Sciencestical Day-5: 100 handy Python shortcuts

1. Swapping variables

```
In [1]: a, b = 1, 2
a, b = b, a
print(f"Swapped values: a = {a}, b = {b}")

Swapped values: a = 2, b = 1
```

2. List comprehensions

```
In [2]: squares = [x**2 for x in range(10)]
    print(f"Squares: {squares}")

Squares: [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

3. Dictionary comprehensions

```
In [3]: square_dict = {x: x**2 for x in range(10)}
print(f"Square dict: {square_dict}")

Square dict: {0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16, 5: 25, 6: 36, 7: 49, 8: 64, 9: 81}
```

4. Set comprehensions

```
In [4]: square_set = {x**2 for x in range(10)}
print(f"Square set: {square_set}")

Square set: {0, 1, 64, 4, 36, 9, 16, 49, 81, 25}
```

5. Inline if-else

```
In [5]: age = 18
    status = "adult" if age >= 18 else "minor"
    print(f"Status: {status}")

Status: adult
```

6. Multiple assignment

```
In [6]: name, age, city = "Bernard", 27, "Groton"
print(f"Name: {name}, Age: {age}, City: {city}")

Name: Bernard, Age: 27, City: Groton
```

7. Unpacking sequences

Charlie is 35 years old

```
In [7]: data = ('Akaawase', 27, 'Makurdi')
    name, age, city = data
    print(f"Name: {name}, Age: {age}, City: {city}")

Name: Akaawase, Age: 27, City: Makurdi
```

8. Merging dictionaries (Python 3.9+)

```
In [8]: dict1 = {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
    dict2 = {'b': 3, 'c': 4}
    merged_dict = dict1 | dict2
    print(f"Merged dictionary: {merged_dict}")

Merged dictionary: {'a': 1, 'b': 3, 'c': 4}
```

9. Using zip to iterate over multiple sequences

```
In [9]: names = ["Akaawase", "Bob", "Charlie"]
    ages = [27, 25, 35]
    for name, age in zip(names, ages):
        print(f"{name} is {age} years old")

Akaawase is 27 years old
Bob is 25 years old
```

10. Enumerate for index and value

11. Lambda functions for short anonymous functions

```
In [11]: add = lambda x, y: x + y
print(f"Sum: {add(5, 3)}")
Sum: 8
```

12. Using * to unpack arguments

13. Using ** to unpack keyword arguments

```
In [13]: def greet(name, greeting="Hello"):
    return f"{greeting}, {name}!"

params = {"name": "Teryima", "greeting": "Hi"}
    print(greet(**params))
Hi, Teryima!
```

14. List slicing

```
In [14]: lst = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
    print(f"Sliced list (1:3): {lst[1:3]}")
    print(f"Sliced list (start to 3): {lst[:3]}")
    print(f"Sliced list (3 to end): {lst[3:]}")
    print(f"Reversed list: {lst[::-1]}")

Sliced list (1:3): [2, 3]
    Sliced list (start to 3): [1, 2, 3]
    Sliced list (3 to end): [4, 5]
    Reversed list: [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

15. Using Counter for frequency counting

```
In [15]: from collections import Counter
  words = ["apple", "banana", "apple", "orange", "banana", "apple"]
  word_count = Counter(words)
  print(f"Word count: {word_count}")

Word count: Counter({'apple': 3, 'banana': 2, 'orange': 1})
```

16. ChainMap for combining multiple dictionaries

```
In [16]: from collections import ChainMap
dict1 = {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
dict2 = {'b': 3, 'c': 4}
combined = ChainMap(dict1, dict2)
print(f"Combined ChainMap: {combined}")
Combined ChainMap: ChainMap: {combined}")
```

Combined ChainMap: ChainMap({'a': 1, 'b': 2}, {'b': 3, 'c': 4})

17. Named tuples for simple classes

```
In [17]: from collections import namedtuple
    Point = namedtuple('Point', 'x y')
    p = Point(11, 22)
    print(f"Point: {p}, x: {p.x}, y: {p.y}")

Point: Point(x=11, y=22), x: 11, y: 22
```

18. Using itertools for efficient looping

```
In [18]: from itertools import permutations, combinations
    print(f"Permutations of 'AB': {list(permutations('AB'))}")
    print(f"Combinations of 'AB': {list(combinations('AB', 1))}")

Permutations of 'AB': [('A', 'B'), ('B', 'A')]
    Combinations of 'AB': [('A',), ('B',)]
```

19. Context managers for resource management

```
In [19]: with open('data/example.txt', 'w') as f:
    f.write("Hello, world!")
```

20. f-strings for formatted strings (Python 3.6+)

```
In [20]: name = "Akaawase"
    age = 27
    print(f"My name is {name} and I am {age} years old.")
My name is Akaawase and I am 27 years old
```

My name is Akaawase and I am 27 years old.

21. Ternary conditional operator

```
In [21]: result = "Even" if age % 2 == 0 else "Odd"
print(f"Age is {result}")

Age is Odd
```

22. Flatten a list of lists

```
In [22]: nested_list = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
    flat_list = [item for sublist in nested_list for item in sublist]
    print(f"Flat list: {flat_list}")

Flat list: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

23. Transpose a matrix

```
In [23]: matrix = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
    transposed = list(zip(*matrix))
    print(f"Transposed matrix: {transposed}")

Transposed matrix: [(1, 4, 7), (2, 5, 8), (3, 6, 9)]
```

24. Using defaultdict for missing keys

```
In [24]: from collections import defaultdict
    dd = defaultdict(int)
    dd['key'] += 1
    print(f"defaultdict: {dd}")

defaultdict: defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'key': 1})
```

25. Using get() with dictionaries

```
In [25]: d = {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
    value = d.get('c', 0)
    print(f"Value for key 'c': {value}")
Value for key 'c': 0
```

26. Using slice object

```
In [26]: data = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
s = slice(1, 5, 2)
print(f"Sliced data: {data[s]}")
Sliced data: [1, 3]
```

27. Using any() and all()

```
In [27]: conditions = [True, False, True]
    print(f"Any true: {any(conditions)}")
    print(f"All true: {all(conditions)}")
```

```
Any true: True All true: False
```

28. Using enumerate to create a dict

```
In [28]: elements = ['a', 'b', 'c']
    enum_dict = dict(enumerate(elements))
    print(f"Enumerate dict: {enum_dict}")

Enumerate dict: {0: 'a', 1: 'b', 2: 'c'}
```

29. String join method

```
In [29]: words = ['Hello', 'Linkedin']
    sentence = ' '.join(words)
    print(f"Sentence: {sentence}")

Sentence: Hello Linkedin
```

30. Reverse a string

```
In [30]: reversed_str = 'hello'[::-1]
print(f"Reversed string: {reversed_str}")

Reversed string: olleh
```

31. Check for palindrome

```
In [31]: word = "racecar"
    is_palindrome = word == word[::-1]
    print(f"Is palindrome: {is_palindrome}")

Is palindrome: True
```

32. Using filter with lambda

33. Using map with lambda

```
In [33]: squared_nums = list(map(lambda x: x ** 2, nums))
    print(f"Squared numbers: {squared_nums}")

Squared numbers: [1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36]
```

34. Using reduce for cumulative operation

```
In [34]: from functools import reduce
product = reduce(lambda x, y: x * y, nums)
print(f"Product of numbers: {product}")
```

Product of numbers: 720

35. Using sorted with custom key

```
In [35]: words = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
    sorted_words = sorted(words, key=lambda x: len(x))
    print(f"Sorted by length: {sorted_words}")

Sorted by length: ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']
```

36. Checking for subset and superset

```
In [36]: set_a = {1, 2, 3}
set_b = {1, 2}
is_subset = set_b.issubset(set_a)
is_superset = set_a.issuperset(set_b)
print(f"Is subset: {is_subset}, Is superset: {is_superset}")
```

Is subset: True, Is superset: True

37. Using itertools.chain for flattening lists

```
In [37]: from itertools import chain
    nested = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5], [6, 7, 8]]
    flat = list(chain(*nested))
    print(f"Flattened list: {flat}")

Flattened list: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
```

38. Using a generator expression

```
In [38]: gen_exp = (x**2 for x in range(10))
    print(f"Generator expression: {list(gen_exp)}")

Generator expression: [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

39. Reading a file line by line

40. Writing multiple lines to a file

```
In [40]: lines_to_write = ["Line 1", "Line 2", "Line 3"]
with open('data/example0.txt', 'w') as f:
    f.writelines('\n'.join(lines_to_write))
```

41. Simple class with str method

```
In [41]:
    class Person:
        def __init__(self, name, age):
            self.name = name
            self.age = age

        def __str__(self):
            return f"{self.name}, {self.age} years old"

        person = Person("Akaawase", 27)
        print(person)
```

42. Using dataclasses (Python 3.7+)

```
In [42]: from dataclasses import dataclass

@dataclass
class Car:
    make: str
    model: str
    year: int

car = Car(make="Toyota", model="Corolla", year=2020)
    print(car)
```

Car(make='Toyota', model='Corolla', year=2020)

43. Using **slots** to save memory

```
In [43]: class PointWithSlots:
    __slots__ = ['x', 'y']

    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

p = PointWithSlots(10, 20)
print(f"Point with slots: ({p.x}, {p.y})")
```

Point with slots: (10, 20)

Akaawase, 27 years old

44. Using @property decorator

```
In [44]: class Circle:
             def init (self, radius):
                 self._radius = radius
             @property
             def radius(self):
                 return self._radius
             @radius.setter
             def radius(self, value):
                 if value >= 0:
                     self._radius = value
                     raise ValueError("Radius must be non-negative")
         circle = Circle(5)
         print(f"Circle radius: {circle.radius}")
         circle.radius = 10
         print(f"Updated circle radius: {circle.radius}")
       Circle radius: 5
       Updated circle radius: 10
```

45. Using collections.deque for fast appends and pops

```
In [45]: from collections import deque
    dq = deque([1, 2, 3])
    dq.appendleft(0)
    dq.append(4)
    print(f"Deque: {dq}")

Deque: deque([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
```

46. Using bisect to maintain a sorted list

```
In [46]: import bisect
    sorted_list = [1, 2, 4, 5]
    bisect.insort(sorted_list, 3)
    print(f"Sorted list with insort: {sorted_list}")

Sorted list with insort: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

47. Using heapq for a priority queue

```
import heapq
heap = [3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9]
heapq.heapify(heap)
print(f"Heapified list: {heap}")
heapq.heappush(heap, 2)
print(f"Heap after push: {heap}")
smallest = heapq.heappop(heap)
print(f"Smallest element: {smallest}")

Heapified list: [1, 1, 4, 3, 5, 9]
Heap after push: [1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 4]
Smallest element: 1
```

48. Using Iru_cache for memoization

```
In [48]: from functools import lru_cache

@lru_cache(maxsize=None)
def fibonacci(n):
    if n < 2:
        return n
    return fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)

print(f"Fibonacci(10): {fibonacci(10)}")</pre>
Fibonacci(10): 55
```

49. Using partial to fix arguments

```
In [49]: from functools import partial

def power(base, exponent):
    return base ** exponent

square = partial(power, exponent=2)
    print(f"Square of 4: {square(4)}")

Square of 4: 16
```

50. Using namedtuple for structured data

```
In [50]: from collections import namedtuple

Person = namedtuple('Person', 'name age')
alice = Person(name="Alice", age=30)
print(f"Namedtuple person: {alice}")

Namedtuple person: Person(name='Alice', age=30)
```

51. Using frozenset for immutable sets

```
In [51]: immutable_set = frozenset([1, 2, 3])
    print(f"Frozenset: {immutable_set}")

Frozenset: frozenset({1, 2, 3})
```

52. Using islice for slicing iterators

```
In [52]: from itertools import islice
    iterable = iter(range(10))
    sliced = list(islice(iterable, 2, 6))
    print(f"Sliced iterator: {sliced}")

Sliced iterator: [2, 3, 4, 5]
```

53. Using groupby to group elements

```
In [53]: from itertools import groupby

data = sorted([('a', 1), ('b', 2), ('a', 3)])
    grouped = {k: list(v) for k, v in groupby(data, key=lambda x: x[0])}
    print(f"Grouped data: {grouped}")

Grouped data: {'a': [('a', 1), ('a', 3)], 'b': [('b', 2)]}
```

54. Using compress to filter by a mask

```
In [54]: from itertools import compress

data = range(10)
selectors = [1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0]
filtered = list(compress(data, selectors))
print(f"Filtered by mask: {filtered}")

Filtered by mask: [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

55. Using combinations_with_replacement

56. Simple recursive function

```
In [56]: def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
        return n * factorial(n-1)

print(f"Factorial(5): {factorial(5)}")
```

Factorial(5): 120

57. Using contextlib for simple context managers

```
In [57]: from contextlib import contextmanager
    @contextmanager
    def simple_context():
        print("Entering")
        yield
        print("Exiting")

with simple_context():
        print("Inside context")

Entering
    Inside context
    Exiting
```

58. Using counter with most_common

59. Using defaultdict for list

```
In [59]: d = defaultdict(list)
d['key'].append('value')
print(f"defaultdict with list: {d}")

defaultdict with list: defaultdict(<class 'list'>, {'key': ['value']})
```

60. Using tarfile to compress files

```
In [60]: import tarfile
with tarfile.open('data/sample.tar.gz', 'w:gz') as tar:
          tar.add('data/example0.txt')
```

61. Using zipfile to compress files

62. Using pathlib for file paths

```
In [62]: from pathlib import Path

path = Path('data/example.txt')
print(f"File name: {path.name}")
print(f"File suffix: {path.suffix}")
print(f"File stem: {path.stem}")

File name: example.txt
File suffix: .txt
File stem: example
```

63. Using tempfile for temporary files

```
In [63]: import tempfile

with tempfile.TemporaryFile() as tempf:
    tempf.write(b'Some data')
    tempf.seek(0)
    print(f"Temporary file content: {tempf.read()}")
```

Temporary file content: b'Some data'

64. Using Enum for enumerations

```
In [64]: from enum import Enum

class Color(Enum):
    RED = 1
    GREEN = 2
    BLUE = 3

print(f"Color.RED: {Color.RED}")
Color.RED: Color.RED
```

65. Using type hints for function annotations

```
In [65]: def greet(name: str) -> str:
    return f"Hello, {name}"

print(greet("Bernard"))

Hello, Bernard
```

66. Using dataclasses for boilerplate code

```
In [66]: from dataclasses import dataclass

@dataclass
class Point:
    x: int
    y: int

point = Point(10, 20)
print(f"Dataclass point: {point}")

Dataclass point: Point(x=10, y=20)
```

67. Using repr for object representation

```
In [67]: class Point:
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

    def __repr__(self):
        return f"Point({self.x}, {self.y})"

    p = Point(10, 20)
    print(p)

Point(10, 20)
```

68. Using str for readable object representation

```
In [68]:
    class Person:
        def __init__(self, name, age):
            self.name = name
            self.age = age

        def __str__(self):
            return f"{self.name}, {self.age} years old"

    print(Person("Alex", 60))
```

69. Using slots to save memory

Alex, 60 years old

```
In [69]: class Point:
    __slots__ = ['x', 'y']

    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

    p = Point(10, 20)
    print(p.x, p.y)
```

10 20

70. Using generators for memory efficiency

```
In [70]: def generate_numbers(n):
    for i in range(n):
        yield i

gen = generate_numbers(10)
print(list(gen))

[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

71. Using asyncio for asynchronous programming

```
In [71]: import nest_asyncio
    import asyncio

nest_asyncio.apply()

async def say_hello():
    print("Hello")
    await asyncio.sleep(1)
    print("World")

asyncio.run(say_hello())
```

World

72. Using dataclass for simple data containers

```
In [72]: from dataclasses import dataclass
    @dataclass
    class Point:
        x: int
        y: int

p = Point(10, 20)
print(p)
```

Point(x=10, y=20)

73. Using collections. Counter for counting

```
In [73]: from collections import Counter

words = ["apple", "banana", "apple"]
    counter = Counter(words)
    print(counter)

Counter({'apple': 2, 'banana': 1})
```

74. Using itertools.chain for flattening

```
In [74]: from itertools import chain
lists = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5], [6, 7, 8]]
flat = list(chain.from_iterable(lists))
print(flat)
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]
```

75. Using partial for function customization

```
In [75]: from functools import partial

def power(base, exponent):
    return base ** exponent

square = partial(power, exponent=2)
print(square(4))
```

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76. Using map for element-wise operations

77. Using filter for filtering elements

78. Using reduce for aggregation

```
In [78]: from functools import reduce
    numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
    total = reduce(lambda x, y: x + y, numbers)
    print(total)
15
```

79. Using namedtuple for structured data

```
In [79]: from collections import namedtuple

Point = namedtuple('Point', ['x', 'y'])
p = Point(10, 20)
print(p)

Point(x=10, y=20)
```

80. Using frozenset for immutable sets

```
In [80]: fs = frozenset([1, 2, 3])
print(fs)
frozenset({1, 2, 3})
```

81. Using heapq for priority queue

```
In [81]: import heapq

numbers = [5, 7, 9, 1, 3]
heapq.heapify(numbers)
print(numbers)

[1, 3, 9, 7, 5]
```

82. Using bisect for binary search

```
In [82]: import bisect
    numbers = [1, 2, 4, 5]
    bisect.insort(numbers, 3)
    print(numbers)

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

83. Using itertools.islice for slicing iterators

```
In [83]: from itertools import islice
    iterable = range(10)
    sliced = list(islice(iterable, 2, 6))
    print(sliced)

[2, 3, 4, 5]
```

84. Using zip_longest for padding

```
In [84]: from itertools import zip_longest

a = [1, 2]
b = [3, 4, 5]
zipped = list(zip_longest(a, b, fillvalue=0))
print(zipped)

[(1, 3), (2, 4), (0, 5)]
```

85. Using permutations for permutations

```
In [85]: from itertools import permutations

perm = list(permutations('ABC'))
print(perm)

[('A', 'B', 'C'), ('A', 'C', 'B'), ('B', 'A', 'C'), ('B', 'C', 'A'), ('C', 'A', 'B'), ('C', 'B', 'A')]
```

86. Using combinations for combinations

```
In [86]: from itertools import combinations
    comb = list(combinations('ABC', 2))
    print(comb)
[('A', 'B'), ('A', 'C'), ('B', 'C')]
```

87. Using combinations_with_replacement

88. Using Iru_cache for memoization

```
In [88]: from functools import lru_cache
    @lru_cache(maxsize=None)
    def fibonacci(n):
        if n < 2:
            return n
        return fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)

print(fibonacci(10))</pre>
```

89. Using contextlib for context managers

```
In [89]: from contextlib import contextmanager
    @contextmanager
    def simple_context():
        print("Entering")
        yield
        print("Exiting")

with simple_context():
        print("Inside")

Entering
Inside
```

90. Using deque for fast appends/pops

Exiting

91. Using Enum for enumerations

```
In [91]: from enum import Enum

class Color(Enum):
    RED = 1
    GREEN = 2
    BLUE = 3

print(Color.RED)
Color.RED
```

92. Using pathlib for file paths

```
In [92]: from pathlib import Path

path = Path('data/example.txt')
 print(path.name, path.suffix)

example.txt .txt
```

93. Using tempfile for temp files

```
In [93]: import tempfile
with tempfile.TemporaryFile() as tempf:
    tempf.write(b'Some data')
    tempf.seek(0)
    print(tempf.read())
```

b'Some data'

94. Using type hints for annotations

```
In [94]: def greet(name: str) -> str:
    return f"Hello, {name}"

print(greet("Akaawase"))
```

Hello, Akaawase

95. Using dataclass for data containers

```
In [95]: from dataclasses import dataclass

@dataclass
class Point:
    x: int
    y: int

p = Point(10, 20)
print(p)

Point(x=10, y=20)
```

96. Using collections. Chain Map for multiple dicts

```
In [96]: from collections import ChainMap

dict1 = {'a': 1}
    dict2 = {'b': 2}
    chain = ChainMap(dict1, dict2)
    print(chain)

ChainMap({'a': 1}, {'b': 2})
```

97. Using tarfile for compression

```
In [97]: import tarfile
with tarfile.open('data/sample.tar.gz', 'w:gz') as tar:
    tar.add('data/example0.txt')
```

98. Using zipfile for compression

99. Using **slots** to save memory

```
In [99]: class Point:
    __slots__ = ['x', 'y']

    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

p = Point(10, 20)
print(p.x, p.y)
10 20
```

100. Using generators for memory efficiency