

# Python: overview and data types

Short description

# About Python

- Interpreted
- Procedural, object-oriented, functional
- All is object!  
`isinstance(5, object) # True`  
`isinstance(print, object) # True`  
`isinstance(object, object) # True`
- Automatic memory handling

# About Python

- Variables are just name bindings

```
x = 100 # 1
```

```
y = x # 2
```

```
x = 200 # 3
```

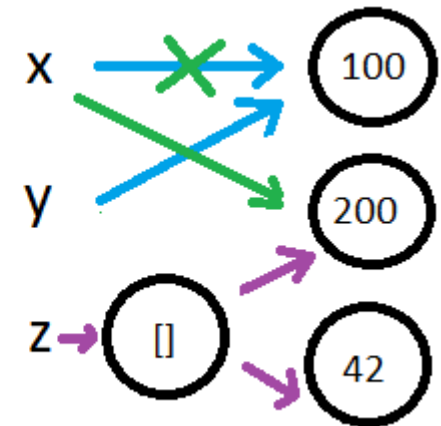
```
z = [x, 42] # 4
```

```
x = 100 (1)
```

```
y = x (2)
```

```
x = 200 (3)
```

```
z = [x, 42] (4)
```



- Dynamically typed

```
a = 5
```

```
type(a) # <class 'int'>
```

```
a = 'hello!'
```

```
type(a) # <class 'str'>
```

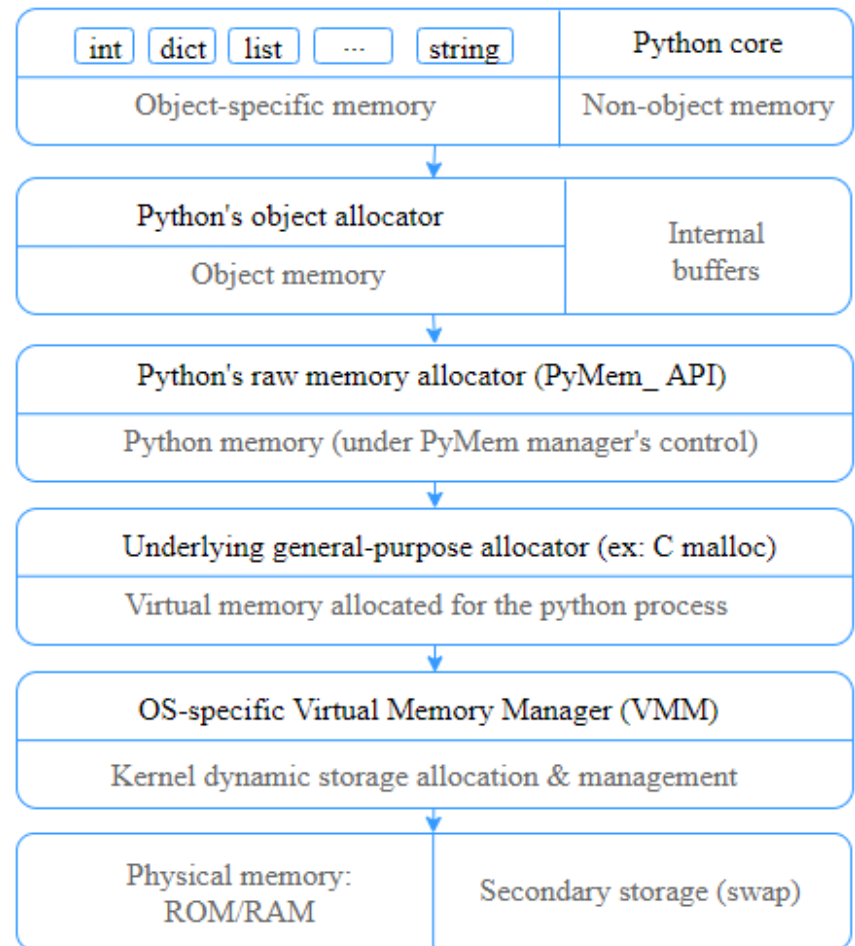
- Awesome readability(pep-8, pep-20)

# Memory model

- Python operates memory itself
- Different managers are used depending on the object size

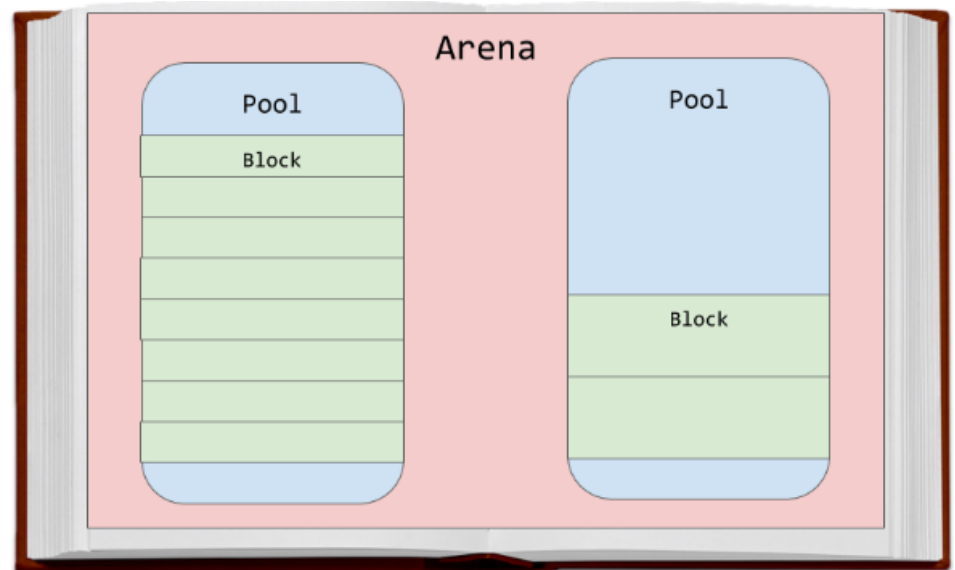
- Arena(256KB)
- Pool(4KB)
- Block(pool\_type)

```
import sys
sys._debugmallocstats()
```



# Creating new object

```
import sys
a = 'Helloworld'
sys.getrefcount(a) # 2
b = 'Helloworld'
sys.getrefcount(a) # 3
c = a
sys.getrefcount(a) # 4
```



# Garbage collection

- Garbage collector

Reference count

```
a = 1 # 1 ref
```

```
del a # 0 refs, clean up ASAP
```

Problem: cyclic references

```
a = []
```

```
b = []
```

```
a.append(b)
```

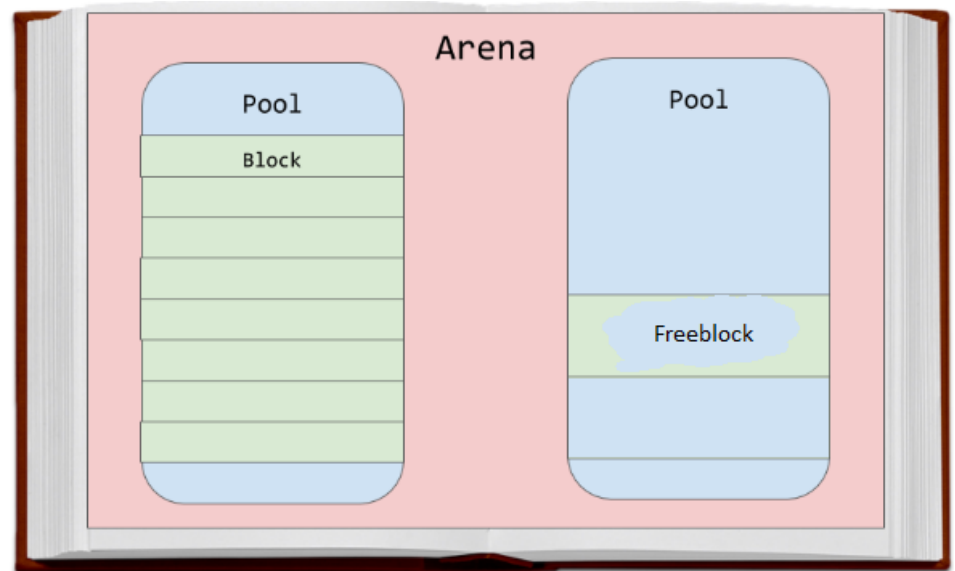
```
b.append(a) # 1
```

- Generational GC

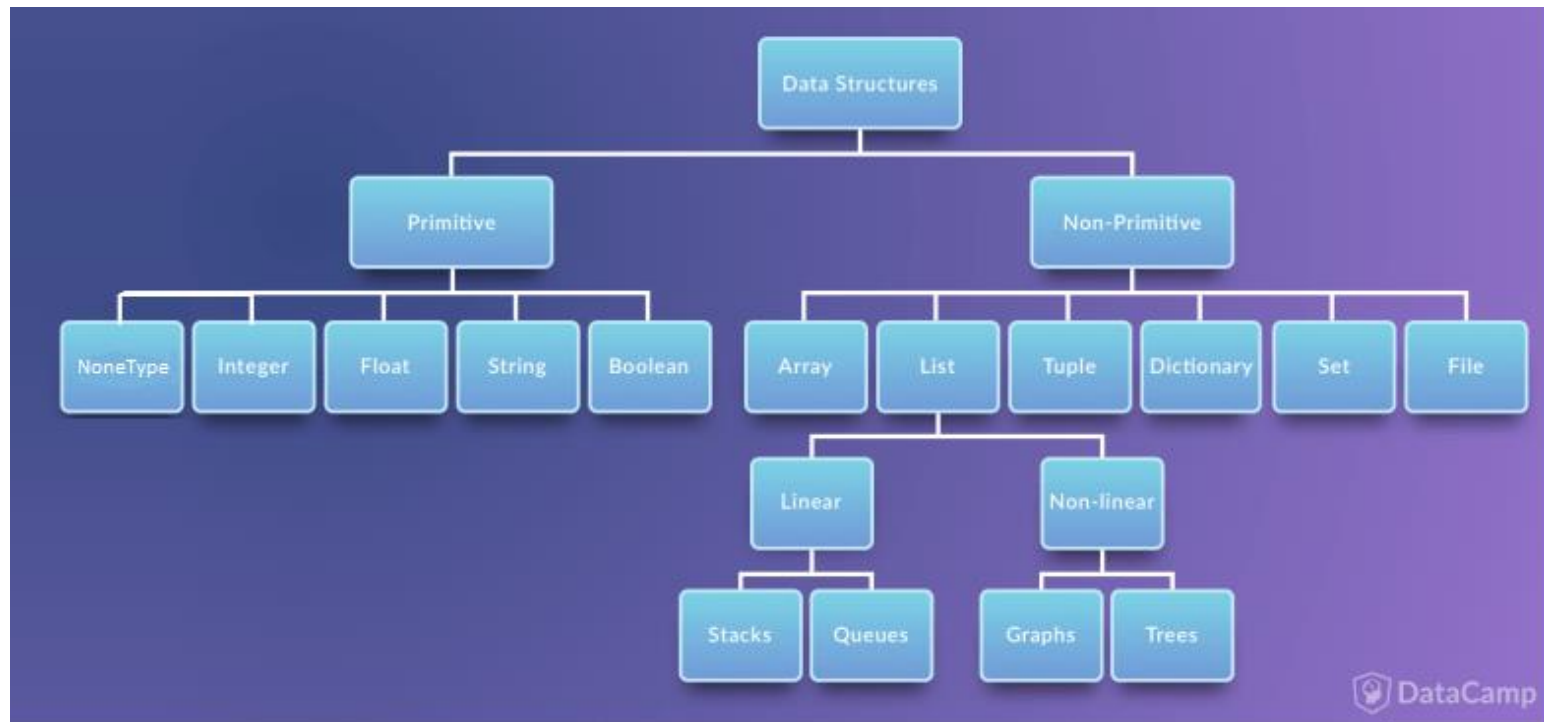
- Optional
- Periodic execution
- 3 generations of objects

# Removing the object

- If object is GC-ed -> block is added to **freeblock**
- If all blocks are free -> pool is added to **freepools**
- If all pools are free -> arena is free and returned to OS

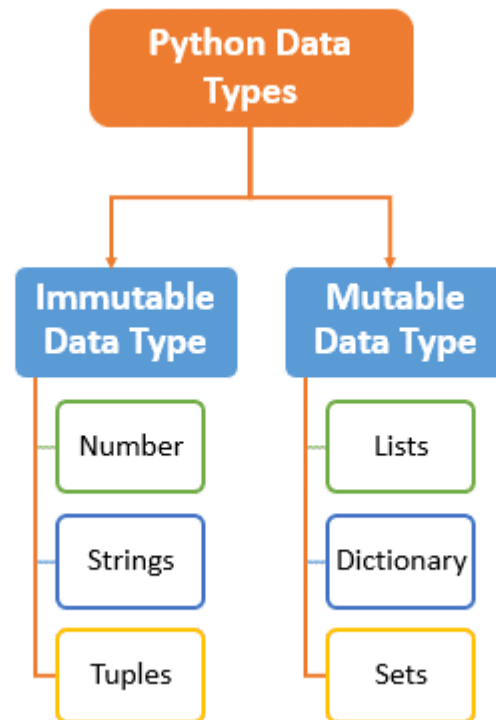


# Data types

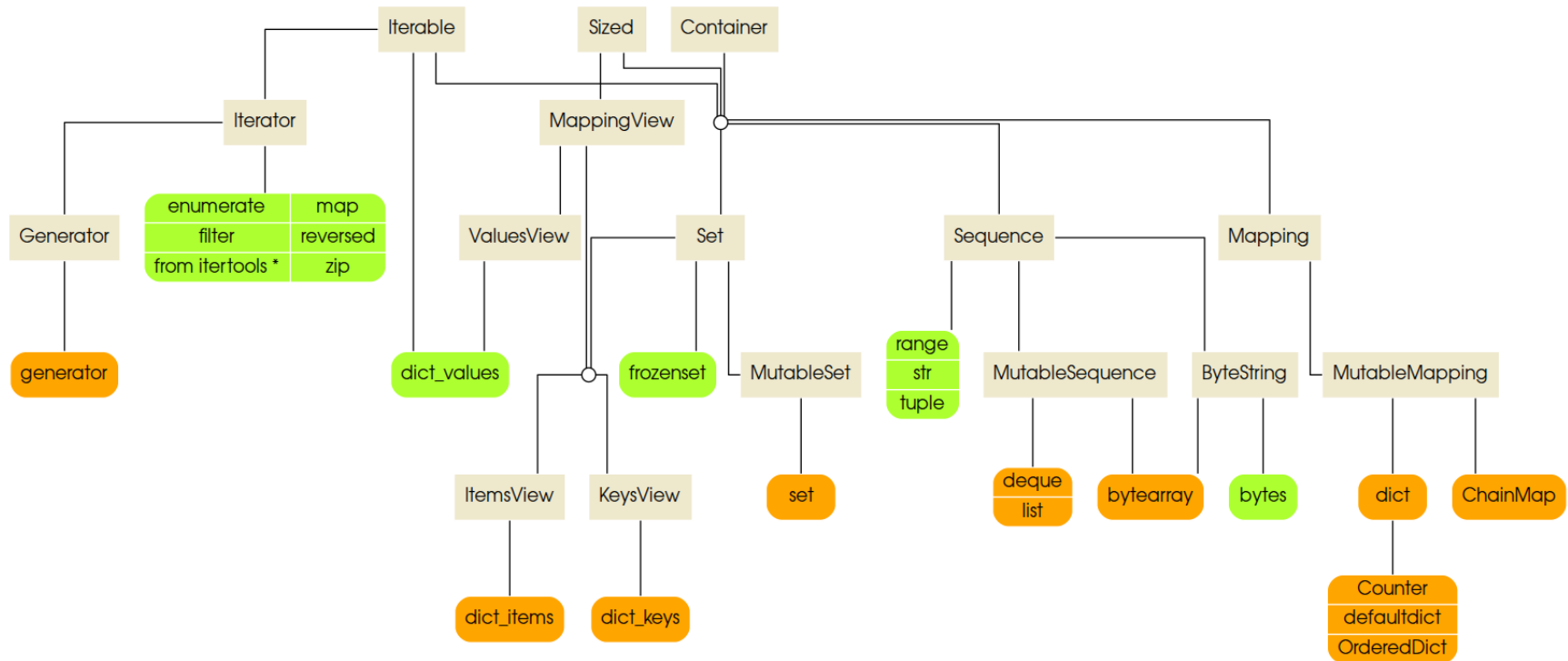




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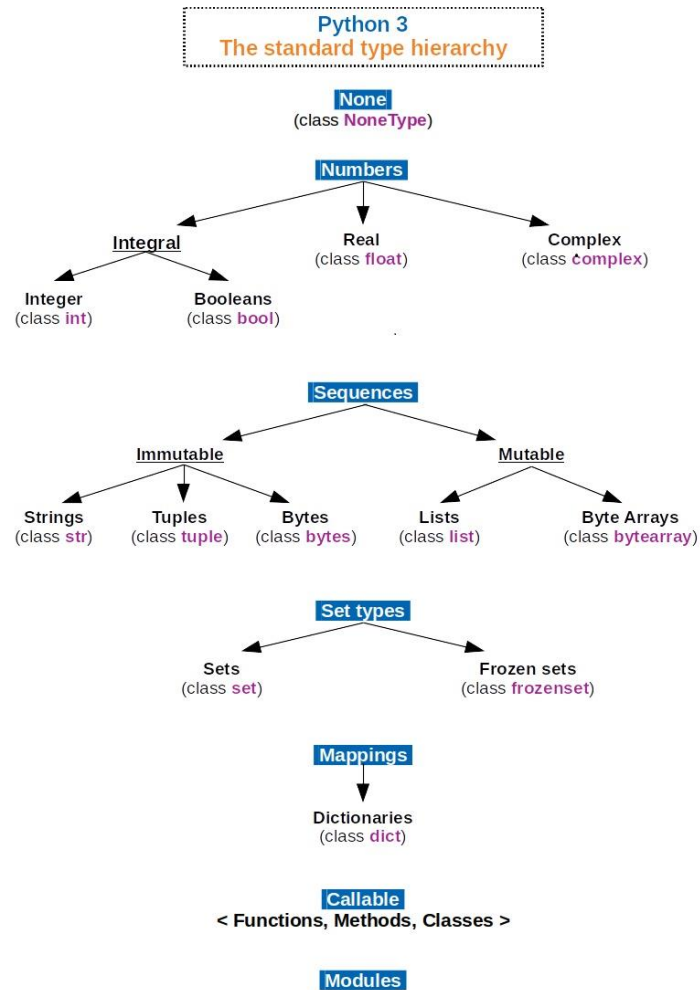


# Data types



## Python 3 Collection Inheritance

# Data types



# Object header

header

```
{  
  object type(8 bytes)  
  ref_count (8 bytes)  
};
```

var\_header

```
{  
  object type(8 bytes)  
  ref_count (8 bytes)  
  size(8 bytes)  
};
```

# NoneType

```
val = None
```

```
{  
  header(16 bytes)  
};
```

# Numbers: int, float, complex

`val = 42`

```
{  
  var_header(24 bytes)  
  payload(4 bytes)  
};
```

`val = 42.0`

```
{  
  header(16 bytes)  
  payload(8 bytes)  
};
```

# Numbers: int, float, complex

## General ops

- **-x**
- **+x**
- **x + y**
- **x - y**
- **x \* y**
- **x / y**
- **x // y**
- **x % y**
- **x \*\* y**

## Bitwise ops

- **x | y**
- **x ^ y**
- **x & y**
- **x << n**
- **x >> n**
- **~x**


## Additional methods

- **abs(x)**
- **int(x)**
- **float(x)**
- **complex(re, im)**
- **c.conjugate()**
- **divmod(x, y)**

# bool

```
PyAPI_DATA(struct _longobject) _Py_FalseStruct, _Py_TrueStruct;
```

```
sys.getsizeof(False) == sys.getsizeof(0)
sys.getsizeof(True) == sys.getsizeof(1)
```

- **False, None, 0, "", [], (), {}**
- **Any empty collections(set(),frozenset() etc)**  **False**
- **\_\_bool\_\_() returns False**
- **\_\_len\_\_() returns 0**

```
bool(()) # False
bool((),) # True
```



# str

```
mystring = 'hi world'  
also_string = 'bye world'  
yet_another_string = '''used for multi-lines and docs'''
```

- String literals: r, b, u, f, rf, rb
- Almost everything is casted to string(None, int, bool, object etc)
- (almost)Any string operations produce new string(don't use + too much)
- Explicit type casting
- Slices

# Common sequence methods

- `x in s`
- `x not in s`
- `s1 + s2`
- `s * n` or `n * s`
- `s[i]`
- `s[i:j]`
- `s[i:j:k]`
- `len(s)`
- `min(s)`
- `max(s)`
- `s.index(x[, i[, j]])`
- `s.count(x)`

# bytes, bytearray

```
bytestring = b'hi world'  
also_bytestring = bytes('bye world', encoding='utf8')  
bytes.fromhex('686920776f726c64') # b'hi world'
```

```
ascii_bytearray = bytearray(b'Hi world!')  
my_bytearray = bytearray('asd', encoding='utf8')  
ascii_bytearray[-1] = ord('?')  
ascii_bytearray # bytearray(b'Hi world?')  
bytearray.fromhex('486921') # bytearray(b'Hi!')
```

# Mutable sequence methods(list, bytearray)

|                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>s[i] = x</b>     | <b>s.copy()</b>              |
| <b>s[i:j] = t</b>   | <b>s.extend(t) or s += t</b> |
| <b>del s[i:j]</b>   | <b>s *= n</b>                |
| <b>s[i:j:k] = t</b> | <b>s.insert(i, x)</b>        |
| <b>del s[i:j:k]</b> | <b>s.pop([i])</b>            |
| <b>s.append(x)</b>  | <b>s.remove(x)</b>           |
| <b>s.clear()</b>    | <b>s.reverse()</b>           |

# Unicode

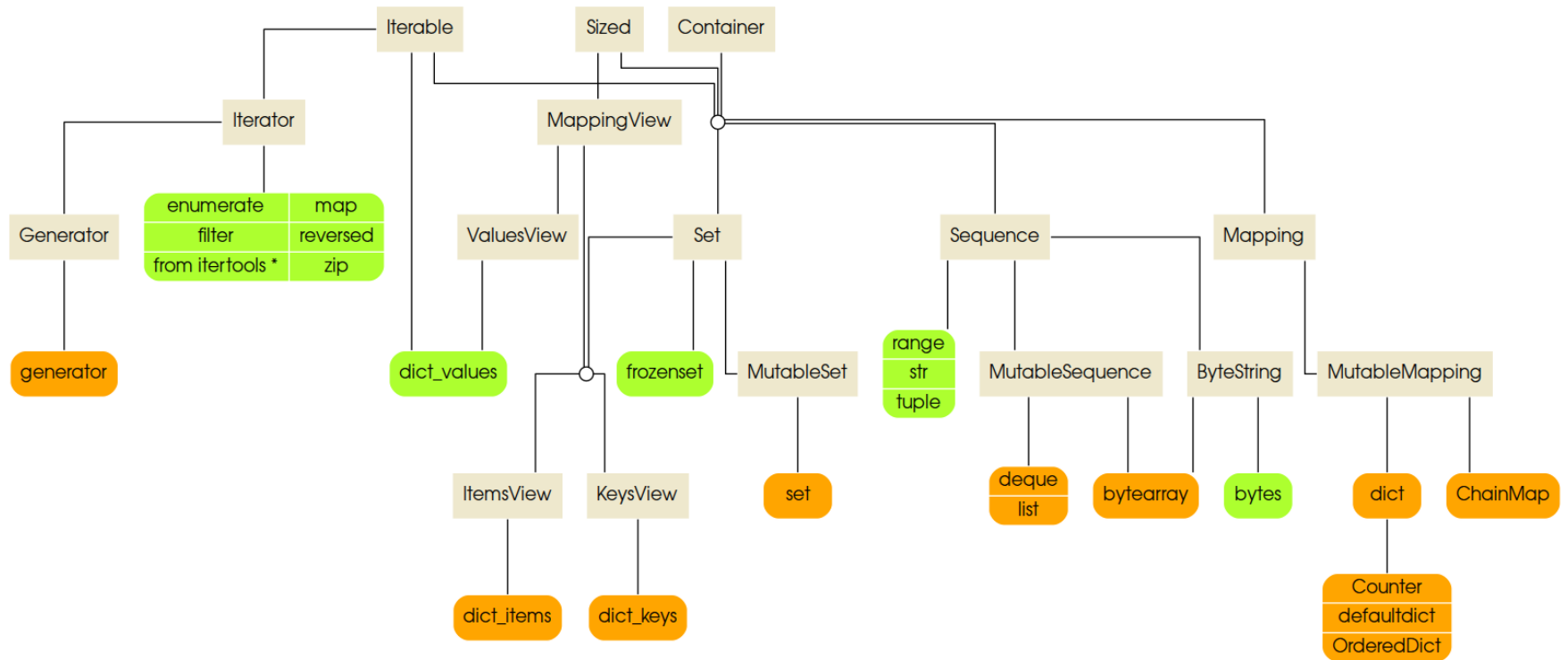
```
uc1 = 'hi world'
uc2 = 'hi \u265E'
uc4 = 'hi \U0001F609'
sys.getsizeof(uc1) # 48 + len(uc1) * 1
sys.getsizeof(uc2) # 74 + len(uc2) * 2
sys.getsizeof(uc4) # 76 + len(uc4) * 4
```

- Strings in Python3 are Unicode...  
`'hello' == u'hello' # True`
- ...Unless **b** literal is used  
`b'hello' == u'hello' # False`  
`type(b'hello') # bytes`
- String size depends on max Unicode point it contains
- Encodings – latin-1, utf8, utf16, utf32...

# String methods

- **capitalize**
- **casefold**
- **center**
- **count**
- **encode**
- **endswith**
- **expandtabs**
- **format**
- **format\_map**
- **index**
- **isalnum**
- **isalpha**
- **isascii**
- **replace**
- **isdecimal**
- **isdigit**
- **isidentifier**
- **isnumeric**
- **isprintable**
- **isspace**
- **istitle**
- **isupper**
- **join**
- **ljust**
- **lower**
- **lstrip**
- **partition**
- **rfind**
- **rindex**
- **rjust**
- **rpartition**
- **rsplit**
- **rstrip**
- **split**
- **splitlines**
- **startswith**
- **strip**
- **swapcase**
- **title**
- **translate**
- **upper**
- **zfill**

# collections



## Python 3 Collection Inheritance

## ...and some more

- collections
- function
- generator
- iterator
- class
- method
- module
- etc.



# How to choose?

- Start size(already discussed)
- Big O notation
  - amount of CPU operations
  - amount of memory consumed

```
users_set = {1, 5, 132, 8, 54}  
users_list = [1, 5, 8, 54, 132]  
users_tuple = (1, 5, 8, 54, 132)
```

```
# CPU # find 5:
```

```
5 in users_set # O(1)
```

```
5 in users_list # O(n)
```

```
5 in users_tuple # O(n)
```

```
# memory
```

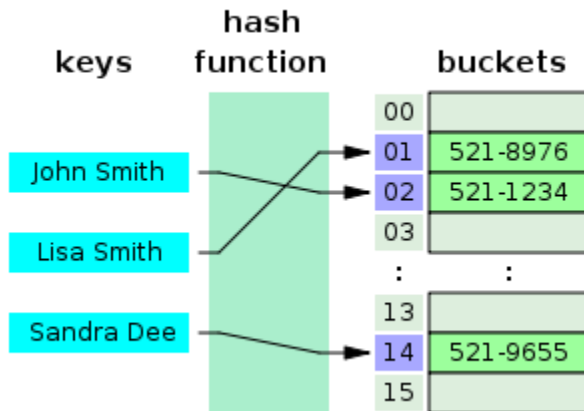
```
from pympler import asizeof
```

```
sizeof.asizeof(users_list) # 256
```

```
sizeof.asizeof(users_set) # 888
```

```
sizeof.asizeof(users_tuple) # 240
```

# Hash table



|        | avg    | worst  |
|--------|--------|--------|
| memory | $O(n)$ | $O(n)$ |
| find   | $O(1)$ | $O(n)$ |
| insert | $O(1)$ | $O(n)$ |
| delete | $O(1)$ | $O(n)$ |

- dict
- set
- frozenset
- ...

# Hashable objects

```
__hash__()  
__eq__()
```

user-defined classes

```
class A:  
    pass  
a = A()  
b = A()  
hash(a) # f(id(a))  
hash(b) # f(id(b))  
a == b # False  
a is b # False
```

# Hashable objects

- numbers

```
hash(42) # 42
hash(42.0) # 42
hash(complex(42)) # 42
hash(2 ** 61 - 1) # 0
```

- strings

```
a = "hello"
b = "hello"
hash(a) == hash(b) # True
```

- immutables: `hash((1,2,3))` # `f(hash(1),hash(2),hash(3))`

- mutables

```
hash([1,2,3]) # error
hash({1,2,3}) # error
hash({1: 42}) # error
```


## To sum up

1. Remember about memory consumption
2. Use right data types in right place
3. Be careful with mutables
4. Don't confuse equality and identity
5. Learn by practice

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