

Python Cheat Sheet - Keywords

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Keyword	Description	Code example
<code>False, True</code>	Boolean data types	<code>False == (1 > 2), True == (2 > 1)</code>
<code>None</code>	Empty value constant	<code>def f(): x = 2 f() == None # True</code>
<code>and, or, not</code>	Logical operators: $(x \text{ and } y) \rightarrow$ both x and y must be True $(x \text{ or } y) \rightarrow$ either x or y must be True $(\text{not } x) \rightarrow$ x must be false	<code>x, y = True, False (x or y) == True # True (x and y) == False # True (not y) == True # True</code>
<code>break</code>	Ends loop prematurely	<code>while(True): break # no infinite loop print("hello world")</code>
<code>continue</code>	Finishes current loop iteration	<code>while(True): continue print("43") # dead code</code>
<code>class</code>	Defines a new class \rightarrow a real-world concept (object oriented programming)	<code>class beer: x = 1.0 # litre def drink(self): self.x = 0.0</code>
<code>def</code>	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.	<code>b = beer() # creates class with constructor b.drink() # beer empty: b.x == 0</code>
<code>if, elif, else</code>	Conditional program execution: program starts with “if” branch, tries the “elif” branches, and finishes with “else” branch (until one branch evaluates to True).	<code>x = int(input("your value: ")) if x > 3: print("Big") elif x == 3: print("Medium") else: print("Small")</code>
<code>for, while</code>	# For loop declaration <code>for i in [0,1,2]: print(i)</code>	# While loop - same semantics <code>j = 0 while j < 3: print(j) j = j + 1</code>
<code>in</code>	Checks whether element is in sequence	<code>42 in [2, 39, 42] # True</code>
<code>is</code>	Checks whether both elements point to the same object	<code>y = x = 3 x is y # True [3] is [3] # False</code>
<code>lambda</code>	Function with no name (anonymous function)	<code>(lambda x: x + 3)(3) # returns 6</code>
<code>return</code>	Result of a function	<code>def incrementor(x): return x + 1 incrementor(4) # returns 5</code>