



# Python Data structures

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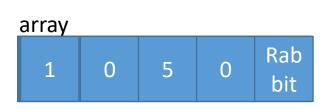
#### Lists



• Lists are variables, where you can store multiple values

Give me a "0", five times!
$$array = [0] * 5$$

#### Computer memory



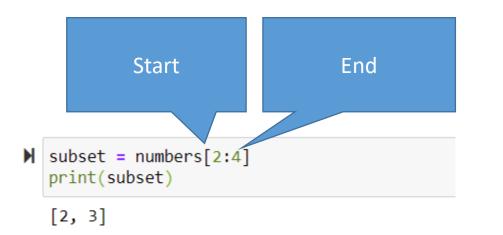
#### Subsets

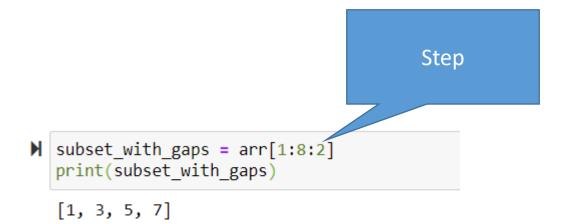


```
# Arrays
numbers = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
print(numbers)

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

Creating subsets of lists





# data[start:stop:step]



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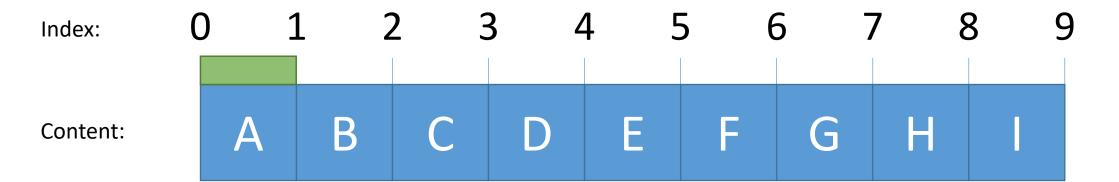


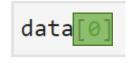
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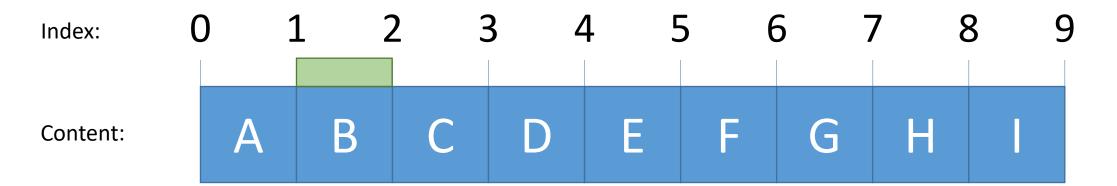




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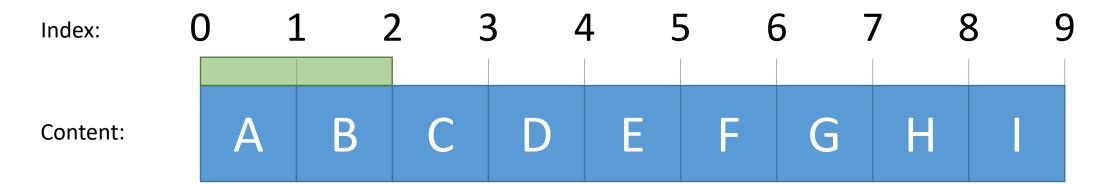


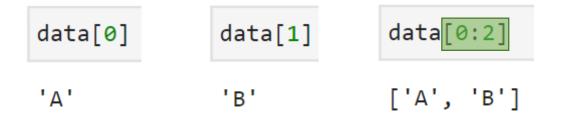
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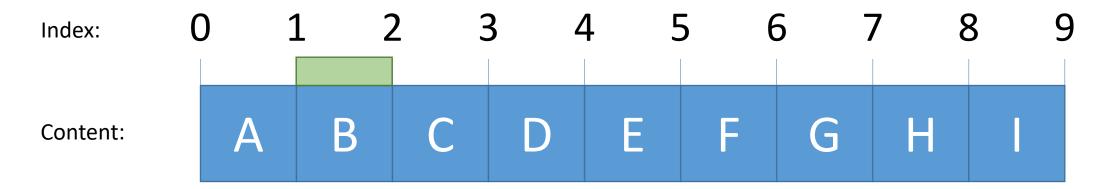
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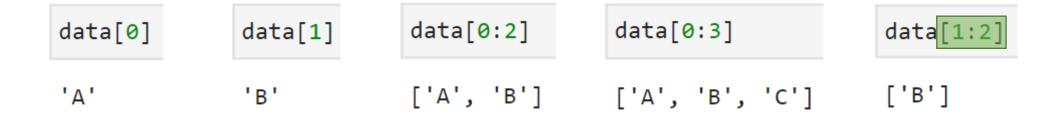
data[0] data[1] data[0:2] data[0:3] data[1:2] len(data)

'A' 'B' ['A', 'B'] ['A', 'B', 'C'] ['B'] 9



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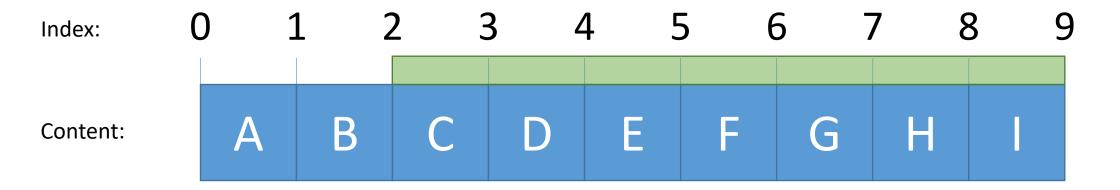
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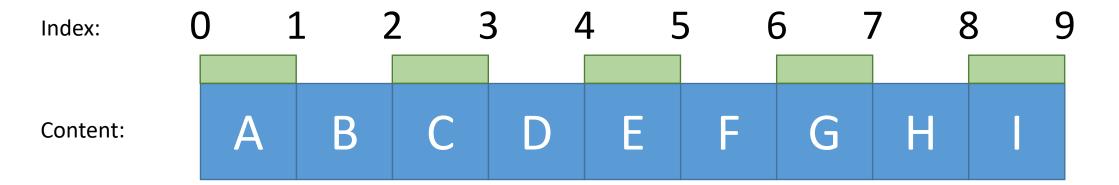
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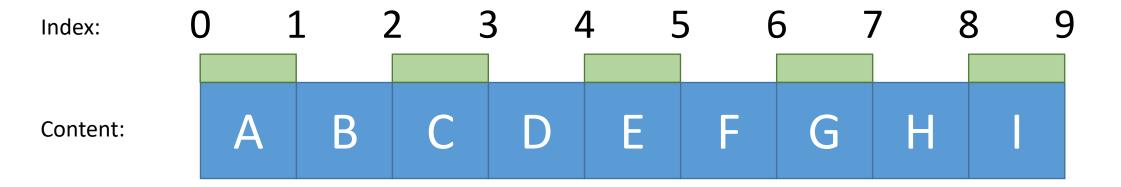


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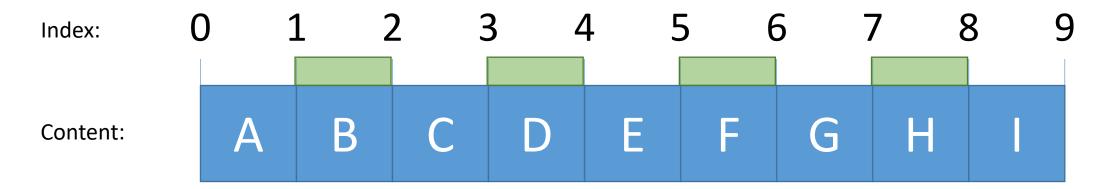
```
data[0:10:2]

['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'I']

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Indexing also works with negative indices

Index: -9 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1

Content: A B C D E F G H I

data[-2:]

['H', 'I']



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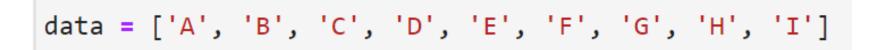
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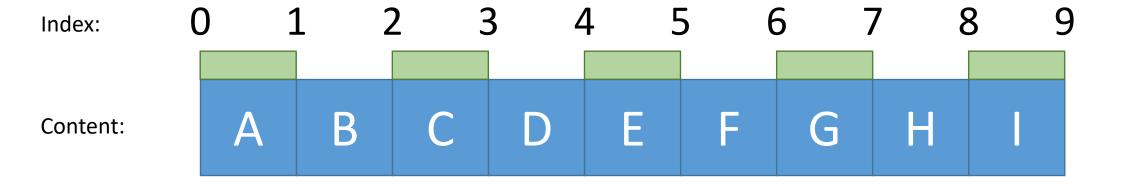
data[::-1]

['I', 'H', 'G', 'F', 'E', 'D', 'C', 'B', 'A']



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```
data[::-1]

['I', 'H', 'G', 'F', 'E', 'D', 'C', 'B', 'A']

['I', 'G', 'E', 'C', 'A']
```

#### Arrays in Python



Modifying lists entries

```
numbers = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]

# write in one array element
numbers[1] = 5

print(numbers)

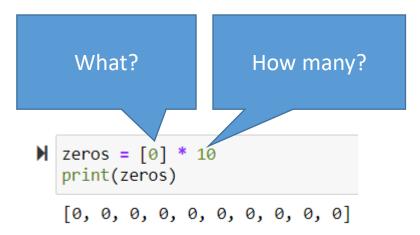
[0, 5, 2, 3, 4]
```

Note: The first element has index 0!

Concatenating lists

```
multiple of the content of the
```

• Creating lists of defined size



+ means appending

#### Lists versus Tuples



Lists can be modified

```
M measurements = [5.5, 6.3, 7.2, 8.0, 8.8]
```

- measurements[1] = 25
- measurements.append(10.2)
- measurements
- ]: [5.5, 25, 7.2, 8.0, 8.8, 10.2]

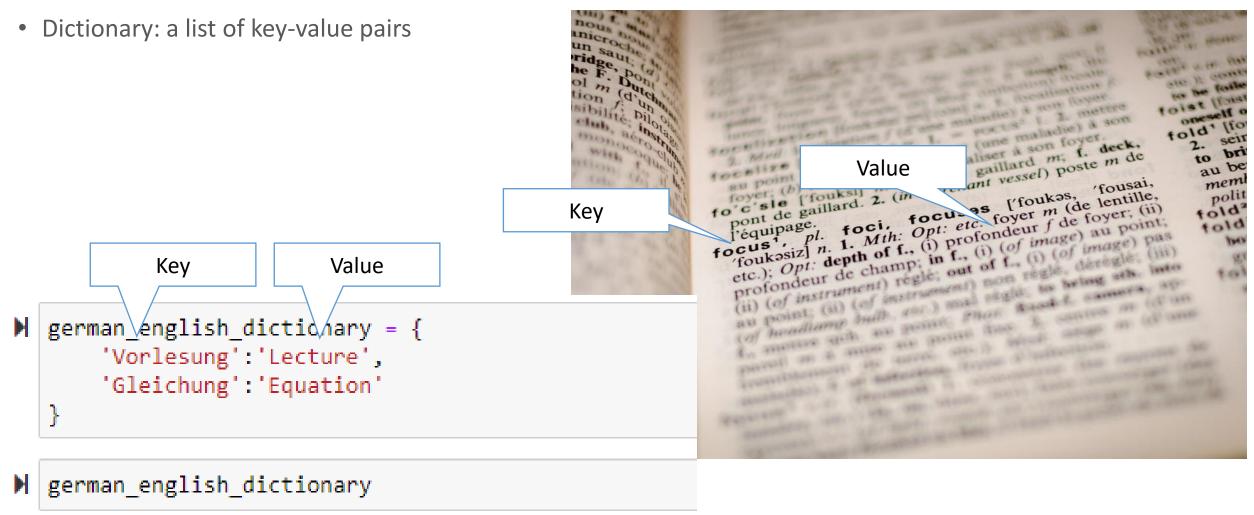
Note: round brackets

- Tuples not
- ▶ immutable = (4, 3, 7.8)

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment

#### Dictionaries





{'Vorlesung': 'Lecture', 'Gleichung': 'Equation'}

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Dictionary: a list of key-value pairs

```
german_english_dictionary = {
    'Vorlesung': 'Lecture',
    'Gleichung': 'Equation'
```

• Look up something in the dictionary: it's an array with named entries!

```
german_english_dictionary['Vorlesung']
```

]: 'Lecture'



• Tables can be dictionaries with <u>lists</u> as values

```
measurements_week = {
    'Monday':[2.3, 3.1, 5.6],
    'Tuesday':[1.8, 7.0, 4.3],
    'Wednesday':[4.5, 1.5, 3.2],
    'Thursday':[1.9, 2.0, 6.4],
    'Friday':[4.4, 2.3, 5.4]
}
```

```
▶ measurements_week
```

```
]: {'Monday': [2.3, 3.1, 5.6],
    'Tuesday': [1.8, 7.0, 4.3],
    'Wednesday': [4.5, 1.5, 3.2],
    'Thursday': [1.9, 2.0, 6.4],
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```

- Retrieve a column
- Measurements\_week['monday']
- ]: [2.3, 3.1, 5.6]

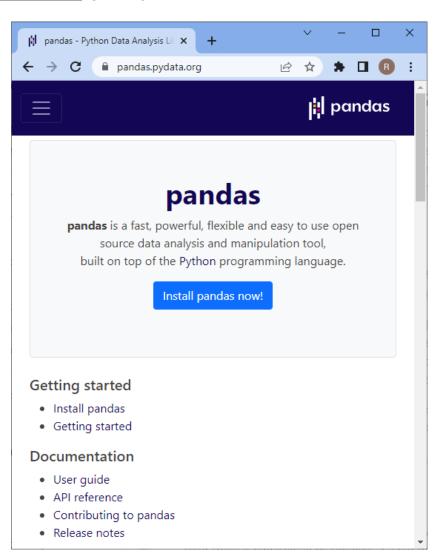




- conda install pandas
- Among many other features, Pandas allows to visualize tables nicely in Jupyter notebooks.

import pandas
pandas.DataFrame(measurements\_week)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	2.3	1.8	4.5	1.9	4.4
1	3.1	7.0	1.5	2.0	2.3
2	5.6	4.3	3.2	6.4	5.4

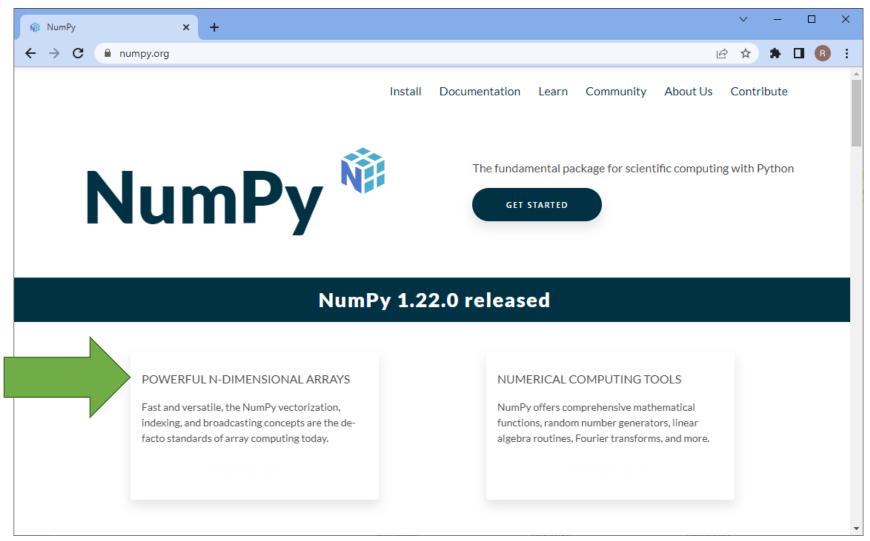


#### numpy



• The fundamental package for scientific computing with python.

conda install numpy



#### numpy



Simplifying mathematical operations on n-dimensional arrays

Tell python that you want to use a library called numpy

Python arrays of arrays (lists of lists)

```
▶ # multidimensional arrays
  matrix = [
       [1, 2, 3],
       [2, 3, 4],
       [3, 4, 5]
  print(matrix)
```

```
[[1, 2, 3], [2, 3, 4], [3, 4, 5]]
```

```
result = matrix * 2
  print(result)
  [[1, 2, 3], [2, 3, 4], [3, 4, 5], [1, 2, 3], [2, 3, 4], [3, 4, 5]]
```

```
numpy arrays
```

[2 3 4]

[3 4 5]]

```
import numpy as np-
                                    If "numpy" is to
  np matrix = np.asarray(matrix)
                                     long, you can
                                   give an alias "np"
  print(np matrix)
  [[1 2 3]
```

```
▶ np result = np matrix * 2
  print(np result)
  [[2 4 6]
   [4 6 8]
   [6 8 10]]
```

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# Masking



• "Masking" is addressing certain elements in numpy arrays, e.g. depending on their content

```
import numpy
measurements = numpy.asarray([1, 17, 25, 3, 5, 26, 12])
measurements
```

array([ 1, 17, 25, 3, 5, 26, 12])

Content:

1	17	25	3	5	26	12

```
mask = measurements > 10
mask
```

array([False, True, True, False, False, True, True])

measurements[mask]

array([17, 25, 26, 12])

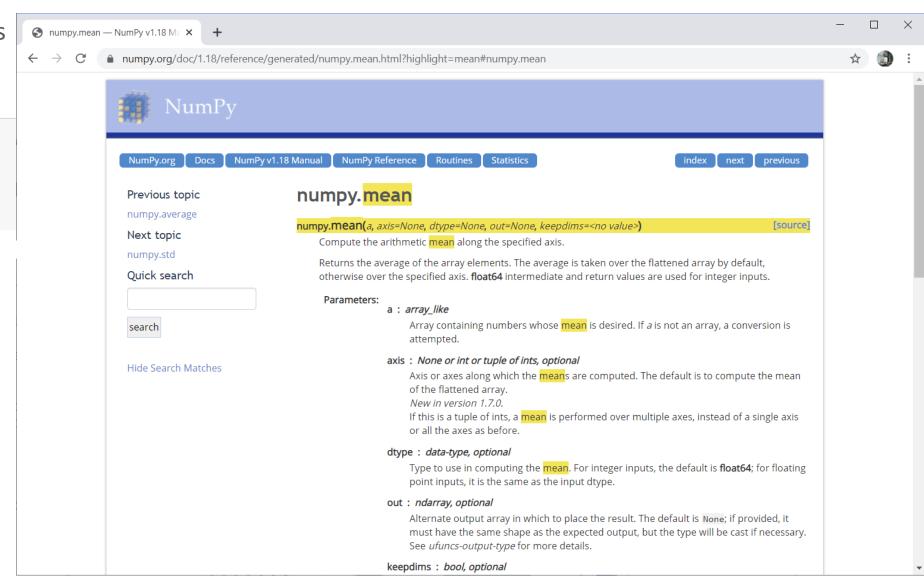
#### Basic descriptive statistics using numpy



Basic descriptive statistics

```
import numpy as np
measurements = [1, 4, 6, 7, 2]
mean = np.mean(measurements)
print("Mean: " + str(mean))
```

Mean: 4.0



#### Troubleshooting



If your program throws error messages:

- Don't panic.
- "There are two ways to write error-free programs; only the third one works."

Alan J. Perlis, Yale University

- Read <u>where</u> the error happened.
  - You may see your fault immediately, when looking at the right point.
- Read what appears to be wrong.
  - If you know, what's missing, you may see it, even if it's missing in a slightly different place.
  - Sometimes, something related is missing

#### Summary



#### Take home messages

Lists can be accessed like this:

#### data[start:stop:step]

- Strings are <u>lists</u> of characters
- Tuples are immutable <u>lists</u>
- Dictionaries are <u>lists</u> with named elements
- Columns in tables are <u>lists</u>
- Images are multi-dimensional <u>lists</u>
- Learning how to deal with lists in Python is key.