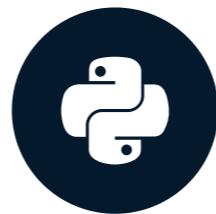


What are iterable objects?

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Definition

iterable objects / Iterables - any object that can be used in a `for` loop

- list
- tuple
- set
- dictionary
- string

Iterating through a list or tuple

list:

```
droids = ['R2-D2', 'TC-16', 'C-3P0']

for droid in droids:
    print(droid)
```

R2-D2
TC-16
C-3P0

tuple:

```
droids = ('R2-D2', 'TC-16', 'C-3P0')

for droid in droids:
    print(droid)
```

R2-D2
TC-16
C-3P0

Iterating through a set

```
battleships = {'X-Wing Fighter', 'Millennium Falcon', 'TIE Fighter'}  
  
for battleship in battleships:  
    print(battleship)
```

```
TIE Fighter  
X-Wing Fighter  
Millennium Falcon
```

Iterating through a string

```
title = 'Star Wars'
```

```
for char in title:  
    print(char)
```

```
S  
t  
a  
r  
  
W  
a  
r  
s
```

Iterating through a dictionary

```
episodes = {  
    'Episode I': 'The Phantom Menace',  
    'Episode II': 'Attack of the Clones',  
    'Episode III': 'Revenge of the Sith',  
    'Episode IV': 'A New Hope',  
    'Episode V': 'The Empire Strikes Back',  
    'Episode VI': 'Return of the Jedi'  
}
```

```
for episode in episodes:  
    print(episode)
```

```
Episode I  
Episode II  
Episode III  
Episode IV  
Episode V  
Episode VI
```

Getting key-value pairs

```
episodes = {  
    'Episode I': 'The Phantom Menace',  
    'Episode II': 'Attack of the Clones',  
    'Episode III': 'Revenge of the Sith',  
    'Episode IV': 'A New Hope',  
    'Episode V': 'The Empire Strikes Back',  
    'Episode VI': 'Return of the Jedi'  
}
```

```
for item in episodes.items():  
    print(item)  
  
('Episode I', 'The Phantom Menace')  
('Episode II', 'Attack of the Clones')  
('Episode III', 'Revenge of the Sith')  
('Episode IV', 'A New Hope')  
('Episode V', 'The Empire Strikes Back')  
('Episode VI', 'Return of the Jedi')
```

Getting key-value pairs

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    'Episode I': 'The Phantom Menace',  
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    'Episode III': 'Revenge of the Sith',  
    'Episode IV': 'A New Hope',  
    'Episode V': 'The Empire Strikes Back',  
    'Episode VI': 'Return of the Jedi'  
}
```

```
for title, subtitle in episodes.items():  
    print(title + ': ' + subtitle)
```

```
'Episode I': 'The Phantom Menace'  
'Episode II': 'Attack of the Clones'  
'Episode III': 'Revenge of the Sith'  
'Episode IV': 'A New Hope'  
'Episode V': 'The Empire Strikes Back'  
'Episode VI': 'Return of the Jedi'
```

Less visual objects: range

```
interval = range(0, 10)  
print(interval)
```

```
range(0, 10)
```

```
for num in interval:  
    print(num)
```

```
0  
1  
2  
...  
9
```

Less visual objects: enumerate

```
villains = ['Darth Maul', 'Palpatine', 'Darth Vader']  
enum_villains = enumerate(villains)
```

```
for item in enum_villains:  
    print(item)
```

```
(0, 'Darth Maul')  
(1, 'Palpatine')  
(2, 'Darth Vader')
```

Less visual objects: enumerate

```
villains = ['Darth Maul', 'Palpatine', 'Darth Vader']  
enum_villains = enumerate(villains)
```

```
for idx, name in enum_villains:  
    print(str(idx) + ' - ' + name)
```

```
0 - Darth Maul  
1 - Palpatine  
2 - Darth Vader
```

Iterables as arguments

`list()`, `tuple()`, `set()`, etc.

```
villains = [  
    'Darth Maul',  
    'Palpatine',  
    'Darth Vader'  
]
```

```
list(enumerate(villains))
```

```
[  
    (0, 'Darth Maul'),  
    (1, 'Palpatine'),  
    (2, 'Darth Vader')  
]
```

Iterables as arguments

`list()`, `tuple()`, `set()`, etc.

```
villains = [  
    'Darth Maul',  
    'Palpatine',  
    'Darth Vader'  
]
```

`list(enumerate(villains))`

```
[  
    (0, 'Darth Maul'),  
    ...
```

`set(enumerate(villains))`

```
{  
    (0, 'Darth Maul'),  
    (1, 'Palpatine'),  
    (2, 'Darth Vader')}
```

How to know if we deal with an Iterable

```
interval = range(0, 5)
```

```
interval_iter = iter(interval)
```

```
print(interval_iter)
```

```
<range_iterator object at 0x7f3bdf8ad300>
```

Iterator - an object knowing how to retrieve consecutive elements from an Iterable one by one

```
next(interval_iter)
```

```
0
```

```
next(interval_iter)
```

```
1
```

```
next(interval_iter)
```

```
2
```

StopIteration

```
next(interval_iter)
```

3

```
next(interval_iter)
```

4

```
next(interval_iter)
```

StopIteration

Describing a for loop

```
droids = ['R2-D2', 'TC-16', 'C-3PO']

for droid in droids:
    print(droid)
```

```
R2-D2
TC-16
C-3PO
```

```
iter_droids = iter(droids)
while True:
    try:
        print(next(iter_droids))
    except StopIteration:
        break
```

Describing a for loop

```
droids = ['R2-D2', 'TC-16', 'C-3P0']

for droid in droids:
    print(droid)
```

R2-D2
TC-16
C-3P0

```
iter_droids = iter(droids)

while True:
    try:
        droid = next(iter_droid)
        print(droid)
    except StopIteration:
        break
```

R2-D2
TC-16
C-3P0

Many Iterables are Iterators

- `iter()`
- `next()`

e.g. `enumerate`, `finditer` etc.

```
import re
pattern = re.compile(r'[\w\.]+\@[a-z]+\.[a-z]+')
text = 'john.smith@mailbox.com is the e-mail of John. He often writes to his boss \'\
'at boss@company.com. But the messages get forwarded to his secretary at info@company.com.'
result = re.finditer(pattern, text)
```

iter() or next()

iter()

```
result = re.finditer(pattern, text)
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(0, 22), match='john.smith@mailbox.com'>  
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(77, 93), match='boss@company.com'>  
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(146, 162), match='info@company.com'>
```

iter() or next()

next()

```
result = re.finditer(pattern, text)
```

next(result)

```
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(0, 22),  
match='john.smith@mailbox.com'>
```

next(result)

```
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(77, 93),  
match='boss@company.com'>
```

next(result)

```
<_sre.SRE_Match object; span=(146, 162),  
match='info@company.com'>
```

Expendable Iterables

```
result = re.finditer(pattern, text)
for item in result:
    print(item)
```

```
<_sre.SRE_Match object; ...
<_sre.SRE_Match object; ...
<_sre.SRE_Match object; ...
```

```
for item in result:
    print(item)
```

```
# nothing
```

```
short_list = [2, 4]
for item in short_list:
    print(item)
```

```
2
4
```

```
for item in short_list:
    print(item)
```

```
2
4
```

Traversing a DataFrame

```
pars = {'weight': [168, 183, 198], 'height': [77, 79, 135]}\ncharacters = pd.DataFrame(pars, index=['Luke Skywalker', 'Han Solo', 'Darth Vader'])\nprint(characters)
```

| | weight | height |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| Luke Skywalker | 168 | 77 |
| Han Solo | 183 | 79 |
| Darth Vader | 198 | 135 |

Direct approach

```
for item in characters:  
    print(item)
```

```
weight  
height
```

.iterrows()

```
result = characters.iterrows()
```

```
print(result)
```

```
<generator object DataFrame.iterrows at 0x7f5dff6b9c50>
```

.iterrows()

```
result = characters.iterrows()  
  
for item in result:  
    print(item)  
  
item → (index name, Series)
```

```
('Luke Skywalker',  
 weight      168  
 height      77  
 Name: Luke Skywalker, dtype: int64)  
('Han Solo',  
 weight      183  
 height      79  
 Name: Han Solo, dtype: int64)  
('Darth Vader',  
 weight      198  
 height     135  
 Name: Darth Vader, dtype: int64)
```

.iterrows()

```
result = characters.iterrows()  
  
for index, series in result:  
    print(index)  
    print(series)
```

```
Luke Skywalker  
weight      168  
height      77  
Name: Luke Skywalker, dtype: int64  
Han Solo  
weight      183  
height      79  
Name: Han Solo, dtype: int64  
Darth Vader  
weight      198  
height      135  
Name: Darth Vader, dtype: int64
```

.iteritems()

```
result = characters.iteritems()
```

```
print(result)
```

```
<generator object DataFrame.iteritems at 0x7f5dff69f938>
```

.iteritems()

```
result = characters.iteritems()  
  
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

item → (column name, Series)

```
('weight',  
Luke Skywalker      168  
Han Solo           183  
Darth Vader        198  
Name: weight, dtype: int64)  
('height',  
Luke Skywalker      77  
Han Solo            79  
Darth Vader         135  
Name: height, dtype: int64)
```

.iteritems()

```
result = characters.iteritems()  
  
for name, series in result:  
    print(name)  
    print(series)
```

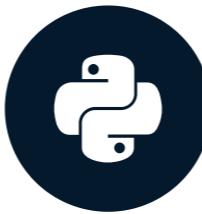
```
weight  
Luke Skywalker      168  
Han Solo            183  
Darth Vader          198  
Name: weight, dtype: int64  
  
height  
Luke Skywalker      77  
Han Solo             79  
Darth Vader          135  
Name: height, dtype: int64
```

Let's practice!

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What is a list comprehension?

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List comprehension

```
nums = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]  
print(nums)
```

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

```
nums_new = []  
for i in range(1, 6):  
    nums_new.append(2*i)  
  
print(nums_new)
```

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

List comprehension

```
nums = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]  
print(nums)
```

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

```
for num in range(1, 6)
```

List comprehension

```
nums = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]  
print(nums)
```

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

```
[         for num in range(1, 6)]
```

List comprehension

```
nums = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]  
print(nums)
```

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

```
[(2 * num) for num in range(1, 6)]
```

List comprehension

```
nums = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]  
print(nums)
```

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

```
nums_new = [(2 * num) for num in range(1, 6)]
```

```
print(nums_new)
```

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

Summing up

List comprehension is defined by:

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List comprehension is defined by:

- an iterable object (e.g. list, tuple, set)
-

```
[      for num in range(1, 6)]
```

Summing up

List comprehension is defined by:

- an iterable object (e.g. list, tuple, set)
- an operation on an element

```
[(2 * num) for num in range(1, 6)]
```

- (optional) conditions

List comprehension with condition

```
nums = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]  
print(nums)
```

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

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

List comprehension with condition

```
nums = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]  
print(nums)
```

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

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 → 2 4 6 8 10

Adding a condition

```
nums_new = [num for num in range(1, 11)]
```

```
print(nums_new)
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

Adding a condition

```
nums_new = [num for num in range(1, 11) if num % 2 == 0]
```

```
print(nums_new)
```

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

More examples

```
text = 'list COMPREHENSION is A way TO create LISTS'
```

Task:

Create a list that contains the length of each lowercased word.

list , is , way , create → [4, 2, 3, 6]

More examples

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Create a list that contains the length of each lowercased word.

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```
output = [           for word in text.split()           ]
```

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Create a list that contains the length of each lowercased word.

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More examples

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```

Task:

Create a list that contains the length of each lowercased word.

list , is , way , create → [4, 2, 3, 6]

```
output = [len(word) for word in text.split() if word.islower()]
```

```
print(output)
```

```
[4, 2, 3, 6]
```

Multiple loops

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

Create all the possible pairs between `numbers` and `letters`:

```
[  
    (1, 'a'), (1, 'b'), (1, 'c'),  
    (2, 'a'), (2, 'b'), (2, 'c'),  
    (3, 'a'), (3, 'b'), (3, 'c'),  
]
```

Iterating through multiple loops

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [      for i in numbers ]
```

Iterating through multiple loops

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [      for i in numbers for j in letters]
```

Iterating through multiple loops

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [(i, j) for i in numbers for j in letters]
```

```
print(pairs)
```

```
[
    (1, 'a'), (1, 'b'), (1, 'c'),
    (2, 'a'), (2, 'b'), (2, 'c'),
    (3, 'a'), (3, 'b'), (3, 'c'),
]
```

Deeper look

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [(i, j) for i in numbers for j in letters]
```

```
pairs = []
for i in numbers:
    for j in letters:
        pairs.append((i, j))
```

Deeper look

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]  
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [(i, j)           for j in letters]
```

```
pairs = []  
  
for j in letters:  
    pairs.append((i, j))
```

Deeper look

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [(i, j) for i in numbers ]
```

```
pairs = []
for i in numbers:
    pairs.append((i, j))
```

Adding square brackets

```
pairs = [ (i, j) for i in numbers for j in letters]
```

Adding square brackets

```
pairs = [(i, j) for i in numbers] for j in letters]
```

```
print(pairs)
```

```
[  
    [(1, 'a'), (2, 'a'), (3, 'a')],  
    [(1, 'b'), (2, 'b'), (3, 'b')],  
    [(1, 'c'), (2, 'c'), (3, 'c')]  
]
```

Adding square brackets

```
pairs = [(i, j) for i in numbers] for j in letters]
```

```
pairs = []
for j in letters:
    temp = []
    for i in numbers:
        temp.append((i, j))
    pairs.append(temp)
```

Adding square brackets

```
pairs = [(i, j) for i in numbers] ]
```

```
pairs = []  
  
temp = []  
for i in numbers:  
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pairs.append(temp)
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Adding square brackets

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```

```
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pairs.append(temp)
```

Swap numbers and letters

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [[(i, j) for i in numbers] for j in letters]
print(pairs)
```

```
[
  [(1, 'a'), (2, 'a'), (3, 'a')],
  [(1, 'b'), (2, 'b'), (3, 'b')],
  [(1, 'c'), (2, 'c'), (3, 'c')]
]
```

Swap numbers and letters

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3]
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [[(i, j) for i in letters] for j in numbers]
print(pairs)
```

```
[
    [('a', 1), ('b', 1), ('c', 1)],
    [('a', 2), ('b', 2), ('c', 2)],
    [('a', 3), ('b', 3), ('c', 3)]
]
```

Difference between list comprehensions

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

```
letters = ['a', 'b', 'c']
```

```
pairs = [(i, j) for i in numbers for j in letters]
```

```
pairs = [[(i, j) for i in numbers] for j in letters]
```

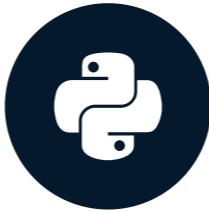
```
pairs = [[(i, j) for i in letters] for j in numbers]
```

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What is a zip object?

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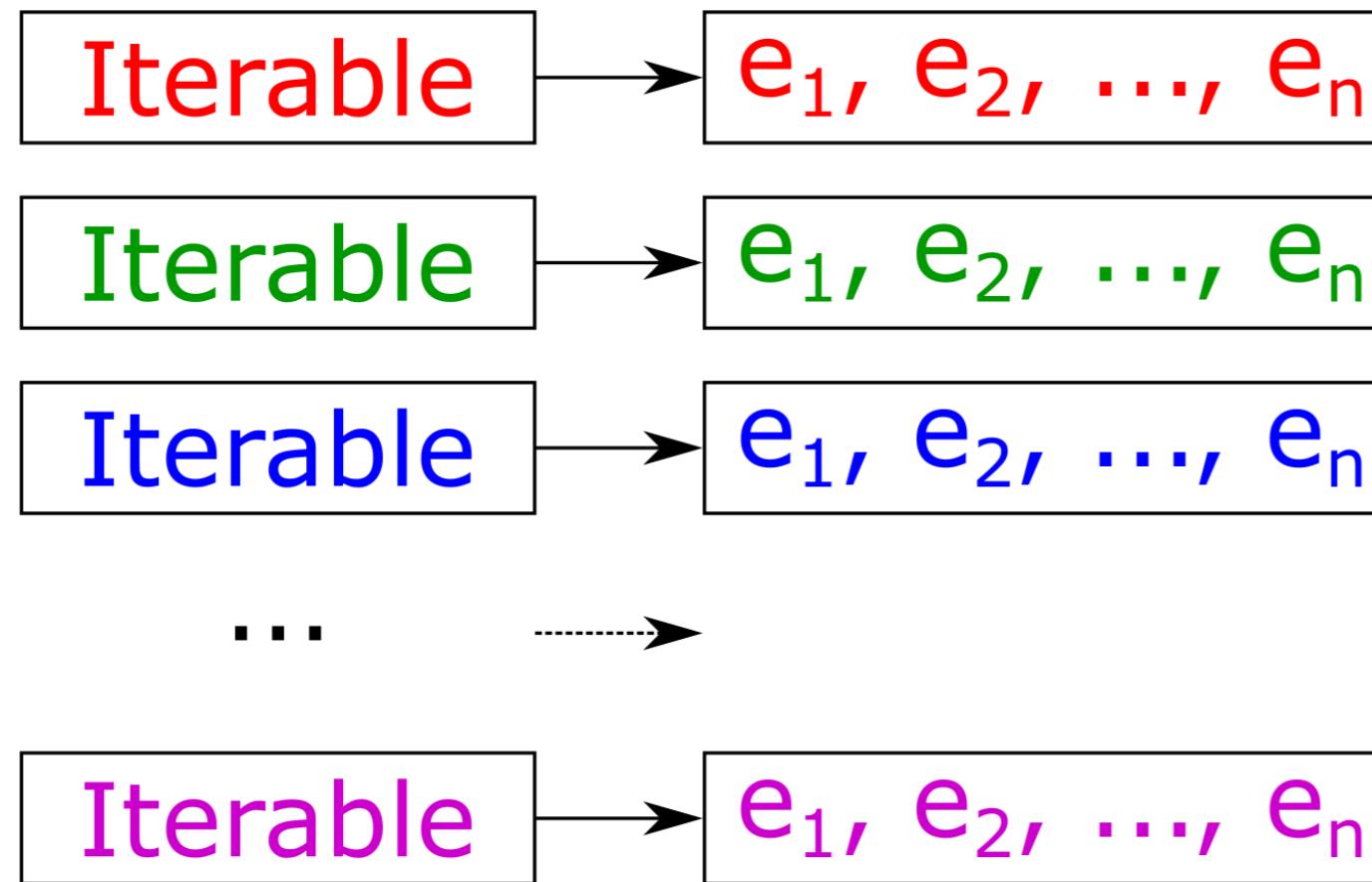


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Definition

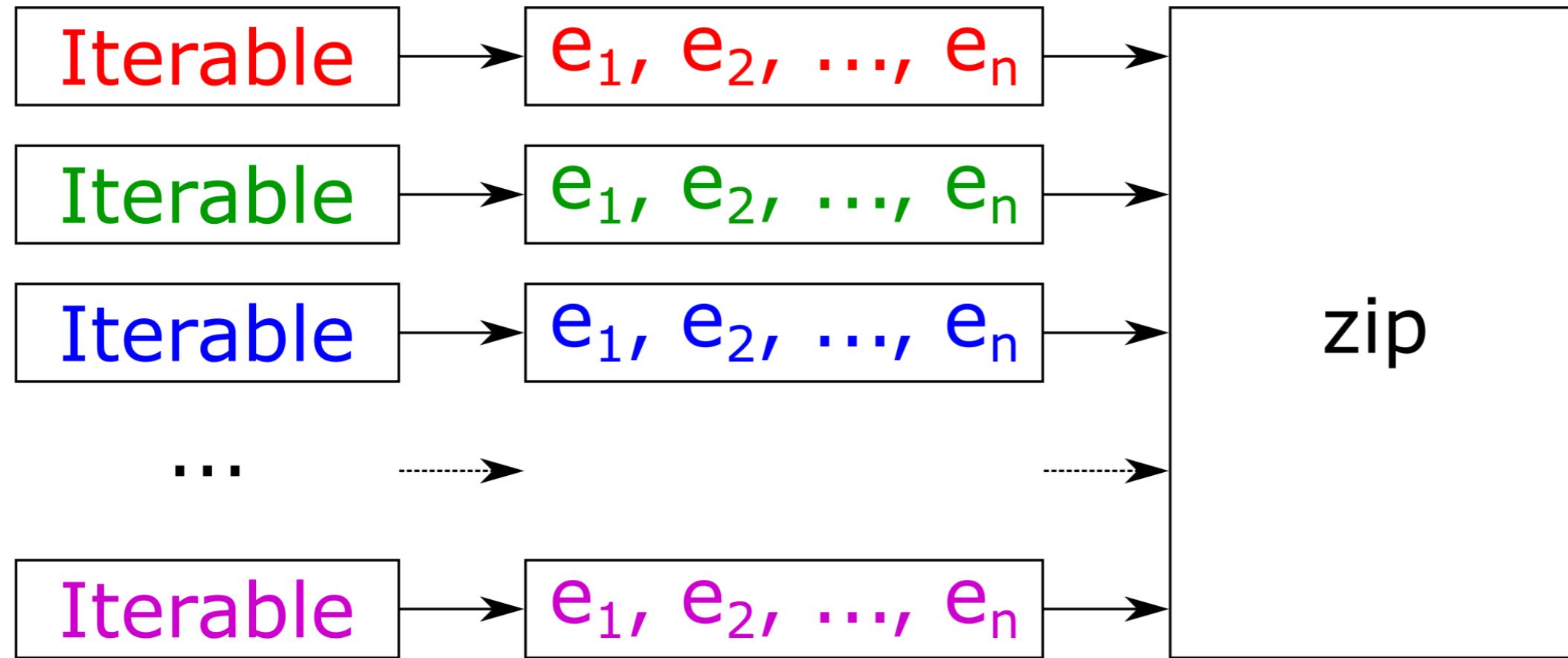
`zip` - object that combines several iterable objects into one iterable object.



e_i - an element from an Iterable

Definition

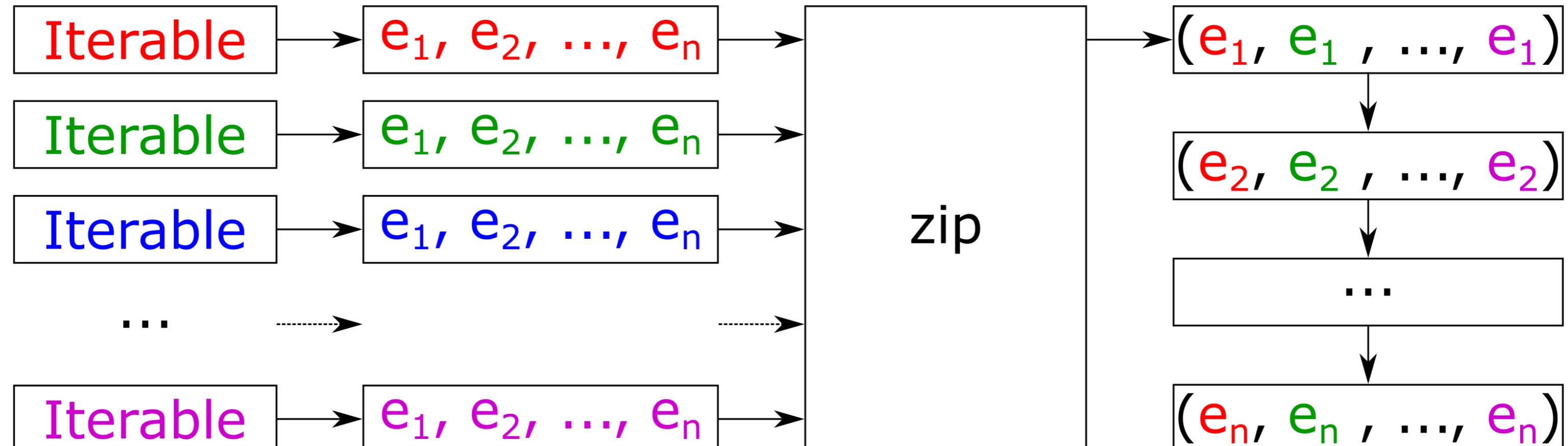
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e_i - an element from an Iterable

Definition

`zip` - object that combines several iterable objects into one iterable object.



e_i - an element from an Iterable

Example

```
title = 'TMNT'  
villains = ['Shredder', 'Krang', 'Bebop', 'Rocksteady']  
turtles = {  
    'Raphael': 'Sai', 'Michelangelo': 'Nunchaku',  
    'Leonardo': 'Twin katana', 'Donatello': 'Bo'  
}
```

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)  
print(result)
```

```
<zip object at 0x7f37bab6e608>
```

Traversing through a zip object

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael')  
('M', 'Krang', 'Michelangelo')  
('N', 'Bebop', 'Leonardo')  
('T', 'Rocksteady', 'Donatello')
```

Returning a list of tuples

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
tuples = list(result)  
print(tuples)
```

```
[  
    ('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael'), ('M', 'Krang', 'Michelangelo'),  
    ('N', 'Bebop', 'Leonardo'), ('T', 'Rocksteady', 'Donatello')  
]
```

zip object as iterator

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
next(result)
```

```
('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael')
```

```
next(result)
```

```
('M', 'Krang', 'Michelangelo')
```

```
next(result)
```

```
('N', 'Bebop', 'Leonardo')
```

```
next(result)
```

```
('T', 'Rocksteady', 'Donatello')
```

```
next(result)
```

```
StopIteration
```

zip object is expendable

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael')  
('M', 'Krang', 'Michelangelo')  
('N', 'Bebop', 'Leonardo')  
('T', 'Rocksteady', 'Donatello')
```

zip object is expendable

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael')  
(‘M’, ‘Krang’, ‘Michelangelo’)  
...
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
# nothing
```

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
tuples = list(result)  
print(tuples)
```

```
[  
    ('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael'),  
    ('M', 'Krang', 'Michelangelo'),  
    ('N', 'Bebop', 'Leonardo'),  
    ('T', 'Rocksteady', 'Donatello')  
]
```

'zip' object is expendable

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael')  
(‘M’, ‘Krang’, ‘Michelangelo’)  
...
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
# nothing
```

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
tuples = list(result)  
print(tuples)
```

```
[  
    ('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael'),  
    ...
```

```
tuples = list(result)  
print(tuples)
```

```
[]
```

Unequal Iterable sizes

```
title = 'TMNT'  
villains = ['Shredder', 'Krang', 'Bebop', 'Rocksteady']  
turtles = {  
    'Raphael': 'Sai', 'Michelangelo': 'Nunchaku',  
    'Leonardo': 'Twin katana', 'Donatello': 'Bo'  
}
```

Unequal Iterable sizes

```
title = 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles'  
villains = ['Shredder', 'Krang', 'Bebop', 'Rocksteady']  
turtles = {  
    'Raphael': 'Sai', 'Michelangelo': 'Nunchaku',  
    'Leonardo': 'Twin katana', 'Donatello': 'Bo'  
}
```

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

Traversing through the 'zip' object

```
result = zip(title, villains, turtles)
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
('T', 'Shredder', 'Raphael')  
('e', 'Krang', 'Michelangelo')  
('e', 'Bebop', 'Leonardo')  
('n', 'Rocksteady', 'Donatello')
```

Reverse operation

```
turtle_masks = [  
    ('Raphael', 'red'), ('Michelangelo', 'orange'),  
    ('Leonardo', 'blue'), ('Donatello', 'purple')  
]
```

```
result = zip(*turtle_masks)  
print(result)
```

```
[  
    ('Raphael', 'Michelangelo', 'Leonardo', 'Donatello'),  
    ('red', 'orange', 'blue', 'purple')  
]
```

Unequal tuple sizes

```
turtle_masks = [  
    ('Raphael', 'red'), ('Michelangelo', 'orange'),  
    ('Leonardo', 'blue', 'cyan'), ('Donatello', 'purple', 'magenta')  
]
```

```
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```

```
[  
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    ('red', 'orange', 'blue', 'purple')  
]
```

Relation to a dictionary

A `zip` object can be used to create a dictionary

```
keys = ['movie', 'year', 'director']
values = [
    ['Forest Gump', 'Goodfellas', 'Se7en'],
    [1994, 1990, 1995],
    ['R.Zemeckis', 'M.Scorsese', 'D.Fincher']
]
```

```
movies = dict(zip(keys, values))
print(movies)
```

```
{
    'director': [
        'R.Zemeckis',
        'M.Scorsese',
        'D.Fincher'
    ],
    'movie': [
        'Forest Gump',
        'Goodfellas',
        'Se7en'
    ],
    'year': [1994, 1990, 1995]
}
```

Creating a DataFrame

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
df_movies = pd.DataFrame(movies)
```

```
print(df_movies)
```

```
    director      movie   year
0  Robert Zemeckis  Forest Gump  1994
1  Martin Scorsese  Goodfellas  1990
2  David Fincher      Se7en  1995
```

```
list()
```

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`list()` → `zip()`

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`list()` → `zip()` → `dict()`

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2    David Fincher       Se7en  1995
```

list() → zip() → dict() → DataFrame()

Let's practice!

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What is a generator and how to create one?

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Definition

Generator - a special iterable object created by a function having a `yield` keyword in its body.

```
def func():
    # Return a value from super complex calculations
    return 0
```

```
result = func()
print(result)
```

```
0
```

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```
def func():
    # Yield a value from super complex calculations
    yield 0
```

```
result = func()
print(result)
```

```
<generator object result at 0x105736e10>
```

Generator as Iterable

```
def func():  
    # Yield a value from super complex calculations  
    yield 0  
  
result = func()
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
0
```

More yields!

```
def func():
    yield 0
    yield 1
    yield 2
```

```
result = func()
for item in result:
    print(item)
```

```
0
1
2
```

Yield in a loop

```
def func(n):  
    for i in range(0, n):  
        yield 2*i
```

```
result = func(3)  
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
0  
2  
4
```

Converting a generator to a list

```
def func(n):  
    for i in range(0, n):  
        yield 2*i
```

```
result = func(5)
```

```
list(result)
```

```
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

Generator as Iterator

Generator is an Iterable AND an Iterator

```
def func(n):  
    for i in range(0, n):  
        yield 2*i
```

```
result = func(3)
```

```
next(result)
```

```
0
```

```
next(result)
```

```
2
```

```
next(result)
```

```
4
```

```
next(result)
```

```
StopIteration
```

Generators are expendable

```
def func(n):  
    for i in range(0, n):  
        yield 2*i
```

```
result = func(3)
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
0  
2  
4
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
# nothing
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    print(item)
```

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2  
4
```

Generators are expendable

```
def func(n):  
    for i in range(0, n):  
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```

```
result = func(3)  
list(result)
```

```
[0, 2, 4]
```

```
list(result)
```

```
[]
```

```
result = func(3)  
list(result)
```

```
[0, 2, 4]
```

Generator comprehension

```
result = [2*i for i in range(0, 3)]  
print(result)
```

```
[0, 2, 4]
```

```
result = (2*i for i in range(0, 3))  
print(result)
```

```
<generator object result at 0x105736e10>
```

Traversal

```
result = (2*i for i in range(0, 3))
```

```
for item in result:  
    print(item)
```

```
0  
2  
4
```

```
next(result)
```

```
StopIteration
```

Why generators?

- simple way to create a custom iterable object

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

```
def create_jump_sequence(n):  
    for i in range(1, n-1):  
        yield i  
        yield i+2
```

```
jump_sequence = create_jump_sequence(5)  
list(jump_sequence)
```

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

Why generators?

- simple way to create a custom iterable object
- lazy initialization

```
[1, 3, 2, 4, 3, 5, 4, 6, 5, 7, ...]
```

```
def create_jump_sequence(n):  
    for i in range(1, n-1):  
        yield i  
        yield i+2
```

```
jump_sequence = create_jump_sequence(500)  
next(jump_sequence)
```

```
1
```

Why generators?

- simple way to create a custom iterable object
- lazy initialization
- possibility to create infinite iterable objects

```
def create_inf_generator():
    while True:
        yield 'I am infinite!'
```

```
inf_generator = create_inf_generator()
```

```
next(inf_generator)
```

```
I am infinite
```

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