



Python Data Science Toolbox II



You've learned:

- Writing custom functions
- Using custom functions in data science



You'll learn:

- List comprehensions
 - Wrangle data to create other lists
- Iterators
 - You've encountered these before!
 - Rapidly iterate data science protocols and procedures over sets of objects





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See you in the course!





Iterators in Pythonland

Iterating with a for loop

• We can iterate over a list using a for loop

```
In [1]: employees = ['Nick', 'Lore', 'Hugo']
In [2]: for employee in employees:
    ...: print(employee)
Nick
Lore
Hugo
```



Iterating with a for loop

• We can iterate over a string using a for loop

```
In [1]: for letter in 'DataCamp':
    ...:    print(letter)

D
a
t
a
C
a
m
p
```



Iterating with a for loop

• We can iterate over a range object using a for loop

```
In [1]: for i in range(4):
    ...: print(i)
0
1
2
3
```



Iterators vs. iterables

- Iterable
 - Examples: lists, strings, dictionaries, file connections
 - An object with an associated iter() method
 - Applying iter() to an iterable creates an iterator
- Iterator
 - Produces next value with next()



Iterating over iterables: next()



Iterating at once with *

```
In [1]: word = 'Data'
In [2]: it = iter(word)
In [3]: print(*it)
D a t a
In [4]: print(*it)
No more values to go through!
```



Iterating over dictionaries

```
In [1]: pythonistas = {'hugo': 'bowne-anderson', 'francis':
    'castro'}
In [2]: for key, value in pythonistas.items():
    ...: print(key, value)
francis castro
hugo bowne-anderson
```



Iterating over file connections

```
In [1]: file = open('file.txt')
In [2]: it = iter(file)
In [3]: print(next(it))
This is the first line.
In [4]: print(next(it))
This is the second line.
```





Let's practice!





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Playing with iterators



Using enumerate()

```
In [1]: avengers = ['hawkeye', 'iron man', 'thor', 'quicksilver']
In [2]: e = enumerate(avengers)
In [3]: print(type(e))
<class 'enumerate'>
In [4]: e_list = list(e)
In [5]: print(e_list)
[(0, 'hawkeye'), (1, 'iron man'), (2, 'thor'), (3, 'quicksilver')]
```



enumerate() and unpack



Using zip()

```
In [1]: avengers = ['hawkeye', 'iron man', 'thor', 'quicksilver']
In [2]: names = ['barton', 'stark', 'odinson', 'maximoff']
In [3]: z = zip(avengers, names)
In [4]: print(type(z))
<class 'zip'>
In [5]: z_list = list(z)
In [6]: print(z_list)
[('hawkeye', 'barton'), ('iron man', 'stark'), ('thor', 'odinson'), ('quicksilver', 'maximoff')]
```



zip() and unpack



Print zip with *

```
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In [2]: names = ['barton', 'stark', 'odinson', 'maximoff']
In [3]: z = zip(avengers, names)
In [4]: print(*z)
('hawkeye', 'barton') ('iron man', 'stark') ('thor', 'odinson')
('quicksilver', 'maximoff')
```





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Using iterators for big data



Loading data in chunks

- There can be too much data to hold in memory
- Solution: load data in chunks!
- Pandas function: read_csv()
 - Specify the chunk: chunksize



Iterating over data



Iterating over data





Let's practice!





Congratulations!



What's next?

- List comprehensions and generators
- List comprehensions:
 - Create lists from other lists, DataFrame columns, etc.
 - Single line of code
 - More efficient than using a for loop





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See you in the next chapter!