

CSS01 – Lists, For Loops

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Reminder:

- All in-class code and lecture slides can be found on GitHub
 - https://github.com/JohnSerences/CSS01_W2020
- iClickers...
- Sections start this week (today @ 10 is the first)
 - ERCA 117 (in the vicinity of RIMAC)
 - Problem Set
 - Quiz

Background for today – variable names

- A variable cannot start with a number.
- Variables are case-sensitive (MyVar and myvar and myVar are all different!)
- A variable has to start with a letter or an underscore
- A variable can only contain letters, numbers, and underscores

Background for today – List object type

- Str, int, etc are objects of single items – when you want to store a bunch of such items you need to make an array.
- In python, a list is a collection (array) which is ordered and changeable
 - This means that the elements in the list have a specific sequence (order)
 - You can also change what is in the list
 - You can have duplicate members
- How do we refer to each element in a list (or array more generally)?
 - Indexing
- Slicing – working with part of a list

Background for today – Indexing into a list



Background for today – “For Loops”

- “for” loop
 - Repeatedly perform a task
 - Can think of this in two general ways:
 - for item in list_of_items, do stuff with each item
 - for value in range_of_values, do stuff with each value
- Indentation!

Some shortcut keys (to start with)

- On a PC cntrl = control key, on Mac cntrl = “apple” key
 - New cell above: cntrl+M A
 - New cell below: : cntrl+M B
 - Convert to code cell: cntrl+M Y
 - Convert to text cell: cntrl+M M
- Run a cell (execute code or display markdown): cntrl+ENTER
