

Web Application Development using Python

Introduction to Data Structures

Prepared by George Khoury



Outline

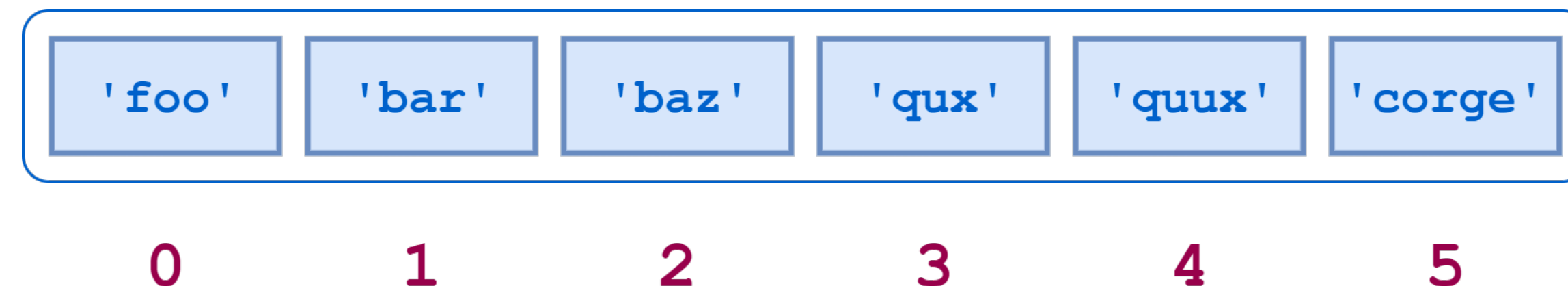
- Lists
- Tuples
- Sets
- Dictionaries



Lists

W1/S2/ex0.py

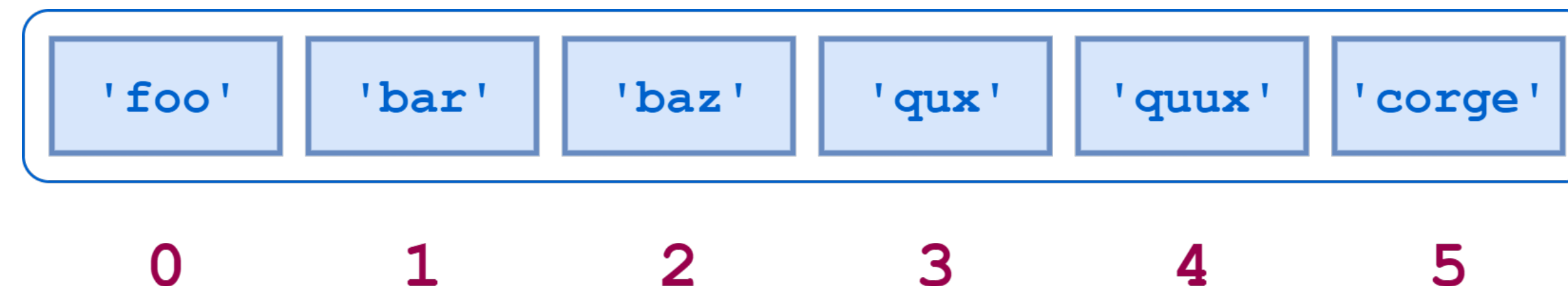
- **Declaring a list**
 - `list = [1,2,3,4]`
- **Accessing an element**
 - `list[0] —> 1`
 - `list[1] —> 2`
 - `list[-1] —> 4`
 - `list[-2] —> 3`
- **Slicing a list**
 - `my_new_list = list[1:2]`
- **Updating an element — Lists are mutable**
 - `list[0]=1`
 - `list[1]=1`
- **Updating a slice — Lists are mutable**
 - `list[2:3] = [1,1]`



Lists

W1/S2/ex0.py

- **append()** — Adds an element at the end of the list
- **clear()** — Removes all elements from the list
- **count()** — Count the number of elements in the list
- **index()** — Returns the index of the first occurrence of an element
- **extend()** — Joins lists together
- **insert(i, obj)** — Inserts **obj** at index **i**
- **remove()** — Removes an element at a specific position
- **pop()** / **pop(i)** — Removes the last element in the list / element at index **i**
- **reverse()** — Reverses the order of elements
- **sort()** — Sorts the list in ascending order
- **len()** — Returns the length of the list



Tuples

W1/S2/ex1.py

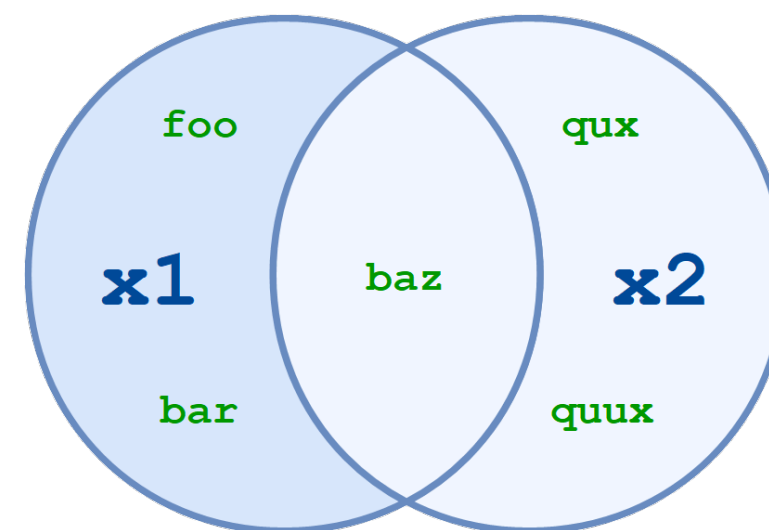
- **Packing a tuple**
 - `colors = ('Red', 'Blue', 'Green')`
- **Unpacking a tuple**
 - `color1, color2, color3 = colors`
 - `print(color1, color2, color3)`
- **Updating an element – Tuples are immutable**
- **You can still use most of the methods on a list**
 - `.count()`, `.index()`, `len()`, `min()`, `max()`, etc.

<code>z =</code>	<code>(3,</code>	<code>7,</code>	<code>4,</code>	<code>2)</code>
<code>index</code>	<code>0</code>	<code>1</code>	<code>2</code>	<code>3</code>

Sets

W1/S2/ex2.py

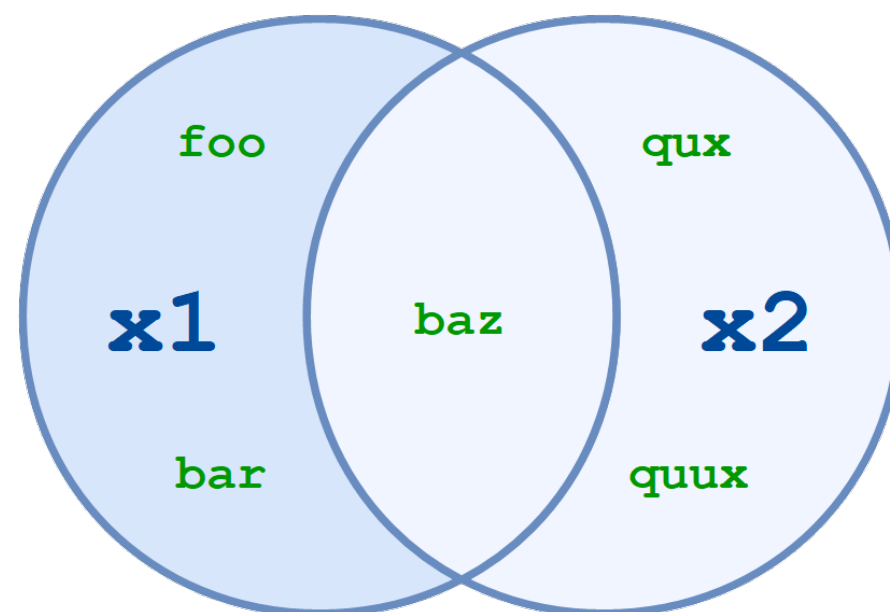
- **Declaring a set**
 - `set = {1,2,3,4}`
- **Accessing a set**
 - `print(set)`
- **Slicing a set**
 - `set[1:3]`
- **Updating an element — Sets are immutable**
 - `set[0]=1`
 - `set[1]=1`
- **Updating a slice — Sets are immutable**
 - `set[3:4] = [1,1]`



Sets

W1/S2/ex2.py

- **add()** — Adds an element to the set
- **clear()** — Removes all elements from the set
- **copy()** — Create a copy of the set
- **difference()** — Returns a new set with the difference between the two sets
- **intersection()** — Returns a set containing all elements in both sets
- **union()** — Returns a new set with the union of both sets
- **pop()** — Removes the last element in the set
- **remove()** — Removes element from the set
- **discard()** — Checks then removes an element from the set if exists
- **You can still use most of the methods on a list**
 - .count(), .index(), len(), min(), max(), etc.



Dictionaries

W1/S2/ex{3,4}.py

- **Declaring a dictionary**

- `car = {`
- `'brand': 'Maserati',`
- `'model': 'Quattroporte'`
- `}`

- **Getting a value**

- `car_model = car['model']`
 - **Be careful with invalid keys!**
- `car_model = car.get('model')`

- **Getting the list of items**

- `items = car.items()`

- **Getting the list of keys**

- `keys = car.keys()`

- **Getting the list of values**

- `values = car.values()`

- **Updating a value**

- `car['model'] = "Levant"`

- **You can still use most of the methods on a list**

- `.count()`, `.index()`, `len()`, `min()`, `max()`, etc.

Dictionaries

W1/S2/ex{3,4}.py

- **clear()** — Removes all elements from the dictionary
- **copy()** — Returns a shallow copy of the dictionary
- **from_keys()** — Creates a new dictionary from the given sequence of elements with a value provided by the user
- **get(key)** — For key key, returns value or default if key not in dictionary
- **pop(key)** — Removes and returns an element from a dictionary having the given key
- **popitem()** — Removes and returns the (key, value) pair from the dictionary in the Last In, First Out (LIFO) order

Resources

- <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/introduction.html#lists>
- <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/datastructures.html#more-on-lists>
- <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/datastructures.html#tuples-and-sequences>
- <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/datastructures.html#sets>
- <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/datastructures.html#dictionaries>