





Python

Lists







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Most popular collection is a *list*







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print(gases)
['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
```







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print(gases)
['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']

print(gases[1])
Ne
```















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print(gases[4])
```

IndexError: list index out of range







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print(len(gases))
4
```







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4
```

Returns 0 for the *empty list*

```
etheric = []
print(len(etheric))
0
```















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print(gases[-1], gases[-4])
Kr He
```







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less error prone













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```

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print(gases)
['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
```

Location must exist before assignment

```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
```







```
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gases[3] = 'Kr'
print(gases)
['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
```

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```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
gases[4] = 'Xe'
```

IndexError: list assignment index out of range













```
helium = ['He', 2]
neon = ['Ne', 8]
```





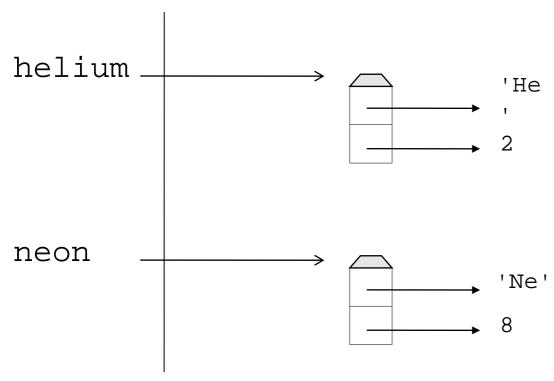




















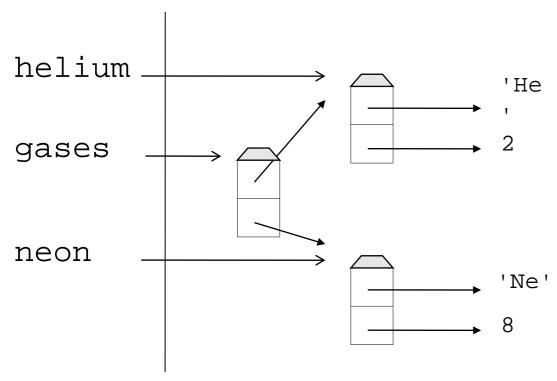
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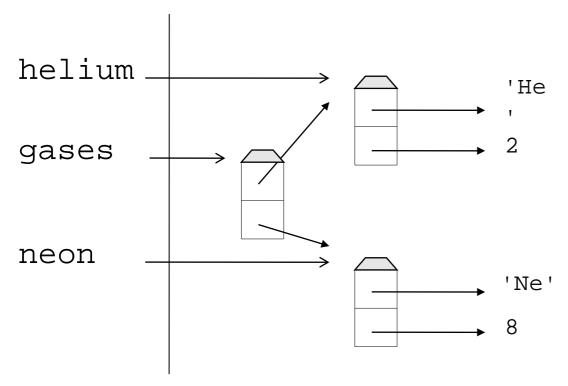








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gases = [helium, neon]
```



Devote a whole episode to this







Loop over elements to "do all"















```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
i = 0
while i < len(gases):
    print(gases[i])
    i += 1</pre>
```







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while i < len(gases):
    print(gases[i])
    i += 1</pre>
```













```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
i = 0
while i < len(gases): Defines set of legal indices
    print(gases[i])
    i += 1</pre>
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
i = 0
while i < len(gases):
    print(gases[i])
    i += 1
He
Ne
Ar
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```







Use while to step through all possible indices

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Tedious to type in over and over again

And it's easy to forget the "+= 1" at the end















```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
for gas in gases:
    print(gas)
He
Ne
Ar
Kr
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
for gas in gases:
    print(gas)

He
Ne
Ar
Kr
```

Loop variable assigned each value in turn







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```

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Not each index

Because that's the most common case













gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
del gases[0]
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
del gases[0]
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
del gases[0]
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
del gases[2]
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
del gases[0]
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
del gases[2]
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Ar']
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
del gases[0]
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
del gases[2]
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Ar']
```

Yes, deleting an index that doesn't exist is an error













gases = []







```
gases = []
gases.append('He')
```







```
gases = []
gases.append('He')
gases.append('Ne')
```







```
gases = []
gases.append('He')
gases.append('Ne')
gases.append('Ar')
```







```
gases = []
gases.append('He')
gases.append('Ne')
gases.append('Ar')
print(gases)
['He', 'Ne', 'Ar']
```







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gases.append('Ar')
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['He', 'Ne', 'Ar']
```

Most operations on lists are *methods*







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A function that belongs to (and usually operates on) specific data







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thing . method (args)

















gases = ['He', 'He', 'Ar', 'Kr'] # 'He' is duplicated







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print(gases.count('He'))
2
```







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print(gases.count('He'))
2
print(gases.index('Ar'))
2
```







```
gases = ['He', 'He', 'Ar', 'Kr'] # 'He' is duplicated
print(gases.count('He'))
2
print(gases.index('Ar'))
2
gases.insert(1, 'Ne')
```







```
gases = ['He', 'He', 'Ar', 'Kr'] # 'He' is duplicated
print(gases.count('He'))
2
print(gases.index('Ar'))
2
gases.insert(1, 'Ne')
print(gases)
['He', 'Ne', 'He', 'Ar', 'Kr']
```







Two that are often used incorrectly









gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
print(gases.sort())
None
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
print(gases.sort())
None
print(gases)
['Ar', 'He', 'Kr', 'Ne']
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
print(gases.sort())
None
print(gases)
['Ar', 'He', 'Kr', 'Ne']
print(gases.reverse())
None
```







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
print(gases.sort())
None
print(gases)
['Ar', 'He', 'Kr', 'Ne']
print(gases.reverse())
None
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Kr', 'He', 'Ar']
```







```
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print(gases.sort())
None
print(gases)
['Ar', 'He', 'Kr', 'Ne']
print(gases.reverse())
None
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Kr', 'He', 'Ar']
```

A common bug







```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
print(gases.sort())
None
print(gases)
['Ar', 'He', 'Kr', 'Ne']
print(gases.reverse())
None
print(gases)
['Ne', 'Kr', 'He', 'Ar']
```

A common bug

gases = gases.sort() assigns None to gases







There is an alternative built-in function for sorting:

```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
s_gases = sorted(gases)
r_gases = sorted(gases, reverse=True)
print(gases)
['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
print(s_gases)
['Ar', 'He', 'Kr', 'Ne']
print(r_gases)
['Ne', 'Kr', 'He', 'Ar']
```













```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
```









```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
print('He' in gases)
True
```









```
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']
print('He' in gases)
True
if 'Pu' in gases:
    print('But plutonium is not a gas!')
else:
    print('The universe is well ordered.')
```







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```







Use range to construct a range of numbers







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print(range(5))
range(0, 5)



















```
print(list(range(5)))
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
print(list(range(2, 6)))
[2, 3, 4, 5]
```







```
print(list(range(5)))
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
print(list(range(2, 6)))
[2, 3, 4, 5]
print(list(range(0, 10, 3)))
[0, 3, 6, 9]
```







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print(list(range(5)))
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
print(list(range(2, 6)))
[2, 3, 4, 5]
print(list(range(0, 10, 3)))
[0, 3, 6, 9]
print(list(range(10, 0)))
[]
```







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```
You could use range(len(gases))
gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']

for i in range(len(gases)):
    print(i, gases[i])

0 He
1 Ne
2 Ar
3 Kr
```







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gases = ['He', 'Ne', 'Ar', 'Kr']

for i,gas in enumerate(gases):
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```







```
But there is a better way... enumerate()

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    print(i, gas)

0 He
1 Ne
2 Ar
3 Kr
```

A very common *idiom* in Python













Python

Slicing













Can be indexed by integers in the range 0...len(X)-1







Lists, strings, and tuples are all sequences

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Can also be *sliced* using a range of indices

>>>







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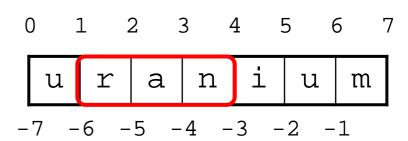
Can also be *sliced* using a range of indices

```
>>> element = 'uranium'
```

>>> print(element[1:4])

ran

>>>





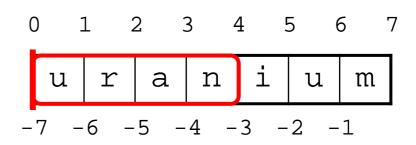




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ran
>>> print(element[:4])
uran
>>>
```





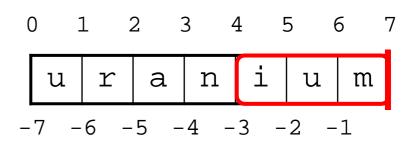




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ium
```





>>>

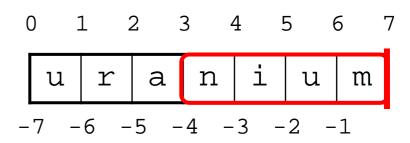




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>>> print(element[1:4])
ran
>>> print(element[:4])
uran
>>> print(element[4:])
ium
>>> print(element[-4:])
nium
>>>
```









Python checks bounds when indexing









Python checks bounds when indexing But truncates when slicing







Python checks bounds when indexing

But truncates when slicing

```
>>> element = 'uranium'
>>>
```









Python checks bounds when indexing

But truncates when slicing

```
>>> element = 'uranium'
```

>>> print(element[400])

IndexError: string index out of range

>>>









Python checks bounds when indexing

But truncates when slicing

```
>>> element = 'uranium'
>>> print(element[400])
IndexError: string index out of range
>>> print(element[1:400])
ranium
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
>>>
urranium
urranium
```







So text[1:3] is 0, 1, or 2 characters long







So text[1:3] is 0, 1, or 2 characters long

1 1

'a' ''

'ab' 'b'

'abc' 'bc'

'abcdef' 'bc'















Slicing always creates a new collection Beware of aliasing













```
>>> points = [[10, 10], [20, 20], [30, 30], [40, 40]]
>>> middle = points[1:-1]
>>>
```







```
>>> points = [[10, 10], [20, 20], [30, 30], [40, 40]]
>>> middle = points[1:-1]
>>> middle[0][0] = 'whoops'
>>>
```







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>>>
```







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>>> middle = points[1:-1]
>>> middle[0][0] = 'whoops'
>>> middle[1][0] = 'aliasing'
>>> print(middle)
[['whoops', 20], ['aliasing', 30]]
>>>
```







```
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>>> middle = points[1:-1]
>>> middle[0][0] = 'whoops'
>>> middle[1][0] = 'aliasing'
>>> print(middle)
[['whoops', 20], ['aliasing', 30]]
>>> print(points)
[[10, 10], ['whoops', 20], ['aliasing', 30], [40, 40]]
>>>
```













Python

List comprehensions - what are they? They are useful!







List Comprehensions

Python supports a concept called "List Comprehensions". Imagine you want to create a list of square numbers from the list of numbers from 0 to 9. You would type:

```
>>> S = []
>>> for x in range(10):
... S.append(x**2)

>>> print(S)
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```







Saving on lines of code

List Comprehensions allow you to do it on one line:

```
>>> S = [x**2 for x in range(10)]
>>> print(S)
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

These can be used to construct lists in a natural and easy way.







It gets better - include conditions

Imagine our previous example - but you only want to include values in the list where the result is an even number:

```
>>> S = []
>>> for x in range(10):
...     res = x**2
...     if res % 2 == 0:
...          S.append(res)
>>> print(S)
[0, 4, 16, 36, 64]
```







Can be simplified to...

>>> S =
$$[x**2 \text{ for } x \text{ in } range(10) \text{ if } x**2 \% 2 == 0$$

See more info at:

https://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0202/#examples











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