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Programming & Python Basics

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Recap

Arithmetic in Python

Numeric types:

- Integer: `int` `42`
- Real valued numbers: `float` `42.0`
- Complex numbers: `complex` `42+0j`

Operators

- Addition and subtraction `+ -`
- Multiplication and division `* / // %`
- Exponentiation `**`

Variables

Variable assignment

- `a = 42`
- `b = a - 6.0`

`type(«name of the variable»)`: returns type of variable

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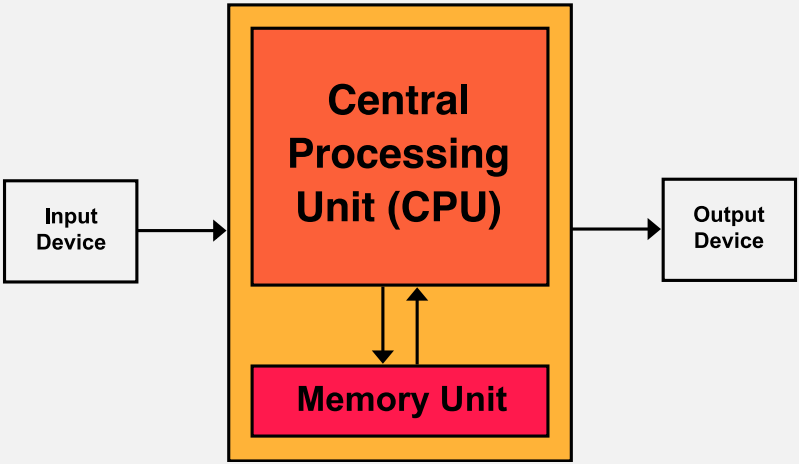
Computer architecture



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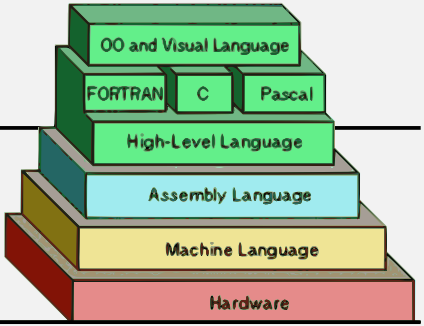
High level language
- Easy to understand

Low level language
- Machine code (processor instructions and binary code)



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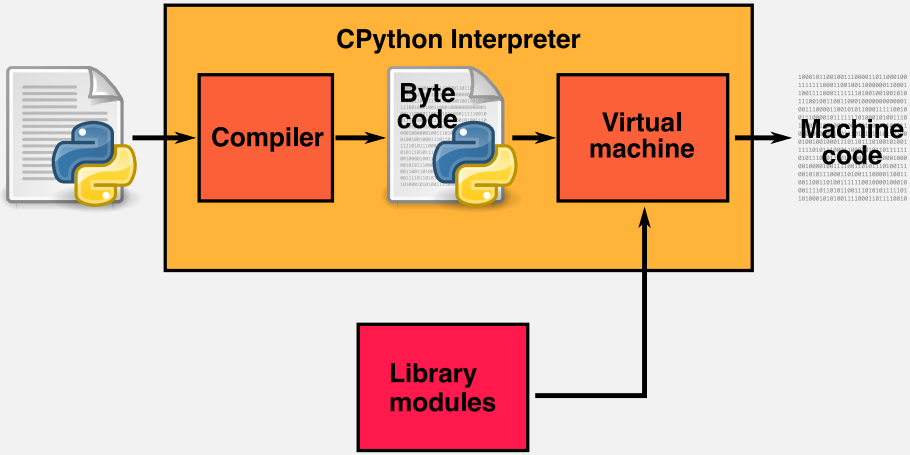

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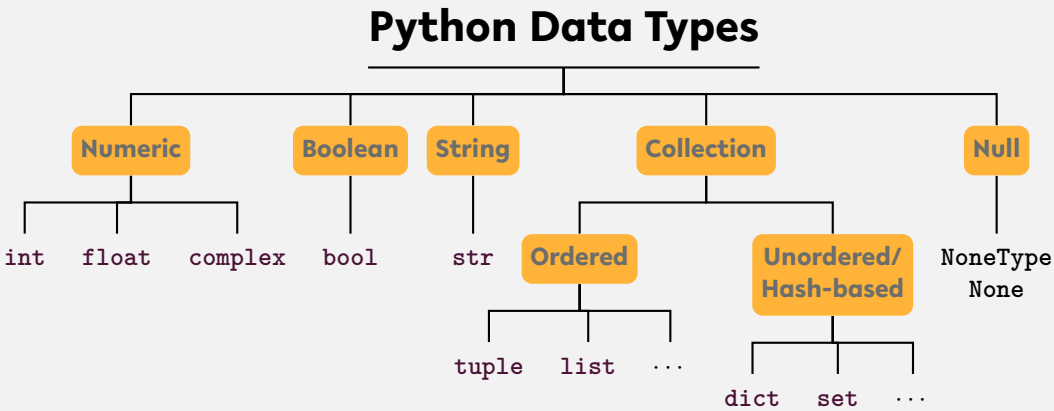

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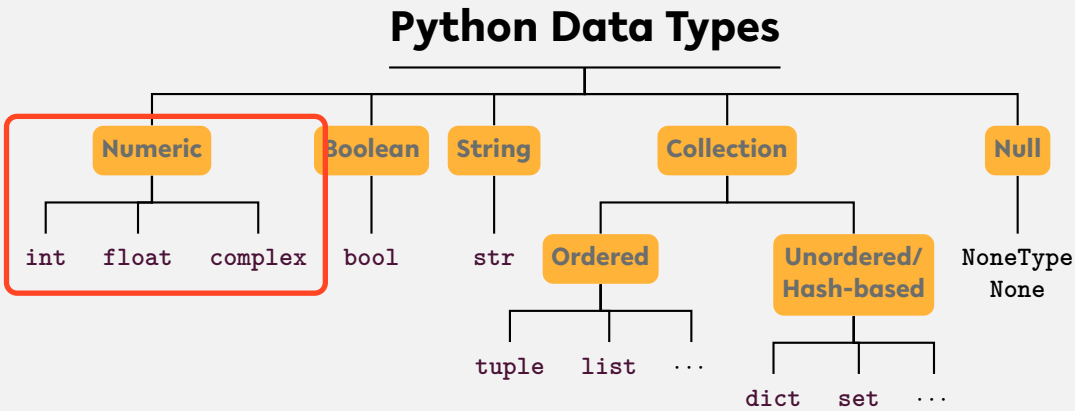

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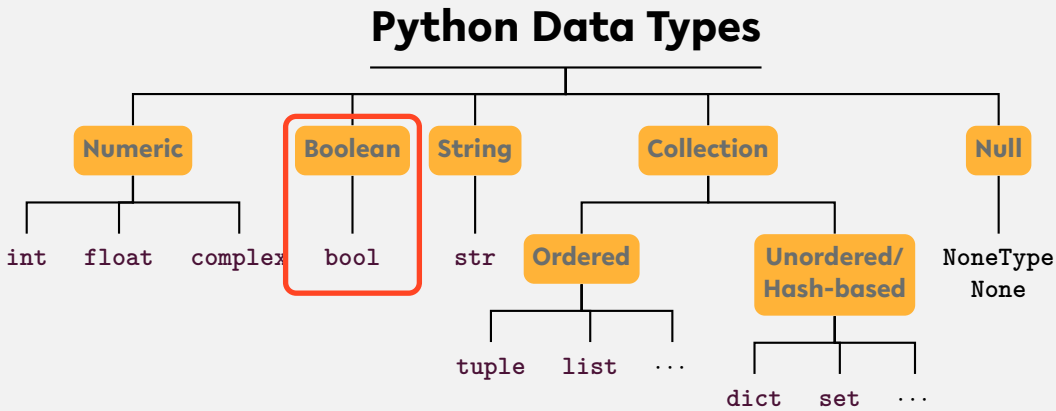

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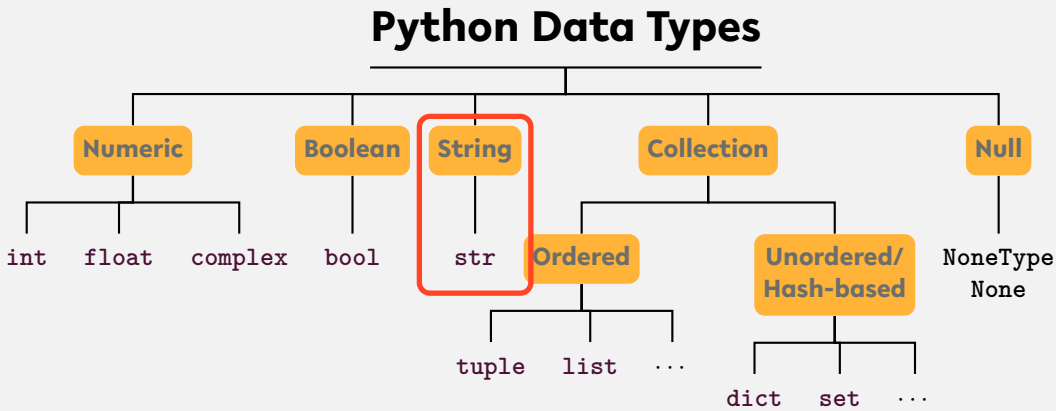

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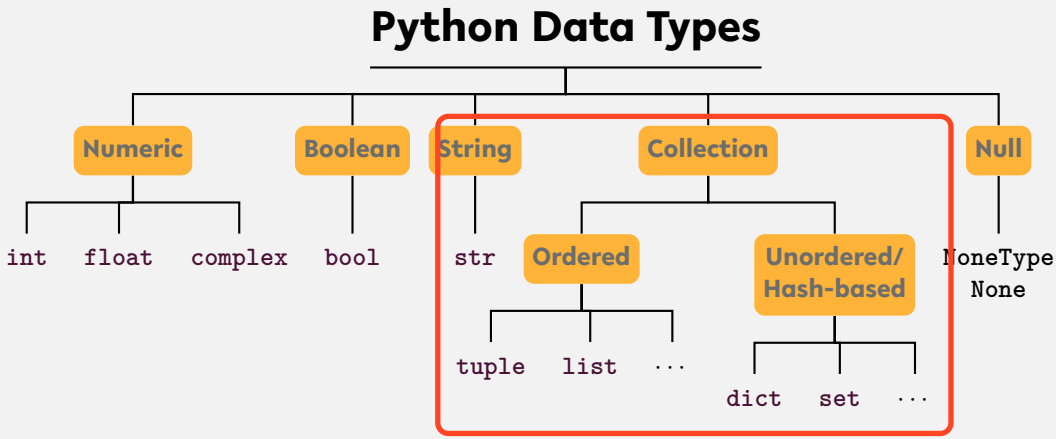

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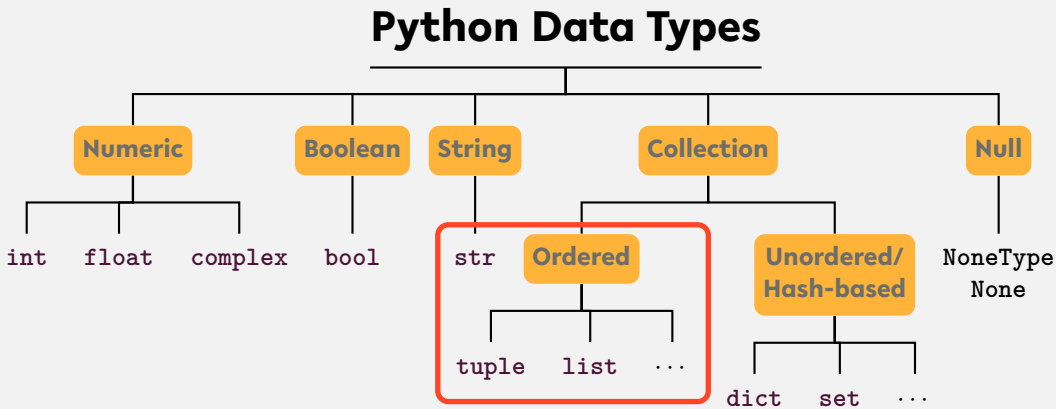

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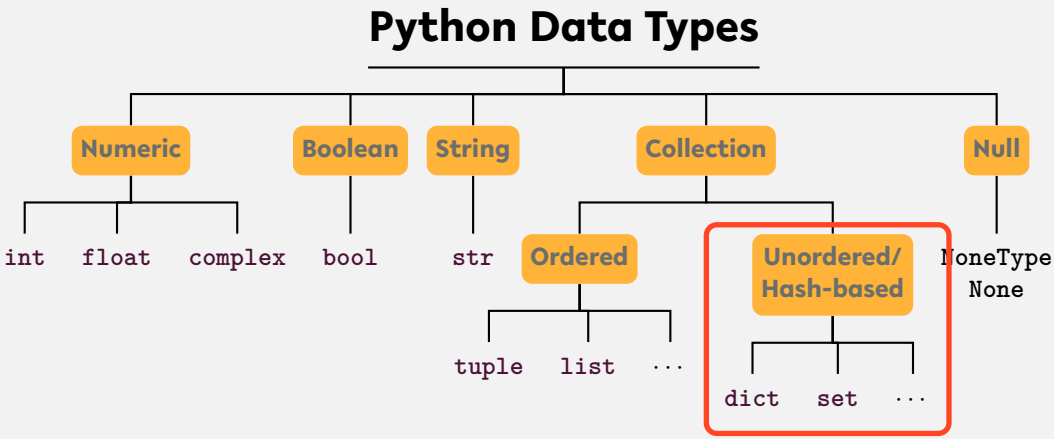

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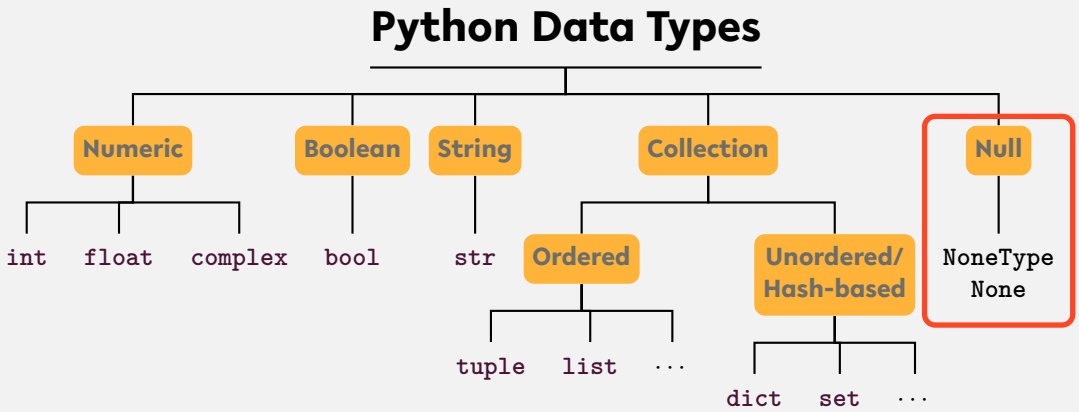

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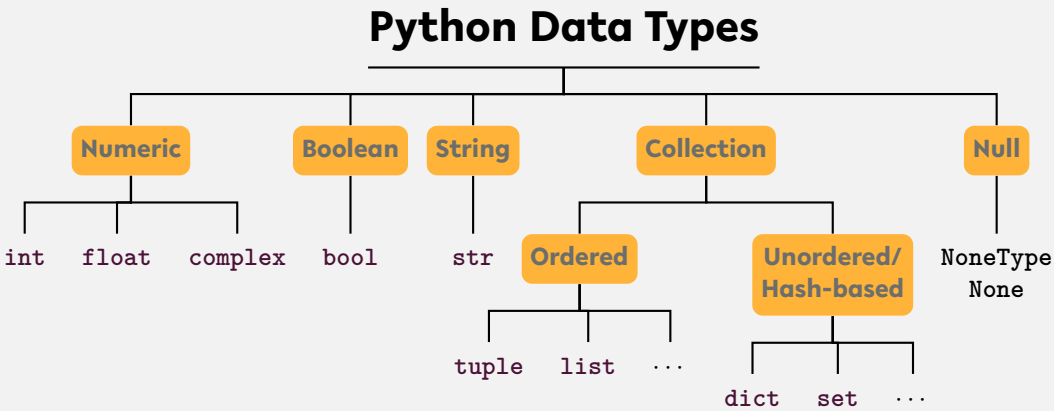

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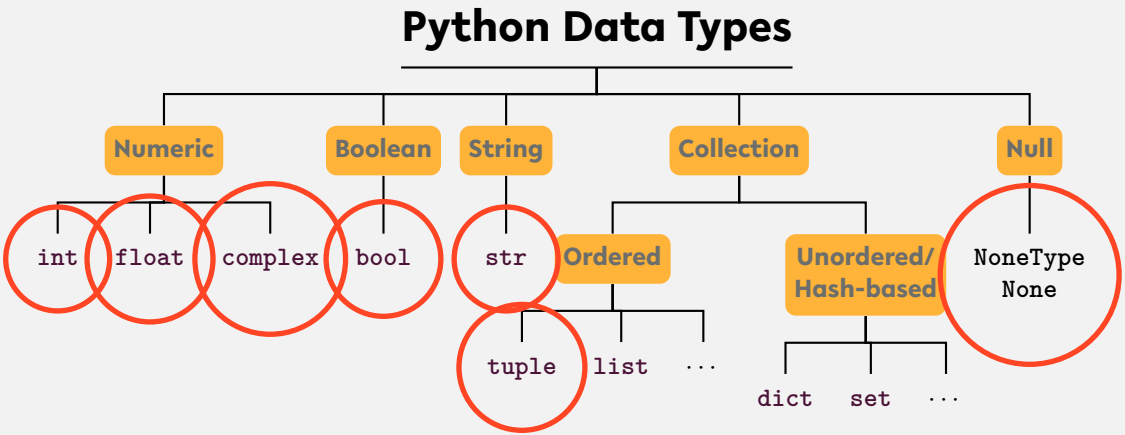

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Instances of certain types are **immutable** , i.e., **cannot be changed after creation**

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- *Fun fact: CPython binds integers from -5 to 256 on startup.*

Types, instances, variables

We differentiate between **type**, **instance**, and **variable**!

```
1 a = list()
2 b = a
3 b.append(1)
4 b = 'this is a string'
```

Lines 1-3: Instance of type `list` is assigned to variables `a` and `b`.

Line 4: Variable `b` refers now to a new string instance

Type conversion

- Python is smart in converting basic data types
- `int(.)`, `float(.)`, `tuple(.)`, …
- Everything evaluates to a Boolean value
  - Boolean conversion is even performed implicitly

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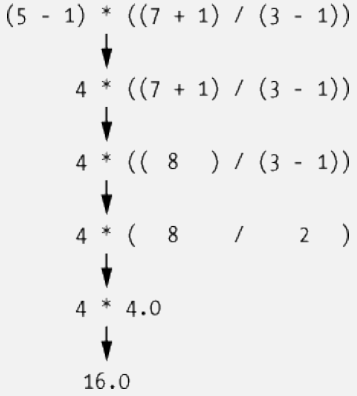
Expression evaluation

Evaluation: operator precedence + **left-to-right**



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Operator Precedence

low

high

Operator	Description
`=, +=, -=, |=, ...`	Assignment expression
`lambda`	Lambda expression
`if - else`	Conditional expression
`or`	Boolean OR
`and`	Boolean AND
`not x`	Boolean NOT
`in, not in, is, is not, <, <=, >, >=, !=, ==`	Comparisons, including membership tests and identity tests
`|`	Bitwise OR
`^`	Bitwise XOR
`&`	Bitwise AND
`<<, >>`	Shifts
`+, -`	Addition and subtraction
`*, @, /, //, %`	Multiplication, matrix multiplication, division, floor division, remainder 5
`+x, -x, ~x`	Positive, negative, bitwise NOT
`**`	Exponentiation 6
`await x`	Await expression
`x[index], x[index:index], x(arguments...), x.attribute`	Subscription, slicing, call, attribute reference
`(expressions...), [expressions...], key: value..., expressions...`	Binding or parenthesized expression, list display, dictionary display, set display

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