

[301] Objects

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Learning Objectives Today

More data types

- tuple (immutable list)
- custom types: creating objects from namedtuple and recordclass

References

- Motivation
- “is” vs “==”
- Gotchas (interning and argument modification)

Read:

- Downey Ch 10 ("Objects and Values" and "Aliasing")
- Downey Ch 12

Today's Outline

New Types

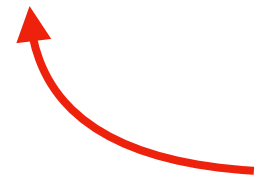
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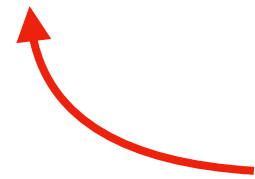
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both of these print 300

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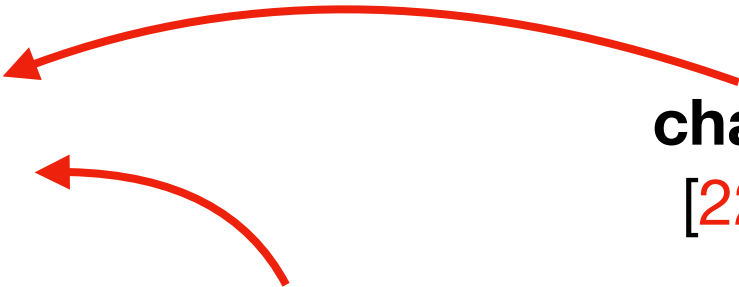
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Why would we ever want immutability?

1. avoid certain bugs
2. some use cases require it (e.g., dict keys)

Example: location -> building mapping

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    [0,2]: "Psychology",  
    [4,0]: "Noland",  
    [1,8]: "Van Vleck"  
}
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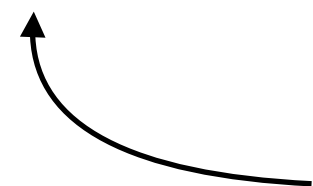
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FAILS!

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Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "test2.py", line 1, in <module>  
    buildings = {[0,0]: "CS"}  
TypeError: unhashable type: 'list'
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Succeeds!
(with tuples)

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