Cheatsheet

Programming with Python

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Lecture I

Python Basics

- Python is an interpreted language code is executed line by line
- Comments start with #
- Code blocks are defined by indentation

Variables

- Created using assignment operator =
- Must start with letter or underscore
- Case sensitive
- Cannot use reserved words

Data Types

- 1. Strings (str)
 - Enclosed in quotes: "Hello" or 'Hello'
 - F-strings: f"Value is {variable}"
 - Format: f"{variable:<width>.<precision>f}"
- 2. Numbers
 - Integers (int): 1, -3, 0
 - Floats: -4.78, 0.1, 1.23e2
- 3. Booleans (bool)
 - True Or False

Basic Operators

```
# Arithmetic
addition = 1 + 2 # 3
subtraction = 1 - 2 # -1
multiplication = 3 * 4 # 12
division = 7 / 4 # 1.75
floor_division = 7 // 4 # 1
exponentiation = 9 ** 0.5 # 3.0
modulo = 10 % 3 # 1
```

Common Functions

```
# Input/Output
print("Hello")
                                        # Display output
name = input("Enter name: ")
                                       # Get user input
# Type Conversion
int_val = int("123")  # String to integer
float_val = float("12.34")  # String to float
str_val = str(123)  # Number to string
str_val = str(123)
                                       # Number to string
# Other
round(3.14159, 2)
                                        # Round to 2 decimals
len("Hello")
                                      # Get length
type(variable)
                                       # Get type of variable
```

Best Practices

- 1. Use meaningful variable names
- 2. Add comments to explain complex code
- 3. Follow Python's naming conventions
- 4. Use f-strings for string formatting
- 5. Be consistent with quote usage (" or ")

Lecture II

String Methods

```
text = "Hello, World!"
text.upper()  # Convert to uppercase: "HELLO, WORLD!"
text.lower()  # Convert to lowercase: "hello, world!"
text.title()  # Title case: "Hello, World!"
text.strip()  # Remove leading/trailing whitespace
text.replace("Hello", "Hi")  # Replace text: "Hi, World!"
text.find("World")  # Find substring index: 7
text.count("l")  # Count occurrences: 3
```

Indexing and Slicing

```
text = "Hello, World!"
text[0]  # First character: "H"
text[-1]  # Last character: "!"
text[7:12]  # Slice: "World"
text[::2]  # Every second character: "Hlo ol!"
text[::-1]  # Reverse string: "!dlroW ,olleH"
```

Comparison Operators

- == Equal to
- != Not equal to
- < Less than

- > Greater than
- <= Less than or equal to
- >= Greater than or equal to

Logical Operators

```
# and: Both conditions must be True
x > 0 and x < 10  # True if x is between 0 and 10

# or: At least one condition must be True
x < 0 or x > 10  # True if x is outside 0-10

# not: Inverts the condition
not x == 10  # True if x is not 10
```

Membership Operators

```
"a" in "apple"  # True
"z" not in "apple"  # True
```

Control Structures

If Statements

```
if condition:
    # code if condition is True
elif other_condition:
    # code if other_condition is True
else:
    # code if all conditions are False
```

For Loops

```
# Loop with range
for i in range(5):  # 0 to 4
    print(i)

# Loop with range and step
for i in range(0, 10, 2):  # 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
    print(i)

# Loop through string
for char in "Hello":
    print(char)
```

While Loops

```
# Basic while loop
i = 0
while i < 5:
    print(i)
    i += 1</pre>
```

```
# While loop with break
while True:
    if condition:
        break  # Exit loop
```

Best Practices

- 1. Use clear and descriptive variable names
- 2. Maintain consistent indentation (4 spaces)
- 3. Use comments to explain complex logic
- 4. Avoid infinite loops
- 5. Keep code blocks focused and manageable

Lecture III

Functions

Basic Function Syntax

```
def function_name(parameter1, parameter2):
    """Docstring explaining what the function does"""
    # Function body
    return result
```

Function Parameters

```
# No parameters
def greet():
    print("Hello!")

# Multiple parameters
def greet(name, age):
    print(f"Hello {name}, you are {age} years old")

# Default parameters
def greet(name="Stranger"):
    print(f"Hello {name}")

# Keyword arguments
greet(name="Alice") # Calling with named parameter
```

Return Values

```
# Return single value
def multiply(a, b):
    return a * b

# Return None (implicit)
def greet(name):
```

```
print(f"Hello {name}")
    # No return statement = returns None

# Multiple return points

def check_number(n):
    if n > 0:
        return "positive"
    elif n < 0:
        return "negative"
    return None # if n == 0</pre>
```

Function Scope

```
# Global scope
global_var = 10

def function():
    # Local scope
    local_var = 20
    print(global_var) # Can access global

# Modify global variable
    global global_var
    global_var = 30
```

Classes

Basic Class Syntax

```
class ClassName:
    # Class attribute
    class_attribute = value

# Constructor
    def __init__(self, parameter):
        # Instance attribute
        self.instance_attribute = parameter

# Method
    def method_name(self):
        return self.instance_attribute
```

Class Example

```
class Student:
    # Class attribute
    school = "Python University"

def __init__(self, name):
    # Instance attribute
    self.name = name
```

```
def introduce(self):
    return f"Hi, I'm {self.name}"

# Create instance
student = Student("Alice")
print(student.introduce()) # "Hi, I'm Alice"
```

Inheritance

```
class Parent:
    def method(self):
        print("Parent method")

class Child(Parent):
    def method(self):
        print("Child method")
```

Best Practices

- 1. Use descriptive function and class names
- 2. Write clear docstrings
- 3. Keep functions focused on a single task
- 4. Use meaningful parameter names
- 5. Follow Python naming conventions:
 - function_name (snake_case)
 - ClassName (PascalCase)
 - variable_name (snake_case)

Lecture IV

Tuples

```
# Creating tuples
                      # Using parentheses
my_{tuple} = (1, 2, 3)
                            # Using just commas
my_tuple = 1, 2, 3
my_tuple = tuple([1, 2, 3]) # Using tuple() function
# Tuple operations
                            # Accessing elements
my_tuple[0]
my_tuple[1:3]
                             # Slicing
                         # Concatenation
my_tuple + (4, 5, 6)
my_tuple * 2
                            # Repetition
# Tuple methods
my_tuple.count(2)
                            # Count occurrences
my_tuple.index(3)
                            # Find index of element
# Tuple unpacking
name, age, city = my_tuple # Basic unpacking
                             # Using * for remaining elements
name, *rest = my_tuple
```

Lists

```
# Creating lists
                             # Using square brackets
my_list = [1, 2, 3]
my_list = list((1, 2, 3))
                              # Using list() function
# Common list methods
                               # Add element to end
my_list.append(4)
                             # Insert at index
my_list.insert(0, 0)
                             # Remove first occurrence
my_list.remove(1)
                             # Remove and return last element
my_list.pop()
                           # Sort in place
# Reverse in place
# Count occurrences
# Find index of element
my_list.sort()
my_list.reverse()
my_list.count(2)
my_list.index(3)
```

Sets

```
# Creating sets
my_set = \{1, 2, 3\}
                                     # Using curly braces
my_set = set([1, 2, 3])
                                     # Using set() function
# Common set methods
my_set.add(4)
                                    # Add element
                                   # Remove element (raises error if not found)
my_set.remove(1)
                                 # Remove element (no error if not found)
# Remove and return arbitrary element
my_set.discard(1)
my_set.pop()
my_set.update({4, 5, 6})  # Add multiple elements
# Set operations
set1.union(set2)
                                    # Union of sets
set1.intersection(set2)  # Intersection of sets
set1.isdisjoint(set2)  # Check if sets have no common elements
set1.issubset(set2)  # Check if set1 is subset of set2
```

Dictionaries

```
# Creating dictionaries
my_dict = {"name": "John", "age": 30} # Using curly braces
my_dict = dict(name="John", age=30)  # Using dict() function
# Dictionary operations
my_dict["name"]
                              # Access value by key
my_dict["city"] = "Hamburg" # Add or update key-value pair
del my_dict["age"]  # Remove key-value pair
"name" in my_dict  # Check if key exists
# Dictionary methods
my_dict.keys()
                            # Get all keys
                           # Get all values
my_dict.values()
my_dict.items()
                            # Get all key-value pairs
                     # Safe way to get value
# Remove and return value
my_dict.get("name")
my_dict.pop("name")
```

File Handling

Data Type Comparison

- Tuples: Immutable, ordered, allows duplicates
- Lists: Mutable, ordered, allows duplicates
- Sets: Mutable, unordered, no duplicates
- Dictionaries: Mutable, unordered, unique keys

Best Practices

- 1. Use tuples for immutable sequences
- 2. Use lists when order matters and items need to be modified
- 3. Use sets for unique collections
- 4. Use dictionaries for key-value relationships
- 5. Always use with statement for file operations
- 6. Close files after use if not using with

Lecture V

Common Built-in Exceptions

- ValueError: Wrong value type (e.g., converting "hello" to int)
- TypeError: Wrong operation for type (e.g., "hello" + 5)
- NameError: Variable not found
- IndexError: List index out of range
- KeyError: Dictionary key not found
- FileNotFoundError: File/directory not found
- ZeroDivisionError: Division by zero
- AttributeError: Object has no attribute/method
- ImportError: Module import fails
- SyntaxError: Invalid Python syntax
- IndentationError: Incorrect indentation

• RuntimeError: Generic runtime error

Try-Except Blocks

```
# Basic try-except
try:
    result = risky_operation()
except Exception as e:
    print(f"Error occurred: {e}")

# Multiple exception handling
try:
    result = risky_operation()
except ValueError as e:
    print(f"Value error: {e}")
except TypeError as e:
    print(f"Type error: {e}")
except Exception as e:
    print(f"Other error: {e}")
```

Raising Exceptions

```
# Basic raise
def validate_age(age):
    if age < 0:
        raise ValueError("Age cannot be negative")
    return age

# Custom exception
class CustomError(Exception):
    pass

def custom_operation():
    if error_condition:
        raise CustomError("Custom error message")</pre>
```

Assertions

```
# Basic assertions
assert condition, "Error message"
assert x > 0, "x must be positive"
assert isinstance(x, int), "x must be integer"

# Common assertion patterns
def process_list(lst):
    assert isinstance(lst, list), "Input must be a list"
    assert all(isinstance(x, int) for x in lst), "All elements must be integers"
    assert len(lst) > 0, "List cannot be empty"
```

Debugging Tips

1. Print Debugging

```
print(f"Variable x = {x}")
print(f"Type of x: {type(x)}")
print(f"Debug: Entering function {function_name}")
```

2. Assertions for Debugging

```
assert x == expected_value, f"x should be \{expected\_value\}, but got \{x\}"
```

3. IDE Debugging

- Set breakpoints
- Step through code
- Inspect variables
- Use watch windows

Best Practices

- 1. Always handle specific exceptions before generic ones
- 2. Use meaningful error messages
- 3. Don't catch exceptions without handling them
- 4. Use assertions for debugging and testing
- 5. Include relevant information in error messages
- 6. Clean up resources in try-finally blocks

Common Debugging Workflow

- 1. Identify the error (error message or unexpected behavior)
- 2. Locate the source of the error
- 3. Add print statements or use debugger
- 4. Test the fix
- 5. Add error handling if needed

Lecture VI

Modules

Importing Modules

```
# Basic import
import module_name
module_name.function_name()

# Import specific items
from module_name import function_name, another_function
function_name()

# Import with alias
import module_name as alias
alias.function_name()
```

Common Built-in Modules

Module	Description	Common Functions/Constants
math	Mathematical functions	pi, sqrt(), cos()
random	Random number generation	<pre>random(), randint()</pre>
datetime	Date and time handling	datetime, timedelta
os	Operating system interaction	<pre>listdir(), path.exists()</pre>
CSV	CSV file operations	<pre>reader(), writer()</pre>
re	Regular expressions	<pre>search(), findall()</pre>

Random Module

```
import random

random.random()  # Float between 0 and 1
random.uniform(1, 10)  # Float between 1 and 10
random.randint(1, 10)  # Integer between 1 and 10
random.choice(list)  # Random item from list
random.shuffle(list)  # Shuffle list in place
```

OS Module

```
import os

os.listdir('path')  # List directory contents
os.path.exists('path')  # Check if path exists
os.path.isfile('path')  # Check if path is file
os.makedirs('path')  # Create directories
os.getcwd()  # Get current working directory
os.path.join('dir', 'file')  # Join path components
```

CSV Module

```
import csv

# Writing CSV
with open('file.csv', 'w') as file:
    writer = csv.writer(file)
    writer.writerow(['header1', 'header2'])
    writer.writerow(['data1', 'data2'])

# Reading CSV
with open('file.csv', 'r') as file:
    reader = csv.reader(file)
    for row in reader:
        print(row)
```

Regular Expressions (re)

```
import re

# Basic patterns
re.search(pattern, string)  # Search for pattern
re.findall(pattern, string)  # Find all occurrences
re.sub(pattern, repl, string)  # Replace pattern
re.split(pattern, string)  # Split string by pattern

# Common special characters
. # Any character
* # Zero or more
+ # One or more
? # Zero or one
[] # Character set
\d # Any digit
\w # Word character
\s # Whitespace
```

Package Management

```
# Installing packages
uv add package_name
uv add package1 package2

# Remove packages
uv remove package_name
```

Best Practices

- 1. Import modules at the beginning of the file
- 2. Use specific imports instead of importing everything
- 3. Use meaningful aliases when needed
- 4. Keep virtual environments project-specific
- 5. Document package dependencies
- 6. Use regular expressions carefully and test them thoroughly

Lecture VII

NumPy Basics

Creating Arrays

```
import numpy as np

# Basic array creation
arr = np.array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
arr_2d = np.array([[1, 2], [3, 4]])

# Pre-filled arrays
```

```
zeros = np.zeros((3, 3))  # Array of zeros
ones = np.ones((2, 2))  # Array of ones
rand = np.random.rand(3, 3)  # Random values
arange = np.arange(0, 10, 2)  # Values from 0 to 10, step 2
linspace = np.linspace(0, 1, 5) # 5 evenly spaced values
```

Array Operations

Data Types

```
# Common dtypes
'i'  # integer
'b'  # boolean
'f'  # float
'S'  # string
'U'  # unicode

# Setting dtype
arr = np.array([1, 2, 3], dtype='f')
arr = arr.astype('i')  # Convert type
```

Best Practices

- 1. Use NumPy for numerical computations
- 2. Keep array types homogeneous for better performance
- 3. Use appropriate data types to optimize memory
- 4. Prefer vectorized operations over loops

Lecture VIII

Pandas Basics

Creating DataFrames

```
import pandas as pd

# From dictionary

df = pd.DataFrame({
    'Name': ['John', 'Anna'],
    'Age': [25, 28]

})

# From CSV/Excel

df = pd.read_csv('file.csv')

df = pd.read_excel('file.xlsx')
```

Basic Operations

Grouping and Aggregation

```
# Basic grouping
df.groupby('column').mean()
df.groupby(['col1', 'col2']).sum()

# Common aggregations
.sum()  # Sum of values
.mean()  # Mean of values
.max()  # Maximum value
.min()  # Minimum value
.count()  # Count of values
```

Reshaping Data

```
# Melting (wide to long)
pd.melt(df, id_vars=['ID'])
# Combining DataFrames
```

```
pd.concat([df1, df2])  # Concatenate
df1.join(df2)  # Join on index
df1.merge(df2, on='column')  # Merge on column
```

Excel Operations

Best Practices

- 1. Use pandas for structured data analysis
- 2. Always check data types and missing values