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# [12/34] Python `enumerate()` – The Complete Guide
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What is `enumerate()`?

`enumerate()` is a **built-in Python function** that lets you **loop through an iterable (like a list or tuple)** and **track the index** of each item **at the same time** — all without writing extra code. 🤖

Why Use `enumerate()`?

Without `enumerate()`:

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "mango"]
for i in range(len(fruits)):
    print(i, fruits[i])
```

With `enumerate()` (cleaner!):

```
for i, fruit in enumerate(fruits):
    print(i, fruit)
```

☒ Cleaner ☒ More Pythonic ☒ Less error-prone

Syntax

```
enumerate(iterable, start=0)
```

- **iterable** – any iterable object (list, tuple, string, etc.)
- **start** – index to start counting from (default is 0)

Basic Example

```
names = ["Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"]

for index, name in enumerate(names):
    print(f"{index}: {name}")
```

 **Output:**

```
0: Alice
1: Bob
2: Charlie
```

Custom Start Index

```
for idx, name in enumerate(names, start=1):
    print(f"{idx}: {name}")
```

Output:

```
1: Alice
2: Bob
3: Charlie
```

Use Case Examples

☒ 1. Index-based Updates

```
nums = [10, 20, 30]
for i, val in enumerate(nums):
    nums[i] = val + 5
print(nums)
```

 Output: [15, 25, 35]

☒ 2. Parallel Iteration with Index

```
questions = ["Your name?", "Your age?"]
answers = ["Darshan", "21"]

for i, (q, a) in enumerate(zip(questions, answers), start=1):
    print(f"Q{i}: {q} → A: {a}")
```

☒ 3. Finding Positions

```
text = "hello world"
for index, char in enumerate(text):
    if char == "o":
        print(f"Found 'o' at index {index}")
```

☑ 4. With Tuples & Lists

```
data = [("Darshan", 20), ("Vasani", 21)]
for i, (name, age) in enumerate(data):
    print(f"{i}: {name} is {age} years old")
```

☑ 5. Skipping Items Conditionally

```
words = ["skip", "take", "ignore", "process"]
for idx, word in enumerate(words):
    if idx % 2 == 0:
        continue
    print(f"{idx}: {word}")
```

⊗ Common Mistake

```
for fruit in enumerate(["apple", "banana"]):
    print(fruit)
```

📋 Output:

```
(0, 'apple')
(1, 'banana')
```

🔍 Explanation:

- It works — but returns a **tuple**.
- You must unpack it like this:

```
for i, fruit in enumerate(["apple", "banana"]):
    print(i, fruit)
```

Behind the Scenes

```
list(enumerate(["x", "y", "z"])) # [(0, 'x'), (1, 'y'), (2, 'z')]
```

`enumerate()` returns an **enumerate object**, which is an iterator that yields `(index, value)` pairs.

Summary Table

Feature	Description
Cleaner loops	Replaces <code>range(len(...))</code>
Custom index	Use <code>start=1</code> or any number
Works on any iterable	Strings, lists, tuples, generators
Tuple output	Returns <code>(index, value)</code>
Memory-efficient	Uses iterators internally (like <code>zip</code>)


Best Practices

Tip	Description
Use <code>enumerate()</code> over <code>range(len(...))</code>	More readable
Always unpack <code>index, value</code>	Avoid confusion
Combine with <code>zip()</code> for dual iteration	Helpful in interviews

Real Life Analogy

You're a teacher calling attendance. Instead of saying "next," you say: **1. Alice, 2. Bob, 3. Charlie**
That's exactly what `enumerate()` does! 🎓

Bonus Challenge

 **Problem:** Loop through a list and print only items at even indexes.

```
items = ["pen", "book", "pencil", "eraser"]

for idx, item in enumerate(items):
    if idx % 2 == 0:
        print(f"Even index {idx}: {item}")
```

Part 1: Error Handling in Pure Python

Why Error Handling?

To catch and handle runtime errors gracefully without crashing the program.

Basic Syntax

```
try:
    # risky code
except SomeException as e:
    # handle error
else:
    # if no exception occurs
finally:
    # always runs
```

Common Exceptions

Exception	Description
ZeroDivisionError	Division by zero attempted
TypeError	Wrong data type used
ValueError	Invalid value
KeyError	Missing dictionary key
FileNotFoundError	File path doesn't exist

Example

```
try:
    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
    result = 10 / num
except ZeroDivisionError:
    print("Can't divide by zero!")
except ValueError:
    print("Invalid number entered.")
else:
    print("Result:", result)
finally:
    print("Execution complete.")
```

Part 2: Error Handling in FastAPI

FastAPI uses **HTTPException** and **custom exception handlers** for robust APIs.

Using HTTPException

```
from fastapi import FastAPI, HTTPException

app = FastAPI()

@app.get("/items/{item_id}")
def read_item(item_id: int):
    if item_id == 0:
        raise HTTPException(status_code=404, detail="Item not found")
    return {"item_id": item_id}
```

Custom Exception & Handler

```
from fastapi import Request
from fastapi.responses import JSONResponse

class UnicornException(Exception):
    def __init__(self, name: str):
        self.name = name

@app.exception_handler(UnicornException)
async def unicorn_exception_handler(request: Request, exc: UnicornException):
    return JSONResponse(
        status_code=418,
        content={"message": f"Oops! {exc.name} did something wrong!"},
    )
```

☒ This allows better control over your API behavior.

Part 3: Error Handling in Django

☒ Built-in Views for 404/500

In `settings.py`, Django automatically handles errors via these views:

- `handler404`
- `handler500`
- `handler403`
- `handler400`

You can override them in `urls.py`:

```
handler404 = 'myapp.views.custom_404'
```

```
def custom_404(request, exception):  
    return render(request, "404.html", status=404)
```

Using `try-except` in Views

```
def get_product(request, id):  
    try:  
        product = Product.objects.get(pk=id)  
    except Product.DoesNotExist:  
        return HttpResponse("Product not found", status=404)  
    return render(request, "product.html", {"product": product})
```

☒ Prefer using `get_object_or_404()` for conciseness.

Validation Errors (Forms)

```
from django import forms  
  
class ProductForm(forms.Form):  
    name = forms.CharField(max_length=100)  
  
    def clean_name(self):  
        data = self.cleaned_data['name']  
        if "@" in data:  
            raise forms.ValidationError("Invalid character '@')")  
        return data
```

Part 4: Error Handling in Flask

Flask handles errors using decorators or global handlers.

Built-in Error Handler

```
from flask import Flask, jsonify  
  
app = Flask(__name__)  
  
@app.errorhandler(404)
```

```
def not_found(e):  
    return jsonify(error="Page not found"), 404
```

Raise Custom Error

```
from flask import abort  
  
@app.route("/divide/<int:num>")  
def divide(num):  
    if num == 0:  
        abort(400, "Division by zero not allowed")  
    return str(10 / num)
```

Custom Exception Class

```
class CustomError(Exception):  
    pass  
  
@app.errorhandler(CustomError)  
def handle_custom_error(e):  
    return jsonify(error=str(e)), 500
```

Best Practices Across All Frameworks

- ☒ Use specific exceptions (avoid `except:`).
- ☒ Log exceptions (`logging` module or service like Sentry).
- ☒ Don't expose raw errors to users.
- ☒ Keep response consistent in APIs: `status`, `message`, and `errorCode`.
- ☒ Use middleware for global exception handling (especially in FastAPI/Flask).

Testing Tip

```
curl -X GET http://127.0.0.1:8000/items/0
```

Summary

Feature	Python	FastAPI	Django	Flask
Basic try/except	☑	☑	☑	☑
HTTPException	✗	☑	🔒 (custom views)	☑ (abort)
Custom Exception	☑	☑ @exception_handler	☑ (view logic)	☑ @errorhandler
Response Shaping	✗	☑	☑ (HttpResponse)	☑ (JSONResponse)

Python JSON Essentials: json.load() vs json.dump()

Python’s `json` module is your go-to for **working with JSON files** — whether you're reading from or writing to them.

First, Import the Module

```
import json
```

`json.load()`: Read JSON from a File

📖 Think of `json.load()` as **loading structured JSON data from a `.json` file into a Python object** (like dict or list).

🧠 Syntax:

```
data = json.load(file_object)
```

☑ Example:

Suppose you have a file `data.json`:

```
{
  "name": "Darshan",
  "age": 23,
  "skills": ["Python", "React", "Node"]
}
```

Python Code to Read:

```
import json


with open('data.json', 'r') as file:
    data = json.load(file)

print(data['name']) # Output: Darshan
print(data['skills']) # Output: ['Python', 'React', 'Node']
```

What You Get:

A Python dictionary!

`json.dump()`: Write Python Data to a JSON File

 Use `json.dump()` to **serialize** Python objects (like dict, list) into a file as JSON format.

Syntax:

```
json.dump(data, file_object, indent=4)
```

Example:

```
import json

data = {
    "name": "Darshan",
    "city": "Ahmedabad",
    "languages": ["Python", "JavaScript"]
}

with open('output.json', 'w') as file:
    json.dump(data, file, indent=4)
```

What you get in `output.json`:

```
{
  "name": "Darshan",
  "city": "Ahmedabad",
  "languages": [
    "Python",
    "JavaScript"
  ]
}
```

🔗 `indent=4` makes it **pretty printed**!

🧠 When to Use What?

Task	Use
☑ Read from <code>.json</code> file	<code>json.load(file)</code>
☑ Write to <code>.json</code> file	<code>json.dump(data, file)</code>
☑ Convert JSON string to Python	<code>json.loads(string)</code>
☑ Convert Python to JSON string	<code>json.dumps(data)</code>

⚠ Common Mistakes

- ✗ Using `json.load()` on a JSON string ☑ Use `json.loads()` instead.
- ✗ Writing JSON to file using `dumps()` ☑ Use `json.dump()` for writing directly to a file.

🔗 Real-Life Use Case

```
# Saving user preferences
preferences = {
    "theme": "dark",
    "notifications": True,
    "volume": 70
}

# Save to file
with open('prefs.json', 'w') as f:
    json.dump(preferences, f, indent=2)

# Later... load from file
with open('prefs.json', 'r') as f:
    prefs = json.load(f)

print(prefs["theme"]) # Output: dark
```

🧙 Summary Spellbook

Function	Purpose	Works With
<code>json.load()</code>	Read JSON from file → Python object	File
<code>json.dump()</code>	Write Python object → JSON file	File
<code>json.loads()</code>	Read JSON from string → Python	String

Function	Purpose	Works With
<code>json.dumps()</code>	Convert Python object → JSON string	String