

Python Collections (Arrays)

There are four collection data types in the Python programming language:

- **List** is a collection which is ordered and changeable. Allows duplicate members.
- **Tuple** is a collection which is ordered and unchangeable. Allows duplicate members.
- **Set** is a collection which is unordered and unindexed. No duplicate members.
- **Dictionary** is a collection which is unordered and changeable. No duplicate members.

When choosing a collection type, it is useful to understand the properties of that type. Choosing the right type for a particular data set could mean retention of meaning, and, it could mean an increase in efficiency or security.

List: Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable. Lists are created using square brackets. e.g.
mylist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]

List Methods

Python has a set of built-in methods that you can use on lists. L:list, e:element, i:index

Method	Description
L.append(e)	Adds an element at the end of the list
L.clear()	Removes all the elements from the list
L.copy()	Returns a copy of the list
L.count(e)	Returns the number of elements with the specified value
L.extend(L2)	Add the elements of a list (or any iterable), to the end of the current list
L.index(e)	Returns the index of the first element with the specified value
L.insert(i,e)	Adds an element at the specified position
L.pop(i)	Removes the element at the specified position
L.remove(e)	Removes the item with the specified value
L.reverse()	Reverses the order of the list
L.sort()	Sorts the list

Tuple

Tuples are used to store multiple items in a single variable. A tuple is a collection which is ordered and **unchangeable**. Tuples are written with round brackets.

e.g. mytuple = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")

Tuple Methods

Python has two built-in methods that you can use on tuples. T:tuple, e:element

Method	Description
T.count(e)	Returns the number of times a specified value occurs in a tuple
T.index(e)	Searches the tuple for a specified value and returns the position of where it was found

Set

Sets are used to store multiple items in a single variable. A set is a collection which is both ***unordered*** and ***unindexed***. Sets are written with curly brackets.

e.g. myset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}

Set Methods

Python has a set of built-in methods that you can use on sets.

Method	Description
S.add(e)	Adds an element to the set
S.clear()	Removes all the elements from the set
S.copy()	Returns a copy of the set
S1.difference(S2)	Returns a set containing the difference between two or more sets
S1.difference_update(S2)	Removes the items in this set that are also included in another, specified set
S1.discard(e)	Remove the specified item
S1.intersection(S2)	Returns a set, that is the intersection of two other sets
S1.intersection_update(S2)	Removes the items in this set that are not present in other, specified set(s)
S1.isdisjoint(S2)	Returns whether two sets have a intersection or not
S1.issubset(S2)	Returns whether another set contains this set or not
S1.issuperset(S2)	Returns whether this set contains another set or not
S.pop()	Removes an element from the set
S.remove(e)	Removes the specified element
S1.symmetric_difference(S2)	Returns a set with the symmetric differences of two sets
S1.symmetric_difference_update(S2)	inserts the symmetric differences from this set and another
S1.union(S2)	Return a set containing the union of sets
S1.update(L1)	Update the set with the union of this set and others

Dictionary

Dictionaries are used to store data values in key:value pairs. A dictionary is a collection which is **ordered (3.7 version onward), changeable and does not allow duplicates.**

Dictionaries are written with curly brackets, and have keys and values.

e.g. `thisdict = { "brand": "Ford", "model": "Mustang", "year": 1964}`

Dictionary Methods

Python has a set of built-in methods that you can use on dictionaries.

Method	Description
<code>D.clear()</code>	Removes all the elements from the dictionary
<code>D.copy()</code>	Returns a copy of the dictionary
<code>D.get(k)</code>	Returns the value of the specified key
<code>D.items()</code>	Returns a list containing a tuple for each key value pair
<code>D.keys()</code>	Returns a list containing the dictionary's keys
<code>D.pop(k)</code>	Removes the element with the specified key
<code>D.popitem()</code>	Removes the last inserted key-value pair
<code>D.setdefault(k,v)</code>	Returns the value of the specified key. If the key does not exist: insert the key, with the specified value
<code>D.update({k:v})</code>	Updates the dictionary with the specified key-value pairs
<code>D.values()</code>	Returns a list of all the values in the dictionary