

# Introduction to Python (Part II)



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## Lists

### What is a List?

- » A list is a group of data that separated by commas, surrounded by square brackets, and has a list name.

```
>>> weekdays = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday', 'Thursday', 'Friday']
```

```
>>> birds = ['emu', 'ostrich', 'cassowary']
```

- » Make a list of your 3 favorite animals in order of how much you like them with the name favanimal= [",",","] and call that list now.



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# Lists

## What is a List?

- » Lists can be ANY data type, even within the same list!

```
>>> weekdays = ['John', '123', '1.23', 'Friday']
```

```
>>> birds = ['emu', 'ostrich', 'cassowary']
```

- » And they can be empty!

```
>>> empty_list = []
```



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# Lists

## How do we Access List Elements or Items?

- » We can extract a single value from a list by specifying its offset (just like we did with strings!).

```
>>> sequences = 0['AAA', 1'TTT', 2'GGG']
```

NOTE! The first element is 0!

```
>>> sequences[0]
```

```
'AAA'
```

```
>>> sequences[1]
```

```
'TTT'
```



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# Lists

## How do we Access List Elements or Items?

- » What is your second favourite animal in your list?

```

0      1      2
>>> favanimal = ['Fox', 'Otter', 'Nudibranch']

```

```

>>> sequences[1]
'Otter'

```



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# Lists

## Get a Slice to Extract Items by Offset Range

- » Extract a subsequence of a list by using a *slice*

```

>>> sequences = ['AAA', 'TTT', 'GGG']

```

```

>>> sequences[0:2] # get items from position 0 and 1
['AAA', 'TTT']

```

- » As with strings, slices can step by values other than one.

```

>>> sequences[::2] # get the first element and jump by two
['AAA', 'GGG']

```

```

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>>>
>>>
>>> sequences = ['AAA', 'TTT', 'GGG']
>>> sequences[::2]
['AAA', 'GGG']
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>>

```

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## A little bit about functions, You will learn much more later in the course:

- » A Function is a block of code.
- » You can run functions by calling them
- » In python functions look like this  
    Function\_name()
- » Pay attention to the **parenthesis!**



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## List Functions and Methods

**len()** is a function that returns the number of items in the list

```
>>> sequences = ['AAA', 'TTT', 'GGG', 'CCC']  
>>> len(sequences)  
4
```



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## List Functions and Methods

`len()` is a function that returns the number of items in the list

Use the `len()` function on your `favanimal []` list to make sure it works.



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## List Functions and Methods

`min()` -- returns the smallest number of items in the list

`max()` -- returns the largest number of items in the list

`sum()` -- returns the total of all numbers in the list

```
>>> ages = [23, 16, 14, 28, 19,
11, 38]
>>> youngest = min(ages)
>>> oldest = max(ages)
>>> total_years = sum(ages)
```

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## List Functions and Methods

**min()** -- returns the smallest number of items in the list

**max()** -- returns the largest number of items in the list

**sum()** -- returns the total of all numbers in the list

```
>>> ages = [23, 16, 14, 28, 19,
11, 38]
>>> youngest = min(ages)
>>> oldest = max(ages)
>>> total_years = sum(ages)
>>> youngest
11
>>> oldest
38
>>> total_years
149
```

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## List Functions and Methods

**min()** -- returns the smallest number of items in the list

**max()** -- returns the largest number of items in the list

**sum()** -- returns the total of all numbers in the list

Now use these functions on the list we've typed into Zoom chat (it's too big to do by hand!)

First person to get all three correct in Zoom chat wins.

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## List Functions and Methods

- `list.sort()` -- sort the list itself, in place.

Question for the students: What is the difference between `list.sort()` and `sort()`?

```
>>> sequences = ['AAA', 'TTT', 'GGG']
>>> sequences.sort()
>>> sequences
['AAA', 'GGG', 'TTT']
>>> numbers = [2, 1, 4.0, 3]
>>> numbers.sort()
>>> numbers
[1, 2, 3, 4.0]
```

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## Control Statements

Do not mix space and tab together!!!

### Indentation

- » Code blocks are defined by their indentation.
- » Leading whitespace (spaces and tabs) at the beginning of a logical line is used to compute the indentation level of the line.

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Block 2, continuation

Block 1, continuation

```
if attr==-1:
    while x<5:
        print("Waiting...")
        #wait(1)
        x = x + 1
    print("Everything is OK")
else:
    print("There is an error")
```



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## Indentation

Indentation gives priority to a line of code, lets look at our example

Our machine will this check first.  
If the statement does not hold it will go directly  
to **else**.

If our statement is true the machine will run the  
code indented under it.

```
if attr==1:
    while x<5:
        print("Waiting...")
        #wait(1)
        x = x + 1
    print("Everything is OK")
else:
    print("There is an error")
```

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## Control Statements

### Conditional Statements: IF-ELSE

- » If statement evaluates an expression. If the expression is true, the block of code just after the if clause is executed. Otherwise, the block under else is executed.

```
if EXPRESSION1:
    STATEMENT1
elif EXPRESSION2:
    STATEMENT2
elif EXPRESSION3:
    STATEMENT3
else:
    STATEMENT4
```

elif is optional, you can use as  
many elif's as you want.

```
1
2 x=10
3 y=12
4 if x<y:
5     print(x)
6 else:
7     print(y)
8
9
10
```



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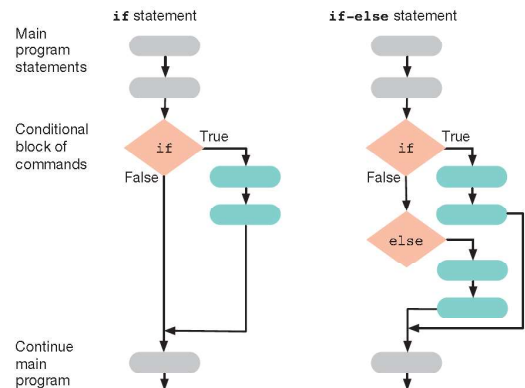


# Control Statements

## Conditional Statements: IF-ELSE

» Take into account that once a condition is evaluated as true, the remaining conditions are not checked.

<code>if EXPRESSION1:</code>		<code>if EXPRESSION1:</code>
<code>STATEMENT1</code>		<code>STATEMENT1</code>
<code>elif EXPRESSION2:</code>	vs.	<code>if EXPRESSION2:</code>
<code>STATEMENT2</code>		<code>STATEMENT2</code>
<code>elif EXPRESSION3:</code>		<code>if EXPRESSION3:</code>
<code>STATEMENT3</code>		<code>STATEMENT3</code>
<code>else:</code>		<code>if EXPRESSION4:</code>
<code>STATEMENT4</code>		<code>STATEMENT4</code>

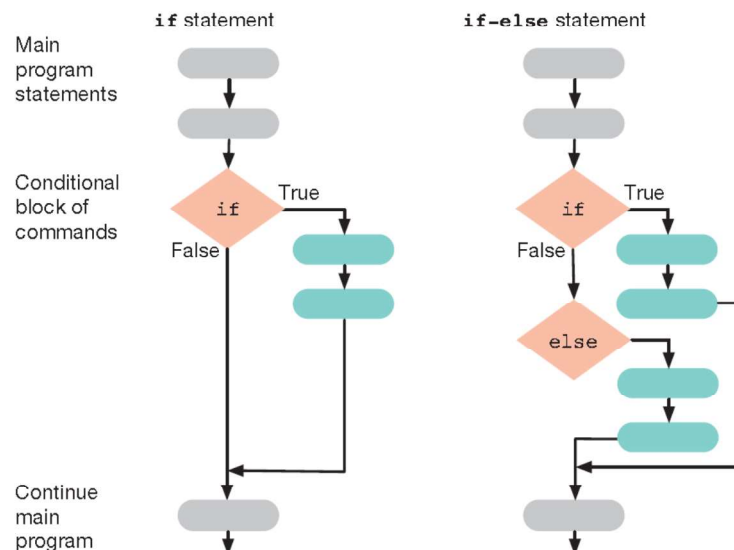


What's the difference between these two?



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## Fill in the bubbles with our Example



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# Control Statements

## Conditional Statements: IF-ELSE

- » Take into account that once a condition is evaluated as true, the remaining conditions are not checked.

```

1
2  x=10
3  y=12
4  z=8
5  if x<y:
6      print(x)
7  elif x<z:
8      print(z)
9  else:
10     print(y)
11
12

```

VS.

```

1
2  x=10
3  y=12
4  z=8
5  if x<y:
6      print(x)
7  if x<z:
8      print(z)
9  else:
10     print(y)
11
12

```

10

10  
12

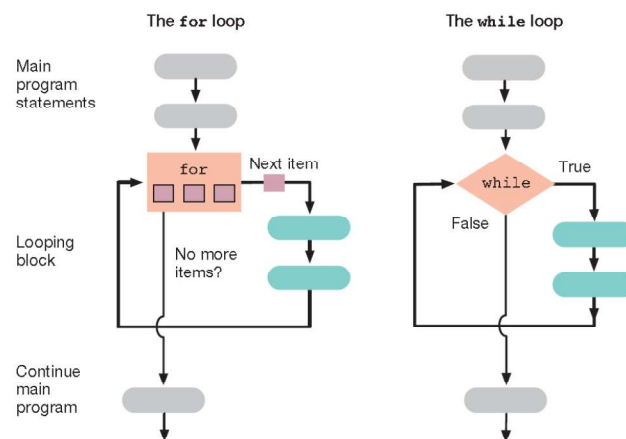


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# Control Statements

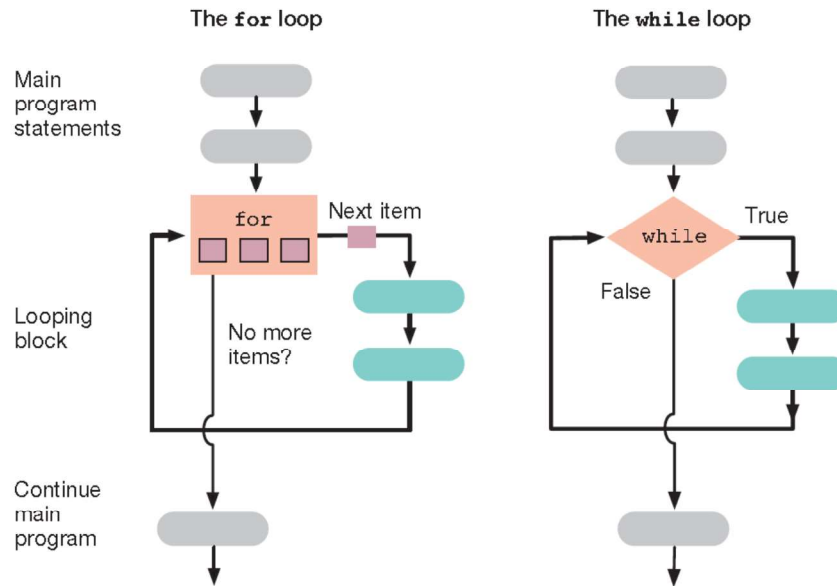
## Loops: for and while loops

- » A loop is a block of statements that gets executed repeatedly as long as some condition is true.



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## Fill in the bubbles with our Example



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## Control Statements

### Loops: for loops

- » A **for** loop structure allows code to be repeatedly executed while keeping a variable with the value of an iterable object.
- » Iterable objects: lists, tuples, strings and dictionaries.

- » A **for** loop structure:

```
for VAR in ITERABLE:
    Statement
```

```
bases = 'ATGCN'
for x in bases:
    print(x)
```

A  
T  
G  
C  
N

```
1
2
3 bases = 'ATGCN'
4 for x in bases:
5     print(x)
6
7
8
```

Debug I/O Python Shell

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Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.  
>>> [evaluate untitled-3.py]  
A  
T  
G  
C  
N  
>>> |

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# Control Statements

## Loops: while loops

- » **while** loop executes a set of statements as long as a condition is true.
- » **while** loop structure

```
while EXPRESSION:
    STATEMENT
```

```
dnaseq = 'ATGCG'
```

```
x = 0
```

```
while x < len(dnaseq):
    print(x, dnaseq[x])
    x += 1
```

```
0 A
1 T
2 G
3 C
4 G
```

```
1
2
3 dnaseq = 'ATGCG'
4 x = 0
5 while x < len(dnaseq):
6     print(x, dnaseq[x])
7     x += 1
8
9
```

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```
>>> 0 A
1 T
2 G
3 C
4 G
>>>
```

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# Control Statements

## Loops: while loops

```
x = 1
```

```
while x <= 5:
    print(x)
    x += 1
```

```
1
2
3
4
5
```

```
1
2
3 x = 1
4 while x <= 5:
5     print(x)
6     x += 1
7
8
```

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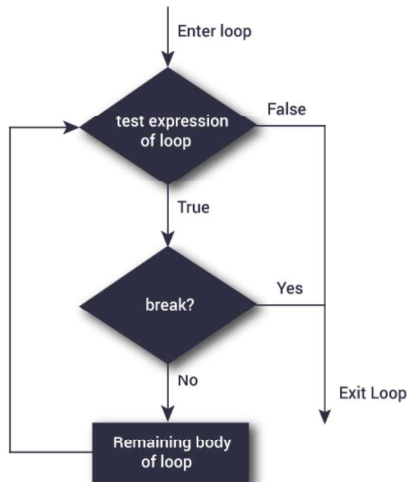
```
>>> 1
2
3
4
5
>>>
```

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# Control Statements

## Break Statement: break the loop

- » **break** can be used to escape from a loop structure, either **for** or **while** loop



```

for var in sequence:
    # codes inside for loop
    if condition:
        break
    # codes inside for loop
# codes outside for loop
  
```

```

while test expression:
    # codes inside while loop
    if condition:
        break
    # codes inside while loop
# codes outside while loop
  
```

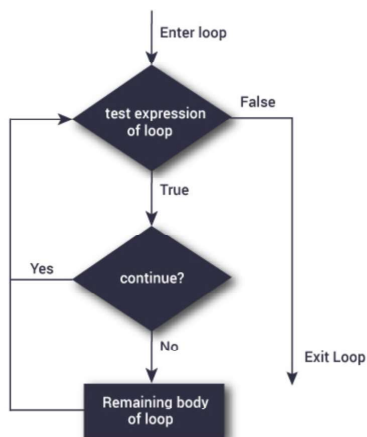
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# Control Statements

## Continue Statement

- » The **continue** statement is used to skip the rest of the code inside a loop for the current iteration only. Loop does not terminate but continues on with the next iteration.



```

for var in sequence:
    # codes inside for loop
    if condition:
        continue
    # codes inside for loop
# codes outside for loop
  
```

```

while test expression:
    # codes inside while loop
    if condition:
        continue
    # codes inside while loop
# codes outside while loop
  
```

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# Control Statements

## Continue Statement

- » The **continue** statement is used to skip the rest of the code inside a loop for the current iteration only. Loop does not terminate but continues on with the next iteration.

```

1
2
3
4 bases = 'ATGNC'
5 for x in bases:
6     if x == 'N':
7         continue
8     print(x)
9
10 print('The end')
```

A  
T  
G  
C  
The end

```

1
2 bases = 'ATGNC'
3 for x in bases:
4     if x == 'N':
5         break
6     print(x)
7 print('The end')
```

A  
T  
G  
The end




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# Functions

## Defining Functions of Your Own

- » Code reuse or **DRY** (Don't Repeat Yourself)
- » A function is a piece of code written to carry out a specified task, and called by name.
- » Two important things with a function
  - Define it
  - Call it
- » Definition statements have the general form:
 

```
def functionname(arg1, arg2, ..., argN):
    statements
    return values
```

- » Call the function 

```
functionname(expression)
```



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# Functions

## Defining Functions of Your Own

- » Creating a function

```
def Hello():  
    print("Hello World!")
```

function name

Define a function named "Hello".  
Does not print anything until you call the function.

- » Calling a function

Hello() → Hello World!

```
def Hello():  
    print("Hello
```

- » How function works

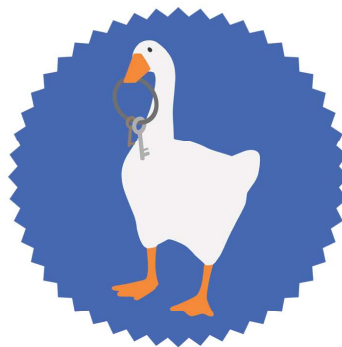
```
print("Hello User!")  
print("Hello User!")  
print("Hello User!")  
print("Hello User!")
```

```
User!")  
Hello()  
Hello()  
Hello()  
Hello()
```



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```
(bottom)
1  
2 def make_a_sound():  
3     print('quack')  
4  
5  
6 make_a_sound()  
7
```



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>>> [evaluate untitled-3.py]  
quack  
>>> |

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# Functions

## Defining Functions of Your Own

### » Arguments and Parameters

- Information can be passed to functions as Arguments
- The values of those arguments are copied to their corresponding *parameters* inside the function
- Assigns the first parameter name to the first argument's value, the second parameter name to the second value, and so on

```

1
2
3 def timestwo(value):
4     value *= 2
5     print(value)
6 timestwo(3)
7

```

6

```

1
2
3 def sum(a, b):
4     print(a + b)
5 sum(3, 4)
6

```

7



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# Functions

## Defining Functions of Your Own

### » Return value

- The statement `return [expression]` exits a function, optionally passing back an expression to the caller.
- A return statement with no arguments is the same as `return None`.

```

1
2
3 def timestwo(value):
4     value *= 2
5     return value
6 x = 3
7 y = timestwo(x)
8 print('y', y)
9 print('x', x)
10

```

y 6  
x 3

```

1
2
3
4 def sum(a, b):
5     return a + b
6 x = 3
7 y = 4
8 print(sum(x, y))
9

```

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# Functions

## Defining Functions of Your Own

- » Return value
  - Once you return a value from a function, it immediately stops being executed. Any code after the **return** statement will never happen.

```

1
2
3 def timestwo(value):
4     value *= 2
5     return value
6     print(value)  → This won't be printed!
7
8 x = 3
9 y = timestwo(x)
10 print('y', y)
11

```

Debug (Python Shell)

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 >>> [evaluate untitled 3.py]  
 y 6  
 x 3  
 >>>

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# Functions

## Defining Functions of Your Own

- » Variable names inside methods are stored separately -- **Local Variables**
- » **Global variables** defined and declared outside a function

```

1
2 def timesTwoFour(two):
3     two *= 2
4     four = two * 4
5     return two, four
6
7 two = 2
8 y, z = timesTwoFour(two)
9 print(y)
10 print(z)
11 print(two)
12

```

4  
16  
2

```

1
2 def function(variable):
3     variable += 1
4     print(variable)
5
6 function(7)
7 print(variable)
8

```

NameError: name 'variable'  
is not defined

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# Structured programming

## Definition

- » Modular programming, enforces a logical structure on the program being written to make it more efficient and easier to understand and modify.
- » In SP, control of program flow is restricted to three structures, sequence, IF THEN ELSE, and DO WHILE, or to a structure derivable from a combination of the basic three.

Three main parts:

1. Loops (for and while)
2. Flow control (IF-ELSE)
3. Function

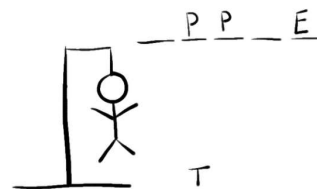


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# Structured programming

## SP Example -- Hangman

- » Hangman is a slightly macabre children's game
- » Player one thinks of a secret word, indicated by a number of dashes
- » On each turn, player two guesses one letter
  - if the letter occurs in the word, the blanks are filled in
  - if the letter does not occur, a "body part" is added to the man
- » Player one wins if the body is completed before the word is guessed
- » Player two wins if the word is guessed before the body is completed



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## Structured programming

### SP Example -- Hangman

- » Get the list of words
- » Randomly choose the secret word from the list
- » For each turn
  - Display current word, guessed letters, and hanging man
  - Get user guess and check it is valid
  - Update current word, guessed letters, and hanging man
  - Check if computer won (body is complete)
  - Check if user won (word is complete)



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## Structured programming

### SP Example -- Hangman

- » Get the list of words
 

```
wordlist = ['Python', 'Happy', 'learning']
```
- » Choose the secret word from the list
 

```
secret_word = random.choice(words)
```
- » For each turn
 

```
While True:
```

  - Display current word, guessed letters, and hanging man
  - Get user guess and check it is valid
  - Update current word, guessed letters, and hanging man
  - Check if computer won (body is complete)
  - Check if user won (word is complete)



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# Structured programming

## SP Example -- Hangman

- » Get the list of words

```
wordlist = ['Python', 'Happy', 'learning']
```

- » Choose the secret word from the list

```
secret_word = random.choice(words)
```

```
'''=====
This is a python script to play the hangman game
The computer acts as player 1 and selects a secret word. The user is player
on each turn
    player 2 guesses a letter
    if correct it is added to the word
    if incorrect, loss one score
====='''
import random
```

```
wordlist = ['Python', 'Happy', 'learning']
```

```
secret_word = random.choice(wordlist)
```



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# Structured programming

## SP Example -- Hangman

```
1  '''=====
2  This is a python script to play the hangman game
3  The computer acts as player 1 and selects a secret word. The user is player
4  on each turn
5      player 2 guesses a letter
6      if correct it is added to the word
7      if incorrect, loss one score
8  ====='''
9
10
11  import random |
12
13  wordlist=["python","happy", "learning"]
14
15  secret_word=random.choice(wordlist)
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
```



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# Structured programming

## SP Example -- Hangman

» Define GetGuess function

```
def GetGuess():
    """Set the dashes to the length of the secret word and set the amount of guesses
    let the player guess if the letter in the selected word
    """
    dashes = "-" * len(secret_word)
    guesses_left = 10
```



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# Structured programming

## SP Example -- Hangman

» Define GetGuess function

- Use loops to let player to enter the guessed letter

```
25 #This will loop as long as BOTH conditions are true:
26 # 1.The number of guesses left is greater than -1
27 # 2.The dash string does not equal the secret word
28 while guesses_left>-1 and not dashes==secret_word:
29
30     # print the amount of dashes and guesses left
31     print(dashes)
32     print(str(guesses_left))
33     # ask for user input
34     guess= input("Guess: ")
35
36
37     # if the guess is in the secret word then we update dashes to replace the
38     # the corresponding with the correct index that the guess belongs to in
39     # the secret word
40     if guess in secret_word:
41         print ("that letter is in the secret word!")
42         dashes=Update_dashes(secret_word, dashes, guess)
43     # if the guess is wrong then we display a message and subtract
44     # the amount of guesses the user has by 1
45     else:
46         print ("that letter is not in the secret word!")
47         guesses_left -=1
48
```

Call Function  
update\_dashes



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## Structured programming

### SP Example -- Hangman

- » Define GetGuess function
  - After the while loop is False

```

50
51
52         if guesses_left<0:
53             print ("You lose. The word was " + str(secret_word))
54         # if the dash equals the secret word in the end then the user wins
55         else:
56             print ("Congrats! You win. The word was "+ str(secret_word))
57
58
59
60

```



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## Structured programming

### SP Example -- Hangman

- » Second function – Update dashes

dashes = update\_dashes(secret\_word, dashes, guess)

```

59
60     # This function updates the string of dashes by replacing the dashes with
61     # characters that are present in the hidden word if the user manages
62     # to guess it correctly
63
64     def Update_dashes(secret, cur_dash, rec_guess):
65         result=""
66         for i in range(len(secret)):
67             if secret[i]==rec_guess:
68                 result=result+rec_guess #adds guess to the string if the
69                 # guess is correct
70             else:
71                 # add the dash at index i to the result if it doesnt match the guess
72                 result=result+cur_dash[i]
73
74         return result
75
76
77

```



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# Structured programming

## SP Example -- Hangman

- » Call GetGuess Function

GetGuess()

- » **In Class Exercises**

- » To use the 3 uploaded part scripts to combine them together into a complete script to let it work!!! (Don't worry, it will take some fiddling with!)



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## Don't forget to CALL!

- Call your function to run it:

GetGuess()

```

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>>> [evaluate Mehrnaz_workshop2.py]
-----
10
Guess: h
that letter is in the secret word!
---h--
10
Guess: |
  
```

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# Notes





# Notes

