



# Python Programming Lists

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### **List basic**

- A list is a type that stores a sequential collection of elements. numbers.
- Many other programming languages uses a type called an array to store a sequence of data.
- An array has a fixed size. A Python list's size is flexible.
- Elements in a list can be accessed through an index operator.
- A list can contain the elements of the same type or mixed types.
- The elements in a list are separated by commas and are enclosed by a pair of brackets [].

# **Creating lists**

- list1 = list() create an empty list
- $\blacksquare$  list2 = list([1,3,4]) create a list with elements 1, 3, 4
- list3 = list(["red", "blue", "green") create a list with strings
- $\blacksquare$  list4 = list(range(2,5)) create a list with elements 2,3,4
- list5 = list("alpha") create a list with characters a, l, p, h, a
- list6 = [] create an empty list
- $\blacksquare$  list6 = [5,6,7] create an empty list
- list6 = ["yellow","black"]
- list6 = [2, "three"]

#### **Functions for lists**

■ Built-in functions used with lists: len, max, min, sum,

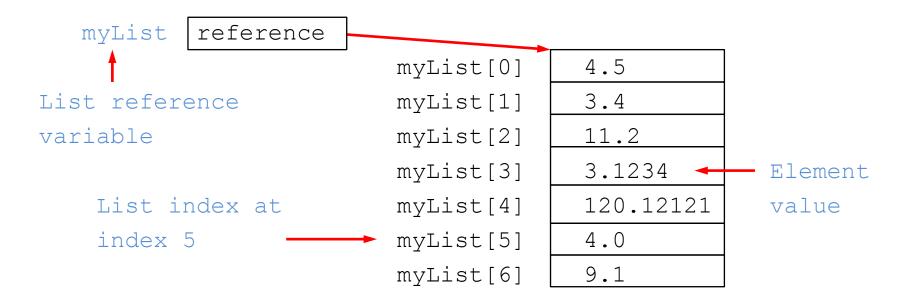
```
shuffle
>>> list1 = [1, 3, 5, 0, 12]
>>> import random
>>> radnom.shuffle(list1)
>>> list1
[5, 3, 1, 12, 0]
```

■ Invoking radnom.shuffle(list1) randomly shuffles the elements in list1.

# Index operator []

■ List indexes are 0 based — they range from 0 to len (myList) -1.

```
myList = [4.5, 3.4, 11.2, 3.1234, 120.12121, 4.0, 9.1]
```



The myList has 7 elements with indexes from 0 to 9.

# Negative numbers as indexes

- Negative numbers as indexes are used to reference positions relative to the end of the list.
- The actual position is obtained by adding the length of the list with the negative index.

```
>>> list1 = [1, 3, 5, 0, 12, 45]
>>> list[-1]
45
>>> list1[-3]
0
```

# **List slicing**

- The index operator allows you to select an element at the specified index.
- The slicing operator returns a slice of the list using the syntax list[start : end].
- The slice is a sublist from index start to index end-1.

```
>>> list1 = [1, 3, 5, 0, 12, 45]
>>> list[2 : 5]
[5, 0, 12]
```

Negative index in slicing:

```
>>> list1 = [1, 3, 5, 0, 12, 45]
>>> list[1 : -3]
[3, 5]
>>> list[-4 : -2] #list1[-4 +len(list1):
[5, 0]
```

## Concatenation and repetition operators

- The concatenation operator (+) is used to join two lists
- The repetition operator (\*) is used to replicate elements in a list.

```
>>> list1 = [4, 5]
>>> list2 = [1, 3]
>>> list3 = list1 + list2
[4, 5, 1, 3]
>>> list4 = 3 * list1
>>> list4
[4, 5, 4, 5, 4, 5]
```

Determination if an element is in a list by using in or not in

```
>>> list1 = [4, 5, 9, 3, 8, 1, 2]
>>> 8 in list1
True
```

# **Traversing elements**

- The elements in a Python list are iterable.
- The for loop enables to traverse the list sequentially without using an index variable.

```
for u in myList:
    print(u)
```

To traverse the list in different order or change elements in it is possible to use an index variable.

```
for i in range(0, len(myList),2):
    print(myList[i])
```

# **Comparing lists**

- The comparison operators >, >=, <, <=, ==, !=
- For comparison the two lists must contain the same type of elements.

```
>>> list1 = ["red", "green", "blue"]
>>> list2 = ["green", "blue", "red"]
>>> list2 == list1
False
>>> list2 >= list1
False
>>> list2 < list1
True
>>> list2 <= list1</pre>
True
```

# List comprehensions

- List comprehensions provide a concise way to create a sequential list of elements.
- A list comprehension consists of brackets containing an expression followed by a for clause, then zero or more for or if clauses.

```
>>> list1 = [x for x in range(5)]
>>> list1
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> list2 = [0.5*x for x in list1]
>>> list2
[0.0, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0]
>>> list3 = [x for in list2 if x < 1.5]
>>> list3
[0.0, 0.5, 1.0]
```

# **List methods**

Function	Description
append(x: object): None	Adds an element x to the end of the list.
<pre>count(x: object): int</pre>	Returns the number of items element x appears in the list.
extend(l :list): None	Appends all the elements in I to the list.
<pre>index(x: object): int</pre>	Returns the index of the first occurrence of element x in the list.
<pre>insert(index: int, x: object): None</pre>	Inserts an element x at a given index.
pop(i): object	Removes the element at the given position and returns it.
remove(x: object): None	Removes the first occurrence of element x from the list.
reverse(): None	Reverses the elements in the list.
sort(): None	Sorts the elements in the list in ascending order.

# Splitting a string into a list

■ The str class conatins the split method, which is useful for splitting items in a string into a list.

```
>>> items = "Jane John Peter Susan".split()
['Jane', 'John', 'Peter', 'Susan']
>>> items = "04-12-2001".split("-")
['04', '12', '2001']
```

# **Inputing lists**

- Reading data from the console into a list:
  - enter one data item per line and append it to a list in a loop

```
lst = []
print("Enter 10 numbers: ")
for i in range(10):
    lst.append(eval(input()))
```

- enter the data in one line separated by spaces

### **Problem 1**

**List processing** – an application that performs the following functions:

- Creates a list, reads numbers from console and adds them to the list until entered data is not numeric
- Finds a maximum value from the list and returns the value and its position in a list
- Finds a minimum value from a list and returns the value and its position in the list
- Sum numbers between the minimum and the maximum numbers in a lits
- Inserts a number into a list. To do this enter a number and its position from console. Check whether entering data is numeric.

#### **Problem 1 - solution**

```
def createlist():
    numlist=[]
    print ("Enter a number or the word 'end' to finish:")
    i = 0
    while True:
        x=input()
        if not x.isnumeric():
            break
        numlist.append(int(x))
    return numlist
def maximum(nl):
    return max(nl), nl.index(max(nl))
def minimum(nl):
    return min(nl), nl.index(min(nl))
```

### **Problem 1 - solution**

```
def minmaxsum(nl,min,max):
    s = 0
    minv, minp = min
   maxv, maxp = max
    if minp < maxp:
        for i in range(minp+1, maxp, 1):
            print(nl[i])
            s += nl[i]
    else:
        for i in nl[maxp+1:minp]:
            print(i)
            s += i
    return s
def insertToList(list1):
    print("Enter a number:")
    x=input()
    print("Enter a position:")
    pos=input()
    if x.isnumeric():
        list1.insert(int(pos),int(x))
    return list1
```

### **Problem 1 - solution**

```
x=createlist()
print("Max=", maximum(x))
print("Min=", minimum(x))
print("Sum between min and max =", minmaxsum(x, minimum(x), maximum(x)))
print(insertToList(x))
```

### **Problem 2**

**Counting the occurences of each digit –** a program that counts the occurrence of each number among 10 numbers from 0 to 9 in a list of 100 random numbers.

#### Guidelines:

- Generate 100 numbers randomly and assign them to a list of numbers.
- Count the occurrences of each number in the list. To do so, create a list named counts that has 10 int values, each of which counts the occurrences of a number.
- Display the numbers in the list with 20 on each line.
- Display the counts list.
- Display the results in the form of histogram.

### **Problem 2**

■ Here is a sample run of the program:

```
Random numbers:
Occurrences of numbers from 0 to 9:
  [14, 12, 10, 6, 6, 13, 8, 10, 7, 14]
Histogram

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  6*****
    7********
 8*****
   Q*****
```

### **Problem 2 - solution**

```
from random import randint
def randomList1():
    rl=list()
   for i in range (0, 100):
        rl.append(randint(0,9))
    return rl
def randomList2():
    return [randint(0,9) for a in range(0,100)]
def countNumbers(numbers):
    counts = 10 * [0]
    for i in range(len(numbers)):
        counts[numbers[i]] += 1
    return counts
```

### **Problem 2 - solution**

```
def displayList(numbers):
    for i in range(len(numbers)):
        if(i+1)%20==0:
            print(numbers[i])
        else:
            print(numbers[i],end=' ')

def histogram(counts):
    for i in range(len(counts)):
        print(i,end='')
        for j in range(counts[i]):
            print('*',end='')
        print()
```

### **Problem 2 - solution**

```
def main():
    numlist = randomList1()
    print('Random numbers:')
    displayList(numlist)
    print('Occurrences of numbers from 0 to 9:')
    print(countNumbers(numlist))
    print('Histogram')
    histogram(countNumbers(numlist))
```

### **Problem 3**

**Eliminate duplicates** – a program with a function that returns a new list by eliminating the duplicate values in the list.

#### Guidelines:

Use the following function header:

```
def eliminateDuplicates(lst):
```

- Write the program that use 10 random numbers in the range of 0-9, invokes the function, and displays the results.
- The sample run of the program:

```
Generated list:
[9, 3, 1, 4, 7, 5, 5, 5, 2, 1]
Sorted list:
[1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 7, 9]
The distinct numbers are:
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9]
```

### **Problem 3 - solution**

```
from random import randint, random
def randomList1():
    rl=list()
    for i in range (0,10):
        rl.append(randint(0,10))
    return rl
def randomList2():
    return [randint(0,10) for a in range(0,10)]
def eliminateDuplicates(lst):
   y=[]
    for i in 1st:
        if i not in y:
            y.append(i)
    return y
```

### **Problem 3 - solution**

```
def main():
    a = randomList1()
    print("Generated list:")
    print(a)
    a.sort()
    print("Sorted list:")
    print(a)
    print("The distinct numbers are:")
    print(eliminateDuplicates(a))
```

### **Mulitdimensional lists**

- A value in a two-dimensional list can be accessed through a row and column index.
- A two-dimensional list is a list that consists of rows. Each row is a list that contains the values.
- The rows can be accessed using the index, conveniently called a row index.
- The values in each row can be accessed through another index, called a column index.
- Each value in matrix can be accessed using matrix[i][j], whre i and j are the row and column indexes.

### **Problem 4**

**Processing Two-Dimensional Lists -** an application that performs the following functions:

Initialize the matrix2D with following values:

- Sum numbers on the main diagonal
- Sum numbers on the second diagonal
- Print a two-dimensional list

### **Problem 4 - solution**

```
matrix2D = [[1,2,1,3,4],
             [3,2,5,4,3],
             [5,4,3,2,1],
            [2,1,1,1,1],
            [7,8,9,8,7]
def sumDiagonal1(m):
    s = 0
    for i in range(5):
        s += m[i][i]
    return s
def sumDiagonal2(m):
    s = 0
    for i in range(5):
            s += m[i][4-i]
    return s
```

### **Problem 4 - solution**

```
def show(m):
    for i in range(5):
        print(format(m[i][j],'2d'),end='')
        print()

def main():
    sd1 = sumDiagonal1(matrix2D)
    print("Sum of numbers on the main diagonal =",sd1)
    sd2 = sumDiagonal2(matrix2D)
    print("Sum of numbers on the second diagonal =",sd2)
    show(matrix2D)

main()
```