

Foundations of Computing

Tutorial/Workshop ◦ ◦ ◦ ◦

Week 4

Today's Tutorial



1

Methods vs functions

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Lists and tuples

3

For and while loops

Methods

- run pre-defined code
- called with brackets that may have arguments
- are attached to an object
- we will not write these

e.g. `"Hello".lower()`

Functions

- run pre-defined code
- called with brackets that may have arguments
- called anywhere
- we will write these

e.g. `print("Hello")`

Exercise 1



Exercise 1 answer



1. Evaluate the following method calls given the assignment `s = "Computing is FUN!"` Think about the input and output of each method. You're not expected to know all methods for all types: if you haven't seen some of these before, your best guess based on the name will probably be right!

(a) `s.isupper()`

A:False

(d) `s.count('i')`

A:2

(b) `s.upper()`

A:'COMPUTING IS FUN!'

(e) `s.strip('!')`

A:'Computing is FUN'

(c) `s.endswith("FUN!")`

A:True

(f) `s.replace('i', '!')`

A:'Comput!ng !s FUN!'

Lists

- no size limit
- use when you are changing values
- can add/remove values

Initialise:

```
var = list("hello")
```

```
var = ["hi", 5, 3.2]
```

Tuples

- no size limit
- use when you don't change values
- cannot add/remove values
- can concatenate

Initialise:

```
var = tuple("hello")
```

```
var = ("hi", 5, 3.2)
```

Adding to lists



```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']
```

```
animals = ['cat', 'dog']
```

```
fruits.append("orange")
```

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'orange']
```

```
fruits.insert(1, "orange")
```

```
fruits = ['apple', 'orange', 'banana', 'cherry']
```

```
fruits.extend(animals)
```

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'cat', 'dog']
```

Removing from lists



```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']
```

```
fruits.pop(2)
```

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana']
```

```
fruits.remove('apple')
```

```
fruits = ['banana', 'cherry']
```

```
fruits.clear()
```

```
fruits = []
```


Exercise 2



Exercise 2 answer



2. Evaluate the following given the assignment `lst = [2, ("green", "eggs", "ham"), False]`. Assume the list is reset after each part.

(a) `lst[2]`

A: `False`

(b) `lst[1][-2]`

A: `"eggs"`

(c) `lst[1][-2][:3]`

A: `"egg"`

(d) `lst.append(5); print(lst)`

A: `[2, ("green", "eggs", "ham"), False, 5]`

(e) `lst.pop(2); print(lst)`

A: `False` (this is the value removed when `.pop()` is run)
`[2, ("green", "eggs", "ham")]`

(f) `lst.reverse(); print(lst)`

A: `[False, ('green', 'eggs', 'ham'), 2]`

Iteration



Repeatedly executing a section of code

Makes code **cleaner**

Avoids "**hard-coding**"

e.g. can do something for the length of input, rather
than coding for each possible length

for loops



```
for <loop variable> in <sequence>:
```

```
    *do something*
```

loop variable changes each time loop repeated

e.g.

```
for word in sentence:
```

```
    print(word)
```

```
for i in range(len(input)):
```

```
    print(input[i])
```

while loops



```
while <condition>:
```

```
    *do something*
```

keeps going while the condition is true

e.g.

```
i = 0
```

```
while i < 6:
```

```
    print("*")
```

```
    i++
```

```
i = 0
```

```
while i < 6:
```

```
    print("*")
```

Converting loops



It is **always** possible to convert for loop to while loops

Generally can convert while to for except if it waiting for user input

Challenging, common **MST** question!

Converting loops



```
for count in range(5):  
    print(count)
```

>

0

1

2

3

4

```
count = 0  
while count < 5:  
    print(count)  
    count = count + 1
```

>

0

1

2

3

4

Exercises 3&4



Exercise 3 answer

```
(a) i = 2
while i < 8:
    print(f"The square of {i} is {i * i}")
    i = i + 2
```

A: The square of 2 is 4
The square of 4 is 16
The square of 6 is 36

```
(b) for ingredient in ("corn", "pear", "chilli", "fish"):
    if ingredient.startswith('c'):
        print(ingredient, "is delicious!")
    else:
        print(ingredient, "is not!")
```

A: corn is delicious!
pear is not!
chilli is delicious!
fish is not!

Exercise 3 answer

```
(c) i = 0
colours = ("pink", "red", "blue", "gold", "red")
while i < len(colours):
    if colours[i] == "red":
        print("Found red at index", i)
    i += 1
```

A: Found red at index 1
Found red at index 4

```
(d) MIN_WORD_LEN = 5
long_words = 0
text = "There once lived a princess"
for word in text.split():
    if len(word) >= MIN_WORD_LEN:
        print(word, "is too long!")
        long_words += 1
print(long_words, "words were too long")
```

A: There is too long!
lived is too long!
princess is too long!
3 words were too long

Exercise 4 answer



(a)

```
i = 2
while i < 8:
    print(f"The square of {i} is {i*i}")
    i = i + 2
```

(a) A:

```
for i in range(2, 8, 2):
    print(f"The square of {i} is {i*i}")
```

Exercise 4 answer



(b)

```
for ingredient in ("corn", "pear", "chilli", "fish"):
    if ingredient.startswith('c'):
        print(ingredient, "is_delicious!")
    else:
        print(ingredient, "is_not!")
```

(b) A:

```
ingredients = ("corn", "pear", "chilli", "fish")
i = 0
while i < len(ingredients):
    ingredient = ingredients[i]
    if ingredient.startswith('c'):
        print(ingredient, "is_delicious!")
    else:
        print(ingredient, "is_not!")
    i += 1
```

WORKSHOP

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Grok, problems from sheet, ask me questions :)

**See you
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