

Hack the Ram Python Cheat Sheet



Function	Example	Output	Description
<pre>print(string)</pre>	<pre>print("Hello World") print("Hello", "World") print("Hello " + "World")</pre>	Hello World	This function allows the programmer to output data to the console for the user to see.
<pre>input(string)</pre>	<pre>name = input("What is your</pre>	What is your name? What is your age?	This function allows the programmer to take input from the user and store into a variable.
var = datatype	var = "Hello World" var = 42 var = True	"Hello World" 42 True	Using a variable name that starts with a non- number/special-character name, the programmer can store data to be used later in the program.
str(datatype)	str(42) str(True) str(42.42)	"42" "True" "42.42"	Allows the programmer to change one datatype to another datatype.
int(string or float)	int(42.42) int("42")	42 42	- Integers are whole numbers - Floats are integers but
float(integer or string)	float(42)	42.0	have a decimal place - Strings are text that has no numerical value unless converted

"Python is an experiment in how much freedom programmers need."
-Guido van Rossum

Numerical	Meaning	Example
Operator	neaning	
+	Addition	40 + 2 = 42
-	Subtraction	44 - 2 = 42
/	Division	42 / 2 = 21
*	Multiplication	21 * 2 = 42
**	Exponent	2 ** 2 = 4
//	Floor Division	43 // 2 = 21
%	Remainder	43 % 2 = 1

Logical Operator	Meaning	Example
==	Equal To	1 == 1? True
! =	Not Equal To	1 != 1? False
>	Greater Than	1 > 4? False
<	Less Than	1 < 3? True
_	Greater or	1 >= 1? True
>=	Equal To	1 >= 2? False
/-	Less Than or	1 <= 1? True
<=	Equal To	1 <= 2? True
not	not	not True? False
and	and	True and False? False
or	or	True or False? True

Decision Statements:if/elif/else:

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age = int(input("What is your age?))
requirement = 16

if age >= requirement:
        print("You are allowed to drive.")
elif age < 0:
        print("You cannot be", age, "years old.")
else:
        print("You are not allowed to drive.")</pre>
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IF STATEMENT SYNTAX NOTES:

- You MUST have a colon after the logic statement.
- Any code that you want to execute because of the if statement, MUST be indented 1 tab.
- elif can be used if you want another if statement to be checked if the ABOVE is False.
- Else can be used if none of the if or elif statements are True.

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Example:
What is your age? 14
You are not allowed to drive.
What is your age? 16
You are allowed to drive.
What is your age? -4
You cannot be -4 years old.
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Attribute Error

You are calling a method on the wrong type of object

SyntaxError

You've forgotten the quotes around a string

You have forgotten to put a colon at the end of a def/if/for line

You have different number of open and close brackets in a statement

TypeError

You're trying to use an operator on the wrong type of objects

An object which you expect to have a value is actually None

You've used non-integer numbers in a list slice

You've called a method/ function with the wrong number or type of arguments

Indentation Error

You've used a mixture of tabs and spaces

You haven't indented all lines in a block equally

My code isn't working :-(

What type of error do you get?

NameError

You've misspelt a variable, function or method name

> You've forgotten to import a module

You've forgotten to define a variable

Your code uses a variable outside the scope where it's defined

Your code calls a function before it's defined

You're trying to print a single word and have forgotten the quotes

IOError

You're trying to open a file that doesn't exist

KevError

You're trying to look up a key that doesn't exist in a dict

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Do you get an error when you run the code?

no

Does the code use loops or if statements?

Two numbers which should be equal are not

You are comparing a number with a string representation of a number (e.g. if 3 == "3")

A complex condition is not giving the expected result

The order of precedence in the condition is ambiguous - add some parentheses

A variable that should contain a value does not

You are storing the return value of a function which You are printing an object changes the variable itself (e.g. sort)

A number which should be a fraction is coming out as zero in Python 2

You are dividing integers rather than floats. floats or from __future__ import division

I'm trying to print a value but getting a weirdlooking string

(e.g. a FileObject) when you want the result of calling a method on the object

A regular expression is not matching when I expect it to

Convert the numbers to You have forgotten to use raw strings or escape backslash characters

I am reading a file but getting no input

You have already read the contents of the file earlier in the code, so the cursor is at the end.

neither

loops

A list which should have a value for every iteration only has a single value

You have defined the list inside the loop: move it outside

A loop which uses the range function misses out the last value

The range function is exclusive at the finish: increase it by one.

I am trying to loop over a collection of strings, but am getting individual characters

You are iterating over a string by mistake

I am trying to write multiple lines to a file but only getting a single one

You have opened the file inside the loop: move it outside

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