

Python 3 Quick Reference

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ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

PYTHONSTARTUP: file executed on interactive startup (no default)

PYTHONPATH: ':'-separated list of directories prefixed to the default module search path. The result is sys.path.

PYTHONHOME: alternate <prefix> directory (or <prefix>:<exec_prefix>). The default module search path uses <prefix>/pythonX.X.

PYTHONCASEOK: ignore case in 'import' statements (Windows).

PYTHONIOENCODING: Encoding[:errors] used for stdin/stdout/stderr.

PYTHONFAULTHANDLER: dump the Python traceback on fatal errors.

PYTHONHASHSEED: if this variable is set to 'random', a random value is used to seed the hashes of str, bytes and datetime objects. It can also be set to an integer in the range [0,4294967295] to get hash values with a predictable seed.

KEYWORDS

False	class	finally	is	return
None	continue	for	lambda	try
True	def	from	nonlocal	while
and	del	global	not	with
as	elif	if	or	yield
assert	else	import	pass	
break	except	in	raise	

PYTHON3

```
hhoegl@e11 ~ $ python3
Python 3.5.1 |Anaconda 2.4.0 (32-bit)| (default, Dec 7 2015, 11:17:45)
[GCC 4.4.7 20120313 (Red Hat 4.4.7-1)] on linux
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
>>> _
```

- Basic Python prompt.
- Use only for short "throw-away" interactive work.
- For comfortable interactive work use IPython.

IPYTHON3

```
hhoegl@e11 ~/anaconda3/bin $ ./ipython3
Python 3.5.1 |Anaconda 2.4.0 (32-bit)| (default, Dec 7 2015, 11:17:45)
Type "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
```

```
IPython 4.0.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python.
?          -> Introduction and overview of IPython's features.
%quickref  -> Quick reference.
help       -> Python's own help system.
object?    -> Details about 'object', use 'object??' for extra details.
```

```
In [1]: _
```

- Get help with ? or ?? after module, function, object, identifier.

```
import os
os?
id?
```

Press TAB key to auto-complete.

Enter quickref for a list of magic commands.

- The %editor command (alias %ed) starts the editor which is defined in the EDITOR environment variable.
- The IPython configuration is in directory ~/.ipython/. More help: `ipython config -h`
- IPython help: `ipython3 --help`
- IPython Notebook help: `ipython3 notebook --help`
- `ipython3 --pylab`
`ipython3 --matplotlib tk`
`ipython3 --matplotlib qt4`
- Default coding style for Python source files is UTF-8. Use `# -*- coding: <encoding name> -*-` for alternate encodings.
- Can use UTF-8 characters in strings, comments and identifiers:

```
müll = "tröööööt"
```

Further reading (Unicode): [5]

NUMBERS

Types: Integer, Float, Complex

Numbers are immutable

```
>>> i = 12
>>> j = -20
>>> u, v, w = 10, 12, 14

>>> p = 2 ** 100          # 2^100
>>> p
1267650600228229401496703205376

>>> f = 3.1415           # double (8 byte)

>>> 2.3 ** 100
1.4886191506362924e+36

>>> c = 4 + 3j           # complex number
```

Operations on Numbers

Operation	Description	Notes
$X + Y$, $X - Y$	Add, subtract	
$X * Y$, X / Y	multiplication, division	
$X // Y$, $X \% Y$	integer division, remainder	
$-X$, $+X$	sign	
$X Y$, $X \& Y$	bitwise or, bitwise and	
$X \wedge Y$	exor	
$X \ll n$, $n \gg n$	shift	
$\sim X$	bitwise negate	

<code>X ** Y</code>	<code>pow</code>	
<code>abs(X)</code>	absolute value	
<code>int(X)</code>	type conversion	
<code>float(X)</code>	type conversion	
<code>complex(X)</code>	type conversion	
<code>divmod(X, Y)</code>	integer division and remainder	
<code>pow(X, Y, [Z])</code>	identical with <code>**</code>	

- Also see modules `decimal` (decimal floating point arithmetic) and `fractions` (rational number arithmetic).

Integer methods

```
i.bit_length  i.denominator  i.imag      i.real
i.conjugate   i.from_bytes    i.numerator i.to_bytes
```

Example:

```
>>> i = 4 ** 100
>>> i.bit_length()
201
```

Float methods

```
f.as_integer_ratio  f.fromhex      f.imag      f.real
f.conjugate         f.hex          f.is_integer
```

Complex methods

```
c.conjugate  c.imag      c.real
```

ASSIGNMENTS

```
a = 42          a **= b
a += b          a &= b
a -= b          a |= b
a *= b          a ^= b
a /= b          a >>= b
a //= b         a <<= b
a %= b
```

```
a = 12 if cond else 0  # conditional expression
```

COMPARISONS

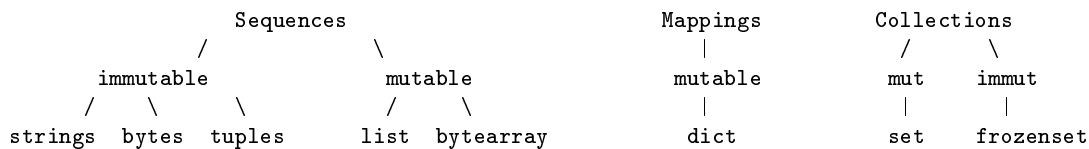
Comparisons are defined for any types.

Operation	Description	Notes
<code><</code>	less than	
<code><=</code>	less or equal	
<code>></code>	greater than	

<code>>=</code>	greater or equal	
<code>==</code>	equal	
<code>!=</code>	not equal	
<code>is</code>	identity	
<code>is not</code>	negated identity	

- Works as expected: `0.2 <= f < 0.9`

SEQUENCES, MAPPINGS and COLLECTIONS



INDEX: 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

NO INDEX!!!

Lit.: <https://docs.python.org/3/reference/datamodel.html>

Examples:

```

>>> s = "Hello World"
>>> B = bytes([3, 2, 9, 250])
>>> B[3]
250
>>> T = (7.32, "Hallo", 12)
>>> L = [3, "Hallo", 4.71, 2+5j]
>>> BA = bytearray([4, 9, 0, 255])
>>> BA[2] = 13
>>> D = { 0 : "Null", 1 : "Eins"}

```

```

>>> T = (1, 4, [4, 5, 9], 90)
>>> T[2][1] = 99

```

```

>>> b = True
>>> c = not True

```

```

>>> v = None

```

- `bytes()` → `b'...'`

Operations on all sequences

Operation	Description	Notes
<code>len(S)</code>	Number of elements in S	
<code>x in S</code>	x member in S	
<code>x not in S</code>	x not member in S	
<code>S1 + S2</code>	Concatenation	
<code>S * n</code>	Sequence times int	
<code>n * S</code>	Int times sequence	
<code>S[i]</code>	Index Operator	

<code>S[i:j]</code>	Slice Operator	
<code>S[i:j:k]</code>	Slice Operator	
<code>S.index(x)</code>	Get index of element x	
<code>min(S)</code>	Minimum	
<code>max(S)</code>	Maximum	
<code>iter(S)</code>	Return Iterator	
<code>for x in S:</code>	Iteration	
<code>[e for e in S]</code>	List comprehension	
<code>map(f, S)</code>	Functional programming	
<code>filter(f, S)</code>	Functional programming	

Operations on mutable sequences

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<code>S[i] = x</code>	Assign x at index i in S	
<code>S[i:j] = T</code>	Assign T to slice	
<code>S[i:j:k] = T</code>	Assign T to slice	
<code>del S[i]</code>	Delete	
<code>del S[i:j]</code>	Delete	
<code>del S[i:j:k]</code>	Delete	

- Change L in place: `L[:] = [list compr. with L]`

Operations on Mappings

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<code>D[k]</code>	Lookup dict by key k	
<code>D[k] = x</code>	Key assignment	
<code>del D[k]</code>	delete entry	
<code>len(D)</code>	number of items in D	
<code>k in D</code>	was <code>D.has_key(k)</code>	
<code>k not in D</code>	test for key not in D	
<code>iter(D)</code>	get iterator over keys (<code>dict_keyiterator</code>)	
<code>for k in D:</code>	iterate over keys	

Operations on Sets

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<code>len(S)</code>	number of elements in S	
<code>x in S</code>	x is element of Set S	
<code>S1 - S2</code>	difference	
<code>S1 -= S2</code>	difference update	
<code>S1 S2</code>	union	
<code>S1 = S2</code>	union update	
<code>S1 & S2</code>	intersection	
<code>S1 ^ S2</code>	symmetric difference	
<code>S1 ^= S2</code>	symmetric difference update	
<code>S1 < S2</code>	test for true subset	
<code>S1 <= S2</code>	test for subset	
<code>S1 > S2</code>	test for true superset	
<code>S1 >= S2</code>	test for superset	
<code>S1 != S2</code>	test for unequal sets	

See also section SET METHODS below.

STRING METHODS

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s.capitalize	s.format	s.islower	s.lower	s.rpartition	s.title
s.casefold	s.format_map	s.isnumeric	s.lstrip	s.rsplitle	s.translate
s.center	s.index	s.isprintable	s.maketrans	s.rstrip	s.upper
s.count	s.isalnum	s.isspace	s.partition	s.split	s.zfill
s.encode	s.isalpha	s.istitle	s.replace	s.splitlines	
s.endswith	s.isdecimal	s.isupper	s.rfind	s.startswith	
s.expandtabs	s.isdigit	s.join	s.rindex	s.strip	
s.find	s.isidentifier	s.ljust	s.rjust	s.swapcase	

Method	Description	Notes
s.capitalize()	Returns a copy of s with its first character capitalized, and the rest of the characters lowercase.	
s.casefold()	Return a version of s suitable for caseless comparisons.	
s.center(width[, fillchar])	Returns a copy of s centered in a string of length <i>width</i> , surrounded by the appropriate number of <i>fillchar</i> characters.	
s.count(sub[, start[, end]])	Return number of non-overlapping occurrences of substring sub in string s[start:end]. Optional arguments start and end are interpreted as in slice notation.	
s.encode([encoding [, errors]])	Encode s using the codec registered for encoding. Return bytes.	
s.endswith(suffix [,start [,end]])	Return True if s ends with the specified suffix, False otherwise.	
s.expandtabs([tabsize])	Return a copy of s where all tab characters are expanded using spaces. If tabsize is not given, a tab size of 8 characters is assumed.	
s.find(sub [,start [,end]])	Return the lowest index in s where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within s[start:end]. Optional arguments start and end are interpreted as in slice notation.	
s.format(*args, **kwargs)	see https://pyformat.info	
s.format_map(mapping)	Return a formatted version of s, using substitutions from mapping.	
s.index(sub [,start [,end]])	Like s.find() but raise ValueError when the substring is not found.	
s.isalnum()	Return True if all characters in s are alphanumeric and there is at least one character in s, False otherwise.	
s.isalpha()	Return True if all characters in s are alphabetic and there is at least one character in s, False otherwise.	
s.isdecimal()	Return True if there are only decimal characters in s, False otherwise.	
s.isdigit()	Return True if all characters in s are digits and there is at least one character in s, False otherwise.	
s.isidentifier()	Return True if s is a valid identifier according to the language definition.	
s.islower()	Return True if all cased characters in s are lowercase and there is at least one cased character in s, False otherwise.	
s.isnumeric()	Return True if there are only numeric characters in s, False otherwise.	
s.isprintable()	Return True if all characters in s are considered printable in repr() or s is empty, False otherwise.	
s.isspace()	Return True if all characters in s are whitespace and there is at least one character in s, False otherwise.	
s.istitle()	Return True if s is a titlecased string	
s.isupper()	Return True if all cased characters in s are uppercase and there is at least one cased character in s, False otherwise.	
s.join(iterable)	Return a string which is the concatenation of the strings in the iterable. The separator between elements is s.	

<code>s.ljust(width [,fillchar])</code>	Return s left-justified in a Unicode string of length width. Padding is done using the specified fill character (default is a space).	
<code>s.lower()</code>	Return a copy of the string s converted to lowercase.	
<code>s.lstrip([chars])</code>	Return a copy of the string s with leading whitespace removed. If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.	
<code>s.maketrans()</code>	Return a translation table usable for <code>s.translate()</code> .	
<code>s.partition(sep)</code>	→ (head, sep, tail). Search for the separator sep in s, and return the part before it, the separator itself, and the part after it. If the separator is not found, return s and two empty strings.	
<code>s.replace(old, new [,count])</code>	Return a copy of s with all occurrences of substring old replaced by new. If the optional argument count is given, only the first count occurrences are replaced.	
<code>s.rfind(sub [,start [,len]])</code>	Return highest index in s where substring sub is found, such that sub is contained within s[start:end].	
<code>s.rindex(sub [,start [,len]])</code>	Like <code>s.rfind()</code> but raise <code>ValueError</code> when the substring is not found.	
<code>s.rjust(width [,fillchar])</code>	Return s right-justified in a string of length width. Padding is done using the specified fill character (default is a space).	
<code>s.rpartition(sep)</code>	Search for the separator sep in s, starting at the end of s, and return the part before it, the separator itself, and the part after it. If the separator is not found, return two empty strings and s.	
<code>s.rsplit([sep [,maxsplit]])</code>	→ list of strings. Return a list of the words in s, using sep as the delimiter string, starting at the end of the string and working to the front. If maxsplit is given, at most maxsplit splits are done. If sep is not specified, any whitespace string is a separator.	
<code>s.rstrip([chars])</code>	Return a copy of the string s with trailing whitespace removed. If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.	
<code>s.split([sep [,maxsplit]])</code>	→ list of strings. Return a list of the words in s, using sep as the delimiter string. If maxsplit is given, at most maxsplit splits are done. If sep is not specified or is None, any whitespace string is a separator and empty strings are removed from the result.	
<code>s.splitlines([keepends])</code>	→ list of strings. Return a list of the lines in s, breaking at line boundaries. Line breaks are not included in the resulting list unless keepends is given and true.	
<code>s.startswith(prefix [,start [,end]])</code>	Return True if s starts with the specified prefix, False otherwise. With optional start, test s beginning at that position. With optional end, stop comparing s at that position. prefix can also be a tuple of strings to try.	
<code>s.strip([chars])</code>	Return a copy of the string s with leading and trailing whitespace removed.	
<code>s.swapcase()</code>	Return a copy of s with uppercase characters converted to lowercase and vice versa.	
<code>s.title()</code>	Return a titlecased version of s	
<code>s.translate(table [,deletechars])</code>	Return a copy of the string s in which each character has been mapped through the given translation table. ...	
<code>s.upper()</code>	Return a copy of s converted to uppercase	
<code>s.zfill(width)</code>	→ str. Pad a numeric string s with zeros on the left, to fill a field of the specified width. The string s is never truncated.	

- String concatenation: `'abc' 'def' 'ghi'`

TUPLE METHODS

`T.count` `T.index`

Method	Description	Notes
T.count(value)	return number of occurrences of value	
T.index(value, [start, [stop]])	Return first index of value	

Also see section *Operations on all sequences*

Examples:

```
>>> T = (3, 5, 1, 20, 4)
>>> len(T)
5
>>> T[1:-1]
(5, 1, 20)
>>> a, *b, c = T
>>> a, b, c
(3, [5, 1, 20], 4)
```

LIST METHODS

L.append* L.copy L.extend* L.insert* L.remove* L.sort*
L.clear* L.count L.index L.pop* L.reverse*

Operations marked with * are in-place.

Method	Description	Notes
L.append(obj)	→ None. Append obj to end.	
L.clear()	→ None. Remove all items from L.	
L.copy()	Return a shallow copy of L.	
L.count(value)	Return number of occurrences of value.	
L.extend(iterable)	→ None. Extend list by appending elements from the iterable.	
L.index(value, [start, [stop]])	Return first index of value.	
L.insert(index, object)	→ None. Insert object before index.	
L.pop([index])	Remove and return item at index (default last).	
L.remove(value)	→ None. Remove first occurrence of value.	
L.reverse()	→ None. Reverse in-place.	
L.sort(key=None, reverse=False)	→ None. Sort in-place.	

- List Comprehension

```
L = [e**2 for e in range(10)]

L[:] = [e**2 for e in L]        # change L in place
```

Examples:

```
>>> L = [23, 2, 9, 7, 13]
>>> M = L                      # two references to same object
>>> L[1] = 99
>>> M[1]
99                              # !!!
>>> K = L[:]                    # two references to different objects
>>> K[1] = 5
>>> L[1]
99
```

DICTIONARY METHODS

D.clear* D.fromkeys D.items D.pop D.setdefault D.values
D.copy D.get D.keys D.popitem D.update*

Method	Description	Notes
D.clear()	Remove all items from D; → None	
D.copy()	Return a shallow copy of D	
D.fromkeys(iterable [,value])	Return a new dictionary with keys from a supplied iterable and values all set to specified value (default None).	
D.get(k [,d])	Return D[k] if k in D, else d; d defaults to None.	
D.items()	Return a set-like object providing a view on D's items	
D.keys()	Return a set-like object providing a view on D's keys	
D.pop(k [,d])	Remove given key k, Return corresponding value. If key not found → d if given; else KeyError.	
D.popitem()	Remove and return some (key, value) pair	
D.setdefault(k [,d])	D.get(k,d), also set D[k]=d if k not in D	
D.update([E,]**F)	Update D from dict/iterable E and F; → None	
D.values()	Return an object providing a view on D's values	

Examples

```
>>> D = {0: "Null", 1: "Eins"}
>>> v = D.keys()    # v is a "view"
>>> v
dict_keys([0, 1])
>>> for k in v:
>>>     print(k)
>>> D.values()
dict_values(['Null', 'Eins'])
>>> it = D.items()
>>> it
dict_items([(0, 'Null'), (1, 'Eins')])
>>> for k, v in it:
>>>     print(k, v)
>>> E = { "Hans" : 1234, "Maria" : 4321 }
>>> D.update(E, Thorsten=7890)
```

- D.keys(), D.values(), D.items() return *views*.
- Sort a view with `sorted()`.
- Dictionary comprehension

SET METHODS

s.add	s.intersection (&)	s.remove
s.clear	s.intersection_update (s &= t)	s.symmetric_difference (^)
s.copy	s.isdisjoint	s.symmetric_difference_update (^=)
s.difference (-)	s.issubset (<=)	s.union ()
s.difference_update (-=)	s.issuperset (>=)	s.update (=)
s.discard	s.pop	

Method	Description
<code>s.add(x)</code>	Add an element to S; do nothing if element exists in S
<code>s.clear()</code>	Remove all elements from S
<code>s.copy()</code>	→ a new set with a shallow copy of s.
<code>s.difference(t, ...)</code>	→ new set with elements in the set that are not in the others.
<code>s.difference_update(t, ...)</code>	Update the set, removing elements found in others ($s -= t$)
<code>s.discard(elem)</code>	Remove elem in set s if present.
<code>s.intersection(t, ...)</code>	→ a new set with elements common to the set and all others ($s \& t$)
<code>s.intersection_update(t)</code>	→ set s keeping only elements also found in t ($s \&= t$)
<code>s.disjoint(t)</code>	→ True if the set has no elements in common with t. Sets are disjoint if and only if their intersection is the empty set.
<code>s.issubset(t)</code>	Test whether every element in the set is in t (\leq).
<code>s.issuperset(t)</code>	Test whether every element in t is in the set (\geq)
<code>s.pop()</code>	Remove and return an arbitrary element from the set. Raises <code>KeyError</code> if the set is empty.
<code>s.remove(e)</code>	Remove element e from the set. Raises <code>KeyError</code> if elem is not contained in the set.
<code>s.symmetric_difference(t)</code>	→ a new set with elements in either the set or other but not both ($s \wedge t$)
<code>s.symmetric_difference_update(t)</code>	Update the set, keeping only elements found in either set, but not in both ($s \wedge= t$)
<code>s.union(t, ...)</code>	Return a new set with elements from the set and all others ($ $).
<code>s.update(t, ...)</code>	Update the set, adding elements from all others ($ =$)

Example:

```
>>> T = {"e", "a", "g"}          # {} is a dict. Use set() for empty set.
>>> S = set(["a", "b", "c"])
>>> S - T
{'b', 'c'}
>>> S | T
{'a', 'b', 'c', 'e', 'g'}
```

- $a < b \rightarrow a \leq b$ and $a \neq b$
- Set comprehensions
- `frozenset()`

FUNCTIONS

- ```
def f1(a, b, c):
 return [a, b, c]

f1(2, 5, 9)
```
- ```
def f2(a, b=5, c=9):
    return [a, b, c]

f1(2)
f1(2, 5, 9)
f1(2, c=3)
f1(2, b=7)
f1(2, c=3, b=4)
```
- ```
def f3(a, b, c=5, d=9):
 return (a, b), {'c':c, 'd':d}

def f3(*posargs, **kwargs):
 return posargs, kwargs
```

```
T = (3, 7)
D = { 'c': 14, 'd': 23 }
f3(*T, **D)
```

```
• def f4():
 return 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'

m, *n, o = f4()
```

## BUILTIN FUNCTIONS

|               |             |              |            |                |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| abs()         | dict()      | help()       | min()      | setattr()      |
| all()         | dir()       | hex()        | next()     | slice()        |
| any()         | divmod()    | id()         | object()   | sorted()       |
| ascii()       | enumerate() | input()      | oct()      | staticmethod() |
| bin()         | eval()      | int()        | open()     | str()          |
| bool()        | exec()      | isinstance() | ord()      | sum()          |
| bytearray()   | filter()    | issubclass() | pow()      | super()        |
| bytes()       | float()     | iter()       | print()    | tuple()        |
| callable()    | format()    | len()        | property() | type()         |
| chr()         | frozenset() | list()       | range()    | vars()         |
| classmethod() | getattr()   | locals()     | repr()     | zip()          |
| compile()     | globals()   | map()        | reversed() |                |
| complex()     | hasattr()   | max()        | round()    |                |
| delattr()     | hash()      | memoryview() | set()      |                |

| <i>Method</i>                                       | <i>Description</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>abs(x)</code>                                 | Returns the absolute value of the number x                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>all(iter)</code>                              | Return True if all elements of the iterable are true (or if the iterable is empty)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>any(iter)</code>                              | Return True if any element of the iterable is true.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>ascii(obj)</code>                             | Return a repr string with non-ASCII escaped                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>bin(x)</code>                                 | Convert integer number to binary string                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>bool([x])</code>                              | → True when the argument x is true, False otherwise                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>bytearray([arg [,encoding [,errors]]])</code> | Construct an mutable bytearray object from iterable-of-ints/str/bytes-of-buffer/int                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>bytes([arg [,encoding [,errors]]])</code>     | Construct an immutable array of bytes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>callable(obj)</code>                          | → whether obj is callable (bool)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>chr(i)</code>                                 | → a Unicode string of one character with ordinal i; 0 <= i <= 0x10ffff.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>classmethod(fn)</code>                        | → method; Convert a function to be a class method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>compile(source, filename, mode)</code>        | Compile the source (a Python module, statement or expression) into a code object that can be executed by <code>exec()</code> or <code>eval()</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>complex(real [,imag])</code>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>delattr(obj, name)</code>                     | Delete a named attribute on an object; <code>delattr(x, 'y')</code> is equivalent to " <code>del x.y</code> ".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>dict([arg])</code>                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>dir([object])</code>                          | If called without an argument, return the names in the current scope. Else, return an alphabetized list of names comprising (some of) the attributes of the given object, and of attributes reachable from it. If the object supplies a method named <code>__dir__</code> , it will be used; otherwise the default <code>dir()</code> logic is used and returns: For a module object: the module's attributes. For a class object: its attributes, and recursively the attributes of its bases. For any other object: its attributes, its class's attributes, and recursively the attributes of its class's base classes. |
| <code>divmod(x, y)</code>                           | → (div, mod); this is the tuple<br>( <code>(x-x%y)/y</code> , <code>x%y</code> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>enumerate(iter, start=0)</code>               | → enumerate object which yields pairs containing a count and a value yielded by the iterable argument: (0, <code>seq[0]</code> ), (1, <code>seq[1]</code> ), (2, <code>seq[2]</code> ), ...                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>eval(source [,globals [,locals]])</code>      | Evaluate the source in the context of globals and locals. The source may be a string representing a Python expression or a code object as returned by <code>compile()</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>exec(object[, globals[, locals]])</code>      | Read and execute code from an object, which can be a string or a code object. The globals and locals are dictionaries, defaulting to the current globals and locals. If only globals is given, locals defaults to it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>filter(fn, iter)</code>                       | → an iterator yielding those items of iterable for which <code>function(item)</code> is true. If function is None, return the items that are true.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>float([x])</code>                             | Convert a string or number to a floating point number, if possible.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>format(value [,format_spec])</code>           | → formatted string                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>frozenset([iter])</code>                      | Build an immutable unordered collection of unique elements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>getattr(obj, name [,default])</code>          | Get a named attribute from an object; <code>getattr(x, 'y')</code> is equivalent to <code>x.y</code> . When a default argument is given, it is returned when the attribute doesn't exist; without it, an exception is raised in that case.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>globals()</code>                              | → the dictionary containing the current scope's global variables.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>hasattr(obj, name)</code>                     | → whether the object has an attribute with the given name.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>hash(obj)</code>                              | → an (int) hash value for the object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>help([obj])</code>                            | This is a wrapper around <code>pydoc.help</code> that provides a helpful message when 'help' is typed at the Python interactive prompt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>hex(x)</code>                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>id(obj)</code>                                   | → identity of an object (int). This is guaranteed to be unique among simultaneously existing objects.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>input([prompt])</code>                           | Read a string from standard input. The trailing newline is stripped. If the user hits EOF (Unix: Ctl-D, Windows: Ctl-Z+Return), raise EOFError. On Unix, GNU readline is used if enabled. The prompt string, if given, is printed without a trailing newline before reading. |
| <code>int([number   string [,base]])</code>            | Convert a number or string to an integer, or return 0 if no arguments are given. If x is a number, return <code>x.__int__()</code> . For floating point numbers, this truncates towards zero.                                                                                |
| <code>isinstance(obj, class-or-type-or-tuple)</code>   | Return whether an object is an instance of a class or of a subclass thereof.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>issubclass(C, B)</code>                          | Return whether class C is a subclass (i.e., a derived class) of class B.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>iter(iterable)</code>                            | Get an iterator from an object. The argument must supply its own iterator, or be a sequence.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>iter(callable, sentinel)</code>                  | Get an iterator from a callable. The callable is called until it returns the sentinel.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>len(obj)</code>                                  | → number of items of a sequence or collection.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>list([iter])</code>                              | → new list initialized from iterable's items                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>locals()</code>                                  | Update and return a dictionary containing the current scope's local variables.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>map(func, *iterables)</code>                     | → map object; Make an iterator that computes the function using arguments from each of the iterables. Stops when the shortest iterable is exhausted.                                                                                                                         |
| <code>max(iterable, *[, default=obj, key=func])</code> | With a single iterable argument, return its biggest item. The default keyword-only argument specifies an object to return if the provided iterable is empty.                                                                                                                 |
| <code>max(arg1, arg2, *args, *[, key=func])</code>     | With two or more arguments, return the largest argument.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>memoryview(obj)</code>                           | Create a new memoryview object which references the given object.                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>min(iterable, *[, default=obj, key=func])</code> | → smallest argument                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>next(iter [,default])</code>                     | → next item from the iterator. If default is given and the iterator is exhausted, it is returned instead of raising StopIteration.                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>object()</code>                                  | → new featureless object. object is a base for all classes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>oct(number)</code>                               | → octal representation of an integer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>open(file, **kwargs)</code>                      | Open file and return a stream (file object). Raise IOError upon failure.<br><br><code>open(file, mode='r', buffering=-1, encoding=None, errors=None, newline=None, closefd=True, opener=None)</code>                                                                         |
| <code>ord(c)</code>                                    | → octal representation of an integer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>pow(x, y [,z])</code>                            | With two arguments, equivalent to <code>x**y</code> . With three arguments, equivalent to <code>(x**y) % z</code> , but may be more efficient (e.g. for ints).                                                                                                               |
| <code>print(obj, ..., sep, end, file, flush)</code>    | Prints the values to a stream, or to sys.stdout by default.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>property(**kwargs)</code>                        | Define managed attributes. See also decorator <code>@property</code>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>range(stop)</code>                               | → sequence of numbers from 0 to stop - 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>range(start, stop [,step])</code>                | → sequence of numbers from start to stop - 1 by step.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>repr(obj)</code>                                 | → canonical string representation of the object. For most objects <code>eval(repr(object)) == object</code>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>reversed(sequence)</code>                        | → reverse iterator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>round(x [,ndigits])</code>                       | Round a number to a given precision in decimal digits (default 0 digits). This returns an int when called with one argument, otherwise the same type as the number. ndigits may be negative.                                                                                 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>set(iter)</code>                                 | Build an unordered collection of unique elements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>setattr(obj, name, val)</code>                   | Set a named attribute on an object; <code>setattr(x, 'y', v)</code> is equivalent to <code>x.y = v</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>slice(start, stop [,step])</code>                | Create a slice object. This is used for extended slicing (e.g. <code>a[0:10:2]</code> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>sorted(iterable, key=None, reverse=False)</code> | → new sorted list                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>staticmethod(function)</code>                    | Convert a function to be a static method                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>str([bytes-or-buffer [,enc [,err]]])</code>      | Create a new string object from the given object. If encoding or errors is specified, then the object must expose a data buffer that will be decoded using the given encoding and error handler. Otherwise, returns the result of <code>object.__str__()</code> (if defined) or <code>repr(object)</code> . |
| <code>sum(iter [,start])</code>                        | → sum of an iterable of numbers (NOT strings) plus the value of parameter 'start' (which defaults to 0). When the iterable is empty, return start.                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>super([type [,obj-or-type]])</code>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>tuple([iter])</code>                             | → tuple initialized from iterable's items                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>type(obj)</code>                                 | → the obj's type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>vars([obj])</code>                               | → dictionary; Without arguments, equivalent to <code>locals()</code> . With an argument, equivalent to <code>object.__dict__</code> .                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>zip(*iters)</code>                               | → a zip object whose <code>.__next__()</code> method returns a tuple where the i-th element comes from the i-th iterable argument. The <code>.__next__()</code> method continues until the shortest iterable in the argument sequence is exhausted and then it raises <code>StopIteration</code> .          |

Lit.:

- IPython magic: `obj?`, `obj??`
- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html>

## CONTROL STRUCTURES

```

if ...:
 <block>
elif ...:
 <block>
else:
 <block>

for ...:
 <block>
else:
 <block>

break

while ...:
 <block>
else:
 <block>

continue

return

yield

```

## FILES

|                          |                                |                            |                             |                              |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <code>fo.buffer()</code> | <code>fo.errors</code>         | <code>fo.mode</code>       | <code>fo.readline()</code>  | <code>fo.truncate()</code>   |
| <code>fo.close()</code>  | <code>fo.fileno()</code>       | <code>fo.name</code>       | <code>fo.readlines()</code> | <code>fo.writable()</code>   |
| <code>fo.closed</code>   | <code>fo.flush()</code>        | <code>fo.newlines</code>   | <code>fo.seek()</code>      | <code>fo.write()</code>      |
| <code>fo.detach()</code> | <code>fo.isatty()</code>       | <code>fo.read()</code>     | <code>fo.seekable()</code>  | <code>fo.writelines()</code> |
| <code>fo.encoding</code> | <code>fo.line_buffering</code> | <code>fo.readable()</code> | <code>fo.tell()</code>      |                              |

| <i>Method</i>                           | <i>Description</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>fo.close()</code>                 | Close file                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>fo.closed</code>                  | True if file closed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>fo.encoding</code>                | Name of the encoding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>fo.errors</code>                  | The error setting of the decoder or encoder                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>fo.read(size=-1)</code>           | Read up to size bytes from fo. If size is -1 read all bytes.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>fo.readline(size=-1)</code>       | Read until newline or EOF and return a single str. If the stream is already at EOF, an empty string is returned. If size is specified, at most size characters will be read.                                                                        |
| <code>fo.readlines(hint=-1)</code>      | Read and return a list of lines from the stream. hint can be specified to control the number of lines read: no more lines will be read if the total size (in bytes/characters) of all lines so far exceeds hint.                                    |
| <code>fo.seek(offset [, whence])</code> | Change the stream position to the given byte offset. offset is interpreted relative to the position indicated by whence. The default value for whence is SEEK_SET. Values for whence are: SEEK_SET (0), SEEK_CUR (1), SEEK_END (2).                 |
| <code>fo.tell()</code>                  | → current stream position                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>fo.write(b)</code>                | Write the given bytes or bytearray object, b, to the underlying raw stream and return the number of bytes written. This can be less than len(b), depending on specifics of the underlying raw stream, and especially if it is in non-blocking mode. |
| <code>fo.writelines(lines)</code>       | Write a list of lines to the stream. Line separators are not added, so it is usual for each of the lines provided to have a line separator at the end.                                                                                              |

- Open a file with built-in function `open()` return a file object (see BUILTIN FUNCTIONS below).

```
open(file, mode='r', buffering=-1, encoding=None,
 errors=None, newline=None, closefd=True, opener=None)
```

File open *mode*:

```
"r" Read; position to begin of file.
"r+" Read and write; position to begin of file.
"w" Write file; create file if it does not exist. If it exists
 it is truncated. Position to begin of file.
"w+" Read and write. Behavior same as 'w' (file is truncated)
"a" Append to file. Create file if it does not exist.
"a+" Read and write (append). Create file if it does not exist.
```

Append **b** to mode for **binary files**, e.g. "rb", "rb+", "wb+".

- Print to file object: `print(s, end="", file=fobject)`

Examples

```
(1) fo = open('file.txt', 'r'): (2) with open('file.txt', 'r') as fo:
 for line in fo: lines = fo.readlines()

 fo.close()
```

## CLASSES AND OBJECTS

Standard methods and operator redefinition in classes

Basic customization



| Method                                       | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>obj.__new__(cls[, ...])</code>         | Called to create a new instance of class <code>cls</code> .                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>x.__init__(self[, ...])</code>         | Instance initialization ("constructor")                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>x.__class__</code>                     | Type of an object.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>x.__del__(self)</code>                 | Instance destruction ("destructor")                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>x.__repr__(self)</code>                | Called by the <code>repr()</code> built-in function to compute the "official" string representation of an object.                                                                                                       |
| <code>x.__str__(self)</code>                 | Called by <code>str(object)</code> and the built-in functions <code>format()</code> and <code>print()</code> to compute the "informal" or nicely printable string representation of an object.                          |
| <code>x.__bytes__(self)</code>               | Called by <code>bytes()</code> to compute a byte-string representation of an object.                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>x.__format__(self, format_spec)</code> | Called by the <code>format()</code> built-in function, and by extension, evaluation of formatted string literals and the <code>str.format()</code> method, to produce a "formatted" string representation of an object. |
| <code>x.__hash__(self)</code>                | → int. Called by built-in function <code>hash()</code> and for operations on members of hashed collections.                                                                                                             |
| <code>x.__bool__(self)</code>                | Called to implement truth value testing and the built-in operation <code>bool()</code> ; should return <code>False</code> or <code>True</code> .                                                                        |
| <code>x.__add__(self, other)</code>          | the <code>+</code> operator                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>x.__sub__(self, other)</code>          | the <code>-</code> operator                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>x.__mul__(self, other)</code>          | the <code>*</code> operator                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>x.__truediv__(self, other)</code>      | the <code>/</code> operator                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <i>many more</i>                             | see <a href="https://docs.python.org/3/reference/datamodel.html">https://docs.python.org/3/reference/datamodel.html</a>                                                                                                 |

#### Rich comparison

|                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| <code>x.__le__(self, y)</code> | <code>x &lt;= y</code> |
| <code>x.__ge__(self, y)</code> | <code>x &gt;= y</code> |
| <code>x.__eq__(self, y)</code> | <code>x == y</code>    |
| <code>x.__lt__(self, y)</code> | <code>x &lt; y</code>  |
| <code>x.__gt__(self, y)</code> | <code>x &gt; y</code>  |
| <code>x.__ne__(self, y)</code> | <code>x != y</code>    |

#### Attribute access

|                                             |                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>__getattr__(self, name)</code>        | Called when an attribute access has not found the attribute                        |
| <code>__getattribute__(self, name)</code>   | Called unconditionally to implement attribute accesses for instances of the class. |
| <code>__setattr__(self, name, value)</code> | Called when an attribute assignment is attempted.                                  |
| <code>__delattr__(self, name)</code>        | Like <code>__setattr__()</code> but for attribute deletion instead of assignment.  |
| <code>__dir__(self)</code>                  | Called when <code>dir()</code> is called on the object.                            |
| Implementing Descriptors                    |                                                                                    |
| <code>__get__(self, instance, owner)</code> | Get attribute                                                                      |
| <code>__set__(self, instance, value)</code> | Set attribute                                                                      |
| <code>__delete__(self, instance)</code>     | Delete attribute                                                                   |

Lit.: <https://docs.python.org/3/reference/datamodel.html>

## CHANGES FROM PYTHON2 TO PYTHON3

- Print is now a function: `print(...)`.
- Division now works as expected.
- "Backticks" `'...'` removed, use `repr()`.
- All strings now unicode.
- Strings have a `format()` method.
- Use `2to3` tool to convert from Py 2 to Py 3. But: sometimes manual changes necessary.

- When forced to use Python 2: Use -3 option: warn about Python 3.x incompatibilities that 2to3 cannot trivially fix.
- Reload modules with `importlib.reload(<module>)`.
- Many more ...

Lit.: The Conservative Python 3 Porting Guide <http://portingguide.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

## EXCEPTIONS

Exception hierarchy

```
BaseException
 Exception
 AssertionError
 AttributeError
 FloatingPointError
 GeneratorExit
 ImportError
 KeyError
 IndexError
 NameError
 OSError (see attributes errno and strerror)
 OverflowError
 StopIteration
 SyntaxError
 TypeError
 ValueError
 ZeroDivisionError
 Warning
 DeprecationWarning
 ...
 many more...
 user define exceptions...
```

Lit.: <https://docs.python.org/3/library/exceptions.html>

Example:

```
print("*** First exception")

try:
 1/0
except ZeroDivisionError as e:
 print e # *** First exception
 # integer division or modulo by zero

print("*** Second exception")

class MyExc(Exception):
 def __str__(self):
 return "Instance of MyExc"

try:
 raise MyExc()
except MyExc as x:
 print x # *** Second exception
 # Instance of MyExc
```

## MISCELLANEOUS

- Assert

```
>>> pressure = 20.0
>>> assert (pressure <= 10.0), "Alert. Too much pressure!"
AssertionError: Alert. Too much pressure!
```

## PACKAGE MANAGEMENT AND INSTALLATION

- distutils – basic support to create and install distributions (introduced `setup.py`)

```
python setup.py --help-commands
```

|              |              |               |          |             |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------|-------------|
| build        | build_ext    | build_py      | clean    | install     |
| sdist        | upload check | saveopts      | bdist    | bdist_wheel |
| build_sphinx | test         | bdist_wininst | [py2exe] | ...         |

- setuptools – enhancements to distutils
  - Create wheels with `bdist_wheels` setuptools extension
  - Do not use `easy_install` and eggs!
- wheel – Binary archive format (successor of eggs)
  - `wheel` utility installs and verifies wheels
  - newer versions of `pip` also work with wheels
- pip (pip3)
  - Installs source distributions (`sdist/.tar.gz`) and binary distributions (`wheels/.whl`)
  - Help

```
pip --help, pip install --help
```

|                                         |                             |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <code>pip list</code>                   | list all installed packages |
| <code>pip search &lt;str&gt;</code>     | Search PyPI for <str>       |
| <code>pip show &lt;pkg&gt;</code>       | show pkg info               |
| <code>pip install &lt;pkg&gt;</code>    | install package             |
| <code>pip install -U &lt;pkg&gt;</code> | upgrade package             |
| <code>pip uninstall &lt;pkg&gt;</code>  | remove package              |
| ...                                     |                             |

- Trick to choose Python version:

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <code>python3.6 -m pip install ...</code> | # Linux   |
| <code>py -3.6 -m pip install ...</code>   | # Windows |

- Virtual Environments

- Python 3.6 and higher

|                                          |                                                     |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <code>python3 -m venv new_env</code>     | # Windows <code>py -3.6 -m venv new_env</code>      |
| <code>source new_env/bin/activate</code> | # Windows <code>new_env\Scripts\activate.bat</code> |
| ...                                      |                                                     |
| <code>deactivate</code>                  |                                                     |

The `pyvenv` tool introduced in Py 3.x is deprecated in 3.6.

– Python 2: `virtualenv`

```
virtualenv <DIR>
source <DIR>/bin/activate
```

- `conda` – comes with Anaconda (<https://www.continuum.io>). Combines functionality of `pip` and `venv`.
- Use `twine` to interact with PyPI.
- <http://www.pyinstaller.org> freezes programs into standalone executables.

Lit.: [9]

## DOCUMENT CREATION

- Restructured Text (`rst2html`, `rst2latex`, ...)   
<http://docutils.sourceforge.net>
- Sphinx   
<http://www.sphinx-doc.org>

## STANDARDLIBRARY OVERVIEW

"batteries included" | <https://docs.python.org/3/library>

"Python 3 module of the week": <https://pymotw.com/3>

Following list is from <https://docs.python.org/3/py-modindex.html>

|                            |                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>__future__</code>    | Future statement definitions                                                                         |
| <code>__main__</code>      | The environment where the top-level script is run.                                                   |
| <code>_dummy_thread</code> | Drop-in replacement for the <code>_thread</code> module.                                             |
| <code>_thread</code>       | Low-level threading API.                                                                             |
| <code>abc</code>           | Abstract base classes according to PEP 3119.                                                         |
| <code>aifc</code>          | Read and write audio files in AIFF or AIFC format.                                                   |
| <code>argparse</code>      | Command-line option and argument parsing library.                                                    |
| <code>array</code>         | Space efficient arrays of uniformly typed numeric values.                                            |
| <code>ast</code>           | Abstract Syntax Tree classes and manipulation.                                                       |
| <code>asynchat</code>      | Support for asynchronous command/response protocols.                                                 |
| <code>asyncio</code>       | Asynchronous I/O, event loop, coroutines and tasks.                                                  |
| <code>asyncore</code>      | A base class for developing asynchronous socket handling services.                                   |
| <code>atexit</code>        | Register and execute cleanup functions.                                                              |
| <code>audioop</code>       | Manipulate raw audio data.                                                                           |
| <code>base64</code>        | RFC 3548: Base16, Base32, Base64 Data Encodings; Base85 and Ascii85                                  |
| <code>bdb</code>           | Debugger framework.                                                                                  |
| <code>binascii</code>      | Tools for converting between binary and various ASCII-encoded binary representations.                |
| <code>binhex</code>        | Encode and decode files in binhex4 format.                                                           |
| <code>bisect</code>        | Array bisection algorithms for binary searching.                                                     |
| <code>builtins</code>      | The module that provides the built-in namespace.                                                     |
| <code>bz2</code>           | Interfaces for <code>bzip2</code> compression and decompression.                                     |
| <code>calendar</code>      | Functions for working with calendars, including some emulation of the Unix <code>cal</code> program. |
| <code>cgi</code>           | Helpers for running Python scripts via the Common Gateway Interface.                                 |

cgitb      Configurable traceback handler for CGI scripts.  
 chunk      Module to read IFF chunks.  
 cmath      Mathematical functions for complex numbers.  
 cmd        Build line-oriented command interpreters.  
 code       Facilities to implement read-eval-print loops.  
 codecs     Encode and decode data and streams.  
 codeop     Compile (possibly incomplete) Python code.  
 collections Container datatypes  
 colorsys   Conversion functions between RGB and other color systems.  
 compileall Tools for byte-compiling all Python source files in a directory tree.  
 concurrent  
 concurrent.futures Launching parallel tasks.  
 configparser      Configuration file parser.  
 contextlib   Utilities for with-statement contexts.  
 copy        Shallow and deep copy operations.  
 copyreg     Register pickle support functions.  
 cProfile  
 crypt (Unix) The crypt() function used to check Unix passwords.  
 csv         Write and read tabular data to and from delimited files.  
 ctypes      A foreign function library for Python.  
 curses (Unix) An interface to the curses library, providing portable terminal handling.  
  
 datetime    Basic date and time types.  
 dbm         Interfaces to various Unix "database" formats.  
 decimal     Implementation of the General Decimal Arithmetic Specification.  
 difflib     Helpers for computing differences between objects.  
 dis         Disassembler for Python bytecode.  
 distutils   Support for building and installing Python modules into an existing Python installation.  
 doctest     Test pieces of code within docstrings.  
 dummy\_threading Drop-in replacement for the threading module.  
  
 email       Package supporting the parsing, manipulating, and generating email messages.  
 encodings   Package for standard Python encodings (e.g. ascii, iso, utf, ...)  
 ensurepip   Bootstrapping the "pip" installer into an existing Python installation or virtual environment.  
 enum        Implementation of an enumeration class.  
 errno       Standard errno system symbols.  
  
 faulthandler Dump the Python traceback.  
 fcntl (Unix) The fcntl() and ioctl() system calls.  
 filecmp     Compare files efficiently.  
 fileinput   Loop over standard input or a list of files.  
 fnmatch     Unix shell style filename pattern matching.  
 fpectl (Unix) Provide control for floating point exception handling.  
 fractions   Rational numbers.  
 ftplib      FTP protocol client (requires sockets).  
 functools   Higher-order functions and operations on callable objects.  
  
 gc          Interface to the cycle-detecting garbage collector.  
 getopt      Portable parser for command line options; support both short and long option names.  
 getpass     Portable reading of passwords and retrieval of the userid.  
 gettext     Multilingual internationalization services.  
 glob        Unix shell style pathname pattern expansion.  
 grp (Unix)   The group database (getgrnam() and friends).  
 gzip        Interfaces for gzip compression and decompression using file objects.

|                              |                                                                                                                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| hashlib                      | Secure hash and message digest algorithms.                                                                           |
| heapq                        | Heap queue algorithm (a.k.a. priority queue).                                                                        |
| hmac                         | Keyed-Hashing for Message Authentication (HMAC) implementation                                                       |
| html                         | Helpers for manipulating HTML.                                                                                       |
| http                         | HTTP status codes and messages                                                                                       |
|                              |                                                                                                                      |
| imaplib                      | IMAP4 protocol client (requires sockets).                                                                            |
| imghdr                       | Determine the type of image contained in a file or byte stream.                                                      |
| importlib                    | The implementation of the import machinery.                                                                          |
| inspect                      | Extract information and source code from live objects.                                                               |
| io                           | Core tools for working with streams.                                                                                 |
| ipaddress                    | IPv4/IPv6 manipulation library.                                                                                      |
| itertools                    | Functions creating iterators for efficient looping.                                                                  |
|                              |                                                                                                                      |
| json                         | Encode and decode the JSON format.                                                                                   |
|                              |                                                                                                                      |
| keyword                      | Test whether a string is a keyword in Python.                                                                        |
|                              |                                                                                                                      |
| lib2to3                      | the 2to3 library                                                                                                     |
| linecache                    | This module provides random access to individual lines from text files.                                              |
| locale                       | Internationalization services.                                                                                       |
| logging                      | Flexible event logging system for applications.                                                                      |
| lzma                         | A Python wrapper for the liblzma compression library.                                                                |
|                              |                                                                                                                      |
| macpath                      | Mac OS 9 path manipulation functions.                                                                                |
| mailbox                      | Manipulate mailboxes in various formats                                                                              |
| mailcap                      | Mailcap file handling.                                                                                               |
| marshal                      | Convert Python objects to streams of bytes and back (with different constraints).                                    |
| math                         | Mathematical functions (sin() etc.).                                                                                 |
| mimetypes                    | Mapping of filename extensions to MIME types.                                                                        |
| mmap                         | Interface to memory-mapped files for Unix and Windows.                                                               |
| modulefinder                 | Find modules used by a script.                                                                                       |
| msilib (Windows)             | Creation of Microsoft Installer files, and CAB files.                                                                |
| msvcrt (Windows)             | Miscellaneous useful routines from the MS VC++ runtime.                                                              |
| multiprocessing              | Process-based parallelism.                                                                                           |
|                              |                                                                                                                      |
| netrc                        | Loading of .netrc files.                                                                                             |
| nis (Unix)                   | Interface to Sun's NIS (Yellow Pages) library.                                                                       |
| nnplib                       | NNTP protocol client (requires sockets).                                                                             |
| numbers                      | Numeric abstract base classes (Complex, Real, Integral, etc.).                                                       |
|                              |                                                                                                                      |
| operator                     | Functions corresponding to the standard operators.                                                                   |
| os                           | Miscellaneous operating system interfaces.                                                                           |
| ossaudiodev (Linux, FreeBSD) | Access to OSS-compatible audio devices.                                                                              |
|                              |                                                                                                                      |
| parser                       | Access parse trees for Python source code.                                                                           |
| pathlib                      | Object-oriented filesystem paths                                                                                     |
| pdb                          | The Python debugger for interactive interpreters.                                                                    |
| pickle                       | Convert Python objects to streams of bytes and back.                                                                 |
| pickletools                  | Contains extensive comments about the pickle protocols and pickle-machine opcodes, as well as some useful functions. |
| pipes (Unix)                 | A Python interface to Unix shell pipelines.                                                                          |
| pkgutil                      | Utilities for the import system.                                                                                     |
| platform                     | Retrieves as much platform identifying data as possible.                                                             |
| plistlib                     | Generate and parse Mac OS X plist files.                                                                             |
| poplib                       | POP3 protocol client (requires sockets).                                                                             |
| posix (Unix)                 | The most common POSIX system calls (normally used via module os).                                                    |

pprint Data pretty printer.  
 profile Python source profiler.  
 pstats Statistics object for use with the profiler.  
 pty (Linux) Pseudo-Terminal Handling for Linux.  
 pwd (Unix) The password database (getpwnam() and friends).  
 py\_compile Generate byte-code files from Python source files.  
 pyclbr Supports information extraction for a Python class browser.  
 pydoc Documentation generator and online help system.

queue A synchronized queue class.  
 quopri Encode and decode files using the MIME quoted-printable encoding.

random Generate pseudo-random numbers with various common distributions.  
 re Regular expression operations.  
 readline (Unix) GNU readline support for Python.  
 reprlib Alternate repr() implementation with size limits.  
 resource (Unix) An interface to provide resource usage information on the current process.  
 rlcompleter Python identifier completion, suitable for the GNU readline library.  
 runpy Locate and run Python modules without importing them first.

sched General purpose event scheduler.  
 secrets Generate secure random numbers for managing secrets.  
 select Wait for I/O completion on multiple streams.  
 selectors High-level I/O multiplexing.  
 shelve Python object persistence.  
 shlex Simple lexical analysis for Unix shell-like languages.  
 shutil High-level file operations, including copying.  
 signal Set handlers for asynchronous events.  
 site Module responsible for site-specific configuration.  
 smtpd A SMTP server implementation in Python.  
 smtplib SMTP protocol client (requires sockets).  
 sndhdr Determine type of a sound file.  
 socket Low-level networking interface.  
 socketserver A framework for network servers.  
 spwd (Unix) The shadow password database (getspnam() and friends).  
 sqlite3 A DB-API 2.0 implementation using SQLite 3.x.  
 ssl TLS/SSL wrapper for socket objects  
 stat Utilities for interpreting the results of os.stat(), os.lstat() and os.fstat().  
 statistics Mathematical statistics functions  
 string Common string operations.  
 stringprep String preparation, as per RFC 3453  
 struct Interpret bytes as packed binary data.  
 subprocess Subprocess management.  
 sunau Provide an interface to the Sun AU sound format.  
 symbol Constants representing internal nodes of the parse tree.  
 symtable Interface to the compiler's internal symbol tables.  
 sys Access system-specific parameters and functions.  
 sysconfig Python's configuration information  
 syslog (Unix) An interface to the Unix syslog library routines.

tabnanny Tool for detecting white space related problems in Python source files in a directory tree.  
 tarfile Read and write tar-format archive files.  
 telnetlib Telnet client class.  
 tempfile Generate temporary files and directories.  
 termios (Unix) POSIX style tty control.  
 test Regression tests package containing the testing suite for Python.

textwrap    Text wrapping and filling  
 threading   Thread-based parallelism.  
 time        Time access and conversions.  
 timeit      Measure the execution time of small code snippets.  
 tkinter     Interface to Tcl/Tk for graphical user interfaces  
 token       Constants representing terminal nodes of the parse tree.  
 tokenize    Lexical scanner for Python source code.  
 trace       Trace or track Python statement execution.  
 traceback   Print or retrieve a stack traceback.  
 tracemalloc Trace memory allocations.  
 tty (Unix)   Utility functions that perform common terminal control operations.  
 turtle       An educational framework for simple graphics applications  
 turtle demo   A viewer for example turtle scripts  
 types        Names for built-in types.  
 typing       Support for type hints (see PEP 484).

unicodedata   Access the Unicode Database.  
 unittest       Unit testing framework for Python.  
 urllib  
 urllib.request    for opening and reading URLs  
 urllib.error       containing the exceptions raised by urllib.request  
 urllib.parse       for parsing URLs  
 urllib.robotparser for parsing robots.txt files

uu            Encode and decode files in uuencode format.  
 uuid          UUID objects (universally unique identifiers) according to RFC 4122

venv          Creation of virtual environments.

warnings      Issue warning messages and control their disposition.  
 wave          Provide an interface to the WAV sound format.  
 weakref       Support for weak references and weak dictionaries.  
 webbrowser    Easy-to-use controller for Web browsers.  
 winreg (Windows)   Routines and objects for manipulating the Windows registry.  
 winsound (Windows) Access to the sound-playing machinery for Windows.  
 wsgiref       WSGI Utilities and Reference Implementation.

xdrlib        Encoders and decoders for the External Data Representation (XDR).  
 xml           Package containing XML processing modules  
 xmlrpc

zipapp        Manage executable python zip archives  
 zipfile       Read and write ZIP-format archive files.  
 zipimport     support for importing Python modules from ZIP archives.  
 zlib          Low-level interface to compression and decompression routines compatible  
               with gzip.

## IMPORTANT MODULES

### Module datetime

```

import datetime
today = datetime.date.today()
christmas = datetime.date(2016, 12, 24)
print(christmas - today) # 299 days, 0:00:00
dT = datetime.timedelta(days=8)
print(christmas + dT) # 2017-01-01

```



Lit.: <https://docs.python.org/3/library/datetime.html>

## Module operators

|                                    |                                     |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <code>operator.__abs__</code>      | <code>operator.__getitem__</code>   | <code>operator.__ipow__</code>     | <code>operator.__neg__</code>     |
| <code>operator.__add__</code>      | <code>operator.__gt__</code>        | <code>operator.__irshift__</code>  | <code>operator.__not__</code>     |
| <code>operator.__all__</code>      | <code>operator.__iadd__</code>      | <code>operator.__isub__</code>     | <code>operator.__or__</code>      |
| <code>operator.__and__</code>      | <code>operator.__iand__</code>      | <code>operator.__itruediv__</code> | <code>operator.__package__</code> |
| <code>operator.__builtins__</code> | <code>operator.__iconcat__</code>   | <code>operator.__ixor__</code>     | <code>operator.__pos__</code>     |
| <code>operator.__cached__</code>   | <code>operator.__ifloordiv__</code> | <code>operator.__le__</code>       | <code>operator.__pow__</code>     |
| <code>operator.__concat__</code>   | <code>operator.__ilshift__</code>   | <code>operator.__loader__</code>   | <code>operator.__rshift__</code>  |
| <code>operator.__contains__</code> | <code>operator.__imatmul__</code>   | <code>operator.__lshift__</code>   | <code>operator.__setitem__</code> |
| <code>operator.__delitem__</code>  | <code>operator.__imod__</code>      | <code>operator.__lt__</code>       | <code>operator.__spec__</code>    |
| <code>operator.__doc__</code>      | <code>operator.__imul__</code>      | <code>operator.__matmul__</code>   | <code>operator.__sub__</code>     |
| <code>operator.__eq__</code>       | <code>operator.__index__</code>     | <code>operator.__mod__</code>      | <code>operator.__truediv__</code> |
| <code>operator.__file__</code>     | <code>operator.__inv__</code>       | <code>operator.__mul__</code>      | <code>operator.__xor__</code>     |
| <code>operator.__floordiv__</code> | <code>operator.__invert__</code>    | <code>operator.__name__</code>     |                                   |
| <code>operator.__ge__</code>       | <code>operator.__ior__</code>       | <code>operator.__ne__</code>       |                                   |

## Module pickle

```
import pickle
...
fo = open("picklefile", "wb")
pickle.dump(data, fo)
fo.close()
...
fo = open("picklefile", "rb")
data = pickle.load(fo)
fo.close()
...
```

## Module random

```
import random
```

| Function                                      | Description                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>seed([x])</code>                        | Initialize the basic random number generator.                                                |
| <code>randrange([start], stop[, step])</code> | Return a randomly selected element from range(start, stop, step).                            |
| <code>randint(a, b)</code>                    | Return a random integer N such that $a \leq N \leq b$ .                                      |
| <code>choice(seq)</code>                      | Return a random element from the non-empty sequence seq. If seq is empty, raises IndexError. |
| <code>random()</code>                         | → next random floating point number in the range [0.0, 1.0).                                 |
| <code>sample(population, k)</code>            | Chooses k unique random elements from a population sequence or set.                          |
| <code>shuffle(x[, random])</code>             | Shuffle the sequence x in place.                                                             |

Example:

```
import random
R = [random.randint(1, 6) for i in range(100)]
```

## Module re

```
import re
```

| Function                                            | Description                                                                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>m = re.match(pattern, string, flags=0)</code> | Try to apply the pattern at the start of the string, returning a match object, or None if no match was found.                                             |
| <code>re.findall(pattern, string, flags=0)</code>   | Return a list of all non-overlapping matches in the string.                                                                                               |
| <code>m.group([group1, ...])</code>                 | → str or tuple. Return subgroup(s) of the match by indices or names. For 0 returns the entire match.                                                      |
| <code>m.groups([default=None])</code>               | → tuple. Return a tuple containing all the subgroups of the match, from 1. The default argument is used for groups that did not participate in the match. |

|    |                        |     |                       |
|----|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| .  | any character          | +   | 1 or more repetitions |
| \d | decimal digit          | *   | 0 or more repetitions |
| \D | opposite of \d         | ^   | start of string       |
| \s | whitespace character   | \$  | end of string         |
| \S | opposite of \s         |     |                       |
| \w | Word (incl. 0-9 and _) |     |                       |
| \W | opposite of \w         | []  | set of chars          |
| \Z | end of string          | a b | match a or b          |

Example:

```
>>> m = re.match(r"(\d+)\.(\d+)", "24.1632")
>>> m.groups()
('24', '1632')
>>> m.group(0) # whole match
'24.1632'
>>> m.group(1)
'24'
>>> m.group(2)
'1632'
>>> re.findall("(Bi\w*)+", "Boston Bilbao Chicago Muenchen Birmingham")
['Bilbao', 'Birmingham']
```

Lit.:

- <https://docs.python.org/3.3/library/re.html>
- <https://docs.python.org/3/howto/regex.html>
- <https://regex101.com>

## Module time

import time

| Function                           | Description                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>time()</code>                | → time in seconds since the epoch as a floating point number, e.g. 1456693297.0732343                                                        |
| <code>asctime()</code>             | → e.g. 'Sun Feb 28 21:59:18 2016'                                                                                                            |
| <code>localtime([secs])</code>     | → a struct_time object, e.g. tm_year=2016, tm_mon=2, tm_mday=28, tm_hour=22, tm_min=3, tm_sec=59, tm_wday=6, tm_yday=59, tm_isdst=0.         |
| <code>strftime(format[, t])</code> | → Convert a tuple or struct_time representing a time as returned by gmtime() or localtime() to a string as specified by the format argument. |

Example:

```
>>> import time
>>> time.strftime("%b %d %Y %H:%M:%S", time.gmtime())
'Feb 12 2018 07:15:42'
```

See also the `timeit` Module.

Lit.: <https://docs.python.org/3/library/time.html>

## Numeric and Scientific Python

- Numpy

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> x = np.arange(0.8, 2.2, 0.1)
>>> x
array([0.8, 0.9, 1., 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2., 2.1])
>>> z = np.linspace(0.2, 1.4, 4)
>>> z
array([0.2, 0.6, 1. , 1.4])
```

Lit.: <http://www.numpy.org>

- Matplotlib

- Depends on NumPy.
- `from matplotlib import pyplot` (use in scripts)
- `from matplotlib import mlab` (MATLAB compatible interface)
- “pylab” = Matlab-like interface to NumPy and Matplotlib – mainly for interactive work
  - `import matplotlib.pyplot as`
  - `import pylab` *or*
  - `from pylab import *` *or*
  - `ipython --pylab` *or*
  - `%pylab` IPython magic command
- `help(pylab)`

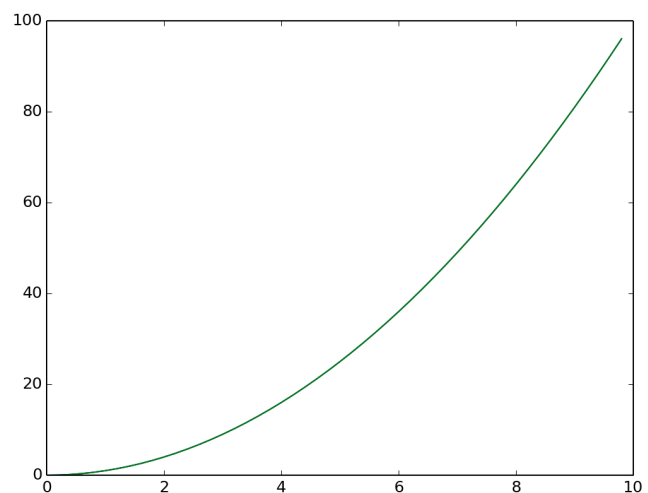
Example:

```
from pylab import *
x = arange(0, 10.0, 0.2)
y = x ** 2.0 # x and y are arrays!
plot(x, y)
savefig('plot', dpi=150) # plot.png
```

(opt.: `%matplotlib inline`)

Lit.: <http://matplotlib.org>

- SciPy



```
>>> import scipy
```

Lit.: <http://www.scipy.org>

- Imports for numerical programs (keep namespaces separate!):

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy
```

## Tool Quickrefs: Conda, Spyder, Jupyter NB

### Conda

|                                                                  |                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <code>conda search &lt;package&gt;</code>                        | <code>pip search &lt;package&gt;</code>        |
| <code>conda install &lt;package&gt;</code>                       | <code>pip install &lt;package&gt;</code>       |
| <code>conda install python=x.x</code>                            |                                                |
| <code>conda install --channel &lt;name&gt; &lt;module&gt;</code> |                                                |
| <code>conda create --name &lt;env&gt; python</code>              |                                                |
| <code>source activate &lt;env&gt;</code>                         |                                                |
| <code>source deactivate</code>                                   | <code>deactivate</code>                        |
| <code>conda list --name &lt;env&gt;</code>                       | <code>pip list</code>                          |
| <code>conda list --export</code>                                 | <code>pip freeze</code>                        |
| <code>conda info --envs (list all envs)</code>                   | <code>lsvirtualenv (virtualenv wrapper)</code> |
| <code>conda install python=x.x</code>                            |                                                |
| <code>conda update python *</code>                               |                                                |
| <code>conda install pip</code>                                   | <code>pip install conda</code>                 |
|                                                                  | <code>pip show conda</code>                    |
| <code>conda remove &lt;package&gt;</code>                        |                                                |
| <code>conda remove --name &lt;env&gt; &lt;package&gt;</code>     |                                                |

Example: Creates environment testenv in /anaconda3/envs/:

```
conda create --name testenv python
source activate testenv
(testenv) hhoeigl@e11:~/anaconda3/envs$
```

### Spyder keyboard shortcuts

|               |        |                                                    |         |
|---------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Quit          | C-Q    | Go to def                                          | C-G     |
| Restart       | A-Sh-R | Find text                                          | C-F     |
| Run           | F5     | Find next                                          | F3      |
| Fullscreen    | F11    | Code complete                                      | C-Space |
| Breakpoint    | F12    | Undo                                               | C-Z     |
| Debug         | C-F5   | Indent                                             | Tab     |
| Block comment | C-4    | Unindent                                           | Sh-Tab  |
| Block uncomm  | C-5    | many more, see Tools -> Preferences menu in Spyder |         |

### Jupyter notebook keyboard shortcuts

Command mode (press Esc to enable)

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Enter edit mode   | Enter     |
| Run cell          | Sh-Enter  |
| Run cell, ins bel | Alt-Enter |

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| To code           | Y        |
| To markdown       | M        |
| To raw            | R        |
| To heading 1      | 1        |
| Save + checkpoint | Ctrl-S   |
| Toggle line numb  | L        |
| Toggle output     | O        |
| Close pager       | ESC      |
| Shortcut help     | H        |
| Interrupt kernel  | I,I      |
| Restart kernel    | O,O      |
| Scroll down       | Space    |
| Scroll up         | Sh-Space |

Edit mode (press Enter to enable)

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Code completion | Tab    |
| Tooltip         | Sh-Tab |
| Indent          | Ctrl-] |
| Dedent          | Ctrl-[ |
| Select all      | Ctrl-A |
| Undo            | Ctrl-Z |
| Toggle comment  | Ctrl-/ |

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