentional syntax or type error, capture traceback with `Win + Shift + S`, and diagnose via AI Chat [3].
- **Task 3 (Verified Production Run):** Apply verified fix, export audit output, and confirm zero errors with return code 0.

Interactive Lab Protocol & Delivery Rhythm

Hands-On Code Execution

The Pedagogical Contract

Computational mastery develops through active problem-solving. By creating intentional errors and using AI co-pilots to resolve them, students build lifelong debugging autonomy.