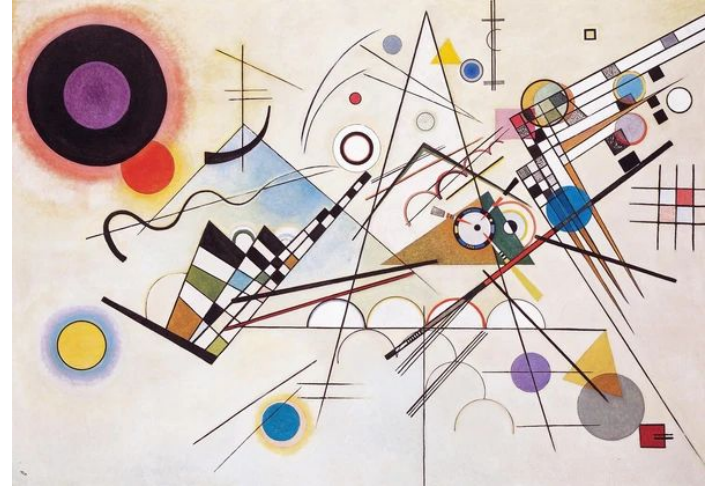


JamCoders: Week 1

Lecture 4B:

- Mutability
- More Lists



List Recap

List Slicing

Slicing works for lists just like for strings (because lists and strings are both types of sequences, and slicing works for all sequences)!

```
ta_list = ["Lydia", "Joy", "Hanna", "Zaria"]  
  
all_but_one_tas = tas[1:]  
print(all_but_one_tas)  # ['Joy', 'Hanna', 'Zaria']
```

Slicing makes a new list.

List Indexing

We use brackets to access a List's values.

```
players = ["Ronaldo", "Messi", "Drogba", "Casillas"]  
print(players[0]) # prints "Ronaldo"  
print(players[1]) # prints "Messi"  
print(players[-1]) # prints "Casillas"
```

0	1	2	3
"Ronaldo"	"Messi"	"Drogba"	"Casillas"

List Contains

To know whether a list contains a particular item, use the `in` keyword

```
ta_list = ["Lydia", "Joy", "Hanna", "Zaria"]  
  
zaria_is_ta = "Zaria" in ta_list # True  
manolis_is_ta = "Manolis" in ta_list # False
```

Rapid Fire List Functions

```
numbers = [5, 6, 12, 9, 4]

# Find largest number in list
max_num = max(numbers)  # == 12

# Find smallest number in list
min_num = min(numbers)  # == 4

# Find the sum of numbers in list
total = sum(numbers)  # == 36

fruits = ["apple", "banana", "orange"]
```

Mutability

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Mutate means *to change*. So **mutable** means able to change.

Mutable

Mut-able

Mutate-able

Able to Mutate

Mutability

The first four datatypes we learned were **immutable**. You couldn't change the value, you could only replace the value...

- Integers
- Floats
- Booleans
- Strings

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Global frame

score ~~X~~ 9

event "touchdown"

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But some objects in Python are mutable; their value can be modified after creation *without* replacing the whole object.

Lists are the first mutable type you're learning!

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To update multiple values at once, you can assign to the *sliced* value.

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print(grades)  # prints "[95, 70, 92]"
grades[1:] = [90, 100]
print(grades)  # prints "[95, 90, 100]"
```

Coding Demo

Lists in the Frame

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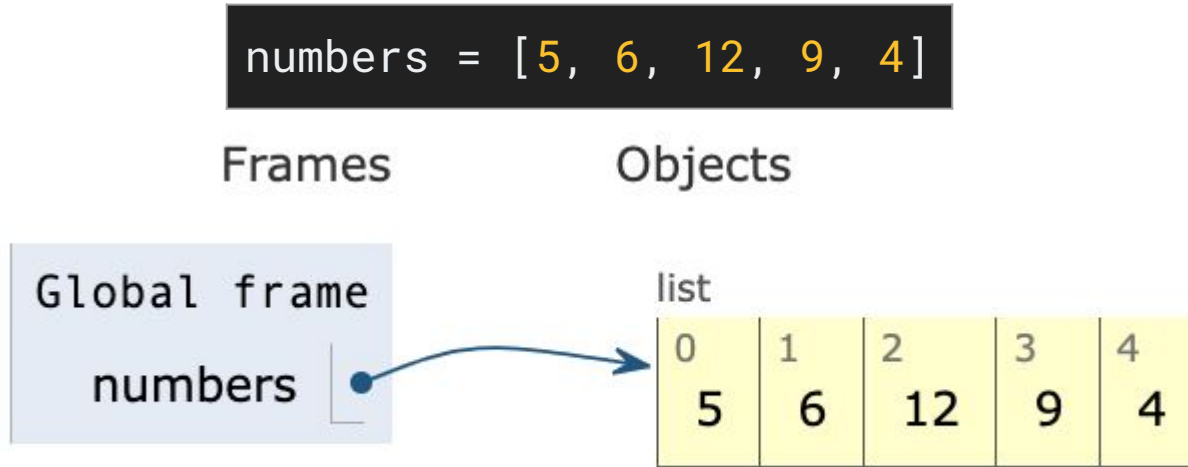
Why am I showing you this?

- Show you how PythonTutor represents Lists
- Hint to you what's actually going on deep down, which will help you solve problems and understand your code more easily.

Everything that PythonTutor shows is real and there for a reason. I won't focus on them heavily now, but these details will come back in later CS classes.

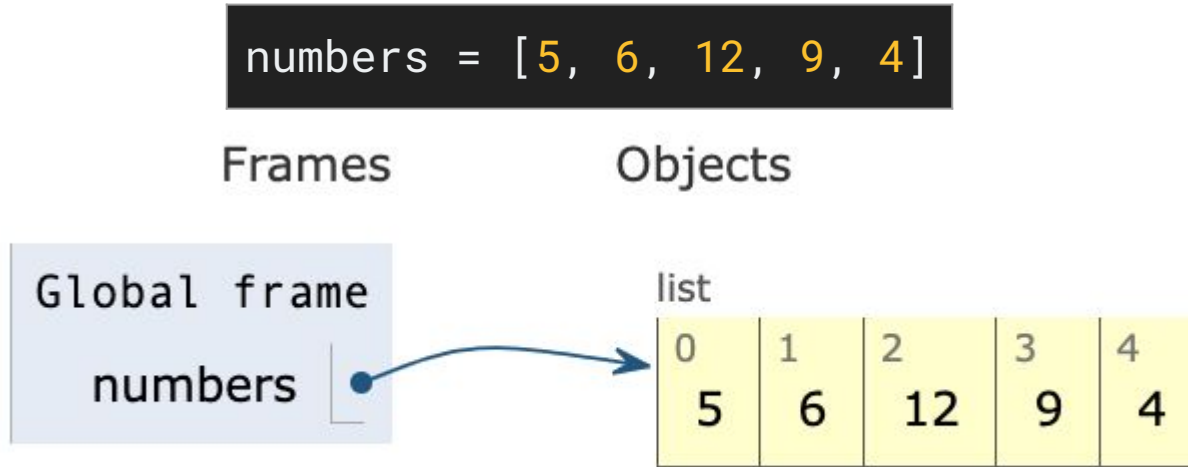
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Think of this as the list itself being written down on a separate special piece of paper that is just for complicated types.

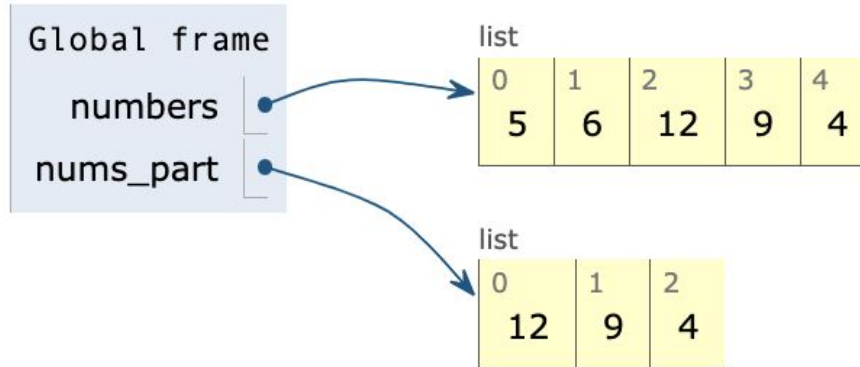
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When you make a copy of a list (like by slicing), it makes a *new* list.

```
numbers = [5, 6, 12, 9, 4]
nums_part = numbers[2:]
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Frames

Objects



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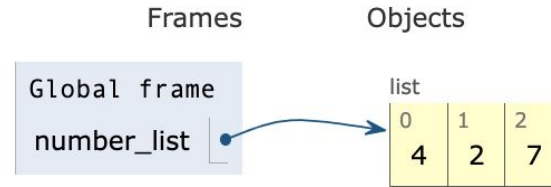
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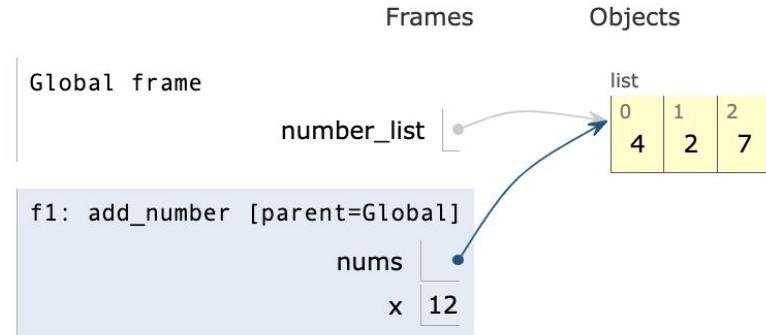
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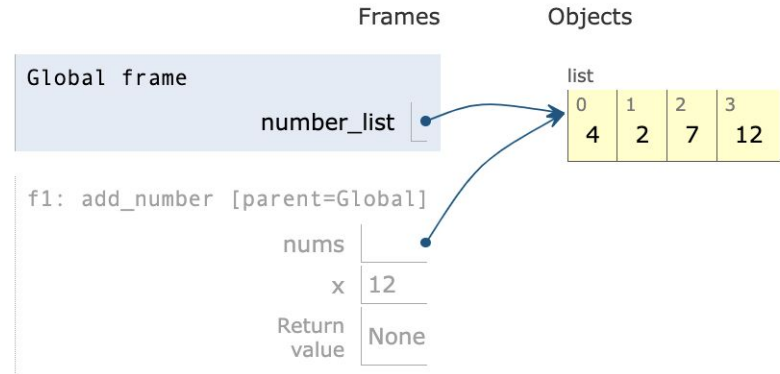


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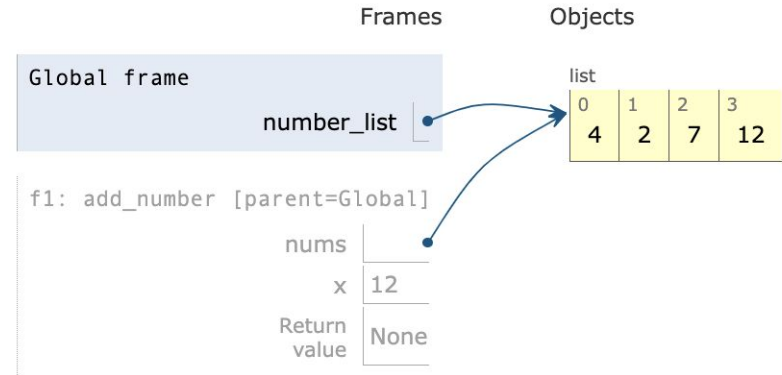


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```
~/CSCI100-Rep1$ python3 main.py
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