LIBRE HUB
Latam Hub for Bioimaging through Open Hardware

PoL
Physics of Life
TU Dresden

CENTER FOR
SYSTEMS BIOLOGY
DRESDEN

Chan
Zuckerberg
Initiative

Python
Data structures

Marcelo Leomil Zoccoler

With materials from Robert Haase

August 2023

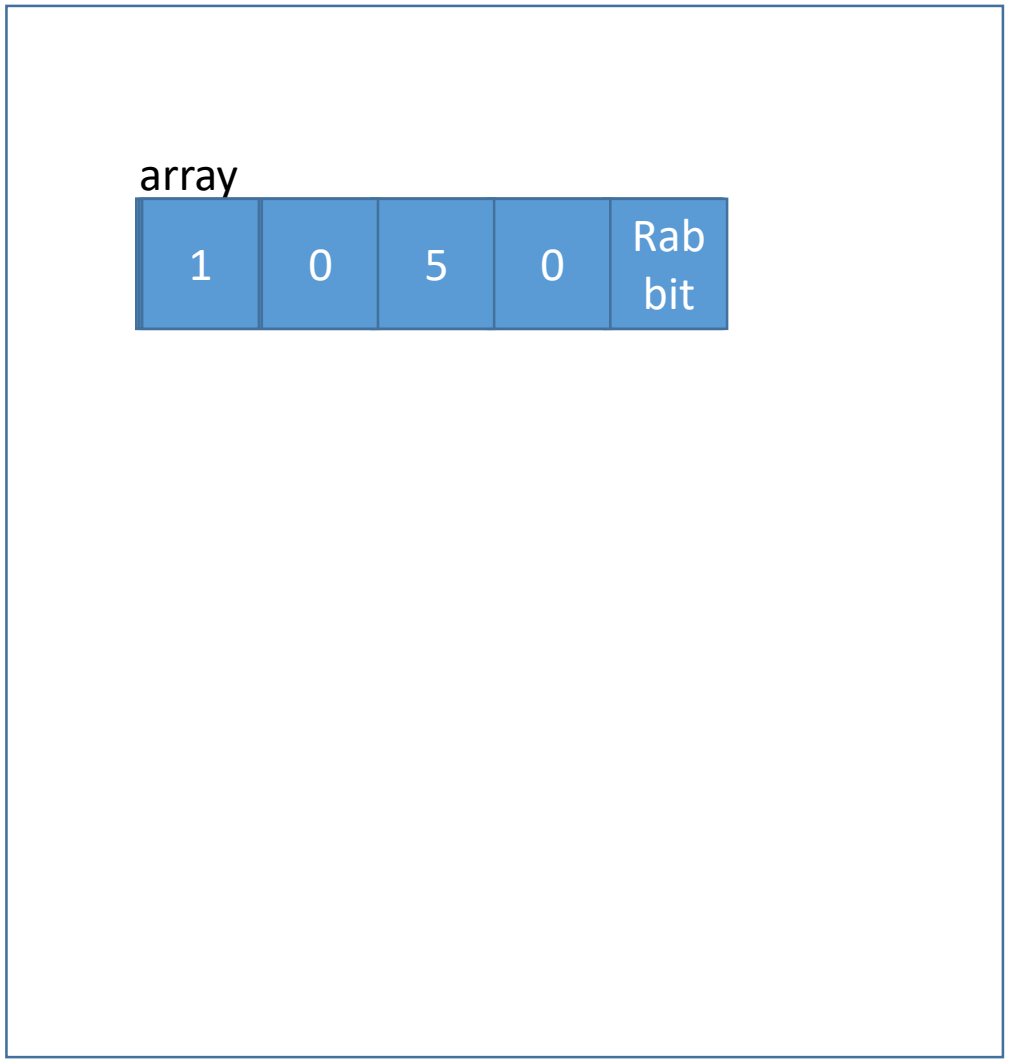
Lists

- Lists are variables, where you can store multiple values

Give me a “0”, five times!

```
array = [0] * 5
```

Computer memory



Arrays in Python

- Modifying lists entries

```
numbers = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]

# write in one array element
numbers[1] = 5

print(numbers)
```

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

Note: The first element has index 0!

- Creating lists of defined size

What?

How many?

```
zeros = [0] * 10
print(zeros)
```

```
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

- Concatenating lists

```
ones = [1, 1, 1]
twos = [2, 2, 2, 2]

# concatenate arrays
numbers = ones + twos

print(numbers)
```

```
[1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2]
```

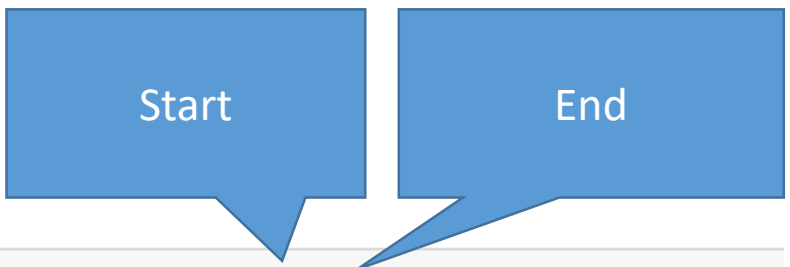
+ means appending

Subsets

```
# Arrays
numbers = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
print(numbers)
```

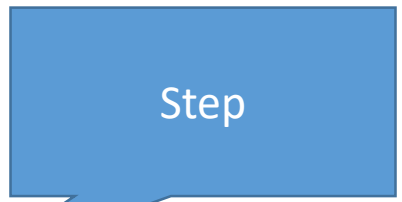
```
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

- Creating subsets of lists




```
subset = numbers[2:4]
print(subset)
```

```
[2, 3]
```




```
subset_with_gaps = arr[1:8:2]
print(subset_with_gaps)
```

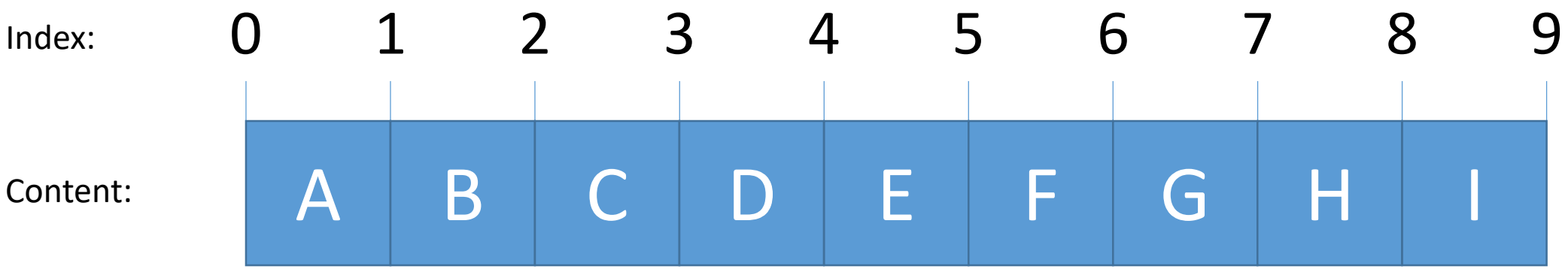
```
[1, 3, 5, 7]
```

data[start:stop:step]

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- “Indexing” is addressing certain elements in lists. The first element is “0” away from the start.

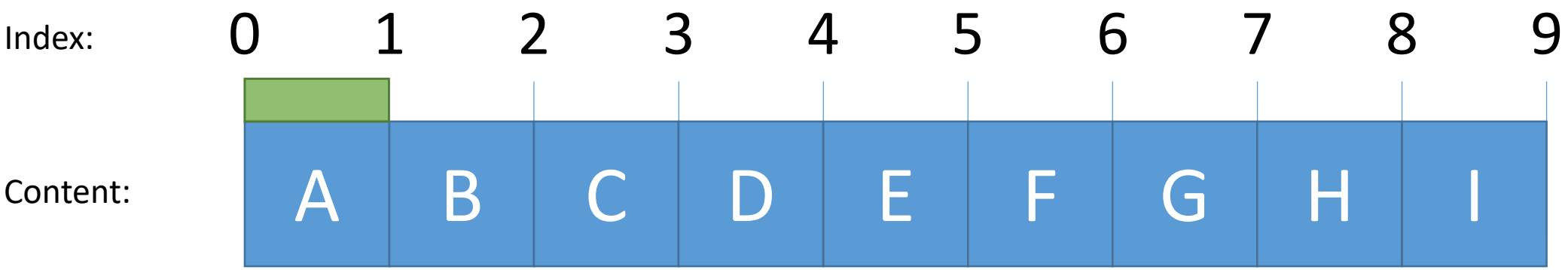
```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```



Indexing, cropping, subsets

- “Indexing” is addressing certain elements in lists. The first element is “0” away from the start.

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```



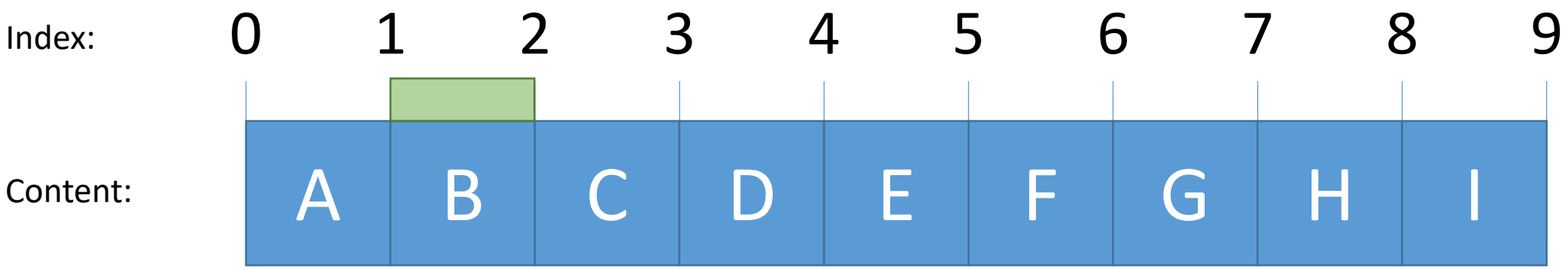

```
data[0]
```

```
'A'
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- “Indexing” is addressing certain elements in lists. The first element is “0” away from the start.

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[0]
```

```
'A'
```

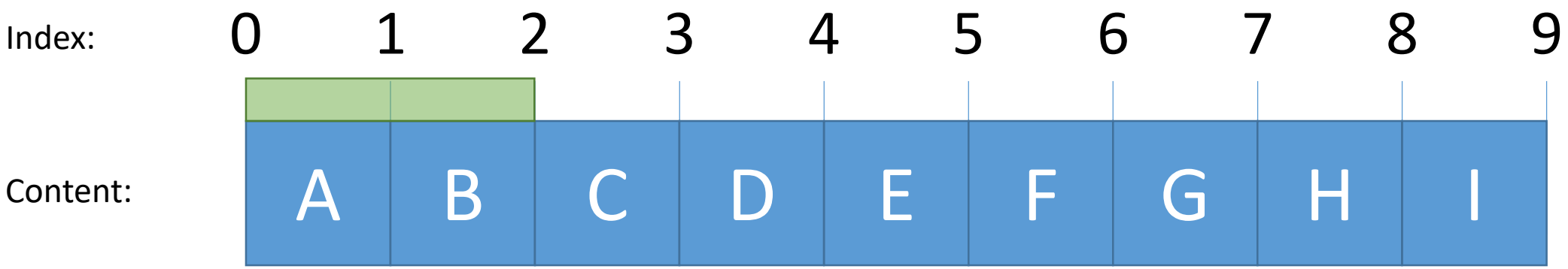
```
data[1]
```

```
'B'
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- “Indexing” is addressing certain elements in lists. The first element is “0” away from the start.

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[0]
```

```
'A'
```

```
data[1]
```

```
'B'
```

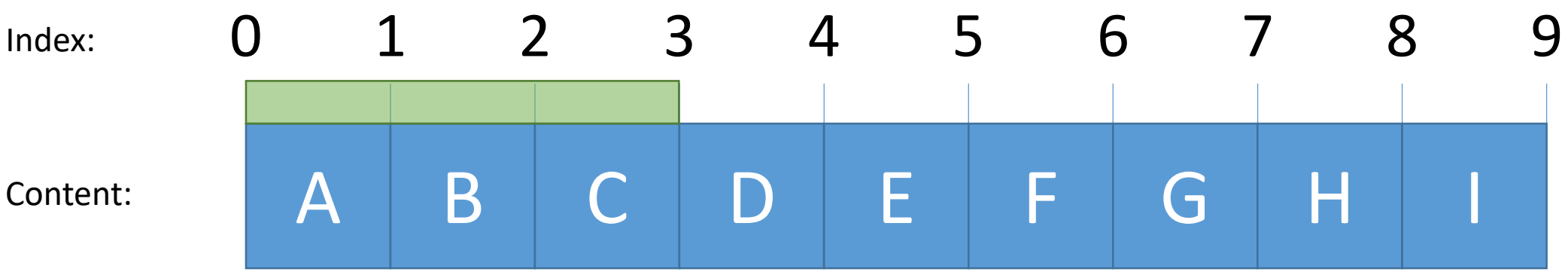
```
data[0:2]
```

```
['A', 'B']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- “Indexing” is addressing certain elements in lists. The first element is “0” away from the start.

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[0]
```
'A'

```
data[1]
```
'B'

```
data[0:2]
```
['A', 'B']

```
data[0:3]
```
['A', 'B', 'C']

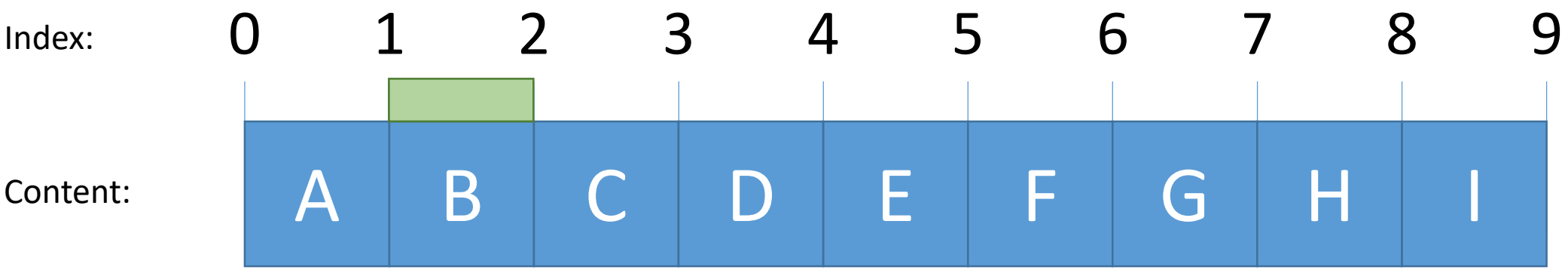
```
data[1:2]
```
['B']

```
len(data)
```
9

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- “Indexing” is addressing certain elements in lists. The first element is “0” away from the start.

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[0]
```
```
'A'
```

```
data[1]
```
```
'B'
```

```
data[0:2]
```
```
['A', 'B']
```

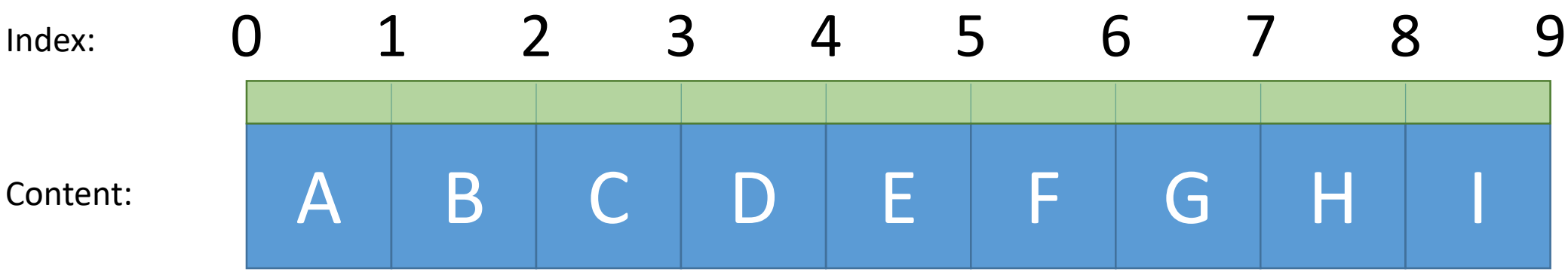
```
data[0:3]
```
```
['A', 'B', 'C']
```

```
data[1:2]
```
```
['B']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- “Indexing” is addressing certain elements in lists. The first element is “0” away from the start.

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```

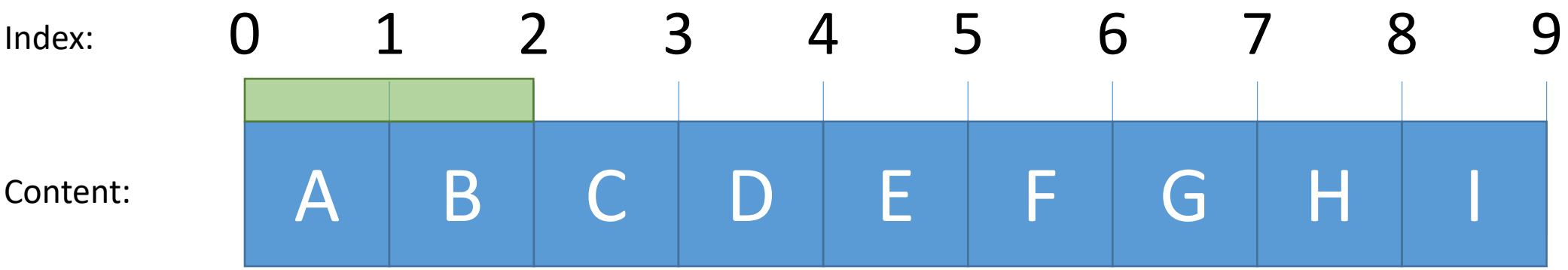


`data[0]`	`data[1]`	`data[0:2]`	`data[0:3]`	`data[1:2]`	`len(data)`
`'A'`	`'B'`	`['A', 'B']`	`['A', 'B', 'C']`	`['B']`	`9`

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- You can leave start and end out when specifying index ranges

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```



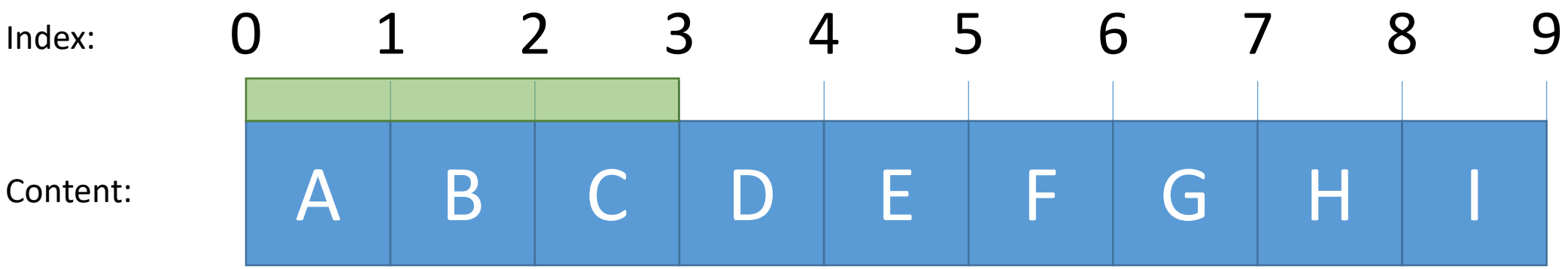

```
data[:2]
```

```
['A', 'B']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- You can leave start and end out when specifying index ranges

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[:2]
```

```
['A', 'B']
```

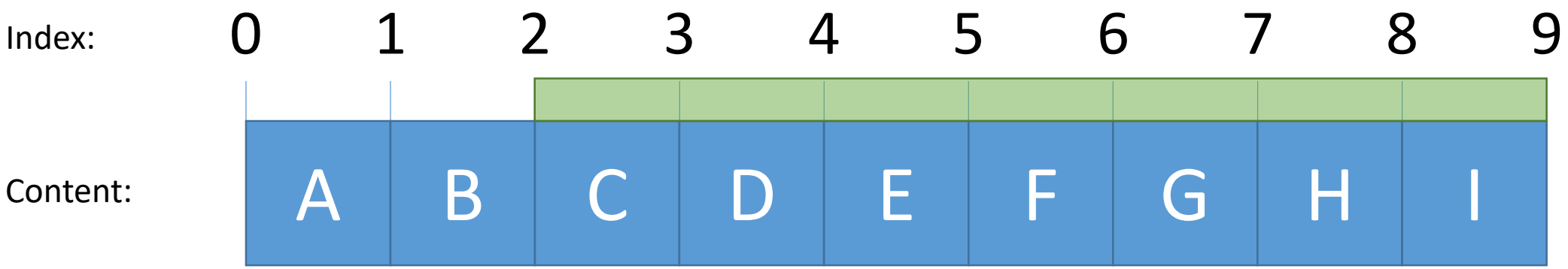
```
data[:3]
```

```
['A', 'B', 'C']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- You can leave start and end out when specifying index ranges

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[:2]
```

```
['A', 'B']
```

```
data[:3]
```

```
['A', 'B', 'C']
```

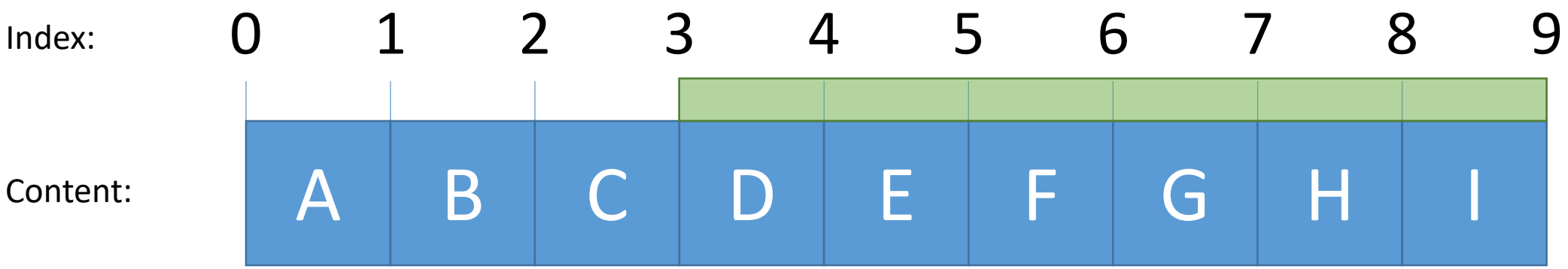
```
data[2:]
```

```
['C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- You can leave start and end out when specifying index ranges

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[:2]
```

```
['A', 'B']
```

```
data[:3]
```

```
['A', 'B', 'C']
```

```
data[2:]
```

```
['C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```

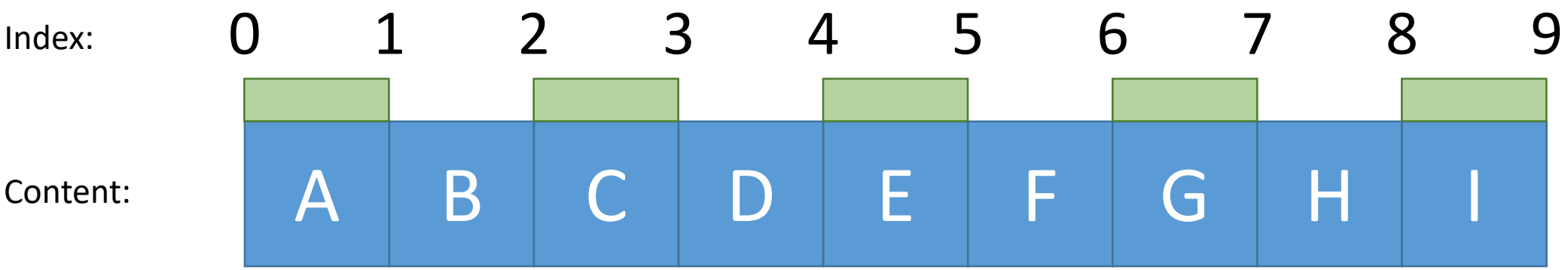
```
data[3:]
```

```
['D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- The step-size allows skipping elements

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```



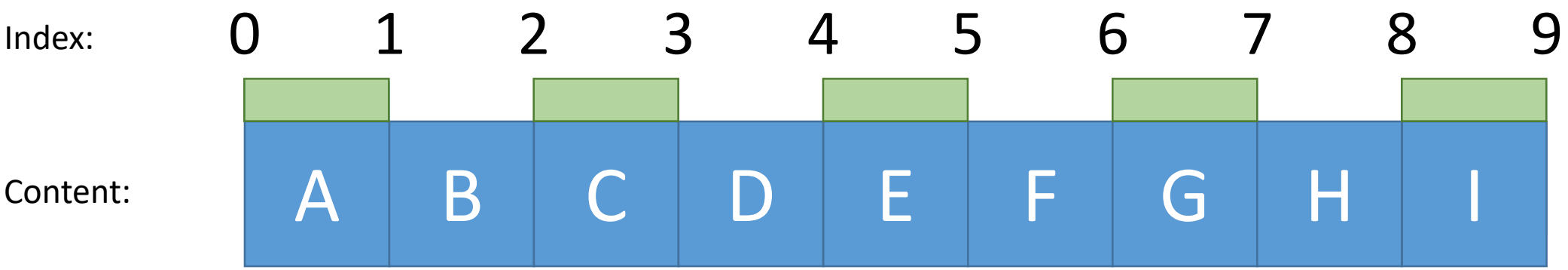

```
data[0:10:2]
```

```
['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'I']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- The step-size allows skipping elements

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[0:10:2]
```

```
['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'I']
```

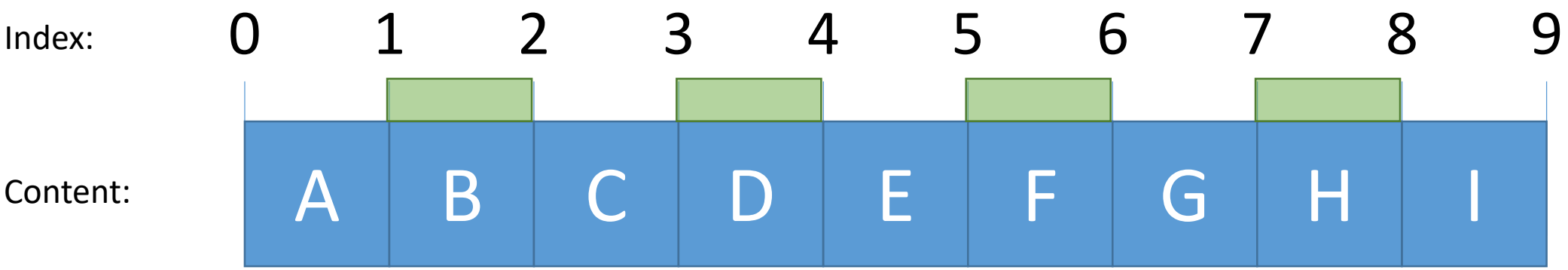
```
data[::2]
```

```
['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'I']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- The step-size allows skipping elements

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[0:10:2]
```

```
['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'I']
```

```
data[::2]
```

```
['A', 'C', 'E', 'G', 'I']
```

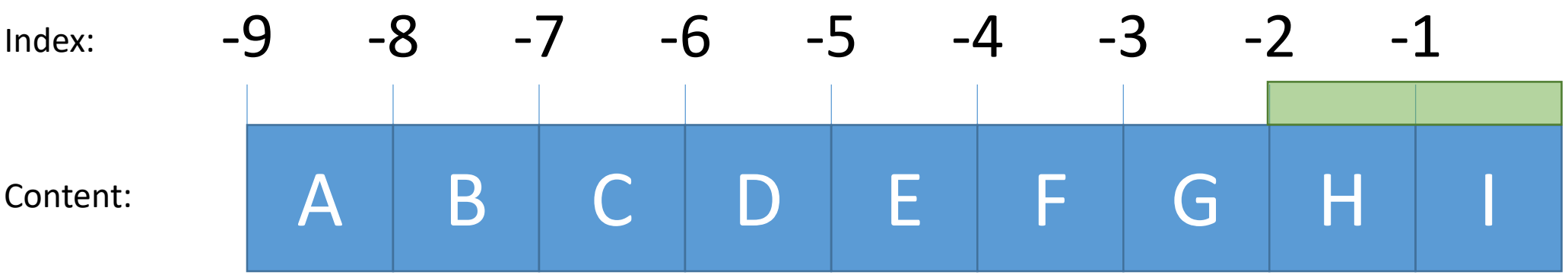
```
data[1::2]
```

```
['B', 'D', 'F', 'H']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- Indexing also works with negative indices

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```



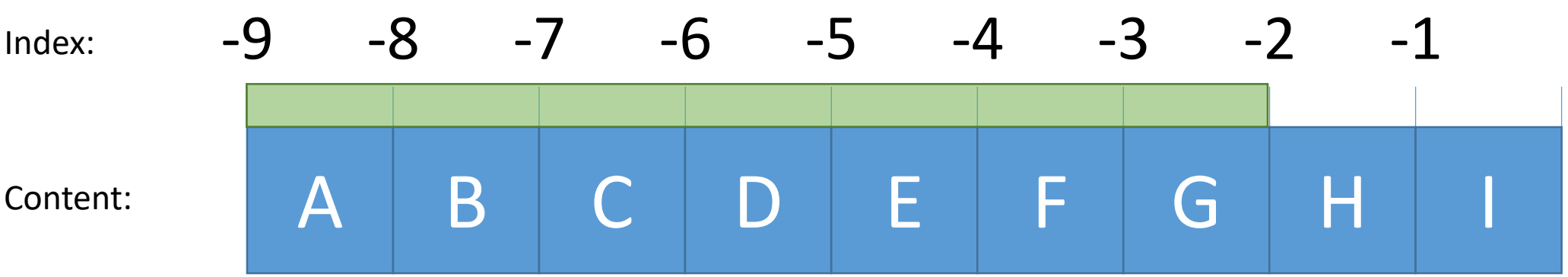

```
data[-2:]
```

```
['H', 'I']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- Indexing also works with negative indices

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[-2:]
```

```
['H', 'I']
```

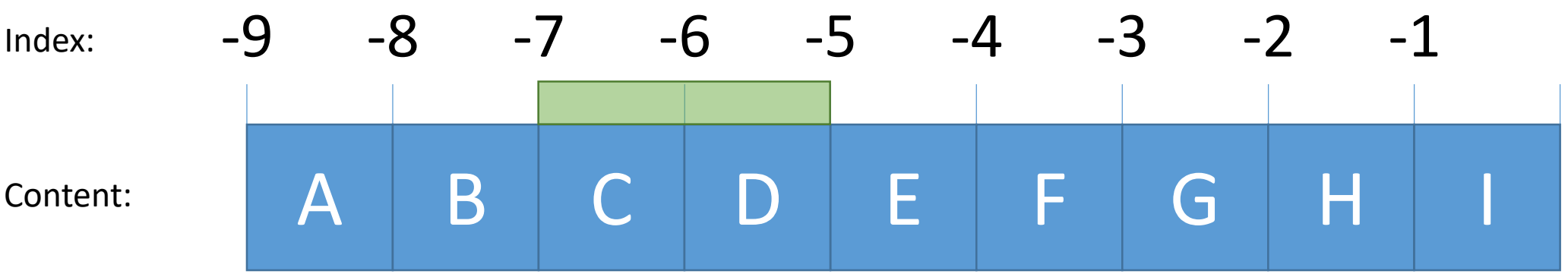
```
data[:-2]
```

```
['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- Indexing also works with negative indices

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[-2:]
```

```
['H', 'I']
```

```
data[:-2]
```

```
['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G']
```

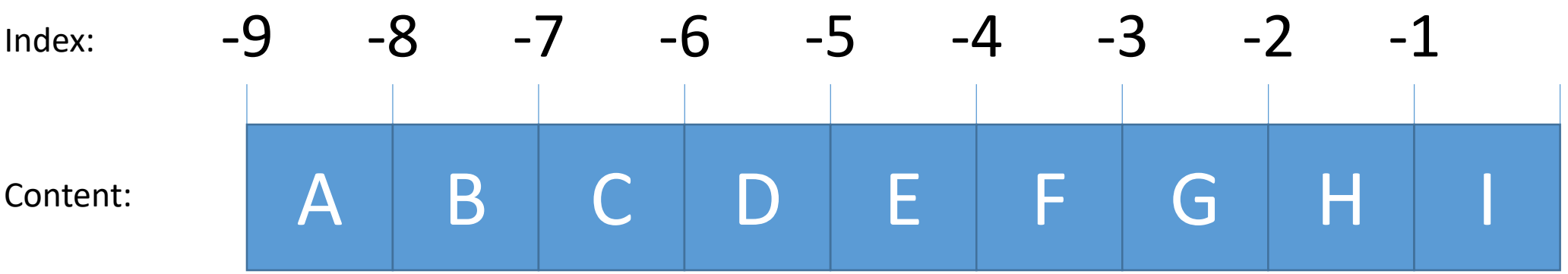
```
data[-7:-5]
```

```
['C', 'D']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- Indexing also works with negative indices

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[-2:]
```

```
['H', 'I']
```

```
data[:-2]
```

```
['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G']
```

```
data[-7:-5]
```

```
['C', 'D']
```

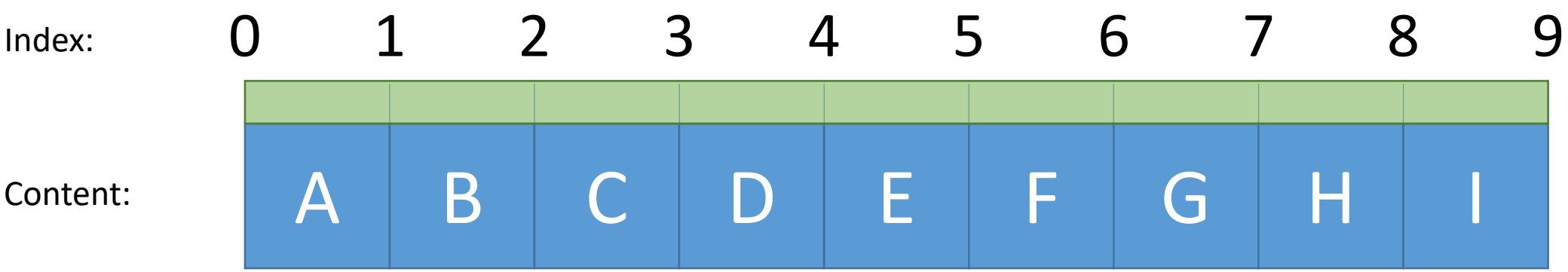
```
data[-5:-7]
```

```
[]
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- Negative stepping also works

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```



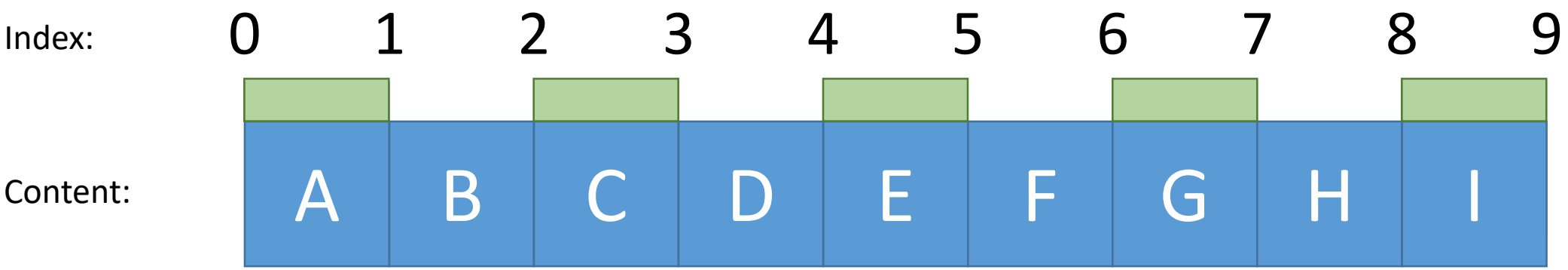

```
data[::-1]
```

```
['I', 'H', 'G', 'F', 'E', 'D', 'C', 'B', 'A']
```

Indexing, cropping, subsets

- Negative stepping also works

```
data = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I']
```




```
data[::-1]
```

```
['I', 'H', 'G', 'F', 'E', 'D', 'C', 'B', 'A']
```

```
data[::-2]
```

```
['I', 'G', 'E', 'C', 'A']
```

Lists versus Tuples

- Lists can be modified

```
measurements = [5.5, 6.3, 7.2, 8.0, 8.8]
```

```
measurements[1] = 25
```

```
measurements.append(10.2)
```

```
measurements
```

```
]: [5.5, 25, 7.2, 8.0, 8.8, 10.2]
```

- Tuples not

Note: round brackets

```
immutable = (4, 3, 7.8)
```

```
immutable[1] = 5
```

```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-49-a01b13633c23> in <module>
----> 1 immutable[1] = 5

TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

Tables

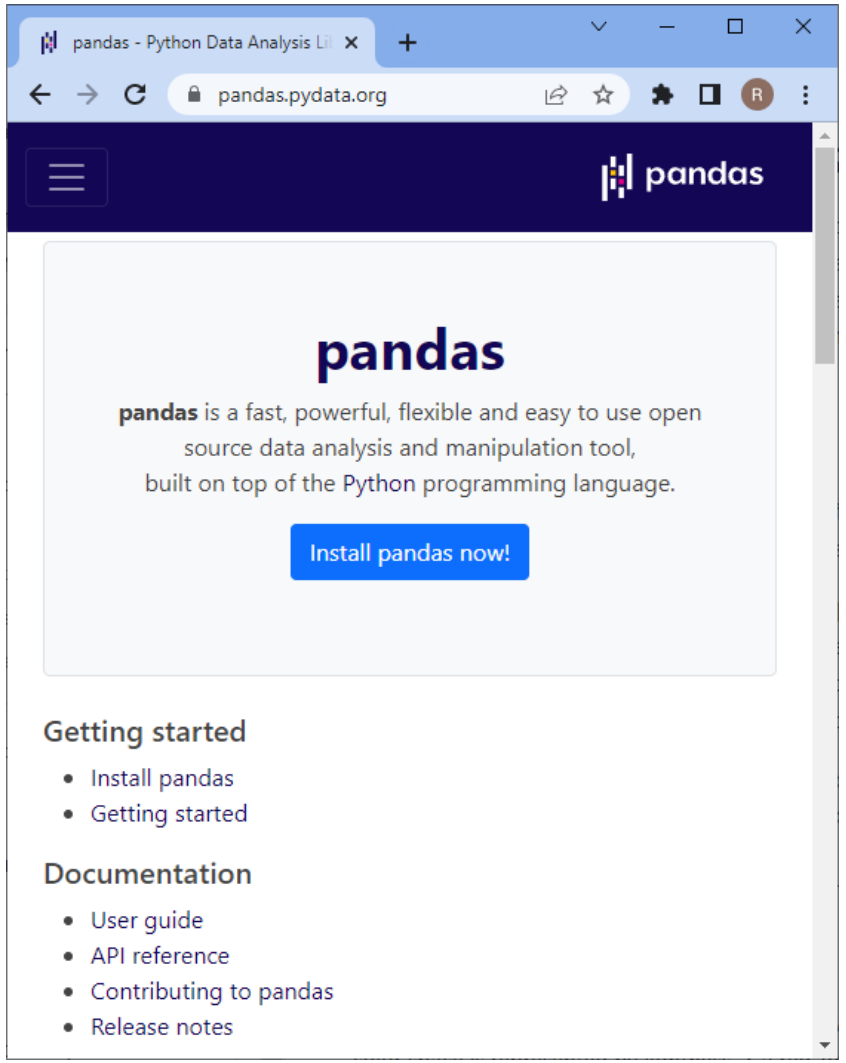
- Sneak preview: By the mid of the course, we will work with Pandas DataFrames, *fancy* Tables.

- `conda install pandas`

- Among many other features, Pandas allows to visualize tables nicely in Jupyter notebooks.

```
import pandas

pandas.DataFrame(measurements_week)
```

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	2.3	1.8	4.5	1.9	4.4
1	3.1	7.0	1.5	2.0	2.3
2	5.6	4.3	3.2	6.4	5.4

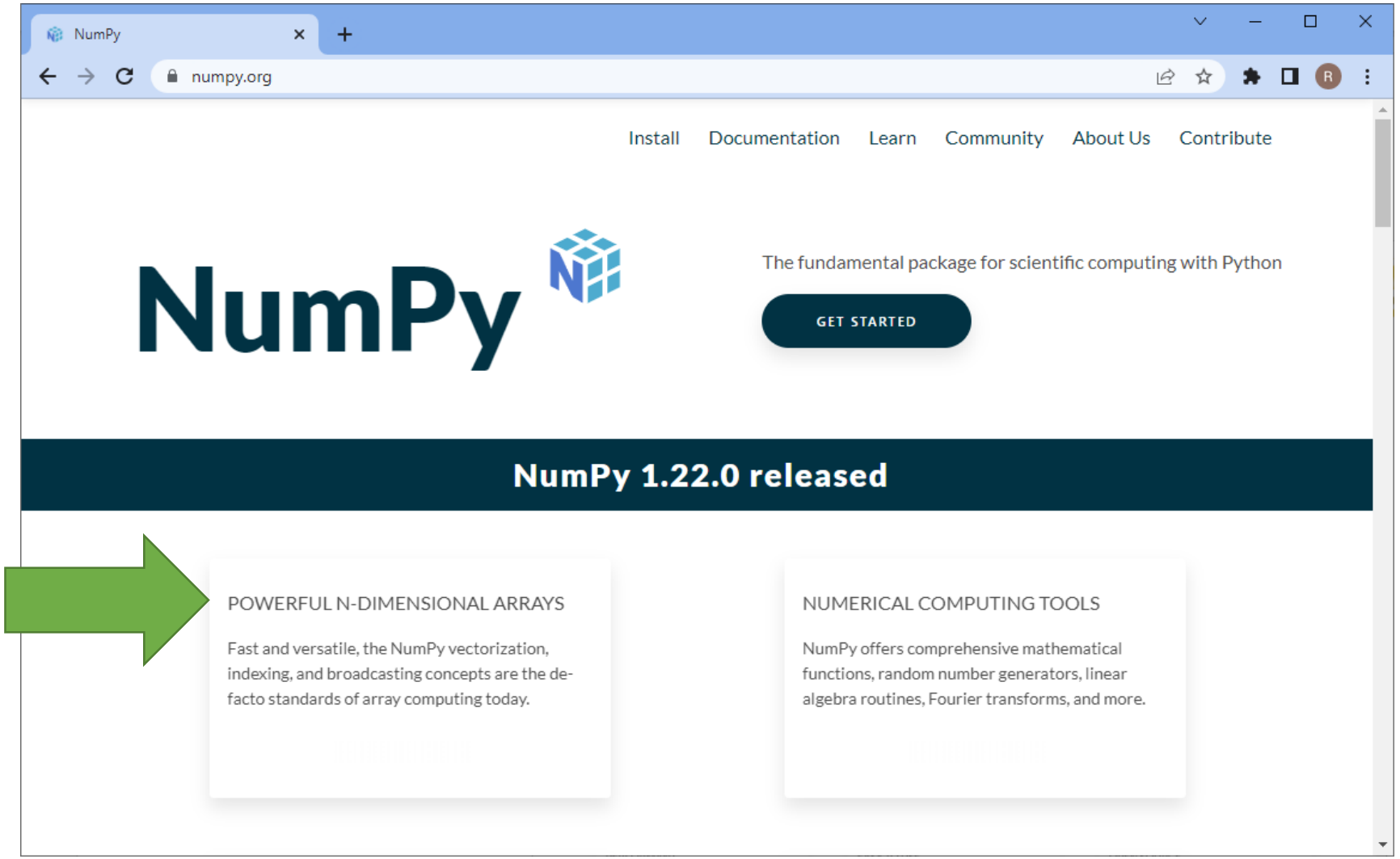


https://pandas.pydata.org/

numpy

- The fundamental package for scientific computing with python.

- `conda install numpy`



https://numpy.org/

numpy

- Simplifying mathematical operations on n-dimensional arrays

- Python arrays of arrays (lists of lists)

```
# multidimensional arrays
matrix = [
    [1, 2, 3],
    [2, 3, 4],
    [3, 4, 5]
]

print(matrix)
```

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

```
result = matrix * 2
print(result)
```

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

- numpy arrays

Tell python that you want to use a library called numpy

```
import numpy as np

np_matrix = np.asarray(matrix)

print(np_matrix)
```

If “numpy” is to long, you can give an alias “np”

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

```
np_result = np_matrix * 2
print(np_result)
```

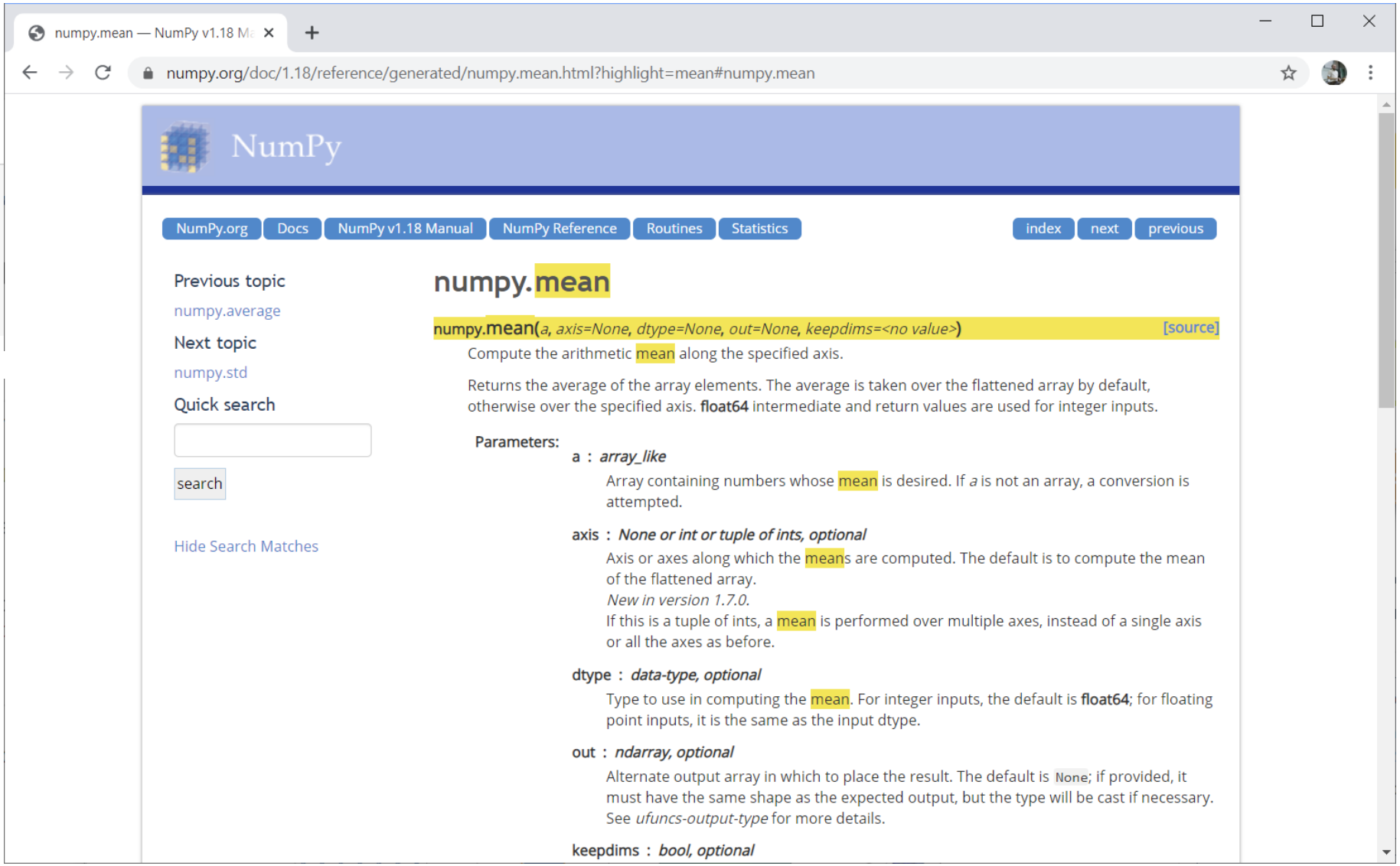
```
[[ 2  4  6]
 [ 4  6  8]
 [ 6  8 10]]
```

Basic descriptive statistics using numpy

- Basic descriptive statistics

```
import numpy as np

measurements = [1, 4, 6, 7, 2]

mean = np.mean(measurements)
print("Mean: " + str(mean))
```

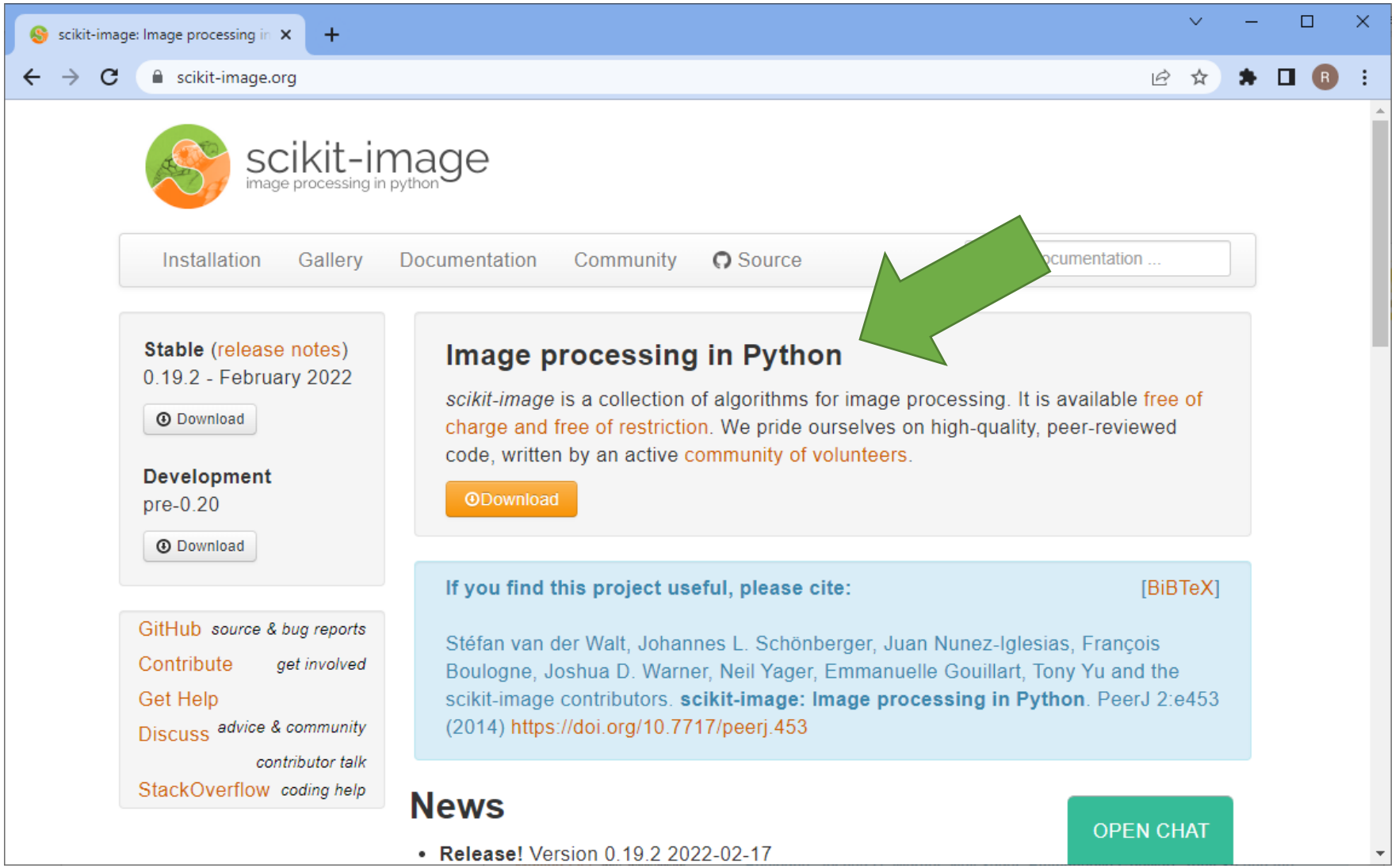
```
Mean: 4.0
```



scikit-image

- *scikit-image* is a collection of algorithms for image processing.

```
conda install scikit-image
```

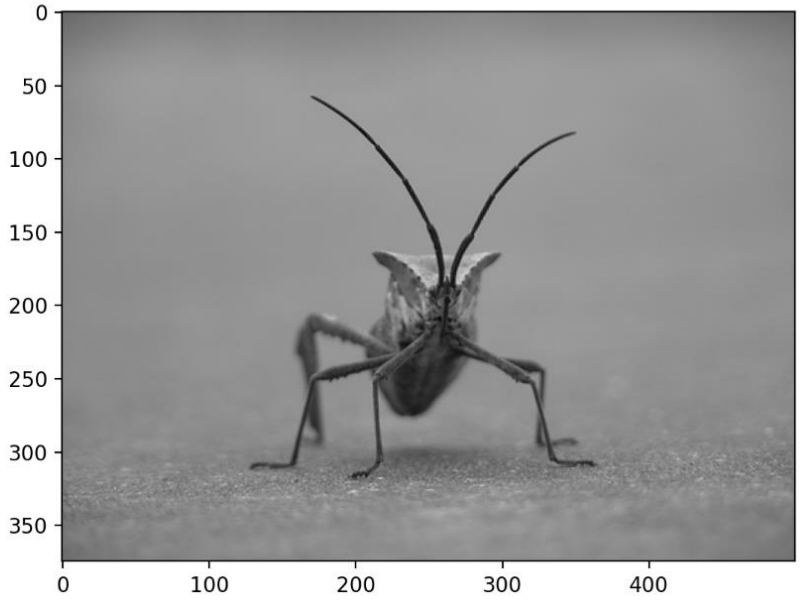


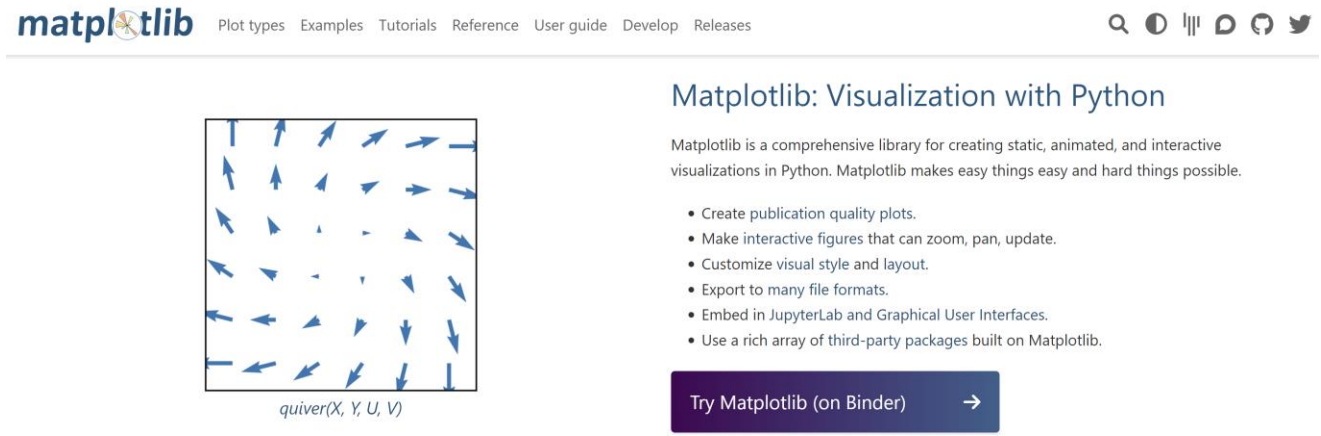
matplotlib

- *matplotlib* is the standard python library for plotting data.

```
conda install matplotlib
```

```
imgplot = plt.imshow(img)
```





https://matplotlib.org/

Working with images in python

- Open images

```
from skimage.io import imread

image = imread("blobs.tif")
```

```
image
```

```
array([[ 40,  32,  24, ..., 216, 200, 200],
       [ 56,  40,  24, ..., 232, 216, 216],
       [ 64,  48,  24, ..., 240, 232, 232],
       ...,
       [ 72,  80,  80, ...,  48,  48,  48],
       [ 80,  80,  80, ...,  48,  48,  48],
       [ 96,  88,  80, ...,  48,  48,  48]], dtype=uint8)
```

Images are *just* multi-dimensional arrays or "arrays of arrays".

Working with images in python

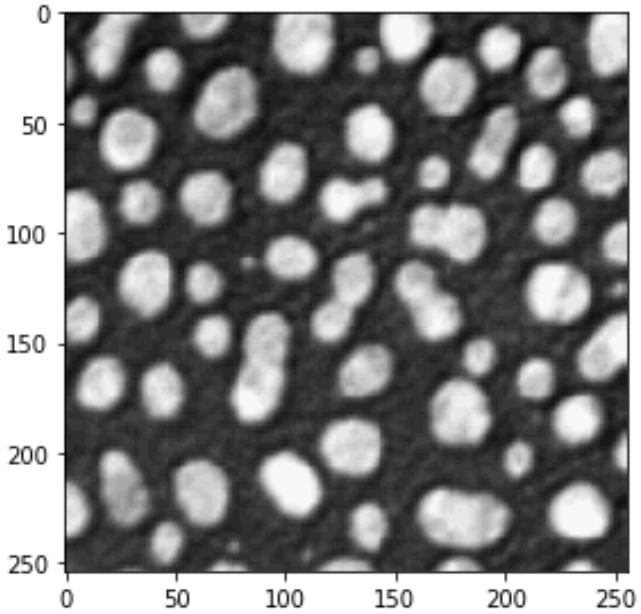
- Open images

```
from skimage.io import imread

image = imread("blobs.tif")
```

- Visualize images

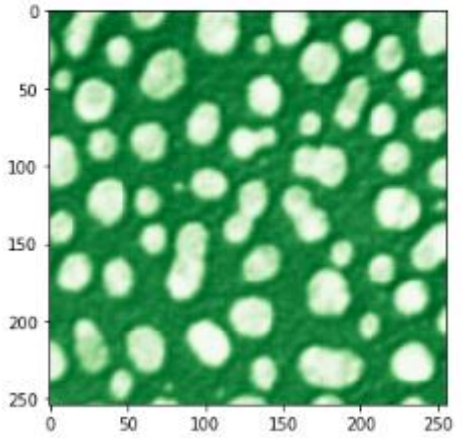
```
from skimage.io import imshow

imshow(image)
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x245e7
```



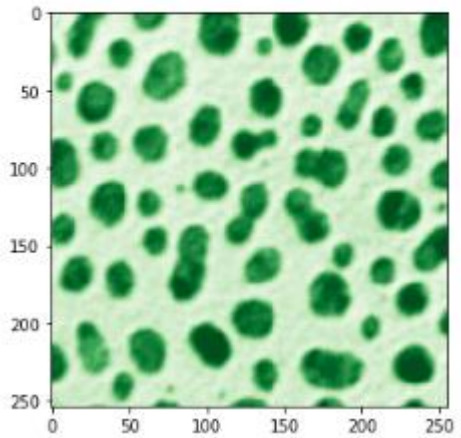

```
imshow(image, cmap="Greens_r")
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0
```



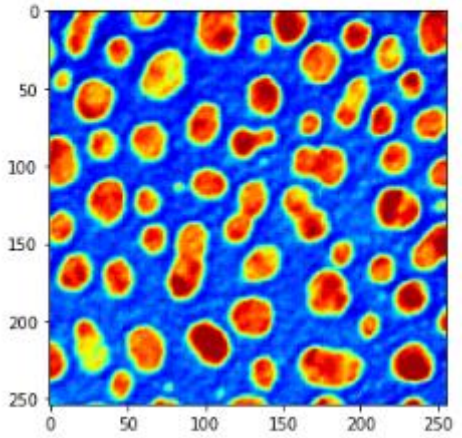

```
imshow(image, cmap="Greens")
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at
```




```
imshow(image, cmap="jet")
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at
```



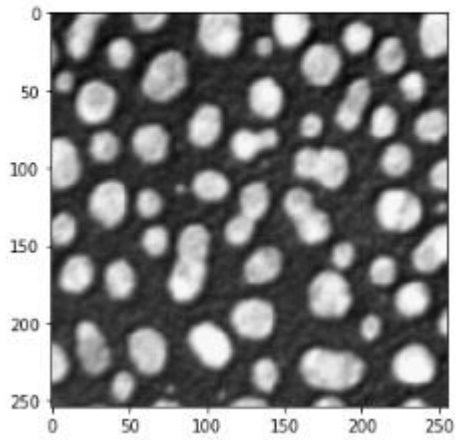
This does not modify the image data. The images are just shown with different colors representing the same values.

Cropping, sampling and flipping images

- Indexing and cropping *numpy-arrays* works like with python arrays.

```
imshow(image)
```

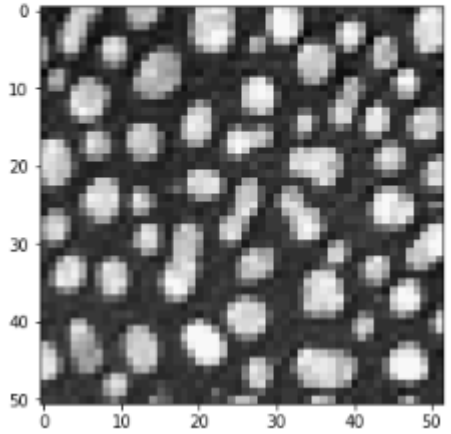
```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0
```



Original image

```
sampled_image = image[::5, ::5]

imshow(sampled_image)
```

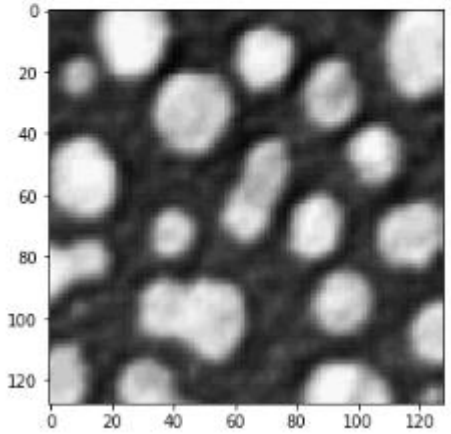
```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0
```



Sub-sampled image

```
cropped_image2 = image[0:128, 128:]

imshow(cropped_image2)
```

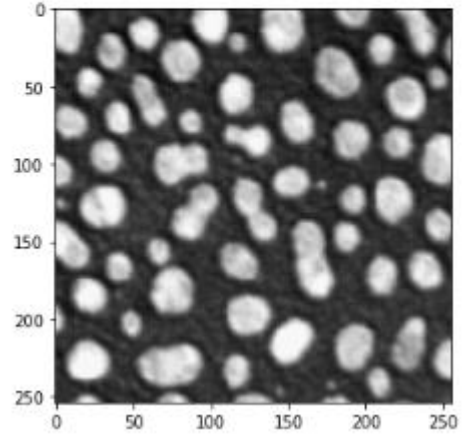
```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x29e
```



Cropped image

```
flipped_image = image[:, ::-1]

imshow(flipped_image)
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x
```



Flipped image

Troubleshooting

If your program throws error messages:

- Don't panic.
- *"There are two ways to write error-free programs; only the third one works."*

  Alan J. Perlis, Yale University

- Read where the error happened.
  - You may see your fault immediately, when looking at the right point.
- Read what appears to be wrong.
  - If you know, what's missing, you may see it, even if it's missing in a slightly different place.
  - Sometimes, something related is missing

```
print(round(4.5)

  File "<ipython-input-15-09a9be4a90c5>", line 1
    print(round(4.5)
                   ^
SyntaxError: unexpected EOF while parsing
```

Summary

Take home messages

- Lists can be accessed like this:

```
data[start:stop:step]
```

- Strings are lists of characters
- Tuples are immutable lists
- Columns in tables are lists
- Images are multi-dimensional lists or simply numpy arrays

- Learning how to deal with lists in Python is key.