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>>> import this
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The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters

Beautiful is better than ugly.

Explicit is better than implicit.

Simple is better than complex.

Complex is better than complicated.

Flat is better than nested.

Sparse is better than dense.

Readability counts.

Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.

Although practicality beats purity.

Errors should never pass silently.

Unless explicitly silenced.

In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.

There should be one-- and preferably only one --obvious way to do it.

Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch.

Now is better than never.

Although never is often better than *right* now.

If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.

If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.

Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!

How Python works: Namespaces

Some vocabulary

We'll use the terms "value" and "object" interchangeably.

We'll use the terms "name" and "variable" interchangeably.

A **binding** is a *runtime* pair: name \mapsto value.

A **namespace** is a *runtime* collection of bindings.

At runtime, an **assignment** binds a name to a value.

At runtime, a **reference** looks up a name's value.

A name's **scope** is the region of text in which that name is valid.

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Let's practice!

```
1 def fact(n):  
2     if (n == 0):  
3         return 1  
4     return n * fact(n-1)  
5  
6 n = 4  
7 result = fact(n / 2)
```

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Modules are
just more namespaces.

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```
1 import functions  
2 functions.f1()
```

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functions.py

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y → 'b'
f1 → []
f2 → []

namespaces

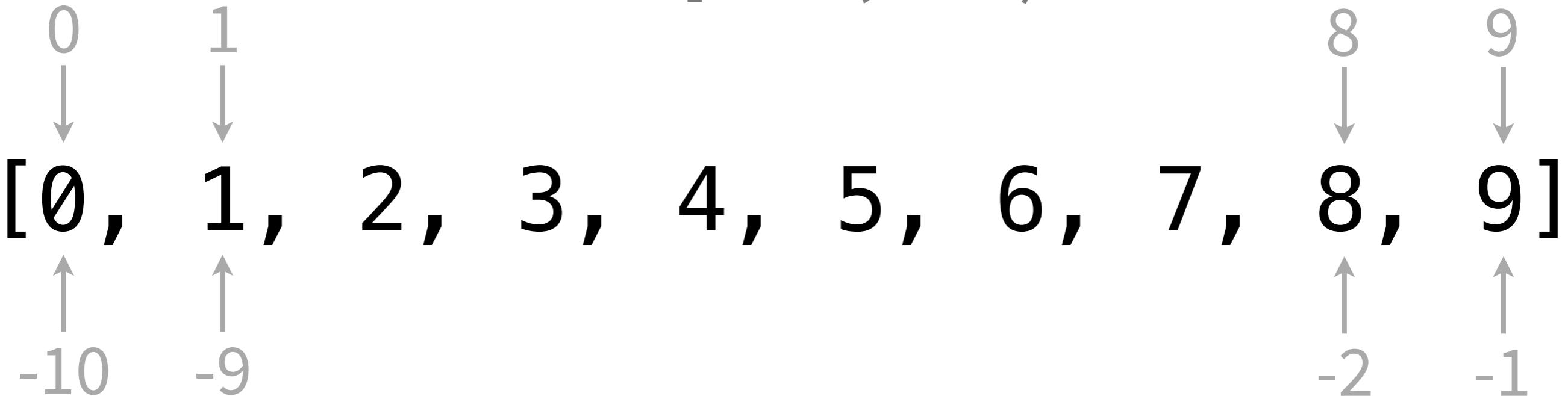
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Slicing a sequence

seq[start : end : step]

think: *[start, end)*



```
>>> values = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
>>> values[3:]
[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
>>> values[3:5]
[3, 4]
>>> values[-1]
9
>>> values[::-2]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

Functional programming in Python

Reading from files

```
0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
```

data.txt

```
0,2,4,6,8
```

```
100,200,300,400,500,600,700,800,900
```

```
10,17,24,31,38,45,52,59,66,73,80,87,94
```

```
open('data.txt').read()
```

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'0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\n0,2,4,6,8\n100,200,300,400,500,600,700,800,  
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List comprehensions

are syntactic sugar for functional programming concepts (e.g., map)

```
lines = open('data.txt').readlines()
```

```
data = []
for line in lines:
    data.append(line[:-1])
```

loop
(imperative programming)

```
data = list(map(lambda line: line[:-1], lines))
```

map
(functional programming)

```
data = [line[:-1] for line in lines]
```

list comprehension
(functional programming)

List comprehensions

are syntactic sugar for functional programming concepts (e.g., filter)

```
positiveValues = []
for value in values:
    if value > 0:
        positiveValues.append(value)
```

loop
(imperative programming)

```
data = list(filter(lambda value: value > 0, values))
```

filter
(functional programming)

```
data = [value for value in values if value > 0]
```

list comprehension
(functional programming)

Good programming practice

Use list comprehensions.

List comprehensions are usually clearer (to Python programmers) than `map` / `filter` or single loops that build up lists.

Python environment: VSCode + iPython

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code (VSCode) interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with icons for file operations, search, and other tools. The main area shows a code editor with a file named 'fact.py' containing the following Python code:

```
1 def fact(n):
2     if (n == 0):
3         return 1
4     return n * fact(n-1)
5
```

Below the code editor is a terminal window titled '1: python3.6'. It displays the following output:

```
Python 3.6.5 |Anaconda, Inc.| (default, Apr 26 2018, 08:42:37)
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 6.4.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.

In [1]: cd Desktop
/Users/ben/Desktop

In [2]: 
```

The status bar at the bottom of the terminal window shows the following information:

```
Python 3.6.4 64-bit  0 0  python | fact.py
Ln 5, Col 1  Spaces: 2  UTF-8  LF  Python  [off]  ☺  🔔
```

<https://www.cs.hmc.edu/twiki/bin/view/CS5/Orientation>

Python sounds good!

<http://tinyurl.com/hmc-python-sounds>

Help with the terminal: <http://tinyurl.com/hmc-ipython-terminal>

Try to get as far as: replace_some

We'll stop at 10:45.