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Introduction to Software Development

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Flow Control Structures

Selection

The if statement is used to check a condition: *if* the condition is true, we run a block of statements, *elif*, *else* we process another block(s) of statements

if … **elif** … **else**

Making choices

e.g. Menu options

Repetition

Repeat a set of statements under some conditions

The **while** statement.
It repeats a set of statements while some condition is True.

The **for** statement.
Repeats statements for a set number of times.
Iterates over a sequence of objects

One-way IF Statements

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```
if boolean-expression:
    statement(s)
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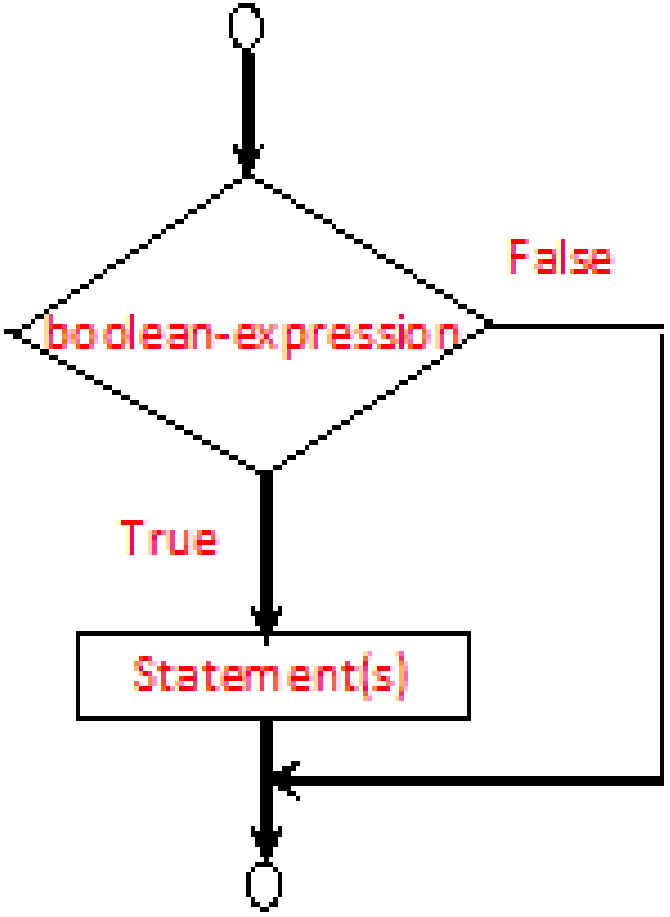
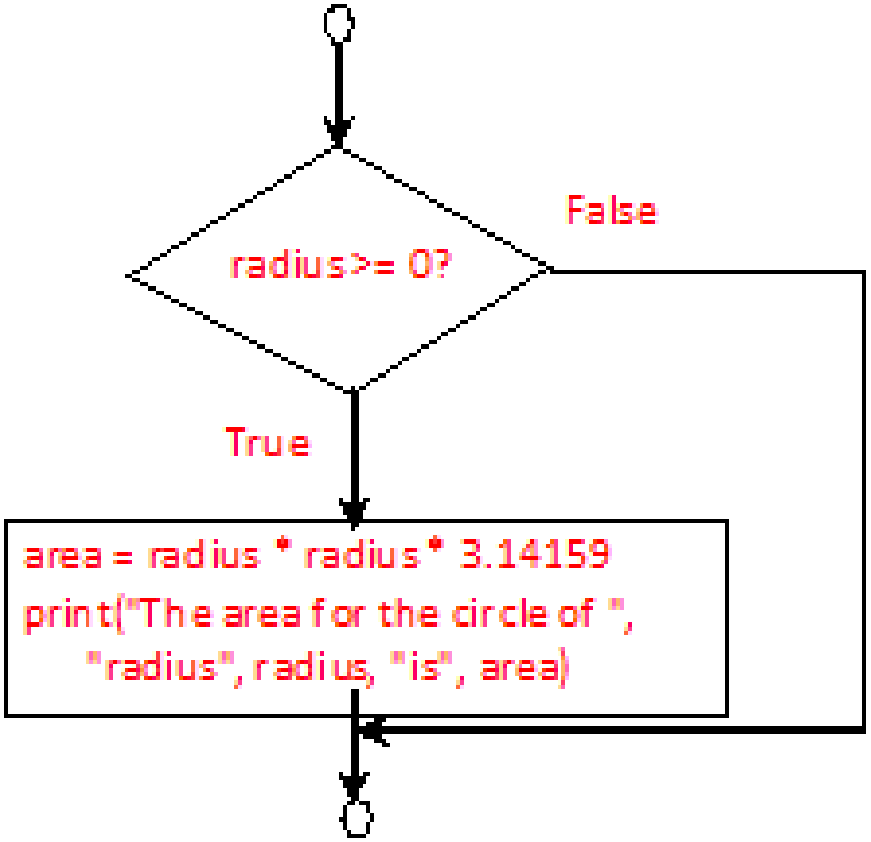
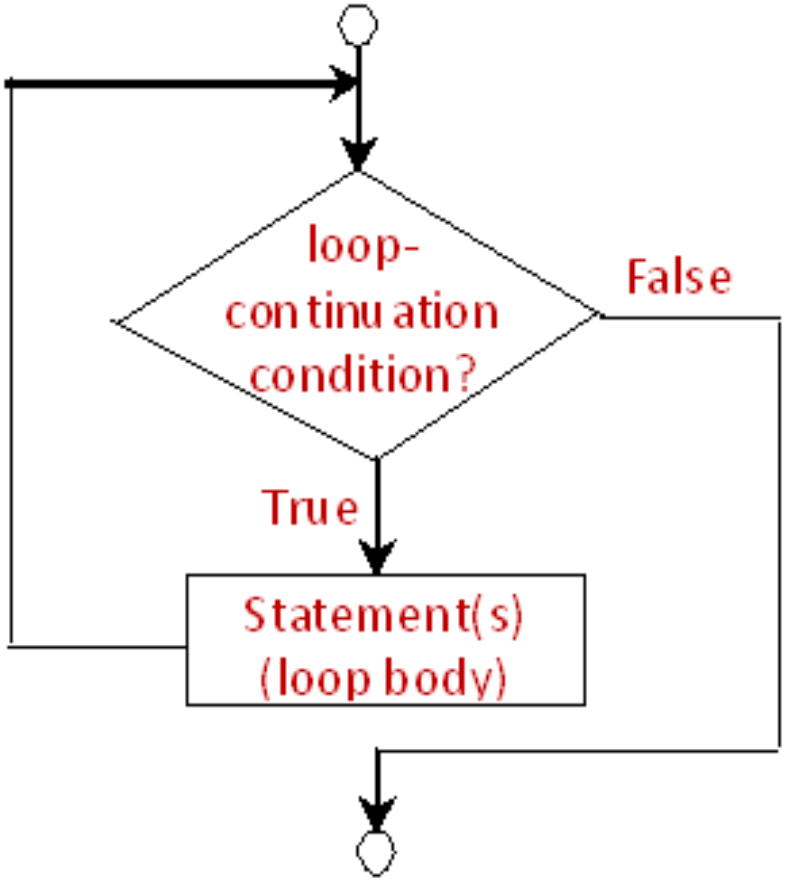
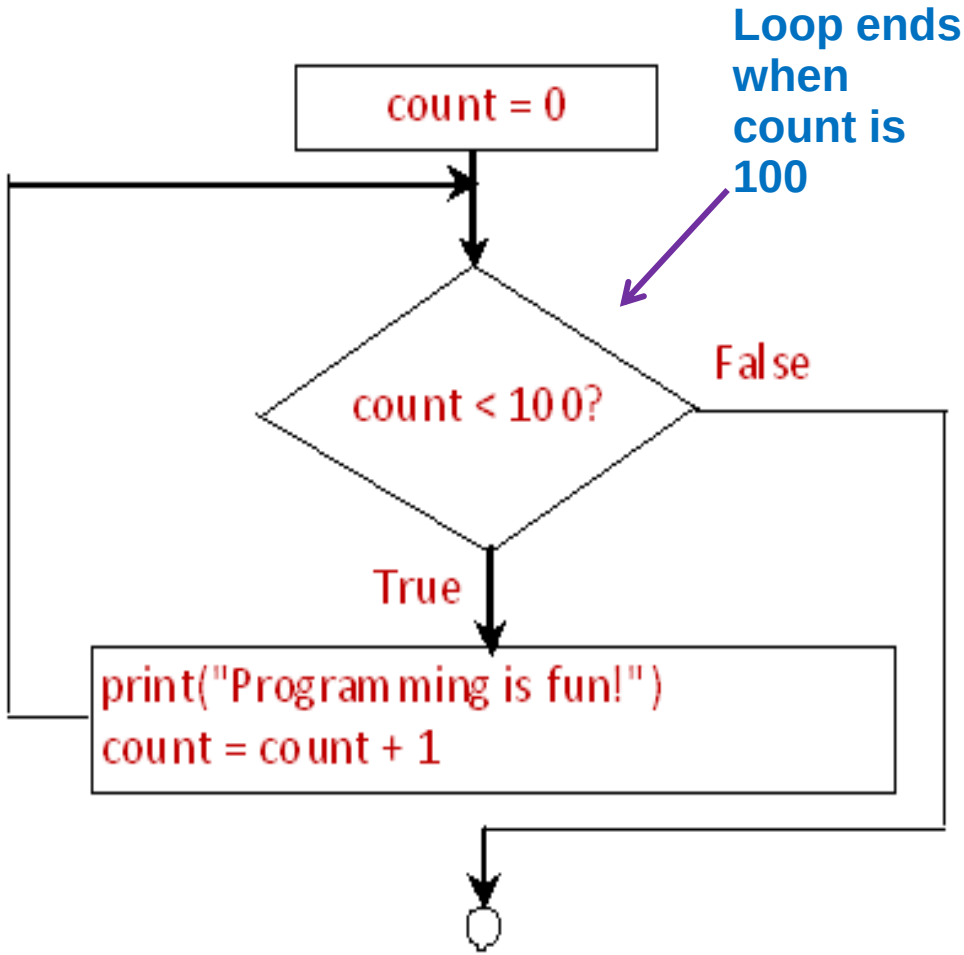



```
if radius >= 0:
    area = radius * radius * 3.14159
    print("The area for the circle of radius“,
          radius, "is“, area)
```



While Loop: Flow Chart





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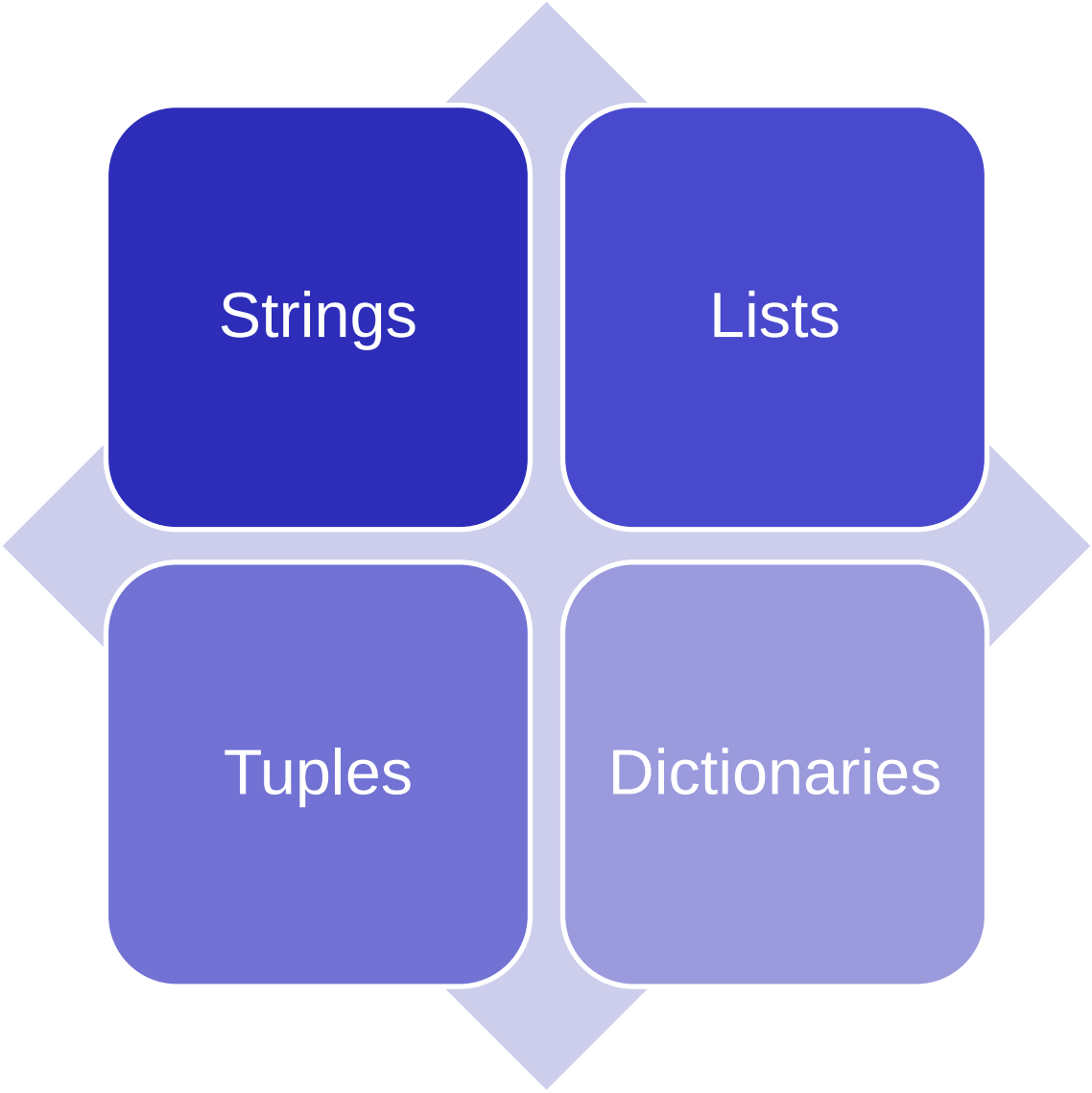
Data Structures

Data structures that contain more than one item!



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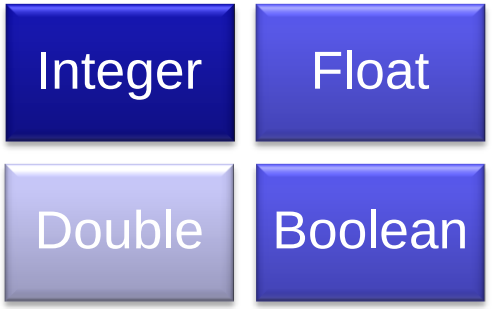

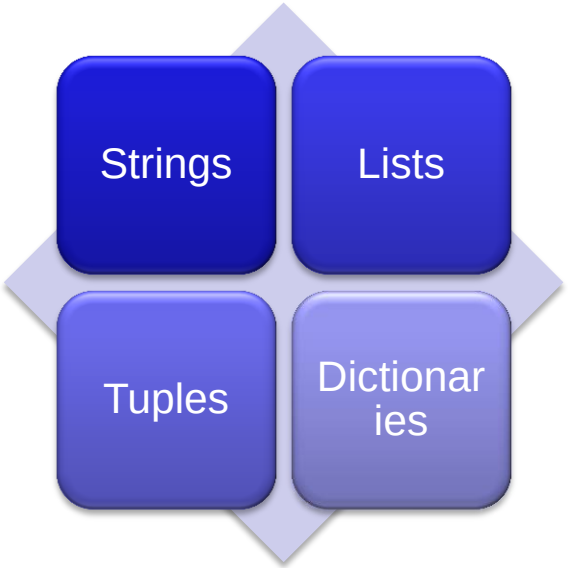

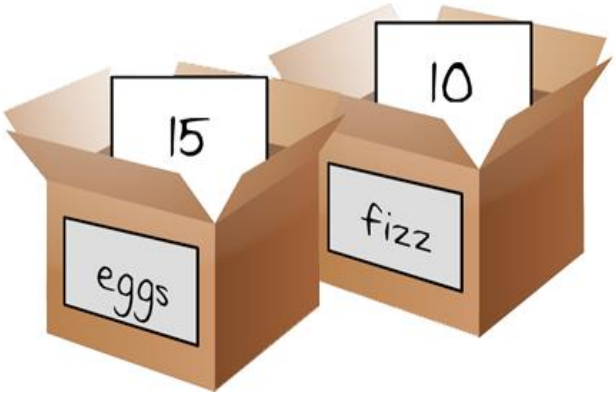

Variables can only contain one value

Data structures can contain more than one item!

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Data Structures: Main Differences

Strings

- Pieces of text made up of characters
- Items accessed from a sequence using an index
- Immutable (cannot be changed but new items can be added)

Data Structures: Strings

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```
# Demonstrate properties of String
# Create a string

name = "Chris"

# Access characters in string by using an index

print("name[0]= ",name[0])
print("name[0]= ",name[4])
print("name[0]= ",name[-2])

# Adding new characters to the string

surname = "Sauer"
name = name + surname
print(name)

# Trying to mutate (change) existing characters
# trying to change "h" in "ChrisSauer" to "x"
# This will go wrong...

name[2] = "x"
```

```
>>> ================================ RESTART ================================
>>>
name[0]=  C
name[0]=  s
name[0]=  i
ChrisSauer
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "C:/Python34/Stringexample.py", line 20, in <module>
    name[2] = "x"   # trying to change the "h" in "ChrisSauer" to a "x"
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
>>>
```

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Data Structures: Main Differences

Lists

- Ordered groups of individual data items (integer, float, sub-list, string etc)
- Items accessed from a sequence using an index
- Mutable (can be modified; items can be altered, added or removed)

Data Structures: Lists

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Square brackets with items separated with a comma

```
1  #Demonstrate properties of Lists
2
3  #create a list
4  container = ["Apple", "Banana", 9.99, 75, -10, ["Brocolli","Carrots"] ]
5
6  # print contents of container
7  print("container is", container)
8
9  # Access items using an index
10 print ("container[0] is",container[0])
11 print ("container[4] is",container[4])
12 print ("container[-1] is",container[-1])
13 print("container[-1][1] is", container[-1][1] )
14
15 # Mutating (modifying items in a list)
16 print("container[1] is", container[1])
17 container[1] = "Cherries" # item assignment is allowed
18 print("container after mutating is", container)
19 print("Lists are MUTABLE!")
```

```
container is ['Apple', 'Banana', 9.99, 75, -10, ['Brocolli', 'Carrots']]
container[0] is Apple
container[4] is -10
container[-1] is ['Brocolli', 'Carrots']
container[-1][1] is Carrots
container[1] is Banana
container after mutating is ['Apple', 'Cherries', 9.99, 75, -10, ['Brocolli', 'Carrots']]
Lists are MUTABLE!
```

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Data Structures: Main Differences

Tuples

- Ordered groups of individual data items
- Items accessed from a sequence using an index
- Immutable (cannot be changed but new items can be added)
- Sealed packets of information. Useful in situations where a set of values has to be passed on to another place securely. Also used to provide dictionary keys.

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Data Structures: Tuples

Round brackets with items separated with a comma

```
1  #Demonstrate properties of a Tuple
2
3  #create a tuple
4  container = ("Apple", "Banana", 9.99, 75, -10, ("Brocolli","Carrots") )
5
6  # print contents of container
7  print("container is", container)
8
9  # Access items using an index
10 print ("container[0] is",container[0])
11 print ("container[4] is",container[4])
12 print ("container[-1] is",container[-1])
13 print("container[-1][1] is", container[-1][1] )
14 print("container[1] is", container[1])
15
16 # Trying to Mutate (modifying item in a tuple) - will yield error!
17 container[1] = "Cherries" # item assignment is not allowed
18 print("Tuples are IMMUTABLE!")
19 # Error!
```

```
container is ('Apple', 'Banana', 9.99, 75, -10, ('Brocolli', 'Carrots'))
container[0] is Apple
container[4] is -10
container[-1] is ('Brocolli', 'Carrots')
container[-1][1] is Carrots
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "C:\Documents and Settings\mohafeh\Desktop\Workspace\p
    container[1] = "Cherries" # item assignment is not allowed
TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
container[1] is Banana
```

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Data Structures: Main Differences

Dictionaries

- Groups of key-value pairs
- Dictionary itself is a mutable data type, which means you can add, remove and modify key-value pairs. The keys are said to be mapped to the assigned values.

Data Structures: Dictionaries

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```
1  #Demonstrate properties of a Dictionary
2
3  #create phone contacts
4  contacts = { "Greg": 7235591, "Mary": 3841212, "Bob": 3841212, "Susan": 2213278 }
5
6  # print contents of dictionary
7  print("Dictionary contents are: ", contacts)
8
9  # Access items using an index
10 print ("Phone number for Susan is:", contacts["Susan"])
11 print ("Phone number for Bob is:", contacts["Bob"])
12
13 # Mutating(modifying value for item in a dictionary)
14 # change Susan's phone number
15 contacts["Susan"]=3313278
16 print ("Susan's phone has changed to: ", contacts["Susan"])
17 print("Dictionary values are MUTABLE!")
```

Braces to hold dictionary contents.

Key and Value separated with a colon

```
Dictionary contents are:  {'Bob': 3841212, 'Greg': 7235591, 'Mary': 3841212, 'Susan': 2213278}
Phone number for Susan is: 2213278
Phone number for Bob is: 3841212
Susan's phone has changed to:  3313278
Dictionary values are MUTABLE!
```

What operations can we perform within a dictionary?

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- Access an item
- Determine length
- Add an item
  - Append
  - Insert
- Change an item
- Delete an item
- Find an item
- Sort items or values
- Iterate or traverse through items or values

Common Operations on Data Structures

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	String	List	Tuple	Dictionary
Access an item	✓	✓	✓	✓
Determine length	✓	✓	✓	✓
Append an item to the end	×	✓	×	✓
Insert an item to given position	×	✓	×	×
Delete an item	×	✓	×	✓
Change an item	×	✓	×	✓
Find an item	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sort items (same data type)	×	✓	×	×
Iterate or traverse	✓	✓	✓	✓

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	String name	List container	Tuple container	Dictionary contacts
Access an item	name[2]	container[0]	container[-1]	contacts[key]
Determine length	len(name)	len(container)	len(container)	len(contacts)
Append an item to the end	X	container.append(item)	X	contacts[key]=value
Insert an item to given position	X	container.insert(index, item)	X	X
Delete an item	X	container.remove(item) container.pop() container.pop(index)	X	contacts.pop(key)
Change an item	X	re-assign using index	X	re-assign using key
Find an item	if letter in name:	if item in container:	if item in container:	if key in contacts:
Sort items (same data type)	sorted(name) “”.join(sorted(name))	container.sort()	X	X
Iterate or traverse	for letter in name:	for item in container:	for item in container:	for key in contacts:

String Operations

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```
# Demonstrate operations on String

# Create a string
name = "Chris"

# Access characters in string by using an index
print("name[0]= ",name[0])
print("name[0]= ",name[-2])

# Determine the length of a string
print("Length of string = ", len(name))

# Find a letter in name
if "r" in name:
    print("r found")

# Iterate / Traverse a string
for letter in name:
    print(letter)

#Deleting a character from a string
#TRICK: as strings are imutable
#so we can't change characters, therefore
#we replace the character with an empty space
new_name = name.replace("i", "o")
print("Changed name = ",new_name)

#Sort letters in a string
print("sorted string as a list:", sorted(name))


#Sort string and display as joined string
print("sorted string as string: ", "".join(sorted(name)))
```

```
name[0]=  C
name[0]=  i
Length of string =  5
r found
C
h
r
i
s
Changed name =  Chros
sorted string as a list: ['C', 'h', 'i', 'r', 's']
sorted string as string:  Chirs
```

List Operations

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```
container is ['Apple', 'Banana', 9.99, 75, -10, ['Brocolli', 'Carrots']]
container[0] is Apple
container[-1][1] is Carrots
```

```
#Demonstrate operations on Lists
container = ["Apple", "Banana", 9.99, 75, -10, ["Brocolli","Carrots"] ]

# print contents of container
print("container is", container)

# Access items using an index
print ("container[0] is",container[0])
print("container[-1][1] is", container[-1][1] )

# Determine length of list
print("\nLength of list is: ",len(container))

# Append an item to list
container.append("Figs")
print("container with appended item now contains:", container)

# Insert an item at index position 2
container.insert(2,"Grapes")
print("container with inserted item now contains:", container)

# Remove a stated item
container.remove("Apple")
print("Contents of container after deletion is:", container)
```

List Operations

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```
25
26 # Delete an item from the end of list
27 container.pop()
28 print("Contents of container after deleting last item is:", container)
29
30 # Delete an item at index position of 1
31 container.pop(1)
32 print("Contents of container after deleting item at position 1 is:", container)
33
34 # Find item in  container
35 if 75 in container:
36     print("75 found")
37
38 # Iterate/Traverse
39 for item in container:
40     print(item)
```

```
Contents of container after deleting last item is: ['Banana', 'Grapes', 9.99, 75, -10, ['Brocolli', 'Carrots']]
Contents of container after deleting item at position 1 is: ['Banana', 9.99, 75, -10, ['Brocolli', 'Carrots']]
75 found
Banana
9.99
75
-10
['Brocolli', 'Carrots']
```

Tuple Operations

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```
1  #Demonstrate operations on Tuples
2  container = ("Apple", "Banana", 9.99, 75, -10, ("Brocolli","Carrots") )
3  # print contents of container
4  print("container is", container)
5
6  # Access items using an index
7  print ("container[0] is",container[0])
8  print("container[-1][1] is", container[-1][1] )
9
10 # Determine length of tuple
11 print("\nLength of tuple is: ",len(container))
12
13 # Find item in  container
14 if "Banana" in container:
15     print("Banana found")
16
17 # Iterate/Traverse
18 for item in container:
19     print(item)
```

```
container is ('Apple', 'Banana', 9.99, 75, -10, ('Brocolli', 'Carrots'))
container[0] is Apple
container[-1][1] is Carrots

Length of tuple is:  6
Banana found
Apple
Banana
9.99
75
-10
('Brocolli', 'Carrots')
```

Dictionary Operations

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```
#Demonstrate operations on a Dictionary
contacts = { "Greg": 7235591, "Mary": 3841212, "Bob": 3841212, "Susan": 2213278 }
# print contents of dictionary
print("Dictionary contents are: \n", contacts)

# Access items using an index
print ("Phone number for Susan is:", contacts["Susan"])

# Determine length of dictionary
print("Length of dictionary is:", len(contacts))

# Add entry to dictionary
contacts["John"]=4440001
contacts["Fred"]=5550001
print("Length of dictionary after adding entries is:", len(contacts))

# Delete entry for Bob using the pop method
contacts.pop("Bob")
print("Contents of contacts after deleting entry for Bob is:\n", contacts)
print("Length of dictionary is now:", len(contacts))

# Iterate/Traverse
for key in contacts:
    print(key,"\t:  ",contacts[key])
```

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Dictionary Operations

```
Dictionary contents are:
 {'Bob': 3841212, 'Mary': 3841212, 'Greg': 7235591, 'Susan': 2213278}
Phone number for Susan is: 2213278
Length of dictionary is: 4
Length of dictionary after adding entries is: 6
Contents of contacts after deleting entry for Bob is:
 {'John': 4440001, 'Susan': 2213278, 'Mary': 3841212, 'Greg': 7235591, 'Fred': 5550001}
Length of dictionary is now: 5
John    :   4440001
Susan   :   2213278
Mary    :   3841212
Greg    :   7235591
Fred    :   5550001
```