Python Data Structures Cheat Sheet

List

Package/Method	d Description	Code Example
append()	The 'append()' method is used to add an element to the end of a list.	<pre>Syntax: 1. 1 1. list_name.append(element) Copied! Example: 1. 1 2. 2 1. fruits = ["apple", "banana", "orange"] 2. fruits.append("mango") print(fruits) Copied!</pre>
copy()	The 'copy()' method is used to create a shallow copy of a list.	1. my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] 2. new_list = my_list.copy() print(new_list) 3. # Output: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] Copied!
count()	The 'count()' method is used to count the number of occurrences of a specific element in a list in Python.	<pre>Example: 1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 1. my_list = [1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 2, 5, 2] 2. count = my_list.count(2) print(count) 3. # Output: 4</pre>
Creating a list	A list is a built-in data type that represents an ordered and mutable collection of elements. Lists are enclosed in square brackets [] and elements are separated by commas.	Copied! Example: 1. 1 1. fruits = ["apple", "banana", "orange", "mango"] Copied! Example:
del	The 'del' statement is used to remove an element from list. 'del' statement removes the element at the specified index.	1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 1. my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50] 2. del my_list[2] # Removes the element at index 2 print(my_list) 3. # Output: [10, 20, 40, 50] Copied!
extend()	The 'extend()' method is used to add multiple elements to a list. It takes an iterable (such as another list, tuple, or string) and appends each element of the iterable to the original list.	<pre>Syntax: 1. 1 1. list_name.extend(iterable) Copied! Example: 1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 4. 4 1. fruits = ["apple", "banana", "orange"] 2. more_fruits = ["mango", "grape"] 3. fruits.extend(more_fruits) 4. print(fruits)</pre>
Indexing	Indexing in a list allows you to access individual elements by their position. In Python, indexing starts from 0 for the first element and goes up to `length_of_list - 1`.	Copied! Example: 1. 1 2. 2 3. 3

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                                                                                      1. my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

 print(my_list[0])

                                                                                      3. # Output: 10 (accessing the first element)
                                                                                      4. print(my_list[-1])
                                                                                      5. # Output: 50 (accessing the last element using negative indexing)
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                                                                                   Syntax:
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    list_name.insert(index, element)

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                                                                                   Example:
insert()
                    The 'insert()' method is used to insert an element.
                                                                                      1. 1
                                                                                      2. 2
3. 3
                                                                                      1. my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
2. my_list.insert(2, 6)
3. print(my_list)
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                                                                                   Example:
                                                                                      1. 1
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                    You can use indexing to modify or assign new values to
Modifying a list
                    specific elements in the list.
                                                                                      1. my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
                                                                                      2. my_list[1] = 25 # Modifying the second element
                                                                                      3. print(my_list)
                                                                                      4. # Output: [10, 25, 30, 40, 50]
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                                                                                   Example 1:
                                                                                      1. 1
                                                                                      2. 2
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7. 7
                                                                                      1. my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
2. removed_element = my_list.pop(2) # Removes and returns the element at index 2
3. print(removed_element)
                                                                                      4. # Output: 30
                                                                                      6. print(my_list)
7. # Output: [10, 20, 40, 50]
                    'pop()' method is another way to remove an element
                    from a list in Python. It removes and returns the element Copied!
                    at the specified index. If you don't provide an index to
pop()
                                                                                   Example 2:
                    the 'pop()' method, it will remove and return the last
                    element of the list by default
                                                                                      1. 1
2. 2
                                                                                      3. 3
                                                                                      5.5
                                                                                      6.6
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                                                                                      1. my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
                                                                                      2. removed_element = my_list.pop() # Removes and returns the last element
                                                                                      3. print(removed_element)
4. # Output: 50
                                                                                      6. print(my_list)
                                                                                      7. # Output: [10, 20, 30, 40]
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                                                                                   Example:
                                                                                      1. 1
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                                                                                      3. 3
4. 4
                    To remove an element from a list. The 'remove()'
                    method removes the first occurrence of the specified
remove()
                                                                                     1. my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
2. my_list.remove(30) # Removes the element 30
3. print(my_list)
4. # Output: [10, 20, 40, 50]
                    value.
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4. 4

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1. 1
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                     The 'reverse()' method is used to reverse the order of
reverse()
                                                                                          1. my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
2. my_list.reverse() print(my_list)
                     elements in a list
                                                                                           3. # Output: [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
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                                                                                       Syntax:
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                                                                                           1. list_name[start:end:step]
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                                                                                        Example:
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2. 2
3. 3
4. 4
                     You can use slicing to access a range of elements from a
Slicing
                     list.
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                                                                                          1. my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
2. print(my_list[1:4])
3. # Output: [2, 3, 4] (elements from index 1 to 3)
                                                                                           4.
                                                                                           5. print(my_list[:3])
6. # Output: [1, 2, 3] (elements from the beginning up to index 2)
7.
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8. print(my_list[2:])
9. # Output: [3, 4, 5] (elements from index 2 to the end)
                                                                                         11. print(my_list[::2])
12. # Output: [1, 3, 5] (every second element)
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                                                                                        Example 1:
                                                                                          1. 1
2. 2
                                                                                           3. 3
                                                                                          1. my_list = [5, 2, 8, 1, 9]
2. my_list.sort()
                                                                                           3. print(my_list)
4. # Output: [1, 2, 5, 8, 9]
                     The 'sort()' method is used to sort the elements of a list
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                     in ascending order. If you want to sort the list in
sort()
                     descending order, you can pass the 'reverse=True'
                                                                                        Example 2:
                     argument to the 'sort()' method.
                                                                                           1. 1
                                                                                          2. 2
3. 3
                                                                                           4. 4
                                                                                          1. my_list = [5, 2, 8, 1, 9]
2. my_list.sort(reverse=True)
3. print(my_list)
                                                                                           4. # Output: [9, 8, 5, 2, 1]
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Dictionary
 Package/Method
                                                    Description
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Accessing Values You can access the values in a dictionary using their
                                                                                                Syntax:
                       corresponding 'keys'.
                                                                                                    1. Value = dict_name["key_name"]
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                                                                                                Example:
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                                                                                                   2. 2
                                                                                                    1. name = person["name"]
                                                                                                    2. age = person["age"]
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Example 1:

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                                                                                        Syntax:
                                                                                           1. 1
                                                                                           1. dict_name[key] = value
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                    Inserts a new key-value pair into the dictionary. If the key
Add or modify
                    already exists, the value will be updated; otherwise, a new entry Example:
                    is created.
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    person["Country"] = "USA" # A new entry will be created.
    person["city"] = "Chicago" # Update the existing value for the same key

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                                                                                        Syntax:
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    dict_name.clear()

                    The 'clear()' method empties the dictionary, removing all key-
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clear()
                    value pairs within it. After this operation, the dictionary is still
                    accessible and can be used further.
                                                                                        Example:
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    grades.clear()

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                                                                                        Syntax:
                                                                                           1. new dict = dict name.copy()
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                    Creates a shallow copy of the dictionary. The new dictionary
copy()
                    contains the same key-value pairs as the original, but they
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                    remain distinct objects in memory.
                                                                                           1. 1
                                                                                           2. 2
                                                                                           1. new_person = person.copy()
                                                                                           2. new_person = dict(person) # another way to create a copy of dictionary
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                                                                                        Example:
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                    A dictionary is a built-in data type that represents a collection
Creating a
                    of key-value pairs. Dictionaries are enclosed in curly braces
Dictionary
                                                                                          1. dict_name = {} #Creates an empty dictionary
2. person = { "name": "John", "age": 30, "city": "New York"}
                     `{}`.
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                                                                                        Syntax:
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    del dict_name[key]

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                    Removes the specified key-value pair from the dictionary.
del
                    Raises a 'KeyError' if the key does not exist.
                                                                                        Example:
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    del person["Country"]

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                                                                                        Syntax:
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                                                                                           1. items_list = list(dict_name.items())
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                    Retrieves all key-value pairs as tuples and converts them into a
items()
                    list of tuples. Each tuple consists of a key and its corresponding
                                                                                        Example:
                    value.
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                                                                                           1. info = list(person.items())
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                    You can check for the existence of a key in a dictionary using
key existence
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                    the 'in' keyword
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1. if "name" in person:
                                                                                            print("Name exists in the dictionary.")
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                                                                                 Syntax:
                                                                                    1. keys_list = list(dict_name.keys())
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                   Retrieves all keys from the dictionary and converts them into a
keys()
                   list. Useful for iterating or processing keys using list methods.
                                                                                 Example:
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                                                                                    1. person_keys = list(person.keys())
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                                                                                  Syntax:
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                                                                                    1. dict_name.update({key: value})
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                   The 'update()' method merges the provided dictionary into the
update()
                   existing dictionary, adding or updating key-value pairs.
                                                                                 Example:
                                                                                    1. 1
                                                                                    1. person.update({"Profession": "Doctor"})
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                                                                                  Syntax:
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                                                                                    1. values_list = list(dict_name.values())
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                   Extracts all values from the dictionary and converts them into a
values()
                   list. This list can be used for further processing or analysis.
                                                                                 Example:
                                                                                    1. person_values = list(person.values())
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Sets
Package/Method
                                                         Description
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                                                                                                             Syntax:
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    set_name.add(element)

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                  Elements can be added to a set using the 'add()' method. Duplicates are automatically
add()
                  removed, as sets only store unique values.
                                                                                                            Example:
                                                                                                               1. 1

    fruits.add("mango")

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    set name.clear()

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                  The 'clear()' method removes all elements from the set, resulting in an empty set. It updates
clear()
                  the set in-place.
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    fruits.clear()

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The 'copy()' method creates a shallow copy of the set. Any modifications to the copy won't Syntax:

1. new_set = set_name.copy()

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copy()

affect the original set.

2. 2

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                                                                                                                   1. new_fruits = fruits.copy()
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                  A set is an unordered collection of unique elements. Sets are enclosed in curly braces `{}`.
Defining Sets
                  They are useful for storing distinct values and performing set operations.
                                                                                                                   1. empty_set = set() #Creating an Empty Set
2. fruits = {"apple", "banana", "orange"}
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                                                                                                                 Syntax:
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    set_name.discard(element)

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                  Use the 'discard()' method to remove a specific element from the set. Ignores if the element
discard()
                  is not found.
                                                                                                                 Example:
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    fruits.discard("apple")

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                                                                                                                 Syntax:
                                                                                                                   1. is_subset = set1.issubset(set2)
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                  The 'issubset()' method checks if the current set is a subset of another set. It returns True if
issubset()
                  all elements of the current set are present in the other set, otherwise False.
                                                                                                                 Example:
                                                                                                                   1. is subset = fruits.issubset(colors)
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                                                                                                                 Syntax:
                                                                                                                   1. is_superset = set1.issuperset(set2)
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                  The 'issuperset()' method checks if the current set is a superset of another set. It returns True
issuperset()
                  if all elements of the other set are present in the current set, otherwise False.
                                                                                                                 Example:
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                                                                                                                   1. is_superset = colors.issuperset(fruits)
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                                                                                                                 Syntax:
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                                                                                                                   1. removed_element = set_name.pop()
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                  The 'pop()' method removes and returns an arbitrary element from the set. It raises a
                  'KeyError' if the set is empty. Use this method to remove elements when the order doesn't
pop()
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                  matter.
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                                                                                                                   1. removed_fruit = fruits.pop()
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                                                                                                                 Syntax:
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                                                                                                                   1. set_name.remove(element)
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                  Use the 'remove()' method to remove a specific element from the set. Raises a 'KeyError' if
remove()
                  the element is not found.
                                                                                                                Example:
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                                                                                                                   1. fruits.remove("banana")
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Example:

2. 2 4. 4 1. union_set = set1.union(set2) 2. intersection_set = set1.intersection(set2) 3. difference_set = set1.difference(set2) 4. sym_diff_set = set1.symmetric_difference(set2) Copied! Perform various operations on sets: 'union', 'intersection', 'difference', 'symmetric Set Operations Example: 1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 4. 4 1. combined = fruits.union(colors) 2. common = fruits.intersection(colors) 3. unique_to_fruits = fruits.difference(colors)4. sym_diff = fruits.symmetric_difference(colors) Copied! Syntax: 1. 1 set_name.update(iterable) Copied! The 'update()' method adds elements from another iterable into the set. It maintains the update() uniqueness of elements. Example: 1. 1 1. fruits.update(["kiwi", "grape"] Copied!

Syntax:



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