Python Tuples

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mytuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")

Tuple

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A tuple is a collection which is ordered and **unchangeable**.

Tuples are written with round brackets.

Example

Create a Tuple:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
print(thistuple)

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Tuple Items

Tuple items are ordered, unchangeable, and allow duplicate values.

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

Ordered

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

Unchangeable

Tuples are unchangeable, meaning that we cannot change, add or remove items after the tuple has been created.

Allow Duplicates

Since tuples are indexed, they can have items with the same value:

Example

Tuples allow duplicate values:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "apple", "cherry")  
print(thistuple)

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Tuple Length

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

Example

Print the number of items in the tuple:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
print(len(thistuple))

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Create Tuple With One Item

To create a tuple with only one item, you have to add a comma after the item, otherwise Python will not recognize it as a tuple.

Example

One item tuple, remember the comma:

thistuple = ("apple",)  
print(type(thistuple))  
  
#NOT a tuple  
thistuple = ("apple")  
print(type(thistuple))

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Tuple Items - Data Types

Tuple items can be of any data type:

Example

String, int and boolean data types:

tuple1 = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
tuple2 = (1, 5, 7, 9, 3)  
tuple3 = (True, False, False)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_datatypes)

A tuple can contain different data types:

Example

A tuple with strings, integers and boolean values:

tuple1 = ("abc", 34, True, 40, "male")

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type()

From Python's perspective, tuples are defined as objects with the data type 'tuple':

<class 'tuple'>

Example

What is the data type of a tuple?

mytuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
print(type(mytuple))

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The tuple() Constructor

It is also possible to use the tuple() constructor to make a tuple.

Example

Using the tuple() method to make a tuple:

thistuple = tuple(("apple", "banana", "cherry")) # note the double round-brackets  
print(thistuple)

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# Python - Access Tuple Items

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## Access Tuple Items

You can access tuple items by referring to the index number, inside square brackets:

### Example

Print the second item in the tuple:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
print(thistuple[1])

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**Note:** The first item has index 0.

## Negative Indexing

Negative indexing means start from the end.

-1 refers to the last item, -2 refers to the second last item etc.

### Example

Print the last item of the tuple:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
print(thistuple[-1])

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## Range of Indexes

You can specify a range of indexes by specifying where to start and where to end the range.

When specifying a range, the return value will be a new tuple with the specified items.

### Example

Return the third, fourth, and fifth item:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")  
print(thistuple[2:5])

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**Note:** The search will start at index 2 (included) and end at index 5 (not included).

Remember that the first item has index 0.

By leaving out the start value, the range will start at the first item:

### Example

This example returns the items from the beginning to, but NOT included, "kiwi":

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")  
print(thistuple[:4])

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By leaving out the end value, the range will go on to the end of the list:

### Example

This example returns the items from "cherry" and to the end:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")  
print(thistuple[2:])

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## Range of Negative Indexes

Specify negative indexes if you want to start the search from the end of the tuple:

### Example

This example returns the items from index -4 (included) to index -1 (excluded)

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")  
print(thistuple[-4:-1])

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_range_negative)

## Check if Item Exists

To determine if a specified item is present in a tuple use the in keyword:

### Example

Check if "apple" is present in the tuple:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
if "apple" in thistuple:  
  print("Yes, 'apple' is in the fruits tuple")

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# Python - Update Tuples

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Tuples are unchangeable, meaning that you cannot change, add, or remove items once the tuple is created.

But there are some workarounds.

## Change Tuple Values

Once a tuple is created, you cannot change its values. Tuples are **unchangeable**, or **immutable** as it also is called.

But there is a workaround. You can convert the tuple into a list, change the list, and convert the list back into a tuple.

### Example

Convert the tuple into a list to be able to change it:

x = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
y = list(x)  
y[1] = "kiwi"  
x = tuple(y)  
  
print(x)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_change)

## Add Items

Since tuples are immutable, they do not have a build-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.

### Example

Convert the tuple into a list, add "orange", and convert it back into a tuple:

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

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_add_orange)

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:

### Example

Create a new tuple with the value "orange", and add that tuple:

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

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_add_tuple)

**Note:** When creating a tuple with only one item, remember to include a comma after the item, otherwise it will not be identified as a tuple.

## Remove Items

**Note:** You cannot remove items in a tuple.

Tuples are **unchangeable**, so you cannot remove items from it, but you can use the same workaround as we used for changing and adding tuple items:

### Example

Convert the tuple into a list, remove "apple", and convert it back into a tuple:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
y = list(thistuple)  
y.remove("apple")  
thistuple = tuple(y)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_remove)

Or you can delete the tuple completely:

### Example

The del keyword can delete the tuple completely:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
del thistuple  
print(thistuple) #this will raise an error because the tuple no longer exists

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# Python - Unpack Tuples

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## Unpacking a Tuple

When we create a tuple, we normally assign values to it. This is called "packing" a tuple:

### Example

Packing a tuple:

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

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But, in Python, we are also allowed to extract the values back into variables. This is called "unpacking":

### Example

Unpacking a tuple:

fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
  
(green, yellow, red) = fruits  
  
print(green)  
print(yellow)  
print(red)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_unpacking)

**Note:** The number of variables must match the number of values in the tuple, if not, you must use an asterisk to collect the remaining values as a list.

## Using Asterisk\*

If the number of variables is less than the number of values, you can add an \* to the variable name and the values will be assigned to the variable as a list:

### Example

Assign the rest of the values as a list called "red":

fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "strawberry", "raspberry")  
  
(green, yellow, \*red) = fruits  
  
print(green)  
print(yellow)  
print(red)

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If the asterisk is added to another variable name than the last, Python will assign values to the variable until the number of values left matches the number of variables left.

### Example

Add a list of values the "tropic" variable:

fruits = ("apple", "mango", "papaya", "pineapple", "cherry")  
  
(green, \*tropic, red) = fruits  
  
print(green)  
print(tropic)  
print(red)

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## Loop Through a Tuple

You can loop through the tuple items by using a for loop.

### Example

Iterate through the items and print the values:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
for x in thistuple:  
  print(x)

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Learn more about for loops in our [Python For Loops](https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_for_loops.asp) Chapter.

## Loop Through the Index Numbers

You can also loop through the tuple items by referring to their index number.

Use the range() and len() functions to create a suitable iterable.

### Example

Print all items by referring to their index number:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
for i in range(len(thistuple)):  
  print(thistuple[i])

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_loop_index)

## Using a While Loop

You can loop through the list items by using a while loop.

Use the len() function to determine the length of the tuple, then start at 0 and loop your way through the tuple items by refering to their indexes.

Remember to increase the index by 1 after each iteration.

### Example

Print all items, using a while loop to go through all the index numbers:

thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
i = 0  
while i < len(thistuple):  
  print(thistuple[i])  
  i = i + 1

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_while)

Learn more about while loops in our [Python While Loops](https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_while_loops.asp) Chapter.

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# Python - Join Tuples

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## Join Two Tuples

To join two or more tuples you can use the + operator:

### Example

Join two tuples:

tuple1 = ("a", "b" , "c")  
tuple2 = (1, 2, 3)  
  
tuple3 = tuple1 + tuple2  
print(tuple3)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_concat)

## Multiply Tuples

If you want to multiply the content of a tuple a given number of times, you can use the \* operator:

### Example

Multiply the fruits tuple by 2:

fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
mytuple = fruits \* 2  
  
print(mytuple)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_tuple_multiply)

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## Tuple Methods

Python has two built-in methods that you can use on tuples.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Method** | **Description** |
| [count()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_tuple_count.asp) | Returns the number of times a specified value occurs in a tuple |
| [index()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_tuple_index.asp) | Searches the tuple for a specified value and returns the position of where it was found |

Python Sets

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myset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}

Set

Sets are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

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A set is a collection which is *unordered*, *unchangeable\**, and *unindexed*.

**\* Note:** Set *items* are unchangeable, but you can remove items and add new items.

Sets are written with curly brackets.

Example

Create a Set:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
print(thisset)

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**Note:** Sets are unordered, so you cannot be sure in which order the items will appear.

Set Items

Set items are unordered, unchangeable, and do not allow duplicate values.

Unordered

Unordered means that the items in a set do not have a defined order.

Set items can appear in a different order every time you use them, and cannot be referred to by index or key.

Unchangeable

Set items are unchangeable, meaning that we cannot change the items after the set has been created.

Once a set is created, you cannot change its items, but you can remove items and add new items.

Duplicates Not Allowed

Sets cannot have two items with the same value.

Example

Duplicate values will be ignored:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry", "apple"}  
  
print(thisset)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_sets_duplicate_error)

Get the Length of a Set

To determine how many items a set has, use the len() method.

Example

Get the number of items in a set:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
print(len(thisset))

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_set_length)

Set Items - Data Types

Set items can be of any data type:

Example

String, int and boolean data types:

set1 = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
set2 = {1, 5, 7, 9, 3}  
set3 = {True, False, False}

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_set_datatypes)

A set can contain different data types:

Example

A set with strings, integers and boolean values:

set1 = {"abc", 34, True, 40, "male"}

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type()

From Python's perspective, sets are defined as objects with the data type 'set':

<class 'set'>

Example

What is the data type of a set?

myset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
print(type(myset))

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The set() Constructor

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Example

Using the set() constructor to make a set:

thisset = set(("apple", "banana", "cherry")) # note the double round-brackets  
print(thisset)

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## Access Items

You cannot access items in a set by referring to an index or a key.

But you can loop through the set items using a for loop, or ask if a specified value is present in a set, by using the in keyword.

### Example

Loop through the set, and print the values:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
for x in thisset:  
  print(x)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_set_loop)

### Example

Check if "banana" is present in the set:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
print("banana" in thisset)

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## Change Items

Once a set is created, you cannot change its items, but you can add new items.

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# Python - Add Set Items

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## Add Items

Once a set is created, you cannot change its items, but you can add new items.

To add one item to a set use the add() method.

### Example

Add an item to a set, using the add() method:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
thisset.add("orange")  
  
print(thisset)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_set_add)

## Add Sets

To add items from another set into the current set, use the update() method.

### Example

Add elements from tropical into thisset:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
tropical = {"pineapple", "mango", "papaya"}  
  
thisset.update(tropical)  
  
print(thisset)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_sets_update)

## Add Any Iterable

The object in the update() method does not have to be a set, it can be any iterable object (tuples, lists, dictionaries etc.).

### Example

Add elements of a list to at set:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
mylist = ["kiwi", "orange"]  
  
thisset.update(mylist)  
  
print(thisset)

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# Python - Remove Set Items

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## Remove Item

To remove an item in a set, use the remove(), or the discard() method.

### Example

Remove "banana" by using the remove() method:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
thisset.remove("banana")  
  
print(thisset)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_set_remove)

**Note:** If the item to remove does not exist, remove() will raise an error.

### Example

Remove "banana" by using the discard() method:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
thisset.discard("banana")  
  
print(thisset)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_set_discard)

**Note:** If the item to remove does not exist, discard() will **NOT** raise an error.

You can also use the pop() method to remove an item, but this method will remove the last item. Remember that sets are unordered, so you will not know what item that gets removed.

The return value of the pop() method is the removed item.

### Example

Remove the last item by using the pop() method:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
x = thisset.pop()  
  
print(x)  
  
print(thisset)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_set_pop)

**Note:** Sets are unordered, so when using the pop() method, you do not know which item that gets removed.

### Example

The clear() method empties the set:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
thisset.clear()  
  
print(thisset)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_set_clear)

### Example

The del keyword will delete the set completely:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
del thisset  
  
print(thisset)

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## Loop Items

You can loop through the set items by using a for loop:

### Example

Loop through the set, and print the values:

thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
for x in thisset:  
  print(x)

# Python - Join Sets

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## Join Two Sets

There are several ways to join two or more sets in Python.

You can use the union() method that returns a new set containing all items from both sets, or the update() method that inserts all the items from one set into another:

### Example

The union() method returns a new set with all items from both sets:

set1 = {"a", "b" , "c"}  
set2 = {1, 2, 3}  
  
set3 = set1.union(set2)  
print(set3)

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### Example

The update() method inserts the items in set2 into set1:

set1 = {"a", "b" , "c"}  
set2 = {1, 2, 3}  
  
set1.update(set2)  
print(set1)

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**Note:** Both union() and update() will exclude any duplicate items.

## Keep ONLY the Duplicates

The intersection\_update() method will keep only the items that are present in both sets.

### Example

Keep the items that exist in both set x, and set y:

x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}  
  
x.intersection\_update(y)  
  
print(x)

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The intersection() method will return a new set, that only contains the items that are present in both sets.

### Example

Return a set that contains the items that exist in both set x, and set y:

x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}  
  
z = x.intersection(y)  
  
print(z)

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## Keep All, But NOT the Duplicates

The symmetric\_difference\_update() method will keep only the elements that are NOT present in both sets.

### Example

Keep the items that are not present in both sets:

x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}  
  
x.symmetric\_difference\_update(y)  
  
print(x)

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The symmetric\_difference() method will return a new set, that contains only the elements that are NOT present in both sets.

### Example

Return a set that contains all items from both sets, except items that are present in both:

x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}  
  
z = x.symmetric\_difference(y)  
  
print(z)

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# Python - Set Methods

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## Set Methods

Python has a set of built-in methods that you can use on sets.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Method** | **Description** |
| [add()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_add.asp) | Adds an element to the set |
| [clear()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_clear.asp) | Removes all the elements from the set |
| [copy()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_copy.asp) | Returns a copy of the set |
| [difference()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_difference.asp) | Returns a set containing the difference between two or more sets |
| [difference\_update()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_difference_update.asp) | Removes the items in this set that are also included in another, specified set |
| [discard()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_discard.asp) | Remove the specified item |
| [intersection()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_intersection.asp) | Returns a set, that is the intersection of two other sets |
| [intersection\_update()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_intersection_update.asp) | Removes the items in this set that are not present in other, specified set(s) |
| [isdisjoint()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_isdisjoint.asp) | Returns whether two sets have a intersection or not |
| [issubset()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_issubset.asp) | Returns whether another set contains this set or not |
| [issuperset()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_issuperset.asp) | Returns whether this set contains another set or not |
| [pop()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_pop.asp) | Removes an element from the set |
| [remove()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_remove.asp) | Removes the specified element |
| [symmetric\_difference()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_symmetric_difference.asp) | Returns a set with the symmetric differences of two sets |
| [symmetric\_difference\_update()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_symmetric_difference_update.asp) | inserts the symmetric differences from this set and another |
| [union()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_union.asp) | Return a set containing the union of sets |
| [update()](https://www.w3schools.com/python/ref_set_update.asp) | Update the set with the union of this set and others |

Python Dictionaries

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thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964  
}

Dictionary

Dictionaries are used to store data values in key:value pairs.

A dictionary is a collection which is ordered\*, changeable and does not allow duplicates.

As of Python version 3.7, dictionaries are *ordered*. In Python 3.6 and earlier, dictionaries are *unordered*.

Dictionaries are written with curly brackets, and have keys and values:

Example

Create and print a dictionary:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964  
}  
print(thisdict)

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_dictionary)

Dictionary Items

Dictionary items are ordered, changeable, and does not allow duplicates.

Dictionary items are presented in key:value pairs, and can be referred to by using the key name.

Example

Print the "brand" value of the dictionary:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964  
}  
print(thisdict["brand"])

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Ordered or Unordered?

As of Python version 3.7, dictionaries are *ordered*. In Python 3.6 and earlier, dictionaries are *unordered*.

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

Unordered means that the items does not have a defined order, you cannot refer to an item by using an index.

Changeable

Dictionaries are changeable, meaning that we can change, add or remove items after the dictionary has been created.

Duplicates Not Allowed

Dictionaries cannot have two items with the same key:

Example

Duplicate values will overwrite existing values:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964,  
  "year": 2020  
}  
print(thisdict)

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Dictionary Length

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

Example

Print the number of items in the dictionary:

print(len(thisdict))

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Dictionary Items - Data Types

The values in dictionary items can be of any data type:

Example

String, int, boolean, and list data types:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "electric": False,  
  "year": 1964,  
  "colors": ["red", "white", "blue"]  
}

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type()

From Python's perspective, dictionaries are defined as objects with the data type 'dict':

<class 'dict'>

Example

Print the data type of a dictionary:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964  
}  
print(type(thisdict))

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Python Collections (Arrays)

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

* [**List**](https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_lists.asp) is a collection which is ordered and changeable. Allows duplicate members.
* [**Tuple**](https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_tuples.asp) is a collection which is ordered and unchangeable. Allows duplicate members.
* [**Set**](https://www.w3schools.com/python/python_sets.asp) is a collection which is unordered, unchangeable\*, and unindexed. No duplicate members.
* **Dictionary** is a collection which is ordered\*\* and changeable. No duplicate members.

\*Set *items* are unchangeable, but you can remove and/or add items whenever you like.

\*\*As of Python version 3.7, dictionaries are *ordered*. In Python 3.6 and earlier, dictionaries are *unordered*.

When choosing a collection type, it is useful to understand the properties of that type. Choosing the right type for a particular data set could mean retention of meaning, and, it could mean an increase in efficiency or security.

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# Python - Access Dictionary Items

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## Accessing Items

You can access the items of a dictionary by referring to its key name, inside square brackets:

### Example

Get the value of the "model" key:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964  
}  
x = thisdict["model"]

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There is also a method called get() that will give you the same result:

### Example

Get the value of the "model" key:

x = thisdict.get("model")

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## Get Keys

The keys() method will return a list of all the keys in the dictionary.

### Example

Get a list of the keys:

x = thisdict.keys()

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The list of the keys is a view of the dictionary, meaning that any changes done to the dictionary will be reflected in the keys list.

### Example

Add a new item to the original dictionary, and see that the keys list gets updated as well:

car = {  
"brand": "Ford",  
"model": "Mustang",  
"year": 1964  
}  
  
x = car.keys()  
  
print(x) #before the change  
  
car["color"] = "white"  
  
print(x) #after the change

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_dict_keys2)

## Get Values

The values() method will return a list of all the values in the dictionary.

### Example

Get a list of the values:

x = thisdict.values()

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The list of the values is a view of the dictionary, meaning that any changes done to the dictionary will be reflected in the values list.

### Example

Make a change in the original dictionary, and see that the values list gets updated as well:

car = {  
"brand": "Ford",  
"model": "Mustang",  
"year": 1964  
}  
  
x = car.values()  
  
print(x) #before the change  
  
car["year"] = 2020  
  
print(x) #after the change

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### Example

Add a new item to the original dictionary, and see that the values list gets updated as well:

car = {  
"brand": "Ford",  
"model": "Mustang",  
"year": 1964  
}  
  
x = car.values()  
  
print(x) #before the change  
  
car["color"] = "red"  
  
print(x) #after the change

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## Get Items

The items() method will return each item in a dictionary, as tuples in a list.

### Example

Get a list of the key:value pairs

x = thisdict.items()

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The returned list is a view of the items of the dictionary, meaning that any changes done to the dictionary will be reflected in the items list.

### Example

Make a change in the original dictionary, and see that the items list gets updated as well:

car = {  
"brand": "Ford",  
"model": "Mustang",  
"year": 1964  
}  
  
x = car.items()  
  
print(x) #before the change  
  
car["year"] = 2020  
  
print(x) #after the change

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### Example

Add a new item to the original dictionary, and see that the items list gets updated as well:

car = {  
"brand": "Ford",  
"model": "Mustang",  
"year": 1964  
}  
  
x = car.items()  
  
print(x) #before the change  
  
car["color"] = "red"  
  
print(x) #after the change

[Try it Yourself »](https://www.w3schools.com/python/trypython.asp?filename=demo_dict_items3)

## Check if Key Exists

To determine if a specified key is present in a dictionary use the in keyword:

### Example

Check if "model" is present in the dictionary:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964  
}  
if "model" in thisdict:  
  print("Yes, 'model' is one of the keys in the thisdict dictionary")

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# Python - Change Dictionary Items

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## Change Values

You can change the value of a specific item by referring to its key name:

### Example

Change the "year" to 2018:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964  
}  
thisdict["year"] = 2018

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## Update Dictionary

The update() method will update the dictionary with the items from the given argument.

The argument must be a dictionary, or an iterable object with key:value pairs.

### Example

Update the "year" of the car by using the update() method:

thisdict = {  
  "brand": "Ford",  
  "model": "Mustang",  
  "year": 1964  
}  
thisdict.update({"year": 2020})

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