

# Python Tips and Tricks: Takeaways

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## Syntax

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### LIST COMPREHENSIONS

- Converting a for loop to a list comprehension:

- Using a for loop:

```
letters=['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
caps=[]
for l in letters:
    caps.append(l.upper())
```

- Using a List comprehension:

```
caps = [l.upper() for l in letters]
```

- Common list comprehension patterns:

- Transforming a list

```
ints = [25, 14, 13, 84, 43, 6, 77, 56]
doubled_ints = [i * 2 for i in ints]
```

- Creating test data

```
tenths = [0.0 + i/10 for i in range(5)]
```

- Reducing a list

```
big_ints = [i for i in ints if i >= 50]
```

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### NESTED LIST COMPREHENSIONS

- Converting a nested for loop to a nested loop comprehension:

- Using a for loop:

```
data = [
    [3, 2, 4],
    [2, 8, 6],
    [1, 2, 1],
]

times_ten = []
for row in data:
    new_row = []
    for item in row:
```

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## PRODUCING AN ITERABLE OF INTEGERS

- Generating a sequence of integers:
  - Using a nested list comprehension:

```
range(1,6) # equiv of [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

- Generating a sequence with a 'skip' of

```
2
```

```
:
```

```
range(0,10,2) # equiv of [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

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## LOOPING THROUGH MULTIPLE LISTS

- Enumerate over a list to index a second list:

```
list_1 = [1, 24, 9, 18, 12]
list_2 = [1, 8, 3, 9, 4]
for i, item_1 in enumerate(list_1):
    item_2 = list_2[i]
    print(item_1, item_2) # outputs pairs of values from both lists
```

- Iterating over two or more lists at once:

```
lower = ['a', 'b', 'c']
upper = ['A', 'B', 'C']
z = zip(lower, upper) # equiv of [('a', 'A'), ('b', 'B'), ('c', 'C')]
```

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## LAMBDA FUNCTIONS

- Converting a definition to a lambda function:
  - Defining a function:

```
def double(x):
    return x * 2
```

- Defining a lambda function:

```
run_function(function=lambda x: x * 2)
```

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## ANY & ALL

- Return

```
True
```

if the boolean value of at least one item in iterable is

```
True
```

```
any(iterable)
```

- Return

```
True
```

if the boolean value of all items in iterable are

```
True
```

```
any(iterable)
```

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## DICTIONARY COMPREHENSIONS

- Creating a dictionary comprehension:
  - Using a for loop

```
l = [
    ["Julie", 27],
    ["Alex", 12],
    ["Bruno", 50],
]
d = {}
```

```
for name, score in l:
    d[name] = score

print(d) # {"Julie": 27, "Alex": 12, "Bruno": 15}
```

- Using a dictionary comprehension

```
d = {name:score for name, score in l}

print(d) # {"Julie": 27, "Alex": 12, "Bruno": 15}
```

## Concepts

- A list comprehension provides a concise way of creating lists using a single line of code, where:
  - You start with an iterable object
  - Optionally Transform the items in the iterable object
  - Optionally reduce the items in the iterable object using an if statement
  - Create a new list
- A dictionary comprehension provides a concise way of creating dictionaries using a single line of code, similar to a list comprehension with lists
- The `range()` function returns an iterable containing a sequence of integers
- Lambda functions can be defined in a single line, which lets you define a function at the time you need it
- Any/All:

Function	Explanation	Equivalent
<code>all([a, b, c])</code>	Returns True if the boolean value of <b>every</b> value is True, otherwise returns False	<code>bool(a) and bool(b) and bool(c)</code>
<code>any([a, b, c])</code>	Returns True if the boolean value of <b>at least one</b> value is True, otherwise returns False	<code>bool(a) or bool(b) or bool(c)</code>

## Resources

- [Python Documentation: List Comprehensions](#)
- [Python Documentation: Dictionary Comprehensions](#)
- [Python Documentation: Lambda Functions](#)



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