

Containers

Class outline:

- Lists
- Containment
- For statements
- Ranges
- List comprehensions
- String literals

Lists

Lists

A list is a container that holds a sequence of related pieces of information.

The shortest list is an empty list, just 2 square brackets:

```
members = []
```

Lists can hold any Python values, separated by commas:

```
members = ["Pamela", "Tinu", "Brenda", "Kaya"]
```

```
ages_of_kids = [1, 2, 7]
```

```
prices = [79.99, 49.99, 89.99]
```

```
digits = [2//2, 2+2+2+2, 2, 2*2*2]
```

```
remixed = ["Pamela", 7, 79.99, 2*2*2]
```

List length

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```

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attendees = ["Tammy", "Shonda", "Tina"]  
  
print(len(attendees))    # 3  
  
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```

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letters[1]  
letters[2]  
letters[3]
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```

Negative indices are also possible:

```
letters[-1] # 'C'  
letters[-2] # 'B'  
letters[-4] # Error!
```

Accessing list items (function)

It's also possible to use a function from the operator module:

```
from operator import getitem  
  
getitem(letters, 0)
```

List concatenation

Add two lists together using the `+` operator:

```
boba_prices = [5.50, 6.50, 7.50]
smoothie_prices = [7.00, 7.50]
all_prices = boba_prices + smoothie_prices
```

Or the `add` function:

```
from operator import add

boba_prices = [5.50, 6.50, 7.50]
smoothie_prices = [7.00, 7.50]
all_prices = add(boba_prices, smoothie_prices)
```

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Or the `mul` function:

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from operator import mul

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Nested Lists

Since Python lists can contain any values, an item can itself be a list.

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Containment

Containment operator

Use the `in` operator to test if value is inside a container:

```
digits = [2, 8, 3, 1, 8, 5, 3, 0, 7, 1]
```

```
1 in digits
```

```
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```

```
4 in digits
```

```
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```

```
1 in digits # True
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```
3 in digits # True
```

```
4 in digits # False
```

```
not (4 in digits) # True
```

For statements

For loop

The for loop syntax:

```
for <value> in <sequence>:  
    <statement>  
    <statement>
```

The for loop provides a cleaner way to write many **while** loops, as long as they are iterating over some sort of sequence.

```
def count(s, value):  
    total = 0  
    for element in s:  
        if element == value:  
            total = total + 1  
    return total
```

For statement execution procedure

```
for <name> in <expression>:  
    <suite>
```

1. Evaluate the header `<expression>`, which must yield an iterable value (a sequence)
2. For each element in that sequence, in order:
 1. Bind `<name>` to that element in the current frame
 2. Execute the `<suite>`

Looping through nested lists

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Use a nested **for-in** loop:

```
for gymnast in gymnasts:  
    for data in gymnast:  
        print(data, end=" | ")
```

Remember what type of data is being stored in the loop variable!

Sequence unpacking in for statements

```
pairs = [[1, 2], [2, 2], [3, 2], [4, 4]]
same_count = 0

for x, y in pairs:
    if x == y:
        same_count = same_count + 1
```

Each name is bound to a value, like in multiple assignment.

Ranges

The range type

A range represents a sequence of integers.

```
... -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...  
range(-2, 3)
```

If just one argument, range starts at 0 and ends just before it:

```
for num in range(6):  
    print(num)          # 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
```

If two arguments, range starts at first and ends just before second:

```
for num in range(1, 6):  
    print(num)          # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
```

List comprehensions

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A way to create a new list by "mapping" an existing list.

Short version:

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Long version (with filter):

```
[<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp> if <filter exp>]
```

```
temps = [60, 65, 71, 67, 77, 89]  
hot = [temp for temp in temps if temp > 70]
```

List comprehension execution procedure

```
[<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp> if <filter exp>]
```

- Add a new frame with the current frame as its parent
- Create an empty result list that is the value of the expression
- For each element in the iterable value of `<iter exp>`:
 - Bind `<name>` to that element in the new frame from step 1
 - If `<filter exp>` evaluates to a true value, then add the value of `<map exp>` to the result list

```
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'm', 'n', 'o', 'p']  
word = [letters[i] for i in [3, 4, 6, 8]]
```



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Exercise: Divisors

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    """Returns all the divisors of N.  
  
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    return [x for x in range(1, n) if n % x == 0]
```

Exercise: Frontloaded

```
def front(s, f):  
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    >>> front(range(10), lambda x: x % 2 == 1) # odds in front  
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    """  
    return [e for e in s if f(e)] + [e for e in s if not f(e)]
```

String literals

What's in a string?

Representing data:

```
'2,400' '2.400' '1.2e-5'
```

Representing language:

```
"""Se lembra quando a gente  
Chegou um dia a acreditar  
Que tudo era pra sempre  
Sem saber  
Que o pra sempre sempre acaba"""
```

Representing programs:

```
'curry = lambda f: lambda x: lambda y: f(x, y)'
```

String literals: 3 forms

Single quoted strings and double quoted strings are equivalent:

```
'您好, I am a string, hear me roar !'  
"I've got an apostrophe"
```

Multi-line strings automatically insert new lines:

```
"""The Zen of Python  
claims, Readability counts.  
Read more: import this."""  
# 'The Zen of Python\nclaims, Readability counts.\nRead more: import this'"""
```

The `\n` is an **escape sequence** signifying a line feed.

Strings are similar to lists

```
alfabeto = 'abcdefghijklmñopqrstuvwxyz'
```

```
len(alfabeto)    # 27
```

```
alfabeto[13] + "andu" # ñandu
```

```
alfabeto + ' ¡Ya conoces el ABC!'
```

Differences between strings & lists

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```
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