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Nested Functions:

- Function inside a function is called nested function
- It cannot be called directly by other functions as it is out of scope
- It can be called in the parent function of the nested function
- Below, test function call will only print Hello World!

```
def test():
    print("Hello World")
    def inner_test():
        print("Let's go to dinner!")

def main():
    test()

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()|
```

Lists

- Set of things aggregated together
- Named collection of data separated by commas.

```
list_1 = [10, 20, 30, 40]
list_2 = ["Eggs", "Milk", "Flour", "Tomatoes", "Bacon"]
```

Ex: Shopping list

- Each list item is indexed meaning numbered. First one is always 0 and next is 1 and so on.
- To get an element, you can call it with list name and its index.
- Basic calculation can be done with the index calls.

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Negative numbers can be used to start from the back

If numbers more than the last max index are used, out of bounds error is returned.

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Lists can also have different data types inside mixed.

```
>>> my_list = [0, 1, [1, 2]]
>>> my_list[2]
        [1, 2]
>>> my_list[2][1]
2
```

Lists can also store lists inside them. These are called 2 dimensional lists and they can be called with double bracket groups.

Strings are also considered lists of characters

They are immutable, meaning you cannot change them

Lists are mutable, meaning you can assign / change its elements:

List functions:

We can also use +/* operators on lists. + operator extends lists together. * operator repeats the given element/ list of elements in the list.

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| len(L) | Returns the number of items in list L |
|-----------|--|
| max(L) | Returns the maximum value in list L |
| min(L) | Returns the minimum value in list L |
| sum(L) | Returns the sum of the values in list L |
| sorted(L) | Returns a copy of list L where the items are in order from smallest to largest (This does not mutate L.) |

Grade entry program with lists and list functions

```
"""
Grade entry workshop together

def main():
    grades = []

    my_grade = float(input("Enter a grade, negative to stop: "))
    while my_grade >= 0:
        grades.append(my_grade)
            my_grade = float(input("Enter another grade, negative to stop: "))

    average = sum(grades) / len(grades)
    print(f"Average is: {average}")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

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The in keyword can be used to check if a value exists inside a list

```
>>> a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
>>> 1 in a
True
>>> 10 in a
False
>>> 1 not in a
False
```

To find the index of a particular element, index() function can be used

```
>>> a
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
>>> a.index(3)
2
```

Traversing Lists:

Using index:

Use a while loop to loop till your traversing variable reaches the end of the list.

```
food = ["grapes", "apples", "snickers"]
i = 0
while i < len(food):
    print(food[i])
    i = i + 1</pre>
```

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Breakout Exercise: Shopping Lists

```
def main():
    MY_LIST = ["apples", "grapes", "guava", "melons"]
    user_list = []
    food = input("Enter a food item that you need to buy: ")
    while food.lower() != "stop":
        user list.append(food)
        food = input("Enter another food item that you need to buy: ")
    i = 0
    while i < len(user list):</pre>
        if user_list[i] in MY_LIST:
            print(f"Hey we both are buying {user_list[i]}!")
        i += 1
if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

Here we can use the For loop to make our code more concise

```
for each in user_list:
    if each.lower() == MY LIST:
        print(f"Hey we both are buying {user list[i]}!")
```

Range function

- range (starting value, stopping value, steps)
- Starting value is inclusive and stopping value is exclusive.
- Can be used in a for loop to specify how long the loop should run

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Pass by Reference:

Here the b is pointing to the exact same space in memory where a is and so both are changed. To actually make a copy, use the copy() function.

Slices:

Slice is a way to get a part of a list or string. [start : stop : step]

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Default values for a function

def function(x=0, y=1)

Here x and y have a default value specified. This means if they are not specified when calling the function, they resort to using the default values.

```
print(|
    print(value, ..., sep=' ', end='\n', file=sys.stdout, flush=False)
```

Here, print has only 1 value that needs an input and rest all parameters have default values.