

Generator Functions

- ◆ Use the **yield** statement
- ◆ Act as an iterable
- ◆ Can be used in a **for** statement
 - ◆ Almost anywhere that a collection is used
- ◆ Won't create big list objects
- ◆ Lazy — they don't compute anything unless forced to by another function consuming results
 - ◆ `list(some_function())`
 - ◆ Builds a list object by consuming values from the generator

The Syracuse Generator

```
def syracuse_iter(n):  
    yield n  
    while n != 1:  
        n = syracuse(n)  
        yield n
```

- ◆ Will *yield* the number,
- ◆ While $n \neq 1$, will apply the function and *yield* each subsequent value.
- ◆ And it's lazy!
 - ◆ Won't create a big list if stopped early