

A list is an ordered and mutable Python container, being one of the most common data structures in Python.

WHAT DOES THE FOLLOWING DO?

```
1 names = ["ada", 'bob', 'charlie', 'erin']
2 print(names[0])
3 print(names[3])
4 print(names[-1])
5 print(names)
6 for name in names:
7     print(name)
```

WHAT DOES THE FOLLOWING DO?

```
1 scores = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
2 print(max(scores))
3 scores.reverse()
4 print(scores)
```

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```
1 scores = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
2 max_value = max(scores)
3 print(scores.index(max_value))
```

WHAT DOES THE FOLLOWING DO?

```
1 scores = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
2 max_value = max(scores)
3 print(scores[scores.index(max_value)])
```

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU NEED TO REMEMBER AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF THINGS?

As soon as the top score appears, people start to wonder what the second and third highest scores are:

1. Bob: 9.12
2. ????: ???
3. ????: ???

It seems that the organizers didn't tell you everything you needed to know. The contest doesn't just award a prize for the winner, but also honors those surfers in second and third place.

Our program currently iterates through each of the lines in the round2.txt file and works out the highest score. But what it actually needs to do is keep track of the top three scores, perhaps in three separate variables:

KEEPING TRACK OF 3 SCORES MAKES THE CODE MORE COMPLEX

```
1 highest_score = 0
2 second_highest = 0
3 third_highest = 0
4 highest_name = ""
5 second_name = ""
6 third_name = ""
7
8 with open("round2.txt") as f:
9     for line in f:
10         name, score = line.split(" ")
11         if score > highest_score:
12             highest_score = score
13             highest_name = name
14         elif score > second_highest:
15             second_highest = score
16             second_name = name
17         elif score > third_highest:
18             third_highest = score
19             third_name = name
20
21 print(f"1st place was {highest_name} with
22       {highest_score}")
23 print(f"2nd place was {second_name} with
24       {second_highest}")
25 print(f"3rd place was {third_name} with
26       {third_highest}")
```


LET'S MAKE SOME LISTS!

```
1  scores = []
2  names = []
3
4  with open(".foo/foo.txt") as f:
5      for line in f:
6          name, score = line.strip().split(" ")
7          names.append(name)
8          scores.append(float(score))
9  print(names)
10 print(scores)
```

[] is how you tell python that you want to make a list
list_name.append(item) is how you tell python you want to add something to that list

GREAT, SO WE HAVE TWO LISTS FILLED WITH STUFF

How can we ask python which number is the largest?

```
1 print(names, scores)
2
3 >>> ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin', 'fred',
4      'georgia', 'harry']
5 >>> [8.65, 9.12, 8.45, 7.81, 8.05, 7.21,
6      8.31]
```

HOW CAN WE FIND THE LARGEST NUMBER IN A LIST?

With the max function!

You can google: "how to find largest number in list python"

```
1 print(names)
2 print(max(scores))
3
4 >>> ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin', 'fred',
5      'georgia', 'harry']
6 >>> 9.12
```

BEFORE WE ASK PYTHON TO TELL US WHERE THAT NUMBER IS, LET'S TALK ABOUT LISTS

Lists are a collection of things

```
names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles',  
print(names)]
```



"ada"

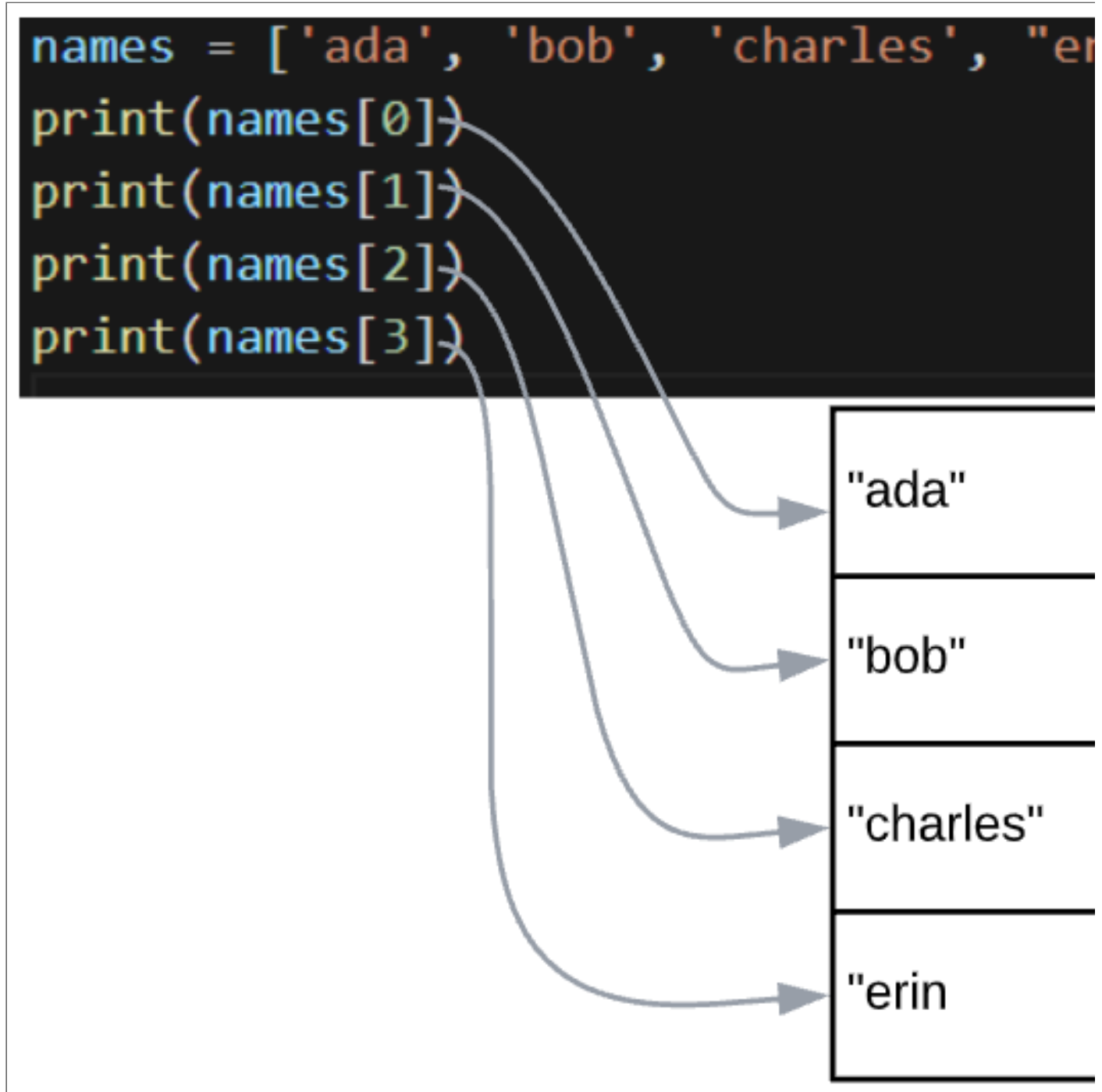
"bol"

"cha"

"erit"

LIST INDEXES

We can access individual elements through the list index



HOW DOES THAT HELP?

```
1 names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', "erin"]
2 i = 0
3 while i < len(names):
4     print(names[i])
5     i += 1
```

Does anybody feel that while loop is a bit wonky?

FOR (EACH) LOOP

```
1 names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', "erin"]  
2 for name in names:  
3     print(name)
```

BACK AT IT

Our goals in our game

- Get python to find the highest score
- Get python to tell us where it is
- Use that information to print the name and score
- Do something with that data (maybe store it elsewhere)

FIND THE HIGHEST SCORE IN A LIST

```
1 names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin',  
2 'fred', 'georgia', 'harry']  
3 scores = [8.65, 9.12, 8.45, 7.81, 8.05, 7.21,  
4 8.31]  
5 highest_score = max(scores)  
6 print(highest_score)  
7 >>> 9.12
```

FIND WHERE THAT SCORE WAS

We can use the `list.index(value)` function!

```
1 names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin',  
2 'fred', 'georgia', 'harry']  
3 scores = [8.65, 9.12, 8.45, 7.81, 8.05, 7.21,  
4 8.31]  
5 highest_score = max(scores)  
6 highest_index = scores.index(highest_score)  
7 print(highest_index)  
8  
9 >>> 1
```

USE THAT INDEX LOCATION FOR BOTH SCORE AND NAME

```
1 names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin',  
2 'fred', 'georgia', 'harry']  
3 scores = [8.65, 9.12, 8.45, 7.81, 8.05, 7.21,  
4 8.31]  
5 highest_score = max(scores)  
6 highest_index = scores.index(highest_score)  
7 print(names[highest_index],  
8 scores[highest_index])  
9  
10 >>> Bob 9.12
```

I HEARD YOU LIKE LISTS IN YOUR LISTS

```
1  names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin',  
2  'fred', 'georgia', 'harry']  
3  
4  high_scores = []  
5  
6  highest_score = max(scores)  
7  highest_index = scores.index(highest_score)  
8  highest_name = names[highest_index]  
9  highest_score = scores[highest_index]  
10  
11 high_scores.append([highest_name,  
12 highest_score])  
13 print(high_scores)  
14  
15 >>> [['bob', 9.12]]
```

CAN WE REMOVE STUFF FROM LISTS?

```
1  names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin',  
2  'fred', 'georgia', 'harry']  
3  
4  scores = [8.65, 9.12, 8.45, 7.81, 8.05,  
5  7.21, 8.31]  
6  
7  high_scores = []  
8  
9  highest_score = max(scores)  
10 highest_index = scores.index(highest_score)  
11 highest_name = names[highest_index]  
12 highest_score = scores[highest_index]  
13  
14 high_scores.append([highest_name,  
15 highest_score])  
16  
17 names.remove(highest_name)  
18 scores.remove(highest_score)  
19  
20 print(high_scores)  
21  
22 >>> [['bob', 9.12]]
```

REFACTORING

```
1  def get_high_score(scores, names):
2      highest_score = max(scores)
3      highest_index =
4      scores.index(highest_score)
5      highest_name = names[highest_index]
6      highest_score = scores[highest_index]
7      scores.remove(highest_score)
8      names.remove(highest_name)
9      return [highest_name, highest_score],
10     scores, names
11
12 names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin',
13 'fred', 'georgia', 'harry']
14 scores = [8.65, 9.12, 8.45, 7.81, 8.05,
15 7.21, 8.31]
16
17 high_scores = []
18
19 for i in range(3):
20     high_score, scores, names =
21     get_high_score(scores, names)
22     high_scores.append(high_score)
23
24 print(high_scores)
25
26 >>> [['bob', 9.12]]
```

REFACTORING 2

```
1  def get_high_score(scores, names):
2      highest_score = max(scores)
3      highest_index =
4      scores.index(highest_score)
5      highest_name = names[highest_index]
6      highest_score = scores[highest_index]
7      scores.remove(highest_score)
8      names.remove(highest_name)
9      return [highest_name, highest_score]
10
11 names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin',
12          'fred', 'georgia', 'harry']
13 scores = [8.65, 9.12, 8.45, 7.81, 8.05,
14           7.21, 8.31]
15 high_scores = []
16 for i in range(3):
17     high_score = get_high_score(scores, names)
18     high_scores.append(high_score)
19 print(high_scores)
20
21 >>> [['bob', 9.12]]
```

REFACTORING 2

```
1  def get_high_score(scores, names):
2      highest_score = max(scores)
3      highest_index =
4      scores.index(highest_score)
5      highest_name = names[highest_index]
6      highest_score = scores[highest_index]
7      scores.remove(highest_score)
8      names.remove(highest_name)
9      return [highest_name, highest_score] #,
10     scores, names
11
12 names = ['ada', 'bob', 'charles', 'erin',
13 'fred', 'georgia', 'harry']
14 scores = [8.65, 9.12, 8.45, 7.81, 8.05,
15 7.21, 8.31]
16
17 high_scores = []
18
19 for i in range(3):
20     high_score = get_high_score(scores, names)
21     high_scores.append(high_score)
22
23 for score in high_scores:
24     print(f"{score[1]} : {score[0].title()}")
25
26 >>> 9.12 : Bob
27 >>> 8.65 : Ada
28 >>> 8.45 : Charles
```

Speaker notes