Raspberry Pi for Beginners

LESSON 5

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PYTHON DATA STRUCTURES

1 INTRODUCTION

Python allows us to store data – strings, numbers – together to create structures either in sequential or non-sequential as depicted in Figure 1.

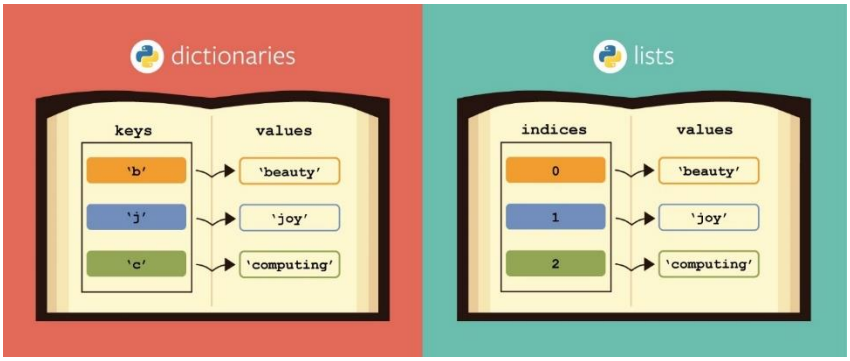
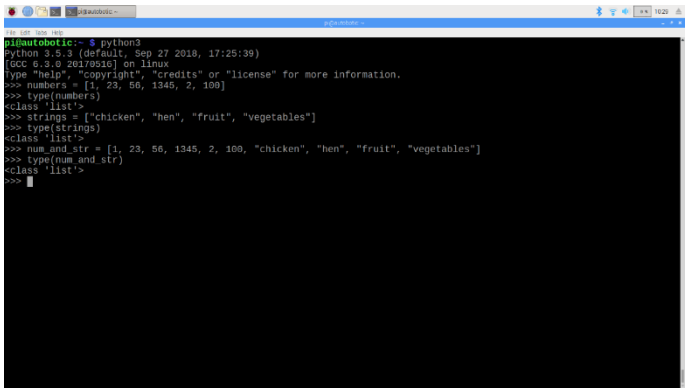


Figure 1: Comparing Dictionaries and Lists

1.1 LISTS AND TUPLES

Both, in general, were almost identical; similar – store information one piece after the next – in orderly -- sequences. It's the simplest method to construct a structure in Python.

1.1.1 CREATE



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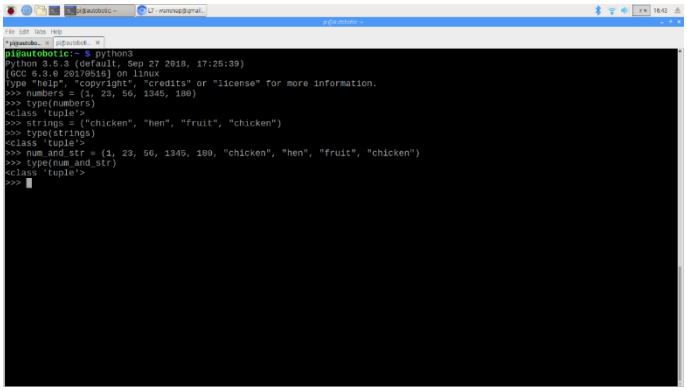

Figure 2b: Python tuple create. T the main characteristics of Python Tuples – () – enclosing with a bracket. Like list, tuples also can have a number (int/float) only, string (str) or even of both combinations.

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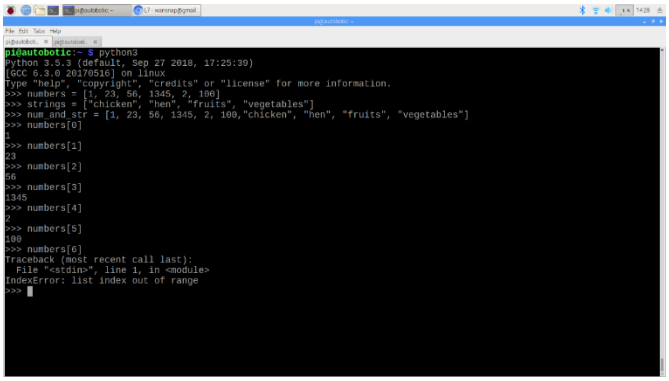

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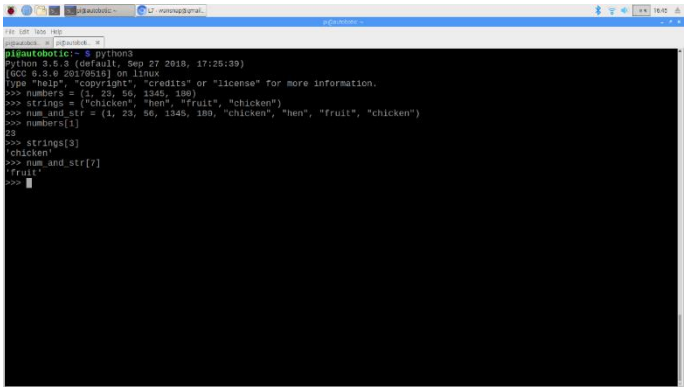

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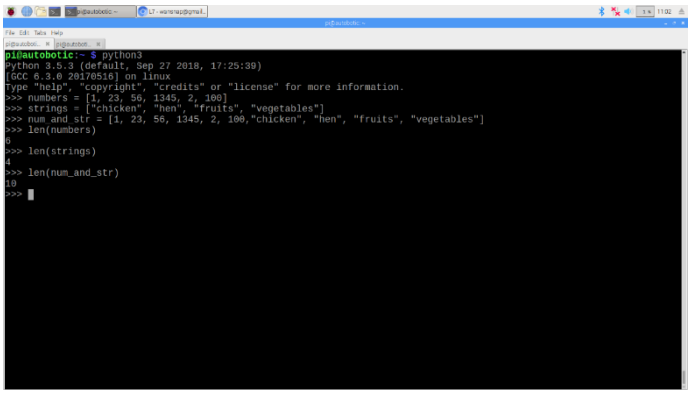
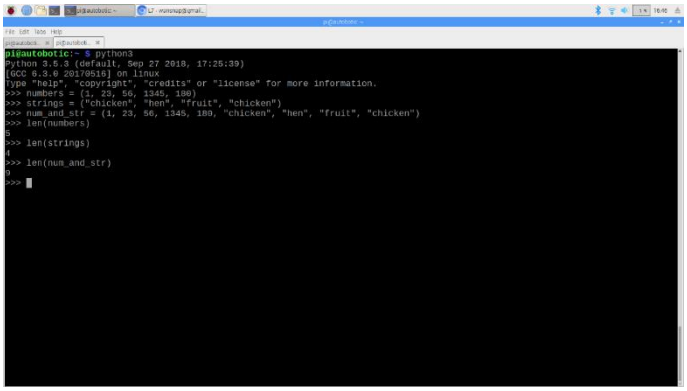


Figure 4a: Checking how many elements there are in a list using **len()** function



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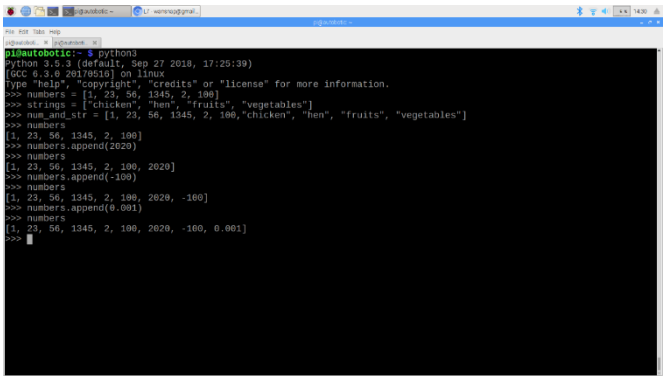

Figure 5a: Add new item in list using **append()** function

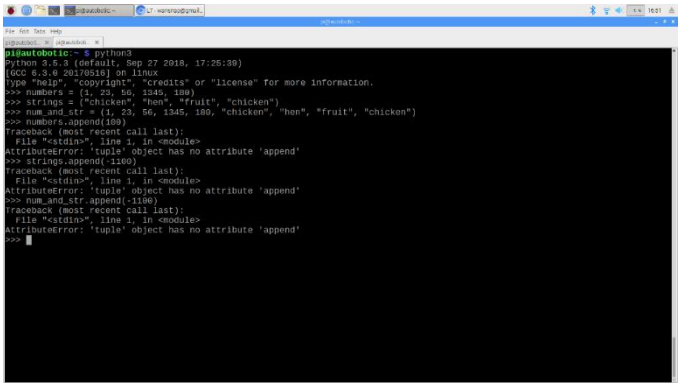

Figure 5b: Cannot add new item on tuple – reinitialize – require to create a new set of tuple

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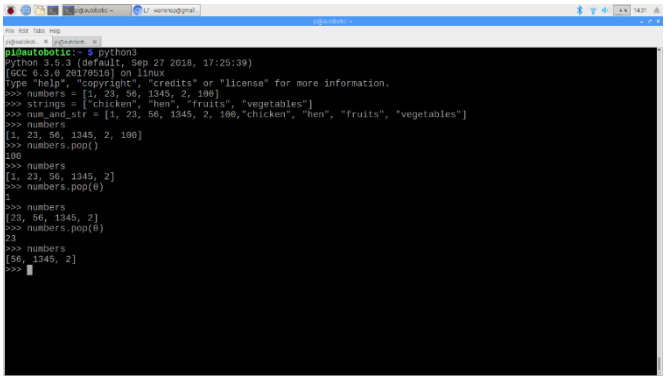
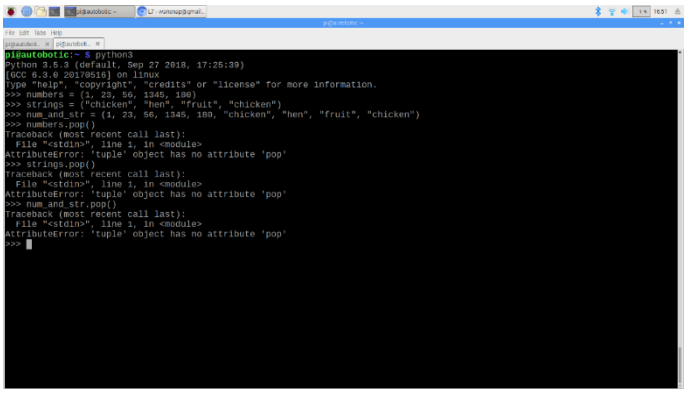


Figure 6a: Remove an item in list using – **pop()** – function



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1.1.6 CREATE LIST BY PARSING A STRING

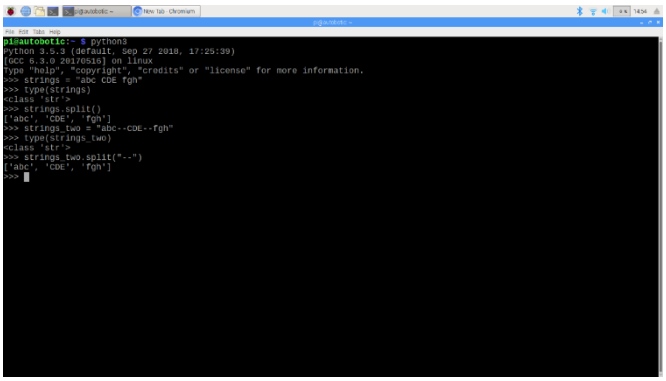

Figure 7: Create a new list by parsing a string – **split()** – function

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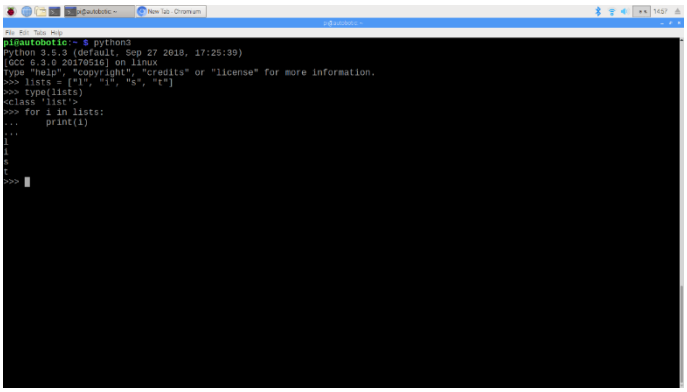

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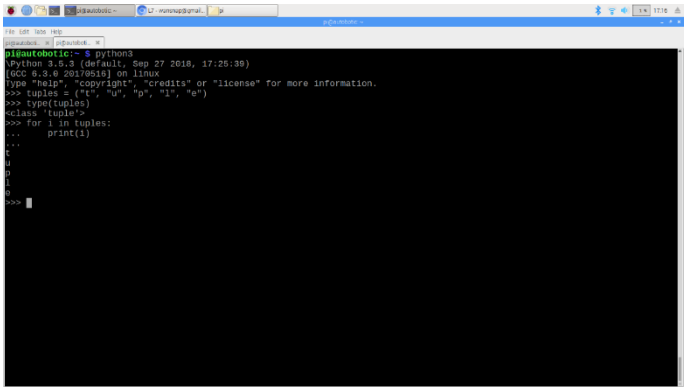

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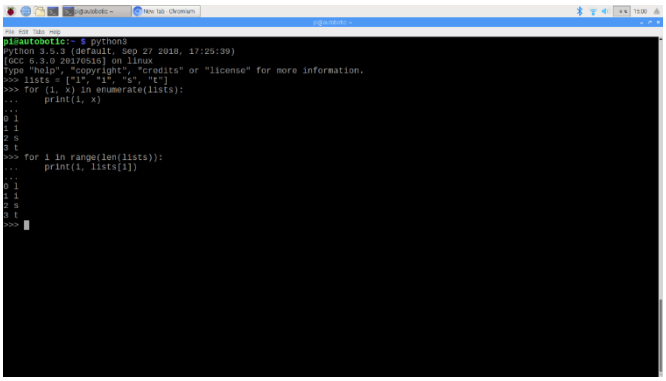
1.1.8 ENUMERATING OVER LISTS



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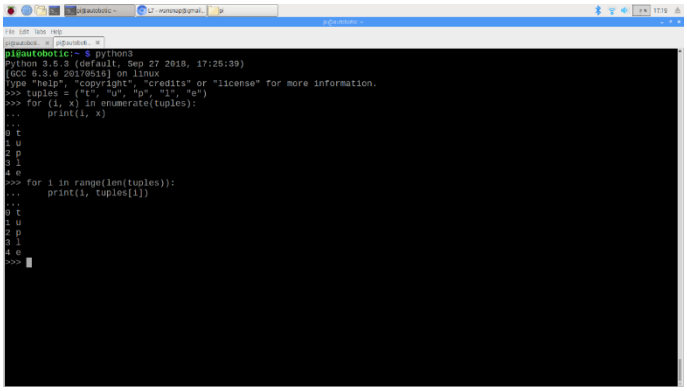

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1.1.9 SORT

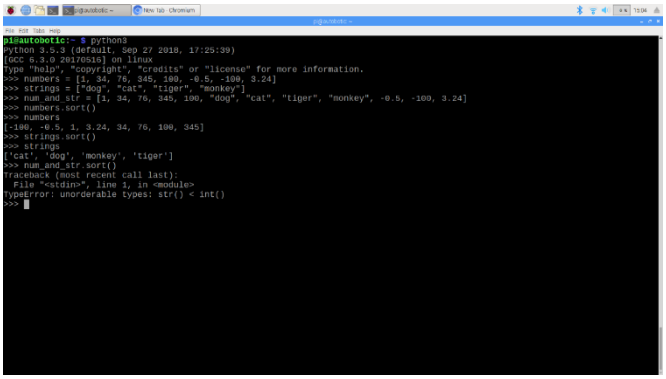


Figure 10a: Sort a lists using **sort()** function

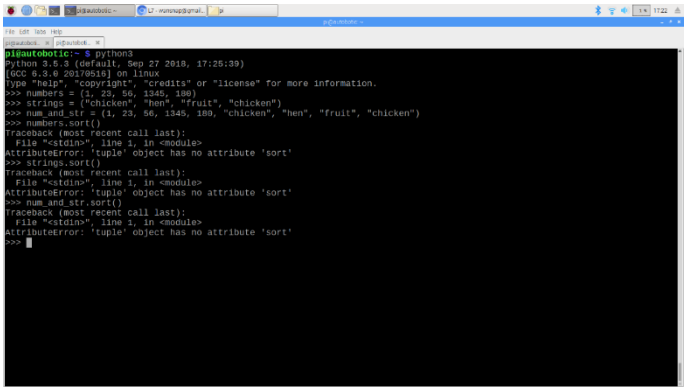
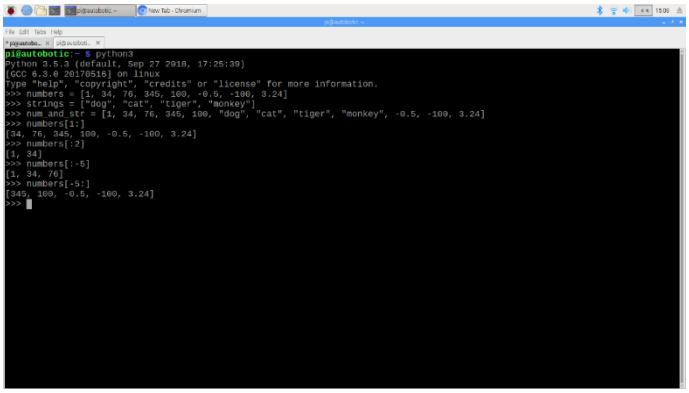


Figure 10b: cannot sort tuple – there is now better way to change the tuple arrangement (add/remove/etc) – re-initialize new item on tuple only

1.1.10 CUTTING UP



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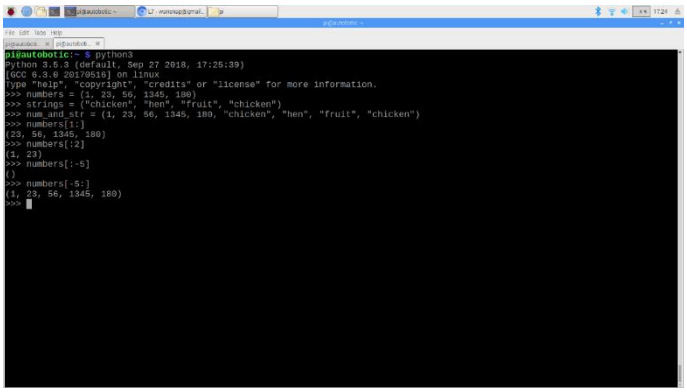

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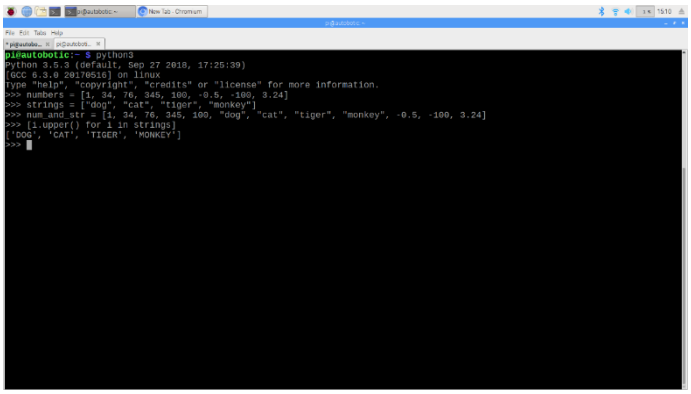
1.1.11 APPLYING FUNCTION TO A LISTS



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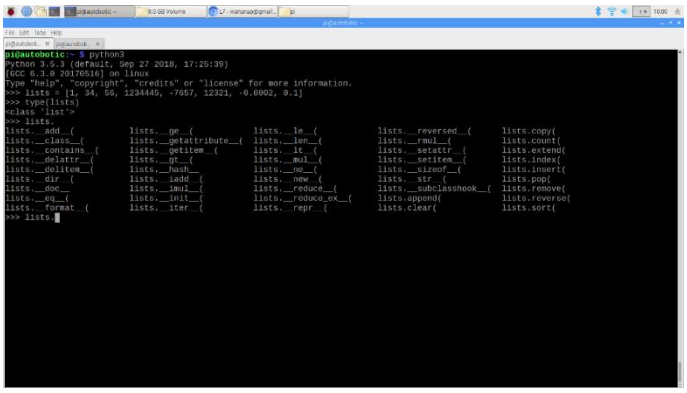
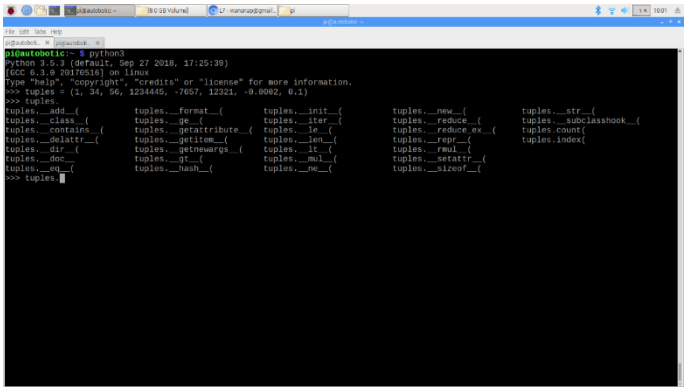


Figure 13: Using **tab** to find out more list operation

Operator	Meaning
list.append(item)	Add item to the end of the list
list.extend(new_list)	Join new_list to the end of list
list.pop(x)	Return and remove x-th item
list.insert(x, item)	Insert item at x-th position
list.sort()	Sort the list
list.index(item)	Return the position of the first occurrence of item in list
list.count(item)	Count how many times item appear in list
list.remove(item)	Remove the first occurrence of item in list

Table 1: Available list operation



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Operator	Meaning
tuple.count(item)	Count how many times item appear in list
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Table 2: Available list operation

1.2 DICTIONARIES AND SETS

Dictionaries – key/value pairs – is a lookup table where you associate values with keys. Dictionaries are an alternative to lists for storing collections of data, but they are organized very differently – unordered. Another unordered sequence, we may use – sets; values only. Both created with curly braces.

1.2.1 CREATING A DICTIONARY AND SET

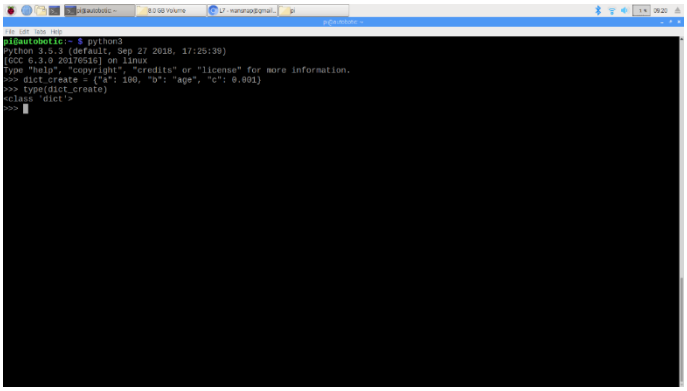


Figure 15a: Create dictionary – curly braces

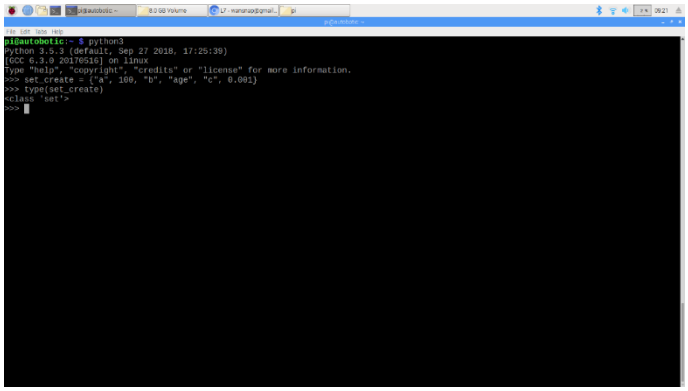


Figure 15b: Create sets – curly braces

1.2.2 ACCESSING A DICTIONARY AND SETS

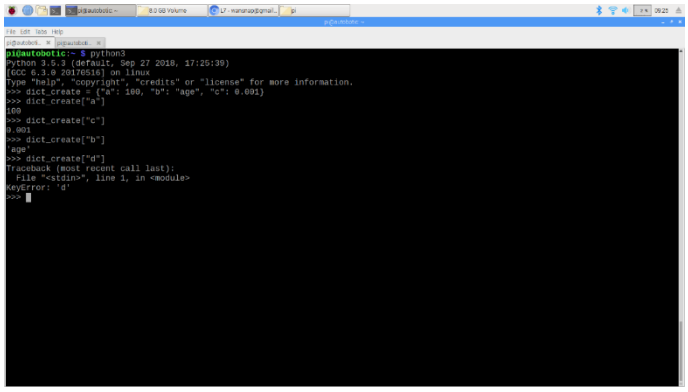


Figure 16a: Accessing dictionary – [] and "key"

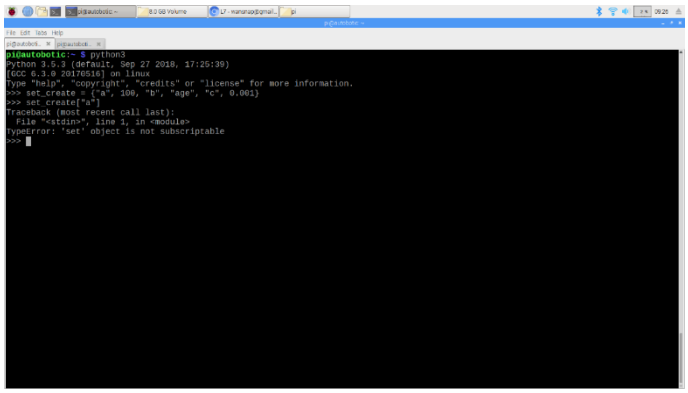


Figure 16b: Accessing the sets – not available

1.2.3 REMOVING/ADDING THINGS FROM A DICTIONARY

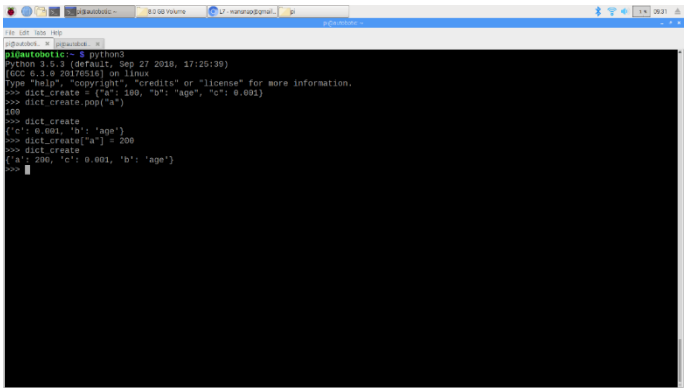
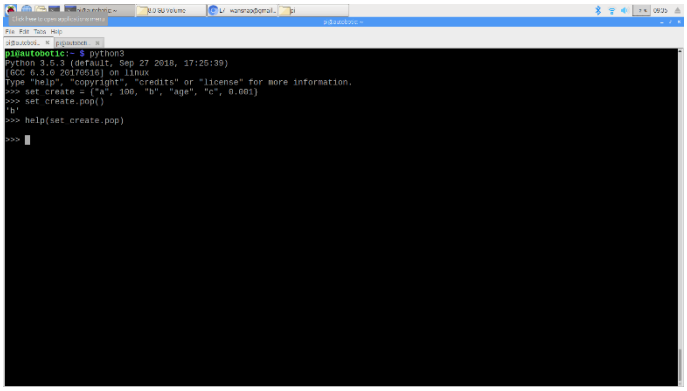


Figure 17a: Adding items/things to dictionary



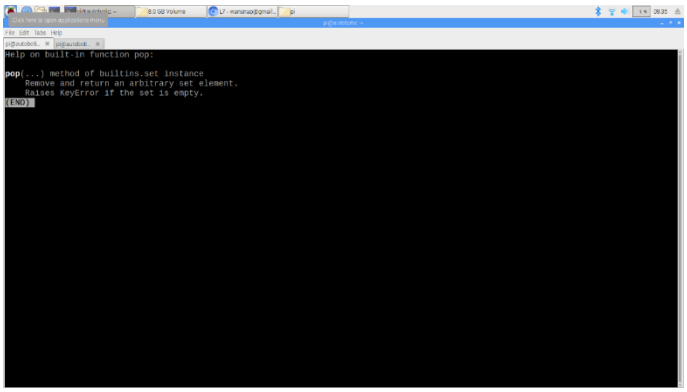


Figure 17b: Adding/removing item/things in sets not available – like tuple too.

1.2.4 ITERATING OVER DICTIONARY

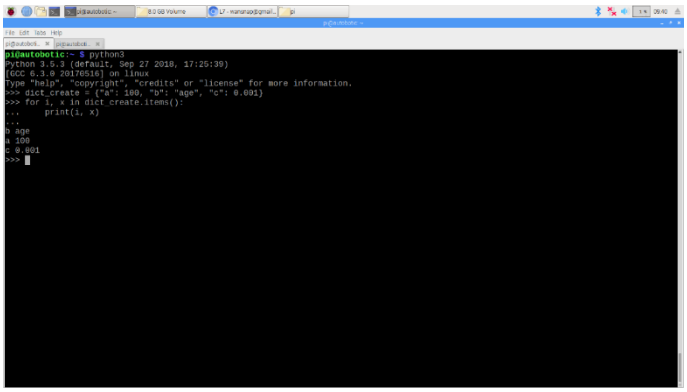


Figure 18a: Using – **for** – loops to iterate in dictionary

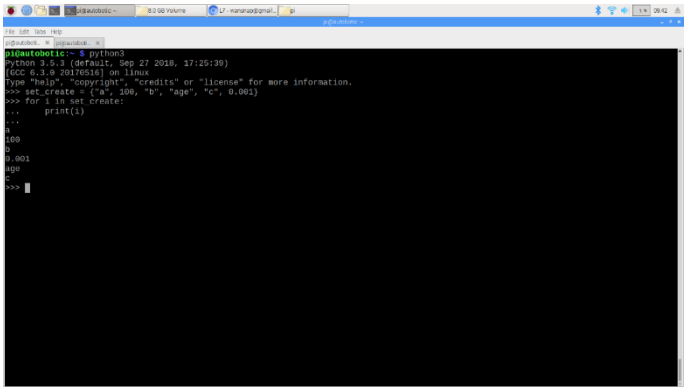
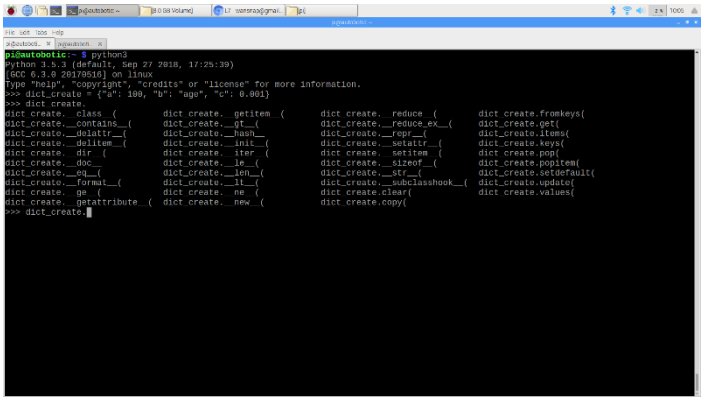


Figure 18b: Using – **for** – loops to iterate in sets

1.2.5 MORE DICTIONARY AND SET OPERATIONS



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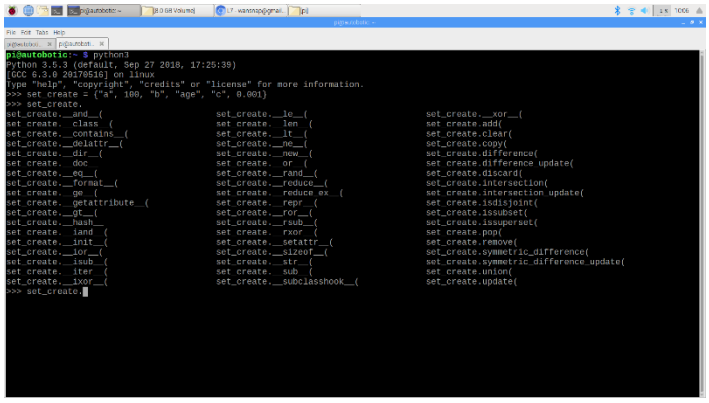

Figure 19b: Using **tab** to find out more set operation

Operator	Meaning
set1 & set2	Return the items that are in both set
set1 | set2	Combine an item in both set
set1 - set2	The items set 1 aren't in set 2
set1 ^ set2	The item that are in set 1 or set 2, but not both

Table 3: Available set operation

2 CHALLENGE

Let's play Rock, Paper, Scissors! For this challenge, try to create the classic game. Rock, Paper, Scissors is played with your hands. Each person simultaneously makes one of three shapes with their hand: the shape of a rock, a piece of paper, or a pair of scissors. If two people make the same shape, it's a tie. The three game shapes interact with each other like this:

1. Rock beats scissors.
2. Paper beats rock.
3. Scissors beats paper.

Let's plan how to attack this challenge. Here are some of the key elements:

Use a while loop to repeatedly ask the player to choose rock, paper, or scissors.

1. Create a list of choices:
    a. choices = ["Rock","Paper","Scissors"]
2. Use the random library to have the computer randomly choose among the three choices ("Rock", "Paper", and "Scissors")
3. Remember, randint selects a random integer. You can select and store the random choice in a variable:
    a. computer_choice = choices[random.randint(0,2)]
4. You can select different items in the list by using a number representing where the item is in the list. This number is called a list index. In this case, there are three items in the list. The first item has an index of 0, the second item has an index of 1, and the third item has an

index of 2. To display the second item in the list, you write print(choices[1]); the code displays "Paper" on the screen.

5. Use an if statement to compare the player's choice to the computer's choice and let the player know who won.
6. Ask the player if they want to play again. If so, the loop should repeat; if not, the game should end.

2.1 FINISHED CODE: PUTTING ALL TOGETHER

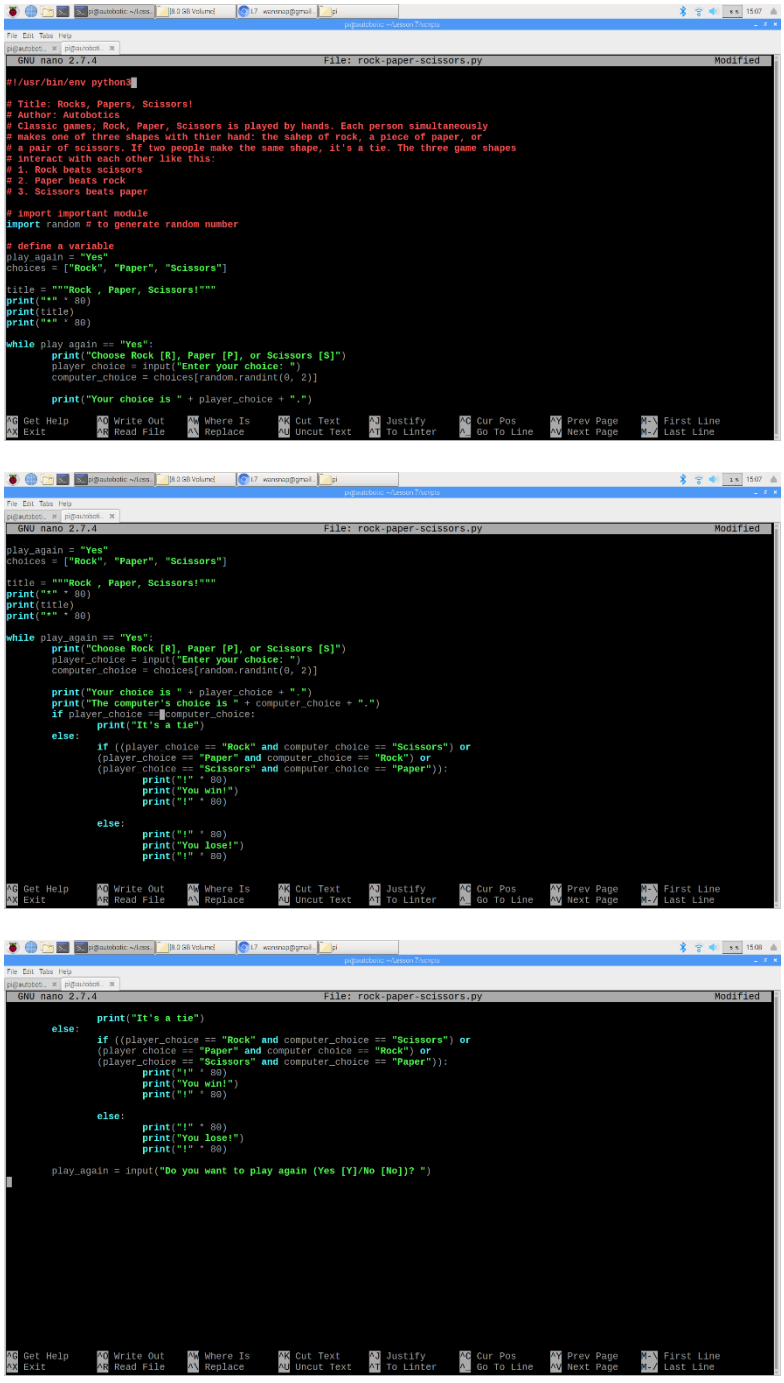

Figure 20: Using **nano** to write a rock, paper, or scissor game – text based


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#!/usr/bin/env python3

# Title: Rocks, Papers, Scissors!
# Author: Autobotics
# Classic games; Rock, Paper, Scissors is played by hands. Each person simultaneously
# makes one of three shapes with thier hand: the sahep of rock, a piece of paper, or
# a pair of scissors. If two people make the same shape, it's a tie. The three game shapes
# interact with each other like this:
# 1. Rock beats scissors
# 2. Paper beats rock
# 3. Scissors beats paper

# import important module
import random # to generate random number

# define a variable
play_again = "Yes"
choices = ["Rock", "Paper", "Scissors"]

title = '"Rock , Paper, Scissors!"'
print("*" * 80)
print(title)
print("*" * 80)

while play_again == "Yes":
        print("Choose Rock [R], Paper [P], or Scissors [S]")
        player_choice = input("Enter your choice: ")
        computer_choice = choices[random.randint(0, 2)]

        print("Your choiceis " + player_choice + ".")
        print("The computer's choice is " + computer_choice + ".")
        if player_choice == computer_choice:
                print("It's a tie")
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else:
        if ((player_choice == "Rock" and computer_choice == "Scissors") or
        (player_choice == "Paper" and computer_choice == "Rock") or
        (player_choice == "Scissors" and computer_choice == "Paper")):
                print("!" * 80)
                print("You win!")
                print("!" * 80)

        else:
                print("!" * 80)
                print("You lose!")
                print("!" * 80)

play_again = input("Do you want to play again (Yes [Y]/No [No])? ")
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2.1.1 PLAYING THE GAME

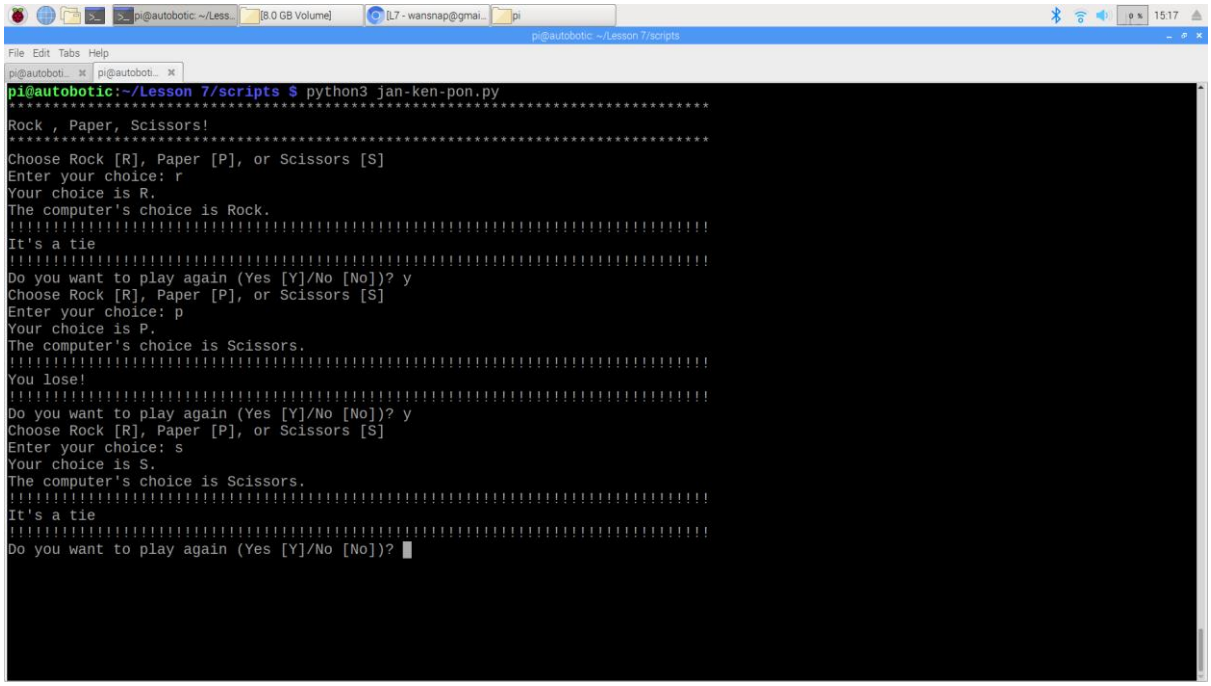

Figure 21: Rock, Paper, or Scissors!

