

for Loops

A `for` loop acts as an iterator in Python; it goes through items that are in a *sequence* or any other iterable item. Objects that we've learned about that we can iterate over include strings, lists, tuples, and even built-in iterables for dictionaries, such as keys or values.

Here's the general format for a `for` loop in Python:

```
for item in object:
    statements to do stuff
```

```
In [1]: list1 = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
```

```
In [2]: for num in list1:
        print(num)
```

```
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
```

Great! Hopefully this makes sense. Now let's add an `if` statement to check for **even** numbers. We'll first introduce a new concept here--the modulo.

Modulo

The modulo allows us to get the remainder in a division and uses the `%` symbol. For example:

```
In [3]: 13 % 5
```

```
Out[3]: 3
```

This makes sense since 13 divided by 5 is 2 remainder 3. Let's see a few more quick examples:

```
In [4]: # 3 Remainder 1
        10 % 3
```

```
Out[4]: 1
```

```
In [5]: # 2 Remainder 4  
18 % 7
```

```
Out[5]: 4
```

```
In [6]: # 2 no remainder  
4 % 2
```

```
Out[6]: 0
```

Notice that if a number is fully divisible with no remainder, the result of the modulo call is 0. We can use this to test for even numbers, since if a number modulo 2 is equal to 0, that means it is an even number!

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Let's print only the even numbers from that list!

```
In [7]: for num in list1:  
        if num % 2 == 0:  
            print(num)
```

```
2  
4  
6  
8  
10
```

We could have also put an else statement in there:

```
In [8]: for num in list1:  
        if num % 2 == 0:  
            print(num)  
        else:  
            print('Odd number')
```

```
Odd number  
2  
Odd number  
4  
Odd number  
6  
Odd number  
8  
Odd number  
10
```

Another common idea during a `for` loop is keeping some sort of running tally during multiple loops. For example, let's create a `for` loop that sums up the list:

```
In [9]: # Start sum at zero
list_sum = 0

for num in list1:
    list_sum = list_sum + num

print(list_sum)

55
```

Also we could have implemented a `+=` to perform the addition towards the sum. For example:

```
In [10]: # Start sum at zero
list_sum = 0

for num in list1:
    list_sum += num

print(list_sum)

55
```

We've used `for` loops with lists, how about with strings? Remember strings are a sequence so when we iterate through them we will be accessing each item in that string.

```
In [11]: for letter in 'I am Abhishek.':
          print(letter)

I

a
m

A
b
h
i
s
h
e
k
.
```

Let's now look at how a **for** loop can be used with a tuple:

```
In [12]: tup = (1,2,3,4,5)
```

```
    for t in tup:  
        print(t)
```

```
1  
2  
3  
4  
5
```

Let's start exploring iterating through Dictionaries to explore this further!

```
In [16]: d = {'k1':1,'k2':2,'k3':3}
```

```
In [17]: for item in d:  
          print(item)
```

```
k1  
k2  
k3
```

Conclusion

We've learned how to use for loops to iterate through tuples, lists, strings, and dictionaries.