

Python Basics Cheat Sheet



Here you will find all the Python core concepts you need to know before learning any third-party library.

Data Types

Integers (int): 1
Float (float): 1.2
String (str): "Hello World"
Boolean: True/False
List: [value1, value2]
Dictionary: {key1:value1, key2:value2, ...}

Numeric Operators

+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Multiplication
/	Division
**	Exponent
%	Modulus
//	Floor division

Comparison Operators

==	Equal to
!=	Different
>	Greater than
<	Less than
>=	Greater than or equal to
<=	equal to

String methods

string.upper(): converts to uppercase
string.lower(): converts to lowercase
string.title(): converts to title case
string.count('l'): counts how many times "l" appears
string.find('h'): position of the "h" first occurrence
string.replace('o','u'): replaces "o" with "u"

Variables

Variable assignment:
message_1 = "I'm learning Python"
message_2 = "and it's fun!"

String concatenation (+ operator):
message_1 + ' ' + message_2

String concatenation (f-string):
f'{message_1} {message_2}'

List

Creating a list:
countries = ['United States', 'India', 'China', 'Brazil']

Create an empty list:
my_list = []

Indexing:
>>> countries[0]
United States

>>> countries[3]
Brazil

>>> countries[-1]
Brazil

Slicing:
>>> countries[0:3]
['United States', 'India', 'China']
>>> countries[1:]
['India', 'China', 'Brazil']
>>> countries[:2]
['United States', 'India']

Adding elements to a list:
countries.append('Canada')
countries.insert(0, 'Canada')

Nested list:
nested_list = [countries, countries_2]

Remove element:
countries.remove('United States')
countries.pop(0) # removes and returns value
del countries[0]

Creating a new list:
numbers = [4, 3, 10, 7, 1, 2]

Sorting a list:
>>> numbers.sort()
[1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10]

>>> numbers.sort(reverse=True)
[10, 7, 4, 3, 2, 1]

Update value on a list:
>>> numbers[0] = 1000
>>> numbers
[1000, 7, 4, 3, 2, 1]

Copying a list:
new_list = countries[:]
new_list_2 = countries.copy()

Built-in Functions

Print an object:
print("Hello World")

Return the length of x:
len(x)

Return the minimum value:
min(x)

Return the maximum value:
max(x)

Returns a sequence of numbers:
range(x1,x2,n) # from x1 to x2
(increments by n)

Convert x to a string:
str(x)

Convert x to an integer/float:
int(x)
float(x)

Convert x to a list:
list(x)

Dictionary

Creating a dictionary:

```
my_data = {'name': 'Frank', 'age': 26}
```

Create an empty dictionary:

```
my_dict = {}
```

Get value of key "name":

```
>>> my_data["name"]  
'Frank'
```

Get the keys:

```
>>> my_data.keys()  
dict_keys(['name', 'age'])
```

Get the values:

```
>>> my_data.values()  
dict_values(['Frank', 26])
```

Get the pair key-value:

```
>>> my_data.items()  
dict_items([('name', 'Frank'), ('age', 26)])
```

Adding/updating items in a dictionary:

```
my_data['height']=1.7  
my_data.update({'height':1.8,  
               'languages':['English', 'Spanish']})  
  
>>> my_data  
{'name': 'Frank',  
 'age': 26,  
 'height': 1.8,  
 'languages': ['English', 'Spanish']}
```

Remove an item:

```
my_data.pop('height')  
del my_data['languages']  
my_data.clear()
```

Copying a dictionary:

```
new_dict = my_data.copy()
```

If Statement

Conditional test:

```
if <condition>:  
    <code>  
elif <condition>:  
    <code>  
...  
else:  
    <code>
```

Example:

```
if age>=18:  
    print("You're an adult!")
```

Conditional test with list:

```
if <value> in <list>:  
    <code>
```

Loops

For loop:

```
for <variable> in <list>:  
    <code>
```

For loop and enumerate list elements:

```
for i, element in enumerate(<list>):  
    <code>
```

For loop and obtain dictionary elements:

```
for key, value in my_dict.items():  
    <code>
```

While loop:

```
while <condition>:  
    <code>
```

Data Validation

Try-except:

```
try:  
    <code>  
except <error>:  
    <code>
```

Loop control statement:

```
break: stops loop execution  
continue: jumps to next iteration  
pass: does nothing
```

Functions

Create a function:

```
def function(<params>):  
    <code>  
    return <data>
```

Modules

Import module:

```
import module  
module.method()
```

OS module:

```
import os  
os.getcwd()  
os.listdir()  
os.makedirs(<path>)
```

Special Characters

#	Comment
\n	New Line

Boolean Operators

and	logical AND
or	logical OR
not	logical NOT

Boolean Operators (Pandas)

&	logical AND
	logical OR
~	logical NOT

Pandas Cheat Sheet

Pandas provides data analysis tools for Python. All of the following code examples refer to the dataframe below.

df =

	col1	col2	← axis 1
A	1	4	
B	2	5	← axis 0
C	3	6	

Getting Started

Import pandas:

```
import pandas as pd
```

Create a series:

```
s = pd.Series([1, 2, 3],
              index=['A', 'B', 'C'],
              name='col1')
```

Create a dataframe:

```
data = [[1, 4], [2, 5], [3, 6]]
index = ['A', 'B', 'C']
df = pd.DataFrame(data, index=index,
                  columns=['col1', 'col2'])
```

Read a csv file with pandas:

```
df = pd.read_csv('filename.csv')
```

Advanced parameters:

```
df = pd.read_csv('filename.csv', sep=',',
                 names=['col1', 'col2'],
                 index_col=0,
                 encoding='utf-8',
                 nrows=3)
```

Selecting rows and columns

Select single column:

```
df['col1']
```

Select multiple columns:

```
df[['col1', 'col2']]
```

Show first n rows:

```
df.head(2)
```

Show last n rows:

```
df.tail(2)
```

Select rows by index values:

```
df.loc['A'] df.loc[['A', 'B']]
```

Select rows by position:

```
df.iloc[1] df.iloc[1:]
```

Data wrangling

Filter by value:

```
df[df['col1'] > 1]
```

Sort by one column:

```
df.sort_values('col1')
```

Sort by columns:

```
df.sort_values(['col1', 'col2'],
               ascending=[False, True])
```

Identify duplicate rows:

```
df.duplicated()
```

Identify unique rows:

```
df['col1'].unique()
```

Swap rows and columns:

```
df = df.transpose()
df = df.T
```

Drop a column:

```
df = df.drop('col1', axis=1)
```

Clone a data frame:

```
clone = df.copy()
```

Concatenate multiple dataframes vertically:

```
df2 = df + 5 # new dataframe
pd.concat([df, df2])
```

Concatenate multiple dataframes horizontally:

```
df3 = pd.DataFrame([[7], [8], [9]],
                   index=['A', 'B', 'C'],
                   columns=['col3'])
```

```
pd.concat([df, df3], axis=1)
```

Only merge complete rows (INNER JOIN):

```
df.merge(df3)
```

Left column stays complete (LEFT OUTER JOIN):

```
df.merge(df3, how='left')
```

Right column stays complete (RIGHT OUTER JOIN):

```
df.merge(df3, how='right')
```

Preserve all values (OUTER JOIN):

```
df.merge(df3, how='outer')
```

Merge rows by index:

```
df.merge(df3, left_index=True,
         right_index=True)
```

Fill NaN values:

```
df.fillna(0)
```

Apply your own function:

```
def func(x):
    return 2**x
df.apply(func)
```

Arithmetics and statistics

Add to all values:

```
df + 10
```

Sum over columns:

```
df.sum()
```

Cumulative sum over columns:

```
df.cumsum()
```

Mean over columns:

```
df.mean()
```

Standard deviation over columns:

```
df.std()
```

Count unique values:

```
df['col1'].value_counts()
```

Summarize descriptive statistics:

```
df.describe()
```

Hierarchical indexing

Create hierarchical index:

```
df.stack()
```

Dissolve hierarchical index:

```
df.unstack()
```

Aggregation

Create group object:

```
g = df.groupby('col1')
```

Iterate over groups:

```
for i, group in g:
    print(i, group)
```

Aggregate groups:

```
g.sum()
g.prod()
g.mean()
g.std()
g.describe()
```

Select columns from groups:

```
g['col2'].sum()
g[['col2', 'col3']].sum()
```

Transform values:

```
import math
g.transform(math.log)
```

Apply a list function on each group:

```
def strsum(group):
    return ''.join([str(x) for x in group.value])
```

```
g['col2'].apply(strsum)
```

Data export

Data as NumPy array:

```
df.values
```

Save data as CSV file:

```
df.to_csv('output.csv', sep=",")
```

Format a dataframe as tabular string:

```
df.to_string()
```

Convert a dataframe to a dictionary:

```
df.to_dict()
```

Save a dataframe as an Excel table:

```
df.to_excel('output.xlsx')
```

Pivot and Pivot Table

Read csv file 1:

```
df_gdp = pd.read_csv('gdp.csv')
```

The pivot() method:

```
df_gdp.pivot(index="year",
               columns="country",
               values="gdppc")
```

Read csv file 2:

```
df_sales=pd.read_excel(
    'supermarket_sales.xlsx')
```

Make pivot table:

```
df_sales.pivot_table(index='Gender',
                      aggfunc='sum')
```

Make a pivot tables that says how much male and female spend in each category:

```
df_sales.pivot_table(index='Gender',
                      columns='Product line',
                      values='Total',
                      aggfunc='sum')
```

Visualization

The plots below are made with a dataframe with the shape of df_gdp (pivot() method)

Import matplotlib:

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Start a new diagram:

```
plt.figure()
```

Scatter plot:

```
df.plot(kind='scatter')
```

Bar plot:

```
df.plot(kind='bar',
        xlabel='data1',
        ylabel='data2')
```

Lineplot:

```
df.plot(kind='line',
        figsize=(8,4))
```

Boxplot:

```
df['col1'].plot(kind='box')
```

Histogram over one column:

```
df['col1'].plot(kind='hist',
                bins=3)
```

Piechart:

```
df.plot(kind='pie',
        y='col1',
        title='Population')
```

Set tick marks:

```
labels = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D']
positions = [1, 2, 3, 4]
plt.xticks(positions, labels)
plt.yticks(positions, labels)
```

Label diagram and axes:

```
plt.title('Correlation')
plt.xlabel('Nunstück')
plt.ylabel('Slotermeyer')
```

Save most recent diagram:

```
plt.savefig('plot.png')
plt.savefig('plot.png', dpi=300)
plt.savefig('plot.svg')
```