

# 1. Apply Functions to Elements in a List

## any: Check if Any Element of an Iterable is True

If you want to check if any element of an iterable is True, use any.

In the code below, I use any to find if any element in the text is in uppercase.

```
In [2]: text = 'abcdeF'
any(x for x in text if x.isupper())
```

Out[2]: True

## all: Check if All Elements of an Iterable Are Strings

If you want to check if all elements of an iterable are strings, use all and isinstance.

```
In [7]: # for string
l = ['a', 'b', 3, 2]
all(isinstance(item, str) for item in l)
```

Out[7]: False

```
In [8]: # for integer
i = [0, 2, 1, 3, 2]
all(isinstance(item, int) for item in i)
```

Out[8]: True

## filter: Get the Elements of an Iterable that a Function Returns True

If you want to get the elements of an iterable that a function returns true, use filter.

In the code below, I use the filter method to get items that are fruits.

```
In [21]: def get_fruit(val:str):
          fruits = ['apple', 'orange', 'banana']
          if val in fruits:
              return True
          else:
              return False

          items = ['chair', 'apple', 'water', 'table', 'banana']
          fruits = filter(get_fruit, items)
          list(fruits)
```

Out[21]: ['apple', 'banana']

```
In [28]: # we can use this function for any types
def demo_func(val):
    items = ['apple', 'orange', 'banana', 1, 2]
    if val in items:
        return True
    else:
        return False

items2 = ['chair', 'apple', 'water', 'table', 'banana', 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
items = filter(demo_func, items2)
list(items)
```

```
Out[28]: ['apple', 'banana', 1, 2]
```

## map method: Apply a Function to Each Item of an Iterable

If you want to apply the given function to each item of a given iterable, use map.

```
In [48]: nums = [1,2,3,4]
list(map(str, nums)) # map() must have at least two arguments.
```

```
Out[48]: ['1', '2', '3', '4']
```

```
In [38]: def multiply_by_two(num: float):
          return num*2
list(map(multiply_by_two, nums))
```

```
Out[38]: [2, 4, 6, 8]
```

## 2. Get Elements

### random.choice: Get a Randomly Selected Element from a Python List

Besides getting a random number, you can also get a random element from a Python list using random.

In the code below, 'do exercise' was picked randomly from a list of options.

```
In [41]: import random

to_do_tonight = ['stay at home', 'attend a party', 'do exercise']
random.choice(to_do_tonight)
```

```
Out[41]: 'do exercise'
```

### random.sample: Get Multiple Random Elements from a Python List

If you want to get n random elements from a list, use random.sample.

```
In [50]: import random

random.seed(1)    # The seed() method is used to initialize the random number generator
nums = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
random.sample(nums, 3)
```

```
Out[50]: [3, 2, 5]
```

## 3. Good Practices

**Stop using = operator to create a copy of a Python list.**

**Use copy method instead**

When you create a copy of a Python list using the = operator,

a change in the new list will lead to the change in the old list. It is because both lists point to the same object.

```
In [54]: l1 = [1,2,3,4,5]
l2 = l1
l2.append(6)
```

```
In [57]: print(l2)
print(l1)
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
In [60]: # Instead of using = operator, use copy() method.
# Now your old List will not change when you change your new List.
```

```
In [62]: l1 = [1,2,3,4]
l2 = l1.copy()
l2.append(5)
```

```
In [63]: print(l2)
print(l1)
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

## Enumerate: Get Counter and Value While Looping

Are you using for i in range(len(array)) to access both the index and the value of the array?

If so, use enumerate instead. It produces the same result but it is much cleaner.

```
In [64]: arr = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e']
```

```
# instead of this
for i in range(len(arr)):
    print (i, arr[i])
```

```
0 a
1 b
2 c
3 d
4 e
```

```
In [65]: # use this
for i, val in enumerate(arr):
    print(i, val)
```

```
0 a
1 b
2 c
3 d
4 e
```

## Difference between list append and list extend

If you want to add a list to another list, use the append() method.

To add elements of a list to another list, use the extend() method.

```
In [66]: # Add a list to a list
a = [1, 2, 3, 4]
a.append([5, 6])
a
```

```
Out[66]: [1, 2, 3, 4, [5, 6]]
```

```
In [68]: # Add elements of a list to another list
a = [1, 2, 3, 4]
a.extend([5, 6])
a
```

```
Out[68]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

## 4. Interaction Between 2 Lists

### set.intersection: Find the Intersection Between 2 Sets

If you want to get the common elements between 2 lists, convert lists

to sets then use set.intersection to find the intersection between 2 sets.

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```
In [72]: requirement1 = ['pandas', 'numpy', 'matplotlib']
         requirement2 = ['numpy', 'seaborn', 'plotly', 'pandas']

         intersection = set.intersection(set(requirement1), set(requirement2))
         list(intersection)
```

```
Out[72]: ['pandas', 'numpy']
```

## Set Difference: Find the Difference Between 2 Sets

If you want to find the difference between 2 lists, turn

those lists into sets then apply the difference() method to the sets.

```
In [1]: a = [1, 2, 3, 4]
        b = [1, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
In [4]: # Find elements in 'list a' but not in 'list b'
        diff1 = set(a).difference(set(b))
        print(list(diff1))
```

```
[2]
```

```
In [5]: # Find elements in 'list b' but not in 'list a'
        diff2 = set(b).difference(set(a))
        print(list(diff2))
```

```
[5, 6]
```

## 5. Join Iterables

### join method: Turn an Iterable into a Python String

If you want to turn an iterable into a string, use join().

In the code below, I join elements in the list fruits using “, “.

```
In [12]: fruits = ['apples', 'orange', 'bananas']
         fruits_str = ', '.join(fruits)
         print(f'Today, i need to get some {fruits_str} in the grocery store')
```

Today, i need to get some apples, orange, bananas in the grocery store

### Zip: Associate Elements from Two Iterators based on the Order

If you want to associate elements from two iterators based on the order, combine list and zip.

```
In [17]: nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
         string = 'abcde'
         list(zip(nums, string))
```

```
Out[17]: [(1, 'a'), (2, 'b'), (3, 'c'), (4, 'd'), (5, 'e')]
```

## Zip Function: Create Pairs of Elements from Two Lists in Python

If you want to create pairs of elements from two lists, use zip. zip() function takes iterables and aggregates them in a tuple.

You can also unzip the list of tuples by using zip(\*list\_of\_tuples).

```
In [33]: nums = [1, 2, 3, 4]
         chars = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
         comb = list(zip(nums, chars))
         comb
```

```
Out[33]: [(1, 'a'), (2, 'b'), (3, 'c'), (4, 'd')]
```

```
In [34]: # unzip the list of tuples by using zip(*list_of_tuples).
         list(zip(*comb))
```

```
Out[34]: [(1, 2, 3, 4), ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd')]
```

## 6. Unpack Iterables

### How to Unpack Iterables in Python

To assign items of a Python iterables (such as list, tuple, string) to different variables, you can unpack the iterable like below.

```
In [54]: nasted_arr = [[1, 2, 3], ['a', 'b'], 4]
         # num_arr, char_arr, num = nasted_arr
         nasted_arr = num_arr, char_arr, num
```

```
In [55]: print(num_arr)
         print(char_arr)
         print(num)
```

```
[1, 2, 3]
['a', 'b']
4
```

### Extended Iterable Unpacking: Ignore Multiple Values

when Unpacking a Python Iterable

If you want to ignore multiple values when unpacking a Python iterable, add \* to \_ as shown below.

This is called “Extended Iterable Unpacking” and >>>>>> is available in Python 3.x.

```
In [62]: a, *_ , b = [1, 2, 3, 4]
          print(a)
          print(*_)
          print(b)
```

```
1
2 3
4
```

```
In [ ]:
```

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