PYTHON ZTM CHEATSHEET

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NUMBERS

Python's 2 main types for Numbers is int and float (or integers and floating point numbers).

```
type(1) #int
type(-10) #int
type(0) #int
type(0.0) #float
type(2.2) #float
type(4E2) #float - 4*10 to the power of 2
# Arithmetic
10 + 3 # 13
10 ** 3 # 1000
10 / 3 # 3.333333333333333
10 // 3 # 3 --> floor division - no decimals and returns an int
10 % 3 # 1 --> modulo operator - return the reminder. Good for deciding if
number is even or odd
# Basic Functions
pow(5, 2) # 25 --> like doing 5**2
abs(-50)
round(5.46)
round(5.468, 2)# 5.47 --> round to nth digit
bin(512) # '0b1000000000' --> binary format
             # '0x200' --> hexadecimal format
hex(512)
age = input("How old are you?")
age = int(age)
pi = input("What is the value of pi?")
pi = float(pi)
```

STRINGS

Strings in python are stored as sequences of letters in memory.

```
type('Hellloooooo') # str
'I\'m thirsty'
"I'm thirsty"
"\n" # new line.
"\t" # adds a tab
'Hey you!'[4] # y
name = 'Andrei Neagoie'
name[4] # e
name[:] # Andrei Neagoie
name[1:] # ndrei Neagoie
name[:1] # A
name[-1] # e
name[::1] # Andrei Neagoie
name[::-1] # eiogaeN ierdnA
name[0:10:2]# Ade e
\# : is called slicing and has the format \lceil start : end : step \rceil
'Hi there ' + 'Timmy' # 'Hi there Timmy' --> This is called string concatenation
```

```
# Basic Functions
len('turtle') # 6
# Basic Methods
' I am alone '.strip()
                                 # 'I am alone' --> Strips all whitespace
characters from both ends.
'On an island' strip('d')
                                 # 'On an islan' --> # Strips all passed
characters from both ends.
'but life is good!'.split() # ['but', 'life', 'is', 'good!']
'Help me'.replace('me', 'you') # 'Help you' --> Replaces first with
second param
'Need to make fire'.startswith('Need')# True
'and cook rice'.endswith('rice') # True
'bye bye'.index(2)
'still there?'.upper() #_STILL THERE?
'HELLO?!'.lower()
                                # hello?!
'ok, I am done.'.capitalize() # 'Ok, I am done.'
'oh hi there'.find('i')
index position of the first occurrence
'oh hi there'.count('e')
```

```
# String Formatting
name1 = 'Andrei'
name2 = 'Sunny'
print(f'Hello there {name1} and {name2}')  # Hello there Andrei and
Sunny - Newer way to do things as of python 3.6
print('Hello there {} and {}'.format(name1, name2))  # Hello there Andrei and
Sunny
print('Hello there %s and %s' %(name1, name2))  # Hello there Andrei and
Sunny --> you can also use %d, %f, %r for integers, floats, string
representations of objects respectively
```

BOOLEAN

True or False. Used in a lot of comparison and logical operations in Python.

```
bool(True)
bool(False)

# all of the below evaluate to False. Everything else will evaluate to True in
Python.
print(bool(None))
print(bool(False))
print(bool(0))
print(bool(0))
print(bool(0))
print(bool(1))
print(bool(1))
print(bool(1))
print(bool(1))
print(bool(1))
print(bool(1))
# See Logical Operators and Comparison Operators section for more on booleans.
```

LISTS

Unlike strings, lists are mutable sequences in python.

```
my_list = [1, 2, '3', True]# we assume this list won't mutate for each example
below
len(my_list)
my_list.index(2)
my_list.count(2)
                         # 1 --> count how many times 2 appears
my_list[3]
                         # True
                         # [2, '3', True]
my_list[1:]
my_list[:1]
                         # [1]
                         # True
my_list[-1]
my_list[::1]
                        # [1, 2, '3', True]
                         # [True, '3', 2, 1]
my_list[::-1]
my_list[0:3:2]
                         # [1, '3']
# : is called slicing and has the format [ start : end : step ]
```

```
# Copy a List
basket = ['apples', 'pears', 'oranges']
new_basket = basket.copy()
new_basket2 = basket[:]
# Remove from List
[1,2,3].pop() # 3 --> mutates original list, default index in the pop method
is -1 (the last item)
[1,2,3].pop(1) # 2 --> mutates original list
[1,2,3].remove(2)# None --> [1,3] Removes first occurrence of item or raises
ValueError.
[1,2,3].clear() # None --> mutates original list and removes all items: []
# Ordering
[1,2,5,3].sort() # None --> Mutates list to [1, 2, 3, 5]
[1,2,5,3] sort(reverse=True) # None --> Mutates list to [5, 3, 2, 1]
[1,2,5,3].reverse() # None --> Mutates list to [3, 5, 2, 1]
sorted([1,2,5,3]) # [1, 2, 3, 5] --> new list created
list(reversed([1,2,5,3]))# [3, 5, 2, 1] --> reversed() returns an iterator
# Useful operations
min([1,2,3,4,5])# 1
```

 $\max([1,2,3,4,5])$ # 5

sum([1,2,3,4,5])# 15



DICTIONARIES

Also known as mappings or hash tables. They are key value pairs that DO NOT retain order.

```
my_dict = {'name': 'Andrei Neagoie', 'age': 30, 'magic_power': False}
my_dict['name']
                                    # Andrei Neagoie
len(my_dict)
list(my_dict.keys())
                                    # ['name', 'age', 'magic_power']
list(my_dict.values())
                                   # ['Andrei Neagoie', 30, False]
                                    # [('name', 'Andrei Neagoie'), ('age', 30),
list(my_dict.items())
('magic_power', False)]
my_dict['favourite_snack'] = 'Grapes'# {'name': 'Andrei Neagoie', 'age': 30,
'magic_power': False, 'favourite_snack': 'Grapes'}
my_dict.get('age')
                                    # 30 --> Returns None if key does not
exist.
my_dict.get('ages', 0 ) # 0 --> Returns default (2nd param) if key
is not found
#Remove key
del my_dict['name']
my_dict.pop('name', None)
```



```
my_dict.update({'cool': True})  #
{'name': 'Andrei Neagoie', 'age': 30, 'magic_power': False, 'favourite_snack':
'Grapes', 'cool': True}
{**my_dict, **{'cool': True}}  #
{'name': 'Andrei Neagoie', 'age': 30, 'magic_power': False, 'favourite_snack':
'Grapes', 'cool': True}
new_dict = dict([['name','Andrei'],['age',32],['magic_power',False]])  # Creates
a dict from collection of key-value pairs.
new_dict = dict(zip(['name','age','magic_power'],['Andrei',32, False]))# Creates
a dict from two collections.
new_dict = my_dict.pop('favourite_snack')  # Removes
item from dictionary.
```

```
# Dictionary Comprehension
{key: value for key, value in new_dict.items() if key == 'age' or key == 'name'}
# {'name': 'Andrei', 'age': 32} --> Filter dict by keys
```

TUPLES

Like lists, but they are used for immutable things (that don't change).

```
my_tuple = ('apple','grapes','mango', 'grapes')
apple, grapes, mango, grapes = my_tuple# Tuple unpacking
len(my_tuple) # 4
my_tuple[2] # mango
my_tuple[-1] # 'grapes'
# Immutability
```

```
my_tuple[1] = 'donuts' #TypeError
my_tuple.append('candy')# AttributeError

# Methods
```

```
# Zip
list(zip([1,2,3], [4,5,6])) # [(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)]
```

my_tuple.index('grapes') # 1

my_tuple.count('grapes') # 2

SETS

Unordered collection of unique elements.

```
my_set = set()
my_set.add(1) # {1}
my_set.add(100)# {1, 100}
my_set.add(100)# {1, 100} --> no duplicates!
new_list = [1,2,3,3,3,4,4,5,6,1]
set(new_list) # {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
my_set.remove(100) # {1} --> Raises KeyError if element not found
my_set.discard(100) # {1} --> Doesn't raise an error if element not found
my_set.clear()
                      # {}
new_set = \{1,2,3\}.copy()\# \{1,2,3\}
set1 = \{1,2,3\}
set2 = \{3,4,5\}
set3 = set1.union(set2) # {1,2,3,4,5}
set4 = set1.intersection(set2) # {3}
set5 = set1.difference(set2)
                                # {1, 2}
set6 = set1.symmetric_difference(set2)# {1, 2, 4, 5}
set1.issubset(set2)
                                   # False
set1.issuperset(set2)
                                   # False
set1.isdisjoint(set2)
                           # False --> return True if two sets have a
null intersection.
# Frozenset
# hashable --> it can be used as a key in a dictionary or as an element in a
<frozenset> = frozenset(<collection>)
```

NONE

None is used for absence of a value and can be used to show nothing has been assigned to an object.

```
type(None) #NoneType
a = None
```

COMPARISON OPERATORS

LOGICAL OPERATORS

```
1 < 2 and 4 > 1 # True
1 > 3 or 4 > 1 # True
1 is not 4  # True
not True  # False
1 not in [2,3,4]# True

if <condition that evaluates to boolean>:
    # perform action1
elif <condition that evaluates to boolean>:
    #perform action2
else:
    # perform action3
```

LOOPS

```
my_list = [1,2,3]
my_{tuple} = (1,2,3)
my_list2 = [(1,2), (3,4), (5,6)]
my_dict = {'a': 1, 'b': 2. 'c': 3}
for num in my_list:
   print(num) # 1, 2, 3
for num in my_tuple:
   print(num) # 1, 2, 3
for num in my_list2:
   print(num) # (1,2), (3,4), (5,6)
for num in '123':
    print(num) # 1, 2, 3
for k,v in my_dict.items(): #Dictionary Unpacking
   print(k) # 'a', 'b', 'c'
    print(v) # 1, 2, 3
while <condition that evaluates to boolean>:
  # action
 if <condition that evaluates to boolean>:
   break # break out of while loop
  if <condition that evaluates to boolean>:
    continue #continue to the next line in the block
# waiting until user quits
msg = ''
```

```
# waiting until user quits
msg = ''
while msg != 'quit':
    msg = input("What should I do?")
    print(msg)
```

RANGE

```
range(10)  # range(0, 10) --> 0 to 9
range(1,10)  # range(1, 10)
list(range(0,10,2))# [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

ENUMERATE

```
for i, el in enumerate('helloo'):
    print(f'{i}, {el}')
# 0, h
# 1, e
# 2, l
# 3, l
# 4, o
# 5, o
```

COUNTER

```
from collections import Counter
colors = ['red', 'blue', 'yellow', 'blue', 'red', 'blue']
counter = Counter(colors)# Counter({'blue': 3, 'red': 2, 'yellow': 1})
counter.most_common()[0] #('blue', 3)
```



NAMED TUPLE

- Tuple is an immutable and hashable list.
- Named tuple is its subclass with named elements.

```
from collections import namedtuple
Point = namedtuple('Point', 'x y')
p = Point(1, y=2)# Point(x=1, y=2)
p[0]  # 1
p.x  # 1
getattr(p, 'y') # 2
p._fields  # Or: Point._fields #('x', 'y')
```

```
from collections import namedtuple
Person = namedtuple('Person', 'name height')
person = Person('Jean-Luc', 187)
f'{person.height}' # '187'
'{p.height}'.format(p=person)# '187'
```

ORDEREDDICT

Maintains order of insertion.

```
from collections import OrderedDict
# Store each person's languages, keeping # track of who responded first.
programmers = OrderedDict()
programmers['Tim'] = ['python', 'javascript']
programmers['Sarah'] = ['C++']
programmers['Bia'] = ['Ruby', 'Python', 'Go']

for name, langs in programmers.items():
    print(name + '-->')
    for lang in langs:
        print('\t' + lang)
```



FUNCTIONS

*args and **kwargs

Splat (*) expands a collection into positional arguments, while splatty-splat (**) expands a dictionary into keyword arguments.

```
args = (1, 2)
kwargs = {'x': 3, 'y': 4, 'z': 5}
some_func(*args, **kwargs) # same as some_func(1, 2, x=3, y=4, z=5)
```

* Inside Function Definition

Splat combines zero or more positional arguments into a tuple, while splatty-splat combines zero or more keyword arguments into a dictionary.

```
def add(*a):
    return sum(a)

add(1, 2, 3) # 6
```



Ordering of parameters:

```
def f(*args):
                    # f(1, 2, 3)
def f(x, *args):
def f(*args, z):
                  # f(1, 2, z=3)
def f(x, *args, z):
                   # f(1, 2, z=3)
                   # f(x=1, y=2, z=3)
def f(**kwargs):
def f(x, **kwargs):
                   # f(x=1, y=2, z=3) | f(1, y=2, z=3)
z=3) | f(1, 2, 3)
z=3) \mid f(1, 2, 3)
def f(*args, y, **kwargs): # f(x=1, y=2, z=3) | f(1, y=2, z=3)
```

Other Uses of *

```
[*[1,2,3], *[4]]  # [1, 2, 3, 4]

{*[1,2,3], *[4]}  # {1, 2, 3, 4}

(*[1,2,3], *[4])  # (1, 2, 3, 4)

{**{'a': 1, 'b': 2}, **{'c': 3}}# {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3}
```

```
head, *body, tail = [1,2,3,4,5]
```



LAMBDA

```
# lambda: <return_value>
# lambda <argument1>, <argument2>: <return_value>
```

COMPREHENSIONS

TERNARY CONDITION

```
# <expression_if_true> if <condition> else <expression_if_false>
[a if a else 'zero' for a in [0, 1, 0, 3]] # ['zero', 1, 'zero', 3]
```



MAP FILTER REDUCE

ANY ALL

```
any([False, True, False])# True if at leaset one item in collection is truthy,
False if empty.
all([True,1,3,True]) # True if all items in collection are true
```



CLOSURES

We have a closure in Python when:

- A nested function references a value of its enclosing function and then
- The enclosing function returns the nested function.

```
def get_multiplier(a):
    def out(b):
        return a * b
    return out
```

```
>>> multiply_by_3 = get_multiplier(3)
>>> multiply_by_3(10)
30
```

- If multiple nested functions within enclosing function reference the same value, that value gets shared.
- To dynamically access function's first free variable use '<function>.__closure__[0].cell_contents'.



SCOPE

If variable is being assigned to anywhere in the scope, it is regarded as a local variable, unless it is declared as a 'global' or a 'nonlocal'

```
def get_counter():
    i = 0
    def out():
        nonlocal i
        i += 1
        return i
    return out
```

```
>>> counter = get_counter()
>>> counter(), counter()
(1, 2, 3)
```

MODULES

```
if __name__ == '__main__': # Runs main() if file wasn't imported.
    main()
```

```
import <module_name>
from <module_name> import <function_name>
import <module_name> as m
from <module_name> import <function_name> as m_function
from <module_name> import *
```

ITERATORS

In this cheatsheet '<collection>' can also mean an iterator.

```
<iter> = iter(<collection>)
  <iter> = iter(<function>, to_exclusive)  # Sequence of return values until
  'to_exclusive'.
  <el> = next(<iter> [, default])  # Raises StopIteration or returns 'default'
  on end.
```

GENERATORS

Convenient way to implement the iterator protocol.

```
def count(start, step):
    while True:
        yield start
        start += step
```

```
>>> counter = count(10, 2)
>>> next(counter), next(counter)
(10, 12, 14)
```

DECORATORS

A decorator takes a function, adds some functionality and returns it.

```
@decorator_name
def function_that_gets_passed_to_decorator():
...
```



DEBUGGER EXAMPLE

Decorator that prints function's name every time it gets called.

```
from functools import wraps

def debug(func):
    @wraps(func)
    def out(*args, **kwargs):
        print(func.__name__)
        return func(*args, **kwargs)
    return out

@debug

def add(x, y):
    return x + y
```

- Wraps is a helper decorator that copies metadata of function add() to function out().
- Without it 'add.__name__' would return 'out'.

CLASS

User defined objects are created using the class keyword.

```
class <name>:
    age = 80 # Class Object Attribute
    def __init__(self, a):
        self.a = a #Object Attribute

@classmethod
def get_class_name(cls):
    return cls.__name__
```

INHERITANCE

```
class Person:
    def __init__(self, name, age):
        self.name = name
        self.age = age

class Employee(Person):
    def __init__(self, name, age, staff_num):
        super().__init__(name, age)
        self.staff_num = staff_num
```

MULTIPLE INHERITANCE

```
class A: pass
class B: pass
class C(A, B): pass
```

MRO determines the order in which parent classes are traversed when searching for a method:

```
>>> C.mro()
[<class 'C'>, <class 'A'>, <class 'B'>, <class 'object'>]
```



EXCEPTIONS

```
try:
    5/0
except ZeroDivisionError:
    print("No division by zero!")

while True:
    try:
        x = int(input('Enter your age: '))
    except ValueError:
        print('Oops! That was no valid number. Try again...')
    else: # code that depends on the try block running successfully should be
placed in the else block.
    print('Carry on!')
```

RAISING EXCEPTION

```
raise ValueError('some error message')
```

FINALLY

```
try:
    raise KeyboardInterrupt
except:
    print('oops')
finally:
    print('All done!')
```

COMMAND LINE ARGUMENTS

```
import sys
script_name = sys.argv[0]
arguments = sys.argv[1:]
```

FILE 10

Opens a file and returns a corresponding file object.

```
<file> = open('<path>', mode='r', encoding=None)
```

Modes

- r Read (default).
- 'w' Write (truncate).
- 'x' Write or fail if the file already exists.
- 'a' Append.
- 'w+' Read and write (truncate).
- 'r+' Read and write from the start.
- 'a+' Read and write from the end.
- 't' Text mode (default).
- 'b' Binary mode.

File



```
<str/bytes> = <file>.readline()  # Returns a line.
<= <file>.readlines()  # Returns a list of lines.

<file>.write(<str/bytes>)  # Writes a string or bytes object.
<file>.writelines(<list>)  # Writes a list of strings or bytes objects.
```

Methods do not add or strip trailing newlines.

Read Text From File

```
def read_file(filename):
    with open(filename, encoding='utf-8') as file:
        return file.readlines() #or read()

for line in read_file(filename):
    print(line)
```

Write Text To File

```
def write_to_file(filename, text):
    with open(filename, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as file:
        file.write(text)
```

Append Text To File

```
def append_to_file(filename, text):
    with open(filename, 'a', encoding='utf-8') as file:
        file.write(text)
```



USEFUL LIBRARIES

CSV

```
import csv
```

Read Rows From CSV File

```
def read_csv_file(filename):
    with open(filename, encoding='utf-8') as file:
        return csv.reader(file, delimiter=';')
```

Write Rows To CSV File

```
def write_to_csv_file(filename, rows):
    with open(filename, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as file:
        writer = csv.writer(file, delimiter=';')
        writer.writerows(rows)
```



JSON

Read Object From JSON File

```
def read_json_file(filename):
    with open(filename, encoding='utf-8') as file:
    return json.load(file)
```

Write Object To JSON File

```
def write_to_json_file(filename, an_object):
    with open(filename, 'w', encoding='utf-8') as file:
        json.dump(an_object, file, ensure_ascii=False, indent=2)
```



Pickle

```
import pickle
<bytes> = pickle.dumps(<object>)
<object> = pickle.loads(<bytes>)
```

Read Object From File

```
def read_pickle_file(filename):
    with open(filename, 'rb') as file:
        return pickle.load(file)
```

Write Object To File

```
def write_to_pickle_file(filename, an_object):
    with open(filename, 'wb') as file:
        pickle.dump(an_object, file)
```



Profile

Basic

```
from time import time
start_time = time() # Seconds since
...
duration = time() - start_time
```

Math

```
from math import e, pi
from math import cos, acos, sin, asin, tan, atan, degrees, radians
from math import log, log10, log2
from math import inf, nan, isinf, isnan
```

Statistics

```
from statistics import mean, median, variance, pvariance, pstdev
```

Random

```
from random import random, randint, choice, shuffle
random() # random float between 0 and 1
randint(0, 100) # random integer between 0 and 100
random_el = choice([1,2,3,4]) # select a random element from list
shuffle([1,2,3,4]) # shuffles a list
```



Datetime

- Module 'datetime' provides 'date' <D>, 'time' <T>, 'datetime' <DT> and 'timedelta' <TD> classes. All are immutable and hashable.
- Time and datetime can be 'aware' <a>, meaning they have defined timezone, or 'naive' <n>, meaning they don't.
- If object is naive it is presumed to be in system's timezone.

```
from datetime import date, time, datetime, timedelta
from dateutil.tz import UTC, tzlocal, gets
```

Constructors

```
<D> = date(year, month, day)
<T> = time(hour=0, minute=0, second=0, microsecond=0, tzinfo=None, fold=0)
<DT> = datetime(year, month, day, hour=0, minute=0, second=0, ...)
<TD> = timedelta(days=0, seconds=0, microseconds=0, milliseconds=0, minutes=0, hours=0, weeks=0)
```

- Use '<D/DT>.weekday()' to get the day of the week (Mon == 0).
- 'fold=1' means second pass in case of time jumping back from one hour.

Now

```
<D/DTn> = D/DT.today()  # Current local date or naive datetime.

<DTn> = DT.utcnow()  # Naive datetime from current UTC time.

<DTa> = DT.now(<tz>)  # Aware datetime from current tz time.
```



Timezone

Regex

```
import re

<str> = re.sub(<regex>, new, text, count=0)  # Substitutes all occurrences.

text = re.findall(<regex>, text)  # Returns all occurrences.

text = re.split(<regex>, text, maxsplit=0)  # Use brackets in regex to keep

the matches.

<match> = re.search(<regex>, text)  # Searches for first occurrence

of pattern.

<match> = re.match(<regex>, text)  # Searches only at the beginning

of the text.
```

Match Object

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<str> = <Match>.group() # Whole match.

<str> = <Match>.group(1) # Part in first bracket.

<tuple> = <Match>.groups() # All bracketed parts.

<int> = <Match>.start() # Start index of a match.

<int> = <Match>.end() # Exclusive end index of a match.
```



Special Sequences

Expressions below hold true for strings that contain only ASCII characters. Use capital letters for negation.

```
'\d' == '[0-9]'  # Digit
'\s' == '[ \t\n\r\f\v]'  # Whitespace
'\w' == '[a-zA-Z0-9_]'  # Alphanumeric
```

CREDITS

Inspired by: https://github.com/gto76/python-cheatsheet

