

Reserve Words

Comparison / Conjunction

true == (equal) **false** **none**
(i.e., null) **and** **not** **or**
in list, tuple, string, dictionary
is true if **same** object

Definition

class create a class
def create a function
del items in lists (del mylist[2]), whole strings, whole tuples, whole dictionaries

Module Management

import connects mod, i.e., import math
from gets a function from math import cos
as creates an alias for a function

Miscellaneous

pass (placeholder – no action)
with wrapper ensures `__exit__` method

Functions

def, **return(obj)**, **yield**, **next**
inside functions **yield** is like **return**
except it returns a generator whose sequential results are triggered by **next**
global declares global inside a function
non local a variable inside a nested function is good in the outer function
lambda anonymous inline function with no return statement
`a = lambda x: x*2`
`for i in range(1,6):`
`print(a(i))`

Error Management

raise forces a ZeroDivisionError
try except finally else return used in error handling blocks
try:
code with error potential
except:
do this if you get the error
else:
otherwise do this code
finally:
do this either way
assert if condition—false raises AssertionError

Looping

while (some statement is true)
for example:
`alist=['Be','my','love']`
`for wordnum in range(0,len(alist)):`
`print(wordnum, alist[wordnum])`
range range(1,10) iterates 123456789
break **continue**
break ends the smallest loop it is in;
continue ends current loop iteration

Decision Making

if **elif** **else**
`def if_example(a):`
`if a == 1:`
`print('One')`
`elif a == 2:`
`print('Two')`
`else:`

The Ternary if Statement

An inline if that works in formulas:
`myval = (high if (high > low) else low) * 3`

Reading Keystrokes

`text = ""`
`while 1:`
`c = sys.stdin.read(1)`
`text = text + c`
`if c == '\n':`
`break`
`print("Input: %s" % text)`
| must import sys |
| so you can use |
| the standard |
| input function |

Major Built-In Functions

String Handling (↪=converts / returns)

str(object) ↪ string value of object
repr(object) ↪ printable string
ascii(str) ↪ printable string
eval(expression) ↪ value after evaluation
chr(i) ↪ character of Unicode [chr(97) = 'a']
input(prompt) ↪ user input
len(—) ↪ length of str, items in list/dict/tuple
ord(str) ↪ value of Unicode character
slice(stop) or **slice(start, stop [,step])**
↪ a slice object specified by slice (start, stop, and step)
word = "Python"
word[0:2] = 'Py' or word[2:5]='thon'
format(value [,format_spec]) ↪ value in a formatted string—**extensive and complex** - 2 examples (comma separator & % to 3 places)
`print('{:,.1}'.format(1234567890))` yields '1,234,567,890'
`print('{:.3%}'.format(11.23456789))` yields '1123.457%'

Number Handling

abs(x) ↪ absolute value of x
bin(x) ↪ integer to binary bin(5)='0b101' (one 4, no 2's, one 1)
divmod(x,y) takes two (non complex) numbers as arguments, ↪ a pair of numbers - quotient and remainder using integer division.
float(x) ↪ a floating point number from a number or string
hex(x) ↪ an integer to a hexadecimal string
`hex(65536)` = 0x10000
int(x) ↪ an integer from a number or string
pow(x,y [,z]) ↪ x to y, if z is present returns x to y, modulo z
round(number [,digits]) ↪ floating point number rounded to digits; Without digits it returns the nearest integer.

Miscellaneous Functions

bool(x) ↪ true/false, ↪ false if x is omitted
callable(object) ↪ true if object callable
help(object) invokes built-in help system, (for interactive use)
id(object) ↪ unique object integer identifier
print(*objects, sep=' ', end='\n', file=sys.stdout, flush=False) prints objects separated by sep, followed by end; % see other side

Data Container Functions

all(iterable) ↪ TRUE if all elements are true or it is empty
any(iterable) ↪ TRUE if any element is are true, FALSE if empty
type(enumerate(iterable, start = 0))

`plist = ['to','of','and']`
`print(list(enumerate(plist)))`
↪ [(0,'to'), (1,'of'), (2,'and')]
type([iterable])
↪ a mutable sequence; if a=[7,8,9] then list([a]) returns [[7, 8, 9]]
max(type) **min(type)** - not for tuples
sum(iterable [, start]) must be all numeric, if a=[8,7,9] then sum(a) returns 24
sorted(iterable [,key=][,reversed])

reversed is Boolean with default False; strings without key sorted alphabetically, numbers high to low; key examples: `print sorted(strs, key=len)` sorts by length of each str value; 2 examp: `key=strs.lower`, or `key = lambda tupsort: tupitem[1]`
reversed(seq) - **reversed** is tricky, does not return a reversed list; if a=[4,5,6,7] then for i

in `reversed(a)` yields 7/6/5/4; to get a reversed list for **list mylist** use:

`newlist = list(reversed(mylist))`

range (stop) or **range (start, stop [, step])**
tuple(iterable) not a function, an immutable sequence, `mytuple=('dog',42,'x')`
next(iterator [,default]) next item from iterator by calling `next(iter)`. Default is returned if the iterator is exhausted, otherwise StopIteration raised.
`>>> Mylist = [2,4,6,8]; MyItNum = iter(Mylist)`
`>>> next(MyItNum)`
2
`>>> next(MyItNum)`
4
.....etcetera

Other Functions

<code>dir()</code>	<code>super()</code>	<code>filter()</code>
<code>map()</code>	<code>setattr()</code>	<code>globals()</code>
<code>oct()</code>	<code>set()</code>	<code>bytearray()</code>
<code>locals()</code>	<code>vars()</code>	<code>classmethod()</code>
<code>zip()</code>	<code>object()</code>	<code>__import__()</code>
<code>dict()</code>	<code>hasattr()</code>	<code>memoryview()</code>
<code>exec()</code>	<code>compile()</code>	<code>issubclass()</code>
<code>hash()</code>	<code>complex()</code>	<code>isinstance()</code>
<code>iter()</code>	<code>delattr()</code>	<code>bytes()</code>
<code>type()</code>	<code>getattr()</code>	<code>property()</code>
<code>staticmethod()</code>		<code>frozenset()</code>

String Methods

str.find(sub[, start[, end]])
↪ 1st char BEFORE sub is found or -1 if not found
str.capitalize() ↪ first character cap
str.lower() ↪ a copy of the string with all t converted to lowercase.
str.center(width[, fillchar])
string is centered in an area given by width using fill character 'fillchar'
str.ljust(width [, fillchar]) -or **rjust()** left justified - or right justified
str.count(sub[, start[, end]])
number of substrings in a string
str.isalnum() / **isalpha()** / **isdigit()** / **isnumeric()**
↪ true if all characters are alphanumeric or alphabetic or digits or numbers; at least one character; false otherwise
str.islower() true if all lowercase
str.isprintable() true if all characters are printable or the string is empty
str.isspace() Return true if there are only whitespace characters and there is at least one character
str.replace(old, new[, count])
Return a copy of the string with substring(s) old replaced by new. If optional argument count is given, only first count occurrences are replaced.
str.rfind(sub[, start[, end]])
Return the highest index in the string where substring sub is found, contained within s[start:end]. arguments start/end are slice notation. Return -1 on failure.
str.strip([chars]) Return a copy of the string with the leading and trailing

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String Methods—cont'd

characters removed. The chars argument is a string specifying the set of characters to be removed. If omitted or None, the chars argument removes whitespace.

str.zfill(width) Return a copy of the string left filled with ASCII '0' digits to make a string of length width. A leading sign prefix ('+'/'-') is handled by inserting the padding after the sign character rather than before. The original string is returned if width is less than or equal to len(str).

str.split() - separates words by space

String Format Operator: %

% is used with print to build formatted strings
 print ("My horse %s has starting slot %d!" % ('Arrow', 5))
 Where the % character can format as:
 %c character, %s string, %i signed decimal integer, %d signed decimal integer, %u unsigned decimal integer, %e exponential notation, %E exponential notation, %f floating point real number, %g the shorter of %f and %e, %G the shorter of %f and %E
 also: * specifies width, - left justification, + show sign, 0 pad from left with zero, (& more)

Data Containers**Methods / Operations**

Tuples fixed, immutable sets of data that can not be changed mytup=(7,'yes',6,'no') a 1 element tuple requires a comma xtup=('test',) indexing and slicing the same as for strings.
tuple(sequence or list) - converts list to tuples: newtup = tuple(mylist);
len(tuple); **max(tuple)**; **min (tuple)**

Dict (dictionary) - a series of paired values.
 d = { 'a': 'animal', 2: 'house', 'car': 'Ford', 'num': 68 }
d.keys() - value of d; **d.values()**;
d.items() - pairs list; **len(d)**;
d[key] = value; **del d[key]**; **d.clear()** remove all; **key in d**; **key not in d**; **keys()**;
d.copy() makes a shallow; **fromkeys(seq[, value])** from keys() is a class method - returns a new dictionary value defaults to None.
get(key[, default]); **items()**
iteritems(); **itervalues()**; **iterkeys()**
d.items(); **d.values()**; **d.keys()**
pop(key[, default]) remove and re-turn its value or default; **popitem()**;
setdefault(key[, default])
update([other])
 To find a key if you know the value:
 mykey=[key for key, value in mydict.items() if value==theval][0]

Lists

lst[i] = x item lst of s is replaced by x
lst[i:j] = t slice of s from i to j is replaced by the contents of iterable t
del lst[i:j] same as **lst[i:j] = []**
lst[i:j:k] = t the elements of **s[i:j:k]** are replaced by those of t
del lst[i:j:k] removes the elements of **s[i:j:k]** from the list
lst.append(x) appends x to the end of the sequence (same as **lst[len(lst):len(lst)] = [x]**)
lst.clear() removes all items from s (same as **del lst[:]**)
lst.copy() creates a shallow copy of s (same as **lst[:]**)
lst.extend(t) or **s += t** extends lst with the contents of t (for the most part the same

as **s[len(s):len(s)] = t**)
lst *= n updates lst with its contents repeated n times
lst.insert(i, x) inserts x into s at the index given by i (same as **lst[i:i] = [x]**)
lst.pop([i]) retrieves the item at i and also removes it from s
lst.remove(x) remove the first item from lst where **lst[i] == x**
lst.reverse() reverses the items of s in place
lst.sort() sort ascending, return None

Arrays - none, use **numpy** or **array** module or forget it.

Sets an unordered collection of unique immutable objects - **no multiple occurrences of the same element**

myset = set("Bannanas are nice"); print(myset)
 ↳: {'i', 'e', 's', 'a', 'B', ' ', 'c', 'r', 'n'}
add(), **clear()**, **pop()**, **discard()**, **copy**
difference(), **remove()**, **isdisjoint()**,
Issubset(), **Issuperset()**, **intersection()**

Useful Modules

Good 3rd Party Index:
<https://pymotw.com/2/py-modindex.html>
 Python Standard Library Module Index with links:
<https://docs.python.org/2/library/>
pip is normally installed with Python but if skipped the **ensurepip** PACKAGE will bootstrap the installer into an existing installation.
python -m pip install SomePackage - command line
sys stdin standard input, stdout std output, exit("some error message")
os deep operating system access .open(name [,mode[, buffering]]) modes: 'r' reading, 'w' writing, 'a' appending, binary append 'b' like 'rb'
time .asctime(t) .clock() .sleep(secs)
datetime date.today() datetime.now()
re regular expression matching .search .match(pattern, string) re has a whole mini-language for designing string matches
random .seed([x]) .choice(seq) .randint(a,b) .randrange(start, stop [, step])
.random() - floating point [0.0 to 1.0]
csv import/export of comma separated values .reader .writer .excel
itertools advanced iteration functions
math like Excel math functions .ceil(x), .fsum(iterable), .factorial(x), .log(x[,base]), pi, e
 See also **cmath** for complex numbers
urllib for opening URLs, redirects, cookies, etc
pygame see <http://www.pygame.org/hifi.html>
tkInter Python's defacto std GUI - look it up
calendar—a world of date options
 >>> import calendar
 >>> c = calendar.TextCalendar(calendar.SUNDAY)
 >>> c.pmonth(2016, 9)
 September 2016
 Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa
 1 2 3
 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
 18 19 20 21 22 23 24
 25 26 27 28 29 30
 This only works with a mono-spaced font like Consolas
 ↳ output
curses - does not work in windows
picamera - Python access to your Raspberry Pi camera
RPi.GPIO - control Pi pins via Python
xml - to work with xml files UNSECURE

array or **numpy** work with arrays

Arrayname = array(typecode, [Initializers])
a = numpy.array([[1,2,3,4],[5,6,7,8]])
tarfile / zipfile - file compression
multiprocessing - take the course if you can handle it
wave - interface to wav sound format
yahoo-finance—to get stock data From PyPi \$ **pip install yahoo-finance** use for historic data—has 15 minute delay
googlefinance 0.7—real-time stock data \$ **pip install googlefinance**

Notes: ;>)

Multi-line Statements

\ is the line continuation character, statements within the [], {}, or () brackets do not need it.
Multiple Statements on a Line
 ; is separator: not with statements starting block code. Often poor form to use multiple statements.

Operators

Math: +, -, *, /, // (floor or truncated division), ** (exponent), % (mod or modulo returns the remainder) **x = 8%3; print(x)** ↳ 2
Assignment: (execute & assign) =, +=, -=, *=, /=, **=, %= **Boolean/Logical:** and, or, not
Comparison: <, <=, >, >=, is, is not, == (equal), != (not equal)
Special String: + concatenation (repetition), [] (slice), [:] (range slice), in (true if found, if "c" in "cat"), not in, r (r'str' - raw string suppresses ESC characters)
Identity: is/is not checks if variables point to the same object
Bitwise: & (or), ^ (xor), ~ (flips), << (shift left), >> (shift right)
New Soon: @ - a matrix multiplier
 Note: operator module adds more.

Escape Characters

Non-printable characters represented with backslash notation:
 \a Bell or alert, \b Backspace, \cx Control-x, \C-x Control-x, \e Escape, \f Formfeed
 \M-\C-x Meta-Control-x
 \n Newline \s Space
 \t Tab
 \v Vertical tab \x Character x
 \r Carriage return
 \nnn Octal notation, where n is in the range 0-7
 \xnn Hexadecimal notation, n is in the range 0.9, a.f, or A.F

Simple Basic Programming Examples: <http://www.java2s.com/Tutorial/Python/CatalogPython.htm>
<https://wiki.python.org/moin/BeginnersGuide/programmers/SimpleExamples>