**Data types in Python**

Every value in Python has a datatype. Since everything is an object in Python programming, data types are actually classes and variables are instance (object) of these classes.

There are various data types in Python. Some of the important types are listed below.

### Python Numbers

Integers, floating point numbers and complex numbers falls under [Python numbers](https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/numbers) category. They are defined as int, float and complex class in Python.

We can use the type() function to know which class a variable or a value belongs to and the isinstance() function to check if an object belongs to a particular class.

Ex: a = 5

print(a, "is of type", type(a))

a = 2.0

print(a, "is of type", type(a))

a = 1+2j

print(a, "is complex number?", isinstance(1+2j,complex))

Integers can be of any length, it is only limited by the memory available.

A floating point number is accurate up to 15 decimal places. Integer and floating points are separated by decimal points. 1 is integer, 1.0 is floating point number.

Complex numbers are written in the form, x + yj, where x is the real part and y is the imaginary part. Here are some examples.

### Python List

[List](https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/list) is an ordered sequence of items. It is one of the most used datatype in Python and is very flexible. All the items in a list do not need to be of the same type.

Ex: a = [1, 2.2 , ‘python’]

#a[2] = 15

Lists are mutable, meaning, value of elements of a list can be altered.

### Python Tuple

[Tuple](https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/tuple) is an ordered sequence of items same as list.The only difference is that tuples are immutable. Tuples once created cannot be modified.

Tuples are used to write-protect data and are usually faster than list as it cannot change dynamically.

It is defined within parentheses () where items are separated by commas.

Ex: t=(5,’program’,1+3j)

### Python Strings

[String](https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/string) is sequence of Unicode characters. We can use single quotes or double quotes to represent strings. Multi-line strings can be denoted using triple quotes, ''' or """.

Ex: a = “This is a string”

### Python Set

[Set](https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/set) is an unordered collection of unique items. Set is defined by values separated by comma inside braces { }. Items in a set are not ordered.

Ex: a ={4,3,21,8,9}

We can perform set operations like union, intersection on two sets. Set have unique values. They eliminate duplicates.

Ex: a= {1,1,2,2,2,3,3,3,4,4}

>>a

{1,2,3,4}

Since, set are unordered collection, indexing has no meaning. Hence the slicing operator [] does not work.

### Python Dictionary

[Dictionary](https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/dictionary) is an unordered collection of key-value pairs.

It is generally used when we have a huge amount of data. Dictionaries are optimized for retrieving data. We must know the key to retrieve the value.

In Python, dictionaries are defined within braces {} with each item being a pair in the form key:value. Key and value can be of any type.

Ex: d ={1:’value’,’key’:2}

>>type(d)

<class ‘dict’>