

Lists are collections of items

```
names = ['Christopher', 'Susan']  
scores = []  
scores.append(98) # Add new item to the end  
scores.append(99)  
print(names)  
print(scores)  
print(scores[1]) # Collections are zero-indexed
```

```
# output  
['Christopher', 'Susan']  
[98, 99]  
99
```

Arrays are also collections of items

```
from array import array
scores = array('d')
scores.append(97)
scores.append(98)
print(scores)
print(scores[1])
```

```
# output
array('d', [97.0, 98.0])
98.0
```

What's the difference?



Arrays

Simple types such as numbers

Must all be the same type



Lists

Store anything

Store any type

Common operations

```
names = ['Susan', 'Christopher']  
print(len(names)) # Get the number of items  
names.insert(0, 'Bill') # Insert before index  
print(names)  
names.sort()  
print(names)
```

```
# output
```

```
2
```

```
['Bill', 'Susan', 'Christopher']
```

```
['Bill', 'Christopher', 'Susan']
```

Retrieving ranges

```
names = ['Susan', 'Christopher', 'Bill']  
presenters = names[0:2] # Get the first two items  
# Starting index and number of items to retrieve  
  
print(names)  
print(presenters)
```

```
# output  
['Susan', 'Christopher', 'Bill']  
['Susan', 'Christopher']
```

Dictionaries

```
person = {'first': 'Christopher'}  
person['last'] = 'Harrison'  
print(person)  
print(person['first'])
```

```
# output  
{'first': 'Christopher', 'last': 'Harrison'}  
Christopher
```

What's the difference?



Dictionaries

Key/Value pairs

Storage order not guaranteed



Lists

Zero-based index

Storage order guaranteed