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# Lists

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 **dennysregalado**  2 years ago

I just use eval function

```
n = input()
l = []
for _ in range(n):
    s = raw_input().split()
    cmd = s[0]
    args = s[1:]
    if cmd != "print":
        cmd += "(" + ",".join(args) + ")"
        eval("l." + cmd)
    else:
        print l
```

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**Jourl**  2 years ago

great :-)

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**mdavis**  2 years ago

I also used eval but yours is so much cleaner! Thanks!

```
L = []
for _ in range(0, int(raw_input())):
    user_input = raw_input().split(' ')
    command = user_input.pop(0)
    if len(user_input) > 0:
        if 'insert' == command:
            eval("L.{0}({1}, {2})".format(command, user_input[0], user_i
nput[1]))
```

```

        else:
            eval("L.{0}({1})".format(command, user_input[0]))
        elif command == 'print':
            print L
        else:
            eval("L.{0}().format(command))"

```

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**robipolli** ⓘ 6 months ago

eval is evil ;)

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**eyshikaengineer** ⓘ 5 months ago

Here is mine

```

N = int(input())
list1 = []
for i in range(N):
    cmd = input().split()
    command = cmd[0]
    if len(cmd) > 1:
        index = int(cmd[1])
    if len(cmd) > 2:
        number = int(cmd[2])
    if command == 'insert':
        list1.insert(index, number)
    if command == 'append':
        list1.append(number)
    if command == 'remove':
        list1.remove(index)
    if command == 'print':
        print(list1)
    if command == 'pop':
        list1.pop()
    if command == 'reverse':
        list1.reverse()
    if command == 'sort':
        list1.sort()

```

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**ramanchopra\_8** ⓘ 3 months ago

Why we have use .split command what it is used for please can you explain me with an example.

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**CaymanEss** ⓘ 3 months ago

The Python docs have good [string.split\(\)](#) examples.

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**sanyenoh** ⓘ 10 days ago

split basically converts the data into a list,since we have to work with list in this code.

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**ishanshekhar0502** ⓘ 3 months ago

What a piece of code , man!

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**waldon** ⓘ 2 years ago

learned a lot from your code!But I'm wondering that is "for \_ in range(n):" a good habit?

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**omnious42** ⓘ about a year ago

Using underscore ("\_) as the variable name in the for appears to be common practice when you don't intend to use the variable in the loop. Underscore is a valid variable name, so you *could* use it in the loop, but it would make for unreadable code (what does underscore mean?) so using it designates that the variable has no meaning or is otherwise unnecessary.

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**Max\_Vignesh** ⏱ 11 months ago

Nice

Thanks & regards

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**Zurda** ⏱ 8 months ago

This thread taught me some valuable new things. Thanks!

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**mahdi420** ⏱ about a year ago

Great job bro

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**ilango240692** ⏱ 6 months ago

different dimensions

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**pavanbawdane** ⏱ about a year ago

Sneaky. It took some time for me to understand it but altogether, it's an excellent piece of code.

Learnt a lot. Thumbs up!

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**MJKG1** ⏱ about a year ago

hi bro, I am new to python language. Will you please explain the code which you used especially eval function...

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**varunkmr26** ⏱ about a year ago

yeah even I need help regarding the same

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**masquerade0097** ⏱ 7 months ago

Google it dude

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**ishanshekhar0502** ⏱ 3 months ago

The eval function lets a python program run python code within itself. Let me explain you the entire code :)

1. First we take input of how many instruction user will enter.
2. We declare an array.
3. Then loop starts ,which will run n times.
4. s=input().split()..... it takes multiple input at one go.(Remember it takes input in string format, you need to convert it according to your use) What split does is explicitly specify split(' ') because split() uses any whitespace characters as delimiter as default.
5. As per the format of question the first item of 's' will be the command i.e insert ,append , print etc.
6. And starting from item 1 onwards we will get our argument eg. insert 0 1... which means item0 which is our command viz "insert" and item one onwards we get our arguments viz 0,1 .
7. Now we check whether or not the command is "Print". If it is "print" we simply print the list. else
8. we join our command and arguments . so our final command becomes insert(0,1). (refer point 6)
9. Now, eval run l.insert(0,1) within itself what is happening in eval("l."+cmd) is: l(which is our list) we concat list with the command , and we all know the use of ' l.command(attributes)

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**kas111ph** ⏱ 2 months ago

thanks for explaining code ..it did a great help

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**khamzah22** ⏱ 2 months ago

If this is not sexy then what is. Piece of art. Learnt a lot

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**shahane\_rohan96** ⏱ 2 months ago

Thank you very much for the explanation !!! Very much appreciate it !! :D

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**phanis653** ⏱ 3 days ago

Thank you very much. Nice explanation

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**Dizzy** ⏱ about a year ago

This is an elegant solution. Great job.

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**MJKG1** ⏱ about a year ago

hey hii Dizzzy, Did you understand that code which you commented on?? if yes please explain me..

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**zigzagable** ⏱ about a year ago

I am new to Python, but eval() is considered bad practice and contains a security hole: <http://stackoverflow.com/a/9384005>

This is how I made mine and it avoids that security hole:

```
cmd = "l.{},{}".format(cmd, num[0], num[1])
exec(cmd)
```

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**JackVo** ⓘ about a year ago

There are always another solution. If only to pass the challenges, he can use eval. It's up to him. I appreciate your code above. Great job.

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**PauloPerna** ⓘ about a year ago

Can someone explain this line?

```
cmd += "(" + ",".join(args) + ")"
```

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**jessedgb** ⓘ 11 months ago

I'm also trying to understand this, and am picking it appart one piece at a time. -----  
-----Number one-----

```
cmd +=
```

here he is appending some text to the 'command' string that gets evaluated later in the code.

-----Number two-----

```
cmd += "(" + ",".join(args) + ")"
```

Here the brackets on the far left and right sides have quotes around them because he is trying to construct the part where the two numbers(arguments) are used by the function. The comma also has quotes because it is needed between those two numbers.

the plus signs simply join the pieces of text together, and the `join(args)` is used to insert the numbers into the argument section of the function.

my problem in understanding is that I would have assumed that the `join(args)` would need to be written before and after the comma in that line of text.

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**psramam** ⓘ 9 months ago

Excellent explanation.....thank you very much

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**benyscott** ⓘ 9 months ago

The reason why it's written before is that `join()` is a function you call on a string. The string is what joins the arguments. The string here being a comma the result of `",".join(args)` is `2,3` (in the case that `args = [2,3]`)

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**Ankur\_Beginning** ⏱ 2 months ago

I am not getting this line of code fully, will you please explain again.

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**g\_jaswanth** ⏱ about a month ago

`join()` is string method which takes either a string or List of strings as parameters ex:-  
`join("hai")` or `join(["hai","bye"])`

the `,` before `join()` is delimiter. means by using comma JOIN joins the hai and bye

so `","join(["hai","bye"])`

gives you hai,bye

same way here he is passing `","join(args)` args = `s[1:]` means some list

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**dhrub0216** ⏱ about a year ago

```
cmd += "(" + ",".join(args) + ")"
```

Meaning of this line

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**Ekwy\_** ⏱ 8 months ago

`cmd += "(" + ",".join(args) + ")"` the string cmd receive the following string: "(" added of `",".join(args)` added of ")"

The function join links 2 strings, in this case : `,` and args. It separates all the variables in args with `,` and turns it in a string.

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**aamarques** ⏱ 2 months ago

It's the same of: `cmd = cmd + "(" + ",".join(args) + ")"`

if your input is "insert 0 5", the result will be: `insert = insert(0,5)`

This command joins cmd plus ( plus args comma separated and )

Hope you understand!

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**js001** ⏱ about a year ago

This answer is so much better. I'm not sure if I admire you or hate you :)

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**bipinoli90** ⏱ about a year ago

Thanks for sharing :)

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**munish01211** ⏱ about a year ago

can anybody explain me the meaning or purpose of s[1:]

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**isobel\_dawn\_tay1** ⓘ about a year ago

Splices the list to give everything from the index 1 (the second thing in the list) to the end. In this case, that means everything except the command name.

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**paul\_e\_gradie** ⓘ 7 months ago

This is actually a really interesting question, and it confounded me for a little while until I looked it up. So the deal is that when you slice a list, you will always return a list, no matter what. This isn't the case with indexing a list, which is a different method and has a different set of possible return values. Check out this code:

## python

```
x = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5] # create a list
```

```
print x
```

```
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

## Indexing

```
print x[3]
```

```
3
```

```
print x[100] # try to return an index clearly out of bounds
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last): File "C:\Python27\lib\site-packages\IPython\core\interactiveshell.py", line 2885, in run_code exec(code_obj, self.user_global_ns, self.user_ns)
File "", line 1, in x[100]
```

**IndexError: list index out of range**

## Slicing

```
print x[3:4] # a one element slice starting at element three
```

```
[3]
```

```
print x[1:5]
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4] # don't forget slices end before the second argument element
```

## Now for the illuminating cases

```
print x[3:100] # a much larger slice starting at element 3
```

```
[3, 4, 5]
```

The returned list included everything beyond 3, starting from 3.

```
print x[100, 200] # an index range that is clearly out of bounds
```

```
[]
```

The returned list includes nothing, because there is nothing between 100 and 200.

So you see, the slice method only returns list, even if the slice is out of range of the list indices. This is due to how the code is written behind the slice method for lists, which clearly always ends with returning a list, empty or not.

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**netampraveen** ⓘ about a year ago

really helpful, thanks a lot

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**dohyunio** ⓘ 12 months ago

What's the difference between input() and raw\_input()? Why did you do them in those lines respectively?

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**netampraveen** ⓘ 12 months ago

in raw\_input() you give input as string while in input() as a interger

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**mehulj5775** ⓘ 12 months ago

Me new to python. Can you let me know where i went wrong?

"""Traceback (most recent call last): File "solution.py", line 4, in L = L.insert(1,10)  
AttributeError: 'NoneType' object has no attribute 'insert'"""

No response to STDOUT and run time error.

My Code:

```
L = [] L = L.insert(0,5) L = L.insert(1,10) L = L.insert(0,6) print(L) L.remove(6)
L.append(9) L.append(1) L.sort() print(L) L.remove() L.reverse() print(L)
```

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**isobel\_dawn\_tay1** ⓘ 12 months ago

The insert method modifies the list in place. It doesn't return a modified version of the list.

So, on your first insert, you're modifying the list, then assigning to L the return value, which is None.

From then on, you're trying to use the insert method of None, which doesn't exist.

Just do L.insert rather than L = L.insert

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**mehulj5775** ⓘ 11 months ago

```
L = []
```

```
L.insert(0,5)
```

```
L.insert(1,10)
```

```
L.insert(0,6)
```

```
print(L)
```

```
L.remove(6)
```

```
L.append(9)
```

```
L.append(1)
```

```
L.sort()
```

```
print(L)
```

```
L.remove(10)
```

```
L.reverse()
```

```
print(L)
```

Hi, i passed the test0 case but it shows that i failed the test1, even though i am getting the expected output.

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**decentkaushal09** ⏱ 11 months ago

I tried the same method that you tried but got error. After reading these comments I got to know where I was wrong. Thanks

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**mehulj5775** ⏱ 11 months ago

can you let me know where i am wrong?

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**manasveemittal** ⏱ 8 months ago

you were instructed to form a loop.

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**SSJIV** ⏱ 8 months ago

You are trying to implement the example function directly. It works because the test case 1 is exactly same as the example mentioned.

However, the test case 2, gives in the raw input in form of 'string'. You need to evaluate each function and convert it correspondingly to subsequent function i.e, 'insert' which is a string becomes list1.insert(argument)

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**mdzeeshanali93** ⏱ 10 months ago

This is not a solution. you just printed all that has been asked as expected output, this code will not work for other inputs

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**joejoooo1** ⏱ 3 months ago

```
if name == 'main': for N in range(0,12): List = [] List.insert(0,5) List.insert(1,10)
List.insert(0,6) print(List) List.remove(6) List.append(9) List.append(1) List.sort()
print(List) List.remove(10) List.reverse() print(List)
```

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**aswanthg7** 12 months ago

its insert(0,6) not insert(0.6)

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**sugalivijaychari** 11 months ago

u supposed to write L.insert(0,6) but u wrote L.insert(0.6)

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**mehulj5775** 11 months ago

oops, thank u so much

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**decentkaushal09** 11 months ago

its still showing error in test case 1.

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**miku86coding** 2 months ago

Because you are hardcoding the numbers. The function should read the input. If the numbers change, your code should return the changed numbers, not your hardcoded ones.

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**eltonplima** 12 months ago

careful when using eval, because eval is evil.

Read the book: Dive into Python to understand.

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**mdavis** 7 months ago

Agreed! eval is very dangerous to use in production and there is always a more pythonically correct way.

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**rmtustc** 12 months ago

why it doesn't compile in python 3?

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**eltonplima** 12 months ago

In python3 the print is a function.

In python2 you use print l

In python3 you use print(l)

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**rmtustc** ⏲ 12 months ago

wow, thanks, impresive

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Great!!!

we are await for new command and tricks to solve complicated problem in an easy way..Like This...

-1 ⤵ | [Add Comment](#) [Parent](#) [Permalink](#)**e2dost** ⏲ 11 months agoExcellent solution. Just one thing: it's better to use `n=int(input())` I think, rather than `n=input()`, in order to cover the error that sometimes occurs when calling the 'for' loop...1 ⤵ | [Add Comment](#) [Parent](#) [Permalink](#)**ahmadzakialsafi** ⏲ 11 months ago

creative

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could you plese explain how this works

0 ⤵ | [Add Comment](#) [Parent](#) [Permalink](#)**Max\_Vignesh** ⏲ 11 months ago

Well this one is a good code. But I cant understand the sixth line of your code. Can u please explain the flow of this program.

Thanks &amp; regards

0 ⤵ | [Add Comment](#) [Parent](#) [Permalink](#)**Max\_Vignesh** ⏲ 11 months ago

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Thanks &amp; regards

0 ⤵ | [Add Comment](#) [Parent](#) [Permalink](#)**ashokkumarsudha** ⏲ 11 months agohey can u explain me this line step by step `cmd += (" + ",".join(args) + ")"`0 ⤵ | [Add Comment](#) [Parent](#) [Permalink](#)**wittrup** ⏲ 10 months ago

tl;dr ;) Two-liner:

```
l=[]
[getattr(l,s[0])(*map(int,s[1:]))) if hasattr(l,s[0]) else print(l) for s
in [input().split() for _ in range(int(input()))]]
```

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**LurkyTheHatMan** ⏱ 9 months ago

This is full of beautiful automagic (I adore list comprehensions when they don't become too beastly).

For a while, I wondered why there was some mystical extra line, but then I remembered that you're using a list comprehension, which spits out a list, and the interpreter prints unassigned return values :)

Anyway, you sir win one internet(s)!

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**akik22** ⏱ 3 months ago

@wittrup, Great piece of code bro :)

For newbie like me, below is the breakdown of the code.

```
l=[]
for x in range(int(input())):
    s = input().split()
    if hasattr(l,s[0]):
        getattr(l,s[0])(*map(int,s[1:])))
    else:
        print (l)
```

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**deepak9046** ⏱ 2 months ago

Could you please explain the code?

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**hemantsingh1612** ⏱ about a month ago

hasattr checks if the input operation to be performed is valid or not .

getattr(l,s[0])(\*map(int,s[1:])))

Here we perform the operation on the rest of the elements in input \*map is to convert the remaining input into 1..3 format.

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**CrazyYoungBro** ⏱ 10 months ago

Could you explain what

```
cmd += " (" + ",".join(args) + ")"
```

```
cmd += " (" + ",".join(args) + ")"
```

means?

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It means that the sequence of the elements in args will be joined with the string ';' and have a "(" prefix and ")" suffix. Basically, if args are ['0','5'] the new string will be "(0,5)", and then all this appended to cmd by the cmd+= See [https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/string\\_join.htm](https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/string_join.htm)

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Great indeed ;)

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Wow, it took me some time to understand what was going on here; but fantastic code!

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Slightly more concise take on this eval approach:

```
arg1 = input()
l = []
for _ in range(int(arg1)):
    s = input().split()
    if (s[0] != 'print'):
        eval("l.append({}('.format(s[0])+'.'.join(s[1:])+'))")
    else:
        print(l)
```

Also worth noting that unpacking a list with \*l or a dictionary with \*\*dict could be useful in similar problems.

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love your code. thanks

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could you please explain your code?

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Sure.

str.split() will take the string, str and use white space as a delimiter to turn the contents of str into a list of strings.

example: "so this becomes".split() = ['so','this','becomes']

The first value in each of the lists created within the for loop is a string that matches the method we wish to use. eval takes strings as input, and runs them as Python code.

example: eval("print('same')") == print("same")

The format code is taking the first element of the list, s[0], and substituting it for the "{}" contained in my eval string.

example: "{}{}{}".format("Hello", " ", "World") becomes "Hello World"

'join(list) takes each element of a list, and appends them into a string using ',' as the delimiter. the + operator here is just appending the front half of my eval statement to the back half of my eval statement.

example: ',join(['this', 'is', 'nice']) becomes 'this, ,nice'

example: "l.insert(" + "1,2)" = "l.insert(1,2)"

All of these steps take advantage of methods that are built into Python's list data type. That's why we can do list.METHOD(arguments).

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**uppoorabhiram** ⌂ 8 months ago

Super

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**rushabh123453** ⌂ 8 months ago

Hello dennysregalado, when I saw your code I thought I am seeing the wrong code for the question that was given, but it just astonished my mind after reading your code. Initially I thought we were supposed to build our own functions for given operators

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**norajsinger** ⌂ 8 months ago

very nice code

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**paragguruji** ⌂ 7 months ago

Please see my alternative with `getattr` above and comment if you can compare it with `eval` w.r.t. efficiency.

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**dev\_gabriel\_lima** ⌂ 7 months ago

Good implementation!

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**jonobjornstad** ⌂ 7 months ago

very smooth

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**natterstefan** ⌂ 7 months ago



Hello,

thanks for your solution, works great. I have a question though (newbie here): Why does

```
s = raw_input().split()
```

(or another part I am missing) return line by line of the input already? I do not get this yet.

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**baldockja** ⓘ about a month ago

split() turns a string into a list of strings. It "splits" the string on whitespace characters, for example:

```
"a b c" => ["a", "b", "c"]
```

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**scythe042** ⓘ 7 months ago

what does s[1:] mean?.

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**abhinavwalia95** ⓘ 6 months ago

It's so clean and simple, made my day :)

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**omavinashkalal** ⓘ 5 months ago

here what is role of "\_" in for loop

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**so\_no** ⓘ 5 months ago

eval should be used for arithmetic expressions.

exec is the function for commands.

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**codebloode\_123** ⓘ 5 months ago

great work man

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**vimquat** ⓘ 4 months ago

Thanks, the problem is confusing at first but this cleared up a lot of things and I still learned what I needed to :)

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**ajaysubramanian** ⏱ 3 months ago

nice one!

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**alberto\_pranted1** ⏱ 3 months ago

I love that style

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**Lightyaer** ⏱ 3 months ago

Can anyone explain why [@dennysregalado](#) code works on python 2 and not on python 3 except the raw\_input factor

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**alberto\_pranted1** ⏱ 3 months ago

Certainly the print function; on python 3 you have to use the parenthesis on print function.

For more detailed informations about differences between python 2 and 3, you can read it:

[What's New in Python 3](#)

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**Ankur\_Beginning** ⏱ 2 months ago

what is this cmd += ("+" ,".join(args) +")". I am new at python. Anyone please help me.

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**Hypro999** ⏱ 2 months ago

It's beautiful code once you understand it. Thanks for sharing it here. But you made a few mistakes regarding following PEP 8 (which you should REALLY try to follow) and this leads to a decrease in readability.

1.

you generally shouldn't use lowercase l, uppercase O, or uppercase l as variable names because they can be confused with 1 or 0 hence decreasing readability.

2.

that cmd + line can be cleanly written as:

```
cmd += ("+" ,".join(args) +")"
```

1. In python 3 print is a function so you should type: print(l) in the last line

But the idea is beautiful and VERY clean.

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**sairamkamalay** ⏱ 2 months ago

Brilliant

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**kumarswapnil9900** ⏲ 2 months ago

Could you please explain the above code as i am not able to see any discription,please i am new to this and got stuck with this.

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**pawel\_wujkiewicz** ⏲ 2 months ago

Just one 'if', nice :)

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**kumarswapnil9900** ⏲ 2 months ago

Thank you for replying ... I tried with if condition thought didn't get excat output, could you please explain this with an example ..

Thanks in advance

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**praneethkalimis1** ⏲ about a month ago

can you explain this?

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**divya\_gracie** ⏲ 20 days ago

simpler

```
if __name__ == '__main__':
    N = int(raw_input())
    my_list=[]
    for x in range(N):
        args= raw_input().strip().split()
        args[1:]=map(int,args[1:])
        try:
            setattr(my_list,args[0])(*args[1:])
        except AttributeError:
            print my_list
```

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**taha\_karachi** ⏲ 12 days ago

can anyone explain me, why at this line

```
cmd += "(" + ",".join(args) +")"
```

"," is use before join ?

and why i couldn't be done with

```
cmd += "(" + .join(args) +")"
```

because in the trailing part, there is no "," between (args) and +

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**kaydeesullivan** ⏲ 9 days ago



Any chance you can explain this line to me: cmd += ("+", ",join(args) +")"

I understand that you're concatenating the cmd variable to run the command entered, but don't understand why the comma is where it is (","). I would have thought it should go after join(args) but that doesn't work.

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**taha\_karachi** ⌂ 8 days ago

comma works as a separator for values of args

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**jadams76** ⌂ about a year ago

These questions are poorly worded and not clear at all.

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**xorith** ⌂ 2 years ago

This worked first try. Thought I would share because so many seemed to be having issues. I've been in the habit of always using `raw_input().strip()` or `input().strip()` (Python 3). It saves you many headaches trying to figure out non-printable characters.

I didn't bother with a map statement. Probably could have wrapped it in a `try` block, but it still passes. :)

```
T = int(raw_input().strip())

L = []
for t in range(T):
    args = raw_input().strip().split(" ")
    if args[0] == "append":
        L.append(int(args[1]))
    elif args[0] == "insert":
        L.insert(int(args[1]), int(args[2]))
    elif args[0] == "remove":
        L.remove(int(args[1]))
    elif args[0] == "pop":
        L.pop()
    elif args[0] == "sort":
        L.sort()
    elif args[0] == "reverse":
        L.reverse()
    elif args[0] == "print":
        print L
```

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**xorith** ⌂ 2 years ago

And for the sake of wanting to learn... I decided to look up how to replicate the ability to call a function via a name stored in a variable. In PHP, it would be `$func(var);` but I found in Python, it is `getattr(Object, Function)(Vars)`

Example of using this method below. Again, this is assuming the user isn't going to enter in an invalid command!

```
T = int(raw_input().strip())
L = []
for t in range(T):
    args = raw_input().strip().split(" ")
    if args[0] == "print":
```

```

print L
elif len(args) == 3:
    getattr(L, args[0])(int(args[1]), int(args[2]))
elif len(args) == 2:
    getattr(L, args[0])(int(args[1]))
else:
    getattr(L, args[0])()

```

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**neo1691** ① 2 years ago

Thanks a lot. I always wondered why getattr is used. This made a lot of sense!!

edit: typo

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**nvillanueva** ① 2 years ago

I went on a similar route, and to avoid the if/elif's, you can use wildcards. Also, you can check out what methods the list has, using dir() and then, callable()

Example:

```

arr = list()
tests = input()
for test in range(int(tests)):
    test = input()
    instruction = test.split(" ")
    if instruction[0] in dir(arr) and callable(getattr(arr, instruction[0])):
        args = instruction[1:]
        args = list(map(int, args)) # str -> int
        f = getattr(arr, instruction[0]) # get the callable method
        f(*args) # and send it *whatever* argument you have
    else:
        if instruction[0] == "print":
            print(arr)

```

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**berteun** ① 2 years ago

This can be done a bit shorter by just catching an exception (you could also catch TypeError):

```

L = []
for _ in range(int(input())):
    command, *args = input().split()
    try:
        getattr(L, command)(*int(x) for x in args)
    except AttributeError:
        print(L)

```

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**weizhao0** ① 2 years ago

Why not use if statement to check if the command is 'print'? I think it's clearer.

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**berteun** ① 2 years ago

You could do that as well, e.g. (which might actually be a bit better).

```
if command == 'print':
    print(L)
else:
    getattr(L, command)(*(int(x) for x in args))
```

However, I'd argue strongly the way nvillaneua structures the code by first doing some investigation if the call is going to work, is not so idiomatic. See, e.g. [the python documentation](#). You should just do it and catch only does exceptions you can fully handle at that point and let the rest propagate.

This is my main point.

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 **nvillaneua** ⓘ 2 years ago

Huh, I went for safety there, and that's why I checked for `callable()`. I'll give it another look as soon as I get home. Also, I liked your `except AttributeError` better than the `if`. I tried to make it short, more than readable/idiomatic (considering this is not meant to be production-ready code)

Thanks!

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 **conquer\_you** ⓘ about a year ago

cool

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 **sarathid** ⓘ 2 years ago

This is great..

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 **soren\_olegnowicz** ⓘ 2 years ago

Better to ask forgiveness than permission

`import this`

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 **Shivan111** ⓘ 2 years ago

berteun can you explain your `getattr` statement i just read about how the `getattr` works but im not able to understand your statement

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**ericali** ⓘ 2 years ago

awesome

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**YaMogu** ⓘ about a year ago

It looks so cool and pythonic to me. What's the shortest way to do it in Python2?

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this is the most understandable and reliable piece of code to solve this problem (for me)

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So getattr is like java reflection. Good to know, thanks.

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^ Makes sense! Thanks a lot, using all those if/elifs was stupid lol

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even after solving question, i always look for discussion, learn many things as a beginner in python.

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can you explain your getattr statement i need to know how it works here

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Thanks, this is great.

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The above code (by xorith) is not working for extend() function which accepts a single list as a parameter.

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Output is ok without, strip() function. Why did you use it?

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This code helped me SO much in understanding args, thank you!

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Beautiful!

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```
n = int(raw_input())
l = []
for i in range(n):
    command = raw_input().split()
    if command[0] == "print":
        print l
    elif len(command) == 1:
        getattr(l, command[0])()
    else:
        # Cast the params to int
        getattr(l, command[0])(*map(int, command[1:])))
```

Similar, but I use the \* operator to unpack the arguments if there are any.

2 ⌂ ⌃ | [Add Comment](#) [Parent](#) [Permalink](#)**jefjob15** ⓘ 10 months ago

Cool. I knew there had to be a way to unpack a number of arguments that may vary in length. Knew about \*, but couldn't get the syntax right, like this:

```
# I tried this and got SyntaxError
(int(a) for a in *command[1:])

# And I tried this and got TypeError
int(*command[1:]):
```

If I had used \*map in front of that second attempt (and not \*command), I suppose it would've worked out.

0 ⌂ ⌃ | [Add Comment](#) [Parent](#) [Permalink](#)**jasek\_t** ⓘ 12 months ago

Thanks! More pythonic way of your solution (I think). N = int(input()) L = [] for \_ in range(N): line = input().strip().split() cmd = line[0] args = [int(x) for x in line[1:]] if cmd != 'print': setattr(L, cmd)(\*args) else: print(L)

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Heh, it's clever, but the original one you posted is way more readable.

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```
T = int(raw_input())

L = []
for t in range(T):
    args = raw_input().split(" ")
    if args[0] == "append":
        L.append(int(args[1]))
    elif args[0] == "insert":
        L.insert(int(args[1]), int(args[2]))
    elif args[0] == "remove":
        L.remove(int(args[1]))
```

```

        elif args[0] == "pop":
            L.pop()
        elif args[0] == "sort":
            L.sort()
        elif args[0] == "reverse":
            L.reverse()
        elif args[0] == "print":
            print L
    
```

Also works.

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**dvened** ⓘ 10 months ago

Your formatting is wrong, there are unnecessary indents on every row except for the first one

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**NouranSamy96** ⓘ about a year ago

why do i get an error in the elif statement saying invalid syntax although it's the same line as you ??!!

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**varunkmr26** ⓘ about a year ago

may be you need to check the whitespaces.

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**munish01211** ⓘ about a year ago

now this code helped me to understand this problem. Thank you!

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**Max\_Vignesh** ⓘ 11 months ago

Thank you but what is the difference between the .strip() and .split() code. Can you please explain this code.

Thanks & Regards

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**JXSan** ⓘ 9 months ago

Thank you so much for your clear code! My biggest mistake was not stripping / splitting the input!

- Jonathan

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**sriyer** ⓘ about a year ago

Do not use eval -- as a general rule. You almost never have a good reason to. Use getattr(...).

```

# Enter your code here. Read input from STDIN. Print output to STDOUT
L = []
    
```

```

for _ in range(int(raw_input())):
    line = raw_input().strip()
    if line == "print":
        print 1
        continue
    parts = line.split()
    getattr(l, parts[0])(*(map(int, parts[1:])))

```

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**tedmiston** 9 months ago

I wanted to avoid a long if-else block and eval(), hence using a dict of lambdas.

I think this is pretty simple and readable.

```

n = int(input())
operations = [input().strip() for _ in range(n)]

list_ = []

commands = {
    'insert': lambda idx, ele: list_.insert(int(idx), int(ele)),
    'print': lambda: print(list_),
    'remove': lambda ele: list_.remove(int(ele)),
    'append': lambda ele: list_.append(int(ele)),
    'sort': lambda: list_.sort(),
    'pop': lambda: list_.pop(),
    'reverse': lambda: list_.reverse(),
}

for operation in operations:
    name, args = [i.strip() for i in (operation + ' ').split(' ', maxsplit=1)]
    command = commands.get(name)
    command(*args.split())

```

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**jdeflaux** 8 months ago

That's a neat solution!

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**robipolli** 6 months ago

don't need to lambda everything

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**yatalsingh611** about a month ago

Great

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**kaushik\_ora** 19 days ago

can u please explain this part:

```

for operation in operations: name, args = [i.strip() for i in (operation + ' ').split(' ', maxsplit=1)]
    command = commands.get(name)
    command(*args.split())

```

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