Data Types in Python

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Data types



In this section we'll introduce **Python datatypes**, review their <u>properties</u> and learn how to <u>identify</u> and <u>convert</u> between them

TOPIC WE'LL COVER	GOALS FOR THIS SECTION
Data types	Basics of data types in Python
The type function	 Learn how to determine an object's data type
Type conversion (Type casting)	Learn to convert different types of data
Iterables	Understand the concept of iterability
Mutability	Understand the concept of mutability



Python Data Types



Python has a series of built-in data types. Each data type has its own properties and use cases

• These data types can be grouped into the following categories:





Python Data Types



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Single Value Data Types



Numeric:

Represents numeric values

- Integers(int): -4, 0, 15
- Floats(float): 3.14, 0.0
- Complex(complex): 3 + 2j



Text:

Represents sequences of characters (text)

String(str): "Python", '@%\$!*&'



Boolean:

Represents True and False values

• Boolean(bool): True, False



None

Represents the absence of a value

NoneType: None

Multiple Value Data Types



Sequence:

Represents sequence of values (Text / Numeric)

- List(list): [0, 10, 15], [1, True]
- Tuple(tuple): ('pants', 'cap')
- Range(range): range(0, 10, 1)



Mapping:

Maps keys to values for efficient information retrieval



Set:

Represents collection of unique non-duplicate data type

- Set(set): {'shirt', 'cap'}
- Frozenset(frozenset): {'shirt'}



The type() function



The type() function will return the data type of the object passed to it

type(1)

int

NoneType

type(1.5)

float

type([5, 10, 15])

list

type("Hello World!")

str

dict

DevTip: Use **type()** function if you're getting **TypeError**.



Type Conversion



Convert data types by using this notation: name of data type (object)

Example Converting data into an **integer** data type

TypeError

TypeError : int()
argument must be string,
a bytes-like object or a
number, not 'list'.

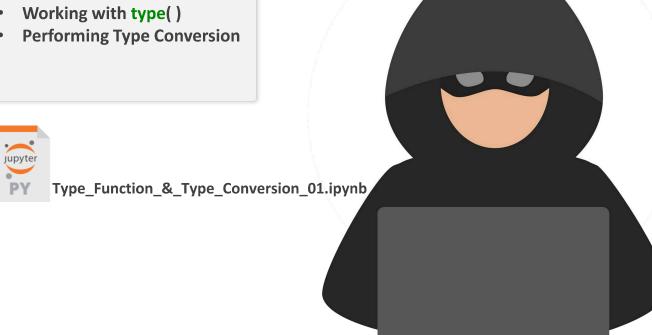
Using int() we want to convert a list into an integer, but we got TypeError. This operations <u>isn't valid</u> because the list has multiple values, while integer is just a simple one value!

Errors in Python will cause the code to stop running. It's important to learn to diagnose and fix them.



Let's Test What We've learned!





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Iterables



Iterables are data types that can be iterated, or looped through, allowing you to move from one value to the next one

• These data types <u>are considered as</u> iterable:

All Multiple Value Data Types			Simple Data Type		
	Sequence	Mapping	Set	Text	
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	st uple ange	Dictionary	Set Frozenset	tex inc tex	Although we considered at as a single value, dividual characters in a at string can be iterated rough!



Mutables



A data type is **mutable** if it can be **modified** <u>after its creation</u>

Mutable Data Types Flexible: can add, remove, change values in the object after creation! Lists Dictionaries Sets

Pimmutable data types quicker to access (more efficient)

Immutable Data Types

Inflexible: to Modify a value must <u>delete</u> and <u>recreate</u> the entire object.

- Integers
- Floats
- Strings
- Booleans
- Tuples
- Frozenset



Section Wrap-Up



- **✓** Python has a wide variety of **data types** with different properties
 - integer, float, string, Boolean, list, dictionary, tuple, set, frozenset
- ✓ The type() function allows you to specify an object's data type
 - You can change between different data types using type conversion
- **✓ Iterables** are data types with values that can loop through
 - All multiple value data types; list, tuple, range, dictionary, set, frozenset and just string in single value data type
- ✓ Data types can be mutable or immutable
 - Some data can be modified after creation, while some can not (you need to delete and recreate them)