

TOPS TECHNOLOGY



Python – Collections, functions and Modules

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Accessing List

1. Understanding how to create and access elements in a list.

➤ Creating a List:

➤ A list is created by Square Brackets [].

➤ Example :

➤ Fruits : ["Apple","Banana"]

➤ Accessing Elements:

➤ Indexing starts from 0 for the first element, 1 for the second, and so on.

➤ Negative indexing starts from -1 for the last element, -2 for the second last, etc.

➤ Example :

➤ Print(Fruits[0])

➤ Print(Fruits[-1])

2. Indexing in lists (positive and negative indexing).

➤ Positive Indexing :

➤ Positive indexing starts from **0** for the first element, **1** for the second, and so on.

➤ Use positive indexing to access elements from the **start** of the list.

➤ Example :

➤ `animals = ["cat", "dog", "elephant", "fox", "rabbit"]`

➤ `print(animals[0])` # Output: cat

➤ `print(animals[2])` # Output: elephant

➤ `print(animals[4])` # Output: rabbit



➤ Negative Indexing

➤ Negative indexing starts from **-1** for the last element, **-2** for the second-to-last, and so on.

➤ Use negative indexing to access elements from the **end** of the list.

➤ Example :

➤ `print(animals[-1])` # Output: rabbit (last element)

➤ `print(animals[-3])` # Output: elephant (third-to-last element)

➤ `print(animals[-5])` # Output: cat (first element)



3.Slicing a list: accessing a range of elements.

➤ Slicing a list allows you to access a **range of elements** by specifying a start, stop, and step.

➤ **Basic Syntax :**

➤ `list[start:stop:step]`

➤ **start:** The index where the slice begins (inclusive). Default is 0.

➤ **stop:** The index where the slice ends (exclusive).

➤ **step:** The interval between elements. Default is 1.

➤ **Accessing a Range of Elements**

➤ You can access a portion of the list by specifying start and stop

➤ # Example :

➤ `numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70]`

➤ `print(numbers[1:4])` # Output: [20, 30, 40]

➤ `print(numbers[:2])` # Output: [10, 30, 50, 70]