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SETS

- Sets are constructed from a sequence.
- Sets cannot have duplicated values
 - they are used to build sequences of unique items, e.g., identifiers

```
1 my_list = ['Stelios', 'Tom', 'Tom', 'Stelios', 'Claudia']
2
3 my_set = set(my_list)
4
5 print(list(my_set))
6
7 # the set includes only the unique elements!
8 ['Stelios', 'Tom', 'Claudia']
```

SETS

ideal when we need to
remove duplicated
values

also ideal for *logical*
operations

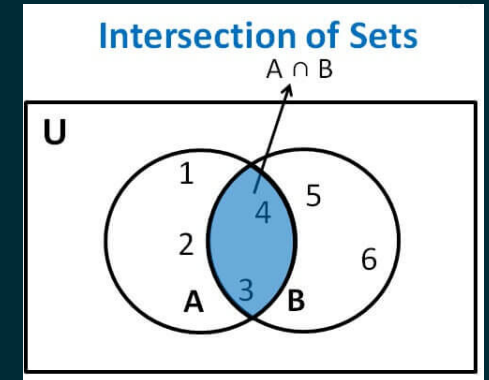
duplicates are
eliminated

```
1 a = set([1, 2, 3, 4])
2
3 b = set([3, 4, 5, 6])
4
5 a.intersection(b)
6 set([3, 4])
```

```
1 c = a.intersection(b)
2
3 c.issubset(a)
4 True
```

```
1 a.issubset(b)
2 False
```

```
1 a.difference(b)
2
3 # will return
4 set([1, 2, 5, 6])
```



SETS: BASIC OPERATIONS

Create an empty set

Iterate over a set and print elements

```
1  #Create a new empty set
2  empty_set = set()
3
4  #Create a non empty set
5  aset = set([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
6
7  #Create a set
8
9  num_set = set([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
10
11 for element in num_set:
12     print(element)
```

SETS: BASIC OPERATIONS CONT'D

Add/remove data from a set

```
1 color_set = set()
2
3 color_set.add('Red')
4
5 #Add multiple items
6 color_set.update(['Blue', 'Green'])
7
8 # remove the last element
9 color_set.pop()
```

SETS: MORE BASIC OPERATIONS

```
1 x = set(['green', 'blue'])
2
3 y = set(['blue', 'yellow'])
4
5 z = x & y      # or x.intersection(y)
```

```
1 x = set(['green', 'blue'])
2
3 y = set(['blue', 'yellow'])
4
5 z = x | y      # or x.union(y)
```

```
1 'green', 'blue', 'yellow'
```

Cardinality

```
1 colors = set(['green', 'blue'])
2
3 print(len(colors))
```

QUIZ 2: TRUE OR FALSE?

- Sets allow duplicated values
- Sets are unordered
- Sets are not indexed



SOLUTIONS!

- Sets allow duplicated values
 - False
- Sets are unordered
 - True
- Sets are not indexed
 - True

SUMMARY

Duplicates are eliminated

no ordering

no support for indexing

QUIZ 3!

Will it
print True
or False?



```
1 x = set(['Agatha Christie',  
2         'J.R.R. Tolkien'])  
3  
4 y = set(['J.R.R. Tolkien',  
5         'Virginia Woolf'])  
6  
7 z = set(['J.R.R. Tolkien'])
```

```
1 print(x.issubset(y))
```

```
1 print(y.issuperset(x))
```

```
1 print(z.issubset)
```

```
1 print(y.issuperset(z))
```


SOLUTION

Will it
print True
or False?



```
1 x = set(['Agatha Christie',  
2         'J.R.R. Tolkien'])  
3  
4 y = set(['J.R.R. Tolkien',  
5         'Virginia Woolf'])  
6  
7 z = set(['J.R.R. Tolkien'])
```

```
1 print(x.issubset(y))  
2 False
```

```
1 print(y.issuperset(x))  
2 False
```

```
1 print(z.issubset())  
2 True
```

```
1 print(y.issuperset(z))  
2 True
```


TUPLES

A data structure similar to lists

Main difference: tuples are *immutable*

Their application is faster than lists

```
1 mytuple = (10, 20, 30)
2
3 mytuple[0]
```

FUNCTIONS FOR TUPLES

There are two functions available only:

- **index** to find the occurrence of a value
- **count** to count the number of occurrences of a value

TUPLES IN DICTIONARIES

```
1 my_protected_dictionary = dict([('jan', 1), ('feb', 2), ('march', 3)])  
2  
3 my_protected_dictionary['feb']  
4 2
```

Often tuples are used as keys to dictionaries

Tuples are useful because they are

- are faster than lists
- protect the data from change

TUPLE UNPACKING

```
1 data = (1,2,3)
2
3 x, y, z = data
```

Slicing is similar to lists

```
1 my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
2
3 print(mytuple[2:])
4
5 (3, 4, 5)
```

WORKING WITH TUPLES

```
1 tuplex = (4, 6, 2, 8, 3, 1)
```

Since tuples are immutable we can not add new elements
tuple merge, with the + operator, can add elements and
create a new tuple

```
1 # notice the extra ','  
2 tuplex = tuplex + (9,)  
3  
4 print(tuplex)
```

Another workaround

```
1  tuplex = (4, 6, 2, 8, 3, 1)
2
3  listx = list(tuplex)
4
5  #Add an item in the list
6  listx.append(30)
7
8  #Make the list tuplex
9  tuplex = tuple(listx)
```

THE `count()` METHOD

```
1 tuplex = (2, 4, 5, 6, 2, 3, 4, 4, 7)
2
3 # find the np. of times it appears in the tuple:
4 count = tuplex.count(4)
```

COMPARISON, A

	Lists	Dictionaries	Sets	Tuples
When to use?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collection of data that does not need random access. When you need to iterate and modify items. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You need a key to value data association. Fast lookup, based on a key. When data needs to be modified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When you want to eliminate duplicated values. When you need uniqueness of elements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure immutability. Can be used in combination with other data structure, for example a tuple could represent a key in a dictionary
Duplicated values?	Yes	No duplicated keys, Yes duplicated values	No	Yes (faster than lists)
Mutable?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No!
Slicing?	alist[0:2] (by index) * Remember index starts from zero	Not available	Not available (you need to create a loop and extract data)	Not available
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COMPARISON, B

	Lists	Dictionaries	Sets	Tuples
Create a new	<code>alist = [10,20,30,40]</code>	<code>adict = {'name':Tom', 'email':tom@msn.com'}</code>	<code>aset={10,20,30,40}</code>	<code>atuple=(10,20,30)</code>
Create an empty	<code>alist = list()</code> or <code>alist = []</code>	<code>adict = dict()</code> or <code>adict = {}</code>	<code>aset=set()</code>	<code>atuple=()</code> *Useless, you cannot add!
Add a value	<code>alist.append(50)</code> This will make: <code>alist = [10,20,30,40,50]</code>	Add a new key/value <code>adict['city']='London'</code>	<code>aset.add(50)</code>	You cannot add! Indirectly, you need to convert to a list
Remove a value	<code>alist.remove(40)</code> This will make: <code>alist = [10,20,30]</code>	Delete key and value <code>adict.pop('email')</code>	Delete the first element of the set <code>aset.pop()</code>	You cannot delete! Indirectly, you need to convert to a list
Update a value	<code>alist[1] = 200</code> This will make <code>alist = [10,200,30,40]</code>	<code>adict['city']='Athens'</code>	Best way is to convert to list, update and make it a set again	You cannot update! Indirectly, you need to convert to a list
Access an element	If you want to access element 20, you will use the element index number <div>0 1 2 3</div> <code>alist = [10,20,30,40]</code> <code>alist[1]</code>	If you want to access an element by key you use the key <code>adict['email']</code> it will extract the values for key 'email'	You have to use a loop to iterate	<code>x,y,z = atuple</code> So <code>x = 10, y =20, z=30</code> Or index: <code>atuple[</code>
Loops	for element in alist : <code>print(element)</code>	for key,value in <code>adict.items()</code> : <code>print(key,value)</code>	for element in aset : <code>print(element)</code>	for element in atuple : <code>print(element)</code> # We prefer to extract using variable