

## CSCA08 Exercise 4

Due: October 21, 2016. 5:00pm

The functions in this exercise are designed to be solvable in a number of ways. Just getting them working shouldn't be much of a challenge, but exploring different ways of solving the same problem will be fun. As always, all of your functions should be in a single file (`ex4.py`<sup>1</sup>), and that file should not use `print`, `input` or `import`.

### insert

Write a function called `insert` that takes 3 parameters, `listA`, `listB`<sup>2</sup> and an index, then returns a copy of `listA` with the elements of `listB` inserted at the index. Your code should work with either strings or lists e.g.,

```
>>> insert([1, 2, 3], ['a', 'b', 'c'], 2)
[1, 2, 'a', 'b', 'c', 3]
>>> insert("123", "abc", 2)
'12abc3'
```

**Challenge:** Complete this function both with and without loops

### up\_to\_first

Write a function called `up_to_first` that takes two parameters, a list (or string) and an object, and returns a copy of the list up to (but not including) the first occurrence of that object, or all of the elements if that object is not in the list. e.g.,

```
>>> up_to_first([1, 2, 3, 4], 3)
[1, 2]
>>> up_to_first([1, 2, 3, 4], 9)
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

**Challenge:** Complete this function using list slicing (without a loop)

### cut\_list

Write a function called `cut_list` that “cuts” a list. That is, given a list and an index, returns a copy of the list, but with the items before and after the index swapped. As always, your code should also work with strings. e.g.,

```
>>> cut_list([0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9], 3)
[4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 3, 0, 1, 2]
>>> cut_list("ABCDEFGX1234", 7)
'1234XABCDEFG'
```

**Challenge:** Complete the function in a single line of code (your line may need to wrap around onto multiple lines in the file in order to be PEP-8 compliant)

### Submission

For each function, you only need to submit a single version. Make sure the versions that you do submit work and your file is PEP-8 compliant. Submit the three named functions in a file called `ex4.py`

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<sup>1</sup>If you try the challenge versions, you can add them to the file with names like `insert_challenge`, but only the three functions named in this handout will be tested.

<sup>2</sup>You should probably come up with better names than these