Keywords

Keywords	Description	Example
and	Logical and	True and False == False
as	Part of the with-as statement	wih X as Y: pass
assert	Assert (ensure) that something is true	assert False, "Error!"
break	Stop this loop right now.	while True: break
class	Define a class.	class Person(object)
continue	Don't process more of the loop, do it again.	while True: continue
def	Define a function.	def X(): pass
del	Delete from dictionary.	del X[Y]
elif	Else if condition.	if: X; elif: Y; else: J
else	Else condition.	if: X; elif: Y; else: J
except	If an exception happens, do this.	except ValueError, e: print e
exec	Run a string as Python.	exec 'print "hello"'
finally	Exceptions or not, finally do this no matter what.	finally: pass
for	Loop over a collection of things.	for X in Y: pass
from	Importing specific parts of a module.	import X from Y
global	Declare that you want a global variable.	global X
if	If condition.	if: X; elif: Y; else: J
import	Import a module into this one to use.	import os
in	Part of for-loops. Also a test of X in Y.	for X in Y: pass also 1 in [1] == True
is	Like == to test equality.	1 is 1 == True
lambda	Create a short anonymous function.	s = lambda y: y ** y; s(3)
not	Logical not.	not True == False
or	Logical or.	True or False == True
pass	This block is empty.	def empty(): pass
print	Print this string.	print 'this string'
raise	Raise an exception when things go wrong.	raise ValueError("No")
return	Exit the function with a return value.	def X(): return Y
try	Try this block, and if exception, go to except.	try: pass
while	While loop.	while X: pass
with	With an expression as a variable do.	with X as Y: pass
yield	Pause here and return to caller.	def X(): yield Y; X().next()

Data Types

Type	Description	Example
True	True boolean value.	True or False == True
False	False boolean value.	False and True == False
None	Represents "nothing" or "no value".	x = None
strings	Stores textual information.	x = "hello"
numbers	Stores integers.	i = 100
floats	Stores decimals.	i = 10.389
lists	Stores a list of things.	j = [1,2,3,4]
dicts	Stores a key=value mapping of things.	e = {'x': 1, 'y': 2}

String Escape Sequences

Escape	Description
\\	Backslash
\'	Single-quote
\"	Double-quote
\a	Bell
\b	Backspace
\f	Formfeed
\n	Newline
\r	Carriage
\t	Tab
\v	Vertical tab

Symbols

String Format

Escape	Description	Example
%d	Decimal integers (not floating point).	"%d" % 45 == '45'
%i	Same as %d.	"%i" % 45 == '45'
%o	Octal number.	"%o" % 1000 == '1750'
%u	Unsigned decimal.	"%u" % -1000 == '-1000'
%x	Hexadecimal lowercase.	"%x" % 1000 == '3e8'
%X	Hexadecimal uppercase.	"%X" % 1000 == '3E8'
%e	Exponential notation, lowercase 'e'.	"%e" % 1000 == '1.000000e+03'
%E	Exponential notation, uppercase 'E'.	"%E" % 1000 == '1.000000E+03'
%f	Floating point real number.	"%f" % 10.34 == '10.340000'
%F	Same as %f.	"%F" % 10.34 == '10.340000'
%g	Either %f or %e, whichever is shorter.	"%g" % 10.34 == '10.34'
%G	Same as %g but uppercase.	"%G" % 10.34 == '10.34'
%c	Character format.	"%c" % 34 == '"'
%r	Repr format (debugging format).	"%r" % int == "<type 'int'>"
%s	String format.	"%s there" % 'hi' == 'hi there'
%%	A percent sign.	"%g%%" % 10.34 == '10.34%'

Operators

Operator	Description	Example
+	Addition	2 + 4 == 6
-	Subtraction	2 - 4 == -2
*	Multiplication	2 * 4 == 8
**	Power of	2 ** 4 == 16
/	Division	2 / 4.0 == 0.5
//	Floor division	2 // 4.0 == 0.0
%	String interpolate or modulus	2 % 4 == 2
<	Less than	4 < 4 == False
>	Greater than	4 > 4 == False
<=	Less than equal	4 <= 4 == True
>=	Greater than equal	4 >= 4 == True
Err:520	Equal	4 == 5 == False
!=	Not equal	4 != 5 == True
<>	Not equal	4 <> 5 == True

Symbols

( )	Parenthesis	len('hi') == 2
[ ]	List brackets	[1,3,4]
{ }	Dict curly braces	{'x': 5, 'y': 10}
@	At (decorators)	@classmethod
,	Comma	range(0, 10)
:	Colon	def X():
0	Dot	self.x = 10
=	Assign equal	x = 10
;	semi-colon	print "hi"; print "there"
+=	Add and assign	x = 1; x += 2
-=	Subtract and assign	x = 1; x -= 2
*=	Multiply and assign	x = 1; x *= 2
/=	Divide and assign	x = 1; x /= 2
//=	Floor divide and assign	x = 1; x //= 2
%=	Modulus assign	x = 1; x %= 2
**=	Power assign	x = 1; x **= 2