Python Programming Nesting with Comprehension

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Flatten a list

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| lst_of_lists = [[1, 2], [3], [4, 5, 6, 7, 8], [9, 10, 11]] |
| # Flatten a list: make all the items in a single list with no inner list |
| # we can do that easily with list comprehension |
| # without comprehension |
| lst1 = [] |
| for lst in lst of_lists: |
| for item in lst: |
| lst1.append(item) |
| print(lst1) |
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| # [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8] |
| # [1,
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lst2 = [item for lst in lst_of_lists for item in lst]
# same list!
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Add int to all

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# without
   def add value(lst of lists, value):
       # add the value to each item
    new lst of lists = []
       for lst in lst of lists:
    new lst = []
           for item in lst:
               new lst.append(item + value)
           new lst of lists.append(new lst)
       return new lst of lists
   lst of lists = [[1, 2], [3], [4, 5, 6, 7, 8], [9, 10, 11]]
   volue = 10
   print(add value(lst of lists, value))
   # [[11, 12], [13], [14, 15, 16, 17, 18], [19, 20, 21]]
# we get the lst, then transform it to a new list
lst of lists2 = [[item+value for item in lst] for lst in lst of lists]
print(lst of lists2)
# [[11, 12], [13], [14, 15, 16, 17, 18], [19, 20, 21]]
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Generating Pairs

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# we know with zip we can create iterator over item from each
# what if we want all pairs

lst1 = [1, 2]
lst2 = [10, 20, 30]

# without comprehension
lst_pairs1 = []
for item1 in lst1:
    for item2 in lst2:
        lst_pairs1.append((item1, item2))
    print(lst_pairs1)  # [(1, 10), (1, 20), (1, 30), (2, 10), (2, 20), (2, 30)]
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lst_pairs2 = [(item1, item2) for item1 in lst1 for item2 in lst2 ]
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Creating simple grids!

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# How to create an 3x4 grid of some value (e.g. 0)?
      rows, cols = 3, 4
      lst = [[0] * rows] * cols
      print(lst)
      \# [[0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0]]
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      lst[0][0] = 2
10
      print(lst)
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12
      # [[2, 0, 0], [2, 0, 0], [2, 0, 0], [2, 0, 0]] hmmm
13
      print(id(lst[0]), id(lst[1])) # 0x111 0x111
      # * cols just append the same object
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      lst = [ [0] * rows for i in range(cols) ]
16
17
      lst[0][0] = 2
      print(lst)
18
      \# [[2, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0]]
19
20
      lst = [[x for x in range(rows)] for y in range(cols)]
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      print(lst)
      # [[0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2]]
23
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"Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people."

"Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave."