

# Python 3 Cheat Sheet

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integer, float, boolean, string, bytes

int	783	0	-192	0b010	0o642	0xF3
float	9.23	0.0	-1.7e-6			
bool	True	False		x10 <sup>-6</sup>		
str	"One\nTwo"		Multiline string:			
	escaped new line		"""x\tY\tz			
	'I\'m'		1\t2\t3""			
	escaped '		escaped tab			
bytes	b"toto\xfe\775"					
	hexadecimal octal					

## Base Types

■ ordered sequences, fast index access, repeatable values

list	[1, 5, 9]	["x", 11, 8.9]	["mot"]
tuple	(1, 5, 9)	11, "y", 7.4	("mot",)
		expression with just commas → tuple	

Non modifiable values (immutables)

str bytes (ordered sequences of chars / bytes)

■ key containers, no a priori order, fast key access, each key is unique

dictionary	dict {"key": "value"}	dict(a=3, b=4, k="v")
	(key/value associations)	{1: "one", 3: "three", 2: "two", 3.14: "pi"}

collection set {"key1", "key2"}

keys=hashable values (base types, immutables...)

frozenset immutable set

## Container Types

[]

{} (empty)

set()

for variables, functions,  
modules, classes... names

## Identifiers

a...zA...Z\_ followed by a...zA...Z\_0..9

- diacritics allowed but should be avoided
- language keywords forbidden
- lower/UPPER case discrimination
- ② a toto x7 y\_max BigOne
- ② by and for

## = Variables assignment

- 1) evaluation of right side expression value
  - 2) assignment in order with left side names
- assignment ⇒ binding of a name with a value

x=1.2+8+sin(y)

a=b=c=0 assignment to same value

y, z, r=9.2, -7.6, 0 multiple assignments

a, b=b, a values swap

a, \*b=seq unpacking of sequence in  
\*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

and

\*

/

%

...

type (expression) Conversions

can specify integer number base in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. formating 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 comprehension list)

[int(x) for x in ('1', '29', '-3')] → [1, 29, -3]

for lists, tuples, strings, bytes...

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

Items count

len(lst) → 5

index from 0  
(here from 0 to 4)

Sequence Containers Indexing

Individual access to items via lst[index]

lst[0] → 10 ⇒ first one

lst[1] → 20

lst[-1] → 50 ⇒ last one

lst[-2] → 40

On mutable sequences (list), remove with

del lst[3] and modify with assignment

lst[4]=25

Access to sub-sequences via lst[start slice:end slice:step]

lst[:-1] → [10, 20, 30, 40]    lst[::-1] → [50, 40, 30, 20, 10]    lst[1:3] → [20, 30]    lst[:3] → [10, 20, 30]  
 lst[1:-1] → [20, 30, 40]    lst[::2] → [50, 30, 10]    lst[-3:-1] → [30, 40]    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] and modify with assignment lst[1:4]=[15, 25]

## Boolean Logic

Comparators: < > <= >= == !=  
(boolean results) ≤ ≥ = ≠

a and b logical and both simultaneously

a or b logical or one or other or both

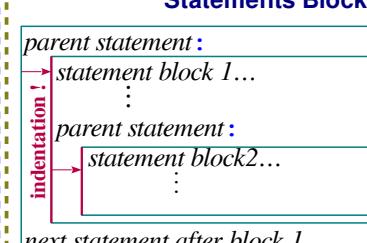
pitfall: and and or return value of a or of b (under shortcut evaluation).

→ ensure that a and b are booleans.

not a logical not

True    False True and False constants

## Statements Blocks



configure editor to insert 4 spaces in place of an indentation tab.

## Modules/Names Imports

from monmod import nom1, nom2 as fct

→ direct access to names, renaming with as

import monmod → access via monmod.nom1 ...

modules and packages searched in python path (cf. sys.path)

statement block executed only

if a condition is true

if logical condition:  
statements block

Can go with several elif, else... 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:  
else:  
state="Retired"

Signaling an error:

raise Exception(...)

↓  
normal raise processing

↓  
error processing

↓  
raise

↓  
error processing

**statements block executed as long as condition is true**

**while logical condition:** 

**beware of infinite loops!**

**initializations before the loop**

**condition with a least one variable value (here `i`)**

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while i <= 100:
    s = s + i**2
    i = i + 1
print("sum:", s)
```

**make condition variable change !**

**statements block**

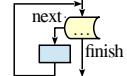
**Conditional Loop Statement**

**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**

**for var in sequence:** 

**statements block**

**Go over sequence's values**

**initializations before the loop**

**loop variable, assignment managed by for statement**

```
for c in s:
    if c == "e":
        cnt = cnt + 1
print("found", cnt, "'e'")
```

**Algo: count number of e in the string.**

**Display**

**print ("v=", 3, "cm :", x, ", y+4)**

**items to display : literal values, variables, expressions**

**print options:**

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

**s = input ("Instructions:")**

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

**len(c) → items count**

**min(c) max(c) sum(c)**

**sorted(c) → list sorted copy**

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

**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**

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

**reversed(c) → inverse iterator**

**c\*5 → duplicate**

**c+c2 → concatenate**

**c.index(val) → position**

**c.count(val) → events count**

**copy**

**copy.copy(c) → shallow copy of container**

**copy.deepcopy(c) → deep copy of container**

**modify original list**

**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

**Operations on Lists**

**Operations on Dictionaries**

**d[key]=value**

**d.clear()**

**d[key] → value**

**del d[key]**

**d.update(d2)** update/add

**d.keys()** associations

**d.values()** iterable views on

**d.items()** keys/values/associations

**d.pop(key[,default]) → value**

**d.popitem() → (key,value)**

**d.get(key[,default]) → value**

**d.setdefault(key[,default]) → value**

**Operators:**

- | → union (vertical bar char)
- & → intersection
- ^ → différence/symmetric diff.
- < <= > >= → inclusion relations

**Operators also exist as methods.**

**s.update(s2)**

**s.add(key)**

**s.remove(key)**

**s.discard(key)**

**s.clear()**

**s.pop()**

**Operations on Sets**

**Operations on Strings**

**Files**

**storing data on disk, and reading it back**

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

**file variable**

**name of file**

**for operations on disk (+path...)**

**cf. modules os, os.path and pathlib**

**writing**

**f.write("coucou")**

**f.writelines(list of lines)**

**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 !

**reading**

**f.read([n])** → next chars if n not specified, read up to end !

**f.readlines([n])** → list of next lines

**f.readline()** → next line

**f.flush() write cache**

**f.truncate([taille]) resize reading/writing progress sequentially in the file, modifiable with:**

**f.tell() → position**

**f.seek(position[,origin])**

**Very common: opening with a guarded block (automatic closing) and reading loop on lines of a text file:**

**with open(...) as f:**

**for line in f :**

**# processing of line**

**Integers Sequences**

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

**start default 0, fin not included in sequence, pas 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**

**# range provides an immutable sequence of int constructed as needed**

**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")**

**Advanced: def fact(x, y, z, \*args, a=3, b=5, \*\*kwargs):**

**\*args variable positional arguments (→tuple), default values, \*\*kwargs variable named arguments (→dict)**

**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 parenthesis 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)**

**Formatting**

**formatting directives**

**values to format**

**"modele{} {} {}".format(x,y,r) → str**

**"{selection:formatting!conversion}"**

**Selection :**

- 2**
- nom**
- 0.nom**
- 4[key]**
- 0[2]**

**Formatting :**

**fill char alignment sign mini width.precision-maxwidth type**

**<> ^ = + - space**

**0 at start for filling with 0**

**integer: b binary, c char, d decimal (default), o octal, x or X hexa...**

**float: e or E exponential, f or F fixed point, g or G appropriate (default), string: s ...**

**% percent**

**Conversion : s (readable texte) or r (literal representation)**

**good habit : don't modify loop variable**