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Redis CLI experiments

How to Get Started

Try experimenting with the running code using the Redis CLI. To do so:

Run **`python consumer_group.py`** in a terminal window.

Start **`redis-cli`** another terminal window.

Now, run each of the following commands in the CLI.

Exercise #1

Get the length of the stream:

`XLEN numbers`

Running this command a number of times should show that the stream is constantly

growing as the producer adds more numbers to it. For example:

```
127.0.0.1:6379> XLEN numbers
```

```
(integer) 148
```

```
127.0.0.1:6379> XLEN numbers
```

```
(integer) 159
```

Here we can see that between the two invocations of **XLEN**, the producer added another 11 messages to the stream.

Exercise #2

Get information about the stream:

```
XINFO STREAM numbers
```

The **XINFO STREAM** command shows information about the current state of the stream, including:

The stream's overall length

Information about the underlying radix tree implementation

The number of consumer groups associated with the screen (we have 1, the **primes** group)

The last (highest) ID in the stream

The first and last entries in the stream

You should see output similar to the following:

```
127.0.0.1:6379> XINFO STREAM  
numbers
```

- 1) "length"
- 2) (integer) 489
- 3) "radix-tree-keys"
- 4) (integer) 5
- 5) "radix-tree-nodes"
- 6) (integer) 13
- 7) "groups"
- 8) (integer) 1
- 9) "last-generated-id"

- 10) "1556600608383-0"
- 11) "first-entry"
- 12) 1) "1556600526564-0"
 - 2) 1) "n"
 - 2) "0"
- 13) "last-entry"
- 14) 1) "1556600608383-0"
 - 2) 1) "n"
 - 2) "488"

Exercise #3

Get information about consumer groups:

XINFO GROUPS numbers

The output from **XINFO GROUPS** shows us which consumer groups are associated with the stream. We have one group named **primes**, containing our three consumers instances:

```
127.0.0.1:6379> XINFO GROUPS
numbers
```

- 1) 1) "name"
- 2) "primes"
- 3) "consumers"
- 4) (integer) 3
- 5) "pending"
- 6) (integer) 48
- 7) "last-delivered-id"
- 8) "1556600638386-0"

The output from **XINFO GROUPS** command also shows us how many pending messages the group has (these messages have been delivered to the group's consumers but not yet acknowledged).

Exercise #4

Get information about consumers:

XINFO CONSUMERS numbers primes

The **XINFO CONSUMERS** command's output shows us information about the status of each consumer in the group **primes**:

```
127.0.0.1:6379> XINFO CONSUMERS  
numbers primes
```

- 1) 1) "name"
 - 2) "BOB-0"
 - 3) "pending"
 - 4) (integer) 25
 - 5) "idle"
 - 6) (integer) 1276
- 2) 1) "name"
 - 2) "BOB-1"
 - 3) "pending"
 - 4) (integer) 24
 - 5) "idle"
 - 6) (integer) 1363

- 3) 1) "name"
- 2) "BOB-2"
- 3) "pending"
- 4) (integer) 15
- 5) "idle"
- 6) (integer) 671

For each consumer in the group, we can see the consumer's name, how many pending messages it has, and how long it has been idle (milliseconds since it last acknowledged a message or read from the stream).

Exercise #5

Get information about the stream's memory usage:

MEMORY USAGE numbers

This command will return the number of bytes used to store the stream's structure and

values.

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