Python 3.6 Quick Reference Sheet

Interactive Help in Python Shell

help()	Invoke interactive help
help(*m*)	Display help for module *m*
help(*f*)	Display help for function *f*
dir(*m*)	Display names in module *m*

Small Operator Precedence Table

func_name(*args, …*)	Function call
x[*index* : *index*]	Slicing
x[*index*]	Indexing
x.attribute	Attribute reference
**	Exponentiation
*, /, %	Multiply, divide, mod
+, –	Add, subtract
>, <, <=, >=, !=, ==	Comparison
in, not in	Membership tests
not, and, or	Boolean operators NOT, AND, OR

Module Import

import *module_name*
from *module_name* import *name* , …
from *module_name* import *

Common Data Types

Type	Description	Literal Ex
int	32-bit Integer	3, -4
float	Floating point number	3.0, -6.55
complex	Complex number	1.2J
bool	Boolean	True, False
str	Character sequence	"Python"
tuple	Immutable sequence	(2, 4, 7)
list	Mutable sequence	[2, x, 3.1]
dict	Mapping	{ x:2, y:5 }

Common Syntax Structures

Assignment Statement
var = exp

Console Input/Output
var = input([*prompt*])
var = raw_input([*prompt*])
print (*exp*[,] …)

Selection
if (*boolean_exp*):
stmt …
[elif (*boolean_exp*):
stmt …] …
[else:
stmt …]

Repetition
while (*boolean_exp*):
stmt …

Traversal
for *var* in *traversable_object*:
stmt …

Function Definition
def *function_name*(*parmameters*):
stmt …

Function Call
function_name(*arguments*)

Class Definition
class *Class_name* [(*super_class*)]:
[*class variables*]
def *method_name*(self, *parameters*):
stmt

Object Instantiation
obj_ref = *Class_name*(*arguments*)

Method Invocation
obj_ref.method_name(*arguments*)

Exception Handling
try:
stmt …
except [*exception_type*] [, *var*]:
stmt …

Common Built-in Functions

Function	Returns
abs(*x*)	Absolute value of *x*
dict()	Empty dictionary, eg: d = dict()
float(*x*)	int or string *x* as float
id(*obj*)	memory addr of *obj*
int (*x*)	float or string *x* as int
len(*s*)	Number of items in sequence *s*
list()	Empty list, eg: m = list()
max(*s*)	Maximum value of items in *s*
min(*s*)	Minimum value of items in *s*
open(*f*)	Open filename *f* for input
ord(*c*)	ASCII code of *c*
pow(*x,y*)	x ** y
range(*x*)	Return a sequence of x as range(0,x)
round(*x,n*)	float *x* rounded to *n* places
str(*obj*)	str representation of *obj*
sum(*s*)	Sum of numeric sequence *s*
tuple(*items*)	tuple of *items*
type(*obj*)	Data type of *obj*

Common Math Module Functions

Function	Returns (all float)
ceil(*x*)	Smallest whole nbr >= *x*
cos(*x*)	Cosine of *x* radians
degrees(*x*)	*x* radians in degrees
radians(*x*)	*x* degrees in radians
exp(*x*)	e ** *x*
floor(*x*)	Largest whole nbr <= *x*
hypot(*x, y*)	sqrt(*x* * *x* + *y* * *y*)
log(*x* [, *base*])	Log of *x* to *base* or natural log if *base* not given
pow(*x, y*)	x ** y
sin(*x*)	Sine of *x* radians
sqrt(*x*)	Positive square root of *x*
tan(*x*)	Tangent of *x* radians
pi	Math constant pi to 15 sig figs
e	Math constant e to 15 sig figs

Common String Methods

S.method()	Returns (str unless noted)
capitalize	*S* with first char uppercase
center(*w*)	*S* centered in str *w* chars wide
count(*sub*)	int nbr of non-overlapping occurrences of *sub* in *S*
find(*sub*)	int index of first occurrence of *sub* in *S* or -1 if not found
isdigit()	bool True if *S* is all digit chars, False otherwise

islower()
isupper()
	bool True if *S* is all lower/upper case chars, False otherwise

join(*seq*)	All items in *seq* concatenated into a str, delimited by *S*

lower()
upper()
	Lower/upper case copy of *S*

lstrip()
rstrip()
	Copy of *S* with leading/ trailing whitespace removed, or both

split([*sep*])	List of tokens in *S*, delimited by *sep*; if *sep* not given, delimiter is any whitespace

Formatting Numbers as Strings

Syntax: "*format_spec*" % *numeric_exp*
***format_spec* syntax:** % *width.precision type*

- *width* (optional): align in number of colums specified; negative to left-align, precede with 0 to zero-fill
- *precision* (optional): show specified digits of precision for floats; 6 is default
- *type* (required): d (decimal int), f (float), s (string), e (float – exponential notation)
- Examples for x = 123, y = 456.789
  "%6d" % x -> . . . 123 "%06d"
  % x -> 000123 "%8.2f % y -> .
  . 456.79 "8.2e" % y ->
  4.57e+02
  "-8s" % "Hello" -> Hello . . .

Common List Methods

L.method()	Result/Returns
append(*obj*)	Append *obj* to end of *L*
count(*obj*)	Returns int nbr of occurrences of *obj* in *L*
index(*obj*)	Returns index of first occurrence of *obj* in *L*; raises ValueError if *obj* not in *L*
pop([*index*])	Returns item at specified *index* or item at end of L if *index* not given; raises IndexError if *L* is empty or *index* is out of range
remove(*obj*)	Removes first occurrence of *obj* from *L*; raises ValueError if *obj* is not in *L*
reverse()	Reverses *L* in place
sort()	Sorts *L* in place

Common Tuple Methods

T.method()	Returns
count(*obj*)	Returns nbr of occurrences of *obj* in *T*
index(*obj*)	Returns index of first occurrence of *obj* in *T*; raises ValueError if *obj* is not in *T*

Common Dictionary Methods

D.method()	Result/Returns
clear()	Remove all items from *D*
get(*k* [,*val*])	Return *D*[*k*] if *k* in *D*, else *val*
has_key(*k*)	Return True if *k* in *D*, else False
items()	Return list of key-value pairs in *D*; each list item is 2-item tuple
keys()	Return list of *D*'s keys
pop(*k*, [*val*])	Remove key *k*, return mapped value or *val* if *k* not in *D*
values()	Return list of *D*'s values

Common File Methods

F.method()	Result/Returns
read([*n*])	Return str of next *n* chars from *F*, or up to EOF if *n* not given
readline([*n*])	Return str up to next newline, or at most *n* chars if specified
readlines()	Return list of all lines in *F*, where each item is a line
write(*s*)	Write str *s* to *F*
writelines(*L*)	Write all str in seq *L* to *F*
close()	Closes the file

Other Syntax

Hold window for user keystroke to close:

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    raw_input("Press <Enter> to quit.")
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Prevent execution on import:

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    if name == "_main_":
        main()
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Displayable ASCII Characters

32	SP	48	0	64	@	80	P	96	`	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
36	$	52	4	68	D	84	T	100	d	116	t
37	%	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	e	117	u
38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
39	'	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	w
40	(	56	8	72	H	88	X	104	h	120	x
41	)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	y
42	*	58	:	74	J	90	Z	105	j	122	z
43	+	59	;	75	K	91	[	107	k	123	{
44	,	60	<	76	L	92	\	108	l	124	|
45	-	61	=	77	M	93	]	109	m	125	}
46	.	62	>	78	N	94	^	110	n	126	~
47	/	63	?	79	O	95	_	111	o	127	DEL

`'\0' = 0, '\t' = 9, '\n' = 10`