

Python 3 Cheat Sheet



Base Types	
integer, float, boolean, string, bytes	
int 783 0 -192 0b010 0o642 0xF3	zero binary octal hexa
float 9.23 0.0 -1.7e-6	x10^-6
bool True False	
str "One\nTwo"	Multiline string: escaped new line
'I\'m'	escaped '
bytes b"toto\xfe\775"	hexadecimal octal immutables

Container Types	
list [1, 5, 9]	["mot"]
tuple (1, 5, 9)	("mot",)
Non modifiable values (immutables)	expression with only commas → tuple
str bytes (ordered sequences of chars / bytes)	
key containers, no a priori order, fast key access, each key is unique	
dictionary dict {"key": "value"} (key/value associations) {1: "one", 3: "three", 2: "two", 3.14: "pi"}	dict(a=3, b=4, k="v")
collection set {"key1", "key2"} keys=hashable values (base types, immutables...)	{1, 9, 3, 0} frozenset immutable set
set ()	empty

Identifiers
for variables, functions, modules, classes... names
a...zA...Z followed by a...zA...Z_0...9
diacritics allowed but should be avoided
language keywords forbidden
lower/UPPER case discrimination
↪ a toto x7 y_max BigOne
↪ by and for

Variables assignment
assignment ↔ binding of a name with a value
1) evaluation of right side expression value
2) assignment in order with left side names
x=1.2+8+sin(y)
a=b=c=0 assignment to same value
y, z, r=9, 7, 0 multiple assignments
a, b=b, a values swap
a, *b=seq unpacking of sequence in item and list
*a, b=seq item and list
x+=3 increment ↔ x=x+3
x-=2 decrement ↔ x=x-2
x=None « undefined » constant value
del x remove name x
:= Assignment expression, bind of a name with a value used in an expression.
while (v:=next()) is not None:...

Conversions
type (expression)
can specify integer number base in 2 nd parameter
truncate decimal part
round(15.56, 1) → 15.6 rounding to 1 decimal (0 decimal → integer number)
bool(x) False for null x, empty container x, None or False x; True for other x
str(x) → "..." representation string of x for display (cf. formatting on the back)
chr(64) → '@' ord('@') → 64 code ↔ char
repr(x) → "..." literal representation string of x
bytes([72, 9, 64]) → b'H\t@'
list("abc") → ['a', 'b', 'c']
dict([(3, "three"), (1, "one")]) → {1: 'one', 3: 'three'}
set(["one", "two"]) → {'one', 'two'}
separator str and sequence of str → assembled str
' '.join(['toto', '12', 'pswd']) → 'toto:12:pswd'
str splitted on whitespaces → list of str
"words with spaces".split() → ['words', 'with', 'spaces']
str splitted on separator str → list of str
"1,4,8,2".split(",") → ['1', '4', '8', '2']
sequence of one type → list of another type (via list comprehension)
[int(x) for x in ('1', '29', '-3')] → [1, 29, -3]

lists, tuples, strings, bytes...

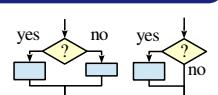
negative index	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
positive index	0	1	2	3	4
lst=[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]					
positive slice	0	1	2	3	4
negative slice	-5	+4	-3	-2	-1

Sequence Containers Indexing

Items access lst[index]
lst[0] → first one lst[1] → 20
lst[-1] → last one lst[-2] → 40
On mutable sequences (list):
remove with del lst[3]
modify with assignment lst[4]=25

statement block executed only if a condition is true

if logical condition:
→ statements block



Can go with several elif, elif... and only one final else. Only the block of first true condition is executed.

with a var x:
if bool(x)==True: ⇔ if x:
if bool(x)==False: ⇔ if not x:

if age<=18:
state="Kid"
elif age>65:
state="Retired"
else:
state="Active"

module snif ⇔ file snif.py **Modules/Names Imports**
from mymod import name1, name2 as fct
→ direct access to names, renaming with as
import mymod → access via mymod.name1 ...
modules and packages searched in python path (cf sys.path)

Items count len(lst) → 5

index from 0

Sub-sequences lst[start slice:end slice:step]

lst[:-1] → [10, 20, 30, 40] lst[::-1] → [50, 40, 30, 20, 10] lst[-3:-1] → [30, 40]
lst[1:-1] → [20, 30, 40] lst[1:-2] → [50, 30, 10] lst[3:] → [40, 50]
lst[::2] → [10, 30, 50] lst[::] → [10, 20, 30, 40, 50] → shallow copy of sequence

Missing slice indication → from start / up to end.

On mutable sequences (list), remove with del lst[3:5]
modify with assignment lst[1:4]=[15, 25]

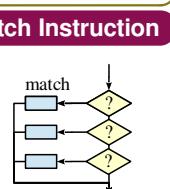
Boolean Logic	
Comparisons : < > <= >= == !=	(boolean results) ≤ ≥ = ≠
a and b logical and	both simultaneously
a or b logical or	one or other or both
not a logical not	
True False	True and False constants

Statements Blocks	
parent statement:	statement block 1...
indentation!:	⋮
parent statement:	statement block2...
next statement after block 1	
configure editor to insert 4 spaces in place of an indentation tab.	

Maths	
floating numbers... approximated values	angles in radians
Operators: + - * / // % **	from math import sin, pi...
Priority (...) × ÷ ↑ ↑ ↑ a ^b	sin(pi/4) → 0.707...
integer ÷ remainder	cos(2*pi/3) → -0.4999...
→ matrix × python3.5+numpy	sqrt(81) → 9.0 ✓
(1+5.3)*2→12.6	log(e**2) → 2.0
abs(-3.2)→3.2	ceil(12.5)→13
round(3.57,1)→3.6	floor(12.5)→12
pow(4, 3)→64.0	→ modules math, statistics, random, decimal, fractions, numpy...
usual order of operations	

select instructions block to execute upon matching with a pattern.
Can unpack sequences, set variables...

match expression:
→ case pattern1:
→ case pattern2:
→ case pattern3:
→ case pattern4:



match infos:
case 'none':
case 'bob'|'elsa'|300:
case ['lui', 'luc']: sequence of two values
case 'untel', name: → 1st value, retrieve 2nd in name
case 'eux', *names: → 1st value, retrieve remaining in names
case 'will' if flag: → value with supplementary test
case str(): → type or classe
case _ : → everything else (last case)
Note : can use () or [] for patterns.

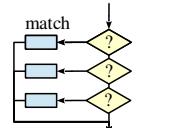
Signaling an error:

raise ExcClass(...)

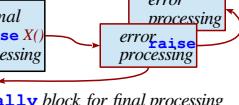
Errors processing:

try:
→ normal processing block
except Exception as e:
→ error processing block
finally block for final processing in all cases.

Match Instruction



Exceptions on Errors



Conditional Loop Statement

statements block executed as long as condition is true

while logical condition: → statements block

Loop Control

break immediate exit
continue next iteration
else block for normal loop exit.

Algo: $S = \sum_{i=1}^{100} i^2$

Iterative Loop Statement

statements block executed for each item of a container or iterator

for var in sequence: → statements block

next → finish

Display

`print(f" {x} cm+{y} m={x/100+y} m")`

Example with a formating string f-string. `print` can display several items (values, variables, expressions...) by separating them with commas.

print options:

- `sep=" "` items separator, default space
- `end="\n"` end of print, default new line
- `file=sys.stdout` print to file, default standard output

Input

`s = input("Instructions:")`

input always returns a string, convert it to required type (cf. boxed Conversions on the other side).

Generic Operations on Containers

`len(c) → items count`
`min(c) max(c) sum(c)`
`sorted(c) → list sorted copy`
`val in c → boolean, membership operator in (absence not in)`
`enumerate(c) → iterator on (index, value)`
`zip(c1, c2...) → iterator on tuples containing ci items at same index`
`all(c) → True if all c items evaluated to true, else False`
`any(c) → True if at least one item of c evaluated true, else False`

Note: For dictionaries and sets, these operations use keys.

Specific to ordered sequences containers (lists, tuples, strings, bytes...)

`reversed(c) → inverted iterator`
`c*5 → duplicate`
`c+c2 → concatenate`
`c.index(val) → position`
`c.count(val) → events count`

Operations on Lists

`lst.append(val)` add item at end
`lst.extend(seq)` add sequence of items at end
`lst.insert(idx, val)` insert item at index
`lst.remove(val)` remove first item with value val
`lst.pop([idx]) → value` remove & return item at index idx (default last)
`lst.sort() / lst.reverse()` sort / reverse liste in place

→ modules `collections, itertools, functools...`

Operations on Dictionaries

`d[key]=value`
`d[key] → value`
`d.clear()`
`del d[key]`

Operators: `| → merge` `= → update`

`d.keys()`
`d.values()`
`d.items()`
`d.pop(key[,default]) → value`
`d.popitem() → (key,value)`
`d.get(key[,default]) → value`
`d.setdefault(key[,default]) → value`

Operations on Sets

Operators:
`| → union` `& → intersection`
`- → difference/symmetric diff.`
`< <= > >= → inclusion relations`

`s.update(s2)` `s.copy()`
`s.add(key)` `s.remove(key)`
`s.discard(key)` `s.clear()`
`s.pop()`

Some operators also exists as methods.

Files

storing data on disk, and reading it back

`f = open("file.txt", "w", encoding="utf8")`

file variable for operations → name of file on disk (+path...) → opening mode → encoding of files: utf8 ascii latin1 ...

→ modules `pathlib, os, os.path`

writing

`f.write("coucou")`
`f.writelines(list of lines)`

reading

`f.read([n])` → next chars
`f.readline([n])` → list of next lines
`f.readlines()` → next line

text mode `t` by default (read/write `str`), possible binary mode `b` (read/write `bytes`). Convert from/to required type !

`f.close()` → dont forget to close the file after use !

`f.flush()` write cache
`f.truncate([size])` resize
`f.reading progress sequentially in the file, modifiable with:`
`f.tell() → position`

with open(...) as f:
`for line in f :`
`# processing of line`

Very common: opening with a **guarded block** (automatic closing with a *context manager*) and reading loop on lines of a text file:
Multiple files : `with (open() as f1, open() as f2):`

Integer Sequences

`range([start,] end [,step])`

start default 0, end not included in sequence, step signed, default 1

`range(5) → 0 1 2 3 4` `range(2, 12, 3) → 2 5 8 11`
`range(3, 8) → 3 4 5 6 7` `range(20, 5, -5) → 20 15 10`
`range(len(seq)) → sequence of index of values in seq`

Note: Go over sequence's index with `range(len(lst))`

Function Definition

function name (identifier) → named parameters
`def fact(x, y, z):`
`"""documentation"""`
`# statements block, res computation, etc.`
`return res` → result value of the call, if no computed result to return: `return None`

parameters and all variables of this block exist only in the block and during the function call (think of a "black box") → assignment of global variable `xxx` in the function → declaration `global xxx` in its block

Advanced: `def fact(x, y, z, *args, a=3, b=5, **kwargs):`
`*args variable positional arguments (→tuple), default values, **kwargs variable named arguments (→dict)`
And: / → arguments before are positional, * → arguments after are named

Function Call

`r = fact(3, i+2, 2*i)`
storage/use of returned value → one argument per parameter

this is the use of function name with parentheses which does the call

Advanced: *sequence **dict

Operations on Strings

`s.startswith(prefix[,start,end])`
`s.endswith(suffix[,start,end])`
`s.strip([chars])`
`s.count(sub[,start,end])`
`s.partition(sep) → (before,sep,after)`
`s.index(sub[,start,end])`
`s.find(sub[,start,end])`
`s.is...() tests on chars categories (ex. s.isalpha())`
`s.upper()` `s.lower()` `s.title()` `s.swapcase()`
`s.casefold()` `s.capitalize()` `s.center(width,fill)`
`s.ljust([width,fill])` `s.rjust([width,fill])` `s.zfill([width])`
`s.encode(encoding)` `s.split([sep])` `s.join(seq)`
`s.removeprefix(pref)` `s.removesuffix(suffix)` `s.format(...)`

`f.prefix → formating string "f-string"`

Formatting f-string

`f"{}+{}={:+.2f}" → str`
expression : formating ! conversion

Expression : variable, function call... any Python expression. Values considered when evaluating the f-string at runtime.

Example: `x, t1, t2=45.72793, "toto", "I\name"`
`f"{}:{:+.3f}" → '+45.728'`
`f"{}{:>10s}" → ' toto'`
`f"{}{:r}" → "L\name"`

Formatting :
fill char alignment sign mini width.precision~maxwidth type
`<> ^ = + - space` → 0 at start for filling with 0
integers: `b` binary, `c` char, `d` decimal (default), `o` octal, `x` or `X` hexa...
floats: `e` or `E` exponential, `f` or `F` fixed point, `g` or `G` appropriate (default), strings: `s` ...
Conversion : `s` (readable text) or `r` (literal representation)

good habit : don't modify loop variable