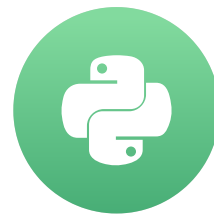


What are the main data structures in Python?

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Data Structure

Data Structure - a specialized format to organize and store data.

Main Data Structures in Python:

- list
- tuple
- set
- dictionary

List

list - an ordered mutable sequence of items (e.g. numbers, strings *etc.*)

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
print(my_list)
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

List: accessing items

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
print(my_list[2])
```

```
3
```

```
print(my_list[-1])
```

```
5
```

```
print(my_list[1:4])
```

```
[2, 3, 4]
```

```
print(my_list[2:])
```

```
[3, 4, 5]
```

List: modifying items

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
my_list[2] = 30  
print(my_list)
```

```
[1, 2, 30, 4, 5]
```

```
my_list[:2] = [10, 20]  
print(my_list)
```

```
[10, 20, 30, 4, 5]
```

List: methods

```
my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

```
my_list.append(60)  
print(my_list)
```

```
[10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60]
```

```
my_list.remove(60)  
print(my_list)
```

```
[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

List: methods

```
my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

```
my_list.pop()
```

```
50
```

```
print(my_list)
```

```
[10, 20, 30, 40]
```

```
my_list.count(40)
```

```
1
```

Tuple

tuple - an ordered **immutable** sequence of items (e.g. numbers, strings *etc.*)

```
my_tuple = (1, 'apple', 2, 'banana')  
print(my_tuple)
```

```
(1, 'apple', 2, 'banana')
```

```
my_tuple = 1, 'apple', 2, 'banana'  
print(my_tuple)
```

```
(1, 'apple', 2, 'banana')
```


Tuple: modifying values

Modifying items in a tuple is not possible.

```
my_tuple[0] = 10
```

```
TypeError
```

Set

set - an **unordered** collection with no duplicate items (e.g. numbers, strings *etc.*)

```
my_set = set([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  
print(my_set)
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
```

```
my_set = set([1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5])  
print(my_set)
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
```

Set: methods

```
my_set1 = set([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  
my_set2 = set([3, 4, 5, 6, 7])
```

```
my_set1.add(6)  
print(my_set1)
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```

```
my_set1.remove(6)  
print(my_set1)
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
```

```
my_set1.union(my_set2)
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

```
my_set1.intersection(my_set2)
```

```
{3, 4, 5}
```

```
my_set1.difference(my_set2)
```

```
{1, 2}
```

Dictionary

dictionary - a collection of key-value pairs where keys are unique and immutable

key \rightarrow value

```
fruits = {'apple': 10, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9}
print(fruits)
```

```
{'apple': 10, 'banana': 9, 'orange': 6}
```

```
fruits = dict([('apple', 1), ('orange', 6), ('banana', 9)])
print(fruits)
```

```
{'apple': 10, 'banana': 9, 'orange': 6}
```

Dictionary: accessing values

Accessing a value for a key:

```
fruits = {'apple': 10, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9}  
fruits['apple']
```

```
10
```

```
fruits['grapefruit']
```

```
KeyError: 'grapefruit'
```

Dictionary: modifying values

```
fruits['apple'] = 20  
print(fruits)
```

```
{'apple': 20, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9}
```

```
fruits['grapefruit'] = 11  
print(fruits)
```

```
{'apple': 20, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9, 'grapefruit': 11}
```

Dictionary: methods

```
fruits = {'apple': 10, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9}
```

```
fruits.items()
```

```
dict_items([('apple', 10), ('orange', 6), ('banana', 9)])
```

Dictionary: methods

```
fruits = {'apple': 10, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9}
```

```
list(fruits.items())
```

```
[('apple', 10), ('orange', 6), ('banana', 9)]
```


Dictionary: methods

```
fruits = {'apple': 10, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9}
```

```
fruits.keys()
```

```
dict_keys(['apple', 'orange', 'banana'])
```

```
fruits.values()
```

```
dict_values([10, 6, 9])
```

Dictionary: methods

```
fruits = {'apple': 10, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9}
```

```
list(fruits.keys())
```

```
['apple', 'orange', 'banana']
```

```
list(fruits.values())
```

```
[10, 6, 9]
```

Dictionary: methods

```
fruits = {'apple': 10, 'orange': 6, 'banana': 9}
```

```
fruits.popitem('banana')
```

```
9
```

```
print(fruits)
```

```
{'apple': 10, 'orange': 6}
```

Operations on Lists, Tuples, Sets, and Dictionaries

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
len(my_list)
```

5

```
my_set = set([1, 2, 3, 4])  
len(my_set)
```

4

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)  
len(my_tuple)
```

5

```
my_dict = {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}  
len(my_dict)
```

3

Operations on Lists, Tuples, Sets, and Dictionaries

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
2 in my_list
```

True

```
my_set = set([1, 2, 3, 4])  
5 in my_set
```

False

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)  
2 in my_tuple
```

True

```
my_dict = {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}  
'b' in my_dict
```

True

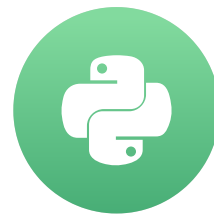
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What are common ways to manipulate strings?

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String

Create strings:

```
s = 'hello'  
print(s)
```

```
hello
```

```
s = "hello"  
print(s)
```

```
hello
```


String

`str()` constructor:

```
str("hello")
```

```
'hello'
```

```
str(11.5)
```

```
'11.5'
```

```
str([1, 2, 3])
```

```
'[1, 2, 3]'
```

str() constructor

```
class NewClass:  
    def __init__(self, num):  
        self.num = num
```

```
nc = NewClass(2)  
print(nc.num)
```

```
2
```

```
str(nc)
```

```
'<__main__.NewClass instance at 0x105cdabd8>'
```

str() constructor

```
class NewClass:  
    def __init__(self, num):  
        self.num = num  
  
    def __str__(self):  
        return str(num)
```

```
nc = NewClass(3)  
str(nc)
```

3

Accessing characters in a string

```
s = "interview"
```

```
s[1]
```

```
'n'
```

```
s[-2]
```

```
'e'
```

```
s[1:4]
```

```
'nte'
```

```
s[2:]
```

```
'terview'
```

```
s[:3]
```

```
'int'
```

The .index() method

```
s = "interview"
```

```
s.index('n')
```

```
1
```

```
s.index('i')
```

```
0
```

Strings are immutable

```
s[0] = 'a'
```

TypeError

```
.capitalize()
```

```
.lower()
```

```
.upper()
```

```
.replace()
```

Methods return a new string object

Modifying methods 1

```
# String concatenation  
s1 = "worm"  
s2 = s1 + "hole"  
print(s2)
```

wormhole

```
# Replace a substring  
s1 = 'a dog ate my food'  
s2 = s1.replace('dog', 'cat')  
print(s2)
```

a cat ate my food

Modifying methods 2

```
# Upper case  
s3 = s2.upper()  
print(s3)
```

```
A CAT ATE MY FOOD
```

```
# Lower case  
s4 = s3.lower()  
print(s4)
```

```
a cat ate my food
```

```
# Capitalization  
s5 = s4.capitalize()  
print(s5)
```

```
A cat ate my food
```


Relation to lists

Create a string from a list of strings:

```
l = ['I', 'like', 'to', 'study']  
s = ' '.join(l)  
print(s)
```

```
I like to study
```

Breaking a string into a list of strings:

```
l = s.split(' ')  
print(l)
```

```
['I', 'like', 'to', 'study']
```

String methods with DataFrames

```
import pandas as pd

d = {'name': ['john', 'amanda', 'rick'], 'age': [35, 29, 19]}
D = pd.DataFrame(d)
print(D)
```

	name	age
0	john	35
1	amanda	29
2	rick	19

String methods with DataFrames

```
D['name'] = # we will modify this column
```

String methods with DataFrames

```
D['name'] = D['name']
```

String methods with DataFrames

```
D['name'] = D['name'].str
```

String methods with DataFrames

```
D[ 'name' ] = D[ 'name' ].str.capitalize()
```

```
print(D)
```

```
   name  age
0  John   35
1 Amanda   29
2  Rick   19
```

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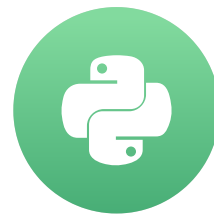
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How to write regular expressions in Python?

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cat

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Special characters

Simple characters and numbers are mapped onto themselves:

- `a` → `a`
- `A` → `A`
- `1` → `1`

Dot maps to anything:

- `.` → any character

`.` → `'a'` , `'1'` , `'\"'` , `' '` , ...

- `\.` → `.`

Special characters

The following metacharacters represent `\` followed by a letter:

- `\w` → any alphanumeric character or underscore

`\w` → `'1'`, `'a'`, `'_'`, ...

- `\d` → any digit

`\d` → `'1'`, `'2'`, `'3'`, ...

- `\s` → any whitespace character

`\s` → `' '`, `'\t'`, ...

Square brackets

Several metacharacters can be enclosed in square brackets:

- `[aAbB]` \rightarrow `a` , `A` , `b` , `B`
- `[a-z]` \rightarrow `a` , `b` , `c` , ...
- `[A-Z]` \rightarrow `A` , `B` , `C` , ...
- `[0-9]` \rightarrow `0` , `1` , `2` , ...
- `[A-Za-z]` \rightarrow `A` , `B` , `C` , ..., `a` , `b` , `c` , ...

Repetitions

- `*` → no character or it repeats an undefined number of times

`a*` → `''`, `'a'`, `'aa'`, ...

- `+` → the character is present at least once

`a+` → `'a'`, `'aa'`, `'aaa'`, ...

- `?` → the character exists or not

`a?` → `''`, `'a'`

- `{n, m}` → the character is present from `n` to `m` times

`a{2, 4}` → `'aa'`, `'aaa'`, `'aaaa'`

Regular expression for an e-mail

Example:

`john.smith@mailbox.com` is the e-mail of John. He often writes to his boss at `boss@company.com`. But the messages get forwarded to his secretary at `info@company.com`.

```
[ \w\ . ]+@[a-z]+\ . [a-z ]+
```

Regular expression for an e-mail

Example:

john.smith@mailbox.com is the e-mail of John. He often writes to his boss at boss@company.com. But the messages get forwarded to his secretary at info@company.com.

`[\w\.\.]+` `@[a-z]+\.[a-z]+`

`[\w\.\.]+` → john.smith , boss , info

at least one letter, digit, underscore, or dot character

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`[\w\ .]+`

`@`

`[a-z]+\.[a-z]+`

`@ → @`

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`[\w\ .]+@`

`[a-z]+`

`\.[a-z]+`

`[a-z]+`

→

`mailbox`

,

`company`

at least one lowercased letter

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`[\w\ .]+@[a-z]+` `\.` `[a-z]+`

`\.` \rightarrow `.`

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`[\w\ .]+@[a-z]+\.`

`[a-z]+`

`[a-z]+` \rightarrow `com`

at least one lowercased letter

re package

```
import re
```

```
pattern = re.compile(r'[\w\.] +@[a-z]+\.[a-z]+')
```

```
text = 'john.smith@mailbox.com is the e-mail of '\
'John. He often writes to his boss at '\
'boss@company.com. But the messages get forwarded '\
'to his secretary at info@company.com.'
```

re.finditer()

```
result = re.finditer(pattern, text)
print(result)
```

```
<callable_iterator object at 0x7f5dff81af98>
```

```
for match in result:
    print(match)
```

```
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(0, 22), match='john.smith@mailbox.com'>
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(77, 93), match='boss@company.com'>
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(146, 162), match='info@company.com'>
```


re.finditer()

```
result = re.finditer(pattern, text)
print(result)
```

```
<callable_iterator object ...>
```

```
for match in result:
    print(match.group())
    print(match.start())
    print(match.end())
```

```
john.smith@mailbox.com
0
22
boss@company.com
77
93
info@company.com
146
162
```

re.findall()

```
substrings = re.findall(pattern, text)
```

```
print(substrings)
```

```
['john.smith@mailbox.com', 'boss@company.com', 'info@company.com']
```

re.split()

```
split_list = re.split(pattern, text)
```

```
print(split_list)
```

```
['',  
 ' is the e-mail of John. He often writes to his boss at ',  
 '. But the messages get forwarded to his secretary at ',  
 '.']
```

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