

# **Lists and Tuples**

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# Agenda

- Creating and manipulating lists
- List comprehensions
- Tuples and immutability

# Lists

- Properties of lists
- List methods
  - Add
  - Edit
  - Delete
- List indexing
- List slicing
- List of lists

# Characteristics of Lists:

**Ordered:** The order of elements is preserved.

**Mutable:** Elements can be added, removed, or modified.

**Heterogeneous:** Can store elements of different data types.

**Dynamic:** Size is not fixed; can grow or shrink.

**Duplicates Allowed:** Same value can appear multiple times.

# List Method Definitions:

Method Name	Definition
<code>append(item)</code>	Adds an <code>item</code> to the end of the list
<code>insert(index, item)</code>	Inserts an <code>item</code> at a specified <code>index</code>
<code>remove(item)</code>	Removes the first occurrence of a specific <code>item</code>
<code>pop(index)</code>	Removes and returns the item at a specific <code>index</code> , or the last item if no index is provided
<code>sort()</code>	Sorts the list in ascending order (or descending, if <code>reverse=True</code> is used)
<code>reverse()</code>	Reverses the order of the list
<code>clear()</code>	Removes all items from the list, making it empty
<code>extend(iterable)</code>	Adds all items from an <code>iterable</code> to the end of the list
<code>index(item, start, end)</code>	Returns the index of the first occurrence of an <code>item</code> in a given range in the list
<code>count(item)</code>	Returns the number of times an <code>item</code> appears in the list
<code>copy()</code>	Returns a shallow copy of the list

# Common Use Cases

- Storing and manipulating collections of data.
- Implementing stacks and queues.
- Representing a sequence of items that can change.

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# **PYTHON TUPLES**

# What is a Tuple?

- A tuple is an ordered collection of items.
- Tuples are immutable (cannot be changed after creation).
- **Syntax:**
  - `tuple_name = (item1, item2, item3, ...)`
- **Example:**
  - `my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)`



# Characteristics of Tuples

- **Ordered:** Elements maintain the order in which they are defined.
- **Immutable:** Once created, elements cannot be modified.
- **Allow duplicates:** Tuples can have duplicate values.
- **Support nesting:** Tuples can contain other tuples, lists, etc.
- Can store mixed data types: (1, "Python", True).
- Accessed via indexing and slicing.

# Tuple Methods

Method	Description
<b>count()</b>	Returns the number of times a specified value occurs in a tuple
<b>index()</b>	Searches the tuple for a specified value and returns the position of where it was found

# When to use Tuples

- Representing coordinates (x, y, z).
- Returning multiple values from a function.
- Storing configuration settings.
- Using as keys in dictionaries.

**SETS**



# What are Sets?

- An unordered collection of unique elements.
- Enclosed within curly braces {}.
- Does not allow duplicate elements.

# Key Characteristics

- **Unordered:** The order of elements is not guaranteed.
- **Unique:** Only one instance of each element is allowed.
- **Mutable:** Elements can be added or removed after creation.

# Set Methods

Method	Description
<code>add(element)</code>	Adds an element to the set.
<code>remove(element)</code>	Removes an element from the set. Raises <code>KeyError</code> if the element is not found.
<code>discard(element)</code>	Removes an element from the set if it exists. Does <b>not</b> raise an error if the element is not found.
<code>pop()</code>	Removes and returns an <b>arbitrary</b> element from the set.
<code>clear()</code>	Removes <b>all</b> elements from the set.

# Set Operations

- **union():** The union() method combines all elements from two sets, eliminating duplicates
- **intersection():** The intersection() method returns a set containing all elements that are common to both sets.
- **difference():** The difference() method returns a set containing all elements from the first set that are not in the second set.
- **symmetric\_difference():** The symmetric\_difference() method returns a set containing all elements from both sets except the common elements



# Set Operations (Using Operators)

- $|$  for union:  $\text{set1} | \text{set2}$
- $\&$  for intersection:  $\text{set1} \& \text{set2}$
- $-$  for difference:  $\text{set1} - \text{set2}$
- $\wedge$  for symmetric difference:  $\text{set1} \wedge \text{set2}$

# When to Use Sets

- Removing duplicates from a list.
- Checking for membership efficiently.
- Performing set operations like union, intersection, and difference.
- Representing collections of unique items (e.g., unique words in a text).