

QuickRef.ME



Stars

Unable to select next GitHub token from pool



Python

The [Python](#) cheat sheet is a one-page reference sheet for the Python 3 programming language.

Getting Started

Introduction

[Python](#) (python.org)

[Learn X in Y minutes](#) (learnxinyminutes.com)

[Regex in python](#) (quickref.me)

Hello World

```
>>> print("Hello, World!")  
Hello, World!
```

The famous "Hello World" program in Python

Variables

```
age = 18      # age is of type int  
name = "John" # name is now of type str  
print(name)
```

Python can't declare a variable without assignment.

Data Types

<code>str</code>	Text
<code>int, float, complex</code>	Numeric
<code>list, tuple, range</code>	Sequence
<code>dict</code>	Mapping
<code>set, frozenset</code>	Set
<code>bool</code>	Boolean
<code>bytes, bytearray, memoryview</code>	Binary

Slicing String

```
>>> msg = "Hello, World!"
>>> print(msg[2:5])
llo
```

See: [Strings](#)

Lists

```
mylist = []
mylist.append(1)
mylist.append(2)
for item in mylist:
    print(item) # prints out 1,2
```

See: [Lists](#)

If Else

```
num = 200
if num > 0:
    print("num is greater than 0")
else:
    print("num is not greater than 0")
```

See: [Flow control](#)

Loops

```
for item in range(6):
    if item == 3: break
    print(item)
else:
    print("Finally finished!")
```

See: [Loops](#)

Functions

```
>>> def my_function():
...     print("Hello from a function")
...
>>> my_function()
Hello from a function
```

See: [Functions](#)

File Handling

```
with open("myfile.txt", "r", encoding='utf8') as file:
    for line in file:
        print(line)
```

See: [File Handling](#)

Arithmetic

```
result = 10 + 30 # => 40
result = 40 - 10 # => 30
result = 50 * 5 # => 250
result = 16 / 4 # => 4.0 (Float Division)
result = 16 // 4 # => 4 (Integer Division)
result = 25 % 2 # => 1
result = 5 ** 3 # => 125
```

The / means quotient of x and y, and the // means floored quotient of x and y, also see [StackOverflow](#)

Plus-Equals

```
counter = 0
counter += 10 # => 10
```

```
counter = 0
counter = counter + 10 # => 10

message = "Part 1."

# => Part 1.Part 2.
message += "Part 2."
```

f-Strings (Python 3.6+)

```
>>> website = 'Quickref.ME'
>>> f"Hello, {website}"
"Hello, Quickref.ME"

>>> num = 10
>>> f'{num} + 10 = {num + 10}'
'10 + 10 = 20'
```

See: [Python F-Strings](#)

Python Built-in Data Types

Strings

```
hello = "Hello World"
hello = 'Hello World'

multi_string = """Multiline Strings
Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,
consectetur adipiscing elit """
```

See: [Strings](#)

Numbers

```
x = 1      # int
y = 2.8    # float
z = 1j     # complex
```

```
>>> print(type(x))
<class 'int'>
```

Booleans

```
my_bool = True
my_bool = False

bool(0)      # => False
bool(1)      # => True
```

Lists

```
list1 = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
list2 = [True, False, False]
list3 = [1, 5, 7, 9, 3]
list4 = list((1, 5, 7, 9, 3))
```

See: [Lists](#)

Tuple

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)
my_tuple = tuple((1, 2, 3))
```

Similar to List but immutable

Set

```
set1 = {"a", "b", "c"}
set2 = set(("a", "b", "c"))
```

Set of unique items/objects

Dictionary

```
>>> empty_dict = {}
>>> a = {"one": 1, "two": 2, "three": 3}
>>> a["one"]
1
>>> a.keys()
dict_keys(['one', 'two', 'three'])
>>> a.values()
```

```
dict_values([1, 2, 3])
>>> a.update({"four": 4})
>>> a.keys()
dict_keys(['one', 'two', 'three', 'four'])
>>> a['four']
4
```

Key: Value pair, JSON like object

Casting

Integers

```
x = int(1)    # x will be 1
y = int(2.8)  # y will be 2
z = int("3")  # z will be 3
```

FLOATS

```
x = float(1)      # x will be 1.0
y = float(2.8)    # y will be 2.8
z = float("3")    # z will be 3.0
w = float("4.2")  # w will be 4.2
```

Strings

```
x = str("s1") # x will be 's1'
y = str(2)     # y will be '2'
z = str(3.0)   # z will be '3.0'
```

Python Advanced Data Types

Heaps

```
import heapq

myList = [9, 5, 4, 1, 3, 2]
heapq.heapify(myList) # turn myList into a Min Heap
print(myList)      # => [1, 3, 2, 5, 9, 4]
print(myList[0])   # first value is always the smallest in the heap
```

```
heapq.heappush(myList, 10) # insert 10
x = heapq.heappop(myList) # pop and return smallest item
print(x) # => 1
```

Negate all values to use Min Heap as Max Heap

```
myList = [9, 5, 4, 1, 3, 2]
myList = [-val for val in myList] # multiply by -1 to negate
heapq.heapify(myList)

x = heapq.heappop(myList)
print(-x) # => 9 (making sure to multiply by -1 again)
```

Heaps are binary trees for which every parent node has a value less than or equal to any of its children. Useful for accessing min/max value quickly. Time complexity: O(n) for heapify, O(log n) push and pop.
See: [Heapq](#)

Stacks and Queues

```
from collections import deque

q = deque() # empty
q = deque([1, 2, 3]) # with values

q.append(4) # append to right side
q.appendleft(0) # append to left side
print(q) # => deque([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])

x = q.pop() # remove & return from right
y = q.popleft() # remove & return from left
print(x) # => 4
print(y) # => 0
print(q) # => deque([1, 2, 3])

q.rotate(1) # rotate 1 step to the right
print(q) # => deque([3, 1, 2])
```

Deque is a double-ended queue with O(1) time for append/pop operations from both sides. Used as stacks and queues. See: [Deque](#)

Python Strings

Array-like

```
>>> hello = "Hello, World"
>>> print(hello[1])
e
>>> print(hello[-1])
d
```

Get the character at position 1 or last

Looping

```
>>> for char in "foo":
...     print(char)
f
o
o
```

Loop through the letters in the word "foo"

Slicing string

	m	y	b	a	c	o	n	
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	

```
>>> s = 'mybacon'
>>> s[2:5]
'bac'
>>> s[0:2]
'my'
```

```
>>> s = 'mybacon'
>>> s[:2]
'my'
>>> s[2:]
'bacon'
```

```
>>> s[:2] + s[2:]
'mybacon'
>>> s[:]
'mybacon'
```

```
>>> s = 'mybacon'
>>> s[-5:-1]
'baco'
>>> s[2:6]
'baco'
```

With a stride

```
>>> s = '12345' * 5
>>> s
'1234512345123451234512345'
>>> s[::-5]
'11111'
>>> s[4::-5]
'55555'
>>> s[::-5]
'55555'
>>> s[::-1]
'5432154321543215432154321'
```

String Length

```
>>> hello = "Hello, World!"
>>> print(len(hello))
13
```

The `len()` function returns the length of a string

Multiple copies

```
>>> s = '====='
>>> n = 8
>>> s * n
'=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+=====+'
```

Check String

```
>>> s = 'spam'
>>> s in 'I saw spamalot!'
True
>>> s not in 'I saw The Holy Grail!'
```

Concatenates

```
>>> s = 'spam'
>>> t = 'egg'
>>> s + t
'spamegg'
>>> 'spam' 'egg'
'spamegg'
```

Formatting

```
name = "John"
print("Hello, %s!" % name)

name = "John"
age = 23
print("%s is %d years old." % (name, age))
```

format() Method

```
txt1 = "My name is {fname}, I'm {age}.".format(fname="John", age=36)
txt2 = "My name is {0}, I'm {1}.".format("John", 36)
txt3 = "My name is {}, I'm {}.".format("John", 36)
```

Input

```
>>> name = input("Enter your name: ")
Enter your name: Tom
>>> name
'Tom'
```

Get input data from console

Join

```
>>> "#".join(["John", "Peter", "Vicky"])
```

Endswith

```
>>> "Hello, world!".endswith("!")
True
```

Python F-Strings (Since Python 3.6+)

f-Strings usage

```
>>> website = 'Quickref.ME'
>>> f"Hello, {website}"
"Hello, Quickref.ME"

>>> num = 10
>>> f'{num} + 10 = {num + 10}'
'10 + 10 = 20'

>>> f"""He said {"I'm John}"""
"He said I'm John"

>>> f'5 {"{stars}"}'
'5 {stars}'
>>> f'{{5}} {"stars"}'
'{5} stars'

>>> name = 'Eric'
>>> age = 27
>>> f"""Hello!
...     I'm {name}.
...     I'm {age}."""
"Hello!\n    I'm Eric.\n    I'm 27."
```

it is available since Python 3.6, also see: [Formatted string literals](#)

f-Strings Fill Align

```
>>> f'{"text":10}'      # [width]
'text      '
>>> f'{"test":*>10}'   # fill left
```

```
'*****test'
>>> f'{"test":*<10}'    # fill right
'test*****'
>>> f'{"test":*^10}'    # fill center
'***test***'
>>> f'{12345:0>10}'   # fill with numbers
'0000012345'
```

f-Strings Type

```
>>> f'{10:b}'          # binary type
'1010'
>>> f'{10:o}'          # octal type
'12'
>>> f'{200:x}'         # hexadecimal type
'c8'
>>> f'{200:X}'         #
'C8'
>>> f'{345600000000:e}' # scientific notation
'3.456000e+11'
>>> f'{65:c}'          # character type
'A'
>>> f'{10:#b}'         # [type] with notation (base)
'0b1010'
>>> f'{10:#o}'         #
'0o12'
>>> f'{10:#x}'         #
'0xa'
```

F-Strings Others

```
>>> f'{-12345:0=10}'   # negative numbers
'-000012345'
>>> f'{12345:010}'     # [0] shortcut (no align)
'0000012345'
>>> f'{-12345:010}'   #
'-000012345'
>>> import math        # [.precision]
>>> math.pi
3.141592653589793
>>> f'{math.pi:.2f}'
'3.14'
>>> f'{1000000:, .2f}' # [grouping_option]
```

```
'1,000,000.00'
>>> f'{1000000:_..2f}'
'1_000_000.00'
>>> f'{0.25:%}'      # percentage
'25.000000%'
>>> f'{0.25:.0%}'
'25%'
```

F-Strings Sign

```
>>> f'{12345:+}'      # [sign] (+/-)
'+12345'
>>> f'{-12345:+}'
'-12345'
>>> f'{-12345:+10}'
'-     12345'
>>> f'{-12345:+010}'
'-000012345'
```

Python Lists

Defining

```
>>> li1 = []
>>> li1
[]
>>> li2 = [4, 5, 6]
>>> li2
[4, 5, 6]
>>> li3 = list((1, 2, 3))
>>> li3
[1, 2, 3]
>>> li4 = list(range(1, 11))
>>> li4
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

Generate

```
>>> list(filter(lambda x : x % 2 == 1, range(1, 20)))
[1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19]
```

```
>>> [x ** 2 for x in range (1, 11) if x % 2 == 1]
[1, 9, 25, 49, 81]

>>> [x for x in [3, 4, 5, 6, 7] if x > 5]
[6, 7]

>>> list(filter(lambda x: x > 5, [3, 4, 5, 6, 7]))
[6, 7]
```

[Append](#)

```
>>> li = []
>>> li.append(1)
>>> li
[1]
>>> li.append(2)
>>> li
[1, 2]
>>> li.append(4)
>>> li
[1, 2, 4]
>>> li.append(3)
>>> li
[1, 2, 4, 3]
```

[List Slicing](#)

Syntax of list slicing:

```
a_list[start:end]
a_list[start:end:step]
```

[Slicing](#)

```
>>> a = ['spam', 'egg', 'bacon', 'tomato', 'ham', 'lobster']
>>> a[2:5]
['bacon', 'tomato', 'ham']
>>> a[-5:-2]
['egg', 'bacon', 'tomato']
>>> a[1:4]
['egg', 'bacon', 'tomato']
```

[Omitting index](#)

```
>>> a[:4]
['spam', 'egg', 'bacon', 'tomato']
>>> a[0:4]
['spam', 'egg', 'bacon', 'tomato']
>>> a[2:]
['bacon', 'tomato', 'ham', 'lobster']
>>> a[2:len(a)]
['bacon', 'tomato', 'ham', 'lobster']
>>> a
['spam', 'egg', 'bacon', 'tomato', 'ham', 'lobster']
>>> a[:]
['spam', 'egg', 'bacon', 'tomato', 'ham', 'lobster']
```

With a stride

```
['spam', 'egg', 'bacon', 'tomato', 'ham', 'lobster']
>>> a[0:6:2]
['spam', 'bacon', 'ham']
>>> a[1:6:2]
['egg', 'tomato', 'lobster']
>>> a[6:0:-2]
['lobster', 'tomato', 'egg']
>>> a
['spam', 'egg', 'bacon', 'tomato', 'ham', 'lobster']
>>> a[::-1]
['lobster', 'ham', 'tomato', 'bacon', 'egg', 'spam']
```

[Remove](#)

```
>>> li = ['bread', 'butter', 'milk']
>>> li.pop()
'milk'
>>> li
['bread', 'butter']
>>> del li[0]
>>> li
['butter']
```

[Access](#)

```
>>> li = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
>>> li[0]
'a'
```

```
>>> li[-1]
'd'
>>> li[4]
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IndexError: list index out of range
```

Concatenating

```
>>> odd = [1, 3, 5]
>>> odd.extend([9, 11, 13])
>>> odd
[1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13]
>>> odd = [1, 3, 5]
>>> odd + [9, 11, 13]
[1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13]
```

Sort & Reverse

```
>>> li = [3, 1, 3, 2, 5]
>>> li.sort()
>>> li
[1, 2, 3, 3, 5]
>>> li.reverse()
>>> li
[5, 3, 3, 2, 1]
```

Count

```
>>> li = [3, 1, 3, 2, 5]
>>> li.count(3)
2
```

Repeating

```
>>> li = ["re"] * 3
>>> li
['re', 're', 're']
```

Python Flow control

Basic

```
num = 5
if num > 10:
    print("num is totally bigger than 10.")
elif num < 10:
    print("num is smaller than 10.")
else:
    print("num is indeed 10.")
```

One line

```
>>> a = 330
>>> b = 200
>>> r = "a" if a > b else "b"
>>> print(r)
a
```

else if

```
value = True
if not value:
    print("Value is False")
elif value is None:
    print("Value is None")
else:
    print("Value is True")
```

Python Loops

Basic

```
primes = [2, 3, 5, 7]
for prime in primes:
    print(prime)
```

Prints: 2 3 5 7

With index

```
animals = ["dog", "cat", "mouse"]
# enumerate() adds counter to an iterable
for i, value in enumerate(animals):
    print(i, value)
```

Prints: 0 dog 1 cat 2 mouse

While

```
x = 0
while x < 4:
    print(x)
    x += 1 # Shorthand for x = x + 1
```

Prints: 0 1 2 3

Break

```
x = 0
for index in range(10):
    x = index * 10
    if index == 5:
        break
    print(x)
```

Prints: 0 10 20 30 40

Continue

```
for index in range(3, 8):
    x = index * 10
    if index == 5:
        continue
    print(x)
```

Prints: 30 40 60 70

Range

```
for i in range(4):
    print(i) # Prints: 0 1 2 3

for i in range(4, 8):
    print(i) # Prints: 4 5 6 7

for i in range(4, 10, 2):
    print(i) # Prints: 4 6 8
```

With zip()

```
words = ['Mon', 'Tue', 'Wed']
nums = [1, 2, 3]
# Use zip to pack into a tuple list
for w, n in zip(words, nums):
    print('%d:%s, %%(n, w))
```

Prints: 1:Mon, 2:Tue, 3:Wed,

for/else

```
nums = [60, 70, 30, 110, 90]
for n in nums:
    if n > 100:
        print("%d is bigger than 100" %n)
        break
else:
    print("Not found!")
```

Also see: [Python Tips](#)

Python Functions

Basic

```
def hello_world():
    print('Hello, World!')
```

Return

```
def add(x, y):
    print("x is %s, y is %s" %(x, y))
    return x + y

add(5, 6)      # => 11
```

Positional arguments

```
def varargs(*args):
    return args

varargs(1, 2, 3)  # => (1, 2, 3)
```

Keyword arguments

```
def keyword_args(**kwargs):
    return kwargs

# => {"big": "foot", "loch": "ness"}
keyword_args(big="foot", loch="ness")
```

Returning multiple

```
def swap(x, y):
    return y, x

x = 1
y = 2
x, y = swap(x, y)  # => x = 2, y = 1
```

Default Value

```
def add(x, y=10):
    return x + y

add(5)      # => 15
add(5, 20)  # => 25
```

Anonymous functions

```
# => True
(lambda x: x > 2)(3)
```

```
# => 5
(lambda x, y: x ** 2 + y ** 2)(2, 1)
```

Python Modules

Import modules

```
import math
print(math.sqrt(16)) # => 4.0
```

From a module

```
from math import ceil, floor
print(ceil(3.7)) # => 4.0
print(floor(3.7)) # => 3.0
```

Import all

```
from math import *
```

Shorten module

```
import math as m
# => True
math.sqrt(16) == m.sqrt(16)
```

Functions and attributes

```
import math
dir(math)
```

Python File Handling

Read file

Line by line

```
with open("myfile.txt") as file:
    for line in file:
        print(line)
```

With line number

```
file = open('myfile.txt', 'r')
for i, line in enumerate(file, start=1):
    print("Number %s: %s" % (i, line))
```

String

Write a string

```
contents = {"aa": 12, "bb": 21}
with open("myfile1.txt", "w+") as file:
    file.write(str(contents))
```

Read a string

```
with open('myfile1.txt', "r+") as file:
    contents = file.read()
print(contents)
```

Object

Write an object

```
contents = {"aa": 12, "bb": 21}
with open("myfile2.txt", "w+") as file:
    file.write(json.dumps(contents))
```

Read an object

```
with open('myfile2.txt', "r+") as file:
    contents = json.load(file)
print(contents)
```

Delete a File

```
import os
```

```
os.remove("myfile.txt")
```

Check and Delete

```
import os
if os.path.exists("myfile.txt"):
    os.remove("myfile.txt")
else:
    print("The file does not exist")
```

Delete Folder

```
import os
os.rmdir("myfolder")
```

Python Classes & Inheritance

Defining

```
class MyNewClass:
    pass

# Class Instantiation
my = MyNewClass()
```

Constructors

```
class Animal:
    def __init__(self, voice):
        self.voice = voice

cat = Animal('Meow')
print(cat.voice)    # => Meow

dog = Animal('Woof')
print(dog.voice)    # => Woof
```

Method

```
class Dog:

    # Method of the class
    def bark(self):
        print("Ham-Ham")

charlie = Dog()
```

Class Variables

```
class MyClass:
    class_variable = "A class variable!"

# => A class variable!
print(MyClass.class_variable)

x = MyClass()

# => A class variable!
print(x.class_variable)
```

Super() Function

```
class ParentClass:
    def print_test(self):
        print("Parent Method")

class ChildClass(ParentClass):
    def print_test(self):
        print("Child Method")
        # Calls the parent's print_test()
        super().print_test()
```

```
>>> child_instance = ChildClass()
>>> child_instance.print_test()
Child Method
Parent Method
```

repr() method

```
class Employee:
    def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name
```

```
def __repr__(self):
    return self.name

john = Employee('John')
print(john) # => John
```

User-defined exceptions

```
class CustomError(Exception):
    pass
```

Polymorphism

```
class ParentClass:
    def print_self(self):
        print('A')

class ChildClass(ParentClass):
    def print_self(self):
        print('B')

obj_A = ParentClass()
obj_B = ChildClass()

obj_A.print_self() # => A
obj_B.print_self() # => B
```

Overriding

```
class ParentClass:
    def print_self(self):
        print("Parent")

class ChildClass(ParentClass):
    def print_self(self):
        print("Child")

child_instance = ChildClass()
child_instance.print_self() # => Child
```

Inheritance

```
class Animal:
    def __init__(self, name, legs):
        self.name = name
        self.legs = legs
```

```
class Dog(Animal):
    def sound(self):
        print("Woof!")
```

```
Yoki = Dog("Yoki", 4)
print(Yoki.name) # => YOKI
print(Yoki.legs) # => 4
Yoki.sound() # => Woof!
```

Miscellaneous

Comments

```
# This is a single line comments.

""" Multiline strings can be written
    using three "s, and are often used
    as documentation.

"""

''' Multiline strings can be written
    using three 's, and are often used
    as documentation.

'''
```

Generators

```
def double_numbers(iterable):
    for i in iterable:
        yield i + i
```

Generators help you make lazy code.

Generator to list

```
values = (-x for x in [1,2,3,4,5])
gen_to_list = list(values)

# => [-1, -2, -3, -4, -5]
print(gen_to_list)
```

Handle exceptions

```
try:
    # Use "raise" to raise an error
    raise IndexError("This is an index error")
except IndexError as e:
    pass          # Pass is just a no-op. Usually you would do recovery here.
except (TypeError, NameError):
    pass          # Multiple exceptions can be handled together, if required.
else:             # Optional clause to the try/except block. Must follow all exception clauses.
    print("All good!") # Runs only if the code in try raises no exceptions
finally:          # Execute under all circumstances
    print("We can clean up resources here")
```

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