

How to create a zero-dimensional array

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Note

What you create with

```
a = np.array(1)
```

is a zero-dimensional array, and these **cannot be indexed**. You also don't *need* to index it -- **you can use a directly as if it were a scalar value**. If you really need the value in a different type, say `float`, you can explicitly convert it with `float(a)`. If you need it in the base type of the array, you can use `a.item()` or `a[()]`.

Note that the zero-dimensional array is *mutable*. If you change the value of the single entry in the array, this will be visible via all references to the array you stored. Use `a.item()` if you want to store an immutable value.

If you want a one-dimensional array with a single element instead, use

```
a = np.array([1])
```

You can access the single element with `a[0]` now.

[Ref:](#)

Command

```
x= np.array(1) # create an zero-dimemnsionaly array (np.array([1])
```

or

```
x=np.zeros(())
```

Code

Create a zero dimensional array with shape ()

```
x= np.array(1)

print('x.shape=', x.shape)
print('x.ndim = ', x.ndim)
print('x = ', x) # access demo
```

Result

x.shape= ()

x.ndim = 0

x = 1

Create a zero dimensional array with shape ()

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x=np.zeros(())
print('x.shape=', x.shape)
print('x.ndim = ', x.ndim)
```

Result

```
x.shape= ()
```

```
x.ndim = 0
```

Reference

- <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/9814226/error-extracting-element-from-an-array-python>