

# Concatenating Lists Using +

We can create a new list by adding two existing lists together

```
>>> a = [1, 2, 3]
>>> b = [4, 5, 6]
>>> c = a + b
>>> print(c)
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
>>> print(a)
[1, 2, 3]
```



## Lists Can Be Sliced Using:

```
>>> t = [9, 41, 12, 3, 74, 15]
>>> t[1:3]
[41,12]
>>> t[:4]
[9, 41, 12, 3]
>>> t[3:]
[3, 74, 15]
>>> t[:]
[9, 41, 12, 3, 74, 15]
```

Remember: Just like in strings, the second number is "up to but not including"

### List Methods

```
>>> x = list()
>>> type(x)
<type 'list'>
>>> dir(x)
['append', 'count', 'extend', 'index', 'insert',
'pop', 'remove', 'reverse', 'sort']
>>>
```

http://docs.python.org/tutorial/datastructures.html



## Building a List from Scratch

- We can create an empty list and then add elements using the append method
- The list stays in order and new elements are added at the end of the list

```
>>> stuff = list()
>>> stuff.append('book')
>>> stuff.append(99)
>>> print(stuff)
['book', 99]
>>> stuff.append('cookie')
>>> print(stuff)
['book', 99, 'cookie']
```



# Is Something in a List?

- Python provides two operators that let you check if an item is in a list
- These are logical operators that return True or False
- They do not modify the list

```
>>> some = [1, 9, 21, 10, 16]
>>> 9 in some
True
>>> 15 in some
False
>>> 20 not in some
True
>>>
```



### Lists are in Order

- A list can hold many items and keeps those items in the order until we do something to change the order
- A list can be sorted (i.e., change its order)
- The sort method (unlike in strings) means "sort yourself"

```
>>> friends = [ 'Joseph', 'Glenn', 'Sally' ]
>>> friends.sort()
>>> print(friends)
['Glenn', 'Joseph', 'Sally']
>>> print(friends[1])
Joseph
>>>
```



#### **Built-in Functions and Lists**

- There are a number of functions built into Python that take lists as parameters
- Remember the loops we built? These are much simpler.

```
>> nums = [3, 41, 12, 9, 74, 15]
>>> print(len(nums))
>>> print(max(nums))
74
>>> print(min(nums))
>>> print(sum(nums))
154
>>> print(sum(nums)/len(nums))
```

```
Enter a number: 3
total = 0
count = 0
                                            Enter a number: 9
while True :
                                           Enter a number: 5
    inp = input('Enter a number: ')
    if inp == 'done' : break
                                            Enter a number: done
    value = float(inp)
    total = total + value
                                           Average: 5.6666666667
    count = count + 1
average = total / count
                                 numlist = list()
print('Average:', average)
                                 while True :
                                     inp = input('Enter a number: ')
                                     if inp == 'done' : break
                                     value = float(inp)
                                     numlist.append(value)
                                 average = sum(numlist) / len(numlist)
                                 print('Average:', average)
```