Python Cheat Sheet: Complex Data Types

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	Description	Example
List	A container data type that stores a sequence of elements. Unlike strings, lists are mutable: modification possible.	`l = [1, 2, 2]` `print(len(l)) # 3`

Adding elements	Add elements to a list with (i) append, (ii) insert, or (iii) list concatenation.
	The append operation is very fast.
		`[1, 2, 2].append(4) # [1, 2, 2, 4]`
		`[1, 2, 4].insert(2,2) # [1, 2, 2, 4]`
		`[1, 2, 2] + [4] # [1, 2, 2, 4]`

Removal	Removing an element can be slower.	`[1, 2, 2, 4].remove(1) # [2, 2, 4]`
Reversing	This reverses the order of list elements.	`[1, 2, 3].reverse() # [3, 2, 1]`
Sorting	Sorts a list. The computational complexity of sorting is linear in the no. list elements.	`[2, 4, 2].sort() # [2, 2, 4]`
Indexing	Finds the first occurence of an element in the list & returns its index. Can be slow as the whole list is traversed.	`[2, 2, 4].index(2) # index of element 4 is "0"` `[2, 2, 4].index(2,1) # index of element 2 after pos 1 is "1"`

Stack	Python lists can be used intuitively as stacks via the two list operations append() and pop().	`stack = [3]`
		`stack.append(42) # [3, 42]`
		`stack.pop() # 42 (stack: [3])`
		`stack.pop() # 3 (stack: [])`

Set	A set is an unordered collection of unique elements ("at-most-once").	`basket = {'apple', 'eggs', 'banana', 'orange'}` `same = set(['apple', 'eggs', 'banana', 'orange'])`
Dictionary	The dictionary is a useful data structure for storing (key, value) pairs.	`calories = {'apple' : 52, 'banana' : 89, 'choco' : 546}`

Reading and writing elements	Read and write elements by specifying the key within the brackets. Use the keys() and values() functions to access all keys and values of the dictionary.	`print(calories['apple'] < calories['choco']) # True`
		`calories['cappu'] = 74`
		`print(calories['banana'] < calories['cappu']) # False`
		`print('apple' in calories.keys()) # True`
		`print(52 in calories.values()) # True`

Dictionary Looping	You can access the (key, value) pairs of a dictionary with the `items()` method.	`for k, v in calories.items():` `  print(k) if v > 500 else None # 'chocolate'`

Membership operator	Check with the 'in' keyword whether the set, list, or dictionary contains an element. Set containment is faster than list containment.	`basket = {'apple', 'eggs', 'banana', 'orange'}`
		`print('eggs' in basket) # True`
		`print('mushroom' in basket) # False`

List and Set Comprehension	List comprehension is the concise Python way to create lists. Use brackets plus an expression, followed by a for clause. Close with zero or more for or if clauses.
	
	Set comprehension is similar to list comprehension.
		`# List comprehension`
		`l = [('Hi ' + x) for x in ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Pete']]`
		`print(l) # ['Hi Alice', 'Hi Bob', 'Hi Pete']`
		`l2 = [x * y for x in range(3) for y in range(3) if x>y]`
		`print(l2) # [0, 0, 2]`
		`# Set comprehension`
		`squares = { x**2 for x in [0,2,4] if x < 4 } # {0, 4}`

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