Basic data types

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Agenda

- tuple
- list
- set
- dict
- string

tuple

- Holds a sequence of items
- Similar to list but immutable

Creating a tuple

```
>>> t1 = (1, 2, 3) # from numbers
>>> t1
(1, 2, 3)
>>> t2 = (1,)
>>> t2
(1,)
>>> t3 = 1,
>>> t3
(1,)
>>> a = [1, 2, 3] # from list
>>> tuple(a)
(1, 2, 3)
```

Immutable container

Once created, a tuple does not change

```
>>> t = (1, 2, 3)
>>> t
(1, 2, 3)
>>> t.add(4)
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'add'
```

"Cheating" immutability

Keeping a mutable object inside a tuple allows mutations of that object

```
>>> a = [1, 2, 3]
>>> t = ('first', a, 'last')
>>> t
('first', [1, 2, 3], 'last')
>>> t[1].append('banana')
>>> t
('first', [1, 2, 3, 'banana'], 'last')
```

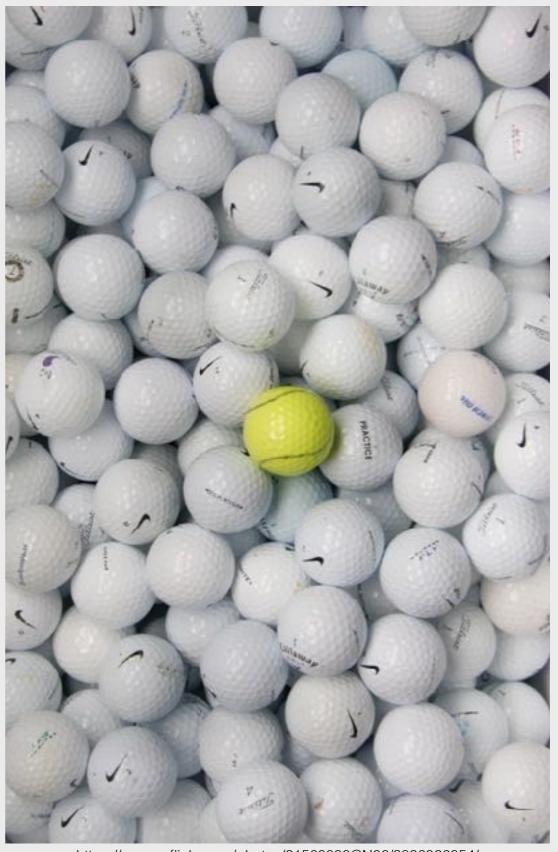
Slicing

```
# single item
>>> t = ('Atreides', 'Ordos', 'Harkonnen')
>>> t[2]
'Harkonnen'
>>> t[-1]  # last index
'Harkonnen'
# range
>>> t = ('Atreides', 'Ordos', 'Harkonnen')
>>> t[0:2]
('Atreides', 'Ordos')
# range with steps
>>> t = (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
>>> t[2:8:2]
(2, 4, 6)
```

Packing and unpacking

```
# packing
>>> a = 1
>>> b = 2
>>> c = 3
>>> t = a, b, c
# unpacking
>>> t = (5, 6, 7)
>>> a, b, c = t
>>> print(a, b, c)
5 6 7
# swapping
>>> a = 33
>>> b = 111
>>> a, b = b, a # Packing and Unpacking
>>> print(a, b)
111 33
```

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list

- A mutable sequence of items
- Items can be of different types

Adding items

```
# appending to end
>>> simpsons = ['Homer', 'Marge', 'Lisa', 'Maggie']
>>> simpsons.append("Santa's Little Helper")
>>> simpsons
['Homer', 'Marge', 'Lisa', 'Maggie', "Santa's Little Helper"]
# insert before specific position
>>> simpsons
['Homer', 'Marge', 'Lisa', 'Maggie', "Santa's Little Helper"]
>>> simpsons.insert(2, 'Bart')
>>> simpsons
['Homer', 'Marge', 'Bart', 'Lisa', 'Maggie', \
 "Santa's Little Helper"]
# insert at beginning
>>> simpsons.insert(0, 'Abraham')
>>> simpsons
['Abraham', 'Homer', 'Marge', 'Bart', 'Lisa', 'Maggie', \
 "Santa's Little Helper"]
```

Removing items

```
# by position
>>> simpsons
['Abraham', 'Homer', 'Marge', 'Bart', 'Lisa', 'Maggie', \
"Santa's Little Helper"]
>>> person = simpsons.pop()  # pop last item
>>> person
"Santa's Little Helper"
>>> simpsons
['Abraham', 'Homer', 'Marge', 'Bart', 'Lisa', 'Maggie']
# specify position
>>> person = simpsons.pop(0)  # pop at a specified index
>>> person
'Abraham'
>>> simpsons
['Homer', 'Marge', 'Bart', 'Lisa', 'Maggie']
```

Removing items

```
# by item value
>>> simpsons
['Homer', 'Marge', 'Bart', 'Lisa', 'Maggie']
>>> simpsons.remove('Lisa')
>>> simpsons
['Homer', 'Marge', 'Bart', 'Maggie']
# only first occurrence is removed
>>> cats = ['Snowball', 'Snowball II', 'Snowball III', \
            'Coltrane', 'Snowball II']
>>> cats.remove('Snowball II')
>>> cats
['Snowball', 'Snowball III', 'Coltrane', 'Snowball II']
```

Sort - in place

```
# strings
>>> baratheon = ['Robert', 'Stannis', 'Renly']
>>> baratheon.sort()
>>> baratheon
['Renly', 'Robert', 'Stannis']
# numbers
>>>  numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3]
>>> numbers.sort()
>>> numbers
[1, 17.3, 20, 500]
# reverse sort
>>>  numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3]
>>> numbers.sort(reverse=True)
>>> numbers
[500, 20, 17.3, 1]
```

Sort - not in place

```
>>> numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3]
>>> sorted_numbers = sorted(numbers)
>>> numbers  # did not change
[20, 500, 1, 17.3]
>>> sorted_numbers # sorted
[1, 17.3, 20, 500]
```

Sort - mixing types

- Python 2 possible (horrible!)
- Python 3 TypeError

```
>>> mixed = [1, '2', [3, 4]]
>>> mixed.sort()
# What will be the output?
```

List methods

```
# clear the list
>>> numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3]
>>> numbers.clear()
>>> numbers
[]

# count occurrences
>>> numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3, 20]
>>> numbers.count(20)
2
```

List methods

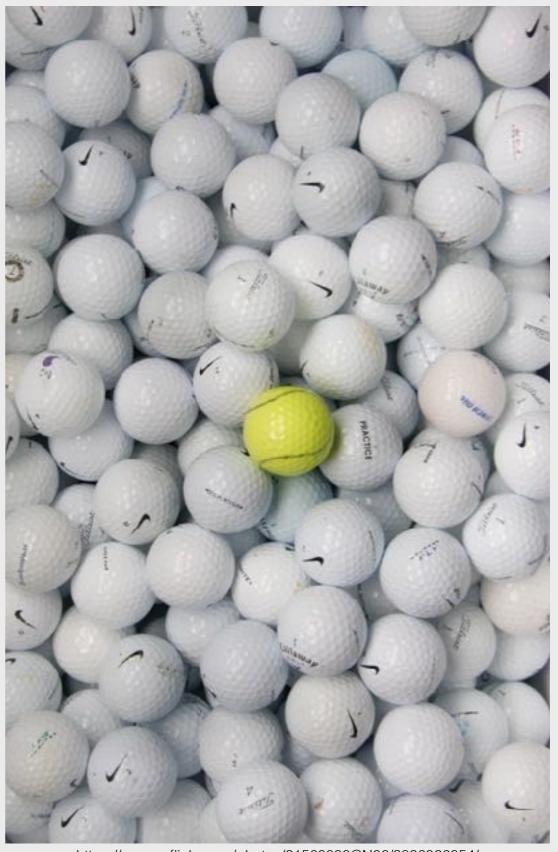
```
# extending the list
>>>  numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3]
>>> more_numbers = [999, 888, 777]
>>> numbers.extend(more_numbers)
>>> numbers
[20, 500, 1, 17.3, 999, 888, 777]
# also using + which creates a new list
>>> numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3]
>>> more_numbers = [999, 888, 777]
>>> numbers + more_numbers
[20, 500, 1, 17.3, 999, 888, 777]
```

List methods

```
# find item by value
>>> numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3, 6, 17.3]
>>> numbers.index(17.3)
3

# reverse list order
>>> numbers = [20, 500, 1, 17.3]
>>> numbers.reverse()
>>> numbers
[17.3, 1, 500, 20]
```

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set

Create a new set

```
# from items
>>> s = {'once', 'once', (1, 2), 5.17}
>>> s
{(1, 2), 'once', 5.17}
# from list
>>> 1 = ['once', 'once', (1, 2), 5.17]
>>> 1
['once', 'once', (1, 2), 5.17]
>>> s = set(1)
>>> s
{'once', (1, 2), 5.17}
```

Adding items

```
# adding an item
>>> s
{'once', (1, 2), 5.17}
>>> s.add('banana')
>>> s
{'once', (1, 2), 5.17, 'banana'}
# removing an item
>>> s
{'once', (1, 2), 5.17, 'banana'}
>>> s.remove('banana')
>>> s
{'once', (1, 2), 5.17}
```

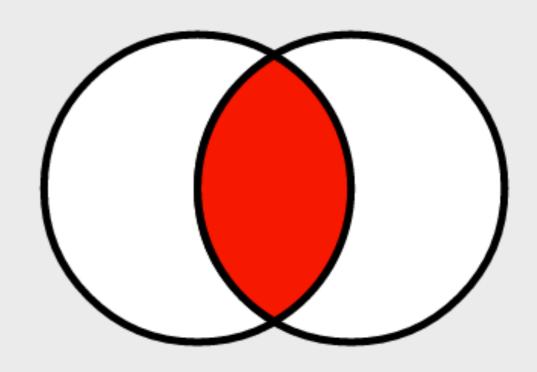
Useful trick

```
# remove duplicates from list
>>> l = ['first', 'second', 'second',
'third']
>>> set(l)
{'second', 'first', 'third'}
```

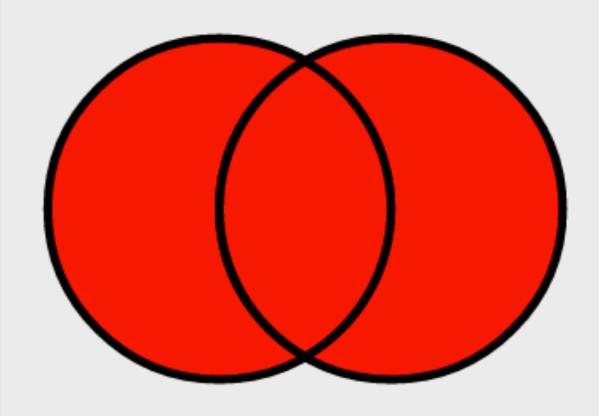
Set operations

Sets provide a number of useful operations

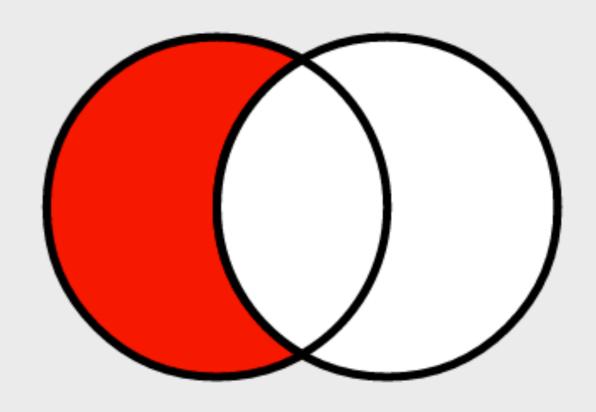
Intersection



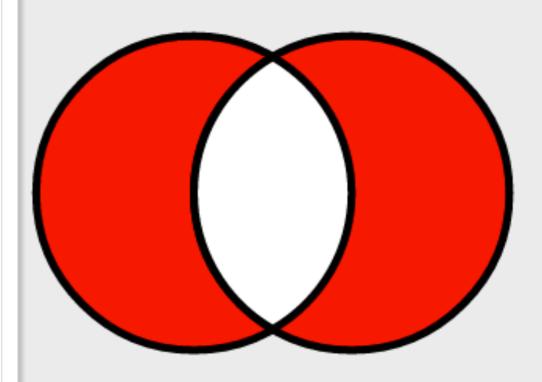
Union



Difference

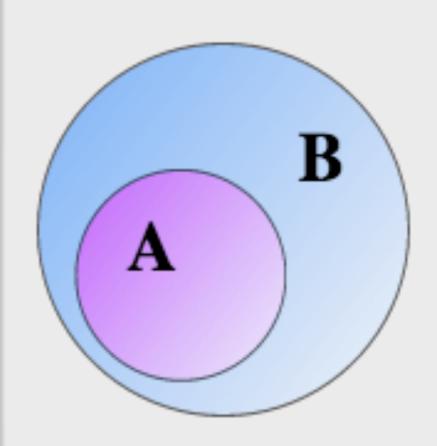


Symmetric Difference

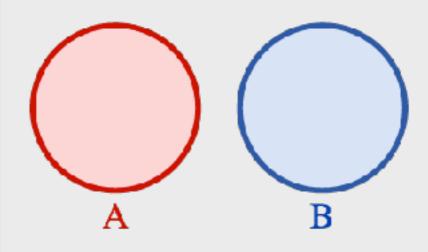


Subset / superset

```
>>> yellow_fruits = {'banana',
'mango'}
                         # A
>>> yellow = {'mustard', 'lemon',
'banana', 'mango'} # B
>>> yellow_fruits.issubset(yellow)
True
# short syntax
>>> yellow_fruits < yellow
True
>>> yellow.issuperset(yellow_fruits)
True
# short syntax
>>> yellow > yellow_fruits
True
```



Disjoint



Set operations

```
# copy (duplicate)
>>> sweet = {'jam', 'sugar', 'banana', 'mango'}
>>> has_taste = sweet.copy()
>>> has_taste.add('lemon')  # add to _new_ Set
>>> has_taste
{'mango', 'banana', 'sugar', 'jam', 'lemon'}
>>> sweet  # did not change
{'jam', 'mango', 'sugar', 'banana'}
```

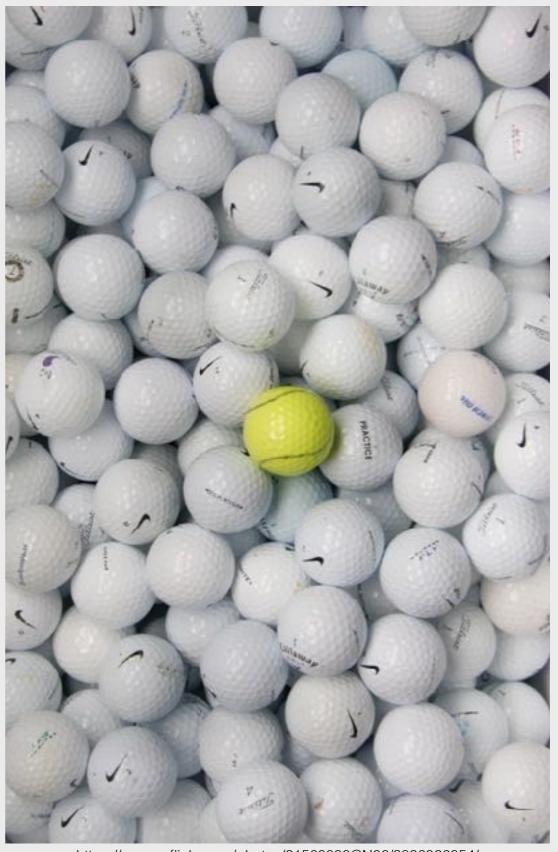
Set operations (2)

```
# remove an item if found, no error reports if none
>>> sweet = {'jam', 'sugar', 'banana', 'mango'}
>>> sweet.discard('sugar') # removes 'sugar'
>>> sweet.discard('watermelon')  # item not in Set,
                                     ignores the error
>>> sweet
{'jam', 'mango', 'banana'}
# extract any item from the set
>>> sweet = {'sugar', 'banana', 'mango', 'jam'}
>>> sweet.pop()
'sugar'
>>> sweet
{ 'banana', 'jam', 'mango'}
```

Set operations (3)

```
# remove all items from set
sweet = {'jam', 'sugar', 'banana', 'mango'}
>>> sweet.clear()
>>> sweet
set()
```

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Dictionary

- Key: Value mapping
- Item access in O(1)

Dictionary creation

```
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black', 'Bill':
'blue'}
>>> eye
{'Bill': 'blue', 'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black'}
# also possible
>>> e = dict()
>>> e['David'] = 'brown'
>>> e['Ron'] = 'black'
>>> e['Bill'] = 'blue'
>>> e
{ 'Bill': 'blue', 'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black'}
```

Keys - immutable

- number
- string
- tuple

Value - any type

- immutable types
- lists
- sets
- dictionaries
- user-created types (we'll soon meet)

Dictionary actions

```
# adding
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black', 'Bill':
'blue'}
>>> eye['Daenerys'] = 'violet'
>>> eye
{'Bill': 'blue', 'David': 'brown', 'Daenerys':
'violet',
'Ron': 'black'}
# removing by key
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black', 'Bill':
'blue'}
>>> del eye['David']
>>> eye
{ 'Bill': 'blue', 'Ron': 'black'}
```

Dictionary actions

```
# extract some item, return and remove from dictionary
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black', 'Bill':
'blue'}
>>> bill_eye = eye.pop('Bill')
>>> bill_eye
'blue'
>>> eye
{'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black'}
# providing default value
>>> eye.pop('George', 'green')
'green'
>>> eye
{'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black'}
```

Dictionary actions (2)

```
# pop some item
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black', 'Bill':
  'blue'}
>>> eye.popitem()
('Bill', 'blue')
```

Dictionary: get value by key

Method	Returns
d[key]	value for key, error if does not exist
<pre>get(key, default_val)</pre>	value for key if exists, default_val otherwise

```
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black', 'Bill':
  'blue'}
>>> eye['Ron']
  'black'
>>> eye.get('Ron')
  'black'
>>> eye.get('Owen', 'gold') # Providing default value
  'gold'
```

Dictionary methods

```
# key in dictionary?
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black', 'Bill':
'blue'}
>>> 'Ron' in eye
True
>>> 'Jon' not in eye
True
# clear the dictionary
>>> eye
{'Bill': 'blue', 'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black'}
>>> eye.clear()
>>> eye
{}
```

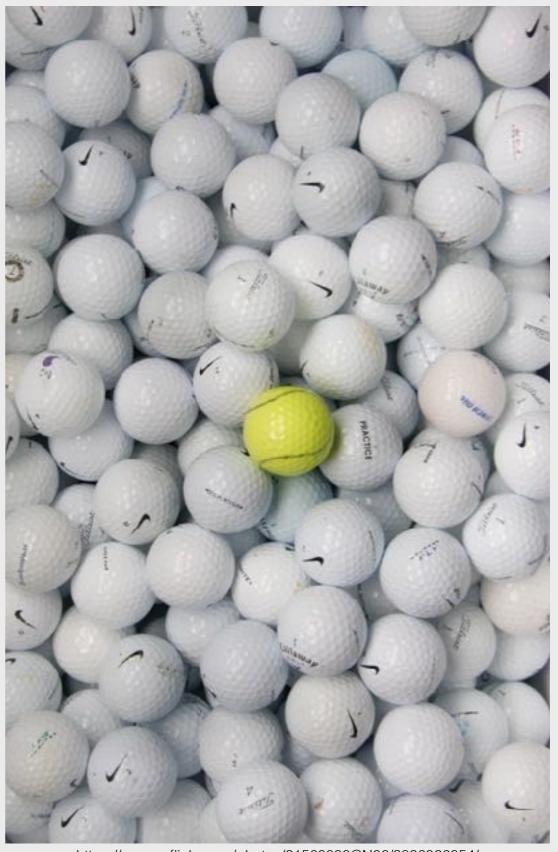
Dictionary methods (2)

```
# copy
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black',
           'Bill': 'blue'}
>>> eye_same = eye
>>> eye_backup = eye.copy()
>>> eye['David'] = 'RED'
>>> eye
{'Bill': 'blue', 'David': 'RED', 'Ron': 'black'}
>>> eye_same
{'Bill': 'blue', 'David': 'RED', 'Ron': 'black'}
>>> eye_backup
{'Bill': 'blue', 'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black'}
```

keys(), values() and items()

```
>>> eye = {'David': 'brown', 'Ron': 'black', 'Bill':
'blue'}
>>> k = eye.keys()
>>> v = eye.values()
>>> i = eye.items()
# in Python 2 - these return lists
# in Python 3 - these return immutable view types
>>> eye['Sarah'] = 'green'
>>> k
dict_keys(['Bill', 'David', 'Sarah', 'Ron'])
>>> v
dict_values(['blue', 'brown', 'green', 'black'])
>>> i
dict_items([('Bill', 'blue'), ('David', 'brown'),
            ('Sarah', 'green'), ('Ron', 'black')])
```

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string

An immutable sequence of characters

Building string

```
# single quote/double-quote sign
>>> a = 'this is a string'
>>> b = "this is also a string"
>>> a
'this is a string'
>>> h
'this is also a string'
# three single/double quote signs - multiline
>>> c = '''This is a
Multi-Line
String'''
>>> d = """This is also a
multi
line String
11 11 11
>>> c
'This is a\nMulti-Line\nString'
>>> d
'This is also a\nmulti\nline String\n'
```

Raw string

```
>>> print('first\nsecond')  # normal string
first
second

>>> print(r'first\nsecond')  # raw string
first\nsecond
```

String testing

```
>>> b = 'banana'
>>> b.endswith('na')
True
>>> b.endswith('ga')
False
>>> 'ANA' in b
False
>>> 'nana' in b
True
>>> b.count('na')
>>> c = 'the cat has eaten all your cake'
>>> c.find('has')
8
```

String operations

```
# concatenation
>>> a = 'apples'
>>> a + 'bananas' + 'tomatoes'
'applesbananastomatoes'
# switch to uppercase
>>> b = 'drink a lot of water every day
>>> b.upper()
'DRINK A LOT OF WATER EVERY DAY
# replace sub with new one
>>> b.replace('water', 'lemonade')
'drink a lot of lemonade every day
```

String operations (2)

```
# striping whitespace
>>> b.lstrip()
'drink a lot of water every day
>>> b.strip()
'drink a lot of water every day'

# split and return a 3-tuple
>>> b.partition('of')
('drink a lot ', 'of', ' water every day ')
```

Slice

```
>>> s = = 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'
# Specific char
>>> s[2]
'c'
>>> s[-1]
'z'
# ranges
>>> s[6:12]
'ghijkl'
>>> s[6:]
'ghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'
>>> s[:12]
'abcdefghijkl'
>>> s[1:-1:2]
'bdfhjlnprtvx'
```

split and join

String format

```
# with position
>>> 'Hello {0}, {1} to meet you!'.format('Dan', 'great')
'Hello Dan, great to meet you!'
# without position
>>> 'Hello {}, {} to meet you!'.format('Dan', 'nice')
'Hello Dan, nice to meet you!'
# reverse position
>>> 'Hello {1}, {0} to meet you!'.format('Dan', 'nice')
'Hello nice, Dan to meet you!'
# repeating an argument
>>> 'Hello {0}, {0} to meet you!'.format('Dan', 'nice')
'Hello Dan, Dan to meet you!'
# argument by name
>>> 'A {adj} {obj}'.format(adj='yellow', obj='banana')
'A yellow banana'
```

String format (2)

```
# left align, width - 10
>>> '{:<10}'.format('cat')
'cat
# right align, width - 10
>>> '{:>10}'.format('cat')
        cat'
# center align, width - 10
>>> '{:^10}'.format('cat')
    cat
# center align, width - 10, pad with _
>>> '{:_^10}'.format('cat')
'___cat___
```

String format (3)

String format (4)

```
# convert number to float with precision 3
>>> '{:0.3f}'.format(37)
'37.000'
>>> '{:0.3f}'.format(37.0004) # round down
'37.000'
>>> '{:0.3f}'.format(37.0005) # round up
'37.001'
```

String format (5)

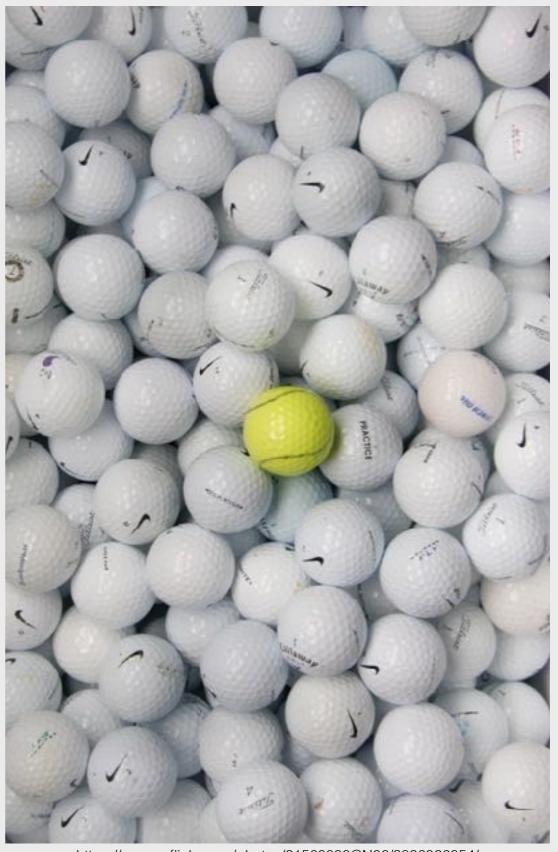
```
# converting bases
>>> "int: {0:d} bin: {0:b} oct: {0:o} \
... hex: {0:x}".format(27)
'int: 27 bin: 11011 oct: 33 hex: 1b'

# display prefixes
>>> "int: {0:#d} bin: {0:#b} oct: {0:#o} \
... hex: {0:#x}".format(27)
'int: 27 bin: 0b11011 oct: 0o33 hex: 0x1b'
```

Old C-style formatting

```
# basic
>>> 'I ate %d bananas' % 20
'I ate 20 bananas'
# using strings, floats with 6 digits and precision of
>>> '%s %06.2f cups of %s' % ('Drink', 3, 'water')
'Drink 003.00 cups of water'
# using keywords
>>> '%(action)s %(num)d cups' % {'action': 'Pour',
                                  'num': 12}
'Pour 12 cups'
```

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Summary

- Tuples are immutable lists
- Lists are ordered data collections with sort, find and more
- Sets are collections with no duplicate items
- Dictionaries map keys to values
- Strings are immutable sequences of characters



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