

Python Cheat Sheet: The Basics

Python Data Types

String

Series of characters or data stored as text

my_string = "Hello"

String Operations

returns the string with all uppercase letters
my_string.upper()

returns the length of a string
len(my_string)

returns the index of the first instance of the string inside the
subject string, otherwise -1
my_string.find('l')

replaces any instance of the first string with the second in my_string
my_string.replace('H', 'C')

Integer

A whole number

 $my_integer = 12321$

Float

A decimal number

 $my_decimal = 3.14$

Boolean

Discrete value true or false

a = True b = False

Dictionary

Changeable collection of key-value pairs

my_dictionary = {'banana': 1, 12: 'laptop', (0,0):'center'}

Dictionary Operations

Access value using key
my_dictionary['banana']

Get all keys in a dictionary as a list
my_dictionary.keys()

Get all values in a dictionary as a list
my_dictionary.values()

Tuple

Unchangeable collection of objects

tup = (1, 3.12, False, "Hi")

List

Changeable collection of objects

my_collection = [1, 1, 3.12, False, "Hi"]

List Operations

returns the length of a list
len(my_collection)

Add multiple items to a list
my_collection.extend(["More", "Items"])

Add a single item to a list
my_collection.append("Single")

Delete the object of a list at a specified index
del(my_collection[2])

Clone a list
clone = my_collection[:]

Concatenate two lists
my_collection_2 = ["a", "b", "c"]
my_collection_3 = my_collection + my_collection_2

Calculate the sum of a list of ints or floats
number_collection = [1,2,3,4.5]
sum(number_collection)

Check if an item is in a list, returns Boolean
item in my_collection
Check if an item is not in a list, returns Boolean
item not in my_collection

Set

Unordered collection of unique objects

a = {100, 3.12, False, "Bye"}
b = {100, 3.12, "Welcome"}

Set Operations

Convert a list to a set
my_set = set([1,1,2,3])

Add an item to the set
a.add(4)

Remove an item from a set
a.remove("Bye")

Returns set a minus b
a.difference(b)

Returns intersection of set a and b
a.intersection(b)

Returns the union of set a and b
a.union(b)

Returns True if a is a subset of b, false otherwise a.issubset(b)

Returns True if a is a superset of b, false otherwise
a.issuperset(b)

Indexing

Accessing data from a string, list, or tuple using an element number

my_string[element_number]
my_collection[element_number]
my_tup[element_number]

Slicing

Accessing a subset of data from a string, list, or tuple using element numbers from start to stop -1

my_string[start:stop]
my_collection[start:stop]
my_tup[start:stop]

Comparison Operators

Comparison Operators compare operands and return a result of true or false

Equal

a == b

Less Than

a < b

Greater Than

a > b

Greater Than or Equal

a >= b

Less Than or Equal

a <= b

Not Equal

a != b

Python Operators

- +: Addition
- -: Subtraction
- *: Multiplication
- /: division
- //: Integer Division (Result rounded to the nearest integer)

Conditional Operators

Conditional Operators evaluate the operands and produce a true of false result

And - returns true if both statement a and b are true, otherwise false

a and b

Or - returns true if either statement a or b are true, otherwise false

a or b

Not - returns the opposite of the statement

not a



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Loops

For Loops

```
for x in range(x):
    # Executes loop x number of times

for x in iterable:
    # Executes loop for each object in an iterable like a string, tuple,
list, or set
```

While Loops

```
while statement:
    # Executes the loop while statement is true
```

Conditional Statements

```
if statement_1:
    # Execute of statement_1 is true
elif statement_2:
    # Execute if statement_1 is false and statement_2 is true
else:
    # Execute if all previous statements are false
```

Try/Except

```
try:
    # Code to try to execute
except a:
    # Code to execute if there is an error of type a
except b:
    # Code to execute if there is an error of type b
except:
    # Code to execute if there is any exception that has not been handled
else:
    # Code to execute if there is no exception
```

Error Types

- IndexError When an index is out of range
- NameError When a variable name is not found
- SyntaxError When there is an error with how the code is written
- ZeroDivisionError When your code tries to divide by zero

Range

Produce an iterable sequence from 0 to stop-1

```
range(stop)
```

Produce an interable sequence from start to stop-1 incrementing by step

```
range(start, stop, step)
```

Webscraping

```
# Import BeautifulSoup
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

# Parse HTML stored as a string
soup = BeautifulSoup(html, 'html5lib')

# Returns formatted html
soup.prettify()

# Find the first instance of an HTML tag
soup.find(tag)

# Find all instances of an HTML tag
soup.find_all(tag)
```

Requests

```
# Import the requests library import requests
```

Send a get requests to the url with optional parameters

response = requests.get(url, parameters)

```
# Get the url of the response
response.url
# Get the status code of the response
response.status_code
# Get the headers of the request
response.request.headers
# Get the body of the requests
response.request.body
# Get the headers of the response
response.headers
# Get the content of the response in text
response.text
# Get the content of the response in json
response.json()
```

Send a post requests to the url with optional parameters
requests.post(url, parameters)

Functions

```
# Create a function
def function_name(optional_parameter_1, optional_prameter_2):
    # code to execute
    return optional_output

# Calling a function
output = function_name(parameter_1, parameter_2)
```

Working with Files

Reading a File

```
# Opens a file in read mode
file = open(file_name, "r")
# Returns the file name
file.name
# Returns the mode the file was opened in
file.mode

# Reads the contents of a file
file.read()

# Reads a certain number of characters of a file
file.read(characters)

# Read a single line of a file
file.readline()
```

```
# Closes a file
file.close()
```

Read all the lines of a file and stores it in a list

Writing to a File

file.readlines()

```
# Opens a file in write mode
file = open(file_name, "w")

# Writes content to a file
file.write(content)

# Adds content to the end of a file
file.append(content)
```

Objects and Classes

```
# Creating a class
class class_name:
    def __init__(self. optional_parameter_1, optional_parameter_2):
        self.attribute_1 = optional_parameter_1
        self.attribute_2 = optional_parameter_2

def method_name(self, optional_parameter_1):
    # Code to execute
    return optional_output

# Create an instance of a class
object = class_name(parameter_1, parameter_2)

# Calling an object method
object.method_name(parameter_1)
```