

1. What exactly is []?

Answer

The symbol "[]" typically represents an empty list or array

2. In a list of values stored in a variable called spam, how would you assign the value 'hello' as the third value? (Assume [2, 4, 6, 8, 10] are in spam.)

Answer

```
spam = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

```
spam[2] = 'hello'
```

```
print(spam) # Output: [2, 4, 'hello', 8, 10]
```

In Python, list indexing starts from 0, so the third value in the list has an index of 2. By assigning the value 'hello' to spam[2], you replace the original value at that position with the new value.

Let's pretend the spam includes the list ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'] for the next three queries.

3. What is the value of spam[int(int('3' * 2) / 11)]?

Answer

The value is 'd'

4. What is the value of spam[-1]?

Answer

```
spam[-1]=d
```

5. What is the value of spam[:2]?

Answer

```
spam[:2]= ['a','b']
```

Let's pretend bacon has the list [3.14, 'cat', 11, 'cat', True] for the next three questions.

6. What is the value of bacon.index('cat')?

Answer

```
bacon.index('cat')=1
```

7. How does bacon.append(99) change the look of the list value in bacon?

Answer

```
bacon.append(99)
```

```
bacon=[3.14, 'cat', 11, 'cat', True, 99]
```

8. How does bacon.remove('cat') change the look of the list in bacon?

Answer

```
bacon.remove('cat')
```

```
bacon=[3.14, 11, 'cat', True, 99]
```

9. What are the list concatenation and list replication operators?

Answer

List Concatenation Operator (+):

The list concatenation operator allows you to combine two or more lists into a single list. When you use the plus sign (+) between two lists, it creates a new list containing all the elements from both lists in the order they appear.

List Replication Operator (*):

The list replication operator allows you to create a new list by repeating the elements of an existing list a certain number of times. When you use the asterisk (*) with a list and an integer value, it creates a new list with the repeated elements.

10. What is difference between the list methods append() and insert()?

Answer

append() method:

The append() method is used to add an element to the end of a list. It takes a single argument, which is the element to be added, and appends it to the end of the list.

Example: `my_list = [1, 2, 3]`
`my_list.append(4)`
`print(my_list)` # Output: [1, 2, 3, 4]

insert() method:

The insert() method is used to add an element at a specific position in the list. It takes two arguments: the index where the element should be inserted, and the element itself.

Example: `my_list = [1, 2, 3]`
`my_list.insert(1, 'hello')`
`print(my_list)` # Output: [1, 'hello', 2, 3]

11. What are the two methods for removing items from a list?

Answer

remove() method:

The remove() method is used to remove the first occurrence of a specified element from a list. It takes a single argument, which is the element to be removed. If the element is found in the list, it is removed, and the list is modified. If the element appears multiple times, only the first occurrence is removed.

Example: `my_list = [1, 2, 3, 2, 4]`
`my_list.remove(2)`
`print(my_list)` # Output: [1, 3, 2, 4]

pop() method:

The pop() method is used to remove an element from a specific position in the list. It takes an optional index argument, which indicates the position of the element to be removed. If no index is specified, pop() removes and returns the last element of the list. The list is modified after removal.

Example: `my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4]`
`my_list.pop(1)`
`print(my_list)` # Output: [1, 3, 4]

12. Describe how list values and string values are identical.

Answer

Sequences: Both lists and strings are sequences, meaning they are ordered collections of elements. Each element in a list or string can be accessed by its position or index.

Indexing: Both lists and strings support indexing, allowing you to retrieve individual elements based on their position. You can access elements of a list or string using square brackets and an index.

Slicing: Lists and strings both support slicing, which allows you to extract a portion of the sequence by specifying a range of indices.

Iteration: Both lists and strings can be iterated over using loops. You can use a for loop to iterate through each element in a list or string.

13. What's the difference between tuples and lists?

Answer

Lists:

- Lists are mutable, meaning you can modify, add, or remove elements after the list is created. You can change individual elements or alter the size of the list.
- Lists are defined using square brackets ([]), and the elements are separated by commas.
- Lists are commonly used when the order and structure of the collection may change over time. They are used for storing and manipulating data that needs to be modified or updated.
- Lists may require more memory due to their mutable nature. They provide more flexibility but can be slower for certain operations.

Tuples:

- Tuples are immutable, meaning they cannot be modified once created. The elements in a tuple cannot be changed, added, or removed. Tuples provide a fixed collection of values.
- Tuples are defined using parentheses (), although they can also be defined without parentheses. The elements are separated by commas. Tuples are typically used for fixed collections of values.
- Tuples are often used when the elements represent different properties of an object, and the structure remains constant. Tuples are useful for representing fixed sets of values, such as coordinates or record entries.
- Tuples are more memory-efficient than lists, as they are immutable. They are generally faster for accessing elements and are often used for optimized performance in specific scenarios.

14. How do you type a tuple value that only contains the integer 42?

Answer

To create a tuple value that contains only the integer 42, you can use parentheses and a trailing comma to distinguish it as a tuple.

Example: `my_tuple = (42,)`

15. How do you get a list value's tuple form? How do you get a tuple value's list form?

Answer

To convert a list value into its tuple form, you can use the `tuple()` function. Similarly, to convert a tuple value into its list form, you can use the `list()` function.

Example:

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4]
my_tuple = tuple(my_list)
print(my_tuple) # Output: (1, 2, 3, 4)
```

In this example, the `tuple()` function is used to convert the list `my_list` into a tuple `my_tuple`.

Example:

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 4)
my_list = list(my_tuple)
print(my_list) # Output: [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

In this example, the `list()` function is used to convert the tuple `my_tuple` into a list `my_list`.

16. Variables that 'contain' list values are not necessarily lists themselves. Instead, what do they contain?

Answer

Variables in Python that contain list values indeed store the actual list objects themselves. They do not contain references to the lists. In Python, variables are used to store values, including list values. When you assign a list to a variable, the variable directly holds the list object, including its elements and associated properties.

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3]
```

In this case, the variable `my_list` directly contains the list object `[1, 2, 3]`. The variable holds the list's elements and any modifications made to the list will directly affect the value stored in the variable. If you assign the list to another variable or pass it as an argument to a function, a copy of the list object is created, and the new variable or function parameter holds its own distinct list object.

17. How do you distinguish between `copy.copy()` and `copy.deepcopy()`?

Answer

`copy.copy()`:

`copy.copy()` creates a shallow copy of an object, including its immediate contents.

For objects that contain references to other objects (e.g., lists of lists or dictionaries of dictionaries), a shallow copy creates a new object that references the same nested objects as the original.

Modifications made to the nested objects will be reflected in both the original and copied object.

Shallow copying is useful when you want to create a new object that shares references to nested objects, maintaining some level of connection.

copy.deepcopy():

`copy.deepcopy()` creates a deep copy of an object, recursively copying all nested objects as well.

It creates a completely independent copy of the original object and all its nested objects, recursively copying the entire object structure.

Modifications made to the nested objects in the copied object will not affect the original object.

Deep copying is useful when you want to create a completely independent copy of an object, including all its nested objects, without any shared references.