

Python Cheat Sheet: The Basics

Python Data Types

String

Series of characters or data stored as text

my_string = "Hello"

String Operations

returns the string with all uppercase letters
my_string.upper()

returns the length of a string
len(my_string)

returns the index of the first instance of the string inside the
subject string, otherwise -1
my_string.find('l')

replaces any instance of the first string with the second in my_string my_string.replace('H', 'C')

Integer

A whole number

my_integer = 12321

Float

A decimal number

 $my_decimal = 3.14$

Boolean

Discrete value true or false

a = True b = False

Dictionary

Changeable collection of key-value pairs

my_dictionary = {'banana': 1, 12: 'laptop', (0,0):'center'}

Dictionary Operations

Access value using key
my_dictionary['banana']

Get all keys in a dictionary as a list
my_dictionary.keys()

Get all values in a dictionary as a list
my_dictionary.values()

Tuple

Unchangeable collection of objects

tup = (1, 3.12, False, "Hi")

List

Changeable collection of objects

my_collection = [1, 1, 3.12, False, "Hi"]

List Operations

returns the length of a list len(my_collection)

Add multiple items to a list
my_collection.extend(["More", "Items"])

Add a single item to a list
my_collection.append("Single")

Delete the object of a list at a specified index
del(my_collection[2])

Clone a list
clone = my_collection[:]

Concatenate two lists
my_collection_2 = ["a", "b", "c"]
my_collection_3 = my_collection + my_collection_2

Calculate the sum of a list of ints or floats number_collection = [1,2,3,4.5] sum(number_collection)

Check if an item is in a list, returns Boolean
item in my_collection
Check if an item is not in a list, returns Boolean
item not in my_collection

Set

Unordered collection of unique objects

a = {100, 3.12, False, "Bye"} b = {100, 3.12, "Welcome"}

Set Operations

Convert a list to a set
my_set = set([1,1,2,3])

Add an item to the set

Remove an item from a set
a.remove("Bye")

Returns set a minus b
a.difference(b)

Returns intersection of set a and b
a.intersection(b)

Returns the union of set a and b
a.union(b)

Returns True if a is a subset of b, false otherwise
a.issubset(b)

Returns True if a is a superset of b, false otherwise
a.issuperset(b)

Indexing

Accessing data from a string, list, or tuple using an element number

my_string[element_number]
my_collection[element_number]
my_tup[element_number]

Slicing

Accessing a subset of data from a string, list, or tuple using element numbers from start to stop -1

my_string[start:stop]
my_collection[start:stop]
my_tup[start:stop]

Comparison Operators

Comparison Operators compare operands and return a result of true or false

Equal

a == b

Less Than

a < b

Greater Than

a > b

Greater Than or Equal

a >= b

Less Than or Equal

a <= b

Not Equal

a != b

Python Operators

- · +: Addition
- -: Subtraction
- *: Multiplication
- /: divisior
- //: Integer Division (Result rounded to the nearest integer)

Conditional Operators

Conditional Operators evaluate the operands and produce a true of false result

And - returns true if both statement a and b are true, otherwise false

a and b

Or - returns true if either statement a or b are true, otherwise false

a or b

Not - returns the opposite of the statement

not a





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Loops

For Loops

for x in range(x):

Executes loop x number of times
for x in iterable:
 # Executes loop for each object in an iterable like a string, tuple,

While Loops

list, or set

while statement:
 # Executes the loop while statement is true

Conditional Statements

if statement_1:
 # Execute of statement_1 is true
elif statement_2:
 # Execute if statement_1 is false and statement_2 is true
else:
 # Execute if all previous statements are false

Try/Except

try:
 # Code to try to execute
except a:
 # Code to execute if there is an error of type a
except b:
 # Code to execute if there is an error of type b
except:
 # Code to execute if there is any exception that has not been handled
else:
 # Code to execute if there is no exception

Error Types

- · IndexError When an index is out of range
- · NameError When a variable name is not found
- · SyntaxError When there is an error with how the code is written
- · ZeroDivisionError When your code tries to divide by zero

Range

Produce an iterable sequence from 0 to stop-1

range(stop

Produce an interable sequence from start to stop-1 incrementing by step

range(start, stop, step)

Webscraping

Import BeautifulSoup
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup

Parse HTML stored as a string
soup = BeautifulSoup(html, 'html5lib')

Returns formatted html
soup.prettify()

 $\mbox{\# Find}$ the first instance of an HTML tag soup.find(tag)

Find all instances of an HTML tag
soup.find_all(tag)

Requests

Import the requests library
import requests

Send a get requests to the url with optional parameters
response = requests.get(url, parameters)

Get the url of the response
response.url
Get the status code of the response
response.status_code
Get the headers of the request
response.request.headers
Get the body of the requests
response.request.body
Get the headers of the response
response.headers
Get the content of the response in text
response.text
Get the content of the response in json
response.json()

Send a post requests to the url with optional parameters
requests.post(url, parameters)

Functions

Create a function
def function_name(optional_parameter_1, optional_prameter_2):
 # code to execute
 return optional_output

Calling a function
output = function_name(parameter_1, parameter_2)

Working with Files

Reading a File

Opens a file in read mode
file = open(file_name, "r")
Returns the file name
file.name
Returns the mode the file was opened in
file.mode

Reads the contents of a file file.read()

Reads a certain number of characters of a file file.read(characters)

Read a single line of a file file.readline()

Read all the lines of a file and stores it in a list file.readlines()

Closes a file
file.close()

Writing to a File

Opens a file in write mode
file = open(file_name, "w")

Writes content to a file file.write(content)

Adds content to the end of a file file.append(content)

Objects and Classes

Creating a class
class class_name:
 def __init__(self. optional_parameter_1, optional_parameter_2):
 self.attribute_1 = optional_parameter_1
 self.attribute_2 = optional_parameter_2

def method_name(self, optional_parameter_1):
 # Code to execute
 return optional_output

Create an instance of a class
object = class_name(parameter_1, parameter_2)

Calling an object method
object.method_name(parameter_3)