

Built-ins

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1	<code>print</code>	print	1	2	Prints the value to the screen.	<code>print(5)</code> prints the number 5 to the screen.
2	<code>+</code>	addition	1	3	Adds two numbers.	<code>2 + 3</code> has the value 5.
3	<code>-</code>	subtraction	1	3	Subtracts the first number by the second.	<code>3 - 1</code> has the value 2.
4	<code>*</code>	multiplication	1	3	Multiplies two numbers.	<code>4 * 3</code> has the value 12.
5	<code>/</code>	division	1	3	Divides the first number by the second.	<code>12 / 3</code> has the value 4.0 since division always results in a floating point number.
6	<code>+</code>	unary plus	1	3	Used on one value, does not change the number.	<code>+ 3</code> has the value 3.
7	<code>-</code>	negation	1	3	Used on one value, negates the number.	<code>- 3</code> has the value -3.
8	<code>//</code>	quotient	1	3	Calculates the quotient when the first number is divided by the second.	<code>20 % 7</code> has the value 2, since the integer part of 20 divided by 7 is 2.
9	<code>%</code>	remainder	1	3	Calculates the remainder when the first number is divided by the second.	<code>20 // 7</code> has the value 6, since the remainder when dividing 20 by 7 is 6.

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10	<code>**</code>	exponentiation	1	3	Raises the first number to the power of the second number.	<code>2 ** 3</code> has the value 8, since it is the cube of 2.
11	<code>import</code>	import	2	3	Used to import a module.	<code>import math</code> can be used to import the math module.
12	<code>math</code>	math module	2	3	The math module. Contains functions and constants relating to math.	After the math module is imported, <code>math.sqrt</code> and other functions and constants can be used.
13	<code>sqrt</code>	square root	2	3	Determines the square root of the input. In the math module.	After the math module is imported, <code>math.sqrt(4)</code> has the value 2.0, since taking the square root always results in a floating point number.
14	<code>pi</code>	pi	2	3	The constant (π). In the math module.	After the math module is imported, the constant can be accessed as <code>math.pi</code> .
15	<code>dir</code>	directory	2	3	Used with the input <code>__builtins__</code> (to list all built-ins), a value (to list all built-ins applicable to that value), or a module (to list all contents of the module).	Using <code>dir(9)</code> results in all functions that can be used on 9.
16	<code>from math import</code>	import a single function or constant	2	3	Used to import a single function or constant from a module.	After using <code>from math import sqrt</code> one can use <code>sqrt</code> instead of <code>math.sqrt</code> .

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17	pow	exponentiation	2	3	Uses the first input as the base and the second as the exponent. There are two versions. The version in the math module always returns a floating point number.	<code>pow(2, 3)</code> has the value 8 and <code>math.pow(2, 3)</code> has the value 8.0.
18	abs	absolute value	2	3	Produces the absolute value of the input.	<code>abs(-3.4)</code> has the value 3.4.
19	<code>__doc__</code>	documentation	2	3	Prints the docstring. Uses dot notation.	The docstring for <code>abs</code> has the lines <code>abs(number) -></code> number and Return the absolute value of the argument..
20	input	user input	2	4	Prompts the user to type a value. The optional string is the prompt.	The function call <code>input("Enter your age:")</code> prompts the user for input with "Enter your age:".
21	type	determine type	2	4	Produces the type of the input.	The value of <code>type(5)</code> is <code><class 'int'></code> , indicating that 5 is an integer.
22	int	make into integer	2	4	Makes an integer, floating point number, or string (if an integer in quotation marks) into an integer.	The values of <code>int(5.3)</code> and <code>int("5")</code> are both 5.

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23	<code>float</code>	make into floating point	2	4	Makes an integer, floating point number, or string (if a number in quotation marks) into a floating point number.	The values of <code>float(5)</code> and <code>float("5")</code> are both <code>5.0</code> .
24	<code>str</code>	make into string	2	4	Makes a number or a string into a string.	The values of <code>str(5)</code> and <code>str(5.0)</code> are the strings <code>"5"</code> , and <code>"5.0"</code> , respectively.
25	<code>len</code>	length	2	7	Produces the length of a string.	The values of <code>len("")</code> and <code>len("cat")</code> are 0 and 3, respectively.
26	<code>[i]</code>	index	2	7	Produces the character in position <code>i</code> of a string.	The value of <code>"cat"[1]</code> is <code>"a"</code> , since the first position is at index zero.
27	<code>+</code>	concatenation	2	7	Produces the string formed by gluing together the input strings.	The value of <code>"hot" + "dog"</code> is the string <code>"hotdog"</code> .
28	<code>*</code>	repeated concatenation	2	7	Produces the string formed by repeatedly gluing the input with copies of the input.	The value of <code>2 * "no"</code> is <code>"nono"</code> .
29	<code>[a:b]</code>	slice	2	7	Produces a substring from positions <code>a</code> up to but not including position <code>b</code> .	The value of <code>"hotdog"[2:5]</code> is <code>"tdo"</code> .

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30	upper	upper case	2	8	Produces a string with all lower-case letters replaced by upper-case letters. Uses dot notation.	The value of <code>"Ha!".upper()</code> is <code>"HA!"</code> .
31	lower	lower case	2	8	Produces a string with all upper-case letters replaced by lower-case letters. Uses dot notation.	The value of <code>"Ha!".lower()</code> is <code>"ha!"</code> .
32	ceil	ceiling	2	8	Produces the integer reached by pushing up to the ceiling. In the math module.	The values of <code>math.ceil(2)</code> , <code>math.ceil(1.2)</code> , and <code>math.ceil(-1.2)</code> are 2, 2, and -1, respectively.
33	floor	floor	2	8	Produces the integer reached by pushing down to the floor. In the math module.	The values of <code>math.floor(2)</code> , <code>math.floor(1.2)</code> , and <code>math.floor(-1.2)</code> are 2, 1, and -2, respectively.
34	trunc	truncation	2	8	Produces the integer formed by cutting off all digits after the decimal point. In the math module.	The values of <code>math.trunc(2)</code> , <code>math.trunc(1.2)</code> , and <code>math.trunc(-1.2)</code> are 2, 1, and -1, respectively.
35	True	true	5	3	The Boolean constant True.	If the value of a Boolean is not True, it must be False.
36	False	false	5	3	The Boolean constant False.	If the value of a Boolean is not False, it must be True.

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37	or	or	5	3	Produces True when at least one smaller expression is True.	The value of True or False is True.
38	and	and	5	3	Produces True when both smaller expressions are True.	The value of True and True is True.
39	not	not	5	3	Produces True when the value is False and False when the value is True.	The value of not True is False.
40	<	less than	5	3	Produces True when the first input has a value less than the second input.	The value of 3 < 2 is False.
41	>	greater than	5	3	Produces True when the first input has a value greater than the second input.	The value of 5 > 2 is True.
42	<=	less than or equal to	5	3	Produces True when the first input has a value less than or equal to the second input.	The value of 3 <= 3 is True.
43	>=	greater than or equal to	5	3	Produces True when the first input has a value greater than or equal to the second input.	The value of 5 >= 10 is False.
44	==	equals	5	3	Produces True when the first input has a value equal to the second input.	The value of 1 == 0 is False.

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45	<code>!=</code>	not equals	5	3	Produces <code>True</code> when the first input has a value not equal to the second input.	The value of <code>2 != 2</code> is <code>True</code> .
46	<code>is</code>	is	5	3	Produces <code>True</code> when the first and second input are at the same memory address. Syntax is <code>a is b</code> .	For a variable <code>num</code> , the value of <code>num is num</code> is <code>True</code> .
47	<code>is not</code>	is not	5	3	Produces <code>True</code> when the first and second input are not at the same memory address. Syntax is <code>a is not b</code> .	The value of <code>a is not b</code> is <code>True</code> whenever <code>a is b</code> is <code>False</code> .
48	<code>ord</code>	code point from character	5	3	Produces the code point corresponding to the input character.	The value of <code>ord("A")</code> is 65.
49	<code>chr</code>	character from code point	5	3	Produces the character corresponding to the input code point.	The value of <code>chr(65)</code> is "A".
50	<code>isalpha</code>	letter check	5	3	Produces <code>True</code> if the input string is made up of letters. Uses dot notation.	The value of <code>"Cat".isalpha()</code> is <code>True</code> .
51	<code>islower</code>	lower case check	5	3	Produces <code>True</code> if the input string is made up of lower-case letters. Uses dot notation.	The value of <code>"cat".islower()</code> is <code>True</code> .

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52	isupper	upper case check	5	3	Produces True if the input string is made up of upper-case letters. Uses dot notation.	The value of "CAT".isupper() is True.
53	isdigit	digit check	5	3	Produces True if the input string is made up of digits. Uses dot notation.	The value of "123".isdigit() is True.
54	isspace	space check	5	3	Produces True if the input string is made up of blank spaces. Uses dot notation.	The value of " ".isspace() is True.
55	assert	assertion	7	7	Results in an assertion error if the Boolean expression after assert is not True.	Running a program containing the line <code>assert 1 == 0, "No way"</code> results in an assertion error with the message "No way".
56	len	list length	9	2	Produces the length of a list.	The value of <code>len([1, 2, 3])</code> is 3, since the number of items in the list is 3.
57	[i]	index	9	2	Produces the item in position i of a list.	The value of <code>[1, 2, 3][1]</code> is 2, since 2 is the item in position 1 of the list.
58	+	concatenation	9	2	Produces the list formed by gluing together the input lists.	The value of <code>[0, 1] + [2, 3]</code> is the list <code>[0, 1, 2, 3]</code> .
59	*	repeated concatenation	9	2	Produces the list formed by repeatedly gluing the input with copies of the input.	The value of <code>[3, 4] * 2</code> is <code>[3, 4, 3, 4]</code> , as it is formed by concatenating two copies of <code>[3, 4]</code> .

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60	<code>[a:b]</code>	slice	9	2	Produces a list from positions a up to but not including position b.	The value of <code>[6, 7, 8, 9][1:3]</code> is <code>[7, 8]</code> , as it is formed of the items in positions 1 through 2.
61	<code>min</code>	minimum	9	3	Produces the minimum item in the list. The input list does not change.	The value of <code>min([4, 3, 6])</code> is 3.
62	<code>max</code>	maximum	9	3	Produces the maximum item in the list. The input list does not change.	The value of <code>max([4, 3, 6])</code> is 6.
63	<code>count</code>	count	9	3	Produces the number of times the input item appears in the input list. Uses dot notation. The input list does not change.	The value of <code>[8, 7, 8, 9].count(8)</code> is 2, since the value 8 appears two times in the list.
64	<code>index</code>	search	9	3	Produces the smallest index of a position containing the input item in the input list. Uses dot notation. The input list does not change.	The value of <code>[8, 9, 7].index(9)</code> is 1, since 9 is in position 1.
65	<code>in</code>	membership	9	3	Produces <code>True</code> if the item is in the list. Syntax is <code>a in b</code> .	The value of <code>9 in [8, 9, 7]</code> is <code>True</code> .
66	<code>list</code>	new list	9	3	Produces a new list containing the items of the input as items. The input list does not change.	The value of <code>list("ape")</code> is <code>["a", "p", "e"]</code> .

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67	sorted	sorted	9	3	Produces a new list with the input items in sorted order. The input list does not change.	The value of <code>sorted([6, 3, 5])</code> is <code>[3, 5, 6]</code> .
68	append	append	9	3	Mutates the input list by appending the input item to the end of the list.	For a variable <code>seq</code> with value <code>[1, 2]</code> , using <code>seq.append(3)</code> results in <code>seq</code> becoming the list <code>[1, 2, 3]</code> .
69	remove	remove	9	3	Mutates the input list by removing the first occurrence of the input item from the list.	For a variable <code>seq</code> with value <code>[7, 8, 7]</code> , using <code>seq.remove(7)</code> results in <code>seq</code> becoming the list <code>[8, 7]</code> .
70	insert	insert	9	3	Mutates the input list by inserting at the input index the input item.	For a variable <code>seq</code> with value <code>[7, 8, 7]</code> , using <code>seq.insert(2, 9)</code> results in <code>seq</code> becoming the list <code>[7, 8, 9, 7]</code> .
71	sort	sort	9	3	Mutates the input list by sorting the items.	For a variable <code>seq</code> with value <code>[4, 2, 3]</code> , using <code>seq.sort()</code> results in <code>seq</code> becoming the list <code>[2, 3, 4]</code> .

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72	range	range	10	2	Produces an immutable sequence of integers starting at <code>start</code> and stopping before <code>stop</code> at intervals of <code>step</code> . Input order is (<code>start</code> , <code>stop</code> , <code>step</code>). If <code>step</code> is missing, its default value is 1. If both <code>step</code> and <code>stop</code> are missing, their default values are 1 and 0, respectively.	The value of <code>range[3, 9, 2]</code> is a structure with the values 3, 5, and 7.
73	split	split	10	8	Produces a list of strings from an input string. Uses dot notation.	The value of <code>"a b c".split()</code> is <code>['a', 'b', 'c']</code> .
74	class	class definition	11	2	Creates a new class.	To create a class <code>Oyster</code> , the first line should be <code>class Oyster:</code> and the second line, indented, should have the docstring.
75	isinstance	instance check	11	2	Produces <code>True</code> if the first input (an object) is a member of the second input (a class).	The value of <code>isinstance(eye, Circle)</code> is <code>True</code> if we have created an object <code>eye</code> of type <code>Circle</code> .
76	hasattr	attribute check	11	2	Produces <code>True</code> if the first input (an object) has an attribute with the second input (a string) as its name.	The value of <code>hasattr(eye, "colour")</code> is <code>True</code> if the object <code>eye</code> is of a type with attribute <code>colour</code> .

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77	<code>dir</code>	directory	11	2	Used with an class name as input to show contents of a class.	Using <code>dir(Circle)</code> shows contents of the class <code>Circle</code> .
78	<code>copy</code>	copy module	11	3	Contains functions related to copying.	To load the copy module, use <code>import copy</code> .
79	<code>copy</code>	copy function	11	3	Makes a shallow copy. In the copy module.	To create a copy of an object <code>eye</code> , use <code>copy.copy(eye)</code> . If the object contains other objects, those objects will not be copied.
80	<code>deepcopy</code>	deep copy function	11	3	Makes a deep copy. In the copy module.	To create a copy of an object <code>eye</code> in which all objects within it are also copied, use <code>copy.deepcopy(eye)</code> .
81	<code>len</code>	tuple length	12	3	Produces the length of a tuple.	The value of <code>len((1, 2, 3))</code> is 3, since the number of items in the tuple is 3.
82	<code>[i]</code>	index	12	3	Produces the item in position <code>i</code> of a tuple.	The value of <code>(1, 2, 3)[1]</code> is 2, since 2 is the item in position 1 of the tuple.
83	<code>+</code>	concatenation	12	3	Produces the tuple formed by gluing together the input tuples.	The value of <code>(0, 1) + (2, 3)</code> is the tuple <code>(0, 1, 2, 3)</code> .
84	<code>*</code>	repeated concatenation	12	3	Produces the tuple formed by repeatedly gluing the input with copies of the input.	The value of <code>(3, 4) * 2</code> is <code>(3, 4, 3, 4)</code> , as it is formed by concatenating two copies of <code>(3, 4)</code> .

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85	<code>[a:b]</code>	slice	12	3	Produces a tuple from positions a up to but not including position b.	The value of <code>(6, 7, 8, 9)[1:3]</code> is <code>(7, 8)</code> , formed of the items in positions 1 through 2.
86	<code>tuple</code>	tuple	12	3	Produces a tuple from the items in the input.	The value of <code>tuple([1, 2])</code> is <code>(1, 2)</code> .
87	<code>min</code>	minimum	12	3	Produces the minimum item in the tuple.	The value of <code>min((4, 3, 6))</code> is 3.
88	<code>max</code>	maximum	12	3	Produces the maximum item in the tuple.	The value of <code>max((4, 3, 6))</code> is 6.
89	<code>count</code>	count	12	3	Produces the number of times the input item appears in the input tuple. Uses dot notation.	The value of <code>(8, 7, 8, 9).count(8)</code> is 2, since the value 8 appears two times in the tuple.
90	<code>index</code>	search	12	3	Produces the smallest index of a position containing the input item in the input tuple. Uses dot notation.	The value of <code>(8, 9, 7).index(9)</code> is 1, since 9 is in position 1.
91	<code>in</code>	membership	12	3	Produces True if the item is in the tuple. Syntax is <code>a in b</code> .	The value of <code>9 in (8, 9, 7)</code> is True.
92	<code>list</code>	new list	12	3	Produces a new list containing the items of the input tuple as items.	The value of <code>list(("a", "p", "e"))</code> is <code>["a", "p", "e"]</code> .

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93	<code>sorted</code>	sorted	12	3	Produces a new list with the tuple input items in sorted order.	The value of <code>sorted((6, 3, 5))</code> is <code>[3, 5, 6]</code> .
94	<code>[i]</code>	access dictionary item	12	4	Produces the value associated with key <code>i</code> .	For a variable <code>data</code> assigned the value <code>{'one': 'un', 'two': 'deux'}</code> , the value of <code>data['two']</code> is <code>deux</code> .
95	<code>keys</code>	keys	12	4	Produces a list of keys in the dictionary. Uses dot notation.	For a variable <code>data</code> assigned the value <code>{'one': 'un', 'two': 'deux'}</code> , using <code>data.keys()</code> results in the keys <code>one</code> and <code>two</code> .
96	<code>items</code>	key, item pairs	12	4	Produces a list of key, item pairs. Uses dot notation.	For a variable <code>data</code> assigned the value <code>{'one': 'un', 'two': 'deux'}</code> , using <code>data.items()</code> results in the pairs <code>('one', 'un')</code> and <code>('two', 'deux')</code> .
97	<code>in</code>	<code>in</code>	12	4	Produces <code>True</code> if the first input is a key in the second input (a dictionary). Syntax is <code>a in b</code> .	For a variable <code>data</code> assigned the value <code>{'one': 'un', 'two': 'deux'}</code> , the value of <code>'two' in data</code> is <code>True</code> .
98	<code>not in</code>	<code>not in</code>	12	4	Produces <code>True</code> if the first input is not a key in the second input (a dictionary). Syntax is <code>a not in b</code> .	For a variable <code>data</code> assigned the value <code>{'one': 'un', 'two': 'deux'}</code> , the value of <code>'three' not in data</code> is <code>True</code> .
99	<code>zip</code>	<code>zip</code>	12	4	Produces pairs of values from two input sequences.	Using <code>zip('ha', 'ho')</code> results in the pairs <code>('h', 'h')</code> and <code>('a', 'o')</code> .