

Differences and Applications of List, Tuple, Set and Dictionary in Python

Lists: are just like dynamic sized arrays, declared in other languages (vector in C++ and ArrayList in Java). Lists need not be homogeneous always which makes it the most powerful tool in Python.

Tuple: A Tuple is a collection of Python objects separated by commas. In some ways, a tuple is similar to a list in terms of indexing, nested objects, and repetition but a tuple is immutable, unlike lists that are mutable.

Set: A Set is an unordered collection data type that is iterable, mutable, and has no duplicate elements. Python's set class represents the mathematical notion of a set.

Dictionary: in Python is an ordered (since Py 3.7) [unordered (Py 3.6 & prior)] collection of data values, used to store data values like a map, which, unlike other Data Types that hold only a single value as an element, Dictionary holds **key:value** pair. Key-value is provided in the dictionary to make it more optimized.

List, Tuple, Set, and Dictionary are the data structures in python that are used to store and organize the data in an efficient manner.

List	Tuple	Set	Dictionary
List is a non-homogeneous data structure that stores the elements in single row and multiple rows and columns	Tuple is also a non-homogeneous data structure that stores single row and multiple rows and columns	Set data structure is also non-homogeneous data structure but stores in single row	Dictionary is also a non-homogeneous data structure which stores key value pairs
List can be represented by []	Tuple can be represented by ()	Set can be represented by { }	Dictionary can be represented by { }

List allows duplicate elements	Tuple allows duplicate elements	Set will not allow duplicate elements	Set will not allow duplicate elements and dictionary doesn't allow duplicate keys.
List can use nested among all	Tuple can use nested among all	Set can use nested among all	Dictionary can use nested among all
Example: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]	Example: (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	Example: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}	Example: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
List can be created using list() function	Tuple can be created using tuple() function.	Set can be created using set() function	Dictionary can be created using dict() function.
List is mutable i.e we can make any changes in list.	Tuple is immutable i.e we can not make any changes in tuple	Set is mutable i.e we can make any changes in set. But elements are not duplicated.	Dictionary is mutable. But Keys are not duplicated.
List is ordered	Tuple is ordered	Set is unordered	Dictionary is ordered (Python 3.7 and above)
Creating an empty list l=[]	Creating an empty Tuple t=()	Creating a set a=set() b=set(a)	Creating an empty dictionary d={ }