

# Python 3 Cheat Sheet

integer, float, boolean, string, bytes

**Base Types**

`int` 783 0 -192 0b010 0o642 0xF3  
null binary octal hexa

`float` 9.23 0.0 -1.7e-6  
escaped new line  $\times 10^{-6}$

`bool` True False

`str` "One\nTwo"  
escaped ' ' 'I\'m' escaped tab

`bytes` b"toto\xfe\775"  
hexadecimal octal

Multiline string:  
"""X\ty\tz  
1\t2\t3"""

☞ immutables

☞ ordered sequences, fast index access, repeatable values

`list` [1,5,9] ["x",11,8.9] ["mot"]  
`tuple` (1,5,9) 11,"y",7.4 ("mot",)  
Non modifiable values (immutables) ☞ expression with just comas → `tuple`

☞ key containers, no a priori order, fast key acces, each key is unique

dictionary `dict` {"key": "value"} `dict` (a=3,b=4,k="v")  
(key/value associations) {1: "one", 3: "three", 2: "two", 3.14: "pi"}

collection `set` {"key1", "key2"} {1,9,3,0} `set` ()  
☞ keys=hashable values (base types, immutables...) `frozenset` immutable set empty

**Container Types**

`[]`  
`()`  
`"`  
`b"`  
`{}`  
`set` ()

for variables, functions, modules, classes... names

**Identifiers**

a...zA...Z followed by a...zA...Z\_0...9

- ☐ diacritics allowed but should be avoided
- ☐ language keywords forbidden
- ☐ lower/UPPER case discrimination

☉ a toto x7 y\_max BigOne  
☉ 8y and for

**Variables assignment**

1) evaluation of right side expression value  
2) assignment in order with left side names  
☞ assignment ⇔ **binding** of a name with a value

`x=1.2+8+sin(y)`

`a=b=c=0` assignment to same value

`y,z,r=9.2,-7.6,0` multiple assignments

`a,b=b,a` values swap

`a,*b=seq` unpacking of sequence in  
`*a,b=seq` item and list

`x+=3` increment ⇔ `x=x+3`  
`x-=2` decrement ⇔ `x=x-2`  
`x=None` « undefined » constant value  
`del x` remove name x

**Sequences Containers Indexing**

negative index -5 -4 -3 -2 -1  
positive index 0 1 2 3 4

`lst=[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]`

positive slice 0 1 2 3 4 5  
negative slice -5 -4 -3 -2 -1

**Items count**  
`len(lst)→5`  
☞ index from 0 (here from 0 to 4)

Individual access to **items** via `lst[index]`  
`lst[0]→10` ⇒ first one `lst[1]→20`  
`lst[-1]→50` ⇒ last one `lst[-2]→40`

On mutable sequences (`list`), remove with `del lst[3]` and modify with assignment `lst[4]=25`

Access to **sub-sequences** via `lst[start slice: end slice: step]`  
`lst[: -1]→[10,20,30,40]` `lst[: -1]→[50,40,30,20,10]` `lst[1:3]→[20,30]` `lst[:3]→[10,20,30]`  
`lst[1: -1]→[20,30,40]` `lst[: -2]→[50,30,10]` `lst[-3: -1]→[30,40]` `lst[3:]→[40,50]`  
`lst[:2]→[10,30,50]` `lst[:]→[10,20,30,40,50]` shallow copy of sequence

Missing slice indication → from start / up to end.  
On mutable sequences (`list`), remove with `del lst[3:5]` and modify with assignment `lst[1:4]=[15,25]`

**Boolean Logic**

Comparators: < > <= >= == !=  
(boolean results) ≤ ≥ = ≠

`a and b` logical and both simulta-  
neously

`a or b` logical or one or other  
or both

☞ pitfall : `and` and `or` return **value** of `a` or  
of `b` (under shortcut evaluation).  
⇒ ensure that `a` and `b` are booleans.

`not a` logical not

`True`  
`False` } True and False constants

☞ floating numbers... approximated values

Operators: + - \* / // % \*\*  
Priority (...) × ÷ ↑ ↑ a<sup>b</sup>  
integer ÷ ÷ remainder

@ → matrix × python3.5+numpy  
(1+5.3)\*2→12.6  
abs(-3.2)→3.2  
round(3.57,1)→3.6  
pow(4,3)→64.0

☞ usual priorities

**Statements Blocks**

parent statement:  
statement block 1...  
parent statement:  
statement block2...  
next statement after block 1

☞ configure editor to insert 4 spaces in  
place of an indentation tab.

angles in radians

**Maths**

`from math import sin, pi...`  
`sin(pi/4)→0.707...`  
`cos(2*pi/3)→-0.4999...`  
`sqrt(81)→9.0` √  
`log(e**2)→2.0`  
`ceil(12.5)→13`  
`floor(12.5)→12`

modules `math`, `statistics`, `random`,  
`decimal`, `fractions`, `numpy`, etc. (cf. doc)

**Modules/NAMES Imports**

module `truc` ⇒ file `truc.py`

`from monmod import nom1, nom2 as fct`  
→ direct acces to names, renaming with `as`

`import monmod` → acces via `monmod.nom1` ...  
☞ modules and packages searched in `python path` (cf `sys.path`)

statement block executed only  
if a condition is true

**Conditional Statement**

`if logical condition:`  
statements block

Can go with several `elif`, `elif...` and only one  
final `else`. Only the block of first true  
condition is executed.

☞ with a var `x`:  
`if bool(x)==True:` ⇔ `if x:`  
`if bool(x)==False:` ⇔ `if not x:`

`if age<=18:`  
`state="Kid"`  
`elif age>65:`  
`state="Retired"`  
`else:`  
`state="Active"`

**Exceptions on Errors**

Signaling an error:  
`raise Exception(...)`

Errors processing:  
`try:`  
normal procesising block  
`except Exception as e:`  
error processing block

☞ `finally` block for final processing in all cases.

statements block executed as long as condition is true

**while logical condition:**  
→ statements block

initializations before the loop  
condition with a least one variable value (here **i**)

```
s = 0
i = 1
while i <= 100:
    s = s + i**2
    i = i + 1
print("sum:", s)
```

make condition variable change!

Algo:  $s = \sum_{i=1}^{100} i^2$

**Display**  
print("v=", 3, "cm :", x, ", ", y+4)

items to display: literal values, variables, expressions

print options:

- sep=" " items separator, default space
- end="\n" end of print, default new line
- file=sys.stdout print to file, default standard output

**Input**  
s = input("Instructions: ")

input always returns a string, convert it to required type (cf. boxed Conversions on the other side).

**Conditional Loop Statement**

yes  
no

**Loop Control**  
break immediate exit  
continue next iteration  
else block for normal loop exit.

**Iterative Loop Statement**  
statements block executed for each item of a container or iterator

**for var in sequence:**  
→ statements block

Go over sequence's values

```
s = "Some text"
cnt = 0
for c in s:
    if c == "e":
        cnt = cnt + 1
print("found", cnt, "e")
```

initializations before the loop  
loop variable, assignment managed by for statement  
Algo: count number of e in the string.

loop on dict/set ⇔ loop on keys sequences  
use slices to loop on a subset of a sequence

Go over sequence's index

- modify item at index
- access items around index (before / after)

```
lst = [11, 18, 9, 12, 23, 4, 17]
lost = []
for idx in range(len(lst)):
    val = lst[idx]
    if val > 15:
        lost.append(val)
        lst[idx] = 15
print("modif:", lst, "-lost:", lost)
```

Algo: limit values greater than 15, memorizing of lost values.

Go simultaneously on sequence's index and values:  
for idx, val in enumerate(lst):

**Generic Operations on Containers**

len(c) → items count  
min(c) max(c) sum(c)  
sorted(c) → list sorted copy  
val in c → boolean, membership operator in (absence not in)  
enumerate(c) → iterator on (index, value)  
zip(c1, c2...) → iterator on tuples containing c<sub>i</sub> items at same index  
all(c) → True if all c items evaluated to true, else False  
any(c) → True if at least one item of c evaluated true, else False

Note: For dictionaries and sets, these operations use keys.

Specific to ordered sequences containers (lists, tuples, strings, bytes...)

reversed(c) → reversed iterator  
c\*5 → duplicate  
c+c2 → concatenate  
c.index(val) → position  
c.count(val) → events count

import copy  
copy.copy(c) → shallow copy of container  
copy.deepcopy(c) → deep copy of container

modify original list

**Operations on Lists**

lst.append(val) add item at end  
lst.extend(seq) add sequence of items at end  
lst.insert(idx, val) insert item at index  
lst.remove(val) remove first item with value val  
lst.pop([idx]) → value remove & return item at index idx (default last)  
lst.sort() lst.reverse() sort / reverse liste in place

**Operations on Dictionaries**

d[key]=value  
d[key] → value  
d.update(d2) → update/add associations  
d.keys() → iterable views on keys/values/associations  
d.values() → iterable views on keys/values/associations  
d.items() → keys/values/associations  
d.pop(key[, default]) → value  
d.popitem() → (key, value)  
d.get(key[, default]) → value  
d.setdefault(key[, default]) → value  
d.clear()

**Operations on Sets**

Operators:

- | → union (vertical bar char)
- & → intersection
- ^ → difference/symmetric diff.
- < <= > >= → inclusion relations

Operators also exist as methods.

s.update(s2) s.copy()  
s.add(key) s.remove(key)  
s.discard(key) s.clear()  
s.pop()

**Integers Sequences**

range([start,] end [,step])  
start default 0, fin not included in sequence, pas signed default 1

range(5) → 0 1 2 3 4  
range(2, 12, 3) → 2 5 8 11  
range(3, 8) → 3 4 5 6 7  
range(20, 5, -5) → 20 15 10  
range(len(seq)) → sequence of index of values in seq  
range provides an immutable sequence of int constructed as needed

**Function Definition**

function name (identifier)  
named parameters

```
def fct(x, y, z):
    """documentation"""
    # statements block, res computation, etc.
    return res
```

result value of the call, if no computed result to return: return None

parameters and all variables of this block exist only in the block and during the function call (think of a "black box")

Advanced: def fct(x, y, z, \*args, a=3, b=5, \*\*kwargs):  
\*args variable positional arguments (→ tuple), default values,  
\*\*kwargs variable named arguments (→ dict)

**Function Call**

r = fct(3, i+2, 2\*i)  
storage/use of returned value  
one argument per parameter

this is the use of function name with parenthesis which does the call

Advanced: \*sequence \*\*dict

**Operations on Strings**

s.startswith(prefix[, start[, end]])  
s.endswith(suffix[, start[, end]])  
s.count(sub[, start[, end]])  
s.partition(sep) → (before, sep, after)  
s.index(sub[, start[, end]])  
s.find(sub[, start[, end]])  
s.is...() tests on chars categories (ex. s.isalpha())  
s.upper() s.lower() s.title() s.swapcase()  
s.casefold() s.capitalize() s.center([width, fill])  
s.ljust([width, fill]) s.rjust([width, fill]) s.zfill([width])  
s.encode(encoding) s.split([sep]) s.join(seq)

**Files**

storing data on disk, and reading it back

```
f = open("file.txt", "w", encoding="utf8")
```

file variable for operations  
name of file on disk (+path...)  
opening mode  
encoding of chars for text files: utf8 ascii latin1 ...

writing

```
f.write("coucou")
f.writelines(list of lines)
```

read empty string if end of file  
reading

```
f.read([n]) → next chars if n not specified, read up to end!
f.readlines([n]) → list of next lines
f.readline() → next line
```

text mode t by default (read/write str), possible binary mode b (read/write bytes). Convert from/to required type!

f.close() don't forget to close the file after use!

f.flush() write cache  
f.truncate([taille]) resize

reading/writing progress sequentially in the file, modifiable with:  
f.tell() → position  
f.seek(position[, origin])

Very common: opening with a guarded block (automatic closing) and reading loop on lines of a text file:

```
with open(...) as f:
    for line in f:
        # processing of line
```

**Formating**

formatting directives values to format

"modele{} {} {}".format(x, y, r) → str  
"{selection: formating! conversion}"

Selection:

```
2
nom
0.nom
4[key]
0[2]
```

Formating:

fill char alignment sign mini width . precision ~ maxwidth type

< > ^ = + - space 0 at start for filling with 0  
integer: b binary, c char, d decimal (default), o octal, x or X hexa...  
float: e or E exponential, f or F fixed point, g or G appropriate (default), string: s ... % percent

Conversion: s (readable texte) or r (literal representation)

Examples:

```
"{:+2.3f}".format(45.72793) → '+45.728'
"{1:>10s}".format(8, "toto") → '          toto'
"{x!r}".format(x="I'm") → "'I\\'m'"
"{}I\\'m'".format()
```