

Python Collections (Arrays)

There are four collection data types in the Python programming language:

- List is a collection which is ordered and changeable. Allows duplicate members.
 - `thislist = list(("apple", "banana", "cherry"))` # note the double round-brackets
 - `mylist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]`
- Tuple is a collection which is ordered and unchangeable. Allows duplicate members.
 - `thistuple = tuple(("apple", "banana", "cherry"))` # note the double round-brackets
 - `mytuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")`
- Set is a collection which is unordered, unchangeable*, and unindexed. No duplicate members.
 - `thisset = set(("apple", "banana", "cherry"))` # note the double round-brackets
 - `myset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}`
- Dictionary is a collection which is ordered** and changeable. No duplicate members. Dictionaries are used to store data values in key:value pairs.
 - `thisdict = dict(name = "John", age = 36, country = "Norway")`
 - `thisdict = {`
 `"brand": "Ford",`
 `"model": "Mustang",`
 `"year": 1964`
 `}`

List Methods

List items are ordered, changeable, and allow duplicate values.

List items are indexed, the first item has index [0], the second item has index [1] etc.

When we say that lists are ordered, it means that the items have a defined order, and that order will not change.

If you add new items to a list, the new items will be placed at the end of the list.

The list is changeable, meaning that we can change, add, and remove items in a list after it has been created.

Since lists are indexed, lists can have items with the same value

To determine how many items a list has, use the len() function

List items can be of any data type

A list can contain different data types

From Python's perspective, lists are defined as objects with the data type 'list'

Method	Description
<u>append()</u>	Adds an element at the end of the list
<u>clear()</u>	Removes all the elements from the list
<u>copy()</u>	Returns a copy of the list
<u>count()</u>	Returns the number of elements with the specified value
<u>extend()</u>	Add the elements of a list (or any iterable), to the end of the current list
<u>index()</u>	Returns the index of the first element with the specified value
<u>insert()</u>	Adds an element at the specified position
<u>pop()</u>	Removes the element at the specified position
<u>remove()</u>	Removes the item with the specified value
<u>reverse()</u>	Reverses the order of the list
<u>sort()</u>	Sorts the list

Tuple

Since tuples are immutable, they do not have a built-in `append()` method, but there are other ways to add items to a tuple.

1. Convert into a list: Just like the workaround for changing a tuple, you can convert it into a list, add your item(s), and convert it back into a tuple.

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
  
y = list(thistuple)  
  
y.append("orange")  
  
thistuple = tuple(y)
```

2. Add tuple to a tuple. You are allowed to add tuples to tuples, so if you want to add one item, (or many), create a new tuple with the item(s), and add it to the existing tuple:

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
  
y = ("orange",)  
  
thistuple += y  
  
  
  
print(thistuple)
```

Unpacking a Tuple

```
fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
```

```
(green, yellow, red) = fruits
```

Method	Description
<code>count()</code>	Returns the number of times a specified value occurs in a tuple
<code>index()</code>	Searches the tuple for a specified value and returns the position of where it was found

Sets Methods

Method	Description
<code>add()</code>	Adds an element to the set
<code>clear()</code>	Removes all the elements from the set
<code>copy()</code>	Returns a copy of the set
<code>difference()</code>	Returns a set containing the difference between two or more sets
<code>difference_update()</code>	Removes the items in this set that are also included in another, specified set
<code>discard()</code>	Remove the specified item
<code>intersection()</code>	Returns a set, that is the intersection of two other sets
<code>intersection_update()</code>	Removes the items in this set that are not present in other, specified set(s)
<code>isdisjoint()</code>	Returns whether two sets have a intersection or not
<code>issubset()</code>	Returns whether another set contains this set or not
<code>issuperset()</code>	Returns whether this set contains another set or not
<code>pop()</code>	Removes an element from the set
<code>remove()</code>	Removes the specified element
<code>symmetric_difference()</code>	Returns a set with the symmetric differences of two sets
<code>symmetric_difference_update()</code>	Inserts the symmetric differences from this set and another
<code>union()</code>	Return a set containing the union of sets
<code>update()</code>	Update the set with the union of this set and others

Dictionary Methods

Method	Description
<code>clear()</code>	Removes all the elements from the dictionary
<code>copy()</code>	Returns a copy of the dictionary
<code>fromkeys()</code>	Returns a dictionary with the specified keys and value.
<code>get()</code>	Returns the value of the specified key
<code>items()</code>	Returns a list containing a tuple for each key value pair
<code>keys()</code>	Returns a list containing the dictionary's keys
<code>pop()</code>	Removes the element with the specified key
<code>popitem()</code>	Removes the last inserted key-value pair
<code>setdefault()</code>	Returns the value of the specified key. If the key does not exist: insert the key, with the specified value
<code>update()</code>	Updates the dictionary with the specified key-value pairs
<code>values()</code>	Returns a list of all the values in the dictionary