

Tuples are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

Tuple items are ordered, unchangeable, and allow duplicate values.

Unchangeable

Tuples are unchangeable, meaning that we cannot change, add or remove items after the tuple has been created.

eg.1

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "apple", "cherry")  
print(thistuple)
```

Tuple Length

To determine how many items a tuple has, use the len() function:

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
print(len(thistuple))
```

Create Tuple With One Item

```
thistuple = "apple"  
print(type(thistuple))  
  
thistuple = ("apple",)  
print(type(thistuple))
```

#NOT a tuple

```
thistuple = ("apple")  
print(type(thistuple))
```

Tuple Items - Data Types

String, int and boolean data types:

```
tuple1 = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
```

```
tuple2 = (1, 5, 7, 9, 3)
```

```
tuple3 = (True, False, False)
```

A tuple with strings, integers and boolean values:

```
tuple1 = ("abc", 34, True, 40, "male")
```

type()

From Python's perspective, tuples are defined as objects with the data type 'tuple':

```
mytuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
```

```
print(type(mytuple))
```

The tuple() Constructor

It is also possible to use the tuple() constructor to make a tuple.

```
thistuple = tuple(("apple", "banana", "cherry"))
```

```
print(thistuple)
```

Access Tuple Items

You can access tuple items by referring to the index number, inside square brackets:

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
```

```
print(thistuple[1])
```

Negative Indexing

Negative indexing means start from the end.

-1 refers to the last item, -2 refers to the second last item etc.

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
```

```
print(thistuple[-1])
```

Range of Indexes

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")  
print(thistuple[2:5])
```

Range of Negative Indexes

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "kiwi", "melon", "mango")  
print(thistuple[-4:-1])
```

Check if Item Exists

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
if "apple" in thistuple:  
    print("Yes, 'apple' is in the fruits tuple")
```

Change Tuple Values

Once a tuple is created, you cannot change its values. Tuples are unchangeable, or immutable as it also is called. But there is a workaround. You can convert the tuple into a list, change the list, and convert the list back into a tuple.

```
x = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
y = list(x)  
y[1] = "kiwi"  
x = tuple(y)
```

Add Items:

1. Convert into a list: Just like the workaround for changing a tuple, you can convert it into a list, add your item(s), and convert it back into a tuple

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
y = list(thistuple)
y.append("orange")
thistuple = tuple(y)
print(thistuple)
```

2. Add tuple to a tuple. You are allowed to add tuples to tuples, so if you want to add one item, (or many), create a new tuple with the item(s), and add it to the existing tuple:

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
y = ("orange",)
thistuple += y
print(thistuple)
```

Unpacking a Tuple

When we create a tuple, we normally assign values to it. This is called "packing" a tuple:

```
fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
```

But, in Python, we are also allowed to extract the values back into variables. This is called "unpacking":

```
fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
green, yellow, red = fruits
print(green)
print(yellow)
print(red)
```

Loop Through a Tuple:

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
for x in thistuple:  
    print(x)
```

Loop Through the Index Numbers

```
thistuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
for i in range(len(thistuple)):  
    print(thistuple[i])
```

Join Two Tuples

```
tuple1 = ("a", "b", "c")  
tuple2 = (1, 2, 3)
```

```
tuple3 = tuple1 + tuple2  
print(tuple3)
```

Multiply Tuples

```
fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")  
mytuple = fruits * 3  
  
print(mytuple)
```