Tuple Basics

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O1 Introduction



Introduction

- Tuple is one of the built-in data types in Python.
- It is a sequence of comma separated items.
- It is enclosed in parentheses ().
- Faster than lists due to immutability (fixed memory allocation).

CHARACTERISTICS:

- Immutable → Once created, elements cannot be changed, added, or removed.
- Ordered → Items maintain their order and can be accessed via an index.
- Allows Duplicates → Can contain duplicate values.



O2 Creating Tuple

Creating Tuple

<u>Ways</u>	<u>Examples</u>
Using Parentheses ()	my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
*Tuple with a Single Element	<pre>my_tuple = (10,)</pre>
Using the tuple() Constructor	my_tuple = tuple([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
Creating an Empty Tuple	<pre>empty_tuple = ()</pre>
Creating a Nested Tuple	nested_tuple = (1, (2, 3), (4, 5, 6))
Mixed Data Types	my_tuple = ("a", 12, True, 3.14)

^{*} For a single-element tuple, a trailing comma, is required to differentiate it from a regular variable. Without the comma, it is just an integer.

Indexing → Access elements using their index, starting from 0.

Python

```
my_tuple = (10, 20, 30)
print(my_tuple[1])
```

<u>Output</u>

20



Negative Indexing → Use negative indices to access elements from the end.

Python

```
my_tuple = (10, 20, 30)
print(my_tuple[-1])
```

Output

30



Slicing → Extract a portion of the tuple using slicing [start : stop : step].

Python

```
my_tuple = (10, 20, 30)
print(my_tuple[0:2])
```

<u>Output</u>

(10, 20)

Accessing Nested Tuples → Use multiple indices for nested structures.

Python

```
nested_tuple = ((1, 2), (3, 4))
print(nested_tuple[1][0])
```

Output

3



O4 Updating Tuple

Updating Tuple

Since **tuples are immutable**, they **cannot be modified directly** after creation. However, there are some workarounds to "update" a tuple.

Updating Tuple

1. Convert to List and Modify

Convert the tuple to a list, make changes, and convert it back to a tuple.

<u>Python</u>	<u>Output</u>
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)	
<pre># Convert to list temp_list = list(my_tuple)</pre>	
# Modify element temp_list[1] = 20	(1, 20, 3)
<pre># Convert back to tuple my_tuple = tuple(temp_list) print(my_tuple)</pre>	

Updating Tuple

2. Concatenation (Creating a New Tuple)

Add new elements by concatenating tuples.

Python

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)
new_tuple = my_tuple + (4, 5)
print(new_tuple)
```

<u>Output</u>

(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

1. Basic Unpacking (known number of values in the tuple):

Assign tuple elements to variables.

Python

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)
a, b, c = my_tuple
print(a, b, c)
```

<u>Output</u>

1 2 3

2. Extended Unpacking (unknown number of values in the tuple):

Use an **asterisk (*)** to collect the remaining values as a list.

Python

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
a, *middle, b = my_tuple
print(a, middle, b)
```

<u>Output</u>

1 [2, 3, 4] 5

2. Extended Unpacking (unknown number of values in the tuple):

When unpacking a tuple, the number of variables on the left must match the number of elements in the tuple. If they don't, Python raises a ValueError.

Too Many Variables (More Variables Than Tuple Elements)

ValueError: too many values to unpack (expected 2)

<u>Too Few Variables (Fewer Variables Than Tuple Elements)</u>

ValueError: not enough values to unpack (expected 4, got 3)

3. Ignoring Values with _:

Use an **underscore** (_) to ignore element(s).

Python

```
my_tuple = (10, 20, 30)
a, _, c = my_tuple
print(a, c)
```

<u>Output</u>

10 30



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