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# Sequence Types

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#### String Character Indexes

- Strings are a sequence type and are comprised of characters.
  - Characters can be letters, numbers, symbols and whitespace.
- Every character in a string has an index.

```
example = "Example String"
```

```
E x a m p l e S t r i n g 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
```

#### String Characters

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Characters in a string can be accessed using subscript notation.

```
example = "Example String"
first_character = example[0]
print(first_character)
print(example[8])
```

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#### String Character Indexes

- Strings are immutable.
  - Characters in a string cannot be changed.

```
example = "Example String"

example[13] = "G"

print(example)

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 8, in <module>
        example[13] = "G"

TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
>>>
```

#### String Character Indexes

 Attempting to access an index that does not exist will raise in an IndexError exception.

```
example = "Example String"
character = example[20]
print(character)

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 8, in <module>
        character = example[20]
IndexError: string index out of range
>>>
```

#### String Length

- A string's length is the total number of characters it contains.
  - Use Python's built-in len function to return the length of a string.

```
example = "Example String"
length = len(example)
print(length)
```

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#### Iterating Over String Characters

- A for loop can iterate over a string's characters.
  - To loop through all or part of a string's characters:

```
example = "Example"
for index in range(0, len(example)) :
   print(example[index])
```

• To loop through all of a string's characters:

```
example = "Example"
for character in example :
   print(character)
```

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a

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#### Testing if a String is Alphabetic

- The string's isalpha function determines if a string contains only letters.
  - Returns a Boolean example1 = "Example" example2 = "Example123" if example1.isalpha() : print("example1 contains only letters") if example2.isalpha() : print("example2 contains only letters") example1 contains only letters

#### Testing if a String is Numeric

- The string's isdigit function determines if a string contains only numbers.

#### Testing if a String is Alphanumeric

- The string's isalnum function determines if a string contains only letters and/or numbers.
  - Returns a Boolean example1 = "Example" example2 = "Example123" if example1.isalnum() : print("example1 contains only letters and/or numbers") if example2.isalnum() : print("example2 contains only letters and/or numbers") example1 contains only letters and/or numbers example2 contains only letters and/or numbers

#### Testing if a String Contains Only Whitespace

- The string's isspace function determines if a string contains only spaces.
  - Returns a Boolean

```
example1 = "Example"
example2 = "
if example1.isspace() :
  print("example1 contains only spaces.")
if example2.isspace() :
  print("example2 contains only spaces.")
example2 contains only spaces.
```

#### Testing if a String is Uppercase

- The string's isupper function determines if a string contains only uppercase letters.
  - Returns a Boolean example1 = "Example123" example2 = "EXAMPLE123" if example1.isupper() : print("example1 contains only uppercase letters.") if example2.isupper() : print("example2 contains only uppercase letters.") example2 contains only uppercase letters.

#### Testing if a String is Lowercase

• The string's islower function determines if a string contains only lowercase letters.

```
    Returns a Boolean

example1 = "Example123"
example2 = "example123"
if example1.islower() :
  print("example1 contains only lowercase letters.")
if example2.islower() :
  print("example2 contains only lowercase letters.")
example2 contains only lowercase letters.
```

#### Testing if a *Character* is Alphabetic

```
example = "ABC 123 ! xyz"
if example[2].isalpha() :
  print("Character at index 2 is a letter.")
if example[5].isalpha() :
  print("Character at index 5 is a letter.")
if example[7].isalpha() :
  print("Character at index 7 is a letter.")
if example[8].isalpha() :
  print("Character at index 8 is a letter.")
if example[10].isalpha() :
  print("Character at index 10 is a letter.")
```

#### Testing if a *Character* is Numeric

```
example = "ABC 123 ! xyz"
if example[2].isdigit() :
  print("Character at index 2 is a number.")
if example[5].isdigit() :
  print("Character at index 5 is a number.")
if example[7].isdigit() :
  print("Character at index 7 is a number.")
if example[8].isdigit() :
  print("Character at index 8 is a number.")
if example[10].isdigit() :
  print("Character at index 10 is a number.")
```

#### Testing if a *Character* is Alphanumeric

```
example = "ABC 123 ! xyz"
if example[2].isalnum() :
  print("Character at index 2 is a letter/number.")
if example[5].isalnum() :
  print("Character at index 5 is a letter/number.")
if example[7].isalnum() :
  print("Character at index 7 is a letter/number.")
if example[8].isalnum() :
  print("Character at index 8 is a letter/number.")
if example[10].isalnum() :
  print("Character at index 10 is a letter/number.")
```

#### Testing if a *Character* is Whitespace

```
example = "ABC 123 ! xyz"
if example[2].isspace() :
  print("Character at index 2 is a space.")
if example[5].isspace() :
  print("Character at index 5 is a space.")
if example[7].isspace() :
  print("Character at index 7 is a space.")
if example[8].isspace() :
  print("Character at index 8 is a space.")
if example[10].isspace() :
  print("Character at index 10 is a space.")
```

#### Testing if a *Character* is an Uppercase Letter

```
example = "ABC 123 ! xyz"
if example[2].isupper() :
  print("Character at index 2 is an uppercase letter.")
if example[5].isupper() :
  print("Character at index 5 is an uppercase letter.")
if example[7].isupper() :
  print("Character at index 7 is an uppercase letter.")
if example[8].isupper() :
  print("Character at index 8 is an uppercase letter.")
if example[10].isupper() :
  print("Character at index 10 is an uppercase letter.")
```

#### Testing if a Character is a Lowercase Letter

```
example = "ABC 123 ! xyz"
if example[2].islower() :
  print("Character at index 2 is a lowercase letter.")
if example[5].islower() :
  print("Character at index 5 is a lowercase letter.")
if example[7].islower() :
  print("Character at index 7 is a lowercase letter.")
if example[8].islower() :
  print("Character at index 8 is a lowercase letter.")
if example[10].islower() :
  print("Character at index 10 is a lowercase letter.")
```

#### Replacing parts of a String

- The string's replace function replaces part of a string with new data.
- Two arguments (both strings)- first is the string to find, second is what to replace it with. \*CASE SENSITIVE\*

```
orig_string = "Today is Monday."
new_string = orig_string.replace("Monday", "Tuesday")
print(new_string)
```

Today is Tuesday.

Note the value of orig\_string does not change.

The replace method returns a new string with the every sequence of the first argument replaced with the second argument.

#### Replacing parts of a String

• The string's replace function replaces all matches.

```
orig_string = "Today is Monday."
new_string = orig_string.replace("day", "night")
print(new_string)
```

Tonight is Monnight.

- String slicing selects a range of characters from a string.
  - String slices are commonly referred to as substrings.
- The general syntax for slicing a string is:

#### string[startIndex:endIndex]

- This will return a string containing all characters between those indexes.
  - The start index is inclusive.
  - The end index is exclusive.

```
college = "Community College of Philadelphia"
slice = college[10:17]
print(slice)
College
```

• Specifying only start index will return a slice beginning with the start index's character through the end of the string.

```
college = "Community College of Philadelphia"
slice = college[10:]
print(slice)
```

College of Philadelphia

• Specifying only an ending index will return a slice beginning with the start of the string up to, but not including, the ending index.

```
college = "Community College of Philadelphia"
slice = college[:17]
print(slice)
```

Community College

• String slicing is safe from IndexError exceptions.

 If the starting index is greater than the ending index, an empty list will be returned.

```
college = "Community College of Philadelphia"
slice = college[13:7]
print(slice)
```

• If the ending index is beyond the length of the string, Python will use the length as the ending index.

```
college = "Community College of Philadelphia"
slice = college[21:100]
print(slice)

Philadelphia
```

 If the starting index is negative, Python will use 0 as the starting index.

```
college = "Community College of Philadelphia"
slice = college[-5:9]
print(slice)
Community
```

• This is not the case if there is no ending index or the ending index is negative.

• When only a negative starting index is specified, the slice will begin relative to the end of the string.

```
college = "Community College of Philadelphia"
slice = college[-12:]
print(slice)
Philadelphia
```

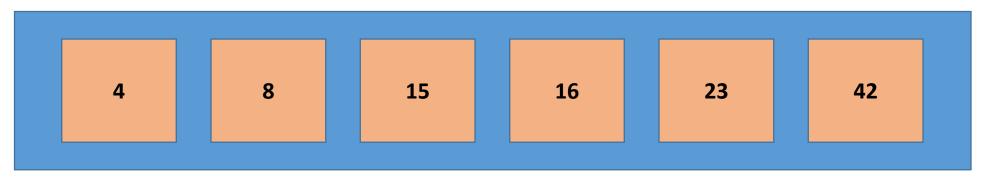
• When both starting and ending indexes are negative, the slice will begin and end relative to the end of the string.

```
college = "Community College of Philadelphia"
slice = college[-17:-24]
print(slice)
College
```

• If a negative starting index is greater (closer to zero) than the negative ending index, an empty string will be returned.

#### What is a list?

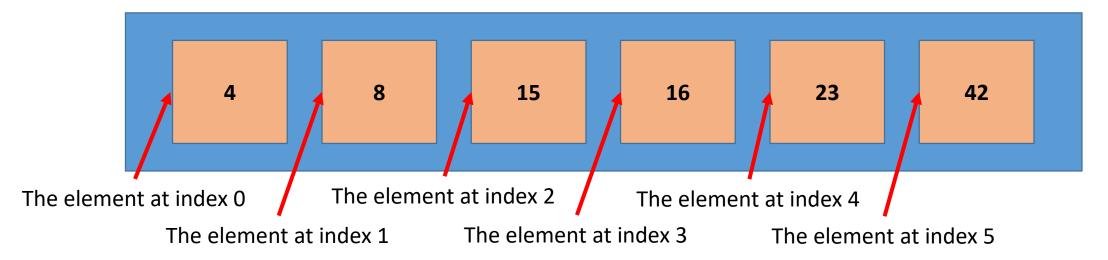
- An *list* is a sequence object that has multiple values.
  - Another way to look at it is a variable that has multiple values.



A list of ints

## List Terminology

- An *index* (or *subscript*) is the number representing the position of a list element.
  - First index is always zero.
  - The index is always an int.
- An element is the data or object referenced by an index.



#### Creating a List

• The elements are comma separated, enclosed in square brackets.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
values = [35.6, 32.76, 51.4]
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
```

The data types of a list may vary.

```
mixed_values = [35.6, 15, "cat"]
```

An empty list:

```
example = []
```

#### Printing a List

- When passed to the print function, the entire list is printed.
  - Includes commas and brackets.
  - Useful for testing/debugging.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
print(numbers)
```

```
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
```

## Getting the Length of a List

- A list's length is the total number of elements contained within it.
  - Python's built-in len function returns the length of a sequence data type.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
length = len(pets)
print(length)
```

## Retrieving an Element from a List

- Elements of a list are referenced using subscript notation.
  - Specify the index of the list's element.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
test_value1 = numbers[0]
print(test_value1)

test_value2 = numbers[4]
print(test_value2)

print(numbers[2])

4
23
print(numbers[2])
```

# Changing an Element from a List

- Lists are mutable, meaning the elements can be changed.
  - Specify the index of the list's element and assign to it a new value.

```
values = [35.6, 32.76, 51.4]
print(values[1])
values[1] = 27.21
print(values[1])
```

32.76

27.21

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#### Relative Indexes

Negative indexes retrieve elements relative to the end of the list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
print(numbers[-1])
numbers[-4] = 100
print(numbers[-4])
print(numbers[2])
42
100
100
```

### IndexError Exception

 An IndexError exception will be raised if you try to access an index that does not exist.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
print(numbers[10])

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 8, in <module>
        print(numbers[10])
IndexError: list index out of range
>>>
```

### Iterating Over a List

• For loops can iterate over the values of a list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
for number in numbers:
   print(number)

print()

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
for animal in pets:
   print(animal)
dog
cat
bird
fish
```

### Iterating Over a List

• For loops (using the range function) can iterate over the entire list or a segment of the list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
for i in range(0, 3):
   print(numbers[i])

print()

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
for i in range(1, len(pets)):
   print(pets[i])
```

## Determining if an Element Exists in a List

- An if statement can be used to find if an element/value is present in a list.
  - Utilizes the in keyword.
  - Does not tell us where (what index) the element was found.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
value = 7
if value in numbers :
  print("Value exists in list")
else :
  print("Value does not exist in list")

Value does not exist in list
```

#### Index Function

- A list's index function returns the index of an element/value.
  - Returns the index of the first matching element/value.
  - Case sensitive.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
found_index = numbers.index(8)
print(found_index)
```

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#### Index Function

 If the list's index function does not find a matching element/value a ValueError exception will be raised.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird"]
found_index = pets.index("fish")
print(found_index)

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 9, in <module>
        foundIndex = pets.index("fish")
ValueError: 'fish' is not in list
>>>
```

# Adding to Lists

 Values can be added/concatenated to a list using the addition operator ONLY if the values are in list form.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = numbers + 100
print(numbers)

Error

[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = numbers + [100]
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100]
```

# Adding to Lists

• Two lists are merged/concatenated together when combined using the addition operator.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = numbers + [100, 101, 102]
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100, 101, 102]
```

# Adding to Lists

 Another way to add values to a list is with the addition combined assignment operator.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers += [100, 101, 102]
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100, 101, 102]
```

## Append Function

• A list's append function can add a single element to the end of a list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers.append(100)
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100]
```

## Append Function vs Addition Operator

- A list's append function can only add a single element to the end of a list.
  - Does not have to be in list form.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers.append(100)
print(numbers)
```

- Concatenating data to the end of a list using the addition/combined assignment operator can be used to add one or multiple elements.
  - Must be in list form.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = numbers + [100]
print(numbers)
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = [100, 101, 102]
print(numbers)
```

# Deleting Elements from Lists

- To remove an element by index, use the **del** (delete) keyword to remove it.
  - Any subsequent elements will be shifted over.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
del numbers[3]
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 23, 42]
```

### Deleting Elements from Lists

- To remove an element by value, the list's remove function will delete the element.
  - Only removes the first match.
  - Case-sensitive.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "cat", "fish"]
pets.remove("cat")
print(pets)

["dog", "bird", "cat", "fish"]
```

### Deleting Elements from Lists

• If the element is not found, a ValueError exception will be raised.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "cat", "fish"]
pets.remove("CAT")
print(pets)

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 9, in <module>
        pets.remove("CAT")
ValueError: list.remove(x): x not in list
>>>
```

## Remove Function vs del Keyword

- The value to delete must be known in order to use the list's remove function.
  - May raise a ValueError exception.
- When deleting using the del keyword, only the index must be known.
  - May raise an IndexError exception if the index does not exist.

#### Insert Function

- A list's insert function places a value at a specified index.
  - The existing elements are shifted over to make room.
  - First argument is the index.
    - If the specified index is beyond the length of the list, the value will be inserted at the end of the list.
  - Second argument is the value to insert.

```
numbers = [10, 20, 40, 50]
numbers.insert(2, 30)
print(numbers)
```

```
[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

#### Sort Function

 A list's sort function rearranges a list so the values are in ascending order.

```
numbers = [30, 40, 20, 10]
numbers.sort()
print(numbers)
[10, 20, 30, 40]
```

Strings are sorted in ascending, lexicographical order

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "Cat", "fish"]
pets.sort()
print(pets)
['Cat', 'bird', 'cat', 'dog', 'fish']
```

#### Reverse Function

 A list's reverse function rearranges a list so the values are in reverse order.

```
numbers = [20, 40, 10, 30]
numbers.reverse()
print(numbers)

[30, 10, 40, 20]
```

#### Reverse Function

• We can use the sort and reverse functions together to sort a list in descending order.

- Slicing selects a range of elements from a sequence type.
- The general syntax for slicing a list is:

list[startIndex:endIndex]

- This will return a list containing the values between those indexes.
  - The start index is inclusive.
  - The end index is exclusive.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[1:4]
print(slice)
[8, 15, 16]

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[0:2]
print(slice)
['dog', 'cat']
```

 Specifying only start index will return a slice beginning with the start index's element through the end of the list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[2:]
print(slice)

[15, 16, 23, 42]

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[1:]
print(slice)
['cat', 'bird', 'fish']
```

• Specifying only an ending index will return a slice beginning with the start of the list up to, but not including, the ending index.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[:3]
print(slice)

[4, 8, 15]

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[:2]
print(slice)
['dog', 'cat']
```

Slicing is safe from IndexError exceptions.

 If the starting index is greater than the ending index, an empty list will be returned.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[3:1]
print(slice)
[]
```

• If the ending index is beyond the length of the list, Python will use the length as the ending index.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[2:100]
print(slice)
[15, 16, 23, 42]
```

 If the starting index is negative, Python will use 0 as the starting index.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[-5:2]
print(slice)
['dog', 'cat']
```

• This is not the case if there is no ending index or the ending index is negative.

• When only a negative starting index is specified, the slice will begin relative to the end of the list.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[-3:]
print(slice)
['cat', 'bird', 'fish']
```

 When both starting and ending indexes are negative, the slice will begin and end relative to the end of the list.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[-3:-2]
print(slice)
['cat']
```

• If a negative starting index is greater (closer to zero) than the negative ending index, an empty list will be returned.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[-2:-3]
print(slice)
[]
```

## Copying Lists

- Copying a list like the example below creates a shallow copy.
  - Shallow copies are multiple variables referencing the same data.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = first_list
third_list = first_list
second_list
third_list

Dog, Cat, Bird
```

# Shallow Copies

• Since the variables reference the same list, changing one appears to change any others.

# Copying Lists

- To create a second, separate list with the same contents you need to perform a *deep copy*.
  - A deep copy copies the contents of one list into a second list.

```
original = [3, 5, 7, 9]
copy = []

Empty List
```

```
for element in original :
   copy.append(element)
```

### Deep Copies

• Since the variables reference different lists, changing one does not alter the original.

### Deep Copies

- An alternative, simpler way to deep copy a list.
  - Concatenate the original list with an empty list.

```
original = [3, 5, 7, 9]
copy = [] + original

for element in copy :
    print(element)
    7
9
```

• The equality operator (==) compares lists to determine if they are equal.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]

if first_list == second_list :
   print("The lists are equal")

else :
   print("The lists are not equal")

The lists are equal
```

• Order of the elements matter when determining equality.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["Cat", "Bird", "Dog"]

if first_list == second_list :
   print("The lists are equal")
else :
   print("The lists are not equal")
The lists are not equal
```

- Elements must be exact matches.
  - Not the case for numeric types. 10 and 10.0 would be a match.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["DOG", "CAT", "BIRD"]

if first_list == second_list :
   print("The lists are equal")

else :
   print("The lists are not equal")

The lists are not equal
```

Must be the same length.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["Dog", "Cat"]

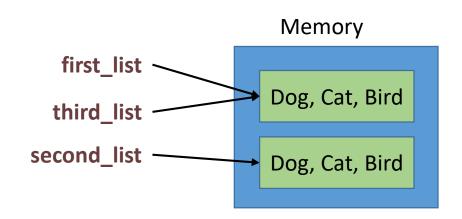
if first_list == second_list :
   print("The lists are equal")
else :
   print("The lists are not equal")
The lists are not equal
```

- The **is** keyword tests if two variables reference the same object.
  - In other words, the is keyword will determine if two list variables are shallow copies.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
third_list = first_list #Shallow Copy

if first_list is third_list:
   print("These lists are shallow copies")

if first_list is second_list:
   print("These lists are shallow copies")
```



- When a list contains lists, it is called *multidimensional*.
  - A one-dimensional list:

$$my_1d_1ist = [2, 4, 6]$$

A two-dimensional list:

$$my_2d_1ist = [[8, 3, 7], [1, 9, 9], [5, 6, 9]]$$

It's often better to write two-dimensional lists like this:

• This way, it's easier to see each row (first dimension) and column (second dimension).

- Elements in a two-dimensional list are referenced by row and column.
  - Row and column numbers start at zero.

```
my_2d_list[1][2] = 2 #Assignment
print(my_2d_list[0][1]) #Retrieval
```

```
What element is at my_2d_list[0][2]? What element is at my_2d_list[3][1]? What element is at my_2d_list[1][0]?
```

- Rows in a multidimensional list do not have to be the same length.
  - This is called a *Ragged List*.

 Be careful with ragged lists as not all rows have the same number of columns.

my\_2d\_list[2][1] does not exist, even though every other row has a column 1.

• Two for loops are required to iterate through a two-dimensional list.

Iteration without using indexes.

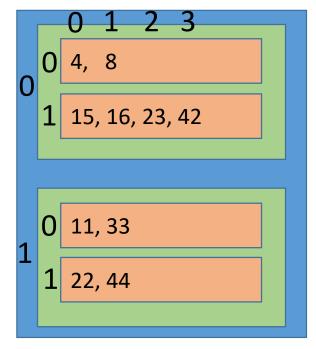
There is no limit to the number of dimensions a list can have.

A three-dimensional list:

$$my_3d_1ist = [[[4,8],[15,16,23,42]],[[11,33],[22,44]]]$$

• In the case of a three dimensional list, the rows themselves have rows.

What element is at my\_3d\_list[0][1][2]? What element is at my\_3d\_list[1][0][0]?



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Iteration without using indexes.

```
my_3d_1ist = [[[4, 8],
                      [15,16,23,42]],
                     [[11,33],
                      [22,44]]]
      for outer_row in my_3d_list :
        for inner_row in outer_row :
                                                Outer
          for col in inner_row :
                                          Inner
                                                Rows
           print(col)
Columns
                                          Rows
```