

# Tuples

## Chapter 10

# Tuples are like lists

Tuples are another kind of sequence that functions much like lists – they have elements which are indexed starting at 0

```
('Glenn', 'Sally', 'Joseph')
```

```
print x[2]
```

```
( 1, 9, 2 )
```

```
print y
```

```
2)
```

```
print max(y)
```

```
>>> for item in tuple:
```

```
...     print item
```

```
...
```

```
1
```

```
9
```

```
2
```

```
>>>
```

# t... Tuples are “immutable

Unlike a list, once you create a **tuple**, you **cannot alter** its contents - similar to a string

```
, 8, 7]
```

```
6
```

```
x
```

```
6]
```

```
>>> y = 'ABC'
>>> y[2] = 'D'
Traceback: 'str'
object does
not support item
Assignment
>>>
```

```
>>> z = (
>>> z[2]
Traceback
object do
not suppo
Assignmen
>>>
```

# Things not to do with tuples

```
(3, 2, 1)
```

```
ort()
```

```
ck:
```

```
teError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'sort'
```

```
pend(5)
```

```
ck:
```

```
teError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'append'
```

```
reverse()
```

```
ck:
```

```
teError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'reverse'
```

# A Tale of Two Sequences

```
= list()  
r(l)  
'end', 'count', 'extend', 'index', 'insert', '  
'e', 'reverse', 'sort']  
  
= tuple()  
r(t)  
't', 'index']
```

# Tuples are more efficient

Since Python does not have to build tuple structures to be modifiable, they are simpler and more efficient in terms of memory use and performance than lists

So in our program when we are making “temporary variables” we prefer tuples over lists

# Tuples and Assignment

We can also put a **tuple** on the **left-hand side** of an assignment statement

We can even omit the parentheses

```
>>> (x, y) = (4, 'fred')
```

```
>>> print y
```

```
fred
```

```
>>> (a, b) = (99, 98)
```

```
>>> print a
```

```
99
```

# Tuples and Dictionaries

`items()` method in  
dictionaries returns a  
(key, value)

```
>>> d = dict()
>>> d['csev'] = 2
>>> d['cwen'] = 4
>>> for (k,v) in d.items()
...     print k, v
...
csev 2
cwen 4
>>> tups = d.items()
>>> print tups
[('csev', 2), ('cwen',
```



# Tuples are Comparable

The comparison operators work with tuples and other sequences. If the first item is equal, Python goes on to the next element, and so on, until it finds elements that

```
>>> (0, 1, 2) < (5, 1, 2)
```

```
True
```

```
>>> (0, 1, 2000000) < (0, 3, 4)
```

```
True
```

```
>>> ( 'Jones', 'Sally' ) < ( 'Jones', 'Sam' )
```

```
True
```

```
>>> ( 'Jones', 'Sally' ) > ( 'Adams', 'Sam' )
```

```
True
```

# Sorting Lists of Tuples

We can take advantage of the ability to sort a list of **tuples** to get a sorted version of a dictionary

First we sort the dictionary by the key using the **items()** method

```
>>> d = {'a':10, 'b':1, 'c':22}
>>> t = d.items()
>>> t
[('a', 10), ('c', 22), ('b', 1)]
>>> t.sort()
>>> t
[('a', 10), ('b', 1), ('c', 22)]
```

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ctly using the  
nction `sorted`  
a sequence as a  
r and returns a  
quence

```
>>> d = {'a':10, 'b':1, 'c':22}
>>> d.items()
[('a', 10), ('c', 22), ('b', 1)]
>>> t = sorted(d.items())
>>> t
[('a', 10), ('b', 1), ('c', 22)]
>>> for k, v in sorted(d.items()):
...     print k, v
...
a.10
b.1
c.22
```

# Sort by values instead of keys

could construct  
of tuples of the  
(value, key) we  
sort by value

do this with a for  
that creates a list  
of tuples

```
>>> c = {'a':10, 'b':1, 'c':22}
>>> tmp = list()
>>> for k, v in c.items():
...     tmp.append((v, k))
...
>>> print tmp
[(10, 'a'), (22, 'c'), (1, 'b')]
>>> tmp.sort(reverse=True)
>>> print tmp
[(22, 'c'), (10, 'a'), (1, 'b')]
```

```
open('romeo.txt')
dict()
in fhand:
    = line.split()
word in words:
counts[word] = counts.get(word, 0) + 1

t()
val in counts.items():
append( (val, key) )

reverse=True)

key in lst[:10] :
    key, val
```

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# Even Shorter Version

```
{ 'a':10, 'b':1, 'c':22 }
```

```
sorted( [ (v,k) for k,v in c.items(
), (10, 'a'), (22, 'c')] )
```

**comprehension** creates a dynamic list. In this case, we can make a list of reversed tuples and then sort it.

# Summary

Tuple syntax

Immutability

Comparability

Sorting

- Tuples in assignment statements
- Sorting dictionaries by either key or value