

Python List Methods

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Adding values to a List

- **append**(obj) – adds/appends an object to the list

```
>>> colors = []
```

```
>>> colors.append("Orange")
```

```
>>> colors.append("Green")
```

```
>>> print(colors)
```

```
['Orange', 'Green']
```

- **extend**(sequence) – adds sequence to the list

```
>>> colors.extend(("Blue", "Red"))
```

```
>>> print(colors)
```

```
['Orange', 'Green', 'Blue', 'Red']
```

Adding values to a List

- **insert**(index, obj) – inserts object at the index

```
>>> colors.insert(1,"Indigo")
```

```
>>> print(colors)
```

```
['Orange', 'Indigo', 'Green', 'Blue', 'Red']
```

Remove values from a List

- **remove(obj)** – removes the object from the list

```
>>> colors.remove("Orange")
```

```
>>> print(colors)
```

```
['Indigo', 'Green', 'Blue', 'Red']
```

- **pop()** – removes and returns last item
 - If index specified, removes item from the index

```
>>> colors.pop()
```

```
'Red'
```

```
>>> colors.pop(1)
```

```
'Green'
```

Remove values from a List

- **clear()** – clear the list contents

```
>>> colors.clear()
```

```
>>> print(colors)
```

```
[]
```

More List methods

- **count**(obj) – returns the number of occurrences of the object in the list

```
>>> marks = [43, 45, 32, 43, 41]
```

```
>>> marks.count(43)
```

```
2
```

- **copy**() – returns a copy of the list

```
>>> marks2 = marks.copy()
```

```
>>> print(marks2)
```

```
[43, 45, 32, 43, 41]
```

More List methods

- **reverse()** – reverse the list

```
>>> numbers = [3,6,2,9,1]
```

```
>>> numbers.reverse()
```

```
>>> print(numbers)
```

```
[1, 9, 2, 6, 3]
```

- **sort()** # reverse = True, sort in descending order

```
>>> numbers.sort()
```

```
>>> print(numbers)
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 6, 9]
```

More List methods

- **index(obj)** – returns the index of the object in the list

```
>>> numbers = [11,12,13,14,15]
```

```
>>> print(numbers.index(13))
```

```
2
```


Nested List

- A list containing lists as its item.

```
>>> numbers = [2, 4, [1,2,3], [5,6]]
```

```
>>> numbers
```

```
[2, 4, [1, 2, 3], [5, 6]]
```

```
>>> numbers[2]
```

```
[1, 2, 3]
```

```
>>> numbers[2][2]
```

```
3
```

```
>>> len(numbers)
```

```
4
```