



Lecture 8

List Comprehensions



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Last time: Identity Operators: is is not

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Identical objects are always equal values

Parameter passing: Output?

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def test (x):  
    x = x + 1  
  
y = 10  
  
test(y)  
  
print(y)
```

A: 10

B: 11

C: None

D: Error

E: I do not know

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```
def test (x):  
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def test (x):  
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```
var = ([1, 2], [3, 4])  
copy = var  
var[0][1] = "changed"  
var = ([1, "changed"], [3, 4])  
print(copy is var)
```

A : Error

B: None

C: ([1, "changed"], [3, 4])

D: True

E: False



What is the output?

```
def func(lst):  
    new_list = lst  
    new_list[0] = 'changed'
```

```
param = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
func(param)  
print(param)
```

A : Error

B: None

C: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

D: ["changed", 2, 3, 4, 5]

E: None of the above



What is the output?

```
def func(lst):  
    new_list = lst  
    new_list[0] = 'm'
```

```
param = "string"  
func(param)  
print(param)
```

A : Error

B: None

C: string

D: mtring

E: None of the above

Mutable Default Arguments are Dangerous

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```
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...     s.append(3)  
...     return len(s)  
...  
>>> f()  
1
```

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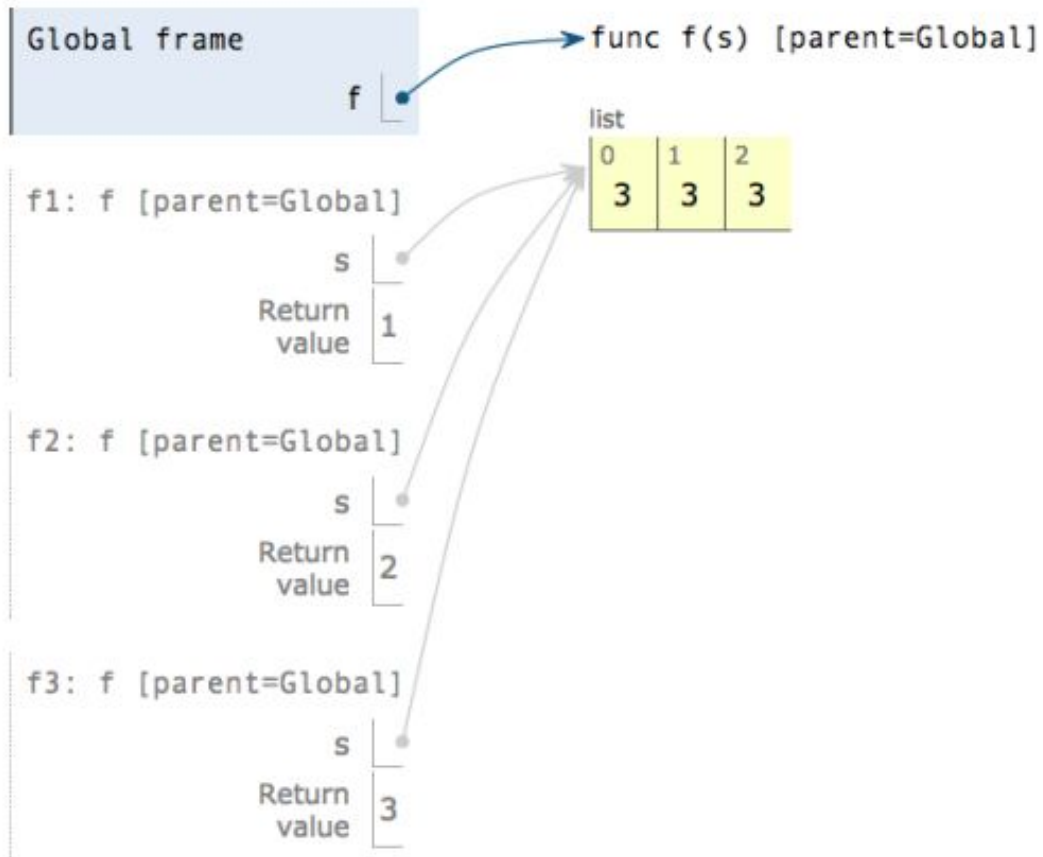
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What will happen if I call `f()` again?

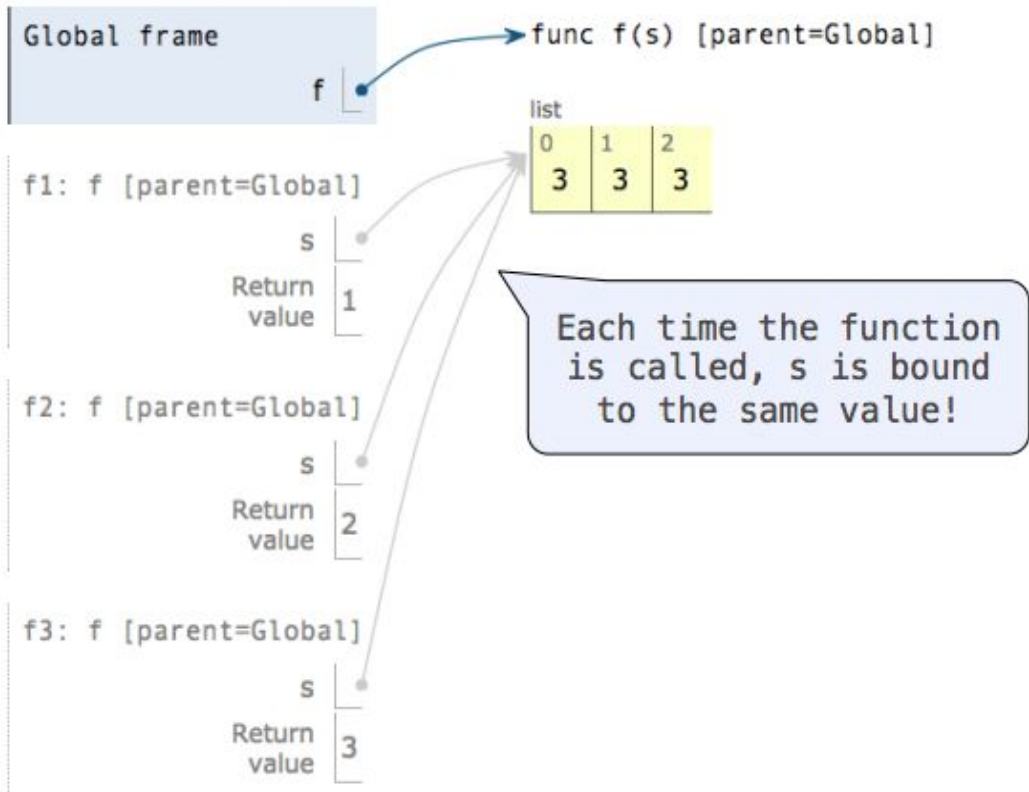
- A: 1
- B: 2
- C: 3
- D: 0
- E: Error

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Question from last class

How does Python store/represent a string?

- A string in Python is a **sequence** of characters.
 - Not a *list* of characters. Why?
- Every character is has its own integer representation
 - Binary to be more precise
- Internal representation: Strings are an array of integers



Using —



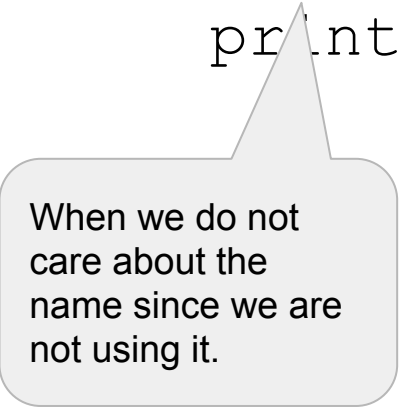
Use of ranges

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    for _ in range(num):  
        print("midterm rocks!")
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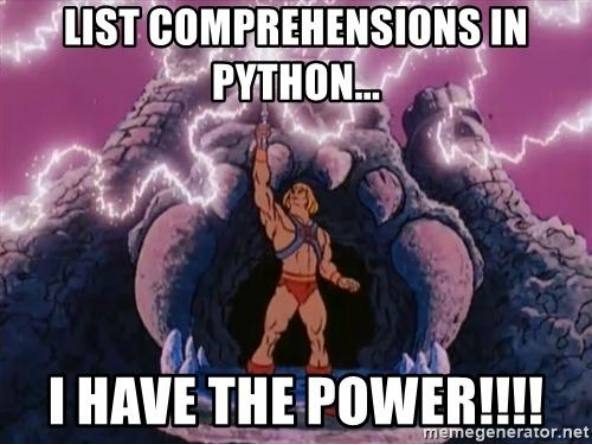
```
multiple_print(10)
```

Use of ranges

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When we do not care about the name since we are not using it.



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List comprehension is an elegant way to define and create list in Python.

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- `dbl_grades = [20, 80, 40, 60, 70]`
- What solution comes to mind? `# I hope a map function :)`

```
grades = [10, 40, 20, 30, 35]

dbl_grades=[]
for i in grades:
    dbl_grades.append(i * 2)
```

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dbl_grades=[i*2 for i in grades]
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List Comprehensions

[<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp> if <filter exp>]

Short version: [<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp>]

```
grades = [10, 40, 20, 30, 35]

dbl_grades=[i*2 for i in grades]

# Using Short version
```

List Comprehensions

```
>>> letters = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'm', 'n', 'o', 'p']  
>>> [letters[i] for i in [3, 4, 6, 8]]
```

output?

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['d', 'e', 'm', 'o']
```

Problem. Square evens only

[<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp> if <filter exp>]

```
grades = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
```

```
sq_evens = []  
for i in grades:  
    if i % 2 == 0:  
        sq_evens.append(i**2)
```

A: `sq_evens = [i**2 for i in grades if i%2 == 0]`

B: `sq_evens = [i**2: for i in grades if i%2 == 0]`

C: `sq_evens = [i**2 for i in grades if i%2 != 0]`

D: `sq_evens = [for i in grades if i%2 == 0, i**2]`

Once more

```
s1 = "abc"
```

```
s2 = "def"
```

```
lst = [[j + k] for j in s1 for k in s2]
```

A: ['ad', 'ae', 'af', 'bd', 'be', 'bf', 'cd', 'ce', 'cf']

B: [['ad'], ['ae'], ['af'], ['bd'], ['be'], ['bf'], ['cd'], ['ce'], ['cf']]

C: [['ad'], ['ae'], ['af']]

D: ['ad', 'ae', 'af']

E: None of the above

Practice: convert C to F



```
ctemp = [24, 20, 56, 32, 10]
```

```
ftemps = []
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for c in ctemp:
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    f = C_to_F(c)
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Practice:



With a list comprehension: [(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (2, 1)]

What is the code that outputs this list?

Practice:

With a list comprehension: [(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1), (2, 0), (2, 1)]

```
locs = [(x, y) for x in range(3) for y in range(2)]
```

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With a list comprehension:

Create a list of integers which specify the length of each word in a certain sentence, but only if the word is not the word "the".

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sentence = "What did the fish say when it swam into the wall? Dam!"  
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word_lengths = [len(word) for word in words if word != "the"]
```

Output?

```
[ [ 1 if i_idx == row_idx else 0 for i_idx in range(0, 3) ] for row_idx in range(0, 3) ]
```



Check point

```
[x for x in 'DATA SCIENCE' if x in ['A','E','I','O','U']]
```

A: ['D', 'T', ' ', 'S', 'C', 'N', 'C']

B: ['D', 'T', ' ', 'S', 'C', 'N',,]

C: ['A', 'I', 'E']

D: ['A', 'A', 'I', 'E', 'E']

E: Something else