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PYTHON PROGRAMMING

SHORT NOTES

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Python is a high-level, interpreted, object-oriented programming language used for easy coding, automation, data science, web development, AI, and more.

Input function: `input()` → takes input from user as a string.

```
name = input("Enter your name: ")
```

Output function: `print()` → displays output.

```
print("Hello", name)
```

List of operators in Python

1. Arithmetic Operators

```
a, b = 10, 3
print(a + b) # 13 (Addition)
print(a - b) # 7 (Subtraction)
print(a * b) # 30 (Multiplication)
print(a / b) # 3.33 (Division)
print(a % b) # 1 (Modulus)
print(a ** b) # 1000 (Exponent)
print(a // b) # 3 (Floor Division)
```

2. Comparison Operators

```
python
print(a > b) # True
print(a == b) # False
```

3. Logical Operators

```
x, y = True, False
print(x and y) # False
print(x or y) # True
print(not x) # False
```

4. Assignment Operators

```
c = 5
c += 2 # c = c + 2 → 7
```

5. Bitwise Operators

```
print(a & b) # 2 (AND)
print(a | b) # 11 (OR)
```

6. Membership Operators

```
print(3 in [1,2,3]) # True
print(4 not in [1,2,3]) # True
```

7. Identity Operators

```
x = [1,2]
y = [1,2]
print(x is y) # False
print(x is not y) # True
```

Python, short-circuiting happens with and / or operators:

```
# AND short-circuit (stops if first is False)
print(False and (10/0))    # False (does not check 10/0)
```

```
# OR short-circuit (stops if first is True)
print(True or (10/0))      # True (does not check 10/0)
```

Python, flow control statements decide the order of execution:

1. Conditional (if, elif, else):

```
x = 10
if x > 0:
    print("Positive")
elif x == 0:
    print("Zero")
else:
    print("Negative")
```

2. Looping (for, while):

```
for i in range(3):
    print(i)    # 0 1 2

count = 3
while count > 0:
    print(count) # 3 2 1
    count -= 1
```

3. Jump (break, continue, pass):

```
for i in range(5):
    if i == 2:
        continue    # skips 2
```

```
if i == 4:
    break           # stops at 4
print(i)           # 0 1 3

pass              # does nothing, placeholder
```

1. break → exits loop immediately

```
for i in range(5):
    if i == 3:
        break
    print(i)
# Output: 0 1 2
```

2. continue → skips current iteration

```
for i in range(5):
    if i == 3:
        continue
    print(i)
# Output: 0 1 2 4
```

range() → generates a sequence of numbers.

Syntax:

```
range(start, stop, step)
```

- start → starting number (default 0)
- stop → end (excluded)
- step → increment (default 1)

Examples:

```
print(list(range(5)))      #  
[0,1,2,3,4]  
print(list(range(2, 7)))  #  
[2,3,4,5,6]  
print(list(range(1, 10, 2))) #  
[1,3,5,7,9]
```

Nested loop → a loop inside another loop.

Example:

```
for i in range(3):        # outer loop  
    for j in range(2):    # inner loop  
        print(i, j)
```

Output:

```
0 0  
0 1  
1 0  
1 1  
2 0  
2 1
```

Python, data types define the type of values stored in variables.

1. Numeric Types

- **int** → whole numbers

```
x = 10  
print(type(x))    # <class 'int'>
```

- **float** → decimal numbers

```
y = 3.14  
print(type(y))    # <class 'float'>
```

- **complex** → numbers with real + imaginary part

```
z = 2 + 3j  
print(type(z))    # <class 'complex'>
```

2. Sequence Types

- **str (String)** → text in quotes

```
name = "Python"  
print(type(name))    # <class 'str'>
```

- **list** → ordered, mutable collection

```
lst = [1, 2, 3]  
print(type(lst))    # <class 'list'>
```

- **tuple** → ordered, immutable collection

```
tup = (1, 2, 3)  
print(type(tup))    # <class 'tuple'>
```

3. Set Types

- **set** → unordered, unique elements

```
s = {1, 2, 3, 2}  
print(s)    # {1, 2, 3}
```

- **frozenset** → immutable set

```
fs = frozenset({1, 2, 3})  
print(type(fs))    # <class 'frozenset'>
```

4. Mapping Type

- dict → key-value pairs

```
d = {"a": 1, "b": 2}
print(type(d))    # <class 'dict'>
```

5. Boolean Type

```
flag = True
print(type(flag))    # <class 'bool'>
```

6. None Type

```
x = None
print(type(x))    # <class 'NoneType'>
```

1. What is a String?

A string is a sequence of characters enclosed in single (' '), double (" "), or triple quotes ("'' " or "" "" """).

Example:

```
s = "Hello Python"
print(type(s))    # <class 'str'>
```

2. What is String Slicing?

Slicing means extracting part of a string using indexing.

Syntax: string[start:end:step]

```
s = "Python"
print(s[0:4])    # "Pyth" (from index 0 to 3)
print(s[:3])    # "Pyt" (start default 0)
print(s[2:])    # "thon" (till end)
print(s[::-1])    # "nohtyP" (reverse)
```

3. String Methods (Commonly Used)

Method	Syntax	Example	Output
<code>upper()</code>	<code>s.upper()</code>	<code>"hello".upper()</code>	<code>"HELLO"</code>
<code>lower()</code>	<code>s.lower()</code>	<code>"HELLO".lower()</code>	<code>"hello"</code>
<code>title()</code>	<code>s.title()</code>	<code>"hello world".title()</code>	<code>"Hello World"</code>
<code>strip()</code>	<code>s.strip()</code>	<code>" hi ".strip()</code>	<code>"hi"</code>
<code>replace()</code>	<code>s.replace(old, new)</code>	<code>"hello".replace("h", "H")</code>	<code>"Hello"</code>
<code>split()</code>	<code>s.split(sep)</code>	<code>"a,b,c".split(",")</code>	<code>['a', 'b', 'c']</code>
<code>join()</code>	<code>sep.join(list)</code>	<code>"-".join(["a", "b"])</code>	<code>"a-b"</code>
<code>find()</code>	<code>s.find(sub)</code>	<code>"hello".find("e")</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>count()</code>	<code>s.count(sub)</code>	<code>"banana".count("a")</code>	<code>3</code>
<code>startswith()</code>	<code>s.startswith(val)</code>	<code>"hello".startswith("he")</code>	<code>True</code>
<code>endswith()</code>	<code>s.endswith(val)</code>	<code>"hello".endswith("lo")</code>	<code>True</code>

What is a List?

- A list is an ordered, mutable (changeable), and indexed collection in Python.
- Written with square brackets [].
- Can store different data types.

Example:

```
my_list = [10, "hello", 3.14]
print(my_list)           # [10, 'hello', 3.14]
print(type(my_list))    # <class 'list'>
```

2. Common List Methods

Method	Syntax	Example	Output
append()	list.append(x)	l=[1,2]; l.append(3)	[1,2,3]
insert()	list.insert(i,x)	l=[1,2]; l.insert(1,5)	[1,5,2]
extend()	list.extend(iterable)	l=[1]; l.extend([2,3])	[1,2,3]
remove()	list.remove(x)	l=[1,2]; l.remove(1)	[2]
pop()	list.pop([i])	l=[1,2]; l.pop()	returns 2, list=[1]
clear()	list.clear()	l=[1,2]; l.clear()	[]
index()	list.index(x)	[1,2,3].index(2)	1
count()	list.count(x)	[1,2,2].count(2)	2
sort()	list.sort()	l=[3,1,2]; l.sort()	[1,2,3]
reverse()	list.reverse()	l=[1,2]; l.reverse()	[2,1]
copy()	list.copy()	l=[1,2]; m=l.copy()	m=[1,2]

Method	Syntax	Example	Output
<code>count()</code>	<code>tuple.count(x)</code>	<code>(1,2,2,3).count(2)</code>	2
<code>index()</code>	<code>tuple.index(x)</code>	<code>(1,2,3).index(2)</code>	1

1. What is a Tuple?

- A tuple is an ordered, immutable (unchangeable) collection in Python.
- Written with parentheses ().
- Faster than lists.

Example:

```
python

my_tuple = (10, "hello", 3.14)
print(my_tuple)           # (10, 'hello', 3.14)
print(type(my_tuple))     # <class 'tuple'>
```

2. Tuple Methods (very few because tuples are immutable)

3. Tuple Operations

Although methods are limited, you can still:

```
python

t = (1, 2, 3, 4)

print(t[1])           # Indexing → 2
print(t[1:3])         # Slicing → (2,3)
print(len(t))         # Length → 4
print(max(t))         # Max → 4
print(min(t))         # Min → 1
print(sum(t))         # Sum → 10
```

1. What is a Set?

- A set is an unordered collection of unique elements in Python.
- Written with curly braces {}.
- No duplicates, no indexing.

Example:

```
python

my_set = {1, 2, 3, 2}
print(my_set)           # {1, 2, 3}
print(type(my_set))     # <class 'set'>
```

2. Set Methods

Method	Syntax	Example	Output
add()	set.add(x)	s={1,2}; s.add(3)	{1,2,3}
update()	set.update(iterable)	s={1}; s.update([2,3])	{1,2,3}
remove()	set.remove(x)	s={1,2}; s.remove(1)	{2}
discard()	set.discard(x)	s={1,2}; s.discard(3)	{1,2} (no error)
pop()	set.pop()	s={1,2,3}; s.pop()	removes random element
clear()	set.clear()	s={1,2}; s.clear()	set()
union()	A.union(B)	{1,2}.union({2,3})	{1,2,3}
intersection()	A.intersection(B)	{1,2}.intersection({2,3})	{2}
difference()	A.difference(B)	{1,2,3}.difference({2,3})	{1}
symmetric_difference()	A.symmetric_difference(B)	{1,2}.symmetric_difference({2,3})	{1,3}
issubset()	A.issubset(B)	{1,2}.issubset({1,2,3})	True
issuperset()	A.issuperset(B)	{1,2,3}.issuperset({2})	True
isdisjoint()	A.isdisjoint(B)	{1,2}.isdisjoint({3})	True
copy()	set.copy()	s={1,2}; t=s.copy()	{1,2}

1. What is a Dictionary?

- A dictionary is an unordered collection of key-value pairs.
- Keys must be unique & immutable (like strings, numbers, tuples).
- Values can be anything.
- Written with curly braces {}.

Example:

```
python

my_dict = {"name": "John", "age": 25, "city": "Delhi"}
print(my_dict["name"])    # John
print(type(my_dict))      # <class 'dict'>
```

2. Dictionary Methods

Method	Syntax	Example	Output
get()	dict.get(key[, default])	d={"a":1}; d.get("a")	1
keys()	dict.keys()	d={"a":1}; d.keys()	dict_keys(['a'])
values()	dict.values()	d={"a":1}; d.values()	dict_values([1])
items()	dict.items()	d={"a":1}; d.items()	dict_items([('a', 1)])
update()	dict.update(other)	d={"a":1}; d.update({"b":2})	{'a':1, 'b':2}
pop()	dict.pop(key[, default])	d={"a":1, "b":2}; d.pop("a")	returns 1, dict={'b':2}
popitem()	dict.popitem()	d={"a":1, "b":2}; d.popitem()	removes last → ('b', 2)
setdefault()	dict.setdefault(key[, default])	d={"a":1}; d.setdefault("b", 2)	{'a':1, 'b':2}
fromkeys()	dict.fromkeys(keys[, value])	dict.fromkeys([1, 2], 0)	{1:0, 2:0}
copy()	dict.copy()	d={"a":1}; x=d.copy()	{'a':1}
clear()	dict.clear()	d={"a":1}; d.clear()	{}

Mutability vs Immutability in Python

1. Mutable Objects

- Can be changed (modified) after creation.
- **Examples** → list, dict, set

Example:

```
python

lst = [1, 2, 3]
lst[0] = 100
print(lst)    # [100, 2, 3]  ✓ changed
```

2. Immutable Objects

- **Cannot be changed after creation.**
- Any modification creates a new object.
- **Examples** → int, float, str, tuple, frozenset

Example:

```
python

s = "hello"
s = s + " world"
print(s)    # "hello world" (new string created)
```

- **Mutable** → changeable (list, dict, set)
- **Immutable** → unchangeable (int, float, str, tuple, frozenset)

1. Shallow Copy

- Creates a new object, but copies references of inner objects.
- Changes in nested objects affect both copies.
- Done using: `copy.copy()` or `list.copy()` or slicing.

Example:

```
python

import copy

list1 = [[1, 2], [3, 4]]
shallow = copy.copy(list1)

shallow[0][0] = 99
print(list1)    # [[99, 2], [3, 4]]  ✓ affected
print(shallow)  # [[99, 2], [3, 4]]
```

2. Deep Copy

- Creates a completely independent copy, including nested objects.
- Changes in one don't affect the other.
- Done using: `copy.deepcopy()`.

Example:

```
python

import copy

list1 = [[1, 2], [3, 4]]
deep = copy.deepcopy(list1)

deep[0][0] = 99
print(list1)    # [[1, 2], [3, 4]]  ✓ not affected
print(deep)     # [[99, 2], [3, 4]]
```

Shallow Copy → Copies outer object, inner references shared.

Deep Copy → Full independent clone (outer + inner).

Function in Python

A function is a block of reusable code that performs a specific task.

It helps in code reusability, modularity, and readability.

Syntax:

python

```
def function_name(parameters):  
    """docstring (optional)"""  
    # code block  
    return value    # optional
```

Example:

python

```
def add(a, b):  
    return a + b  
  
print(add(5, 3))    # 8
```

1. Default Argument

- A parameter with a default value.
- If no value is passed, the default is used.

Syntax & Example:

python

```
def greet(name="Guest"):  
    print("Hello", name)  
  
greet("John")    # Hello John  
greet()          # Hello Guest
```

2. Keyword Argument

- We pass arguments using parameter names.
- Order does not matter.

Syntax & Example:

python

```
def student(name, age):  
    print(name, age)  
  
student(age=21, name="Alice")    # Alice  
21
```

Default Argument → assigns a default value.

Keyword Argument → specify by name, order-free.

Recursion in Python

- Recursion is a process where a function calls itself to solve a problem.
- Every recursive function must have a base case (stopping condition), otherwise it runs infinitely.

Syntax:

python

```
def function_name(parameters):  
    if condition:    # base case  
        return value  
    else:  
        return  
    function_name(modified_parameters)
```

Example: Factorial using Recursion

python

```
def factorial(n):  
    if n == 0:          # base case  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n * factorial(n-1)  # recursive call  
  
print(factorial(5))  # 120
```

Lambda Function in Python

- A lambda function is a small, anonymous (nameless) function.
- Defined using the keyword lambda.
- Can take any number of arguments but has only one expression.

Syntax:

```
lambda arguments : expression
```

Examples:

python

```
# Add two numbers  
add = lambda a, b: a + b  
print(add(5, 3))  # 8  
  
# Square of a number  
square = lambda x: x * x  
print(square(4))  # 16  
  
# Using with sort()  
nums = [(1, "b"), (3, "a"), (2, "c")]  
nums.sort(key=lambda x: x[1])  
print(nums)  # [(3, 'a'), (1, 'b'), (2, 'c')]
```



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