

Session 4: Lists

1. Syntax for Lists

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[1]: li=['China','Italy','Spain']

[2]: li[0]

'China'

[3]: li[1]

'Italy'

[4]: len(li)

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[5]: li.append('Iran')

[6]: li

['China', 'Italy', 'Spain', 'Iran']

[7]: li[1:3]

['Italy', 'Spain']

[8]: li[-1]

'Iran'

[9]: li[1:-1]

['Italy', 'Spain']

[10]: 'US' in li

False

[11]: 'US' not in li

True
```

Q1. Basic Database of Epidemic Cases in the US

Working with your discussion group, create the backbone of a data management system for a new epidemic in the US. Concretely speaking, you should write the following three functions.

a) A function called `addCase` with two inputs:

- `name`: the name of the patient.
- `state`: the state the person is from.

The function should add this entry to the database.

b) A function called `retrieveCase` with one input:

- `index`: a number associated with the case. The first case is given index 0, the second case index 1, etc.

The function should print a sentence specifying the case index, the name of the patient, and the state. (See sample outputs below.)

c) A function called `totalCases` with no input. The function returns an integer representing the total number of cases so far.

See the test code below for sample outputs.

[24]:

```
[25]: addCase('Alice', 'New York')
      addCase('Bob', 'California')
      addCase('Jack', 'New York')
      totalCases()
```

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[26]: `retrieveCase(0)`

Case 0 is Alice in New York.

[27]: `retrieveCase(1)`

Case 1 is Bob in California.

[28]: `retrieveCase(2)`

Case 2 is Jack in New York.

[29]: `retrieveCase(3)`

Invalid index. Need to be between 0 and 3.