

Lists

Part I: Review -- Data types

We have learned about two **data types** so far in class. What are they?

1. _____

2. _____

In total there are 5 main data types in Python and we are about to learn about the third – **Lists**!

Part II: What is a list?

A list is a data type that can store multiple values. Think of it like a list you might make such as a grocery list or a back-to-school shopping list. Here's the **syntax** for writing a list in Python:

```
["apples", "oranges", "bananas", "grapes"]
```

Name two things you notice about the list syntax:

1. _____

2. _____

Just like our other datatypes, a list can be assigned to a **variable**. What would be a good variable name for the list example above?

_____ = ["apples", "oranges", "bananas", "grapes"]

So, above you're seeing a list of strings. But a list can hold other data types as well.

A **list** can consist of **strings** and **integers**:

```
[1, "hello", 4555, "what is up with this list?", "this list is so crazy!", 12.4]
```

A list can even hold lists! Here is a list that contains the three data types we know and love!

```
[[1, 2, 3, 4], 4.5, "wow, lists are amazing!", ["I", "love", "this", "list"], 10000]
```

And just like with strings, we can use this index value to find specific list items.

```
shopping_list = ["eggs", "milk", "broccoli", "cheese", "pasta"]
```

Position	0	1	2	3	4
String characters	eggs	milk	broccoli	cheese	pasta

```
len(shopping_list)      guess:_____ output: _____
```

Indexing a list is the same as indexing a string in python. Try it!

```
print(shopping_list[2])  guess:_____ output: _____
print(shopping_list[0])  guess:_____ output: _____
print(shopping_list[-1]) guess:_____ output: _____
print(shopping_list[4])  guess:_____ output: _____
```

You can even index an item in a list!

```
print(shopping_list[4][1]) guess:_____ output: _____
```

What is the index for broccoli in shopping_list? _____

We can concatenate lists the same way we concatenate strings.

```
new_list = shopping_list + ["twix", "ice cream"]
print(new_list)
```

1. Assign variables greeting and name to the strings below. Then match the code with the correct output by drawing a line.

CODE	OUTPUT
<code>print(shopping_list[:3])</code>	5
<code>print(shopping_list[-1][2])</code>	['cheese', 'pasta']
<code>print(shopping_list[1]</code>	ERROR
<code>print(shopping_list[3:5])</code>	8
<code>print(shopping_list[2:])</code>	['milk', 'broccoli', 'cheese']
<code>print(shopping_list[-2])</code>	['eggs', 'milk', 'broccoli']
<code>print(shopping_list[5][3])</code>	'milk'
<code>len(shopping_list[2])</code>	's'
<code>len(shopping_list)</code>	'cheese'

Here is a new list:

```
crazy_list = [[1, 2, 3, 4], 4.5, "wow, lists are amazing!", ["I",
"love", "this", "list"], 10000]
```

`crazy_list[0] =` _____

`crazy_list[2] =` _____

`crazy_list[-1] =` _____

`crazy_list[3] =` _____

Okay, buckle up, because now things are going to get really crazy!

What if I told you that, not only can you index a string, AND a list, but also an indexable item on a list? Here's what it looks like:

```
amazing_list = [[1, 2, 3, 4], "wow, lists are amazing!", ["I", "love",
"this", "list"], "bye!"]
```

If:

```
amazing_list[2] = ["I", "love", "this", "list"]
```

What do you think the following code returns?

```
amazing_list[2][1] = _____
```

WOWZA! Let's practice some more:

```
amazing_list[0][0] = _____
```

```
amazing_list[1][6] = _____
```

```
amazing_list[-1][-1] = _____
```

```
amazing_list[3][1] = _____
```

2. Create a program that prints the following:

- a. the first, third and last item.
- b. the second character of the second item in the list
- c. the last character of the fourth item in the list.
- d. Add two more items to your list and print it!

```
myList= [ #..... make a list of 5 items of your choice!
```

```
print(myList[#..... try it!
```