

# Cheat Sheet: Python Data Structures Part-2

## Dictionaries

Package/Method	Description	Code Example
Creating a Dictionary	A dictionary is a built-in data type that represents a collection of key-value pairs. Dictionaries are enclosed in curly braces {}.	Example:  dict_name = {} #Creates an empty dictionary person = { "name": "John", "age": 30, "city": "New York"}
Accessing Values	You can access the values in a dictionary using their corresponding keys.	Syntax:  Value = dict_name["key_name"]  Example:  name = person["name"] age = person["age"]
Add or modify	Inserts a new key-value pair into the dictionary. If the key already exists, the value will be updated; otherwise, a new entry is created.	Syntax:  dict_name[key] = value

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del	Removes the specified key-value pair from the dictionary. Raises a <code>KeyError</code> if the key does not exist.		<div>Syntax:</div> <pre>del dict_name[key]</pre> <div>Example:</div> <pre>del person["Country"]</pre>
update()	The <code>update()</code> method merges the provided dictionary into the existing dictionary, adding or updating key-value pairs.		<div>Syntax:</div> <pre>dict_name.update({key: value})</pre> <div>Example:</div> <pre>person.update({"Profession": "Doctor"})</pre>

clear()	The <code>clear()</code> method empties the dictionary, removing all key-value pairs within it. After this operation, the dictionary is still accessible and can be used further.	<div>Syntax:      <code>dict_name.clear()</code></div> <div>Example:      <code>grades.clear()</code></div>
key existence	You can check for the existence of a key in a dictionary using the <code>in</code> keyword	<div>Example:      <code>if "name" in person:         print("Name exists in the dictionary.")</code></div>
copy()	Creates a shallow copy of the dictionary. The new dictionary contains the same key-value pairs as the original, but they remain distinct objects in memory.	<div>Syntax:      <code>new_dict = dict_name.copy()</code></div>

		<div>Example:<pre>new_person = person.copy() new_person = dict(person) # another way to create a copy of dictionary</pre></div>
keys()	Retrieves all keys from the dictionary and converts them into a list. Useful for iterating or processing keys using list methods.	<div>Syntax:<pre>keys_list = list(dict_name.keys())</pre></div> <div>Example:<pre>person_keys = list(person.keys())</pre></div>
values()	Extracts all values from the dictionary and converts them into a list. This list can be used for further processing or analysis.	<div>Syntax:<pre>values_list = list(dict_name.values())</pre></div> <div>Example:<pre>person_values = list(person.values())</pre></div>

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items()	Retrieves all key-value pairs as tuples and converts them into a list of tuples. Each tuple consists of a key and its corresponding value.	<div>Syntax: <pre>items_list = list(dict_name.items())</pre></div> <div>Example: <pre>info = list(person.items())</pre></div>

Sets

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add()	Elements can be added to a set using the `add()` method. Duplicates are automatically removed, as sets only store unique values.	<div>Syntax: <pre>set_name.add(element)</pre></div> <div>Example: <pre>fruits.add("mango")</pre></div>

clear()	The <code>`clear()`</code> method removes all elements from the set, resulting in an empty set. It updates the set in-place.	<div>Syntax: <pre>set_name.clear()</pre></div> <div>Example: <pre>fruits.clear()</pre></div>
copy()	The <code>`copy()`</code> method creates a shallow copy of the set. Any modifications to the copy won't affect the original set.	<div>Syntax: <pre>new_set = set_name.copy()</pre></div> <div>Example: <pre>new_fruits = fruits.copy()</pre></div>
Defining Sets	A set is an unordered collection of unique elements. Sets are enclosed in curly braces <code>`{}`</code> . They are useful for storing distinct values and performing set operations.	<div>Example: <pre>empty_set = set() #Creating an Empty Set fruits = {"apple", "banana", "orange"} colors = ("orange", "red", "green")</pre></div>

		<p><b>Note:</b> These two sets will be used in the examples that follow.</p>
<p>discard()</p>	<p>Use the `discard()` method to remove a specific element from the set. Ignores if the element is not found.</p>	<p>Syntax:</p> <pre>set_name.discard(element)</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>fruits.discard("apple")</pre>
<p>issubset()</p>	<p>The `issubset()` method checks if the current set is a subset of another set. It returns True if all elements of the current set are present in the other set, otherwise False.</p>	<p>Syntax:</p> <pre>is_subset = set1.issubset(set2)</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>is_subset = fruits.issubset(colors)</pre>

issuperset()	<p>The <code>issuperset()</code> method checks if the current set is a superset of another set. It returns <code>True</code> if all elements of the other set are present in the current set, otherwise <code>False</code>.</p>	<p>Syntax:</p> <pre>is_superset = set1.issuperset(set2)</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>is_superset = colors.issuperset(fruits)</pre>
pop()	<p>The <code>pop()</code> method removes and returns an arbitrary element from the set. It raises a <code>KeyError</code> if the set is empty. Use this method to remove elements when the order doesn't matter.</p>	<p>Syntax:</p> <pre>removed_element = set_name.pop()</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>removed_fruit = fruits.pop()</pre>
remove()	<p>Use the <code>remove()</code> method to remove a specific element from the set. Raises a <code>KeyError</code> if the element is not found.</p>	<p>Syntax:</p> <pre>set_name.remove(element)</pre>



		<p>Example:</p> <pre>fruits.remove("banana")</pre>
Set Operations	Perform various operations on sets: `union`, `intersection`, `difference`, `symmetric difference`.	<p>Syntax:</p> <pre>union_set = set1.union(set2) intersection_set = set1.intersection(set2) difference_set = set1.difference(set2) sym_diff_set = set1.symmetric_difference(set2)</pre> <p>Example:</p> <pre>combined = fruits.union(colors) common = fruits.intersection(colors) unique_to_fruits = fruits.difference(colors) sym_diff = fruits.symmetric_difference(colors)</pre>
update()	The `update()` method adds elements from another iterable into the set. It maintains the uniqueness of elements.	<p>Syntax:</p> <pre>set_name.update(iterable)</pre>

Example:

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fruits.update(["kiwi", "grape"])
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