



Python Unittest Assert Methods

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Summary: in this tutorial, you'll learn the overview of the Python `unittest` assert methods to perform unit testing.

Introduction to Python unittest assert methods

The `TestCase` class of the `unittest` (<https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-unittest/>) module provides you with a large number of assert methods to test. The following table shows the most commonly used assert methods:

Method	Checks that
<code>assertEqual(x, y, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertequal/)	<code>x == y</code>
<code>assertNotEqual(x,y,msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertequal/)	<code>x != y</code>

Method	Checks that
<code>assertTrue(x, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-asserttrue/)	<code>bool(x)</code> is True
<code>assertFalse(x, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-asserttrue/)	<code>bool(x)</code> is False
<code>assertIs(x, y, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertis/)	<code>x</code> is <code>y</code>
<code>assertIsNot(x, y, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertis/)	<code>x</code> is not <code>y</code>
<code>assertIsNone(x, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertisnone/)	<code>x</code> is None
<code>assertIsNotNone(x, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertisnone/)	<code>x</code> is not None
<code>assertIn(x, y, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertin/)	<code>x</code> in <code>y</code>
<code>assertNotIn(x, y, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertin/)	<code>x</code> not in <code>y</code>
<code>assertIsInstance(x, y, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertisinstance/)	<code>isinstance(x, y)</code>

Method	Checks that
<code>assertNotIsInstance(x, y, msg=None)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertisinstance/)	<code>not isinstance(x, y)</code>

All of these methods have an optional `msg` parameter whose type is a string. The `msg` will be displayed in the test result if the test fails.

The following assert methods check the exceptions, warnings, and log messages:

Method	Checks that
<code>assertRaises(exc, fun, *args, **kws)</code>	<code>fun(*args, **kws)</code> raises <code>exc</code>
<code>assertRaisesRegex(exc, r, fun, *args, **kws)</code>	<code>fun(*args, **kws)</code> raises <code>exc</code> and the message matches regex <code>r</code>
<code>assertWarns(warn, fun, *args, **kws)</code>	<code>fun(*args, **kws)</code> raises <code>warn</code>
<code>assertWarnsRegex(warn, r, fun, *args, **kws)</code>	<code>fun(*args, **kws)</code> raises <code>warn</code> and the message matches regex <code>r</code>
<code>assertLogs(logger, level)</code>	The with block logs on <code>logger</code> with a minimum <code>level</code>
<code>assertNoLogs(logger, level)</code>	The with block does not log on <code>logger</code> with a minimum <code>level</code>

The following table shows the assert methods that perform more specific checks:

Method	Checks that
<code>assertAlmostEqual(x, y)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertalmostequal/)	<code>round(x-y, 7) == 0</code>

Method	Checks that
<code>assertNotAlmostEqual(x, y)</code> (https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-unit-testing/python-assertalmostequal/)	<code>round(x-y, 7) != 0</code>
<code>assertGreater(x, y)</code>	<code>x > y</code>
<code>assertGreaterEqual(x, y)</code>	<code>x >= y</code>
<code>assertLess(x, y)</code>	<code>x < y</code>
<code>assertLessEqual(x, y)</code>	<code>x <= y</code>
<code>assertRegex(s, r)</code>	<code>r.search(s)</code>
<code>assertNotRegex(s, r)</code>	<code>not r.search(s)</code>
<code>assertCountEqual(x, y)</code>	<code>x</code> and <code>y</code> have the same number of elements in the same number.

In the next tutorials, you'll learn about the `unittest` assert methods in more detail and how to use them effectively.