

IMMUTABILITY

- What does it mean?
- Mutable : you can change the object, and that variable retains or keeps that change
 - lists, dictionaries, sets
- Immutable : Whatever you create the first time, it stays. (You will have to redefine what that variable holds)
 - strings, numbers, tuples

```
my_string = "Hello World"
```

```
# takes string and creates a NEW  
string that's the old string reversed
```

```
# notice how I'm not assigning a  
variable to it ?
```

```
my_string[::-1]
```

```
# still prints original "Hello World"
```

```
print (my_string)
```

```
my_list = [1,2,3,4,"5", 6]
```

```
# takes list and removes last element
```

```
my_list.pop()
```

```
# prints the same list now, with one less  
element
```

```
print (my_list) # prints [1,2,3,4,"5"]
```

FUNCTIONS

- Function have their own namespace separate from the global namespace

```
def function( object1, object2):  # take objects from the another namespace (usually global) into this one!  
    # create variables in local namespace  
    sum_amount = object1 + object 2  
    return sum_amount           # means I want to give this local variable into the global namespace
```

```
A = 2
```

```
B = 1
```

```
C = sum_amount (A , B )  # C is taking whatever function is giving (what return means)
```

LIST COMPREHENSIONS

They are just a great way of condensing the process of adding elements to a list

Lets say, I want to get all of the characters of a string into a list I could do ...

```
S = "Cyndy Ishida"
```

```
L = [] # start with empty list
```

```
for c in S:  
    L.append(c)
```

```
S = "Cyndy Ishida"
```

```
L = [c for c in S]
```

Both do the exact same thing

IS VS ==

- The reason why this is so confusing, is because it has to do with memory
- Every object created in python, has a memory address, don't worry about how, when, where, and why,
- Is : returns a Boolean that checks if two objects are pointing to the same place in memory
- == : checks to see if the information are the same

SHALLOW VS. DEEP COPY

- Very confusing topic for most people.
- Shallow Copy: creates a new object that points to the same place in memory
 - When I change one of the objects, they both are changed
- Deep Copy: copies the same value in a new place in memory.
 - When I change one of the objects, both are not changed
- When you copy lists, you are always doing a shallow copy except in 2 cases.

`L2 = copy.deepcopy(L1)` # `L1[:]` isn't a perfect deep copy!

Think of “is” is saying True for Shallow Copy, False for Deep Copy