Keywords

Keyword	Description	Code example	
False, True	Data values from the data type Boolean	False == (1 > 2), True == (2 > 1)	
and, or, not	Logical operators: (x and y) → both x and y must be True (x or y) → either x or y must be True (not x) → x must be false	<pre>x, y = True, False (x or y) == True # True (x and y) == False # True (not y) == True # True</pre>	
break	Ends loop prematurely	<pre>while(True): break # no infinite loop print("hello world")</pre>	
continue	Finishes current loop iteration	<pre>while(True): continue print("43") # dead code</pre>	
class	Defines a new class → a real-world concept (object oriented programming) Defines a new function or class method. For latter, first parameter ("self") points to the class object. When calling class method, first parameter is implicit.	<pre>class Beer: definit(self): self.content = 1.0 def drink(self): self.content = 0.0 becks = Beer() # constructor - create class becks.drink() # beer empty: b.content == 0</pre>	
if, elif, else	Conditional program execution: program starts with "if" branch, tries the "elif" branches, and finishes with "else" branch (until one branch evaluates to True).	<pre>x = int(input("your value: ")) if x > 3: print("Big") elif x == 3: print("Medium") else: print("Small")</pre>	
for, while	<pre># For loop declaration for i in [0,1,2]: print(i)</pre>	<pre># While loop - same semantics j = 0 while j < 3: print(j) j = j + 1</pre>	
in	Checks whether element is in sequence	42 in [2, 39, 42] # True	
is	Checks whether both elements point to the same object	<pre>y = x = 3 x is y # True [3] is [3] # False</pre>	
None	Empty value constant	<pre>def f(): x = 2 f() is None # True</pre>	
lambda	Function with no name (anonymous function)	(lambda x: x + 3)(3) # returns 6	
return	Terminates execution of the function and passes the flow of execution to the caller. An optional value after the return keyword specifies the function result.	<pre>def incrementor(x): return x + 1 incrementor(4) # returns 5</pre>	

Basic Data Types

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Boolean	The Boolean data type is a truth value, either True or False. The Boolean operators ordered by priority: not x → "if x is False, then x, else y" x and y → "if x is False, then x, else y" x or y → "if x is False, then y, else x" These comparison operators evaluate to True: 1 < 2 and 0 <= 1 and 3 > 2 and 2 >=2 and 1 == 1 and 1 != 0 # True	<pre>## 1. Boolean Operations x, y = True, False print(x and not y) # True print(not x and y or x) # True ## 2. If condition evaluates to False if None or 0 or 0.0 or '' or [] or {} or set(): # None, 0, 0.0, empty strings, or empty # container types are evaluated to False print("Dead code") # Not reached</pre>
nteger, Float	An integer is a positive or negative number without floating point (e.g. 3). A float is a positive or negative number with floating point precision (e.g. 3.14159265359). The '//' operator performs integer division. The result is an integer value that is rounded toward the smaller integer number (e.g. 3 // 2 == 1).	<pre>## 3. Arithmetic Operations x, y = 3, 2 print(x + y) # = 5 print(x - y) # = 1 print(x * y) # = 6 print(x / y) # = 1.5 print(x // y) # = 1 print(x % y) # = 1s print(-x) # = -3 print(abs(-x)) # = 3 print(int(3.9)) # = 3 print(float(3)) # = 3.0 print(x ** y) # = 9</pre>
String	Python Strings are sequences of characters. The four main ways to create strings are the following. 1. Single quotes 'Yes' 2. Double quotes "Yes" 3. Triple quotes (multi-line) """Yes We Can""" 4. String method str(5) == '5' # True 5. Concatenation "Ma" + "hatma" # 'Mahatma' These are whitespace characters in strings. Newline \n Space \s	<pre>## 4. Indexing and Slicing s = "The youngest pope was 11 years old" print(s[0]) # 'T' print(s[1:3]) # 'he' print(s[-3:-1]) # 'ol' print(s[-3:]) # 'old' x = s.split() # creates string array of words print(x[-3] + " " + x[-1] + " " + x[2] + "s")</pre>

Complex Data Types

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List	A container data type that stores a sequence of elements. Unlike strings, lists are mutable: modification possible.	<pre>l = [1, 2, 2] print(len(1)) # 3</pre>
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.	<pre>[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"</pre>
Stack	Python lists can be used intuitively as stacks via the two list operations append() and pop().	<pre>stack = [3] stack.append(42) # [3, 42] stack.pop() # 42 (stack: [3]) stack.pop() # 3 (stack: [])</pre>
Set	A set is an unordered collection of unique elements ("at-most-once").	<pre>basket = {'apple', 'eggs', 'banana', 'orange'} same = set(['apple', 'eggs', 'banana', 'orange'])</pre>
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.	<pre>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</pre>
Dictionary Looping	You can access the (key, value) pairs of a dictionary with the items() method.	<pre>for k, v in calories.items(): print(k) if v > 500 else None # 'chocolate'</pre>
Membership operator	Check with the 'in' keyword whether the set, list, or dictionary contains an element. Set containment is faster than list containment.	<pre>basket = {'apple', 'eggs', 'banana', 'orange'} print('eggs' in basket) # True print('mushroom' in basket) # False</pre>
List and Set Comprehens ion	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.	<pre># List comprehension l = [('Hi ' + x) for x in ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Pete']] print(1) # ['Hi Alice', 'Hi Bob', 'Hi Pete'] l2 = [x * y for x in range(3) for y in range(3) if x>y] print(12) # [0, 0, 2] # Set comprehension squares = { x**2 for x in [0,2,4] if x < 4 } # {0, 4}</pre>