

Lists and Simple Loops

School of Information Studies
Syracuse University

What Are Lists?

```
A way to group data

Alist = ['ant', 'bee', 'car', 'dog']

Nlist = [5, 7, 9]

Emptylist = []

Mixlist = ['ant', 7, 9, 6]

Len(alist) number of items
```

Indexing a List

Len(alist) is 4

Refer to an individual entry:

$$Alist[0] = 'ant'$$

$$Alist[1] = 'bee'$$

$$Alist[2] = `car'$$

$$Alist[3] = 'dog'$$

Combining Lists

```
>>>blist = ['egg', 'fox']
>>>alist + blist
['ant', 'bee', 'car', 'dog', 'egg', 'fox']
>>>alist and blist are still the same
>>>alist.extend (blist)
Append one item
>>>alist.append ('goo')
```

Simple Loops

```
For loop – iteration over elements
>>>for elem in alist:
      print (elem)
OR
>>>for elem in alist:
      print ('Label: ',elem)
. . .
```

Building a List

Use one list to build another list

>>>for elem in blist:

- \dots newstring = 'c:' + elem
- ... clist.append (newstring)

• • •

Range Function

Produces numbers from 0 to N-1

```
>>>dlist = [ ]
```

>>>for index in range (10):

... dlist.append (index)

• • •

List Slices

Slice is a portion of the list

>>>alist[1:4]

Gives the index numbers of 1, 2, and 3

>>>alist[:4]

Gives the index numbers of 0, 1, 2, and 3

>>>alist[4:]

Gives the index numbers starting with 3 and going to end

Another Boolean Comparison

To test if an item in a list

>>> 'egg' in alist

>>> 'foo' in alist

List Comprehensions

Uses outer brackets with a list element

- >>>blist
- >>>elist = ['e:'+elem for elem in blist]
- >>>elist
- >>>flist = [index for index in range(5)]
- >>>flist