

AMP:CS Python Toolbox - 2024

Curated collection of Python essentials

Data Types

bool	#values that are True or False
int	#integers of unlimited length
float	#decimal, imprecise, scientific notation
list	#Mutable ordered sequence of data
str	#Immutable ordered sequence of characters
range	#Immutable ordered sequence of numbers
tuple	#Immutable ordered sequence of data
set	#Unordered collection of unique immutable data
dict	#Unordered collection of key:value mappings

Type Conversion and Checking

str(val), int(val), float(val)	
list(str1), tuple(list1), set(list1)	
ord("A")/char(65)	#ASCII value conversion
bin(intVal), hex(intVal)	#base conversion
(3.2).is_integer()	#integer check
isinstance(val, str)	#general type check
str2.isalpha()	#only a-z or A-Z? → True
str3.isdigit()	#only 0-9? → True

Truthy/Falsey

Truthy values evaluate to True in Boolean expressions:

True	#constants defined to be true
1, -1, 5	#Non-zero numeric values
[1, 2, 3], "false"	#Non-empty sequences
{"Name" : "Kanye"}	#Non-empty collections

Falsey values evaluate to False in Boolean expressions:

False, None	#constants defined to be false
0, 0.0, 0j	#zero of any numeric type
"" , (), [], range(0)	#empty sequences
{}, set()	#empty collections

Assignment Statements

n = 0	#single value assignment
i = j = 75	#multiple-target assignment
n += 3	#augmented assignment
a, b, c = "NYC"	#sequence assignment
l, *w = "NYC"	#sequence unpacking

Viewing variable values

locals()/globals()	#dictionary of symbol tables
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Comments

# This is a comment	""" This is a multi-line comment """
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Operator Precedence

()	Parentheses
**	Exponent
+, -, ~	Unary plus, unary minus, bitwise NOT
*, /, //, %	Multiplication, Division, Floor Division, Modulus
+, -	Addition, Subtraction
<<, >>	Bitwise shift
&	Bitwise AND
^	Bitwise XOR
	Bitwise OR
==, !=, >, >=, <, <=, is, is not, in, not in	Comparisons, Identity, Membership
not	Logical NOT
and	Logical AND
or	Logical OR
= %= /= //=- += *= **=	Assignment

Sequences: str, list, tuple, range

Creating/Concatenating Strings

str1 = "algorithm"/"puzzles"	str2 = "a" * 2 # "aa"
str3 = f'{str1} {str2}!'	str5 = " ".join(list1)
str4 = str1 + "," + str2	

Useful String Methods: returns a new string re: immutability

len(str1)	str3.count(" ")
str1.upper()/lower()	str2.index("z")
str1.isupper()/islower()	.split(",")
str3.strip()	

Creating/Combining Lists/Tuples

list1 = ['abcd', 786, 2.23, True, 70.2]	#heterogenous
list2 = list1.copy()	#avoids aliasing
list3 = list1 + ["NYC", 2022]	#appends to first list
list4 = [0] * 4	#[0,0,0,0]
tuple1 = ('abcd', 786, 2.23, 'True', 70.2)	#immutable
tuple2 = ("new york",)	#1 item tuple needs comma

Useful list Methods

sum(list1), min(list1), max(list1)	list1.insert(2, 'a')
list1.index('abcd')	#also tuples list2.append('a')
list1.sort()	list3.remove('NYC')
len(list1), len(tuple1)	list1.reverse()

Return a new sorted list version of an ordered collection

sorted(seq1)	sorted(seq1, reverse=True)
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Slicing a Sequence:

#[start:stop:step] returns [start, stop)

seq1[2]	seq1[2:5]	seq1[2:]	seq1[-1]
seq1[:2]	seq1[5:2:-1]	seq1[-4::-1]	seq1[::-1]

Unordered Collections: set, dict

Creating Sets: Elements must be immutable and unique

```
set1 = {"abc", 34, True, 40, "male", (1, 2, 3)}
set2 = set1.copy() #avoids aliasing
set3 = set(list1)
```

Useful Set Methods

set1.add('a')	set1.union(set2)
set1.remove('a')	set1.difference(set2)
set1.update(set2)	set1.intersection(set2)

Creating Dictionaries: Keys must be immutable and unique

dict1 = {}	#empty dict
dict1['one'] = 1	
dict1[2] = "two"	
dict2 = { 'name': 'john', 'addr': { 'city': 'Manhattan', 'state': 'New York' } }	

Useful Dictionary Methods

dict1.keys()	dict2.items()
dict1.values()	del dict2['name']

Selection

```
if b > a:
    print("b is greater than a")
elif a > b:
    print("a is greater than b")
else:
    print("a and b are equal")
```

Combining boolean/logical/membership operators

```
if a > b and a not in badNumbers:
    print("a is bigger than b and in the list")
```

Match statements: simplify complex selection structures

```
match color:
    case "RED":
        return "#FF0000"
    case "GREEN":
        return "#00FF00"
    case "BLUE":
        return "#0000FF"
    case _:
        return "#000000"
```

Iteration

Variable-repetition

```
count, n = 0, -1
while (n <= 0):
    n = float(input('Enter a positive number'))
    count=count+1
```

Iterating over Elements in a Collection

```
for x in range(2, 30, 3):
    print(x)

fruit = ["a1", "b2", "c3"]
for x in fruit:
    print(x)
```

Accessing the Index of an Ordered Sequence

```
fruit = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "banana"]
for index, value in enumerate(values, start=2):
    print(index, value)
```

Iterating over keys/values in a Dictionary

```
for value in dict1.keys():
    print(dict1[value])
```

Loop Control Statements

```
i = 1
while i < 10:
    i += 1
    if i == 7: break      #goto first line after loop body
    if i == 3: continue  #skip remaining lines in loop
    if i == 5: pass      #completes syntax, no effect
    print(i)
```

List comprehensions

```
fruit = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "mango"]

a_basket = [x for x in fruit if "a" in x] #filter

backwards_basket = [f[::-1] for f in fruit] #map
```

Programmer-defined Functions

Defining a function

```
def nameFormatter(fname, lname="Doe"):
    return fname.capitalize() + " " + lname.capitalize()
```

Unknown non-keyword/keyword arguments

```
def mysteryArgs(*args, **kwargs):
    for arg in args: print(arg)
    for key, value in kwargs.items(): print(key, value)
```

Returning multiple values

```
def getSmallestAndBiggest(seq):
    sortedSeq = sorted(seq)
    return sortedSeq[0], sortedSeq[-1]
```

Functions as variables

```
def orderReceipts(items):
    return len(items) #define numeric equivalent

cars.sort(key=orderReceipts)
```

Specifying global scope within a function

```
c = 0
def add():
    global c
    c = c + 2 # increment by 2

add()
print(c) #prints 2
```

Libraries and Built-In Functions

Math

```
import math
math.pi, math.sqrt(64), math.ceil(1.4),
math.floor(1.4)
```

Random Numbers

```
import random
random.uniform(20, 60) #[start, stop], decimals
random.randint(3, 9)   #[start, stop], integers
random.choice(list1)   #random element in list
```

Permutations and Combinations

```
from itertools import combinations, permutations
letters = list("Hello")
permutations(letters)
combinations(letters, 4)
```

Input, Output, Files

```
n = input("message")    # input is returned as a string
print(value)

f = open("file1.txt")    #returns a file object
f.read()                 #content as one string
f.readlines()            #content as list of lines

f = open("file1.txt", "a") #a for append
f.write("More content!")  #added to end of file
f.close()                 #tells OS you're done
```

Command Line Arguments

```
import sys                #python3 prog.py test1 test2
for arg in sys.argv:      # [test1, test2]
    print(arg)
```

json

```
import json
str_version = json.dumps(dict_data)
obj_version = json.loads(string_data)
```

HTTP Requests

```
import requests
requests.get('https://example.com/')
```