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## Task Walkthrough: Handling Strings, Lists and Dictionaries

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# Software Engineering Session Housekeeping

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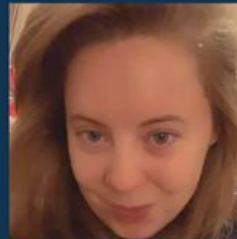
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# Skills Bootcamp Progression Overview

To be eligible for a certificate of completion, students must fulfil three specific criteria. These criteria ensure a high standard of achievement and alignment with the requirements for the successful completion of a Skills Bootcamp.

## ✓ **Criterion 1 - Meeting Initial Requirements**

**Criterion 1 involves specific achievements within the first two weeks of the program. To meet this criterion, students need to:**

- Attend a minimum of 7-8 hours per week of guided learning (lectures, workshops, or mentor calls) within the initial two-week period, for a total minimum of **15 guided learning hours (GLH)**, by no later than **15 September 2024**.
- Successfully complete the Initial Assessment by the end of the first 14 days, by no later than **15 September 2024**.



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## ✓ Criterion 2 - Demonstrating Mid-Course Progress

Criterion 2 involves demonstrating meaningful progress through the successful completion of tasks **within the first half** of the bootcamp.

To meet this criterion, students should:

- Complete **42 guided learning hours** and the first half of the assigned tasks by the end of week 7, no later than **20 October 2024**.

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## ✓ Criterion 3 - Demonstrating Post-Course Progress

**Criterion 3** involves showcasing students' **progress after completing the course**.  
To meet this criterion, students should:

- Complete all mandatory tasks before the bootcamp's end date. This includes any necessary resubmissions, no later than **22 December 2024**.
- Achieve at least 84 guided learning hours by the end of the bootcamp, **22 December 2024**.



## Advised Resources

- ❖ HyperionDev PDF notes
- ❖ Lecture: Sequences (11 September 2024 & Repeat on 15 September 2024)
- ❖ Example code files
- ❖ Task walkthrough lecture
- ❖ Research (Optional)

## Learning Outcomes

- ❖ Apply practical string manipulation techniques such as modifying characters in a string.
- ❖ Implement dictionaries and lists together to perform calculations such as calculating expected profits.
- ❖ Explain the reasoning behind each code block and apply the logic to similar tasks.

# Strings, Lists and Dictionaries

- ❖ **Strings** are sequences of characters that are enclosed within single or double quotes. Common operations we perform on strings are concatenation, slicing, and formatting.
- ❖ **Lists** are mutable, ordered collections of items which can be of any type. Lists allow for indexing, slicing, appending, and more.
- ❖ **Dictionaries** are collections of key-value pairs, where each key maps to a value. Dictionaries are unordered and are accessed using keys, not indices.
- ❖ There are lots of **useful methods** we can use on strings, lists and dictionaries, such as:
  - String Methods: `split()`, `join()`, `replace()`
  - List Methods: `append()`, `pop()`, `sort()`
  - Dictionary Methods: `get()`, `keys()`, `values()`

# Task Walkthrough: Auto-graded Task 1



Follow these steps:

- Create a file called **alternative.py**.
- Write a program that reads in a string and makes each alternate **character** into an uppercase character and each other alternate character a lowercase character.

E.g.: The string “Hello World” would become “HeLlO WoRlD”

- Now, try starting with the same string but making each alternative **word** lowercase and uppercase.

E.g.: The string “I am learning to code” would become “i AM learning TO code”.

Tip: Using the **split()** and **join()** functions will help.

Be sure to place files for submission inside your **task folder** and click “**Request review**” on your dashboard.



# Task Walkthrough: Auto-graded Task 2



Follow these steps:

- Imagine you are running a café. Create a new Python file in your folder called **cafe.py**.
- Create a list called **menu**, which should contain at least four items sold in the café.
- Next, create a dictionary called **stock**, which should contain the stock value for each item on your menu.
- Create another dictionary called **price**, which should contain the prices for each item on your menu.
- Next, calculate the worth of the **total\_stock** in the café. You will need to remember to loop through the appropriate dictionaries and lists to do this.

**Tip:** When you loop through the menu list, the “items” can be set as keys to access the corresponding “stock” and “price” values. Each **item\_value** is calculated by multiplying the stock value by the price value. For example:

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item_value = (stock[item] * price[item])
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- Finally, print out the result of your calculation.

# Questions and Answers



# Thank you for attending



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