

Tuples

Tuples are very similar to lists. However, they have one key difference - immutability

Once an element is inside a tuple, it can not be reassigned

Tuples use parenthesis (1,2,3)

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In [1]: t = (1,2,3)
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In [2]: mylist = [1,2,3]
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In [3]: type(t)
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```
Out[3]: tuple
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In [4]: type(mylist)
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Out[4]: list
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In [5]: len(t)
```

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Out[5]: 3
```

Its also fine to mix object types in tuples like so:

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In [6]: t = ('one', 2)
```

Also, just like a list, you can use slicing and indexing

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In [7]: t[0]
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Out[7]: 'one'
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In [8]: t[-1]
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```
Out[8]: 2
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There is also two basic built in methods for tuples, index method and count method

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In [9]: t = ('a', 'a', 'b')
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In [12]: t.count('a')
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Out[12]: 2
```

```
In [13]: t.index('a')
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Out[13]:

We indexed 'a' and it first shows up at index 0, hence the 0 returned

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In [14]: t.index('b')
```

Out[14]: 2

Now, lets get to what makes a tuple different, which is the immutability

```
In [15]: t
```

Out[15]: ('a', 'a', 'b')

```
In [16]: mylist
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Out[16]: [1, 2, 3]

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In [17]: mylist[0] = 'NEW'
```

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In [18]: mylist
```

Out[18]: ['NEW', 2, 3]

We can re-assign the first elemnt in a list as pictured above, however, lets try that with a tuple:

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In [19]: t[0] = 'NEW'
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
~\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_292\2140988817.py in <module>
----> 1 t[0] = 'NEW'

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

So whats the benefit of a tuple? Its more advanced but it will assist in ensuring elements do not get changed. Provides data integrity

Tuple Quiz

Question 1 Tuples have a lot of methods associated with them

A. True B. False

Answer: B. False Tuples only have two methods

Question 2 Tuples are immutable

A. True B. False

Answer: A. True

Question 3 Which of the following is a tuple?

A. [1,2,3] B. (1,2[1,2]) C. (1,2,3] D. None of the above

Answer:

B. (1,2[1,2]) Even though a list is one of the elements, the object constrained with () is a tuple!

In []: