

KEY_Lesson06_2D_Lists_Intro

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1 2D Lists

Remember: - Lists can be used to group different values together - it's just a collection of things.
- You can make a list in Python by putting different things in a box of brackets `[]` separated by commas:

Guess what? You can also make *lists of lists*!! These are called 2D lists in Python.

You can make a 2D list like this:

```
[1]: # list number 1
fruit = ['apple', 'banana', 'grape', 'mango']

# list number 2
veggies = ['lettuce', 'carrot', 'cucumber', 'beet']

# create 2D list
food = [fruit, veggies]

# print 2D list
print(food)
```

```
[['apple', 'banana', 'grape', 'mango'], ['lettuce', 'carrot', 'cucumber', 'beet']]
```

What data type is food?

```
[2]: print(type(food))
```

```
<class 'list'>
```

What is the length of your list?

```
[3]: # print length of food
print(len(food))
```

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Is this what you expected? Since `food` is a list that contains two list objects, the length of `food` is 2.

```
[4]: # make a list of meats and save it to the variable meat
meat = ['chicken', 'beef', 'fish', 'pork']
# add another list to food with meat
food.append(meat)

# print food
print(food)
```

```
[['apple', 'banana', 'grape', 'mango'], ['lettuce', 'carrot', 'cucumber',
'beet'], ['chicken', 'beef', 'fish', 'pork']]
```

What is the length of food now?

```
[5]: print(len(food))
```

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Make a variable called double_food that contains the food list twice. Print out double_food.

```
[6]: # create double_food that contains food twice
double_food = food + food

# print double_food
print(double_food)
```

```
[['apple', 'banana', 'grape', 'mango'], ['lettuce', 'carrot', 'cucumber',
'beet'], ['chicken', 'beef', 'fish', 'pork'], ['apple', 'banana', 'grape',
'mango'], ['lettuce', 'carrot', 'cucumber', 'beet'], ['chicken', 'beef', 'fish',
'pork']]
```

What is the length of double_food? Is this what you expected?

```
[7]: print(len(double_food))
```

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You can also make 2D lists without assigning variables first:

```
[8]: # create a 2D list of numbers
numbers = [[1,2,3,4],[1,2,3],[1,2]]

# print 2D list of numbers
print(numbers)
```

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

What is the length of numbers?

```
[9]: # print length of numbers
print(len(numbers))
```

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What happens if you add the food and numbers together?

```
[10]: print(food + numbers)
```

```
[['apple', 'banana', 'grape', 'mango'], ['lettuce', 'carrot', 'cucumber',  
'beet'], ['chicken', 'beef', 'fish', 'pork'], [1, 2, 3, 4], [1, 2, 3], [1, 2]]
```

Nice job! You just learned how to make 2D lists in Python!