

py4kids (<https://github.com/wgong/py4kids>)

Python Data Types - String, List, Tuple

In this lesson, we learn 3 important data types:

- String : a sequence of characters
- List : an array of objects
- Tuple : like List, but immutable (or unchangeable)

```
In [1]: from jyquickhelper import add_notebook_menu
        add_notebook_menu()
```

- Out[1]:
- String
 - single/double/tripple quoted string
 - whitespace is blank string
 - Strip() - removing whitespace
 - Python cares about case
 - Concat - strings add up, and multiple too
 - len() - how many characters are in a string?
 - String formatting
 - unicode - how to display any human lang in computer
 - List
 - string is a special list of characters
 - index
 - common operations / functions
 - len() - count list's length
 - index() - find an item's location
 - in - check existence
 - append() - add more items from the back
 - insert() - add item at a given position
 - empty a list
 - sort() - sort a list
 - reverse() - a list
 - extend() - a list
 - del - removing item from list
 - pop() - remove from back
 - range()
 - generate a list of words from a sentence
 - Tuple

String (<https://docs.python.org/3/library/string.html>)

String is a sequence of characters. Names, Words, Sentences, Paragraphs are all examples of string.

String sequence **delimiter** is quote: ('', "", "", "")



single/double/tripple quoted string

```
In [2]: # empty string
string_0 = ''
```

```
In [3]: string_1 = 'This is a single-quoted string.'
print(string_1)
```

This is a single-quoted string.

```
In [4]: string_2 = "This is a double-quoted string."
print(string_2)
```

This is a double-quoted string.

```
In [5]: quote = "Linus Torvalds once said, \
               'Any program is only as good as it is useful.'"
print(quote)
```

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```
In [6]: string_3 = '''This is a string where I
can comfortably write on multiple lines
without worrying about to use the escape character "\\" as in
the previous example.
As you'll see, the original string formatting is preserved.
'''

print(string_3)
```

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whitespace is blank string

The term "whitespace" refers to characters that the computer is aware of, but are invisible to human. The most common whitespace characters are spaces (" ", " ", " "), tabs ("\t"), and newlines ("\n").

```
In [7]: print("Hello python students!")

Hello python students!
```

```
In [8]: print("Hello\tpython\t students!")

Hello   python   students!
```

```
In [9]: print("Hello\npython\nstudents!")

Hello
python
students!
```

```
In [10]: print("Hello\n\tpython\n\t\tstudents!")

Hello
        python
            students!
```

Strip() - removing whitespace

```
In [11]: snake = '   python is big!   '
print(snake)

   python is big!
```

```
In [12]: print(snake.strip())

python is big!
```

```
In [13]: print(snake.lstrip(), ':', snake.rstrip())  
python is big!      :      python is big!
```

Python cares about case

```
In [14]: salutation = 'sir'  
         first_name = 'issac'  
         last_name = 'NEWTON'  
         print(salutation, first_name, last_name)  
  
sir issac NEWTON
```

```
In [15]: print(salutation.title(), first_name.upper(), last_name.lower())  
  
Sir ISSAC newton
```

Note: title(), upper(), lower() are methods of string object. We will learn object/method in details later.

Concat - strings add up, and multiple too

```
In [16]: full_name = first_name + ' ' + last_name  
         print(full_name)  
  
issac NEWTON
```

```
In [17]: greeting = 'Hello ,'  
         print(greeting)  
  
Hello ,
```

```
In [18]: # repeat a string many times  
         print(greeting*10)  
  
Hello ,Hello ,Hello ,Hello ,Hello ,Hello ,Hello ,Hello ,Hello ,
```

len() - how many characters are in a string?

```
In [19]: len(full_name)
```

Out[19]: 12

```
In [20]: new_line='\n'  
         len(new_line)
```

Out[20]: 1

String formatting

(<https://docs.python.org/2/library/stdtypes.html#string-formatting>)

```
In [21]: string_template = 'The result of the calculation of {calc} is \n {res}'  
print(string_template.format(calc='(3*4)+2', res=(3*4)+2))
```

```
The result of the calculation of (3*4)+2 is  
14
```

```
In [22]: str_fmt = "%s x %s = %s" % (11, 22, 11*22)  
print(str_fmt)
```

```
11 x 22 = 242
```

```
In [23]: str_fmt1 = "{0} x {1} = {2}"  
print(str_fmt1.format(10, 30, 10*30))
```

```
10 x 30 = 300
```

```
In [24]: str_fmt2 = "{base} to the power of {exp} is equal to {pow}"  
print(str_fmt2.format(exp=2, base=10, pow=10**2))
```

```
10 to the power of 2 is equal to 100
```

```
In [25]: # print integer number  
print("%d" % 100)
```

```
100
```

```
In [26]: # print integer number in fixed length with leading 0 padding  
print("%05d" % 100)
```

```
00100
```

```
In [27]: # print float or decimal number  
print("%f" % 100.135)
```

```
100.135000
```

```
In [28]: # print float or decimal number  
print("%d" % 100.135)
```

```
100
```

```
In [29]: print("%E" % 1000000)    # print number in scientific notation
```

```
1.000000E+06
```

```
In [30]: print("%x" % 100)    # print number in hex encoding
```

```
64
```

Why ?

$$6 \times 16^1 + 4 \times 16^0 = 100$$

unicode (<https://docs.python.org/3.5/howto/unicode.html>) - how to display any human lang in computer

ASCII code is for Latin western lang.

<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Unicode> (<https://www.wikiwand.com/en/Unicode>)

```
In [31]: uni_str = "她来自中国四川，爱吃重庆火锅"
         print(uni_str)
```

她来自中国四川，爱吃重庆火锅

```
In [32]: type(uni_str)
```

```
Out[32]: str
```

```
In [33]: byte_str = uni_str.encode()
```

```
In [34]: byte_str
```

```
Out[34]: b'\xe5\xa5\xb9\xe6\x9d\xa5\xe8\x87\xaa\xe4\xb8\xad\xe5\x9b\xbd\xe5\x9b\x9b\xe5\x
          b7\x9d\xef\xbc\x8c\xe7\x88\xb1\xe5\x90\x83\xe9\x87\x8d\xe5\xba\x86\xe7\x81\xa
          b\xe9\x94\x85'
```

```
In [35]: us1 = "我"
         bs1 = us1.encode('utf-8')
         bs1
```

```
Out[35]: b'\xe6\x88\x91'
```

```
In [36]: print(bs1.decode('utf-8'))
```

我

```
In [37]: us2= "I"
         bs2= us2.encode('ascii')
         bs2
```

```
Out[37]: b'I'
```

```
In [38]: # ASCII code for 'I'
         ord(us2)
```

```
Out[38]: 73
```

List **(<https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#list>)**

List is a sequence of objects : number, character, string, object.

List sequence **delimiter** is square brackets: [,]

List may be called Array, Vector, Tensor in other lang.



```
In [39]: empty_list = []  
  
         number_list = [-1, 0, 1]  
  
         my_shopping_list = ['Milk', 'Eggs', 'Cheese', 'Butter']
```

```
In [40]: type(empty_list), type(number_list), type(my_shopping_list)
```

```
Out[40]: (list, list, list)
```

string is a special list of characters

```
In [41]: # variable snake_name is a string  
         snake_name = "python"
```

```
In [42]: type(snake_name)
```

```
Out[42]: str
```

```
In [43]: # variable snake_name2 is a list  
         snake_name2 = ['p', 'y', 't', 'h', 'o', 'n']
```

```
In [44]: type(snake_name2)
```

```
Out[44]: list
```

```
In [45]: # convert string to list  
         snake_name3 = list(snake_name)  
         print(snake_name3)
```

```
['p', 'y', 't', 'h', 'o', 'n']
```

```
In [46]: # Length of list  
len(snake_name3)
```

```
Out[46]: 6
```

index

sequence number of an item in the list

```
In [47]: # first char  
snake_name3[0]
```

```
Out[47]: 'p'
```

index is zero-based

```
In [48]: # Last char  
snake_name3[-1]
```

```
Out[48]: 'n'
```

```
In [49]: snake_name3[len(snake_name3)]
```

```
-----  
IndexError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-49-497d2c3c1dfa> in <module>()  
----> 1 snake_name3[len(snake_name3)]  
  
IndexError: list index out of range
```

```
In [50]: snake_name3[len(snake_name3)-1]
```

```
Out[50]: 'n'
```

```
In [51]: # going backward using negative index:  
# Last char  
snake_name3[-1]
```

```
Out[51]: 'n'
```

```
In [52]: snake_name3[-3]
```

```
Out[52]: 'h'
```

- word is a list of alphabets
- sentence is a list of words and punctuations.
- paragraph is a list of sentences
- chapter ...


```
In [53]: # python list can be made of different types
my_list = ['This', 'book', 'costs', 10.50, '$']
```

common operations / functions

len() - count list's length

```
In [54]: len(my_list)
```

```
Out[54]: 5
```

```
In [55]: type(my_list[-2]), type(my_list[1])
```

```
Out[55]: (float, str)
```

index() - find an item's location

```
In [56]: print(my_list.index('book'))
```

```
1
```

in - check existence

```
In [57]: print('book' in my_list)
```

```
True
```

```
In [58]: print('cost' in my_list)
```

```
False
```

append() - add more items from the back

```
In [59]: my_list.append('I am going to order it')
```

```
In [60]: print(my_list)
```

```
['This', 'book', 'costs', 10.5, '$', 'I am going to order it']
```

insert() - add item at a given position

```
In [61]: my_list.insert(1, 'computer')
```

```
In [62]: print(my_list)
```

```
['This', 'computer', 'book', 'costs', 10.5, '$', 'I am going to order it']
```

empty a list

```
In [63]: my_list = []  
print(my_list)  
  
[]
```

```
In [64]: len(my_list)
```

```
Out[64]: 0
```

sort() - sort a list

```
In [65]: num_list = [120, 10, -1, 9999]
```

```
In [66]: num_list.sort()  
print(num_list)  
  
[-1, 10, 120, 9999]
```

```
In [67]: # sort reverse order  
num_list.sort(reverse=True)  
print(num_list)  
  
[9999, 120, 10, -1]
```

reverse() - a list

```
In [68]: num_list
```

```
Out[68]: [9999, 120, 10, -1]
```

```
In [69]: num_list.reverse()  
num_list
```

```
Out[69]: [-1, 10, 120, 9999]
```



PC Components Checklist

- ☐ CPU
- ☐ Motherboard
- ☐ Graphics Card
- ☐ RAM
- ☐ Power Supply
- ☐ Storage (HDD and/or SSD)
- ☐ Case
- ☐ Cooler (Some CPUs have one)

Extras:

- ☐ Operating System
- ☐ Keyboard
- ☐ Mouse
- ☐ Monitor
- ☐ Audio
- ☐ Optical Disc Drive

```
In [70]: PC_Components_Checklist = []
PC_Components_Checklist.append('CPU')
PC_Components_Checklist.append('Motherboard')
PC_Components_Checklist
```

```
Out[70]: ['CPU', 'Motherboard']
```

extend() - a list

```
In [71]: PC_Components_Checklist.extend(['RAM', 'Power Supply', 'Hard Drive'])
```

```
In [72]: print(PC_Components_Checklist)

['CPU', 'Motherboard', 'RAM', 'Power Supply', 'Hard Drive']
```

```
In [73]: # what if you use append()
PC_Components_Checklist.append(['Monitor', 'Keyboard'])
```

```
In [74]: print(PC_Components_Checklist)

['CPU', 'Motherboard', 'RAM', 'Power Supply', 'Hard Drive', ['Monitor', 'Keyboa
rd']]
```

del - removing item from list

```
In [75]: del PC_Components_Checklist[-1]
```

```
In [76]: print(PC_Components_Checklist)

['CPU', 'Motherboard', 'RAM', 'Power Supply', 'Hard Drive']
```

pop() - remove from back

```
In [77]: last_item = PC_Components_Checklist.pop()
         print(last_item)
```

Hard Drive

```
In [78]: print(PC_Components_Checklist)

['CPU', 'Motherboard', 'RAM', 'Power Supply']
```

range()

quickly generate an array - list of numbers

```
In [79]: arr = list(range(15))
         arr
```

```
Out[79]: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]
```

generate a list of words from a sentence

Strings can be split into a set of substrings when they are separated by a repeated character. If a string consists of a simple sentence, the string can be split based on spaces. The `split()` function returns a list of substrings. The `split()` function takes one argument, the character that separates the parts of the string.

```
In [80]: split_fn_description = """
Strings can be split into a set of substrings when they are separated by a repeat
"""

word_list = split_fn_description.split()
word_list
```

```
Out[80]: ['Strings',
'can',
'be',
'split',
'into',
'a',
'set',
'of',
'substrings',
'when',
'they',
'are',
'separated',
'by',
'a',
'repeated',
'character.',
'If',
'a',
'string',
'consists',
'of',
'a',
'simple',
'sentence,',
'the',
'string',
'can',
'be',
'split',
'based',
'on',
'spaces.',
'The',
'split()',
'function',
'returns',
'a',
'list',
'of',
'substrings.',
'The',
'split()',
'function',
'takes',
'one',
'argument,',
'the',
'character',
```

```
'that',  
'separates',  
'the',  
'parts',  
'of',  
'the',  
'string.']
```

```
In [81]: sentence_list = split_fn_description.split('.')  
sentence_list
```

```
Out[81]: ['\nStrings can be split into a set of substrings when they are separated by a  
repeated character',  
 ' If a string consists of a simple sentence, the string can be split based on  
spaces',  
 ' The split() function returns a list of substrings',  
 ' The split() function takes one argument, the character that separates the pa  
rts of the string',  
 '\n']
```

Tuple (<https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#tuple>)

Tuple is a list whose item can not be changed.

Tuple sequence **delimiter** is parentheses: (,)



```
In [82]: t = ('I', 'play', 'tennis')
```

```
In [83]: print(t)  
  
('I', 'play', 'tennis')
```

```
In [84]: type(t)
```

```
Out[84]: tuple
```

```
In [85]: len(t)
```

```
Out[85]: 3
```

```
In [86]: t[0]
```

```
Out[86]: 'I'
```

```
In [87]: t[1]
```

```
Out[87]: 'play'
```

```
In [88]: t[2]
```

```
Out[88]: 'tennis'
```

```
In [89]: t[2] = 'ping-pong'
```

```
-----  
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-89-da0a895fd1ed> in <module>()  
----> 1 t[2] = 'ping-pong'  
  
TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

```
In [90]: # convert tuple to list  
lst = list(t)
```

```
In [91]: print(lst)  
['I', 'play', 'tennis']
```

```
In [92]: type(lst)
```

```
Out[92]: list
```

```
In [93]: lst[2] = 'ping-pong'
```

```
In [94]: # convert modified list back to tuple  
tpl = tuple(lst)
```

```
In [95]: type(tpl)
```

```
Out[95]: tuple
```

```
In [96]: print(tpl)  
('I', 'play', 'ping-pong')
```

Note: We will cover topics on looping later

```
In [ ]:
```

```
In [ ]:
```

