

SETS

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SET

```
myset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
```

A set is a collection which is *unordered*, *unchangeable**, and *unindexed*.

Note:

- Set items are unchangeable, but you can remove items and add new items.
- Sets are unordered, so you cannot be sure in which order the items will appear.

Set items

Unordered

- means that the items in a set do not have a defined order. They can appear in a different order every time and cannot be referred to by index or key.

Unchangeable

- Set items are unchangeable, meaning that we cannot change the items after the set has been created.

Duplicates NOT allowed

Note: the values TRUE/FALSE and 1/0 are considered same and hence duplicates.

- Length of SET: len()
- Set items can be of any data type.
- A set can contain different data types.
- Type of SET: type()
- SET(): constructor.

Access Set Items

- We cannot access items in a set by referring to an index or a key.
- But we can loop through the set items using a for loop or ask if a specified value is present in a set, by using the in keyword.

```
thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
  
for x in thisset:  
    print(x)
```

Change items

- Once a set is created, you can **NOT** change its items, but you can add new items. ([Add Set Items](#))
- To add one item to a set, use the add() method.

```
thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
thisset.add("orange")  
print(thisset)
```

Add Sets

To add items from another set into the current set, use the `update()` method

```
thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
tropical = {"pineapple", "mango", "papaya"}  
thisset.update(tropical)  
  
print(thisset)
```

```
thisset = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
mylist = ["kiwi", "orange"]  
  
thisset.update(mylist)  
  
print(thisset)
```

Remove Item

- `Remove()` or `discard()` methods are used to remove an item from a set.
- If the item to remove does not exist `remove()` will raise an error and `discard` will **NOT** raise an error.
- We can also use the `pop()` method to remove an item, but this method will remove a random item, so you cannot be sure what item that gets removed.
- `Clear()` method empties a set.
- `Del` keyword will delete the set completely

Loop Sets

```
for x in thisset: #for loop
    print(x)
```

Join Sets

Union(): returns a net set

```
set3 = set1.union(set2)
```

Update():

```
set1.update(set2)
```

Both will exclude any duplicate items.

Intersection_update(): Keep ONLY the duplicates.

```
x.intersection_update(y) #Saved in x
```

Intersection(): It will return a new set .

```
z = x.intersection(y)
```

Keep All, But NOT the Duplicates

`Symmetric_difference_update()`: will keep only the elements that are NOT present in both sets.

```
x.symmetric_difference_update(y)
```

`Symmetric_difference()`: return a new set

```
z = x.symmetric_difference(y)
```

SET methods

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