

Elixir: Scalable and Efficient Application Development

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Literals and Operators



In this video, we are going to take a look at...

- Observing the built-in literal types
- Exploring the basic operators

Before We Start

Terminal

```
>iex
```

```
Erlang/OTP 19 [erts-8.2]
```

```
Interactive Elixir (1.3.4) - press Ctrl+C to exit (type  
h() ENTER for help)
```

```
iex(1)>
```

Numbers and Arithmetic Operators

- Integer
 - 1
 - -30
- Floating point
 - 1.54932
 - 1.5e-15

Numbers and Arithmetic Operators

- Integer Bases

Base	Example	Decimal
Hexadecimal (16)	0xFE	254
Octal (8)	0o773	507
Binary (2)	0b1110	14

Numbers and Arithmetic Operators

- Integer – Separator
 - 43312209
 - 43_312_209

Numbers and Arithmetic Operators

- Precision

```
55438573489534785439534857345764234854236
78452367423546723456237452367452367453267
45237645237645237645326745236745762345631
245762345263
```

Numbers and Arithmetic Operators

- Operators

Operator	Example	Result
Addition (+)	$1.5 + 9$	10.5
Subtraction (-)	$1 - 2$	-1
Multiplication (*)	$9 * 8$	72
Division (/)	$10 / 4$	2.5

Numbers and Arithmetic Operators

- Integer Division Functions

Operator	Example	Result
Division (div)	<code>div(9, 7)</code>	1
Modulo/Remainder (rem)	<code>rem(9, 7)</code>	2

Booleans

Terminal

```
iex(1)> (1 + 2 + (3 * 12)) / div(6,3)  
13.0
```

Booleans

- True
 - Everything is truthy
- False
 - nil is falsey

Booleans

and, or, not  strict

&&, ||, !  non-strict

Booleans

Terminal

```
iex(1)> true and false  
false
```

```
iex(2)> true && false  
false
```

```
iex(3)> 3 and true
```

```
** (ArgumentError) argument error: 3
```

```
iex(4)> 3 && true  
true
```

Booleans – Comparison Operators

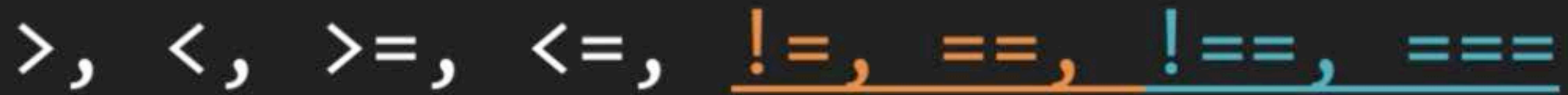
>, <, >=, <=, !=, !==, ==, ===



true
false

Booleans – Comparison Operators

>, <, >=, <=, !=, ==, !==, ===



The diagram shows a sequence of comparison operators: >, <, >=, <=, !=, ==, !==, and ===. The operators != and == are underlined in orange, while !== and === are underlined in blue. An orange arrow points from the orange underlined operators to the 'Non-Strict' label, and a blue arrow points from the blue underlined operators to the 'Strict' label.

Non-Strict

Strict

Booleans – Comparison Operators

Terminal

```
iex(1)> 15.0 == 15  
true  
iex(2)> 15.0 === 15  
false
```

Booleans – Comparison Operators

- Not just for numbers
 - `number < atom < reference < function < port < pid < tuple < map < list < bitstring`
- Multiple types can be compared with one another by this order

Strings

`“Hello, World!”`

`“γειά σου κόσμ”`

Strings

“Hello, World!”

“γειά σου κόσμ”



UTF-8

Strings

“Hello, \nWorld!”  Hello,
World!

Strings

`"I am #{2 * 15} years old."`



`I am 30 years old.`

Strings – Some fun(ctions)

Terminal

```
iex(1)> String.reverse("Hello")
```

```
"olleH"
```

```
iex(2)> String.replace("Hello, World!", "World", "You")
```

```
"Hello, You!"
```

Atoms

- A constant whose name is its value
 - `:hello`
 - `:Hey_you`
 - `:”>_<“`

Atoms

:4_seasons

Is invalid!



: "4_seasons"

Valid atom

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Collection Types



In this video, we are going to take a look at...

- Available collection types
- Functions to manipulate collections
- Immutability
- Type composition

Lists

- An ordered collection of items
- Delimited by square brackets

[]



- An empty list

[]

Lists

```
[ :hello, "hey", 4 ]
```

Lists

[:hello, "hey", 4]

Any type

Separated by commas

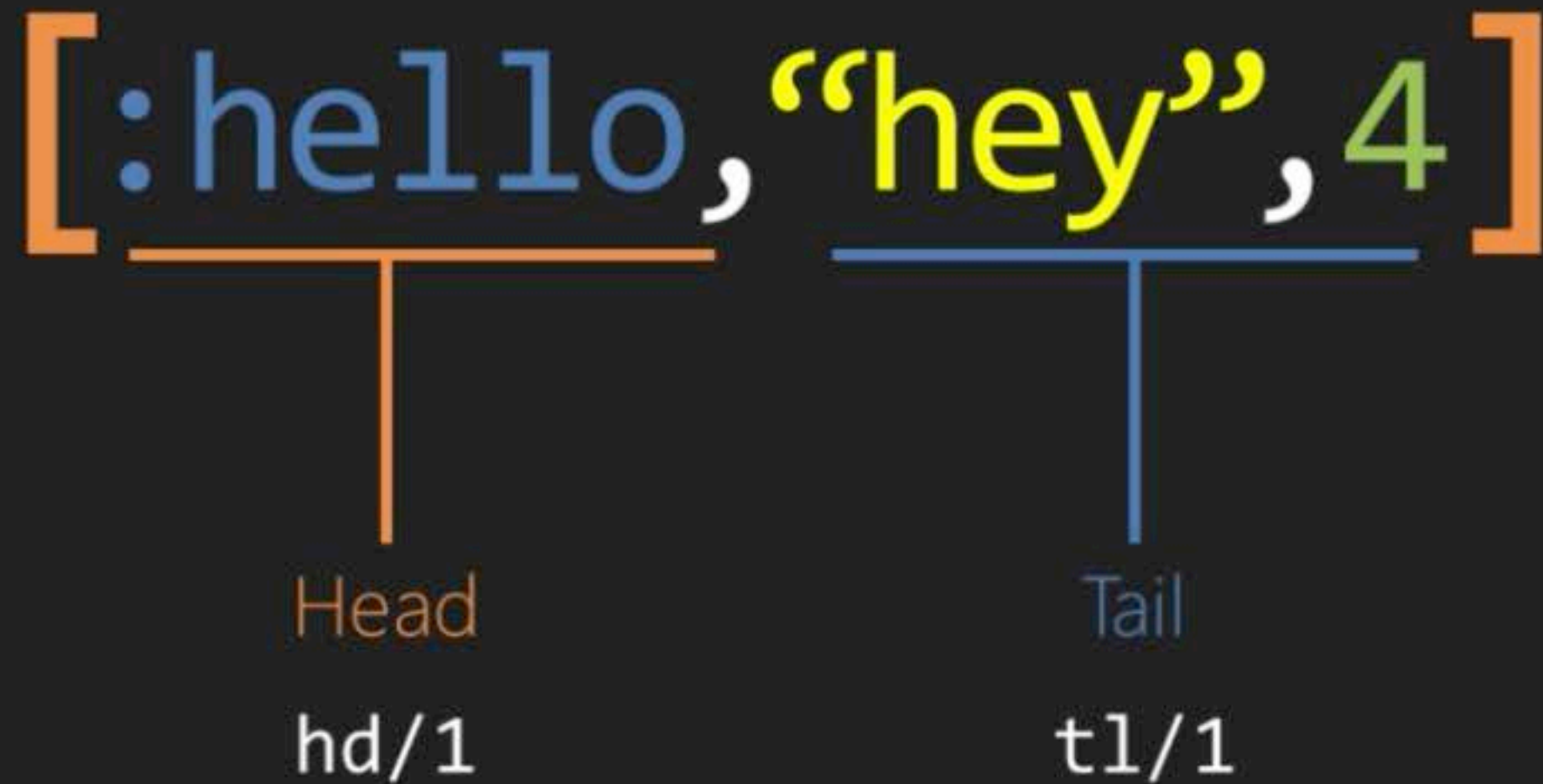
Lists

`[:hello, "hey", 4]`

Head

Tail

Lists



Lists – Head and Tail

Terminal

```
iex(1)> [1,2,3,4,5]
[1,2,3,4,5]
iex(2)> hd([1,2,3,4,5])
1
iex(3)> tl([1,2,3,4,5])
[2,3,4,5]
iex(4)> tl([1])
[]
```


Lists – The Cons Cell

`[:hello | []]`

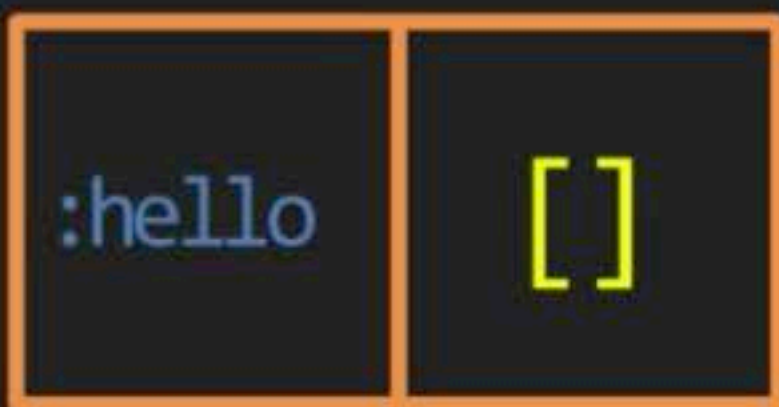
"Cons" Cell

Two elements separated
by a "Pipe"

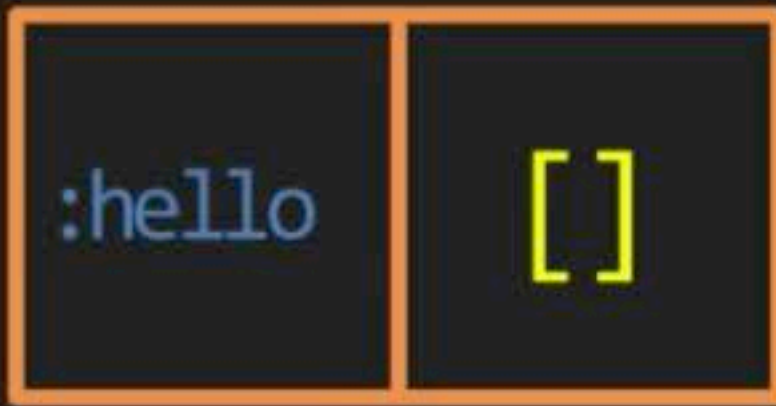
Lists – The Cons Cell



Lists – The Cons Cell



Lists – The Cons Cell



`[:hello]`

Lists – The Cons Cell

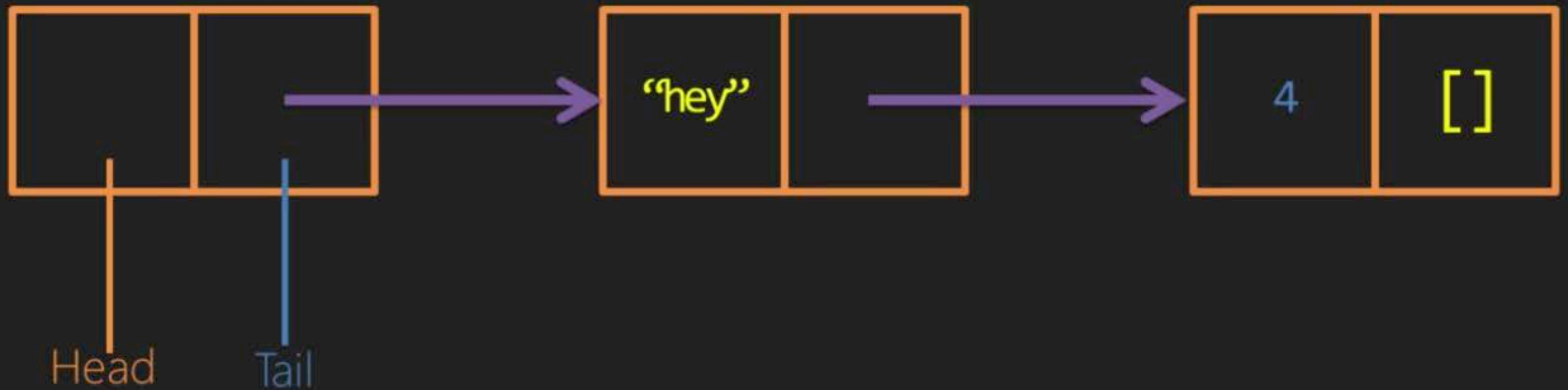


`[:hello | ["hey" | [4 | []]]]`

`[:hello, "hey", 4]`

Lists – The Cons Cell

- Linked List



Lists – Operations

- Concatenation
 - ++
- Subtraction
 - --

Lists – Operations

Terminal

```
iex(1)> [:hello, "hey", 4] ++ [0.5]
[:hello, "hey", 4, 0.5]
iex(2)> [:hello, "hey", 4] -- ["hey"]
[:hello, 4]
iex(3)> [:hello, :hello] -- [:hello]
[:hello]
```

Tuple

- An ordered collection of items

Tuple

{:hello, "hey", 4}

Tuple

{:hello, "hey", 4}



Delimited by curly brackets

Tuples - Functions

- Index
 - `elem/2`
- Size
 - `tuple_size/1`
- Replacement
 - `put_elem/3`

Tuples - Functions

Terminal

```
iex(1)> elem({:hello, "hey", 4}, 0)
:hello
iex(2)> elem({:hello, "hey", 4}, 2)
4
iex(3)> put_elem({:hello, 2}, 1, :hey)
{:hello, :hey}
```

Lists versus Tuples

List

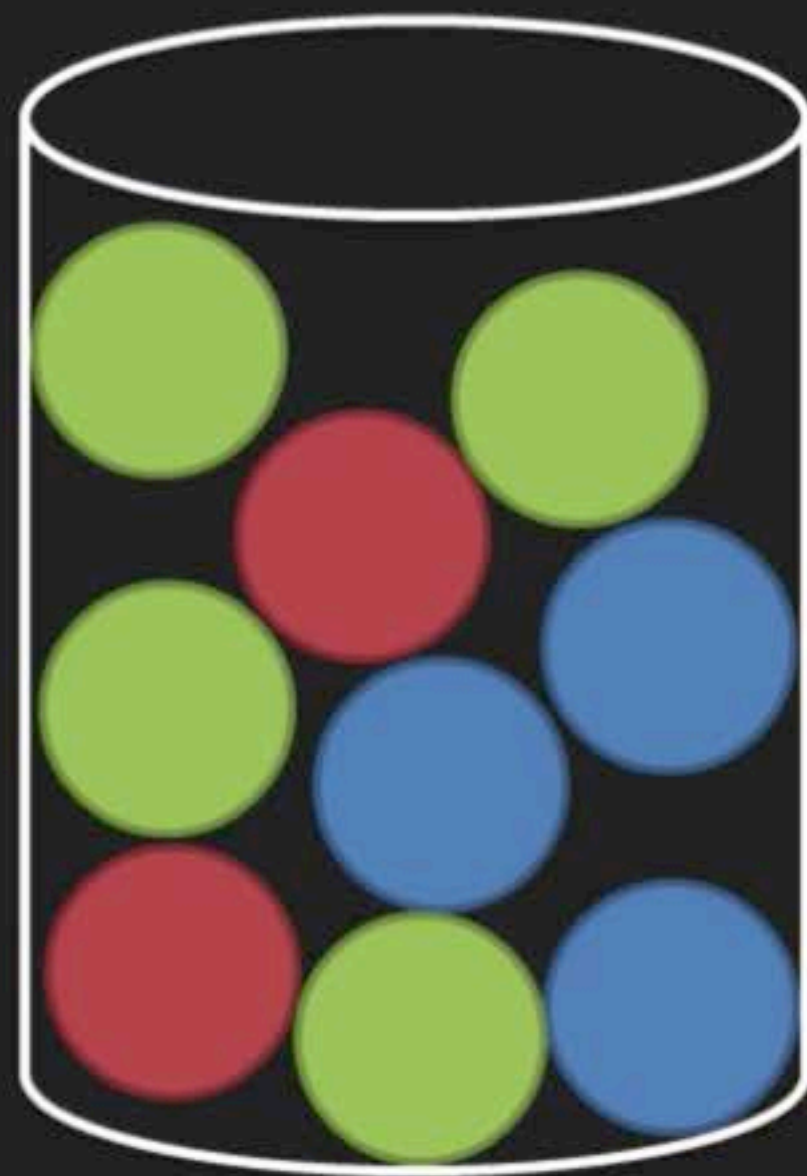


Tuple

Lists versus Tuples

	List	Tuple
Structure	Linked list	Contiguous memory
Insertion	Fast (prepending)	Expensive
Size	Slow	Fast
Fetch by index	Slow	Fast
Fetch first	Fast	Fast

Keyword Lists



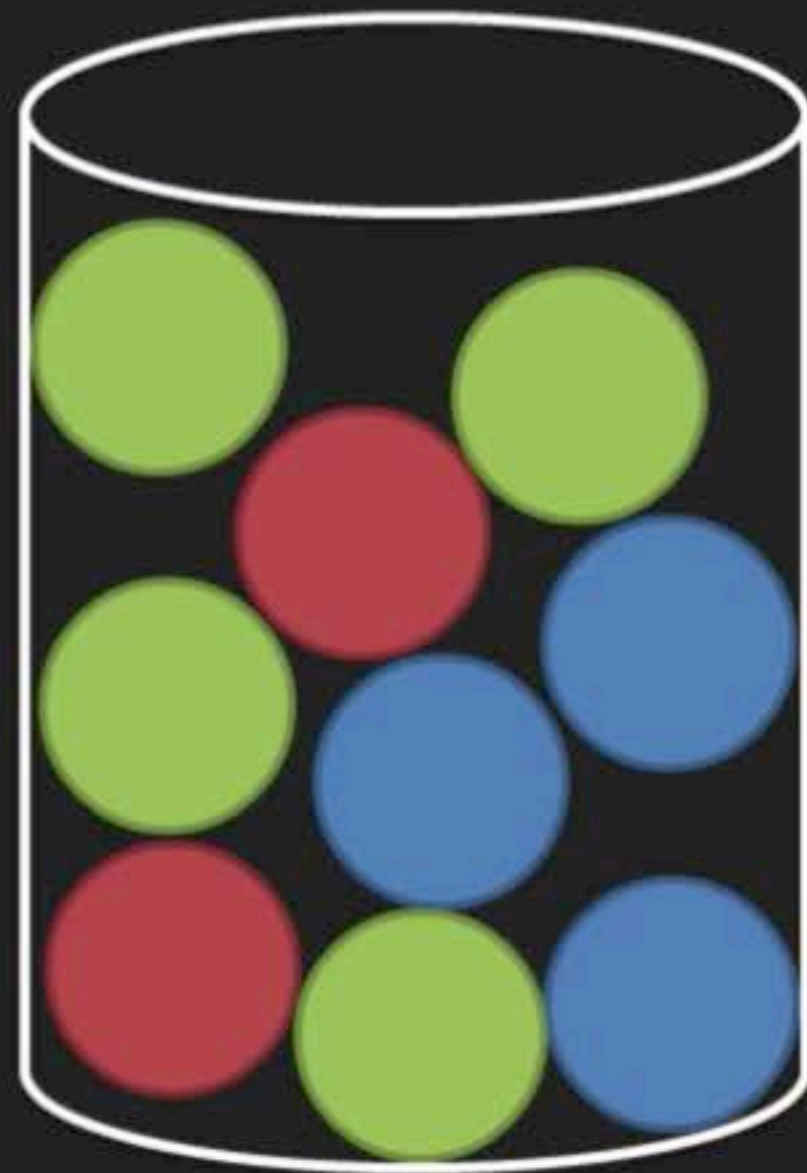
Keyword Lists

Count the Circles

Red = 2

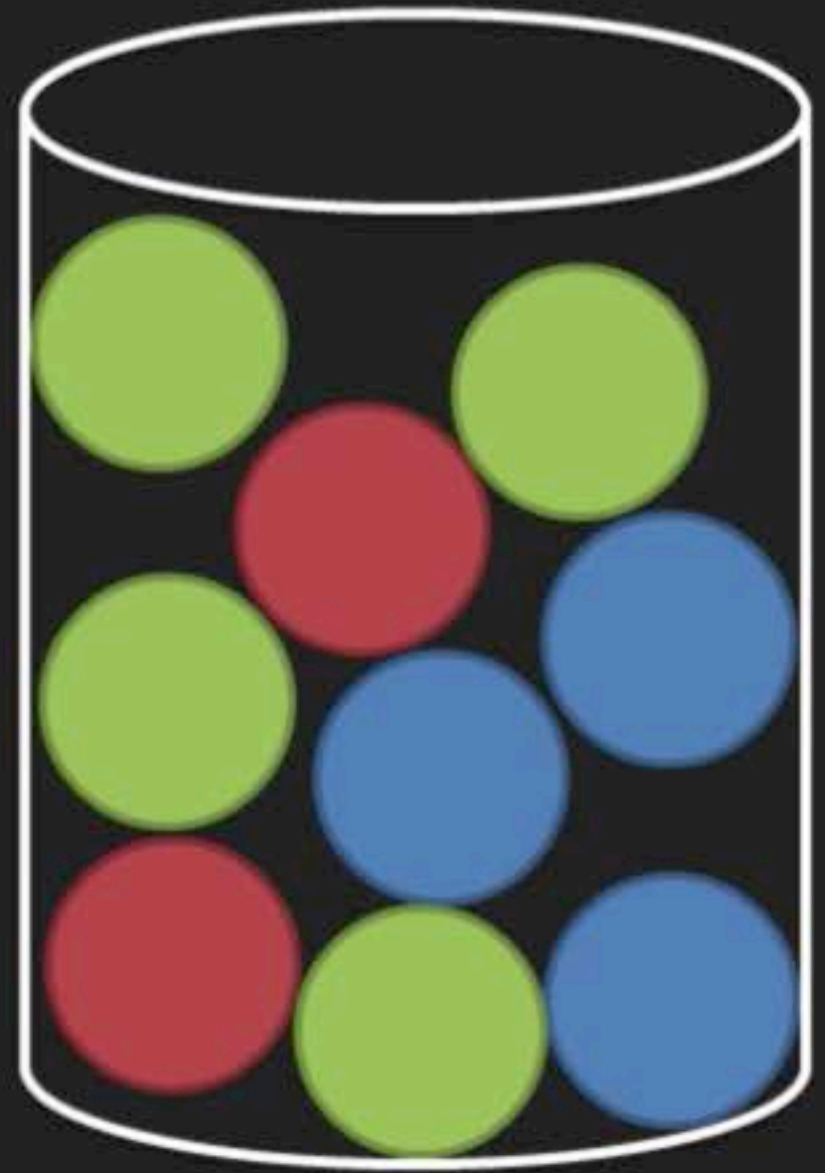
Green = 4

Blue = 3

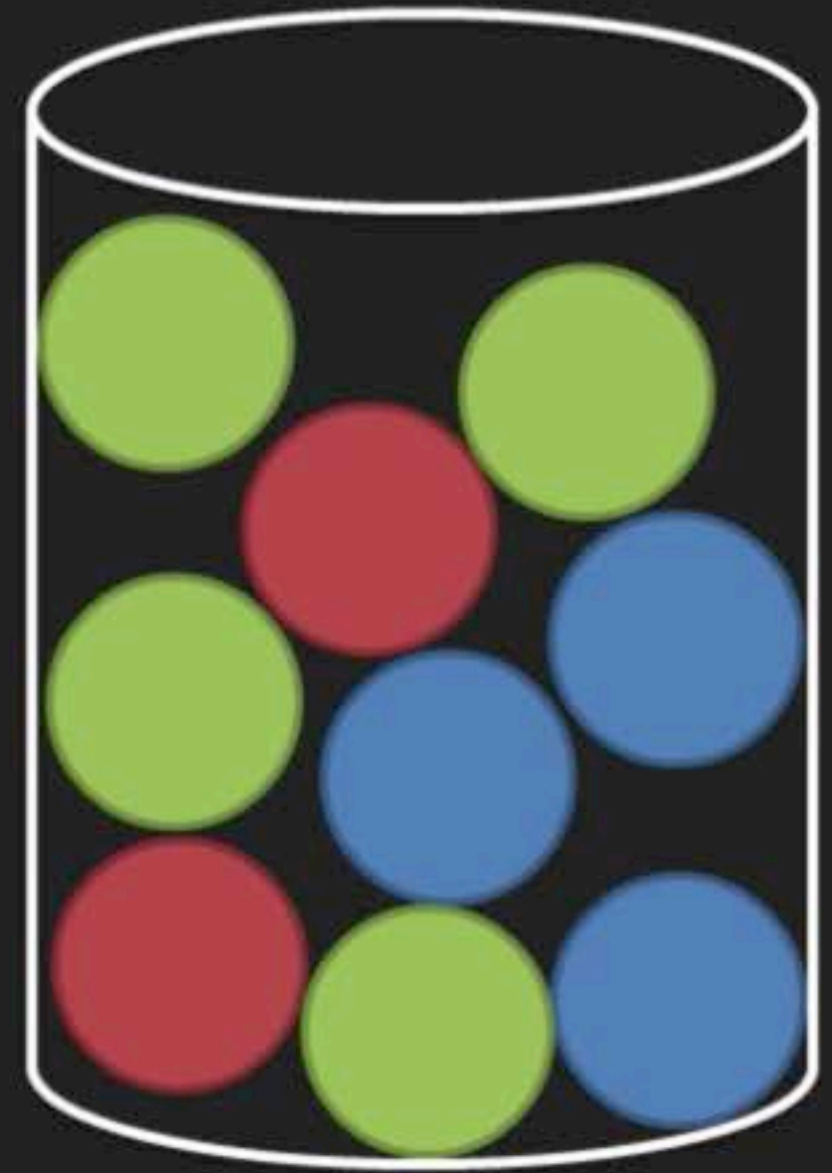
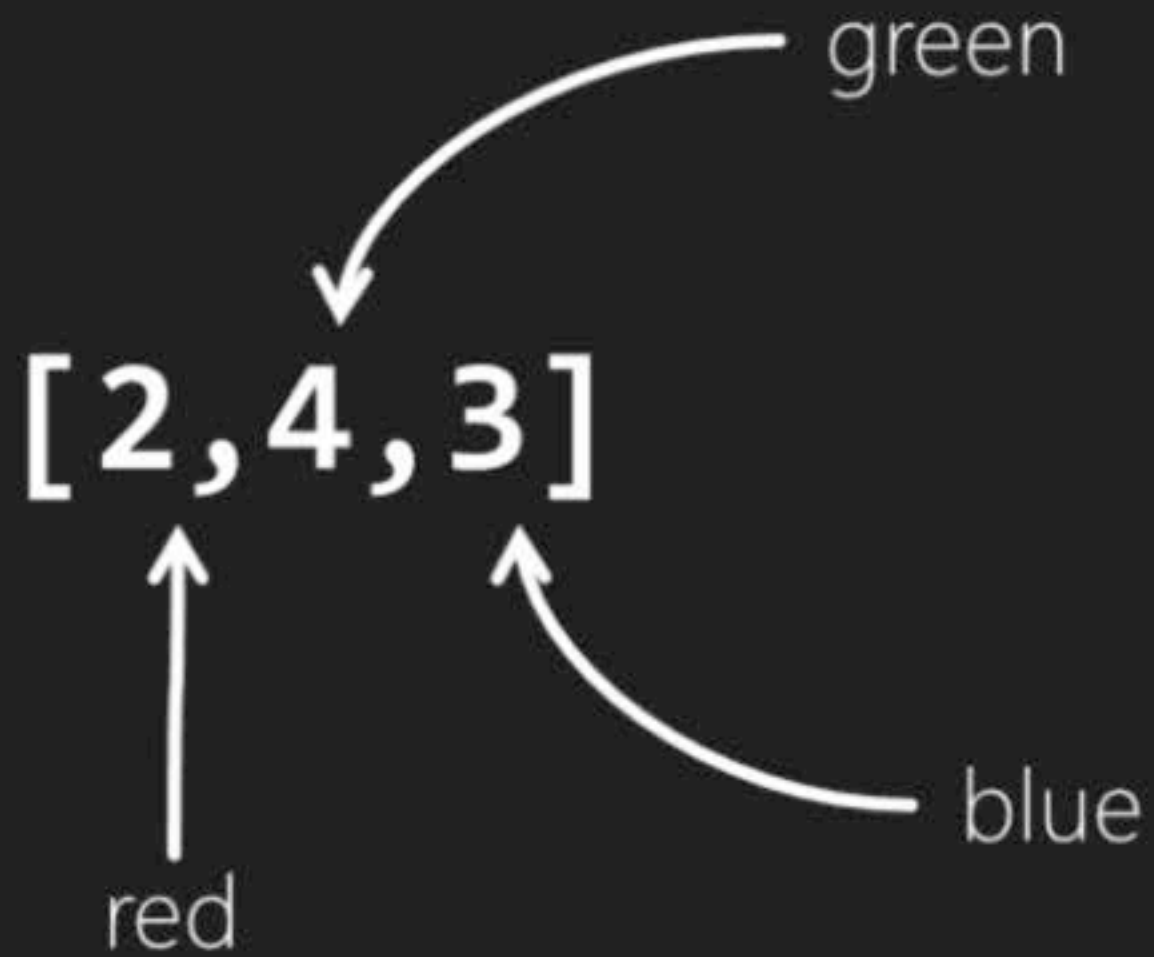


Keyword Lists

[2,4,3]

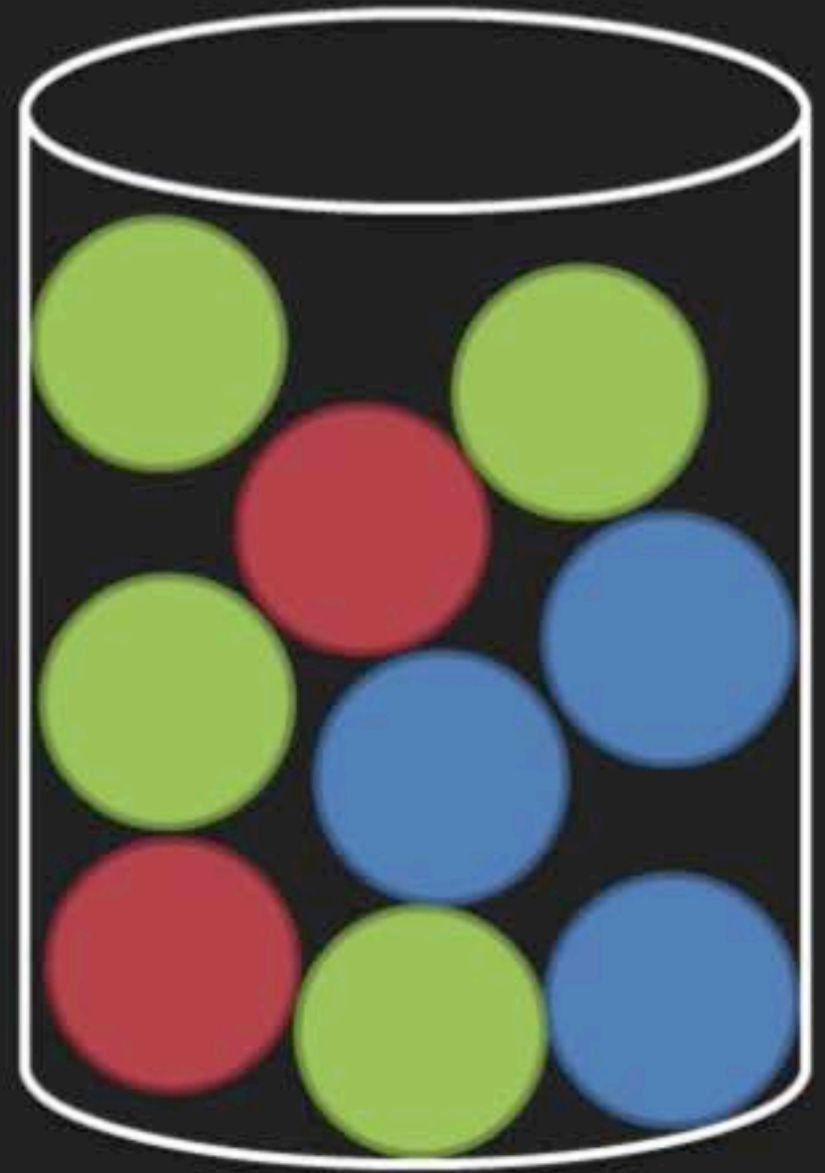


Keyword Lists



Keyword Lists

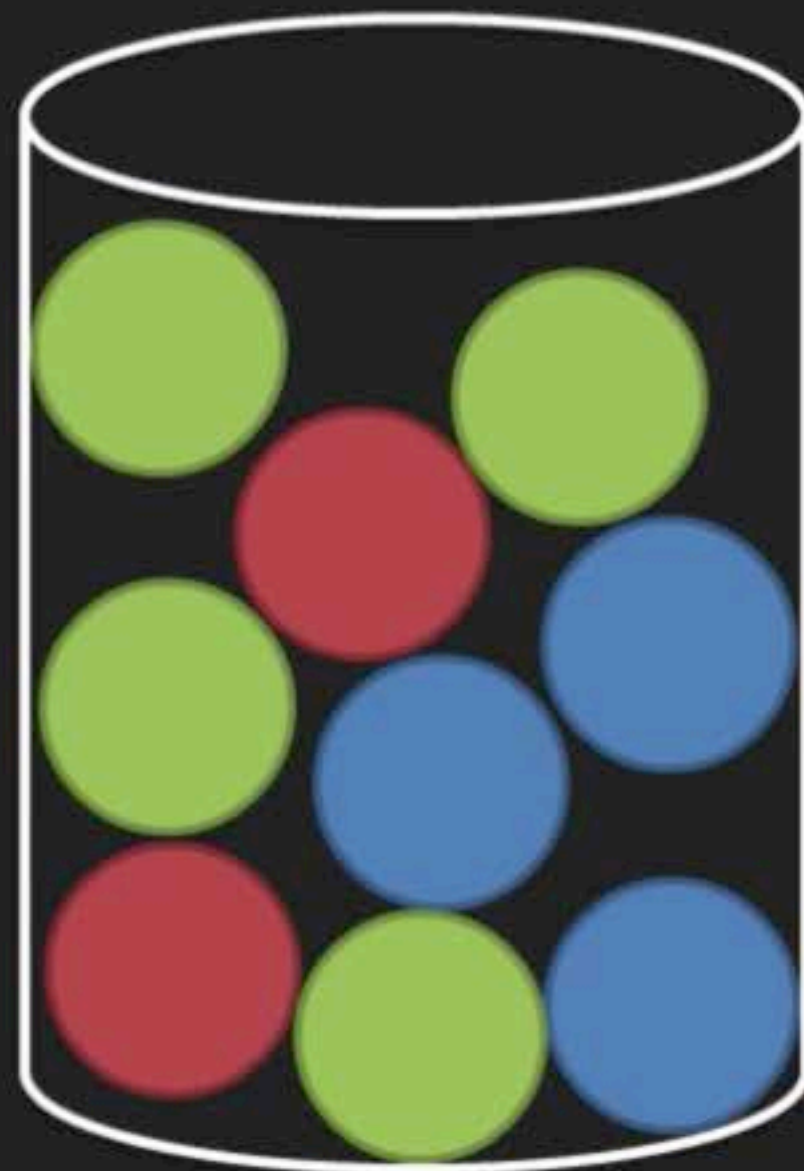
```
[{:red,2},{:green,4},{:blue,3}]
```



Keyword Lists

```
[{:red,2},{:green,4},{:blue,3}]
```

A list of tuples with 2 elements, the first
being an atom



Keyword Lists

```
[{:red,2}, {:green,4}, {:blue,3}]
```

=

```
[red: 2, green: 4, blue: 3]
```


Keyword Lists - Indexing

Terminal

```
iex(1)> list = [red: 2, green: 4, blue: 3]
[red: 2, green: 4, blue: 3]
iex(2)> list[:red]
2
iex(3)> list[:blue]
3
iex(4)> list[:yellow]
nil
```

Keyword Lists

- Still lists...
 - Indexing is slow
 - Ordered

Maps

- A unordered collection of values indexed by keys

Maps

`%{:red => 2, :green => 4}`

Maps

%{ :red => 2, :green => 4 }

Key

Value

Maps

`%{:red => 2, :green => 4}`
=
`%{red: 2, green: 4}`

If the keys are atoms

Maps - Indexing

map[key]

Works with any type
of key

map.key

Works only on keys that
are atoms

Maps - Indexing

Terminal

```
iex(1)> map = %{:x => 1, "y" => 2}
%{:x => 1, "y" => 2}
iex(2)> map.x
1
iex(3)> map["y"]
2
```


Maps - Indexing

Terminal

```
iex(4)> map[:x]
```

```
1
```

```
iex(5)> map."y"
```

```
** (KeyError) key :y not found in: %{:x => 1, "y" => 2}
```

Maps - Indexing

`%{map | key=>value}`

Works with any type
of key

`%{map | key: value}`

Works only on keys that
are atoms

Maps - Updating

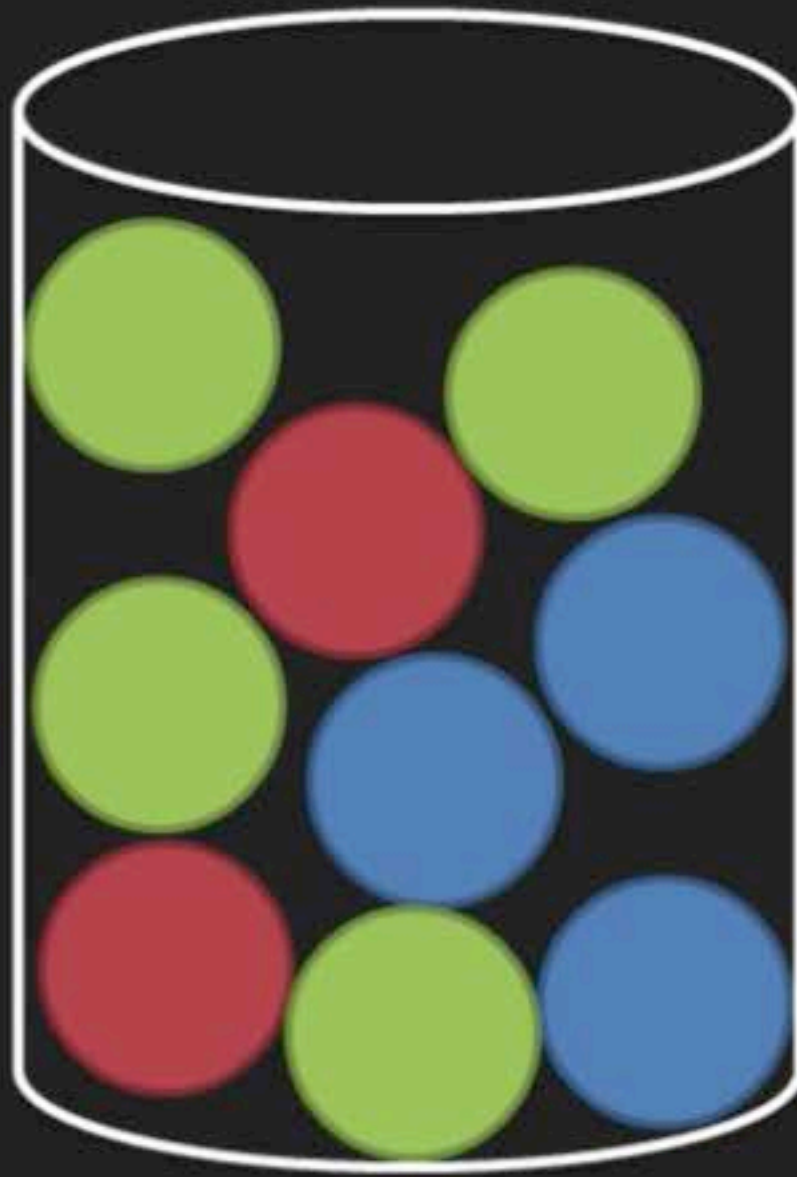
Terminal

```
iex(1)> map = %{:x => 1, "y" => 2}
%{:x => 1, "y" => 2}
iex(2)> %{map|x: 4}
%{:x => 4, "y" => 2}
iex(3)> map.x
1
```

Immutability

- Collections are Immutable
 - Any modification on a collection returns a new collection

Composition



Composition

- Counting exercise given to different people
 - John
 - Mary
 - Jeff
 - Paul
- Any person can do more than one counting exercise

`%{red: 2, green: 4`

Composition

```
%{  
  "John" =>  
  
  "Mary" =>  
  
  "Jeff" =>  
  
  "Paul" =>  
}
```

Composition

```
%{  
  "John" => [  
  
    ],  
  "Mary" => [  
  
    ],  
  "Jeff" => [  
  
    ],  
  "Paul" => [  
  
    ]  
}
```


Composition

```
%{  
  "John" => [  
    %{red: 2, green: 4}  
  ],  
  "Mary" => [  
    %{red: 2, green: 4}, %{yellow: 5}, %{red: 7, blue: 2}  
  ],  
  "Jeff" => [  
    %{violet: 40, blue: 2}  
  ],  
  "Paul" => [  
    %{red: 4, blue: 3, yellow: 7}, %{blue: 5, cyan: 3}  
  ]  
}
```

Quiz Time!

Quiz 2 | 2 Questions

Start Quiz

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Question 1:

Identify the integer base from the following options:

☐ Binary

☐ Multiplication

☐ Modulo

☐ Remainder

Question 2:

Which of the following options are ordered sequential collection types?

☐ Lists

☐ Tuples

☐ Indexes

☐ Maps