

SECTION 6: METHODS AND FUNCTIONS, 2 hours 54 mins, 30 parts

- 26/29 Lambda Expressions, Map, and Filter Functions

- -> lambda expressions map and filter

- -> these are expressions to create anonymous (one time use) functions
- -> like Einstein's lambda fudge

- -> in JN

- `map` <- then shift tab for the documentation, it expects func and then *iterables (* is for any amount of them)
- -> `def square(num):`
 - `return num**2`
- `my_nums = [1,2,3,4,5]`
 - we want to apply the square function to every item in the list -> **you could use the map function or a for loop**
 - `map(square,my_nums)` <- use a function which works for a single number, but instead maps it to an entire array of values

- -> another example

- **map is to - in this case, map a function which works on a single number to an entire array - it's saying - apply this function to an entire array of values**
- -> `def splicer(mystring):`
 - if `len(mystring)%2 == 0`: <- then there are an even number of characters in the string
 - `return even`
 - else:
 - `return mystring[0]`
- -> then she's testing the function on a list of strings
- -> so we have a function which works on a single string
- -> **then she uses `map(name_of_function, array_name)` <- and it runs the function on an entire array, without doing a loop**

- -> the filter function

- returns an iterator yielding the items of an iterable
- -> `def check_even(num):`
 - `return num%2 == 0`
 - -> **she's defined a function which returns True or False**
- -> then defined an array of numbers
- -> **filter -> we have one function which takes a number and either returns true or false**
 - `list(filter(function_name, array_name))`
 - -> **this returns the elements in the list which return True when they are passed through the function**

- -> converting a function step by step into a lambda function

- -> `def square(num):`
 - `result = num**2`
 - `return result`
- -> it's a function which squares the input
- -> to turn it into a lambda expression / function
- -> **she's simplified the function**

- `def square(num): return num**2`
- -> we don't give it a name
- -> **`lambda num: num**2` <- this is a lambda expression**
- -> **with the 'map' -> this is where lambda expressions are useful**
- -> **`list(map(lambda num: num**2, mynums))`**
- -> it's a similar idea with the filter function.
 - `filter(filter(lambda num: num%2 ==0, mynums))`
- -> **`list(map(lambda x: x[::-1], names))`**
 - -> not every function can be translated to a lambda expression
 - -> you need to be able to understand / read it when you come back to the code later