

Lecture 03: Introduction to Python

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1 Introduction to Python

1.1 Lists & Dictionaries & Tuples

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2 Lists

- Lists can be thought of the most general version of a sequence in Python.
- Unlike strings, they are **mutable**, i.e. elements inside a list can be changed.
- Lists are constructed with brackets [] and commas , separating every element in the list.

3 Creating a List

```
[2]: weights = [65.0, 70.5, 72.3, 68.0, 77.2] # list of numbers
weights
```

```
[2]: [65.0, 70.5, 72.3, 68.0, 77.2]
```

```
[3]: cities = ["London", "Paris", "New York", "Tokyo", "Berlin"] # list of strings
cities
```

```
[3]: ['London', 'Paris', 'New York', 'Tokyo', 'Berlin']
```

```
[4]: types = [1, 2.5, "hello", "world", 42, "python"] # list of different data types
types
```

```
[4]: [1, 2.5, 'hello', 'world', 42, 'python']
```

4 List of Lists

Here is an example of creating list of lists:

```
[5]: my_list = [cities, weights]
my_list
```

```
[5]: [['London', 'Paris', 'New York', 'Tokyo', 'Berlin'],
      [65.0, 70.5, 72.3, 68.0, 77.2]]
```

```
[6]: len(my_list)
```

```
[6]: 2
```

5 Indexing and Slicing 1/3

Indexing and slicing work just like in strings:

```
[7]: 'London'
```

```
[8]: cities[1:]
```

```
[8]: ['Paris', 'New York', 'Tokyo', 'Berlin']
```

```
[9]: cities[::-1]
```

```
[9]: ['Berlin', 'Tokyo', 'New York', 'Paris', 'London']
```

```
[10]: cities + ["Cairo", "Alexandria"]
```

```
[10]: ['London', 'Paris', 'New York', 'Tokyo', 'Berlin', 'Cairo', 'Alexandria']
```

6 Indexing and Slicing 2/3

```
[11]: ['London', 'Paris', 'New York', 'Tokyo', 'Berlin']
```

```
[12]: cities += ["Cairo", "Alexandria"]
cities
```

```
[12]: ['London', 'Paris', 'New York', 'Tokyo', 'Berlin', 'Cairo', 'Alexandria']
```

```
[13]: cities * 2
```

```
[13]: ['London',
      'Paris',
      'New York',
      'Tokyo',
      'Berlin',
```

```
'Cairo',  
'Alexandria',  
'London',  
'Paris',  
'New York',  
'Tokyo',  
'Berlin',  
'Cairo',  
'Alexandria']
```

```
[14]: len(cities)
```

```
[14]: 7
```

```
[15]: # Indexing and Slicing 3/3
```

```
[16]: my_list
```

```
[16]: [['London', 'Paris', 'New York', 'Tokyo', 'Berlin', 'Cairo', 'Alexandria'],  
      [65.0, 70.5, 72.3, 68.0, 77.2]]
```

```
[17]: len(my_list)
```

```
[17]: 2
```

```
[ ]:
```

```
[18]: my_list[0]
```

```
[18]: ['London', 'Paris', 'New York', 'Tokyo', 'Berlin', 'Cairo', 'Alexandria']
```

```
[19]: my_list[1][2]
```

```
[19]: 72.3
```