



Lists in Python

In Python, Lists can be considered as the most general version of a "sequence". Unlike strings, they are mutable which means the elements inside a list can be changed!

Lists are constructed with brackets `[]` and commas separating every element in the list.

✓ Key Features of Lists:

- **Ordered:** Items have a defined order and can be accessed by index.
- **Mutable:** You can change, add, or remove items after the list is created.
- **Allows duplicates:** Lists can have repeated values.
- **Heterogeneous:** Can store different data types together.

Hands on Time

Examples of list

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In [5]: # Examples of List

# 1. Homogenous Data
numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50] # List of Int
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"] # List of strings
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bools = [True, False, True, False] # List of boolean
temperatures = [36.6, 37.0, 36.4] # List of float
```

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In [6]: # 2. Hetrogenous Data
mixed = [101, "Alice", True, 99.5] # contains only primitive data
employee = ["John", 32, 5.8, True, ["Python", "C++"]] # nested - List of List
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In [7]: my_list = ['A string', 23, 100.232, 'o']
```

```
In [8]: len(my_list)
```

```
Out[8]: 4
```

Indexing and Slicing

Slicing allows you to extract a portion of a list using a clean, flexible syntax.

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list[start : stop : step]
```

Indexing and slicing of lists works just like in Strings. Let's make a new list to remind ourselves of how this works:

```
In [9]: my_list = ['one', 'two', 'three', 4, 5]
```

```
In [10]: # Grab element at index 0
my_list[0]
```

```
Out[10]: 'one'
```

```
In [11]: # Grab index 1 and everything past it
my_list[1:]
```

```
Out[11]: ['two', 'three', 4, 5]
```

```
In [12]: # Grab everything UP TO index 3
my_list[:3]
```

```
Out[12]: ['one', 'two', 'three']
```

We can also use "+" to concatenate lists, just like we did for Strings.

```
In [13]: my_list + ['new item']
```

```
Out[13]: ['one', 'two', 'three', 4, 5, 'new item']
```

```
In [14]: # The original list doesnot change
my_list
```

```
Out[14]: ['one', 'two', 'three', 4, 5]
```

In this case, you have to reassign the list to make the permanent change.

```
In [15]: # Reassign  
my_list = my_list + ['add new item permanently']
```

```
In [16]: my_list
```

```
Out[16]: ['one', 'two', 'three', 4, 5, 'add new item permanently']
```

```
In [17]: my_list * 2
```

```
Out[17]: ['one',  
          'two',  
          'three',  
          4,  
          5,  
          'add new item permanently',  
          'one',  
          'two',  
          'three',  
          4,  
          5,  
          'add new item permanently']
```

Basic List Methods

```
In [18]: # Create a new list  
l = [1,2,3]
```

```
In [19]: # Append  
l.append('append me!')
```

```
In [20]: # Show  
l
```

```
Out[20]: [1, 2, 3, 'append me!']
```

```
In [22]: # list.pop([index]) -> Pop off the 0 indexed item  
l.pop(0)
```

```
Out[22]: 2
```

```
In [23]: # Show  
l
```

```
Out[23]: [3, 'append me!']
```

```
In [24]: # Assign the popped element, remember default popped index is -1  
popped_item = l.pop()
```

Sort and Reverse in Lists

```
In [25]: new_list = ['a','e','x','b','c']
```

```
In [26]: #Show  
new_list
```

```
Out[26]: ['a', 'e', 'x', 'b', 'c']
```

```
In [27]: # List.reverse() -> Use reverse to reverse order (this is permanent!)  
new_list.reverse()
```

```
In [28]: new_list
```

```
Out[28]: ['c', 'b', 'x', 'e', 'a']
```

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In [29]: # List.sort(key=None, reverse=False) => Use sort to sort the list (in this case alp  
new_list.sort()
```

```
In [30]: new_list
```

```
Out[30]: ['a', 'b', 'c', 'e', 'x']
```

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In [ ]:
```

Nesting Lists

Nesting Lists is one of the great features in Python data structures. Nesting Lists means we can have data structures within data structures.

For example: A list inside a list.

```
In [31]: # Let's make three lists  
lst_1=[1,2,3]  
lst_2=[4,5,6]  
lst_3=[7,8,9]  
  
# Make a list of lists to form a matrix  
matrix = [lst_1,lst_2,lst_3]
```

```
In [32]: # Show  
matrix
```

```
Out[32]: [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
```

```
In [33]: # Grab first item in matrix object  
matrix[0]
```

```
Out[33]: [1, 2, 3]
```

List Comprehensions

Python has an advanced feature called list comprehensions which allows for quick construction of lists.

Here are few of our examples which helps you to understand list comprehensions.

```
In [34]: matrix
```

```
Out[34]: [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
```

```
In [35]: # Problem: from matrix list extract the first column data.
```

```
In [36]: # Build a List comprehension by deconstructing a for loop within a []  
first_col = [row[0] for row in matrix]
```

```
In [37]: first_col
```

```
Out[37]: [1, 4, 7]
```

some miscellaneous List methods

```
In [38]: l = [1,2,3]
```

```
In [39]: # list.append(element) -> append in list  
l.append(4)
```

```
In [40]: # list.count(element) -> count in list  
l.count(3)
```

```
Out[40]: 1
```

```
In [42]: # list.append(element) -> append in list
```

```
x = [1, 2, 3]  
x.append([4, 5])  
print(x)
```

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

```
In [43]: # list.extend(iterable) -> extend in list
```

```
x = [1, 2, 3]  
x.extend([4, 5])  
print(x)
```

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

```
In [45]: # list.index(element, start=0, end=len(list)) ->index in list - Make a note that if  
l.index(2)
```

Out[45]: 1

```
In [46]: # insert(index,object) in list  
l = [1,2,3,4]  
  
# Place a letter at the index 2  
l.insert(2,'inserted')  
print(l)
```

[1, 2, 'inserted', 3, 4]

```
In [47]: # pop() in list  
l = [1,2,3,4]  
l.pop()
```

Out[47]: 4

```
In [48]: print(l)
```

[1, 2, 3]

```
In [49]: # list.remove(element) - The remove() method removes the first occurrence of a valu  
l = [1, 2, 'inserted', 3, 4]  
l.remove('inserted')
```

```
In [50]: print(l)
```

[1, 2, 3, 4]

```
In [ ]:
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References

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