

## Type hierarchy: the standard types are not a simple list, but rather a hierarchy.

Note: I have not listed all the types. See Ch. 3 of The Python Language Reference or Ch. 5 of The Python Standard Library for more complete lists. Both are online here and are very good references for the future:

[Python documentation on data types](#)

[And some more Python docs on related issues](#)

**None:** this type has a single value, and only the object named 'None' has this value. Hence, you cannot name anything else 'None.' True and False, which are the values of the Boolean type (below) are also constants.

### Numbers

Integral

Integer: Integer numbers between at least -2147483648 and 2147483647

Boolean: Two values – True and False.

Real

Float: Supports some range of decimal places, depending on memory

**Sequences:** A finite ordered set. Can be “indexed” and “sliced,” (more on these later).

Immutable Sequences: Cannot be changed after creation

Strings: 0 or more characters (represented by ASCII)

Tuples: Grouping of two objects: (1,2). (1,) = singleton, () = empty tuple.

Mutable Sequences: May be changed by functions after creation

Lists: Grouping of N objects: [1,2,3]

Arrays (available in extension modules only): like a multidimensional list

**Set Types:** Unordered, finite sets of unique, immutable objects. Good for fast membership testing, but not much else as far as I can tell.

Sets: Mutable sets, e.g. can be added to

Frozen Set: Immutable

**Mappings:** Finite sets of unordered objects indexed by arbitrary index sets.

Dictionaries: Key-value pairs, represented {key:value}. Keys index values. Values are arbitrary objects, but keys can only be immutable types.

The following types get fancier, and we'll cover some of them later. You may never use some of them (you'll definitely need a few), but it's important to be aware of all of them in case you want to build larger, fancier code in the future.

**Callable Types:** These are types you can “call” with the expression: type().

User-defined functions: A function you make with a function definition statement

Generator functions: A special type of function that returns an iterator

Modules: Typically just files of python code. These will have sets of functions which work within the “namespace” of the module. Load a module (named “mymodule” in this case) with:

```
'''Python
import mymodule
'''
```

Get the available functions (names) with:

```
'''Python

dir(mymodule)

'''
```

Execute a function from the module with:

```
'''python
mymodule.myfunction
'''
```

The name of the module is denoted:  
name

**Files:** This refers to files that have been opened with the open() function. The objects sys.stdin, sys.stdout, and sys.stderr are all initialized to the file object once it is opened, which means you can control these flows from within the python script.

**Classes:** User defined type – advanced.