

Iterators & Generators

Generator functions allow us to write a function that can send back a value & then later resume to pick up where it left off.

It allows us to generate a sequence of values over time. The main diff. is use of yield statement.

→ The main-diff. is when a generator function is compiled they become an object that supports iteration.

→ They will automatically suspend & resume their execution.

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→ Main-advantage:-

Instead of computing entire series of values up front, the generator computes one value & suspends its activity waiting for next instruction.

→ This is called state suspension.

E.g.

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def gen_cubes(n):  
    for num in range(n):  
        yield num**3
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test(gen_cubes(5))
o/p: [0, 1, 8, 27, 64, 125]

Ex. def genfibon(n):

a = 1

b = 1

for i in range(n):

yield a

a, b = b, a + b

list(genfibon(5))

o/p 1 1 2 3 5

next() → Access the next term
in the sequence

In: g = genfibon()

In: next print(next(g))

o/p: 1

In: print(next(g))

o/p: 1

In: print(next(g))

o/p: 2

String object supports iteration but
isn't a iterator.

iter() → It allows us to iterate
over a non-iterable object

In: s = 'hello'

In: s_it = iter(s)

In: next(s_it)

O/p: 'h'

In: next(s_it)

O/p: 'e'