

Python For-Loop with List



Today's goals

- Compute sum (accumulator).
- Find max (current best).
- Filter evens (create new list).
- Reverse list (loop backward).

Review: List Traversal

Traverse means to visit each item, one by one.

Example:

```
numbers = [3, 1, 4]

for x in numbers:
    print(x)
```

- `x` takes on each item in the list, one by one.
- The code inside the loop must be **indented** (4 spaces).

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print(total)
```

Q2 Compute the Sum

Complete the code and predict the output.

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Elephant & Corn



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How does he make sure he keeps the longest corn?

- Pick the first corn as his current best.
- Compare his carried corn with the new corn in the field.
- If the new corn is **longer**, he **drops** the old corn and **picks up** the new corn.

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(start)  
  
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Output:

```
9
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Max of an Integer List

Input: A list such as `numbers = [7, 2, 9, 4]`

Goal: Find the **max** number, which is `9` in this example.

The same as the **elephant & corn** story.

- 🌽 `numbers` records the corn lengths.
- 🐘 The elephant wants to carry home **the longest corn (max number)**.

Max of an Integer List

Idea:

- Use `m` to record the max number.
- Start with the **first item**: `m = numbers[0]`.
- Traverse the list.
- When an item is greater than `m`, we update `m`.

Max of an Integer List

Python code:

```
numbers = [7, 2, 9, 4]

m = numbers[0]
for x in numbers:
    if x > m:
        m = x

print(m)
```

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        m = x  
  
print(m)
```

Output:

```
9
```

Q3 🏆 Find the Max Number

Complete the code and predict the output.

```
numbers = [5, 1, 8, 3]

m = numbers[0]
for x in numbers:
    if x _____ m:
        m = ----

print(m)
```

Output:

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Output:

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Select Even Numbers into a New List

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Idea:

- We create an empty list `evens = []`.
- Traverse `numbers` and decide if each item `x` is even.
- Recall: `x` is even if `x % 2 == 0`.
- If `x` is even, append it to the new list `evens`.

Select Even Numbers into a New List

Python code:

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

evens = []
for x in numbers:
    if x % 2 == 0:
        evens.append(x)

print(evens)
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for x in numbers:
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        evens.append(x)

print(evens)
```

Output:

```
[2, 4, 6]
```

Q4 Pick Odds

What is the output?

```
numbers = [10, 11, 12, 13]

odds = []
for x in numbers:
    if x % 2 == 1:
        odds.append(x)

print(odds)
```

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odds = []
for x in numbers:
    if x % 2 == 1:
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print(odds)
```

Output:

```
[11, 13]
```

Print a List in Reverse Order

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Goal:

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- The output will be `blue`, `green`, `red`.

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Idea:

- Loop from the last index down to 0.
- `n = len(colors)` gives the length (here, 3).
- `range(n - 1, -1, -1)` gives `2, 1, 0`.
- `print(colors[i])` prints the item at index `i`.

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```

Output:

```
blue
green
red
```

Reverse a List to Make a New List

Create a new list `rev` to store the items in reverse order.

```
students = ["Alice", "Bob", "Chelsea", "David"]

rev = []
n = len(students) # 4

for i in range(n - 1, -1, -1): # 3, 2, 1, 0
    rev.append(students[i])

print(rev)
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print(rev)
```

Output:

```
['David', 'Chelsea', 'Bob', 'Alice']
```

Summary

- **Traverse:** `for item in list: ...`.
- **Sum** with an accumulator: `total = total + x`.
- **Max** with a “current best” value: `if x > m: m = x`.
- **Filter** even numbers into a new list using `append`.
- **Reverse** by looping indexes from the last index down to 0.

