

Python introduction



History



“I have this hope that there is a better way.

Higher-level tools that actually let you see the structure of the software more clearly will be of tremendous value”

- Guido van Rossum,
Python creator

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`"If it walks like a duck, and it quacks like a duck, then it must be a duck"`

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Python

- Interpreted ? 🙄

Interpreted*

The `.py` source code is first compiled to **byte code** as `.pyc`

This byte code can be *interpreted* (official **CPython**), or JIT compiled (**PyPy**). Python source code (`.py`) can be compiled to different byte code also like **IronPython**(.Net) or **Jython** (JVM).

There are multiple implementations of **Python language** .

The official one is a **byte code** interpreted one.

Hello world

```
>>> print("Hello world!")  
Hello world!
```

Byte code

```
$ python3.7 -m dis example_hello.py
```

```
1          0 LOAD_NAME           0 (print)
          2 LOAD_CONST       0 ('Hello world')
          4 CALL_FUNCTION 1
          6 POP_TOP
          8 LOAD_CONST       1 (None)
         10 RETURN_VALUE
```

Readability

```
from os import listdir
from os.path import isfile

def get_files(path):
    result = []
    for entity in listdir(path):
        if isfile(entity):
            result.append(entity)
    return result

print(get_files('.'))
```

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from os import listdir
from os.path import isfile

def get_files(path):
    return [entity for entity in listdir(path) if isfile(entity)]

print(get_files('.'))
```

Builtin types

type

```
>>> type([1, 2, 3, 4])  
<class 'list'>
```

```
>>> isinstance(10, int)  
True
```

```
>>> isinstance(10, float)  
False
```

None

- Represents an absence of a value
- Singleton
- Separate type **NoneType**
- Immutable

None

```
>>> type(None)
<class 'NoneType'>
```

```
>>> item_1 = None
```

```
>>> item_2 = None
```

```
>>> # Let's compare
```

```
>>> item_1 == item_2
```

```
True
```

None

```
>>> # For CPython - address
```

```
>>> id(None)
```

```
4551395432
```

```
>>> id(item_1)
```

```
4551395432
```

```
>>> id(item_2)
```

```
4551395432
```

```
>>> item_1 is item_2 # id(item_1) == id(item_2)
```

```
True
```

None

```
>>> none_item = print(None)
```

```
None
```

```
# All functions returns some value even if they don't
```

```
>>> print(none_item)
```

```
None
```

Numeric

- *integers*
- *floating point numbers*
- *complex numbers*

int

Integers have **unlimited** precision

```
>>> x = 2
>>> type(x)
<class 'int'>
>>> x ** 256
1157920892373161954235709850086879078532699846656405640394575840
07913129639936
>>> x = 7
>>> x / 2 # quotient
3.5
>>> x // 2 # floored quotient
3
>>> x % 2 # remainder
1
>>> divmod(x, 2) # the pair (x // y, x % y)
(3, 1)
```

float

Floats are actually *double* in C

```
>>> x = 3.14
```

```
>>> type(x)
```

```
<class 'float'>
```

```
>>> x ** 2 # x to the power 2
```

```
9.8596
```

```
>>> x // 2 #floored quotient
```

```
1.0
```

```
>>> x % 2 # remainder
```

```
1.1400000000000001
```

float

```
>>> x = float("inf")  
>>> x = float("-inf")
```

```
>>> x  
inf
```

```
>>> type(x)  
<class 'float'>
```

complex

```
>>> z = 1.5 + 1.0j
```

```
>>> type(z)
```

```
<class 'complex'>
```

```
>>> z.real
```

```
1.5
```

```
>>> z.imag
```

```
1.0
```

```
>>> z1 = 1.5 - 1.0j
```

```
>>> z / z1
```

```
(0.38461538461538464+0.9230769230769231j)
```

```
>>> x = complex('1.5+1j')
```

```
>>> x
```

```
(1.5+1j)
```


Operation	Result	Notes	Full documentation
<code>x + y</code>	sum of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code>		
<code>x - y</code>	difference of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code>		
<code>x * y</code>	product of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code>		
<code>x / y</code>	quotient of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code>		
<code>x // y</code>	floored quotient of <code>x</code> and <code>y</code>	(1)	
<code>x % y</code>	remainder of <code>x / y</code>	(2)	
<code>-x</code>	<code>x</code> negated		
<code>+x</code>	<code>x</code> unchanged		
<code>abs(x)</code>	absolute value or magnitude of <code>x</code>		<code>abs()</code>
<code>int(x)</code>	<code>x</code> converted to integer	(3)(6)	<code>int()</code>
<code>float(x)</code>	<code>x</code> converted to floating point	(4)(6)	<code>float()</code>
<code>complex(re, im)</code>	a complex number with real part <i>re</i> , imaginary part <i>im</i> . <i>im</i> defaults to zero.	(6)	<code>complex()</code>
<code>c.conjugate()</code>	conjugate of the complex number <i>c</i>		
<code>divmod(x, y)</code>	the pair <code>(x // y, x % y)</code>	(2)	<code>divmod()</code>
<code>pow(x, y)</code>	<code>x</code> to the power <code>y</code>	(5)	<code>pow()</code>
<code>x ** y</code>	<code>x</code> to the power <code>y</code>	(5)	

<https://docs.python.org/3.7/library/stdtypes.html#numeric-types-int-float-complex>

list

Mutable ordered sequence

Create list:

```
>>> lst = [1, 2, 3, 9, "str", 7]
>>> lst = []
>>> lst = list()
>>> lst = [1, 2, 3, 9, 8, 7]
```

```
>>> new_lst = sorted(lst)
>>> new_lst
[1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9]
>>> lst
[1, 2, 3, 9, 8, 7]
```

```
>>> lst.sort() # O(n * log n)
>>> lst
[1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9]
```

list

Add new object in the end:

```
>>> lst = []  
>>> lst.append(1) # O(1)  
>>> lst  
[1]
```

list

Concatenate:

```
>>> lst = [1]
>>> lst.extend([2, 3]) # O(m), m - size of concat list
>>> lst
[1, 2, 3]
```

Length:

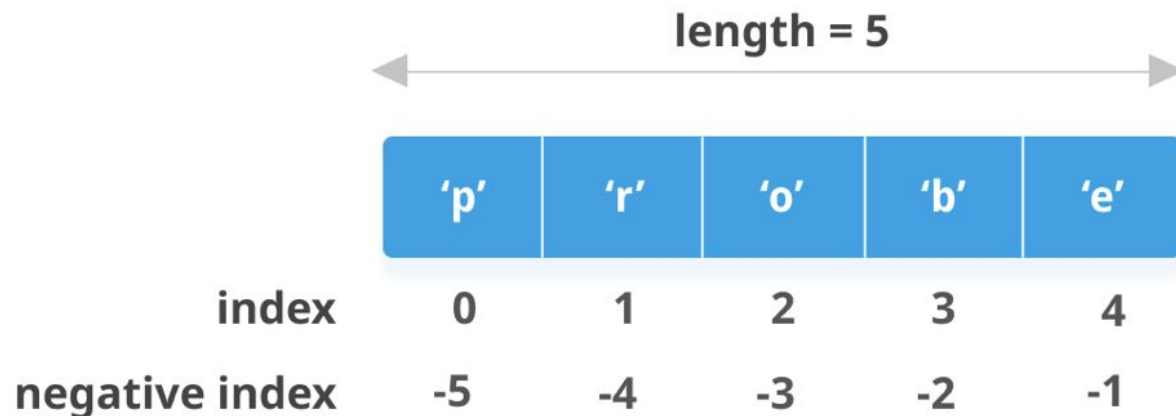
```
>>> len(lst) # O(1)
3
```

list

Element access:

```
>>> lst = [1, 2, 3]
>>> lst[0] # 0(1)
1
>>> lst[4]
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IndexError: list index out of range

>>> lst[-1] # Last element
```



list

Insert:

```
>>> lst = [1, 2, 3]
>>> lst.insert(0, 42) # O(n)
>>> lst
[42, 1, 2, 3]
>>> lst.insert(300, 12)
>>> lst
[42, 1, 2, 3, 1, 12]
>>> lst[300]
```

list

Delete:

```
>>> del lst[0] # O(n)
>>> lst
[1, 2, 3, 1, 12]
```

Get last and delete:

```
>>> lst.pop() # For the last O(1)
12
```

Get lst[k] and delete:

```
>>> lst.pop(k) # For the last O(k)
12
```

list

Reverse:

```
>>> lst = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
>>> lst.reverse() # 0(n)
>>> lst
[6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

Compare:

```
>>> l1 = [1, 2, 3]
>>> l2 = [1, 2, 3]
>>> l1 is l2
False
>>> l1 == l2 # 0(n)
True
```


list

Containment:

```
>>> l1 = [1, 2, 3]
>>> 3 in l1 # O(n)
True
```

Multiplication:

```
>>> l1 = [1, 2, 3]
>>> l1 * 2
[1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3]
```

Addition:

```
>>> l1 = [1, 2, 3]
>>> l2 = [3, 4, 5]
>>> l1 + l2
[1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5]
```

str

Immutable sequence

```
>>> string = "one\ntwo\nthree\n"  
>>> string.splitlines()  
['one', 'two', 'three']
```

```
>>> type(string)  
<class 'str'>
```

```
>>> string = "one, two, three"  
>>> string.split()  
['one,', 'two,', 'three']
```

```
>>> string.split(",")  
['one', ' two', ' three']
```

str

```
>>> parts  
['super', 'cali', 'fragilistic', 'expiali', 'docious']
```

```
>>> str()  
''
```

```
>>> str().join(parts)  
'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'
```

```
>>> "".join(parts)  
'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'
```

```
>>> " ".join(parts)  
'super cali fragilistic expiali docious'
```

```
>>> "+".join(parts)  
'super+cali+fragilistic+expiali+docious'
```

str

```
>>> string = "Hello"
```

```
>>> string.islower()  
False
```

```
>>> string.lower()  
'hello'
```

```
>>> string.lower().islower()  
True
```

```
>>> string.replace("He", "")  
'llo'
```

str

```
>>> s = "Hello"
```

```
>>> string = f"{s} world"
```

```
>>> string  
'Hello world'
```

```
>>> string = f"{12 + 1} sum"
```

```
>>> string  
'13 sum'
```

bool

Singleton[s]

```
>>> a = True
```

```
>>> b = True
```

```
>>> a is b
```

```
True
```

```
>>> type(a)
```

```
<class 'bool'>
```

```
>>> isinstance(True, int)
```

```
True
```

```
>>> isinstance(True, bool)
```

```
True
```

```
>>> 1 + True
```

```
2
```

```
>>> int(True)
```

```
1
```

```
>>> int(False)
```

```
0
```

dict

- Dictionary in Python is *Mapping*
- Dictionaries are indexed by *keys*
- **Mutable**
- *From 3.6 ordered*

dict

Index:

```
>>> d = {'jack': 'white', 'black': 'jack'}  
{'jack': 'white', 'black': 'jack'}
```

```
>>> d['jack']  
'white'
```

```
>>> d['white']  
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
KeyError: 'white'
```


dict

Get:

```
>>> d = {'jack': 'white', 'black': 'jack'}  
{'jack': 'white', 'black': 'jack'}
```

```
>>> d['jack']
```

```
'white'
```

```
>>> d['white']
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
KeyError: 'white'
```

```
>>> d.get('white')
```

```
None
```

```
>>> d.get('white', 'no value')
```

```
'no value'
```

dict

Store:

```
>>> d = {'jack': 'white', 'black': 'jack'}  
{'jack': 'white', 'black': 'jack'}
```

If key exists replace value
else creates key and store value

```
>>> d['white'] = 'jack' # 0(1)  
>>> d  
{'jack': 'white', 'black': 'jack', 'white': 'jack'}
```

Length:

```
>>> len(d) # 0(1)
```

3

dict

Delete:

```
>>> del d['white'] # 0(1)
>>> d
{'jack': 'white', 'black': 'jack'}
```

Clear:

```
>>> d.clear() # 0(1)
>>> d
{}
```


What to read?

- <https://docs.python.org/3.7/>
- <https://docs.python-guide.org>