

Lesson 2: Tuples

1. **Definition:** A tuple is an ordered, immutable collection of items in Python, defined using `()` (optional) or the `tuple()` constructor. Example: `(1, 2, "hello")`.

2. Creating Tuples:

- Empty: `()`
- Single-item: `(5,)` (trailing comma required)
- Mixed types: `(1, "text", 3.14)`
- No parentheses: `1, 2, 3`

3. Key Properties:

- Ordered (maintains insertion order)
- Immutable (cannot modify after creation)
- Indexed (starts at 0)
- Allows duplicates

4. Accessing Elements:

- Positive indexing: `t[0]`
- Negative indexing: `t[-1]`
- Slicing: `t[1:3]`

5. **Immutability:** Cannot change, add, or remove elements, but mutable objects inside (e.g., lists) can be modified. Example: `t = (1, [2, 3], 4) → t[1][0] = 5`.

6. Methods:

- `len(t)`: Number of items
- `count(item)`: Counts occurrences
- `index(item)`: First index of item

7. Operations:

- Concatenation: `(1, 2) + (3, 4) → (1, 2, 3, 4)`
- Repetition: `(1,) * 3 → (1, 1, 1)`
- Membership: `2 in (1, 2, 3) → True`

8. Tuple Unpacking:

- Basic: `x, y = (1, 2)`
- With `*`: `a, b, *rest = (1, 2, 3, 4) → rest = [3, 4]`

9. **Nested Tuples:** Example: `((1, 2), (3, 4))`, access with `t[0][1]`.

10. Tuples vs Lists:

- Tuples: Immutable, faster, fewer methods
 - Lists: Mutable, more flexible
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11. Practical Example:

1. Create a tuple `student` with "Alice", 20, "A".
 2. Unpack it into `name`, `age`, `grade` and print: "Name: Alice, Age: 20, Grade: A".
 3. Create `extra_info` with "Math", 95.
 4. Combine into `full_record` and print: "Full Record: ('Alice', 20, 'A', 'Math', 95)".
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13. Exercises:

1. Create a tuple containing the first 5 prime numbers (2, 3, 5, 7, 11). Then, print the second and fourth elements using indexing.