



Python for Data Science

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Welcome!



Welcome to the **Python for Data Science class**

About the Program

Four Part Series, Four Hours Each

- Session 1: Getting Started with Python
- **Session 2: Applying Python – The Basics**
- Session 3: Exploring Python Files, Dictionaries, Sets & methods
- Session 4: Expanding Python – methods, Error Handling, Importing and OO Classes

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Today's Agenda: Session 2

Get started with Python! Learn how to apply logic (if/then and loops) to your Python code. This is the foundation of all future programming concepts!

We'll also explore some advanced data types that are often used in Data Analysis and Data Science.

- Write a program that accepts multiple positional arguments
- Use if, elif, and else to handle conditional branching with three or more options
- Find and alter items in a list
- Sort and reverse lists
- Format a list into a new string

Topics We'll Explore Today:

Flow Control

About flow control
White space
Conditional expressions
Relational operators
Boolean operators
While loops
Alternate loop exits

Array types

About array types (AKA sequences)
Lists and list methods
Tuples
Indexing and slicing
Iterating through a sequence
Nested sequences
Sequence methods, keywords, and operators
List comprehensions
Generator Expressions

Bonus Topics

- Advanced Data Types
- Numpy
- Pandas
- Python / SAS Comparison



Flow of Control

Why are we starting with Booleans?

- Boolean expressions are used to control both if statements and loops, it is important to understand how they are evaluated.

Boolean Logic

- Boolean logic is all about manipulating so-called truth values, which in Python are written True and False.
- We combine Boolean values using four main logical operators (or logical connectives): not, and, or, and ==.

Boolean Logic

p	q	p == q	p != q	p and q	p or q	not p
False	False	True	False	False	False	True
False	True	False	True	False	True	True
True	False	False	True	False	True	False
True	True	True	False	True	True	False

Logical equivalence

Let's start with `==`.

- The expression `p == q` is True only when `p` and `q` both have the same truth value—that is, when `p` and `q` are either both True or both False.
- The expression `p != q` tests if `p` and `q` are not the same and returns True only when they have different values.

COMPARISON OPERATORS ON

int, float, string

- `i` and `j` are variable names
- comparisons below evaluate to a Boolean

`i > j`

`i >= j`

`i < j`

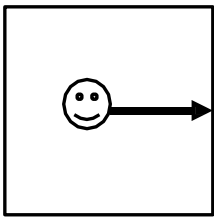
`i <= j`

`i == j` **equality** test, `True` if `i` is the same as `j`

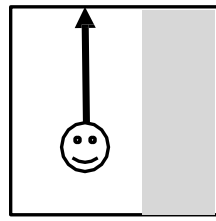
`i != j` **inequality** test, `True` if `i` not the same as `j`

COMPARISON EXAMPLE

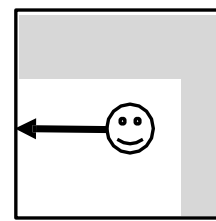
```
pset_time = 15  
sleep_time = 8  
print(sleep_time > pset_time)  
drink = True  
derive = False  
  
both = drink and derive  
print(both)
```



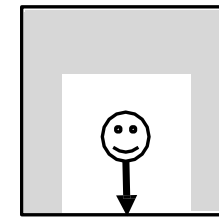
If right clear,
go right



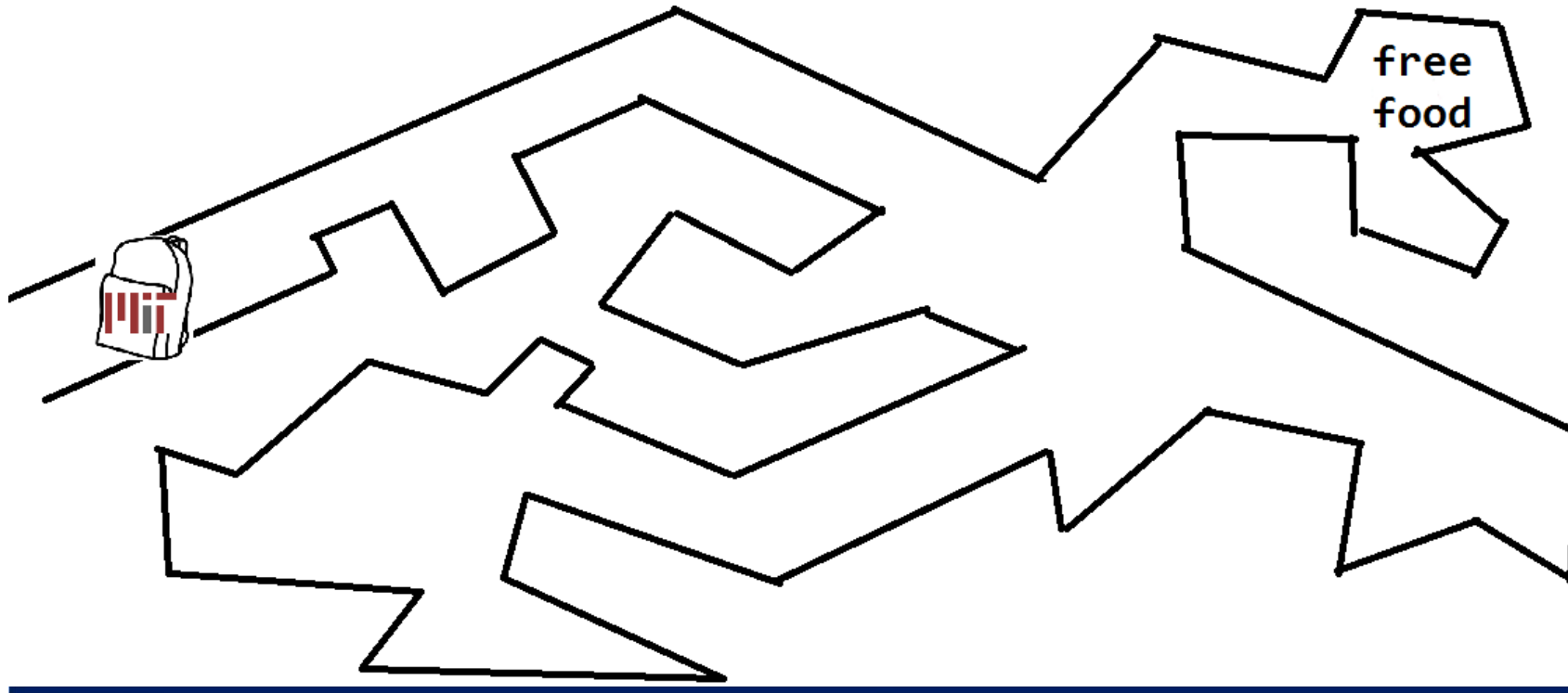
If right blocked,
go forward



If right and
front blocked,
go left



If right , front,
left blocked,
go back



CONTROL FLOW - BRANCHING

```
if <condition>:  
    <expression>  
    <expression>  
    ...
```

```
if <condition>:  
    <expression>  
    <expression>  
    ...  
else:  
    <expression>  
    <expression>  
    ...
```

```
if <condition>:  
    <expression>  
    <expression>  
    ...  
elif <condition>:  
    <expression>  
    <expression>  
    ...  
else:  
    <expression>  
    <expression>  
    ...
```

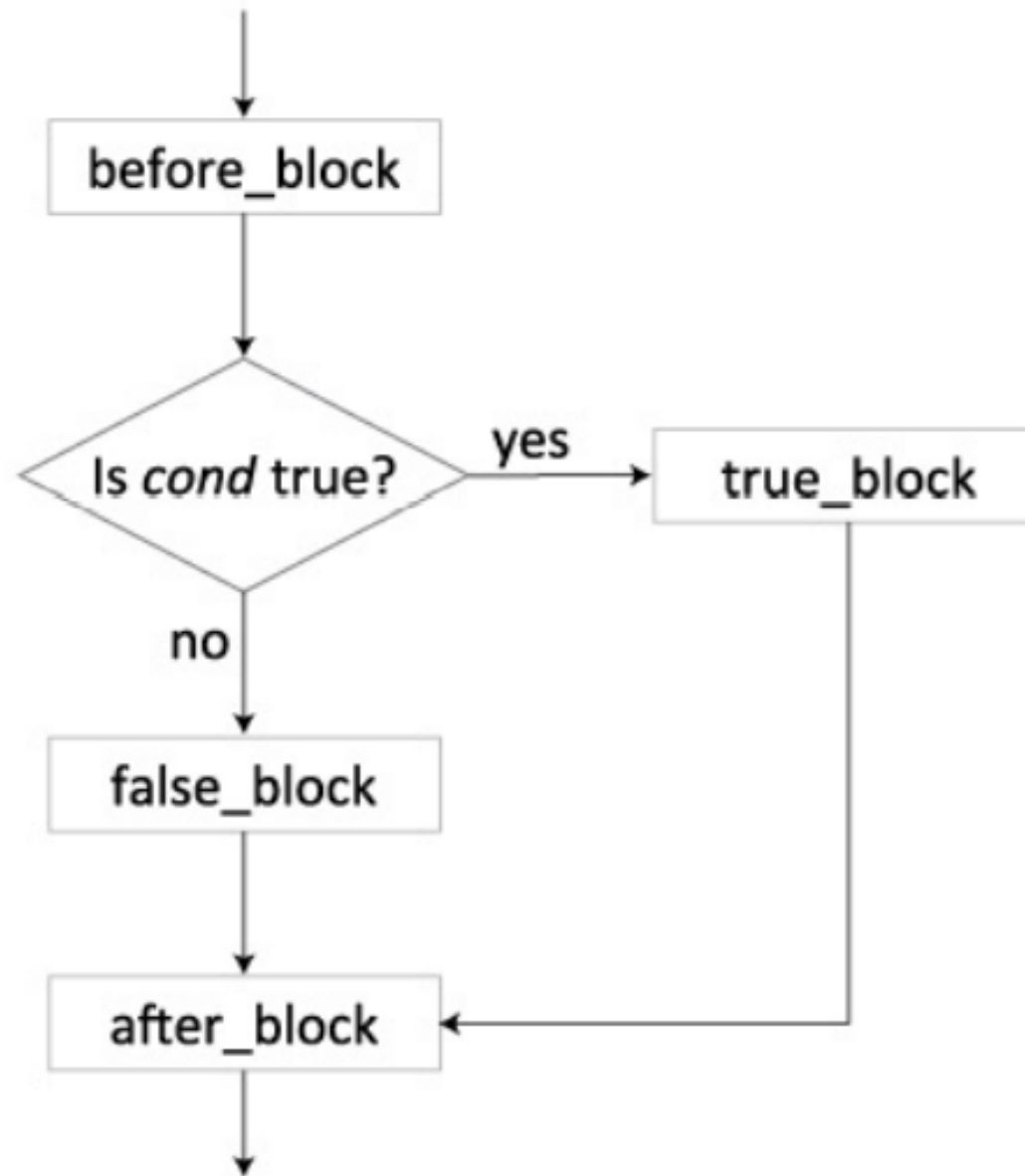
- <condition> has a value True or False
- evaluate expressions in that block if <condition> is True

If/else-statements

- Suppose you are writing a password-checking program.
- The user enters their password, and if it is correct, you log them in to their account.
- If it is not correct, then you tell them they've entered the wrong password:

```
# password1.py
pwd = input('What is the password? ')
if pwd == 'apple': # note use of == # instead of =
    print('Logging on ...')
else:
    print('Incorrect password.')
print('All done!')
```

before_block
if *cond*:
 true_block
else:
 false_block
after_block



Code Blocks and Indentation

- One of the most distinctive features of Python is its use of indentation to mark blocks of code.
- Consider the if statement from our password-checking program:

```
if pwd == 'apple':  
    print('Logging on ...')  
else:  
    print('Incorrect password.')  
print('All done!')
```

If/elif-statements

- Program determines how much a passenger should pay:
- “child” ticket rates: Kids 2 years old or younger fly for free, kids older than 2 but younger than 13 pay a discounted child fare, and anyone 13 years or older pays a regular adult fare

```
# airfare.py
age = int(input('How old are you? '))
if age <= 2:
    print(' free')
elif 2 < age < 13:
    print(' child fare')
else:
    print('adult fare')
```


Loops

- Now we turn to loops, which are used to repeatedly execute blocks of code.
- Python has two main kinds of loops: for loops and while-loops.
- For-loops are generally easier to use and less error prone than while-loops, although not quite as flexible

For-loops

- The basic for-loop repeats a given block of code some specified number of times.
- For example, this snippet of code prints the numbers 0 to 9 on the screen:

```
# count10.py  
for i in range(10):  
    print(i)
```

For-loops

- If you want to change the starting value of the loop, add a starting value to range:

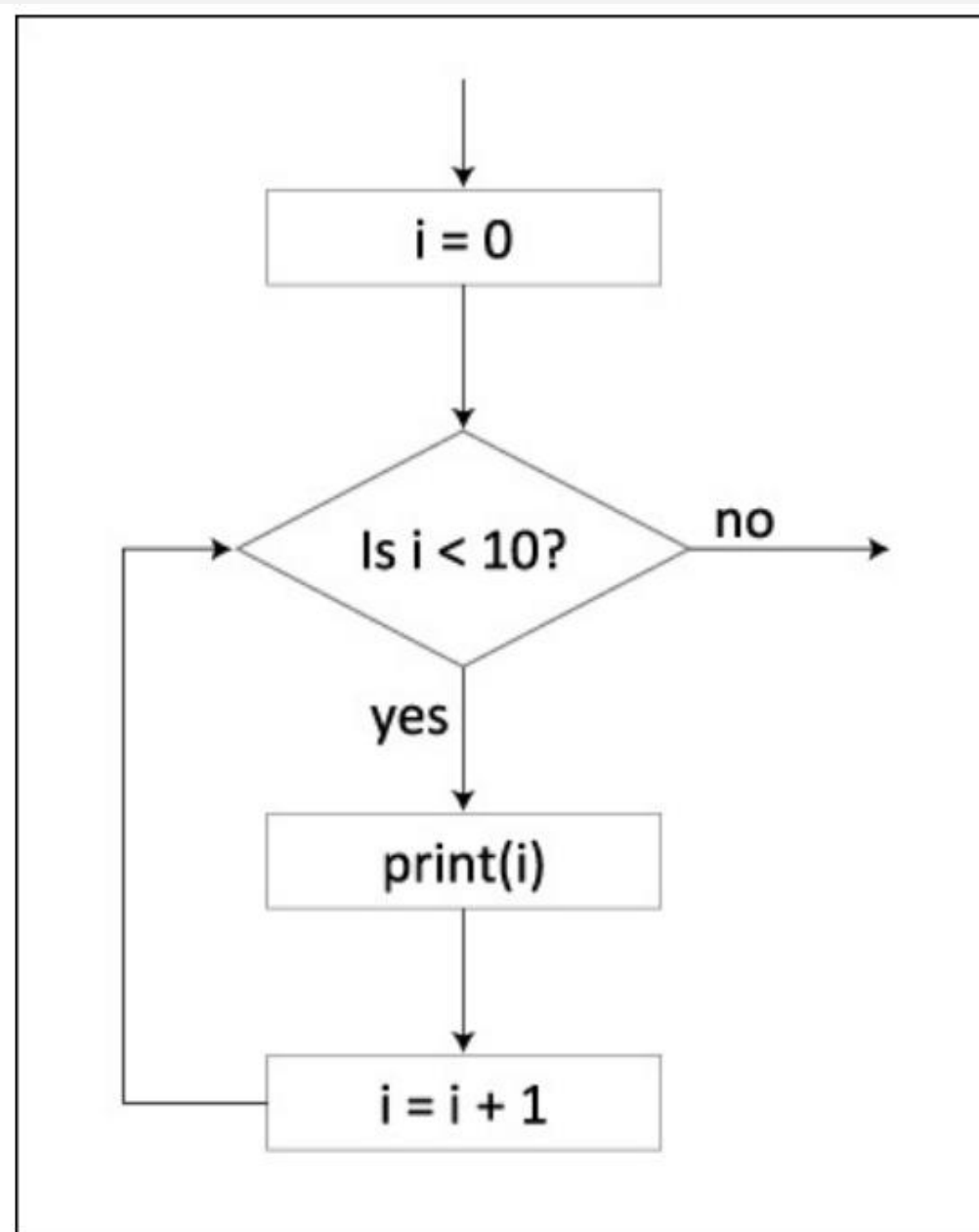
```
for i in range(5, 10):  
    print(i)
```

- This prints the numbers from 5 to 9.

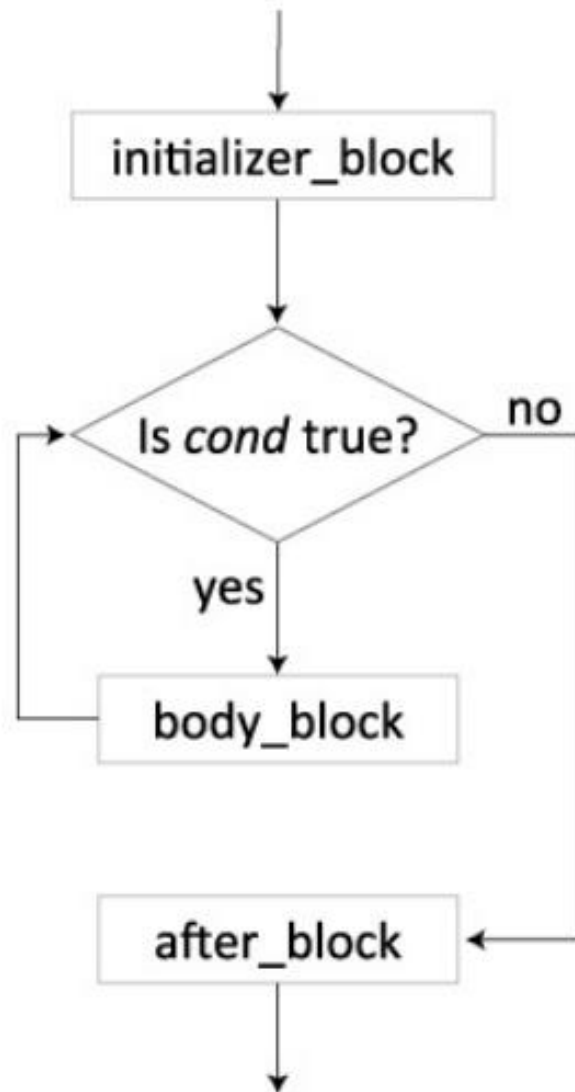
While-loops

- The second kind of Python loop is a while-loop. Consider this program:

```
# while10.py
i = 0
while i < 10:
    print(i)
    i = i + 1 # add 1 to i
```



initializer_block
while cond:
 body_block
after_block



- The general form of a while-loop is shown in the flow chart.

Comparing FOR and WHILE Loops

- Let's take a look at a few examples of how for-loops and while-loops can be used to solve the same problems.
- We'll see a simple program that can't be written using a for loop.

Calculating factorials

```
# forfact.py  
n = int(input('Enter an integer >= 0: '))  
fact = 1  
for i in range(2, n + 1):  
    fact = fact * i  
print(str(n) + ' factorial is ' + str(fact))
```


Here's another way to do it using a while-loop:

```
# whilefact.py
n = int(input('Enter an integer >= 0: '))
fact = 1
i = 2
while i <= n:
    fact = fact * i
    i = i + 1
print(str(n) + ' factorial is ' + str(fact))
```

for VS while LOOPS

for loops

- **know** number of iterations
- can **end early** via `break`
- uses a **counter**
- **can rewrite** a `for` loop using a `while` loop

while loops

- **unbounded** number of iterations
- can **end early** via `break`
- can use a **counter but must initialize** before loop and increment it inside loop
- **may not be able to rewrite** a `while` loop using a `for` loop

Summing numbers from the user

- The following programs ask the user to enter some numbers, and then prints their sum.
- Here is a version using a for-loop:

```
# forsum.py
n = int(input('How many numbers to sum? '))
total = 0
for i in range(n):
    s = input('Enter number ' + str(i + 1) + ': ')
    total = total + int(s)
print('The sum is ' + str(total))
```

Program that does that same thing using a while-loop:

```
# whilesun.py
n = int(input('How many numbers to sum? '))
total = 0
i = 1
while i <= n:
    s = input('Enter number ' + str(i) + ': ')
    total = total + int(s)
    i = i + 1
print('The sum is ' + str(total))
```

Summing an unknown number of numbers

- Suppose we want to let users enter a list of numbers to be summed without asking them ahead of time how many numbers they have.
- Instead, they just type 'done' when they have no more numbers to add.

Summing an unknown number of numbers

- Here's how to do it using a while-loop:

```
# donesum.py
total = 0
s = input('Enter a number (or "done"): ')
while s != 'done':
    num = int(s)
    total = total + num
    s = input('Enter a number (or "done"): ')
print('The sum is ' + str(total))
```

Summing an unknown number of numbers

- We convert the input string `s` to an integer only after we know `s` is not the string `'done'`. If we had written

```
s = int(input('Enter a number (or "done"): '))
```

Breaking Out of Loops and Blocks

- The `break` statement is a handy way for exiting a loop from anywhere within the loop's body.
- For example, here is an alternative way to sum an unknown number of numbers:

```
# donesum_break.py
total = 0
while True:
    s = input('Enter a number (or "done"): ')
    if s == 'done':
        break # jump out of the loop
    num = int(s)
    total = total + num
print('The sum is ' + str(total))
```


Loops Within Loops

- Loops within loops, also known as nested loops, occur frequently in programming.
- For instance, here's a program that prints the times tables up to 10:

```
# timestable.py
for row in range(1, 10):
    for col in range(1, 10):
        prod = row * col
        if prod < 10:
            print(' ', end = '')
        print(row * col, ' ', end = '')
    print()
```



Data Structures

Data Structures

In this lesson, you will learn

- The type Command
- Sequences
- Tuples
- Lists
- List methods
- Sorting Lists
- List Comprehensions
- Dictionaries
- Sets

The type Command

- It's occasionally useful to check the data type of a value or a variable.
- This is easily done with the built-in type command:

```
>>> type(5)
<class 'int'>
>>> type(5.0)
<class 'float'>
>>> type('5')
<class 'str'>
>>> type(None)
<class 'NoneType'>
>>> type(print)
<class 'builtin_function_or_method'>
```

Sequences

- In Python, a sequence is an ordered collection of values.
- Python has three built-in sequence types: strings, tuples, and lists.
- One very nice feature of sequences is that they can be indexed and sliced, just as we saw for strings in the previous lesson.

Tuples

- A tuple is an immutable sequence of 0 or more values.
- It can contain any Python value—even other tuples.

For example:

```
>>> items = (-6, 'cat', (1, 2))
>>> items
(-6, 'cat', (1, 2))
>>> len(items)
3
>>> items[-1]
(1, 2)
>>> items[-1][0]
1
```

Tuples

- For instance:

```
>>> type(())  
<class 'tuple'>  
>>> type((5,))  
<class 'tuple'>  
>>> type((5))  
<class 'int'>
```

Tuple immutability

- For example, here's how you can chop off the first element of a tuple:

```
>>> lucky = (6, 7, 21, 77)
```

```
>>> lucky
```

```
(6, 7, 21, 77)
```

```
>>> lucky2 = lucky[1:]
```

```
>>> lucky2
```

```
(7, 21, 77)
```

```
>>> lucky
```

```
(6, 7, 21, 77)
```


Tuple methods

```
>>> pets = ('dog', 'cat', 'bird', 'dog')
>>> pets
('dog', 'cat', 'bird', 'dog')
>>> 'bird' in pets
True
>>> 'cow' in pets
False
>>> len(pets)
4
>>> pets.count('dog')
2
>>> pets.count('fish')
0
>>> pets.index('dog')
0
>>> pets.index('bird')
2
>>> pets.index('mouse')
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#41>", line 1, in <module>
    pets.index('mouse')
ValueError: tuple.index(x): x not in list
```

Tuple methods

Name	Return Value
<code>x in tup</code>	True if x is an element of tup , False otherwise
<code>len(tup)</code>	Number of elements in tup
<code>tup.count(x)</code>	Number of times element x occurs in tup
<code>tup.index(x)</code>	Index location of the first (leftmost) occurrence of x in tup ; if x is not in tup , raises a ValueError exception

Tuple methods

- As with strings, you can use + and * to concatenate tuples:

```
>>> tup1 = (1, 2, 3)
```

```
>>> tup2 = (4, 5, 6)
```

```
>>> tup1 + tup2
```

```
(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
```

```
>>> tup1 * 2
```

```
(1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3)
```

Lists

- Lists are essentially the same as tuples but with one key difference: Lists are mutable.

```
>>> numbers = [7, -7, 2, 3, 2]
```

```
>>> numbers
```

```
[7, -7, 2, 3, 2]
```

```
>>> len(numbers)
```

```
5
```

```
>>> numbers + numbers
```

```
[7, -7, 2, 3, 2, 7, -7, 2, 3, 2]
```

```
>>> numbers * 2
```

```
[7, -7, 2, 3, 2, 7, -7, 2, 3, 2]
```

Lists

- And just as with strings and tuples, you can use indexing and slicing to access individual elements and sublists:

```
>>> lst = [3, (1,), 'dog', 'cat']
>>> lst[0]
3
>>> lst[1]
(1,)
>>> lst[2]
'dog'
>>> lst[1:3]
[(1,), 'dog']
>>> lst[2:]
['dog', 'cat']
>>> lst[-3:]
[(1,), 'dog', 'cat']
>>> lst[:-3]
[3]
```

Mutability

- Mutability is the key feature that distinguishes lists from tuples. For example:

```
>>> pets = ['frog', 'dog', 'cow', 'hamster']
```

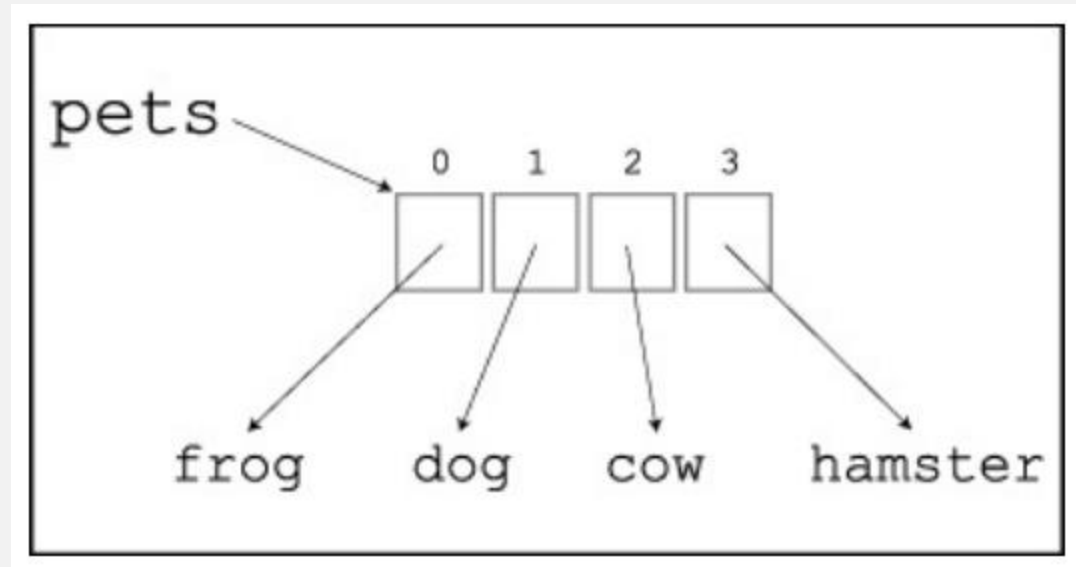
```
>>> pets
```

```
['frog', 'dog', 'cow', 'hamster']
```

```
>>> pets[2] = 'cat'
```

```
>>> pets
```

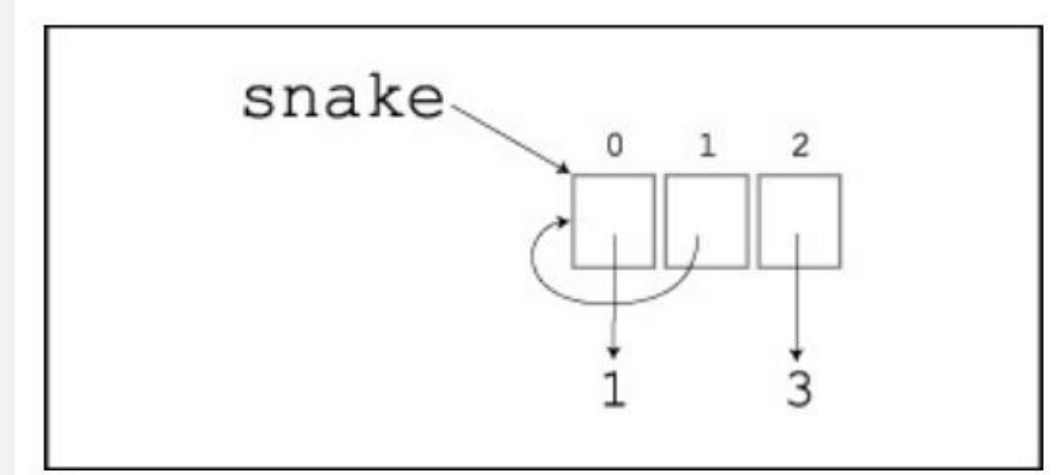
```
['frog', 'dog', 'cat', 'hamster']
```



Mutability

- The fact that lists point to their values can be the source of some surprising behavior. Consider this nasty example:

```
>>> snake = [1, 2, 3]
>>> snake[1] = snake
>>> snake
[1, [...], 3]
```



List methods

Name	Return Value
<code>s.append(x)</code>	Appends x to the end of s
<code>s.count(x)</code>	Returns the number of times x appears in s
<code>s.extend(lst)</code>	Appends each item of lst to s
<code>s.index(x)</code>	Returns the index value of the leftmost occurrence of x
<code>s.insert(i, x)</code>	Inserts x before index location i (so that s[i] == x)
<code>s.pop(i)</code>	Removes and returns the item at index i in s
<code>s.remove(x)</code>	Removes the leftmost occurrence of x in s
<code>s.reverse()</code>	Reverses the order of the elements of s
<code>s.sort()</code>	Sorts the elements of s into increasing order

List methods

- A method that creates a string of messages based on a list of input numbers:

```
# numnote.py
def numnote(lst):
    msg = []
    for num in lst:
        if num < 0:
            s = str(num) + ' is negative'
        elif 0 <= num <= 9:
            s = str(num) + ' is a digit'
        msg.append(s)
    return msg
```

```
>>> numnote([1, 5, -6, 22])
['1 is a digit', '5 is a digit', '-6 is negative']
```

List methods

- To print the messages on their own individual lines, you could do this:

```
>>> for msg in numnote([1, 5, -6, 22]):  
    print(msg)
```

1 is a digit

5 is a digit

-6 is negative

List methods

- The extend method is similar to append, but it adds an entire sequence:

```
>>> lst = []  
>>> lst.extend('cat')  
>>> lst['c', 'a', 't']  
>>> lst.extend([1, 5, -3])  
>>> lst  
['c', 'a', 't', 1, 5, -3]
```

List methods

- The pop method removes an element at a given index position and then returns it. For example:

```
>>> lst = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
>>> lst.pop(2)
'c'
>>> lst
['a', 'b', 'd']
>>> lst.pop()
'd'
>>> lst
['a', 'b']
```

List methods

- The `remove(x)` method removes the first occurrence of `x` from a list. However, it does not return `x`:

```
>>> lst = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'a']
```

```
>>> lst.remove('a')
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
['b', 'c', 'a']
```

List methods

- As the name suggests, reverse reverses the order of the elements of a list:

```
>>> lst = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'a']
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
['a', 'b', 'c', 'a']
```

```
>>> lst.reverse()
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
['a', 'c', 'b', 'a']
```

Sorting Lists

- In Python, sorting is most easily done using the list `sort()` method.
- In practice, it can be used to quickly sort lists with tens of thousands of elements.
- Like `reverse()`, `sort()` modifies the list in place:

```
>>> lst = [6, 0, 4, 3, 2, 6]
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
[6, 0, 4, 3, 2, 6]
```

```
>>> lst.sort()
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
[0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 6]
```

Sorting Lists

```
>>> lst = ['up', 'down', 'cat', 'dog']
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
['up', 'down', 'cat', 'dog']
```

```
>>> lst.sort()
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
['cat', 'dog', 'down', 'up']
```

```
>>> lst.reverse()
```

```
>>> lst
```

```
['up', 'down', 'dog', 'cat']
```


Sorting Lists

- Python also knows how to sort tuples and lists. For example:

```
>>> pts = [(1, 2), (1, -1), (3, 5), (2, 1)]
```

```
>>> pts
```

```
[(1, 2), (1, -1), (3, 5), (2, 1)]
```

```
>>> pts.sort()
```

```
>>> pts
```

```
[(1, -1), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 5)]
```

List Comprehensions

- For example, here's how you can use a list comprehension to create a list of the squares of the numbers from 1 to 10:

```
>>> [n * n for n in range(1, 11)]  
[1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100]
```

List Comprehensions

- Compare this with equivalent code without a comprehension:

```
result = []  
for n in range(1, 11):  
    result.append(n * n)
```

Examples of list comprehensions

- If you want to double each number on the list and 7, you can do this:

```
>>> [2 * n + 7 for n in range(1, 11)]  
[9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27]
```

Examples of list comprehensions

- Or if you want the first ten cubes:

```
>>> [n ** 3 for n in range(1, 11)]  
[1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729, 1000]
```

- You can also use strings in comprehensions.

For example:

```
>>> [c for c in 'pizza']  
['p', 'i', 'z', 'z', 'a']  
>>> [c.upper() for c in 'pizza']  
['P', 'I', 'Z', 'Z', 'A']
```

Examples of list comprehensions

- A common application of comprehensions is to modify an existing list in some way. For instance:

```
>>> names = ['al', 'mei', 'jo', 'del']
```

```
>>> names
```

```
['al', 'mei', 'jo', 'del']
```

```
>>> cap_names = [n.capitalize() for n in names]
```

```
>>> cap_names['Al', 'Mei', 'Jo', 'Del']
```

```
>>> names
```

```
['al', 'mei', 'jo', 'del']
```

Filtered comprehensions

- List comprehensions can also filter out elements you don't want.
- For example, the following comprehension returns a list containing just the positive elements of nums:

```
>>> nums = [-1, 0, 6, -4, -2, 3]
>>> result = [n for n in nums if n > 0]
>>> result
[6, 3]
```

Filtered comprehensions

- Here's equivalent code without a comprehension:

```
result = []  
nums = [-1, 0, 6, -4, -2, 3]  
for n in nums:  
    if n > 0:  
        result.append(n)
```


Filtered comprehensions

- A comprehension that removes all the vowels from a word written inside a method:

```
# eatvowels.py
def eat_vowels(s):
    """ Removes the vowels from s.
    """
    return ''.join([c for c in s if c.lower() not in 'aeiou'])
```

Filtered comprehensions

- It works like this:

```
>>> eat_vowels('Apple Sauce')  
'ppl Sc'
```

- The body of `eat_vowels` looks rather cryptic at first, and the trick to understanding it is to read it a piece at a time.
- First, look at the comprehension:
`[c for c in s if c.lower() not in 'aeiou']`

Advanced Complex Data Structures

- NumPy
- Pandas



Python / SAS Comparison

Code Blocks for SAS and Python

PYTHON:

```
numbers = [2, 4, 6, 8, 11]
product = 1
for i in numbers:
    product = product * i
print('The product is:', product)
```

SAS:

```
data _null_;

retain product 1;
    do i = 2 to 8 by 2, 11;
        product = product*i;
    end;

put 'The product is: ' product;
run;
```

Indentation Matters (SAS Users often don't like this...)

PYTHON:

```
numbers = [2, 4, 6, 8, 11]
product = 1
for i in numbers:
    product = product * i
print('The product is:', product)
```

PYTHON:

```
x = 6 + \  
    8 + \  
    21  
print('Sum of X:', x)
```

Case Sensitivity

PYTHON:

```
x = 201
```

```
print(X) #Cap X
```

SAS:

```
data _null_;  
    X = 201;  
    put x;
```

```
Run;
```




Demo / Use Case Python with Data Science (using Lists and Loops)