

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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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 the result of division

BIDMAS stacking order
Brackets
Indices
Multiplication
Addition
Subtraction

"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
We can concatenate & multiply strings
Python has special methods for strings
We 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()
find the index of a list item
concatenate elements onto a list
add at the end of a list
remove the last element from a list (pop() removes last element, not the object)
remove a selected item from a list (del(), this only removes the list element 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
The kind of comprehension method can be used (mutatis mutandis) on dictionaries as well

[List] & Tuple Manipulation

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 alter 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 mo, 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: <https://github.com/Richard-Burd/python-3-sandbox>

Dictionaries

Python dictionaries are similar to Ruby hashes or JavaScript objects
see if key exists in the dictionary with in
find the value of a specified key
grabbing the keys in a dictionary will give a value like this
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
continue
This function keeps the code execution in the while loop when the user enters in "y"
This function starts the program in the console

{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
Double each value in the dictionary only if the value is an even number
Identify odd and even entries
Similarly, dictionaries can be nested as well

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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
the init function
The init function can be hardcoded like __init__ but is usually built to accept instance variables
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 methods have no access to class (cls) or class instances (self)
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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 string 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 Map Method
Vanilla Map Method
Comprehension Method
Working Map Method

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

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Collections

Standard Python Containers
1) list
2) set
3) dictionary (dict)
4) tuple - this one is immutable
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

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a list will return a dictionary showing how many times each item occurs in the dictionary
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but must be called with a string
listing elements will return a list of items
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you can subscript keys that are strings but not ones that are integers like these two
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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 fields() method
We can print out the keys with the fields() method
we can replace the value of a specified key, but this is not destructive, in other words, we need to assign a new value to the operation
The _make() method can be used to create a new instance of the Data class and this new instance will have the specified values passed into the _make() method: NOTE: the values are now strings, not integers as in the original declaration above, because we can change the data type

Collections - NamedTuple

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