

BU CodeBreakers 2017

Python IV: User Inputs, Loops

Today's Schedule

09:00-10:00 Python IV

10:15 - 11:15 Exercise IV

We expect everyone get their lunch and meet with us in the Back room @ 11:45

12:00 - 01:45 Climbing

02:00 - 03:00 Q&A Session

Taking input from user

Command: `input (<prompt string>)`

```
>>> x = input ('Enter Stuff: ')
```

Accepted input types:

- Int
- Float
- String
- List
- Boolean

```
>>> print x
```

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Solution I

```
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4.  ...  
  
...  
  
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Solution II

Use **for** loop

```
1. for i in range (100) :  
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Functions?

range, int, random, print

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Loop examples

```
>>> for i in [1, 3, 5, 7]:  
    print (i)
```

```
>>> for x in [7]*4:  
    print (x)
```

```
>>> for c in 'CodeBreakers':  
    print (c)
```

Syntax: **for** <variable> **in** <sequence>:
 Do Stuff

range() Functions

```
>>> print range(10)
```

```
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

What does range(n) do?

→ Makes a list of integers from 0 to n-1

```
>>> print range(-1, 6, 2)
```

```
[-1, 1, 3, 5]
```

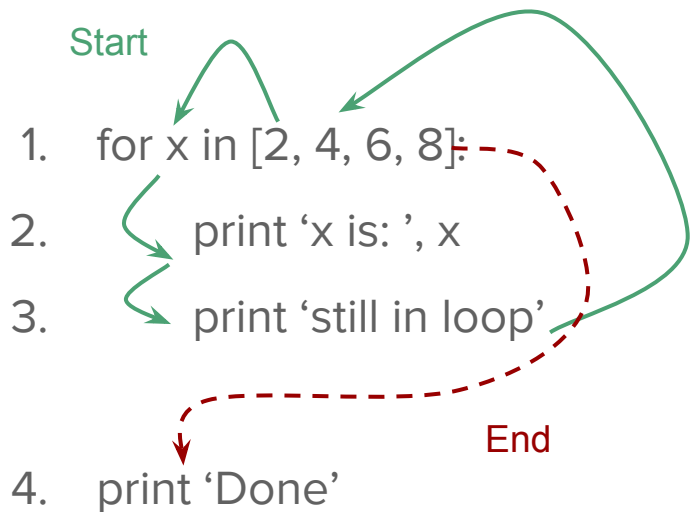
What does range(x, y, s) do?

→ Makes a list of integers from x to $y-1$ with step of $s \Rightarrow \text{range}(\text{start}, \text{stop}, \text{step})$

Optional!



For loop



element-based looping



1. my_list = [2, 4, 6, 8]
2. for i in **range**(len(my_list)):
3. print 'x is: ', my_list[i]
4. print 'still in loop'
5. print 'Done'

index-based looping

while loop

Syntax:

1. **while** <condition>:
2. Do stuff_1
3. Do stuff_2
4. Out of loop



1. while **True**:
 2. Do stuff_1
 3. Do stuff_2
 4. Out of loop
-

True case

1. while **False**:
 2. Do stuff_1
 3. Do stuff_2
 4. Out of loop
-

False case

while examples

```
>>> x = [2, 4, -1, 5]
```

```
>>> i = 0
```

```
>>> while x[i] > 0:
```

```
    print x[i]
```

```
    i = i+1
```

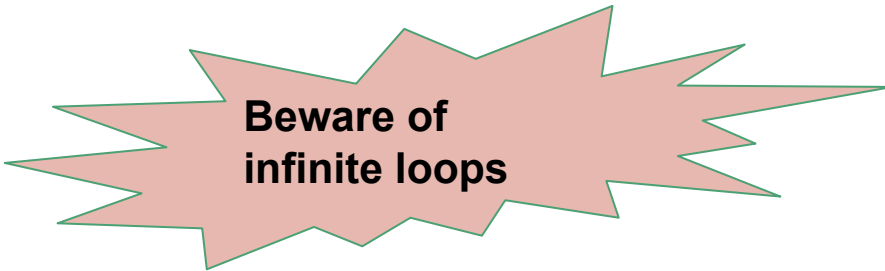
```
>>> print 'Done'
```

```
>>> i = 5
```

```
>>> while i > 4.5:
```

```
    print 'looping'
```

```
>>> print 'Done'
```



**Beware of
infinite loops**

Loops Forever!!!! Condition is always true!!!

What does this function do?

```
1. def my_function( my_string ):
2.     n = 0
3.     for c in my_string:
4.         if c in 'aeiouAEIOU':
5.             n += 1
6.     return n
```

```
>>> my_function('Hello')
```

c	n

	0
H	0
e	1
l	1
l	1
o	2

Output → n → 2

What does this function do?

```
1. def my_function( n ):
2.     while n != 1:
3.         if n%2 == 0:
4.             n = n/2
5.         else:
6.             return False
7.     return True
```

>>> my_function(8)

n

8
4
2
1

Output → True

>>> my_function(12)

n

12
6
3

Output → False

Complete this function:

```
1. #Function to return minimum number in a list
2. def min_list( L ):
3.     min_val = L[0]
4.     for x in L:
5.         #strategy?
6.         if <condition?> :
7.             <statement?>
8.     return min_val
```


Complete this function:

```
1. #Function to return minimum number in a list
2. def min_list( L ):
3.     min_val = L[0]
4.     for x in L:
5.         #replace min_val with smaller element
6.         if x < min_val :
7.             min_val = x
8.     return min_val
```

```
>>> min_list( [2, 3, -1, 4] )
```

x	min_val

	2
2	2
3	2
-1	-1
4	-1

Output → min_val → -1

Exercise

- Write function to return **True** if *input n* is a prime number and **False** otherwise

Solution:

```
1. def isPrime( n ):
2.     number_divisors = 0
3.     for i in range(1, n):
4.         if n%i==0:
5.             number_divisors += 1
6.     if number_divisors > 1:
7.         return True
8.     else:
9.         return False
```

>>> isPrime(6)

i	number_divisors

	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	3
5	3

Output → False

>>> isPrime(5)

i	number_divisors

	0
1	1
2	1
3	1
4	1

Output → False

1. **exercise4_level1.py**

2. **exercise4_level2.py**