# Introduction to Python Sequences, List, Tuples

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#### Review of Previous Class

- Recusive functions
- Truthiness
- Modules and name spaces

New sublime theme...

#### Note about homework

About a 1/3 of you have been sending me homework to review.

Which is jsut fine!

But how do I know if you have learned the material?

Final Project...

## Lightning Talks

Lightning talks today:

Nate Flagg

Duane Wright

Jo-Anne Antoun

Josh Rakita



#### Homework review

Homework Questions?

My Solution

Gary's Solution



#### Sequences

Sequences are ordered collections of objects

They can be indexed, sliced, iterated over,...

They have a length: len(sequence)

Common sequences (Remember Duck Typing?):

- strings
- tuples
- lists



## Indexing

```
square brackets for indexing: []
```

### Indexing starts at zero

```
In [98]: s = "this is a string"
```

```
In [99]: s[0]
Out[99]: 't'
```

```
In [100]: s[5]
Out[100]: 'i'
```

## Indexing

#### Negative indexes count from the end

```
In [105]: s = "this is a string"
In [106]: s[-1]
Out[106]: 'g'
In [107]: s[-6]
Out[107]: 's'
```

Slicing: Pulling a range out of a sequence

```
sequence[start:finish]
```

indexes for which:

```
start <= i < finish
```

```
In [121]: s = "a bunch of words"
In [122]: s[2]
Out[122]: 'b'
In [123]: s[6]
Out[123]: 'h'
In [124]: s[2:6]
Out[124]: 'bunc'
In [125]: s[2:7]
Out[125]: 'bunch'
```

the indexes point to the spaces between the items

Slicing satisfies nifty properties:

#### Indexing returns a single element

```
In [86]: 1
Out[86]: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
In [87]: type(1)
Out[87]: list
In [88]: 1[3]
Out[88]: 3
In [89]: type(1[3])
Out[89]: int
```

Out[77]: str

#### Unless it's a string:

```
In [75]: s = "a string"
In [76]: s[3]
Out[76]: 't'
In [77]: type(s[3])
```

There is no single character type



## Slicing returns a sequence:

```
In [68]: 1
Out[68]: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
In [69]: 1[2:4]
Out[69]: [2, 3]
Even if it's one element long
```

```
In [70]: 1[2:3]
Out[70]: [2]
```

In [71]: type(1[2:3])

Out[71]: list

### Indexing out of range produces an error

```
In [129]: s = "a bunch of words"
In [130]: s[17]
----> 1 s[17]
IndexError: string index out of range
```

### Slicing just gives you what's there

```
In [131]: s[10:20]
Out[131]: 'words'
In [132]: s[20:30]
Out[132]: ''
(demo)
```

## Multiplying and slicing

```
from CodingBat: Warmup-1 – front3
def front3(str):
  if len(str) < 3:
    return str+str+str
  else:
    return str[:3]+str[:3]+str[:3]
or
def front3(str):
    return str[:3] * 3
```

## Slicing

```
from CodingBat: Warmup-1 - missing_char
```

```
def missing_char(str, n):
    front = str[0:n]
    l = len(str)-1
    back = str[n+1:l+1]
    return front + back

def missing_char(str, n):
    return str[:n] + str[n+1:]
```

## Slicing

## you can skip items, too

```
In [289]: string = "a fairly long string"
In [290]: string[0:15]
Out[290]: 'a fairly long s'
In [291]: string[0:15:2]
Out[291]: 'afil ogs'
In [292]: string[0:15:3]
Out[292]: 'aallg'
```

#### LAB

#### Write some functions that:

- return a string with the first and last characters exchanged.
- return a string with every other character removed
- return a string with the first and last 4 characters removed,
   and every other char in between
- return a string reversed (just with slicing)
- return a string with the middle, then last, then first third in a new order



## Lightning Talk

## Lightning Talks:

Nate Flag

Duane Wright

#### Lists

#### List Literals

```
>>> []
[]
>>> list()
[]
>>> [1, 2, 3]
[1, 2, 3]
>>> [1, 3.14, "abc"]
[1, 3.14, 'abc']
```

#### Lists

```
List "type"
  (also constructor)

>>> type(list)
<type 'type'>
>>> list( (1,2,3) )
[1, 2, 3]
>>> list( "a string" )
```

Takes any sequence, tries to turn it into a list

like int(), float(), etc.



## List Indexing

#### Indexing just like all sequences

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> food[2]
'ham'
>>> food[0]
'spam'
>>> food[42]
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IndexError: list index out of range
```

## List Mutability

#### Lists are mutable

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> food[1] = 'raspberries'
>>> food
['spam', 'raspberries', 'ham']
```

#### List Elements

Each element is a value, and can be in multiple lists and have multiple names (or no name)

```
>>> name = 'Brian'
>>> a = [1, 2, name]
>>> b = [3, 4, name]
>>> name
 'Brian'
>>> a
 [1, 2, 'Brian']
>>> h
 [3, 4, 'Brian']
>>> a[2]
 'Brian'
>>> b[2]
```

#### List Methods

```
.append(), .insert()
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> food.append('sushi')
>>> food
['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
>>> food.insert(0, 'carrots')
>>> food
['carrots', 'spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
```

#### List Methods

```
.extend()
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> food.extend(['fish', 'chips'])
>>> food
['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'fish', 'chips']
could be any sequence:
>>> food
>>> ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> silverware = ('fork', 'knife', 'spoon') # a tuple
>>> food.extend(silverware)
>>> food
>>> ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'fork', 'knife', 'spoon']
```

#### List Methods

```
pop(), remove()
In [203]: food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'toast']
In [204]: food.pop()
Out[204]: 'toast'
In [205]: food.pop(0)
Out [205]: 'spam'
In [206]: food
Out[206]: ['eggs', 'ham']
In [207]: food.remove('ham')
In [208]: food
Out[208]: ['eggs']
```

#### List Constructor

list() accepts any sequence and returns a list of that sequence

```
>>> word = 'Python '
>>> chars = []
>>> for char in word:
... chars.append(char)
>>> chars
['P', 'y', 't', 'h', 'o', 'n', ' ']
>>> list(word)
['P', 'y', 't', 'h', 'o', 'n', ' ']
```

## String to List to String

If you need to change individual letters... you can do this, but usually somestring.replace() will be enough

```
In [216]: name = 'Chris'
In [217]: lname = list(name)
In [218]: lname[0:2] = 'K'
In [219]: name = ''.join(lname)
In [220]: name
Out[220]: 'Kris'
```

## Building up strings in a list

```
In [221]: msg = []
In [222]: msg.append('The first line of a message')
In [223]: msg.append('The second line of a message')
In [224]: msg.append('And one more line')
In [225]: print '\n'.join(msg)
The first line of a message
The second line of a message
And one more line
```

## List Slicing

Slicing makes a copy

```
In [227]: food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
In [228]: some_food = food[1:3]
In [229]: some_food[1] = 'bacon'
In [230]: food
Out[230]: ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
In [231]: some food
Out[231]: ['eggs', 'bacon']
```

## List Slicing

```
Easy way to copy a whole list
```

```
In [232]: food
Out[232]: ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
In [233]: food2 = food[:]
In [234]: food is food2
Out[234]: False
```

but the copy is "shallow":

http://docs.python.org/library/copy.html



## List Slicing

## "Shallow" copy

```
In [249]: food = ['spam', ['eggs', 'ham']]
In [251]: food_copy = food[:]
In [252]: food[1].pop()
Out[252]: 'ham'
In [253]: food
Out[253]: ['spam', ['eggs']]
In [256]: food.pop(0)
Out [256]: 'spam'
In [257]: food
Out[257]: [['eggs']]
In [258]: food_copy
Out[258]: ['spam', ['eggs']]
```

## Name Binding

## Assigning to a name does not copy:

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
>>> food_again = food
>>> food_copy = food[:]
>>> food.remove('sushi')
>>> food
['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> food_again
['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> food_copy
['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
```

## List Iterating

## Iterating over a list

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
>>> for x in food:
... print x
...
spam
eggs
ham
sushi
```

## Processing Lists

### A common pattern

```
filtered = []
for x in somelist:
    if should_be_included(x):
        filtered.append(x)
del(somelist) # maybe
```

you don't want to be deleting items from the list while iterating...

## Mutating Lists

if you're going to change the list, iterate over a copy for safety

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
>>> for x in food[:]:
    ... # change the list somehow
    ...
```

insidious bugs otherwise

### operators vs methods

What's the difference?

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
   >>> more = ['fish', 'chips']
   >>> food = food + more
   >>> food
   ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'fish', 'chips']
  >>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
   >>> more = ['fish', 'chips']
  >>> food.extend(more)
  >>> food
   ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'fish', 'chips']
(the operator makes a new list...)
```

#### in

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> 'eggs' in food
True
>>> 'chicken feet' in food
False
```

# reverse()

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham']
>>> food.reverse()
>>> food
['ham', 'eggs', 'spam']
```

## sort()

```
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
>>> food.sort()
>>> food
['eggs', 'ham', 'spam', 'sushi']
note:
>>> food = ['spam', 'eggs', 'ham', 'sushi']
>>> result = food.sort()
>>> print result
None
```

How should this sort?

```
>>> s
[[2, 'a'], [1, 'b'], [1, 'c'], [1, 'a'], [2, 'c']]
```

How should this sort?

```
>>> s
[[2, 'a'], [1, 'b'], [1, 'c'], [1, 'a'], [2, 'c']]
>>> s.sort()
>>> s
[[1, 'a'], [1, 'b'], [1, 'c'], [2, 'a'], [2, 'c']]
```

You can specify your own compare function:

```
In [279]: s = [[2, 'a'], [1, 'b'], [1, 'c'], [1, 'a'], [2,
In [281]: def comp(s1,s2):
              if s1[1] > s2[1]: return 1
   . . . . . :
   ....: elif s1[1]<s2[1]: return -1
  ....: else:
   . . . . . :
                  if s1[0] > s2[0]: return 1
                  elif s1[0] < s2[0]: return -1
   . . . . . :
   . . . . . :
              return 0
In [282]: s.sort(comp)
In [283]: s
Out[283]: [[1, 'a'], [2, 'a'], [1, 'b'], [1, 'c'], [2, 'c']
```

Mixed types can be sorted.

"objects of different types always compare unequal, and are ordered consistently but arbitrarily."

```
http:
```

//docs.python.org/reference/expressions.html#not-in

## Searching

## Finding or Counting items

```
In [288]: 1 = [3,1,7,5,4,3]
```

In [289]: 1.index(5)

Out[289]: 3

In [290]: 1.count(3)

Out[290]: 2

#### List Performance

- indexing is fast and constant time: O(1)
- x in s proportional to n: O(n)
- visiting all is proportional to n: O(n)
- operating on the end of list is fast and constant time: O(1)
   append(), pop()
- operating on the front (or middle) of the list depends on n:
   O(n)
   pop(0), insert(0, v)

But, reversing is fast. Also, collections.deque

http://wiki.python.org/moin/TimeComplexity

## Lists vs. Tuples

List or Tuples

If it needs to mutable: list

If it needs to be immutable: tuple (dict key, safety when passing to a function)

Otherwise ... taste and convention



## List vs Tuple

#### Convention:

Lists are Collections (homogeneous):

- contain values of the same type
- simplifies iterating, sorting, etc

tuples are mixed types:

Group multiple values into one logical thing –
 Kind of like simple C structs.



## List vs Tuple

- Do the same operation to each element?
- Small collection of values which make a single logical item?
- To document that these values won't change?
- Build it iteratively?
- Transform, filter, etc?

## List vs Tuple

- Do the same operation to each element? list
- Small collection of values which make a single logical item? tuple
- To document that these values won't change?tuple
- Build it iteratively? list
- Transform, filter, etc? list



#### List Docs

#### The list docs:

```
http://docs.python.org/library/stdtypes.html#
mutable-sequence-types
```

```
(actually any mutable sequence....)
```

### tuples and commas..

## Tuples don't NEED parentheses...

```
In [161]: t = (1,2,3)
In [162]: t
Out[162]: (1, 2, 3)
In [163]: t = 1,2,3
In [164]: t
Out[164]: (1, 2, 3)
In [165]: type(t)
Out[165]: tuple
```

### tuples and commas..

## Tuples do need commas...

```
In [156]: t = (3)
In [157]: type(t)
Out[157]: int
In [158]: t = (3,)
In [159]: t
Out[159]: (3,)
In [160]: type(t)
Out[160]: tuple
```

#### LAB

#### List Lab

week-03/code/list\_lab.rst

## Lightning Talk

# Lightning Talks:

Jo-Anne Antoun

Josh Rakita

## for loops

looping through sequences

```
for x in sequence:
    do_something_with_x
```

### for loops

```
In [170]: for x in "a string":
                      print x
    . . . . . :
    . . . . . :
а
S
t
r
i
n
g
```

#### range

## looping a known number of times..

```
In [171]: for i in range(5):
    ....:
    print i
    ....:
0
1
2
3
4
```

(you don't need to do anything with i...



#### range

## range defined similarly to indexing

```
In [183]: range(4)
Out[183]: [0, 1, 2, 3]
In [184]: range(2,4)
Out[184]: [2, 3]
In [185]: range(2,10,2)
Out[185]: [2, 4, 6, 8]
```

## indexing?

Python only loops through a sequence – not like C, Javascript, etc...

```
for(var i=0; i<arr.length; i++) {
   var value = arr[i];
   alert(i =") "+value);
}</pre>
```

## indexing?

```
Use range?
```

```
In [193]: letters = "Python"
In [194]: for i in range(len(letters)):
                print letters[i]
   . . . . . :
   . . . . . :
P
h
0
n
```

## indexing?

## More Pythonic – for loops through sequences

```
In [196]: for l in letters:
    ....: print l
    ....:
P
y
t
h
o
n
```

Never index in normal cases

#### enumerate

## If you need an index - enumerate

### multiple sequences - zip

If you need to loop though parallel sequences — zip

#### xrange

```
range creates the whole list
xrange is a generator - creates it as it's needed -
a good idea for large numbers
```

#### for

## for does NOT create a name space:

#### while

while is for when you don't know how many loops you need

Continues to execute the body until condition is not True

```
while a_condition:
    some_code
    in_the_body
```

#### while

while is more general than for — you can always express for as while, but not always vice-versa.

while is more error-prone — requires some care to terminate

loop body must make progress, so condition can become False

potential error: infinite loops



#### while vs. for

```
letters = 'Python'
i=0
while i < len(letters):
    print letters[i]
    i += 1
VS.
letters = 'Python'
for c in letters:
    print c
```

#### while

Shortcut: recall – 0 or empty sequence is False

#### break

### break ends a loop early

```
x = 0
while True:
    print x
    if x > 2:
        break
    x = x + 1
In [216]: run for_while.py
0
2
3
```

(This is a pretty common idiom)



#### break

### same way with a for loop

```
name = "Chris Barker"
for c in name:
    print c,
    if c == "B":
        break
print "I'm done"

C h r i s B
I'm done
```

#### continue

## continue skips to the start of the loop again

```
print "continue in a for loop"
name = "Chris Barker"
for c in name:
   if c == "B":
       continue
   print c,
print "\nI'm done"
continue in a for loop
Chris arker
I'm done
```

#### continue

continue works for a while loop too.

```
print "continue in a while loop"
x = 6
while x > 0:
    x = x-1
    if x%2:
        continue
    print x,
print "\nI'm done"
continue in a while loop
4 2 0
I'm done
```

### else again

else block run if the loop finished naturally — no break

```
print "else in a for loop"
x = 5
for i in range(5):
    print i
    if i == x:
        break
else:
    print "else block run"
```

# Strings

A string literal creates a string type

```
"this is a string"
```

Can also use str()

```
In [256]: str(34)
Out[256]: '34'
```

or "back ticks"

```
In [258]: '34'
Out[258]: '34'
```

(demo)



# The String Type

### Lots of nifty methods:

```
s.lower()
s.upper()
...
s.capitalize()
s.swapcase()
s.title()
```

http://docs.python.org/library/stdtypes.html#index-23

# The String Type

## Lots of nifty methods:

```
x in s
s.startswith(x)
s.endswith(x)
...
s.index(x)
s.find(x)
s.rfind(x)
```

http://docs.python.org/library/stdtypes.html#index-23

# The String Type

### Lots of nifty methods:

```
s.split()
s.join(list)
...
s.splitlines()
```

http://docs.python.org/library/stdtypes.html#index-23

## Joining Strings

#### The Join Method:

```
In [289]: t = ("some", "words", "to", "join")
In [290]: " ".join(t)
Out[290]: 'some words to join'
In [291]: ",".join(t)
Out[291]: 'some, words, to, join'
In [292]: "".join(t)
Out[292]: 'somewordstojoin'
(demo – join)
```

## The string module

string.ascii\_letters

Lots of handy constants, etc.

```
string.ascii_lowercase
string.ascii_uppercase
string.letters
string.hexdigits
string.whitespace
string.printable
string.digits
string.punctuation
(and the string methods – legacy)
http://docs.python.org/2/library/string.html#module-string
```

## String Literals

### Common Escape Sequences

```
\\ Backslash (\)
\a ASCII Bell (BEL)
\b ASCII Backspace (BS)
\n ASCII Linefeed (LF)
\r ASCII Carriage Return (CR)
\t.
   ASCII Horizontal Tab (TAB)
1000
     Character with octal value ooo
\xhh Character with hex value hh
(http:
//docs.python.org/release/2.5.2/ref/strings.html)
```

## Raw Strings

## Escape Sequences Ignored

```
In [408]: print "this\nthat"
this
that
In [409]: print r"this\nthat"
this\nthat
Gotcha:
In [415]: r"\"
SyntaxError: EOL while scanning string literal
(handy for regex, windows paths...)
```

#### Character Values

(next week: unicode!)

```
Characters in strings are stored as numeric values
"ASCII" values: 1-127
"ANSI" values: 1-255
To get the value:
In [109]: for i in 'Chris':
              print ord(i),
67 104 114 105 115
In [110]: for i in (67,104,114,105,115):
              print chr(i),
   . . . . . :
Chris
```

# **Building Strings**

Please don't do this:

```
'Hello ' + name + '!'
```

(much)

## **Building Strings**

Do this instead:

'Hello %s!' % name

much faster and safer:

easier to modify as code gets complicated

http://docs.python.org/library/stdtypes.html#string-formatting-operations



## String Formatting

```
The string format operator: %
```

```
In [261]: "an integer is: %i"%34
Out[261]: 'an integer is: 34'
In [262]: "a floating point is: %f"%34.5
Out[262]: 'a floating point is: 34.500000'
In [263]: "a string is: %s"%"anything"
Out[263]: 'a string is: anything'
```

# String Formatting

### multiple arguments:

```
In [264]: "the number %s is %i"%('five', 5)
Out[264]: 'the number five is 5'
In [266]: "the first 3 numbers are: %i, %i, %i"%(1,2,3)
Out[266]: 'the first 3 numbers are: 1, 2, 3'
```

## String formatting

#### Gotcha

```
In [127]: "this is a string with %i formatting item"%1
Out[127]: 'this is a string with 1 formatting item'
In [128]: "string with %i formatting %s: "%2, "items"
TypeError: not enough arguments for format string
# Done right:
In [131]: "string with %i formatting %s"%(2, "items")
Out[131]: 'string with 2 formatting items'
In [132]: "string with %i formatting item"%(1,)
Out[132]: 'string with 1 formatting item'
```

# String formatting

### Named arguments

```
'Hello %(name)s!'%{'name':'Joe'}
'Hello Joe!'

'Hello %(name)s, how are you, %(name)s!' %{'name':'Joe'}
'Hello Joe, how are you, Joe!'
```

That last bit is a dictionary (next week)

## String formatting

The format operator works with string variables, too:

In 
$$[46]$$
: a, b = 12, 3

So you can dynamically build a format string



### Advanced Formatting

#### The format method

```
In [14]: 'Hello {0} {1}!'.format('Joe', 'Barnes')
Out[14]: 'Hello Joe Barnes!'
In [12]: 'Hello {name}!'.format(name='Joe')
Out[12]: 'Hello Joe!'
```

pick one (probably regular string formatting): – get comfy with it



#### LAB

#### Fun with strings

Rewrite:

```
the first 3 numbers are: %i, %i, %i"%(1,2,3) for an arbitrary number of numbers...
```

• write a format string that will take:

```
( 2, 123.4567, 10000) and produce:
```

```
'file_002 : 123.46, 1e+04'
```

- Write a (really simple) mail merge program
- ROT13 see next slide



#### LAB

ROT13 encryption

Applying ROT13 to a piece of text merely requires examining its alphabetic characters and replacing each one by the letter 13 places further along in the alphabet, wrapping back to the beginning if necessary

- Implement rot13 decoding
- decode this message:

Zntargvp sebz bhgfvqr arne pbeare (from a geo-caching hint)



#### Homework

### Recommended Reading:

- Think Python: Chapt. 9 14
- Dive Into Python: Chapt. 6
- String methods: http://docs.python.org/library/ stdtypes.html#string-methods
- Extra: unicode: http: //www.joelonsoftware.com/articles/Unicode.html

#### Do:

- Finish the LABs
- Six more CodingBat exercises.
- LPTHW: for extra practice with the concepts some of: excercises 5 – 14