

## **LIST IN PYTHON**

In Python, a list is a built-in, ordered, and changeable collection data type used to store multiple items in a single variable. Lists are defined by enclosing comma-separated items within square brackets []. Lists are used to store multiple items in a single variable.

- List Items

List items are ordered, changeable, and allow duplicate values. List items are indexed, the first item has index [0], the second item has index [1] etc.

- Ordered

When we say that lists are ordered, it means that the items have a defined order, and that order will not change. If you add new items to a list, the new items will be placed at the end of the list.

- Changeable

The list is changeable, meaning that we can change, add, and remove items in a list after it has been created.

- Allow Duplicates

Since lists are indexed, lists can have items with the same value:

- List Length

To determine how many items a list has, use the len() function

- The list() Constructor

It is also possible to use the list() constructor when creating a new list.

- Access Items

List items are indexed and you can access them by referring to the index number.

- Negative Indexing

Negative indexing means start from the end. -1 refers to the last item, -2 refers to the second last item etc

- Check if Item Exists

To determine if a specified item is present in a list use the in keyword.

- Change Item Value

To change the value of a specific item, refer to the index number.

- Change a Range of Item Values

To change the value of items within a specific range, define a list with the new values, and refer to the range of index numbers where you want to insert the new values.

- Insert Items

To insert a new list item, without replacing any of the existing values, we can use the insert() method. The insert() method inserts an item at the specified index.

- Append Items

To add an item to the end of the list, use the append() method:

- Insert Items

To insert a list item at a specified index, use the `insert()` method. The `insert()` method inserts an item at the specified index

- Remove Specified Item

The `remove()` method removes the specified item

- Remove Specified Index

The `pop()` method removes the specified index.

- Clear the List

The `clear()` method empties the list. The list still remains, but it has no content.

- Sort List Alphanumerically

List objects have a `sort()` method that will sort the list alphanumerically, ascending, by default:

- Sort Descending

To sort descending, use the keyword argument `reverse = True`:

- Copy a List

You cannot copy a list simply by typing `list2 = list1`, because: `list2` will only be a *reference* to `list1`, and changes made in `list1` will automatically also be made in `list2`.

- Use the `copy()` method

You can use the built-in List method `copy()` to copy a list

- Use the `list()` method

Another way to make a copy is to use the built-in method `list()`.

- Use the slice Operator

You can also make a copy of a list by using the `:` (slice) operator.

- Join Two Lists

There are several ways to join, or concatenate, two or more lists in Python. One of the easiest ways are by using the `+` operator.

### PRACTICE QUESTIONS:

1. colors = ['red', 'blue', 'green', 'yellow'] Using the colors list defined above, print the: First element, Second element, Last element, Second-to-last element, Second and third elements, Element at index 4.

Code:

```
colors = ['red', 'blue', 'green', 'yellow']  
  
print(colors[0])  
  
print(colors[1])  
  
print(colors[-1])  
  
print(colors[-2])  
  
print(colors[1:3])  
  
print(colors[3])
```

Output:

```
red  
blue  
yellow  
green  
['blue', 'green']  
yellow
```

2. Below is a list with seven integer values representing the daily water level (in cm) in an imaginary lake. However, there is a mistake in the data. The third day's water level should be 693. Correct the mistake and print the changed list. water\_level = [730, 709, 682, 712, 733, 751, 740]

Code:

```
water_level = [730, 709, 682, 712, 733, 751, 740]  
  
water_level[2]=693  
  
print(water_level)
```

Output:

```
[730, 709, 693, 712, 733, 751, 740]
```

3. Add the data for the eighth day to the list from above. The water level was 772 cm on that day. Print the list contents afterwards.

Code:

```
water_level.append(772)

print(water_level)
```

Output:

```
[730, 709, 693, 712, 733, 751, 740, 772]
```

4. Still using the same list, add three consecutive days using a single instruction. The water levels on the 9th through 11th days were 772 cm, 770 cm, and 745 cm. Add these values and then print the whole list.

Code:

```
water_level.extend([772,770,745])

print(water_level)
```

Output:

```
[730, 709, 693, 712, 733, 751, 740, 772, 772, 770, 745]
```

5. There are two ways to delete data from a list: by using the index or by using the value. Start with the original `water_level` list we defined in the second exercise and delete the first element using its index. Then define the list again and delete the first element using its value.

Code:

```
del water_level[0]

print(water_level)

water_level=[730, 709, 693, 712, 733, 751, 740, 772, 772, 770, 745]

water_level.remove(730)

print(water_level)
```

Output:

```
[693, 712, 733, 751, 740, 772, 772, 770, 745]
```

```
[709, 693, 712, 733, 751, 740, 772, 772, 770, 745]
```