

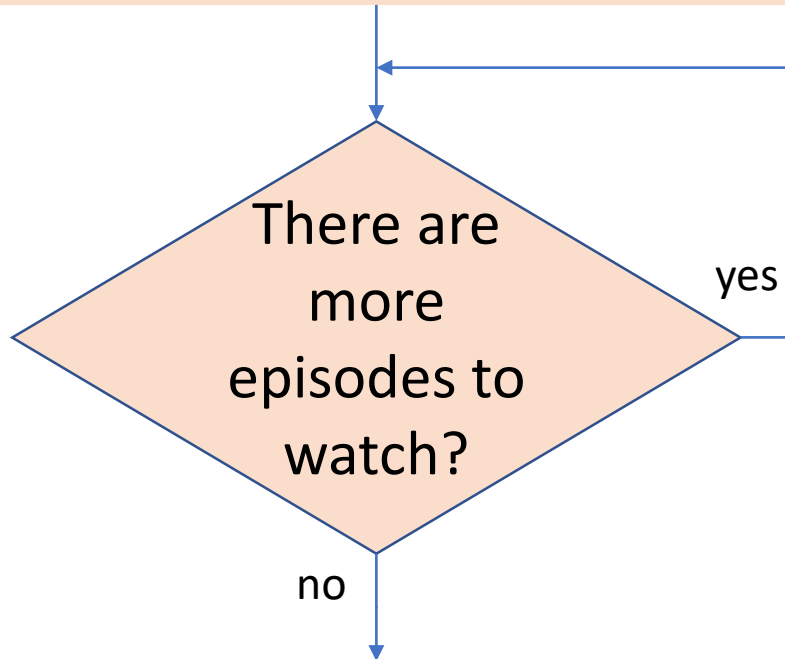
Lecture 2

Python Loops and non-scalar variables

while LOOPS

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CONTROL FLOW: while LOOPS

```
while <condition>:  
    <code>  
    <code>  
    ...
```

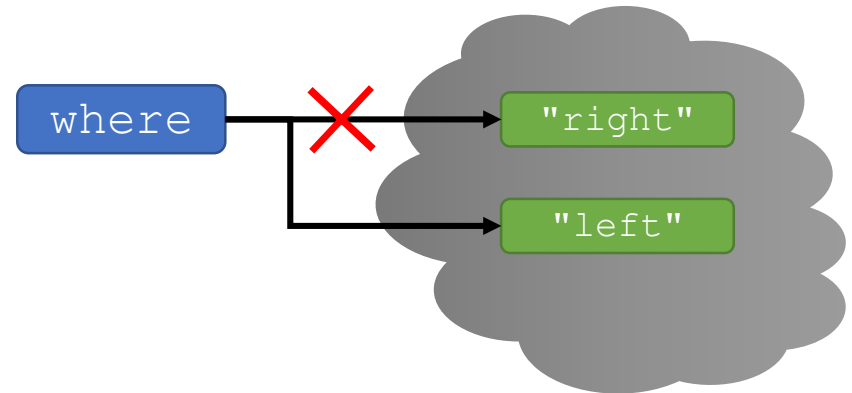
- <condition> **evaluates to a Boolean**
- If <condition> is True, **execute all the steps inside** the while code block
- **Check** <condition> again
- **Repeat** until <condition> is False
- If <condition> is never False, then will loop forever!!

while LOOP EXAMPLE

You are in the Lost Forest.



Go left or right?



PROGRAM:

```
where = input("You're in the Lost Forest. Go left or right? ")
while where == "right":
    where = input("You're in the Lost Forest. Go left or right? ")
print("You got out of the Lost Forest!")
```

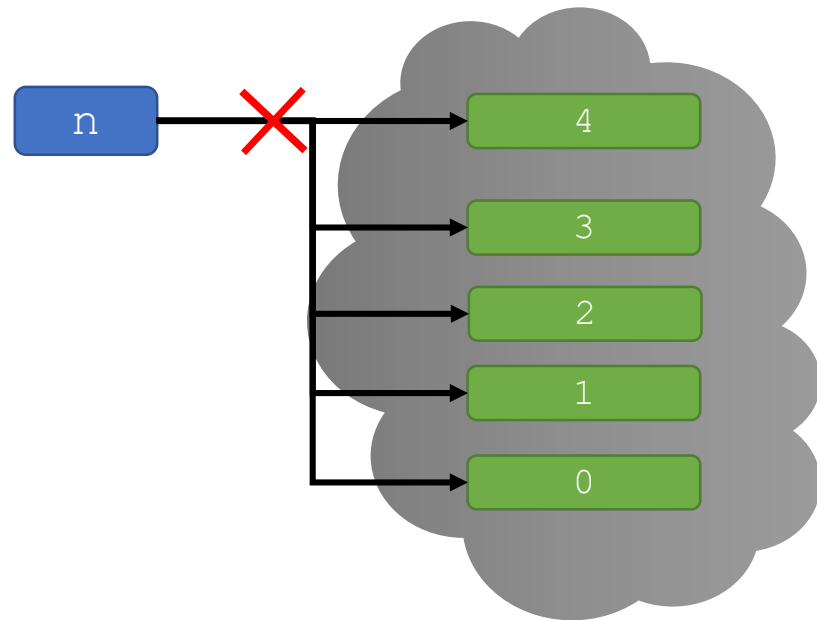
YOU TRY IT!

- What is printed when you type "RIGHT"?

```
where = input("Go left or right? ")  
while where == "right":  
    where = input("Go left or right? ")  
print("You got out!")
```

while LOOP EXAMPLE

```
n = int(input("Enter a non-negative integer: "))  
while n > 0:  
    print('x')  
    n = n-1
```



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```

*What happens without this last line?
Try it!*

- To terminate:
 - Hit CTRL-c or CMD-c in the shell
 - Click the red square in the shell

YOU TRY IT!

- Run this code and stop the infinite loop in your IDE

```
while True:  
    print("nooooooooo")
```

BIG IDEA

`while` loops can repeat
code inside indefinitely!

Sometimes they need your intervention to end the program.

YOU TRY IT!

- Expand this code to show a sad face when the user entered the while loop more than 2 times.
- Hint: use a variable as a counter

```
where = input("Go left or right? ")
while where == "right":
    where = input("Go left or right? ")
print("You got out!")
```

CONTROL FLOW: while LOOPS

- Iterate through **numbers in a sequence**

Set loop variable outside while loop

```
n = 0
while n < 5:
    print(n)
    n = n+1
```

Test loop variable in condition

Increment loop variable inside while loop

$n = n+1$
equivalent to
 $n += 1$

A COMMON PATTERN

- Find 4!
- `i` is our loop variable
- `factorial` keeps track of the product

```
x = 4
```

```
i = 1
```

```
factorial = 1
```

```
while i <= x:
```

```
    factorial *= i
```

```
    i += 1
```

```
print(f'{x} factorial is {factorial}')
```

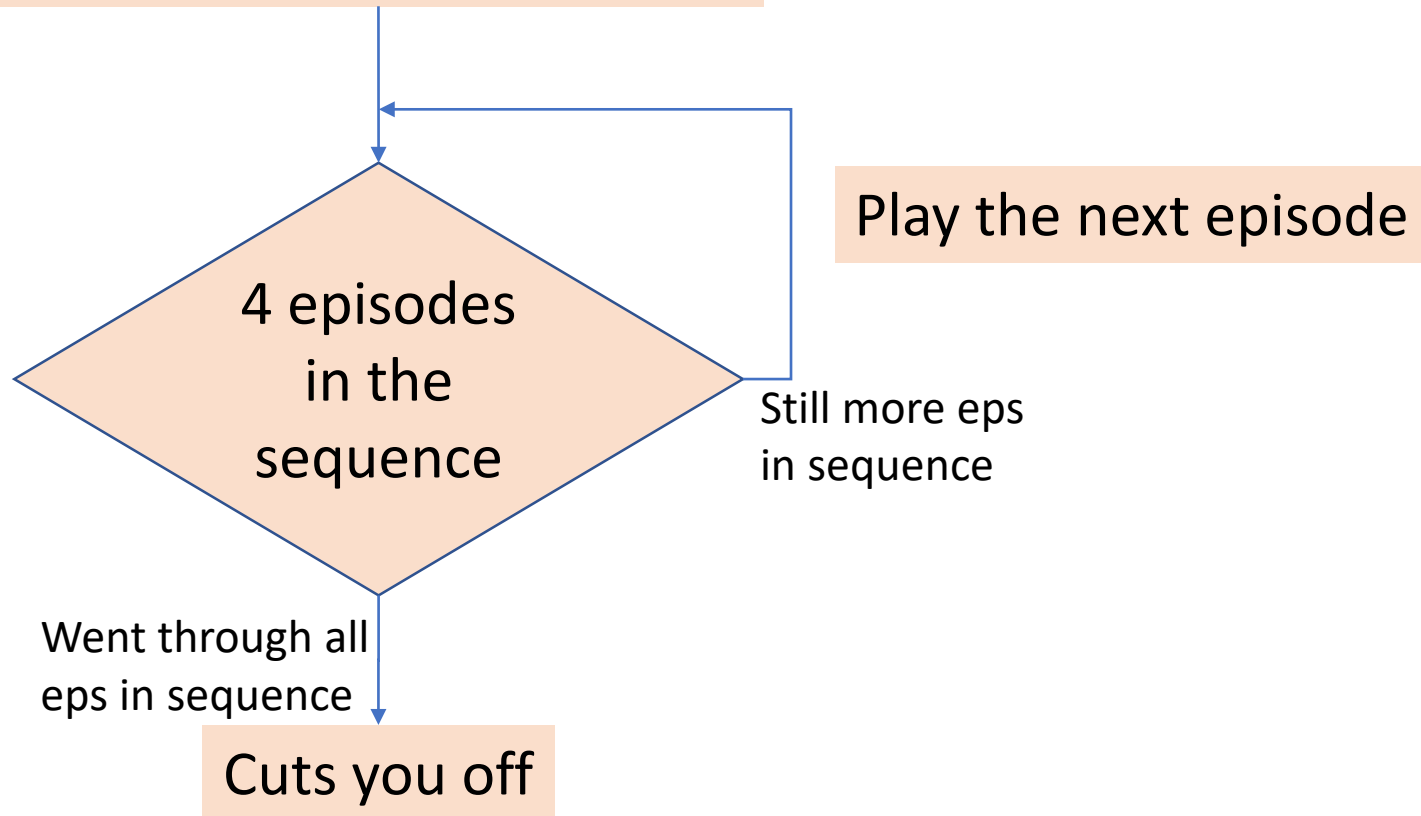
Set loop variable outside while loop
Initialize the factorial product to 1
Test loop variable in condition
Keep a running product (eq to `factorial = factorial*i`)
Increment loop variable inside while loop (eq to `i = i+1`)

- [Python Tutor LINK](#)

for LOOPS

ARE YOU STILL WATCHING?

Netflix while falling asleep
(it plays only 4 episodes if
you're not paying attention)



CONTROL FLOW:

while and for LOOPS

- Iterate through **numbers in a sequence**

```
# very verbose with while loop
n = 0
while n < 5:
    print(n)
    n = n+1
```

```
# shortcut with for loop
for n in range(5):
    print(n)
```


STRUCTURE of `for` LOOPS

```
for <variable> in <sequence of values>:  
    <code>  
    ...
```

- **Each time through the loop**, <variable> takes a value
- First time, <variable> is the **first value in sequence**
- Next time, <variable> gets the **second value**
- etc. until <variable> runs out of values

A COMMON SEQUENCE of VALUES

```
for <variable> in range(<some_num>) :  
    <code>  
    <code>  
    ...
```

*Sequence is 0 then 1
then 2 then 3 then 4*

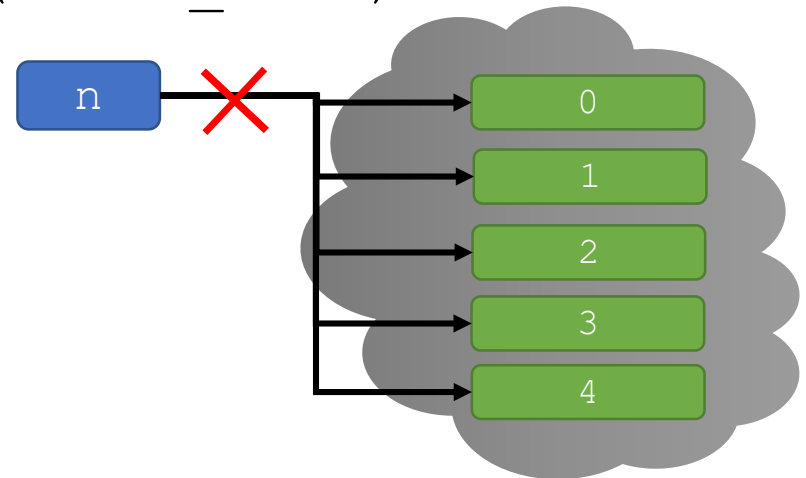
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range

- Generates a **sequence** of ints, following a pattern
- `range(start, stop, step)`
 - `start`: first int generated
 - `stop`: controls last int generated (go up to but not including this int)
 - `step`: used to generate next int in sequence
- A lot like what we saw for **slicing**
- Often omit start and step
 - e.g., `for i in range(4) :`
 - `start` defaults to 0
 - `step` defaults to 1
 - e.g., `for i in range(3, 5) :`
 - `step` defaults to 1

Remember strings? It had a similar syntax, but with colons not commas and square brackets not parentheses.

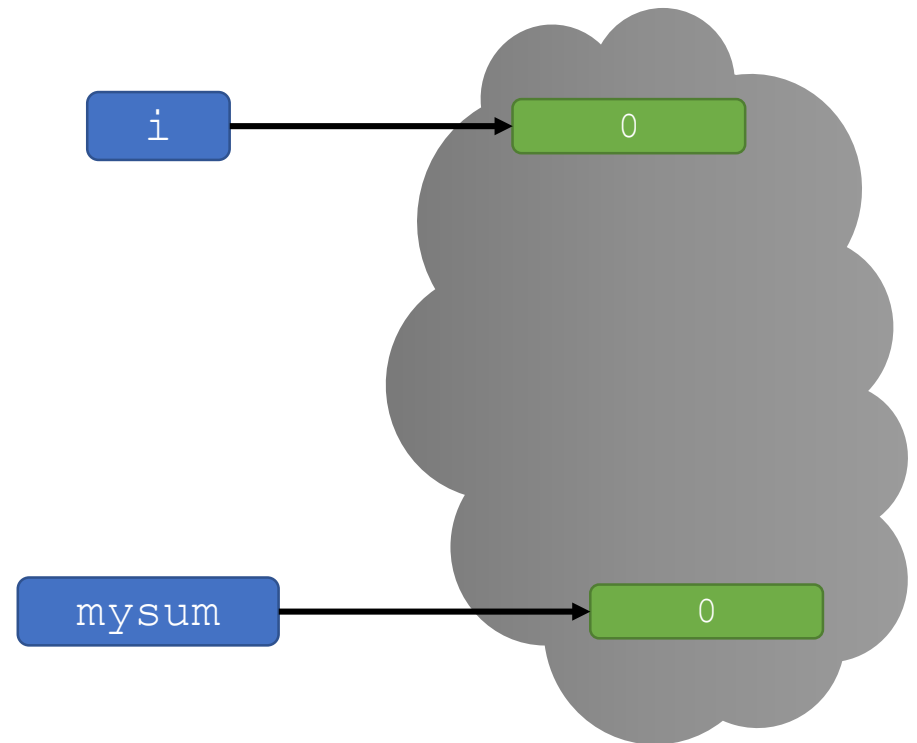
YOU TRY IT!

- What do these print?
- ```
for i in range(1, 4, 1):
 print(i)
```
- ```
for j in range(1, 4, 2):  
    print(j*2)
```
- ```
for me in range(4, 0, -1):
 print("$"*me)
```

# RUNNING SUM

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- `range(10)` makes `i` be 0 then 1 then 2 then ... then 9

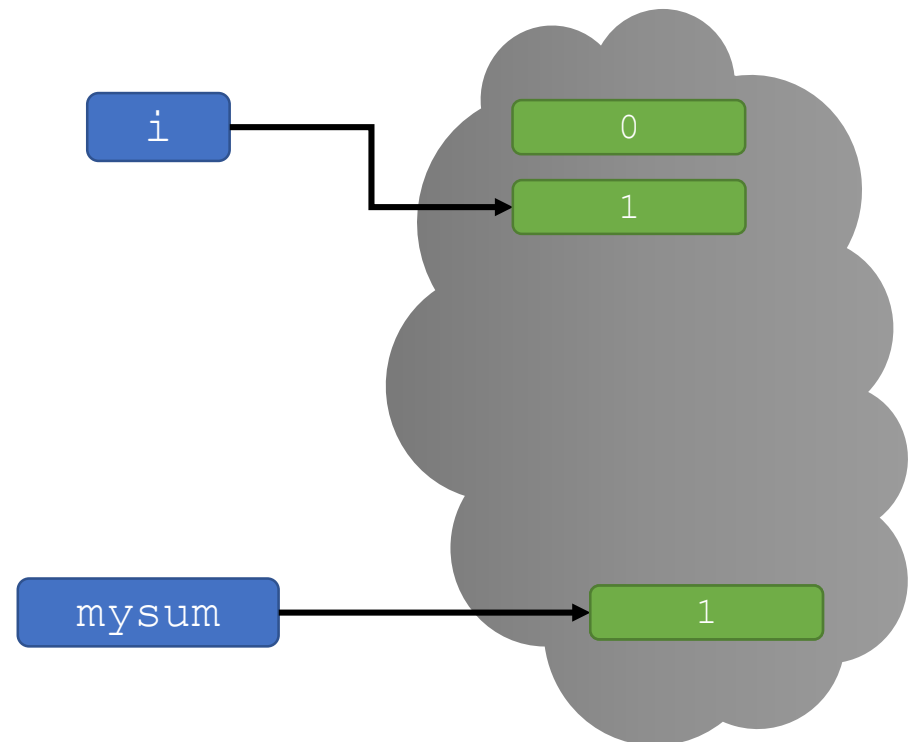
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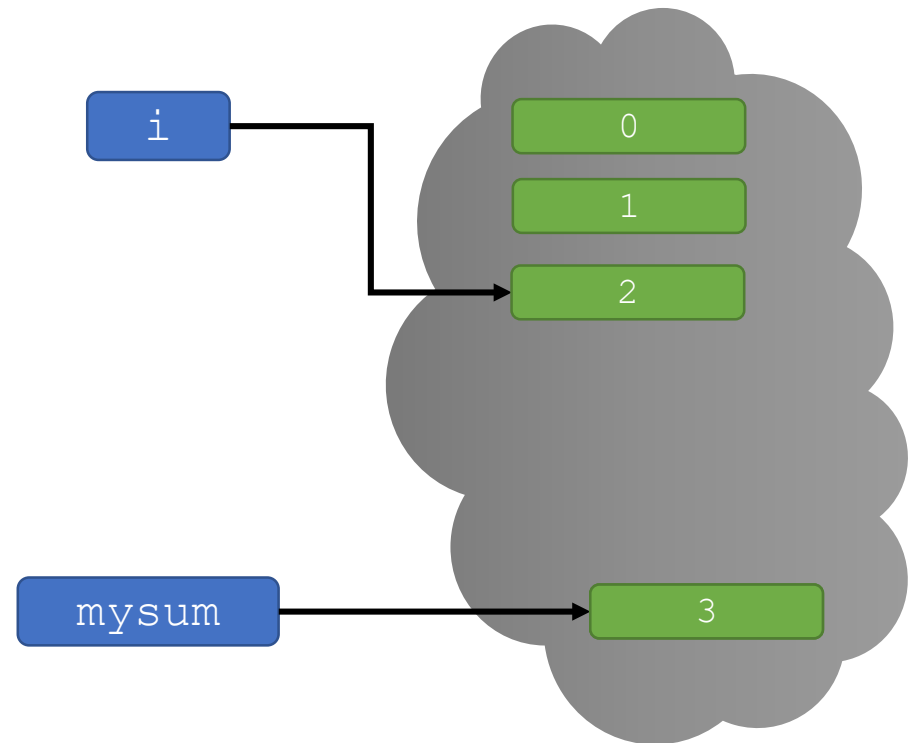
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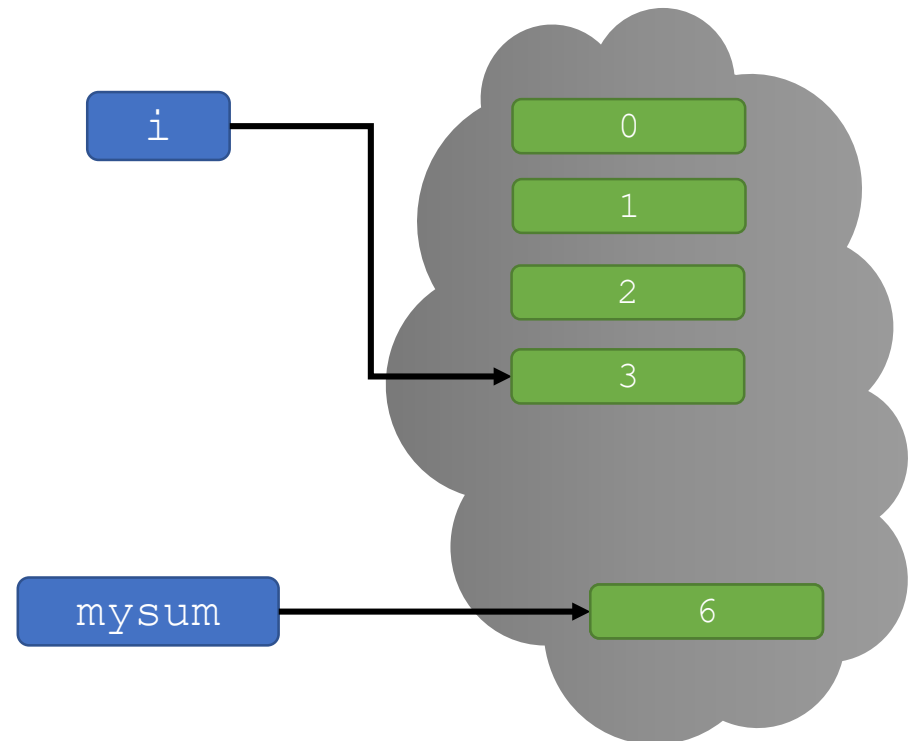




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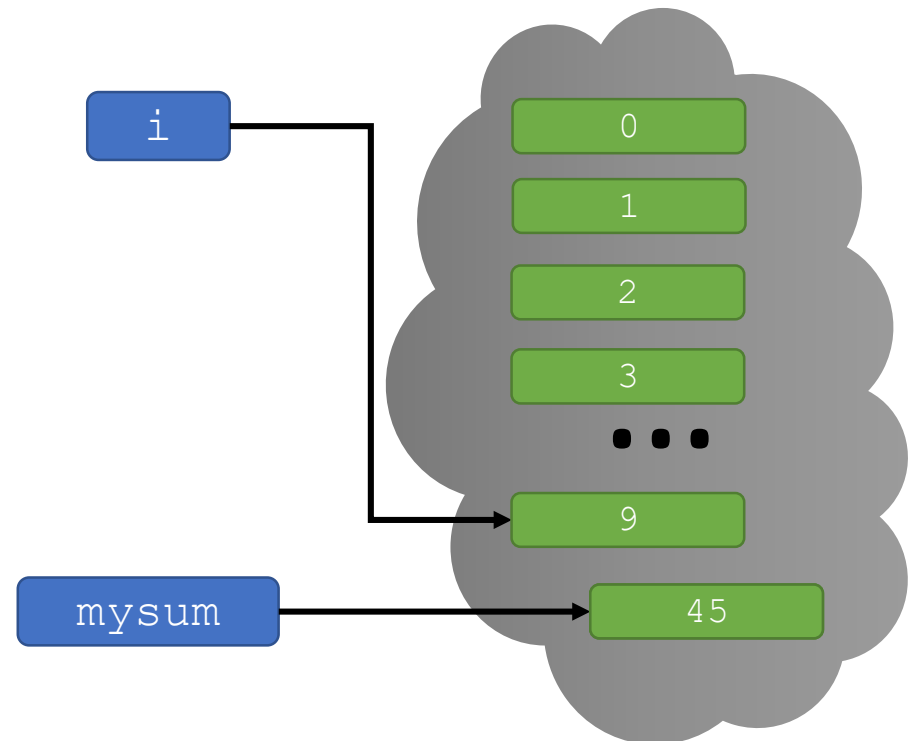
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# YOU TRY IT!

- Fix this code to use variables `start` and `end` in the `range`, to get the total sum between and including those values.
- For example, if `start=3` and `end=5` then the sum should be 12.

```
mysum = 0
start = ??
end = ??
for i in range(start, end):
 mysum += i
print(mysum)
```

# for LOOPS and range

- Factorial implemented with a `while` loop (seen this already) and a `for` loop

```
x = 4
i = 1
factorial = 1
while i <= x:
 factorial *= i
 i += 1
print(f'{x} factorial is {factorial}')
```

Uses a while loop

```
x = 4
factorial = 1
for i in range(1, x+1, 1):
 factorial *= i
print(f'{x} factorial is {factorial}')
```

Uses a for loop

# BIG IDEA

for loops only repeat  
for however long the  
sequence is

The loop variables takes on these values in order.

# break STATEMENT

- Immediately exits whatever loop it is in
- Skips remaining expressions in code block
- **Exits only innermost loop!**

```
while <condition_1>:
 while <condition_2>:
 <expression_a>
 break
 <expression_b>
 <expression_c>
```

*Evaluated when  
<condition\_1> and <condition\_2> are True*

*Never evaluated (don't write code like this)*

*Evaluated when <condition\_1> is True*

# break STATEMENT

```
mysum = 0
for i in range(5, 11, 2):
 mysum += i
 if mysum == 5:
 break
 mysum += 1
print(mysum)
```

- What happens in this program?
- [Python Tutor LINK](#)

# YOU TRY IT!

- Write code that loops a `for` loop over some range and prints how many even numbers are in that range. Try it with:
  - `range(5)`
  - `range(10)`
  - `range(2, 9, 3)`
  - `range(-4, 6, 2)`
  - `range(5, 6)`



# STRINGS and LOOPS

- Code to check for letter i or u in a string.
- All 3 do the same thing

```
s = "demo loops - fruit loops"
for index in range(len(s)):
 if s[index] == 'i' or s[index] == 'u':
 print("There is an i or u")
```

Uses range to iterate  
through index of s

```
for char in s:
 if char == 'i' or char == 'u':
 print("There is an i or u")
```

Iterates through  
characters of s directly

```
for char in s:
 if char in 'iu':
 print("There is an i or u")
```

Iterates through  
characters of s directly  
(most "pythonic")

# BIG IDEA

The sequence of values  
in a `for` loop isn't  
limited to numbers

# ROBOT CHEERLEADERS

```
an_letters = "aefhilmnorsxAEFHILMNORSX"
```

```
word = input("I will cheer for you! Enter a word: ")
times = int(input("Enthusiasm level (1-10): "))
```

```
for c in word:
 if c in an_letters:
 print(f'Give me an {c}: {c}')
 else:
 print(f'Give me a {c}: {c}')
print("What's that spell?")
for i in range(times):
 print(word, '!!!!')
```

*c is a loop variable whose value is  
each letter that the user gave*

*i is a loop variable whose value is  
0 through times-1, one at a time*

# YOU TRY IT!

- Assume you are given a string of lowercase letters in variable `s`. Count how many unique letters there are in the string. For example, if

```
s = "abca"
```

Then your code prints 3.

## HINT:

Go through each character in `s`.

Keep track of ones you've seen in a string variable.

Add characters from `s` to the seen string variable if they are not already a character in that seen variable.

# SUMMARY SO FAR

- Objects have **types**
- Expressions are **evaluated to one value**, and bound to a variable name
- Branching
  - if, else, elif
  - Program executes **one set of code or another**
- Looping mechanisms
  - `while` and `for` loops
  - Code executes repeatedly **while some condition is true**
  - Code executes repeatedly **for all values in a sequence**

# TUPLES

# A NEW DATA TYPE

- Have seen scalar types: `int`, `float`, `bool`
- Have seen one compound type: `string`
- Want to introduce more general **compound data types**
  - Indexed sequences of elements, which could themselves be compound structures
    - **Tuples** – immutable
    - **Lists** – mutable
- Next lecture, will explore ideas of
  - Mutability
  - Aliasing
  - Cloning

# TUPLES

Remember strings?

- **Indexable ordered sequence** of objects
  - Objects can be any type – int, string, tuple, tuple of tuples, ...
- Cannot change element values, **immutable**

```
te = ()
```

Empty tuple

```
ts = (2,)
```

Extra comma means tuple with one element  
Compare with `ts = (2)`

```
t = (2, "mit", 3)
```

Multiple elements in tuple separated by commas

```
t[0]
```

→ evaluates to 2    Indexing starts at 0

```
(2, "mit", 3) + (5, 6) → evaluates to a new tuple (2, "mit", 3, 5, 6)
```

```
t[1:2]
```

→ slice tuple, evaluates to ("mit",)

```
t[1:3]
```

→ slice tuple, evaluates to ("mit", 3)

```
len(t)
```

→ evaluates to 3

```
max((3, 5, 0)) → evaluates 5
```

Other functions also work, e.g, sum

```
t[1] = 4
```

→ gives error, **can't modify object**



# INDICES AND SLICING

Remember strings?

```
seq = (2, 'a', 4, (1, 2))
```

index: 0 1 2 3

```
print(len(seq)) → 4
print(seq[3]) → (1, 2)
print(seq[-1]) → (1, 2)
print(seq[3][0]) → 1
print(seq[4]) → error
```

An element of a sequence is at an **index**, indices start at 0

```
print(seq[1]) → 'a'
print(seq[-2:]) → (4, (1, 2))
print(seq[1:4:2]) → ('a', (1, 2))
print(seq[: -1]) → (2, 'a', 4)
print(seq[1:3]) → ('a', 4)
```

Slices extract subsequences.  
Indices evaluated from left to right

```
for e in seq: → 2
 print(e) a
 4
 (1, 2)
```

Iterating over sequences

# TUPLES

- Conveniently used to **swap** variable values

```
x = 1
```

```
y = 2
```

```
x = y
```

```
y = x
```



```
x = 1
```

```
y = 2
```

```
temp = x
```

```
x = y
```

```
y = temp
```



```
x = 1
```

```
y = 2
```

```
(x, y) = (y, x)
```

Then, bind  
values in  
new tuple

First, create tuple  
y = 2  
x = 1



# TUPLES

- Used to **return more than one value** from a function

```
def quotient_and_remainder(x, y):
```

```
 q = x // y
```

```
 r = x % y
```

```
 return (q, r)
```

*One object!  
(with 2 elements/values)*

*(3,1)*

```
both = quotient_and_remainder(10, 3)
```

*(3, 1)*

*(2, 1)*

```
(quot, rem) = quotient_and_remainder(5, 2)
```

# BIG IDEA

Returning

one **object** (a tuple)

allows you to return

multiple **values** (tuple elements)

# YOU TRY IT!

- Write a function that meets these specs:
- Hint: remember how to check if a character is in a string?

```
def char_counts(s):
 """ s is a string of lowercase chars
 Return a tuple where the first element is the
 number of vowels in s and the second element
 is the number of consonants in s """
```

# VARIABLE NUMBER of ARGUMENTS

- Python has some built-in functions that take variable number of arguments, e.g, `min`
- Python allows a programmer to have same capability, using **\* notation**

```
def mean(*args):
 tot = 0
 for a in args:
 tot += a
 return tot/len(args)
```

- `numbers` is bound to a **tuple of the supplied values**
- Example:
  - `mean(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)`     *args → (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)*

LISTS

# LISTS

- **Indexable ordered sequence** of objects
  - Usually homogeneous (i.e., all integers, all strings, all lists)
  - But can contain mixed types (not common)
- Denoted by **square brackets**, [ ] *Tuples were ()*
- **Mutable**, this means you can change values of specific elements of list

*Remember tuples are immutable – you **cannot** change element values.  
Lists are mutable, you can change them directly.*



# INDICES and ORDERING

*Remember strings  
and tuples?*

`a_list = []` *empty list*

`L = [2, 'a', 4, [1, 2]]`

`[1, 2] + [3, 4]` → evaluates to `[1, 2, 3, 4]`

`len(L)` → evaluates to 4

`L[0]` → evaluates to 2

`L[2] + 1` → evaluates to 5

`L[3]` → evaluates to `[1, 2]`, another list!

`L[4]` → gives an error

`i = 2`

`L[i-1]` → evaluates to `'a'` since `L[1] = 'a'`

`max([3, 5, 0])` → evaluates 5

*Gives length of top level of tuple  
Indexing starts at 0*

# ITERATING OVER a LIST

- Compute the **sum of elements** of a list
- Common pattern

```
total = 0
for i in range(len(L)):
 total += L[i]
print(total)
```

```
total = 0
for i in L:
 total += i
print(total)
```

*Like strings, can iterate  
over elements of list  
directly*

- Notice

- list elements are indexed 0 to  $\text{len}(L) - 1$   
and  $\text{range}(n)$  goes from 0 to  $n - 1$

*This version is  
more "pythonic"!*

# ITERATING OVER a LIST

- Natural to capture iteration over a list inside a function

|                                                              |                                                                                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <pre>total = 0 for i in L:     total += i print(total)</pre> | <pre>def list_sum(L):     total = 0     for i in L:         # i is 8 then 3 then 5         total += i     return total</pre> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- Function call `list_sum([8, 3, 5])`
  - **Loop variable `i` takes on values in the list in order!** 8 then 3 then 5
  - To help you write code and debug, comment on what the loop var values are so you don't get confused!

# LISTS SUPPORT ITERATION

- Because lists are ordered sequences of elements, they naturally interface with iterative functions

Add the *elements* of a list

```
def list_sum(L):
 total = 0
 for e in L:
 total += e
 return total
```

`list_sum([1, 3, 5])` → 9

*e is:  
1 then 3 then 5*

Add the *length of elements* of a list

```
def len_sum(L):
 total = 0
 for s in L:
 total += len(s)
 return total
```

`len_sum(['ab', 'def', 'g'])` → 6

*s is:  
'ab' then 'def' then 'g'  
2 then 3 then 1*

# DICTIONARIES

# HOW TO STORE STUDENT INFO

- Suppose we want to store and use grade information for a set of students
- Could store using separate lists for each kind of information

```
names = ['Ana', 'John', 'Matt', 'Katy']
grades = ['A+', 'B', 'A', 'A']
microquizzes = ...
psets = ...
```

- Info stored across lists at **same index**, each index refers to information for a different person
- Indirectly access information by finding location in lists corresponding to a person, then extract

# HOW TO ACCESS STUDENT INFO

```
def get_grade(student, name_list, grade_list):
 i = name_list.index(student)
 grade = grade_list[i]
 return (student, grade)
```

*find location in  
list for person*

*Use location index  
to access other info*

- **Messy** if have a lot of different info of which to keep track, e.g., a separate list for microquiz scores, for pset scores, etc.
- Must maintain **many lists** and pass them as arguments
- Must **always index** using integers
- Must remember to change multiple lists, when adding or updating information

# HOW TO STORE AND ACCESS STUDENT INFO

- Alternative might be to use a list of lists

```
eric = ['eric', ['ps', [8, 4, 5]], ['mq', [6, 7]]]
ana = ['ana', ['ps', [10, 10, 10]], ['mq', [9, 10]]]
john = ['john', ['ps', [7, 6, 5]], ['mq', [8, 5]]]
```

```
grades = [eric, ana, john]
```

- Then could access by searching lists, but code is still messy

```
def get_grades(who, what, data):
 for stud in data:
 if stud[0] == who:
 for info in stud[1:]:
 if info[0] == what:
 return who, info
```

```
print(get_grades('eric', 'mq', grades))
print(get_grades('ana', 'ps', grades))
```

*But idea of associating data  
with names is worth exploring*



# A BETTER AND CLEANER WAY – A DICTIONARY

- Nice to use **one data structure**, no separate lists
- Nice to **index item of interest directly**
- A Python **dictionary has entries** that map a key:value

**A list**

|     |        |
|-----|--------|
| 0   | Elem 1 |
| 1   | Elem 2 |
| 2   | Elem 3 |
| 3   | Elem 4 |
| ... | ...    |

index      element

**A dictionary**

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| Key 1 | Val 1 |
| Key 2 | Val 2 |
| Key 3 | Val 3 |
| Key 4 | Val 4 |
| ...   | ...   |

custom index      element

# BIG IDEA

Dict value refers to the value associated with a key.

This terminology is may sometimes be confused with the regular value of some variable.

# A PYTHON DICTIONARY

- Store **pairs of data** as an **entry**
  - key (any immutable object)
    - str, int, float, bool, tuple, etc
  - value (any data object)
    - Any above plus lists and other dicts!

|         |      |
|---------|------|
| 'Ana '  | 'B ' |
| 'Matt ' | 'A ' |
| 'John ' | 'B ' |
| 'Katy ' | 'A ' |

*empty dictionary*

```
my_dict = {}
```

*colon maps key:value*

```
d = {4:16}
```

*custom index by label*

```
grades = {'Ana': 'B', 'Matt': 'A', 'John': 'B', 'Katy': 'A'}
```

*element*

↑   ↑   ↑   ↑   ↑   ↑   ↑   ↑

key1 val1   key2 val2   key3 val3   key4 val4

# DICTIONARY LOOKUP

- Similar to indexing into a list
- **Looks up** the **key**
- **Returns** the **value** associated with the key
  - If key isn't found, get an error
- There is **no simple expression to get a key back given some value!**

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| 'Ana'  | 'B' |
| 'Matt' | 'A' |
| 'John' | 'B' |
| 'Katy' | 'A' |

Key 'John'

Value associated with key 'John'

```
grades = {'Ana':'B', 'Matt':'A', 'John':'B', 'Katy':'A'}
```

```
grades['John']
```

→ evaluates to 'B'

```
grades['Grace']
```

→ gives a `KeyError`

# YOU TRY IT!

- Write a function according to this spec

```
def find_grades(grades, students):
 """ grades is a dict mapping student names (str) to grades (str)
 students is a list of student names
 Returns a list containing the grades for students (in same order) """

 # for example

 d = {'Ana':'B', 'Matt':'C', 'John':'B', 'Katy':'A'}
 print(find_grades(d, ['Matt', 'Katy'])) # returns ['C', 'A']
```

# BIG IDEA

Getting a dict value is  
just a matter of indexing  
with a key.

No. Need. To. Loop

# DICTIONARY OPERATIONS

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| 'Ana'   | 'B' |
| 'Matt'  | 'A' |
| 'John'  | 'B' |
| 'Katy'  | 'A' |
| 'Grace' | 'C' |

```
grades = {'Ana':'B', 'Matt':'A', 'John':'B', 'Katy':'A'}
```

- **Add** an entry

```
grades['Grace'] = 'A'
```

- **Change** entry

```
grades['Grace'] = 'C'
```

- **Delete** entry

```
del(grades['Ana'])
```

*An assignment statement, but to a location  
in a dictionary – different from a list*

*Note that the dictionary is being mutated!*

# DICTIONARY OPERATIONS

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| 'Ana'  | 'B' |
| 'Matt' | 'A' |
| 'John' | 'B' |
| 'Katy' | 'A' |

```
grades = {'Ana':'B', 'Matt':'A', 'John':'B', 'Katy':'A'}
```

## ▪ **Test** if key in dictionary

```
'John' in grades
```

→ returns True

```
'Daniel' in grades
```

→ returns False

```
'B' in grades
```

→ returns False

*The in keyword only checks keys, not values*



# YOU TRY IT!

- Write a function according to these specs

```
def find_in_L(Ld, k):
 """ Ld is a list of dicts
 k is an int
 Returns True if k is a key in any dicts of Ld and False otherwise """

 # for example
 d1 = {1:2, 3:4, 5:6}
 d2 = {2:4, 4:6}
 d3 = {1:1, 3:9, 4:16, 5:25}

 print(find_in_L([d1, d2, d3], 2) # returns True
 print(find_in_L([d1, d2, d3], 25) # returns False
```

# DICTIONARY OPERATIONS

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| 'Ana'  | 'B' |
| 'Matt' | 'A' |
| 'John' | 'B' |
| 'Katy' | 'A' |

- Can iterate over dictionaries but assume there is no guaranteed order

```
grades = {'Ana':'B', 'Matt':'A', 'John':'B', 'Katy':'A'}
```

- Get an **iterable that acts like a tuple of all keys**

```
grades.keys() → returns dict_keys(['Ana', 'Matt', 'John', 'Katy'])
```

```
list(grades.keys()) → returns ['Ana', 'Matt', 'John', 'Katy']
```

- Get an **iterable that acts like a tuple of all dict values**

```
grades.values() → returns dict_values(['B', 'A', 'B', 'A'])
```

```
list(grades.values()) → returns ['B', 'A', 'B', 'A']
```

# DICTIONARY OPERATIONS

most useful way to iterate over dict entries (both keys and vals!)

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| 'Ana'  | 'B' |
| 'Matt' | 'A' |
| 'John' | 'B' |
| 'Katy' | 'A' |

- Can iterate over dictionaries but assume there is no guaranteed order

```
grades = {'Ana':'B', 'Matt':'A', 'John':'B', 'Katy':'A'}
```

- Get an **iterable that acts like a tuple of all items**

```
grades.items()
```

→ returns `dict_items([('Ana', 'B'), ('Matt', 'A'), ('John', 'B'), ('Katy', 'A')])`

```
list(grades.items())
```

→ returns `[('Ana', 'B'), ('Matt', 'A'), ('John', 'B'), ('Katy', 'A')]`

- Typical use is to **iterate over key,value tuple**

```
for k,v in grades.items():
 print(f"key {k} has value {v}")
```

key Ana has value B  
key Matt has value A  
key John has value B  
key Katy has value A

# YOU TRY IT!

- Write a function that meets this spec

```
def count_matches(d):
 """ d is a dict
 Returns how many entries in d have the key equal to its value """

 # for example
 d = {1:2, 3:4, 5:6}
 print(count_matches(d)) # prints 0
 d = {1:2, 'a':'a', 5:5}
 print(count_matches(d)) # prints 2
```

# DICTIONARY KEYS & VALUES

- Dictionaries are **mutable** objects (aliasing/cloning rules apply)
  - Use = sign to make an alias
  - Use `d.copy()` to make a copy
- **Assume there is no order** to keys or values!
- Dict values
  - Any type (**immutable and mutable**)
    - Dictionary values can be lists, even other dictionaries!
  - Can be **duplicates**
- Keys
  - Must be **unique**
  - **Immutable** type (`int`, `float`, `string`, `tuple`, `bool`)
    - Actually need an object that is **hashable**, but think of as immutable as all immutable types are hashable
  - Be careful using `float` type as a key

# WHY IMMUTABLE/HASHABLE KEYS?

- A dictionary is stored in memory in a special way
- Next slides show an example
- Step 1: A **function is run on the dict key**
  - The function **maps any object to an int**  
E.g. map “a” to 1, “b” to 2, etc, so “ab” could map to 3
  - The int corresponds to a position in a block of memory addresses
- Step 2: At that memory address, **store the dict value**
- To do a **lookup** using a key, **run the same function**
  - If the object is immutable/hashable then you get the same int back
  - If the object is changed then the function gives back a different int!

Hash function:

- 1) Sum the letters
- 2) Take mod 16 (to fit in a memory block with 16 entries)

$$1 + 14 + 1 = 16$$

$$16 \% 16 = 0$$

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| A n a | C |
|-------|---|

$$5 + 18 + 9 + 3 = 35$$

$$35 \% 16 = 3$$

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| E r i c | A |
|---------|---|

$$10 + 15 + 8 + 14 = 47$$

$$47 \% 16 = 15$$

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| J o h n | B |
|---------|---|

$$11 + 1 + 20 + 5 = 37$$

$$37 \% 16 = 5$$

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| [K, a, t, e] | B |
|--------------|---|

Memory block (like a list)

|    |              |
|----|--------------|
| 0  | Ana: C       |
| 1  |              |
| 2  |              |
| 3  | Eric: A      |
| 4  |              |
| 5  | [K,a,t,e]: B |
| 6  |              |
| 7  |              |
| 8  |              |
| 9  |              |
| 10 |              |
| 11 |              |
| 12 |              |
| 13 |              |
| 14 |              |
| 15 | John: B      |

Hash function:

- 1) Sum the letters
- 2) Take mod 16 (to fit in a memory block with 16 entries)

Kate changes her name to Cate. Same person, different name. Look up her grade?

$$3 + 1 + 20 + 5 = 29$$

$$29 \% 16 = 13$$

[C, a, t, e]

## Memory block (like a list)

|    |                 |
|----|-----------------|
| 0  | Ana: C          |
| 1  |                 |
| 2  |                 |
| 3  | Eric: A         |
| 4  |                 |
| 5  | [K,a,t,e]: B    |
| 6  |                 |
| 7  |                 |
| 8  |                 |
| 9  |                 |
| 10 |                 |
| 11 |                 |
| 12 |                 |
| 13 | ← ??? Not here! |
| 14 |                 |
| 15 | John: B         |



# A PYTHON DICTIONARY for STUDENT GRADES

- Separate students are separate dict entries
- Entries are separated using a comma

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| Key 1 | Val 1 |
|-------|-------|

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| Key 2 | Val 2 |
|-------|-------|

```
grades = {'Ana': {'mq': [5, 4, 4], 'ps': [10, 9, 9], 'fin': 'B'},
 'Bob': {'mq': [6, 7, 8], 'ps': [8, 9, 10], 'fin': 'A']}
```

# A PYTHON DICTIONARY for STUDENT GRADES

- Each dict entry maps a key to a value
- The mapping is done with a : character
- grades maps str:dict

|        |       |          |  |
|--------|-------|----------|--|
| str    |       | dict     |  |
| 'Ana ' | 'mq'  | [5,4,4]  |  |
|        | 'ps'  | [10,9,9] |  |
|        | 'fin' | 'B'      |  |
| 'Bob ' | 'mq'  | [6,7,8]  |  |
|        | 'ps'  | [8,9,10] |  |
|        | 'fin' | 'A'      |  |

```
grades = {'Ana': {'mq': [5,4,4], 'ps': [10,9,9], 'fin': 'B'},
 'Bob': {'mq': [6,7,8], 'ps': [8,9,10], 'fin': 'A'}}
```

# A PYTHON DICTIONARY for STUDENT GRADES

- The values of grades are dicts
- Each value maps a
  - str:list
  - str:str

|        |       |          |
|--------|-------|----------|
| 'Ana ' | 'mq'  | [5,4,4]  |
|        | 'ps'  | [10,9,9] |
|        | 'fin' | 'B'      |
| 'Bob ' | 'mq'  | [6,7,8]  |
|        | 'ps'  | [8,9,10] |
|        | 'fin' | 'A'      |

```
grades = { 'Ana': { 'mq': [5,4,4], 'ps': [10,9,9], 'fin': 'B' },
 'Bob': { 'mq': [6,7,8], 'ps': [8,9,10], 'fin': 'A' } }
```

# A PYTHON DICTIONARY for STUDENT GRADES

- The values of grades are dicts
- Each value maps a
  - str:list
  - str:str

|        |       |            |
|--------|-------|------------|
| 'Ana ' | 'mq'  | [5, 4, 4]  |
|        | 'ps'  | [10, 9, 9] |
|        | 'fin' | 'B'        |
| 'Bob ' | 'mq'  | [6, 7, 8]  |
|        | 'ps'  | [8, 9, 10] |
|        | 'fin' | 'A'        |

```
grades = {'Ana': {'mq': [5, 4, 4], 'ps': [10, 9, 9], 'fin': 'B'},
 'Bob': {'mq': [6, 7, 8], 'ps': [8, 9, 10], 'fin': 'A'}}
```

```
grades['Ana']['mq'][0] returns 5
```

# YOU TRY IT!

```
my_d ={'Ana':{'mq':[10], 'ps':[10,10]},
 'Bob':{'ps':[7,8], 'mq':[8]},
 'Eric':{'mq':[3], 'ps':[0]} }
```

```
def get_average(data, what):
 all_data = []
 for stud in data.keys():
 INSERT LINE HERE
 return sum(all_data)/len(all_data)
```

Given the dict `my_d`, and the outline of a function to compute an average, which line should be inserted where indicated so that `get_average(my_d, 'mq')` computes average for all 'mq' entries? i.e. find average of all mq scores for all students.

- A) `all_data = all_data + data[stud][what]`
- B) `all_data.append(data[stud][what])`
- C) `all_data = all_data + data[stud[what]]`
- D) `all_data.append(data[stud[what]])`

list

vs

dict

- **Ordered** sequence of elements
- Look up elements by an integer index
- Indices have an **order**
- Index is an **integer**
- Value can be any type

- **Matches** “keys” to “values”
- Look up one item by another item
- **No order** is guaranteed
- Key can be any **immutable** type
- Value can be any type

# EXAMPLE: FIND MOST COMMON WORDS IN A SONG'S LYRICS

- 1) Create a **frequency dictionary** mapping `str:int`
- 2) Find **word that occurs most often** and how many times
  - Use a list, in case more than one word with same number
  - Return a tuple `(list,int)` for `(words_list, highest_freq)`
- 3) Find the **words that occur at least X times**
  - Let user choose “at least X times”, so allow as parameter
  - Return a list of tuples, each tuple is a `(list, int)` containing the list of words ordered by their frequency
  - IDEA: From song dictionary, find most frequent word. Delete most common word. Repeat. It works because you are mutating the song dictionary.

# CREATING A DICTIONARY

## Python Tutor LINK

```
song = "RAH RAH AH AH AH ROM MAH RO MAH MAH"
```

```
def generate_word_dict(song):
```

```
 song_words = song.lower()
```

```
 words_list = song_words.split()
```

```
 word_dict = {}
```

```
 for w in words_list:
```

```
 if w in word_dict:
```

```
 word_dict[w] += 1
```

```
 else:
```

```
 word_dict[w] = 1
```

```
 return word_dict
```

Convert  
all chars  
to lower  
case

Convert string to list of words;  
divides based on spaces

Can iterate over list  
of words in song  
If word in dict (as a key),  
increase # times you've seen it,  
update entry  
If word not in dict, first time  
seeing word, create entry

Return is a dict  
mapping str:int



# USING THE DICTIONARY

## Python Tutor LINK

```
word_dict = {'rah':2, 'ah':3, 'rom':1, 'mah':3, 'ro':1}
```

```
def find_frequent_word(word_dict):
```

```
 words = []
```

```
 highest = max(word_dict.values())
```

```
 for k,v in word_dict.items():
```

```
 if v == highest:
```

```
 words.append(k)
```

```
 return (words, highest)
```

Return is a tuple of (['ah', 'mah'], 3)

Highest frequency  
in dict's values  
Loop to see which word  
has the highest freq  
Append to list of all words  
that have that highest freq

# FIND WORDS WITH FREQUENCY GREATER THAN $x=1$

- Repeat the next few steps as long as the highest frequency is greater than  $x$
- Find highest frequency

```
word_dict = {'rah':2, 'ah':3, 'rom':1, 'mah':3, 'ro':1}
```

# FIND WORDS WITH FREQUENCY GREATER THAN $x=1$

- Use function `find_frequent_word` to get words with the biggest frequency

```
word_dict = {'rah':2, 'ah':3, 'rom':1, 'mah':3, 'ro':1}
```

# FIND WORDS WITH FREQUENCY GREATER THAN $x=1$

- Remove the entries corresponding to these words from dictionary by mutation

```
word_dict = {'rah':2, 'rom':1, 'ro':1}
```

- Save them in the result

```
freq_list = [['ah', 'mah'], 3]
```

# FIND WORDS WITH FREQUENCY GREATER THAN $x=1$

- Find highest frequency in the mutated dict

```
word_dict = {'rah':2, 'rom':1, 'ro':1}
```

- The result so far...

```
freq_list = [['ah', 'mah'], 3]
```

# FIND WORDS WITH FREQUENCY GREATER THAN $x=1$

- Use function `find_frequent_word` to get words with that frequency

```
word_dict = {'rah':2, 'rom':1, 'ro':1}
```

- The result so far...

```
freq_list = [['ah', 'mah'], 3]
```

# FIND WORDS WITH FREQUENCY GREATER THAN $x=1$

- Remove the entries corresponding to these words from dictionary by mutation

```
word_dict = { 'rom':1, 'ro':1 }
```

- Add them to the result so far

```
freq_list = [(['ah', 'mah'], 3), (['rah'], 2)]
```

# FIND WORDS WITH FREQUENCY GREATER THAN $x=1$

- The highest frequency is now smaller than  $x=2$ , so stop

```
word_dict = { 'rom':1, 'ro':1 }
```

- The final result

```
freq_list = [(['ah', 'mah'], 3), (['rah'], 2)]
```



# LEVERAGING DICT PROPERTIES

[Python Tutor LINK](#)

```
word_dict = {'rah':2, 'ah':3, 'rom':1, 'mah':3, 'ro':1}
```

```
def occurs_often(word_dict, x):
 freq_list = []
```

```
 word_freq_tuple = find_frequent_word(word_dict)
```

```
 while word_freq_tuple[1] > x:
```

```
 word_freq_tuple = find_frequent_word(word_dict)
```

```
 freq_list.append(word_freq_tuple)
```

```
 for word in word_freq_tuple[0]:
 del(word_dict[word])
```

```
 return freq_list
```

*Gives us a word tuple  
Like (['ah', 'mah'], 3)*

*Stay in loop while we still have  
frequencies higher than x*

*Add those words to result*

*Mutate dict to remove ALL  
those words; on next loop, will  
find next most common words*

# SOME OBSERVATIONS

- Conversion of **string into list** of words enables use of list methods
  - Used `words_list = song_words.split()`
- **Iteration over list** naturally follows from structure of lists
  - Used `for w in words_list:`
- Dictionary stored the **same data in a more appropriate way**
- Ability to **access all values and all keys** of dictionary allows natural looping methods
  - Used `for k,v in word_dict.items():`
- **Mutability of dictionary** enables iterative processing
  - Used `del(word_dict[word])`
- **Reused functions** we already wrote!

# SUMMARY

- Dictionaries have entries that **map a key to a value**
- **Keys are immutable/hashable and unique** objects
- **Values** can be **any object**
- Dictionaries can make code efficient
  - Implementation-wise
  - Runtime-wise