LISTS AND LOOPS

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OBJECTIVE

- Review Lesson One
- Learn what lists are
- Learn how to add and remove items
- Learn the situations lists are useful for
- Learn how to use loops and lists together to make your programs powerful and flexible

AGENDA

- Lightning Review
- Lists
  - The basics
  - Slicing (it's back!)
  - Adding/removing items
  - List methods
- Loops

LIGHTNING REVIEW

- Variables are names that you can assign values to
- Variables can contain numbers, strings, lists, True/False, any type of information you want to store!
- Variable names can contain letters and underscores and should be descriptive (can you tell exactly what it does?)

LIGHTNING REVIEW

- Strings can contain anything that you can type out on the keyboard
- Strings are commonly used for names, phone numbers, email addresses, other addresses, URLs, and so much more!
- Slicing is used to see parts of a string
- String methods allow you to do special actions on strings (find, replace, count, lowercase, etc)

LIGHTNING REVIEW

- Conditionals allow you to change the behavior of your program
- Program behavior is based on your variables:
  - `age >= 21`
  - `bread == 0`
  - `gender.lower() == 'f'`
  - `len(attendees) > 30`

LISTS: WHAT ARE THEY?

- Lists are containers that can hold multiple pieces of information. Lists are commonly used to hold:
  - strings (ex: list of attendees' names)
  - numbers (ex: number of attendees for each class)

LISTS: WHAT ARE THEY?

- If we had to do this, it would be a pain:

- attendee1 = 'Shannon'
- attendee2 = 'Jenn'
- attendee3 = 'Grace'

LISTS: SYNTAX

- Lists are are created by placing items inside of [ ]
- `attendees = ['Shannon', 'Jenn', 'Grace']`
- Items are separated by commas
- An empty list looks like this:
  - `people_who_didnt_do_pbj = []`

LISTS: SLICING

- `attendees = ['Shannon', 'Jenn', 'Grace']`

- `print attendees[0] # Shannon`
- `print attendees[1] # Jenn`
- `print attendees[2] # Grace`
- `print attendees[0:2] # Shannon, Jenn`

- What happens if we `print attendees[3]` ?

LISTS: LENGTH

- `attendees = ['Shannon', 'Jenn', 'Grace']`

- `print len(attendees) # 3`

  or

- `number_of_attendees = len(attendees)`
- `print number_of_attendees # 3`

LISTS: ADDING ITEMS

- **`list.append()`** adds an item to the end

- **`attendees_ages = []`**

- **`attendees_ages.append(28)`**
- **`print attendees_ages # [28]`**

- **`attendees_ages.append(27)`**
- **`print attendees_ages # [28, 27]`**

LISTS: CHANGING EXISTING ITEMS

- `print attendees_ages # [28, 27]`
- `attendees_ages[0] = 29`
- `print attendees_ages # [29, 27]`

LISTS: QUICK EXERCISE

- `days_of_week = ['Monday', 'Tuesday']`
- `days_of_week.append('Wednesday')`
- Append the rest of the days in the week, then:
- `print days_of_week`
- `print len(days_of_week)`

LISTS: DELETING EXISTING ITEMS

- `print days_of_week`

- `day = days_of_week.pop()`
- `print day # What do you get?`
- `print days_of_week`

- `day = days_of_week.pop(3)`
- `print day # What do you get?`
- `print days_of_week`

LISTS: QUICK EXERCISE

- `months = ['January', 'February']`
- `months.extend(['March', 'April' … ])`
- **`list.append()`** adds one to the end
- **`list.extend()`** adds many

LISTS: ADD/REMOVE FROM THE BEGINNING

- `# Remove the first month`
  `months.pop(0)`

- `# Insert 'January' before index 0`
  `months.insert(0, 'January')`

LISTS: STRINGS TO LISTS

- `address = "1133 19th St NW Washington, DC 20036"`
- `address_as_list = address.split(" ")`
- In this example, every time Python sees a space, it will use that to know where to split the string into a list (but you can use any character)

LISTS: MEMBERSHIP

- The `in` keyword allows you to check whether a value exists in the list
- Also works with strings!

- `'ann' in 'Shannon' # True`

- `'Frankenstein' in python_class # False … what a relief!`

LISTS: EXERCISE & LUNCH

- **Refer to the class repo for this exercise:**
  - **List of DC addresses**
  - **raw_input() example**

Use **`raw_input()`** to allow a user to type a DC address.

If that address contains a quadrant (NW, NE, SE, SW), then add it to that quadrant's list.

Allow user to enter 3 addresses; after three, print the length and contents of each list.

LISTS: RANGES OF NUMBERS

- ```
  # Most common: range from 0 to …
  range(5) # [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
  ```

- ```
  # range(start, stop)
  range(5, 10) # [5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
  ```

- Use this when you need to do a task a certain number of times

LISTS: RANGES OF NUMBERS

```
for number in range(10):
    print number
```

- Use this when you need to do a task a certain number of times

LOOPS: FOR LOOP EXERCISE

Change your quadrant exercise to use a for loop instead of repeating the same code three times.

Syntax looks a little like this:

```
for number in range(10):
    print number
```

LOOPS: FOR LOOP

```
days_of_week = ['Monday','Tuesday',...]

for day in days_of_week:
    print day
```

For each item in this list:

do something with that item

LOOPS: FOR LOOP

```
for week in range(1, 5):
    print "Week {0}".format(week)
```

For each item in this list:

do something with that item

range(1, 5) is equivalent to [1, 2, 3, 4]

LOOPS: NESTED FOR LOOPS

```
for week in range(1, 5):
    print "Week {0}".format(week)

    for day in days_of_week:
        print day
```

LOOPS: NESTED FOR LOOPS

```
for month in months_in_year:
    print month

    for week in range(1, 5):
        print "Week {0}".format(week)

        for day in days_of_week:
            print day
```

LOOPS: ENUMERATE

Normally, a **`for`** loop gives you each item in a list one at a time

`enumerate()` is a function that you use with a for loop to get the index (position) of that list item, too.

Commonly used when you need to change each item in a list one at a time.

LOOPS: ZIP

Normally, a **`for`** loop lets you use each item in a single list one at a time

`zip()` is a function that you use with a for loop to use each item in multiple lists all at once.

LOOPS: WHILE

A **`for`** loop lets you use each item in a single list one at a time, which is great for performing actions a certain number of times.

`while` loops are the cousins of conditionals.

Like an if statement, while will ask "is this true?"

LOOPS: WHILE

```
if bread >= 2:
   print "I'm making a sandwich"


while bread >= 2:
   print "I'm making a sandwich"
   bread = bread - 2
```

EXERCISES

In the CLG GitHub **python-lessons-cny** repo, go to the code exercises > playtime folder:

- Beginner: PB&J While Loop
- Beginner: 99 bottles of beer on the wall
- Intermediate: States Drop-down menu
- Advanced (optional): Movies

CODE SAMPLES

- All about Lists:
  section_04_(lists)

- All about Loops:
  section_05_(loops)

- All about Strings to lists, lists to strings:
  section_06_(str-list)