

# Type Conversion

- Sometimes it's necessary to perform conversions between the built-in types.
- To convert between types you simply use the type name as a function.
- In addition, several built-in functions are supplied to perform special kinds of conversions. All of these functions return a new object representing the converted value.

Function	Description
<code>int(x [,base])</code>	Converts x to an integer. base specifies the base if x is a string.
<code>long(x [,base] )</code>	Converts x to a long integer. base specifies the base if x is a string.
<code>float(x)</code>	Converts x to a floating-point number.
<code>complex(real [,imag])</code>	Creates a complex number.
<code>str(x)</code>	Converts object x to a string representation.
<code>eval(str)</code>	Evaluates a string and returns an object.
<code>tuple(s)</code>	Converts s to a tuple.
<code>list(s)</code>	Converts s to a list.
<code>set(s)</code>	Converts s to a set.
<code>dict(d)</code>	Creates a dictionary. d must be a sequence of (key,value) tuples.
<code>frozenset(s)</code>	Converts s to a frozen set.
<code>hex(x)</code>	Converts an integer to a hexadecimal string.
<code>oct(x)</code>	Converts an integer to an octal string.

We can convert between different data types by using different type conversion functions like `int()`, `float()`, `str()` etc.

```
In [8]: float(5)
```

```
Out[8]: 5.0
```

Conversion from float to int will truncate the value (make it closer to zero).

```
In [9]: int(10.6666)
```

```
Out[9]: 10
```

```
In [10]: int(-10.6)
```

```
Out[10]: -10
```

Conversion to and from string must contain compatible values.

```
In [11]: float('2.5')
```

```
Out[11]: 2.5
```

```
In [12]: str(25)
```

```
Out[12]: '25'
```

```
In [13]: int('1p')
```

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ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-13-106779fd957a> in <module>()  
----> 1 int('1p')  
  
ValueError: invalid literal for int() with base 10: '1p'
```

```
In [14]: set([1,2,3])
```

```
Out[14]: {1, 2, 3}
```

```
In [15]: list('hello')
```

```
Out[15]: ['h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o']
```

```
In [16]: tuple({5,6,7})
```

```
Out[16]: (5, 6, 7)
```

To convert to dictionary, each element must be a pair

```
In [17]: dict([[1,2],[3,4]])
```

```
Out[17]: {1: 2, 3: 4}
```

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In [18]: dict([(3,26),(4,44)])
```

```
Out[18]: {3: 26, 4: 44}
```

```
In [19]: int("A2",16)
```

```
Out[19]: 162
```

```
In [20]: int("22",8)
```

```
Out[20]: 18
```