

Python Basic Information

A general purpose programming language
can be used for many different things
A high level programming language
abstracts away from machine code
needs to run through a python interpreter

Here are the two reports that will be used as a reference in this cheat sheet: <https://github.com/jamshon/python-3-playlist>
<https://github.com/Richard-Burd/python-3-sandbox>

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This is the shell your python code is being passed through in order to execute

This is the actual code being executed

Everything in Python is considered to be an object, and objects have attributes and functions; when we talk about these functions with respect to these objects, we call them methods...thus, objects can have attributes and methods:

Numbers

Python has two types of numbers: integers and floats. You can find the data type by using the built-in type() method

Integers
are whole numbers
Floats (or floating point numbers)
anything with a decimal in them
needs to be run through a python interpreter
it always results in division

Pythonistas call this an 'argument'

division remainder
or 'modulus'

BIDMAS stacking order

Brackets
Indices
Multiplication
Addition
Subtraction

This is a shorter way of expressing what it is for the left; these also exist

"Strings" & Lists

You can escape a character with the backslash

We start with 0 when counting string elements from the front and -1 when counting string elements from the back

We can start with 0 and count up to (but not including) the 4 when grabbing a sequence of elements in a string; we can also count from the back

add (concatenate) & multiply strings
Python has special methods for strings

you can split a string into a list (in python, arrays are called "lists") at a specified character

Length of a string or list can be found with len()

concatenate elements onto a list

add at the end of a list

remove the last element in a list (pop())
WARNING: this only removes the last instance of 'Tom'

remove a selected index from a list
find nested list element

[List] Comprehension

Given a list of numbers we want to double; there are two different methods for doing this below

Standard Method

Comprehension Method

Another example below squares all even numbers from 1 to 10

[List] & Tuple Manipulation

all code shown in this section is available here: github.com/Richard-Burd/python-3-sandbox/timfiles/list_and_tuple_manipulation.py

Tuples are used for coordinates, colors, rectangles, & other mathy stuff; they are similar to lists

Lists & tuples can both contain mixed data types and nested elements; the allow() method can be used on both of them

Tuples are immutable and lists are mutable; in example: tuples cannot be appended but lists can be appended

Decorators

Decorators extend the behavior of a function without modifying the function itself; they are used extensively in web frameworks like Django

Decorators are basically wrapper functions; they are defined with an @ symbol & the decorator function name must match the decorator itself

This code runs before the function

This code runs after the function

Conditionals

User inputs are always accepted as strings (e.g. "2") unless they are type-casted with int() to become integers

if : elif : else :

Python uses colons and needs the following line to be indented

Python uses the and keyword instead of && like in Ruby or JavaScript

starts with index 1 and goes up to, but not including, index 3

after moe, break out of the loop and ignore the other elements

this will continue on with the iteration after doing the stuff above

this will give us only even numbers

without these specific indentations, the Python code will not work

File Importing

To import relative from the top level directory, use dot notation like this

To import from beyond the top level package, you will need this block of code

Reference: github.com/Richard-Burd/python-3-sandbox

Dictionaries

Python dictionaries are similar to Ruby hashes or JavaScript objects

grabbing the keys in a dictionary will give a value like this

find the value of a specified key

see if key exists in the dictionary with in

either the dictionary key or value can be returned as a list (array) data type with the list keyword

get the number of items a given key is found in the dictionary with the count method

This is an alternative syntax for declaring a dictionary, when called, it uses {} but uses {} in the declaration

This takes the user input from the console and sends it to the dictionary

this keeps the code execution in the while loop when the user enters in "y"

continue

This function calls the program in the console

{Dictionary} Comprehension

Reference: <https://www.datacamp.com/community/tutorials/python-dictionary-comprehension>

Dictionary comprehension is a powerful concept and can be used to substitute for loops and lambda functions. However, not all for loops can be written as a dictionary comprehension but all dictionary comprehensions can be written with a for loop

Comprehension Method

Identify odd and even entries

Double each value in the dictionary

Double each value in the dictionary only if the value is an even number

Classes, Modules, & Packages

Everything in Python is an object and all objects have a class type; each of those class types in turn have methods that can be called on them; num_var is based on the list class type therefore it inherits all methods for the list class

This is where class attributes are defined

There are the instance attributes

This function defines the class attributes & it takes in a self property

static method

class method

These are both instance methods, so they both take in the self parameter

You don't need anything in this file; its existence alone is enough to tell Python that the contents in this directory called space are a package of modules

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the init function

The init function can be as hard as the init but is usually built to accept instance variables

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print()

int()

This will get printed out and prompt the user for an input

Up here we broke out of the string

But now let's look at some string formatting

0 is the 4th

in the list

Use could specify 0 or even 4 digits in the number (precision)

These are called F-Strings & they don't require ".format()"

Or we could add the little f for float to specify the decimal number we want to see

Ranges

In Python, ranges generate a list of numbers for us that we can then use to iterate over in for loops

this will go up to but not including 5

this will start from and include 5 and go through but not include 10

this will start from and include 20 and go through but not include 300 in intervals of 80

len()

this len() method finds the length of the names list and cycles through the range for each element in that names list

this -1 is the last item in the list and the start of the list because this value tells us the looping and point and it is an up-to-but-not-included value, finally, this -2 is the increment amount, and it is negative

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{Sets} [Lists] & Sorting

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this will be a dictionary, not a set because that is what an empty {} defaults to in Python

sorted() method sorts numbers & strings...

it will remove duplicates in a set

it will order items with capital letters

first

set() will return a set and thus, remove duplicates in a list of strings, but it will not order the elements to the return value can change each time

Dictionary Iteration

code shown in the section below is available here: github.com/Richard-Burd/python-3-sandbox/dictionary_iteration.py

Sets are mutable...

however, elements of a set cannot be mutable objects

for loops can be used to find values within nested dictionaries

and in

NOTE: this order will change each time the code is ran because there is no order to a set, unlike a list

keys values

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Maps

Maps are a way to take a list, apply some kind of function to each item within that list, and return a new list with the changes made by the function to each item in the list

we need the random module from the Python Standard Library for this example: <https://docs.python.org/3/library/random>

the list() method takes a string and makes each character its own item in a new list like ['1', '2', '3', '4', '5']

the join() method will take elements of a list and put them in the same string

map function used, list being operated on

Standard Method

Vanilla Map Method

Comprehension Method

Working Map Method

This doesn't quite work because it's mapping the result onto an iterable object, to make it readable, it must be typecasted into a list

comprehension is still the shortest way to go

Filters

The filter method is used to determine if a specified condition is true or false for each element in a given list; if true, the element remains in the filtered list, if not, it is dropped; the example here filters out bad grades

Using the Filter Method

Using a For Loop

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Why use a deque over a traditional list? because it's faster in terms of adding items to the beginning and end of the list, but if you're going to want to randomly access elements within the container, then it's better to use a traditional list

the Deque must be imported

it takes each element of a string and makes it an element of a list-like data structure

items can be added to the front or back of a deque

this will destructively clear all contents of the deque

the extend() method takes in anything iterable, such as a list or string, and puts it at the end of the deque

the rotate() method shifts the order of items as shown on the left

The maxlen() method limits the number of items in the deque

NOTE: you cannot reassign this maxlen value after it's initially declared

you can only add to the deque with the extend() method, but that will still maintain the original maxlen of 5

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Try & Accept

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Try & accept lets you run code that actually would crash if it is false; I want my string to only be numbers:

the accept block will run if the try block of code is either false, or crashes

Here the text is typecasted into an integer

Functions & Variable Scope

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Collections

Standard Python Containers

- 1) list
- 2) set
- 3) dictionary (dict)
- 4) tuple - this one is immutable
- 5) defaultdict

Collections Module Containers

- 1) counter
- 2) deque
- 3) namedtuple
- 4) OrderedDict
- 5) defaultdict

The Python data types above must be imported via their commensurate module in order to be used as shown on the left

Collections - Counter

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Counter keys can be different data types

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you can subtract keys that are strings but not ones that are integers like these two

Counter keys can be updated like this or like this

The Counter can be cleared of all its contents

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The main difference between a regular tuple and a named tuple is that with a named tuple you can access things by element and it's a lot nicer to read in your program

the namedtuple must be imported

subclass constructor

instantiator

a namedtuple subclass name must be a capitalized string and the item names are declared in the second string with each item separated by a space

the items can be put in a list like this

the items can also be stored in a dictionary

Named tuples allow for the use of dot notation, but regular tuples do not

with Named tuples, items can be found by indexed as well as by the field names

We can print out the keys with the fields() method

we can replace the value of a specified key, with the replace() method, but not destructive, in other words, we need to assign a new value to the operation