

Python Data Types

- Data types are the classification or categorization of data items.
- It represents the kind of value that tells what operations can be performed on a particular data.
- Since everything is an object in Python programming, data types are actually classes and variables are instance (object) of these classes.

Standard or built-in data type of Python

- Numeric

int, float and complex

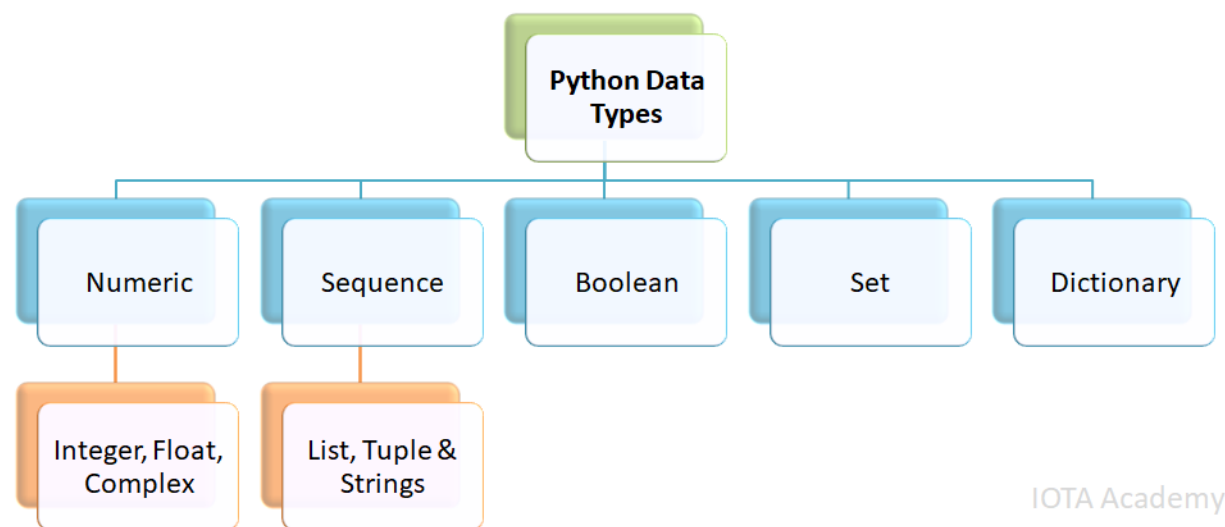
- Sequence

string, list and tuple

- Boolean

- Set

- Dictionary



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Numeric

In Python, numeric data type represent the data which has numeric value.

Numeric value can be integer, floating number or even complex numbers.

These values are defined as **int, float and complex class in Python**.

Integer

This value is represented by **int class**.

It contains positive or negative whole numbers (without fraction or decimal).

In Python there is no limit to how long an integer value can be.

```
In [1]: # Integer number

x = 10

print(x)
print(type(x))

10
<class 'int'>
```

Float

This value is represented by **float class**.

It is a real number with floating point representation.

It is specified by a decimal point.

Optionally, the character e or E followed by a positive or negative integer may be appended to specify scientific notation.

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In [2]: # float number

x=10.0

print(x)
print(type(x))

10.0
<class 'float'>
```

Complex

Complex number is represented by **complex class**.

It is specified as **(real part) + (imaginary part)j**. For example – 2+3j

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In [3]: # complex number

x = 4 + 5j # real_part + imaginary_part j

print(x)
print(type(x))

(4+5j)
<class 'complex'>
```

Sequence

In Python, sequence is the **ordered collection of similar or different data types**.

Sequences allows to store multiple values in an organized and efficient fashion.

There are sequence types in Python –

- String
- List
- Tuple

Strings

A string is a collection of one or more characters put in a single quote, double-quote or triple quote.

In python there is no character data type.

It is represented by **str class**.

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In [4]: # creating string

#method 1: single quotes
x = 'I am a string'

#method 2: double quotes
y = "I am string in double quotes"

#method 3: triple quotes to write multiline string
z = """ I am string created using triple quotes.
I am another line of the same string."""

print(x)
print(type(x))

print(y)
print(type(y))

print(z)
print(type(z))

I am a string
<class 'str'>
I am string in double quotes
<class 'str'>
 I am string created using triple quotes.
I am another line of the same string.
<class 'str'>
```

Mutable vs Immutable

Mutable

Mutable objects can change their state or contents.

These are of in-built types like **list, dictionary, set**.

In simple words, a mutable object **can be changed** after it is created.

Immutable

Immutable objects can't change their state or content.

These are of in-built types like **int, float, bool, string, unicode, tuple**.

In simple words, an immutable object **can not be changed** after it is created.

That's Great!