

## Assignment #4

# Lists in Python



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In Python, **lists** are a special data type. They allow us to group pieces of data together in **order** under a common name. We create them so we can keep information **organized** and **easily accessible**.

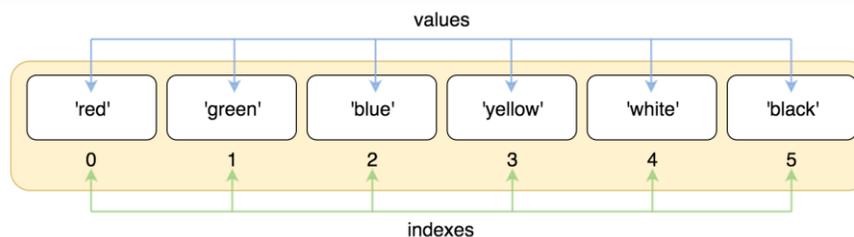
Examples of creating **Lists** in python:

```
School_Grades = [87, 91, 95, 81, 63, 50]
names = ["Sara", "David", "Warner", "Sandy"]
student_info = ["Sara", 1, "Chemistry"]
```

Lists (or **Arrays** as they are sometimes called in other programming languages) are an **essential** part of computer programming. You can't get very far without them.

The great thing about lists is that they help **keep track of where things are**. Each **element** in the **list** has its **own address** or "**index**" that we can use to find stuff in our list.

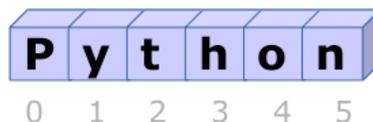
**Example:**



```
color_list=["red", "green", "blue", "yellow", "white", "black"]
print(color_list[0])="red"
print(color_list[1])="green"
print(color_list[5])="black"
```

Notice that each element in the list has its own address that you can use to access the element.

**Important: first box (index)** is automatically labelled **0** and then we have box 1, box 2 box 3 etc.



## Exercise #1

Try it out:

Enter the following code into Replit. Then run the program and *look carefully at what is happening*. **Type out the code rather than cutting and pasting**. Trust me, cut and paste will cause you to miss important syntax.

```
my_list = [5, 12, 13, 14] # the list contains all integer values
print(my_list)

print(my_list[0])
print(my_list[1])
```

Now try: (type in the code and run it in Replit)

```
color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]

print(color_list[0]) # Return the First Element
print(color_list[0],color_list[3]) # Print First and Last Elements
```

Now try **Adding an element** to a list (very useful and important!)

```
color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]
print(color_list)

color_list.append("Yellow") # append adds another element to the end of a list
print(color_list)
['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black', 'Yellow'] # yellow has been added to the end
```

Now try:

```
color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]
print(color_list)

new_color=input("Type in a color you would like to add to the list: ")

color_list.append(new_color) # adds another new_color to the end of a list
print(color_list)
['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black', 'Yellow'] # yellow has been added to the end
```

From the previous exercise you will see that creating a lists is easy. And grabbing particular items in the list using their **index** is easy to. You will see later that this way of organizing information can be super useful.

Lists have many **built in functions** that help us **sort** them, **add** to them, **delete** items, **count** items etc. The following exercises will take you through some of the more important functions you need to work with lists.



## Exercise #2 User builds a list

Creating a list is easy enough, but most often we will want take data from user or external file and put it in a list.

Below is an example of how we can take **many items from a user** and put it neatly into a list for future use (**type** the code into Replit, and run the program, and **make sure you know how it works**):

```
Friend_List = []  
friend= " "
```

```
while friend != "end":  
    friend=input("Enter a friend to add to the list. If done type end:")  
    Friend_List.append(friend)  
    # user keeps adding friends to Friend_list  
  
print("Here is a list of your friends!")  
print(Friend_List)
```

### While LOOP

While the variable "friend" is **not equal** to "end" the program will execute the indented lines of code repeatedly.

Note: != means **not equal to**

Another way to get a user to enter a list of data. Try it out:

```
input_string = input("Enter a list elements separated by space ")  
  
userList = input_string.split()  
print("user list is: ")  
print(userList)
```

## Common **list** functions:

These **functions** are tools included in python that help you manipulate lists.

**len(list)**

Gives the total length of the list.

**max(list)**

Returns item from the list with max value.

**min(list)**

Returns item from the list with min value.

**list.append(element)**

Adds element to the end of a list.

**list.count(element)**

Returns count of how many times element occurs in list

**list.remove(element)**

Removes element from list

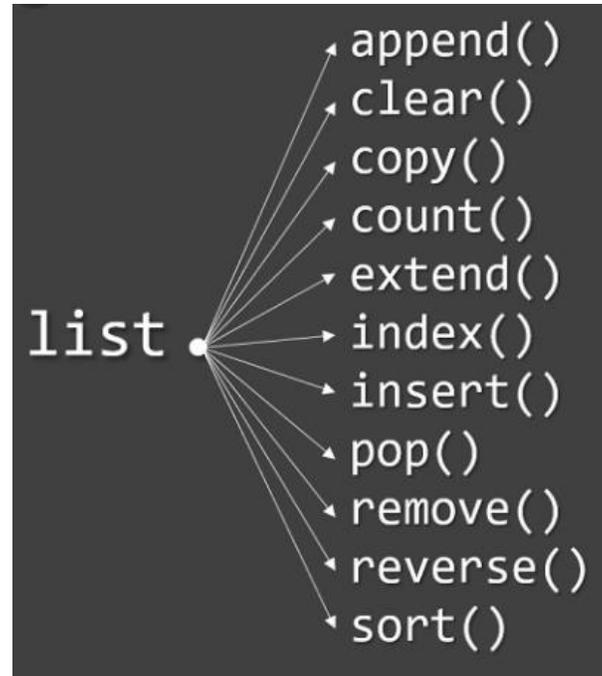
**list.reverse()**

Reverses the order of elements in a list

**list.index(element)**

returns the index box of which the element of interest is contained. If there is more than one item with value x, this function will return the first index location.

## List Operations in Python



## Exercise #3

Write a series *mini* programs. One for **each** of the functions listed above in the **grey boxes** (not the black ones). Each program should use the list method to manipulate a list according to its function.

Use the # to put comment after each mini program to explain what each method does. Examples on the next page...**type** them in and then add to them...you should have 8 mini programs total when your done

## Example#1

```
color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black", "Blue", "White"]
x = len(color_list)
print(x)
# the len() function should return 6 (The length of the list).
```

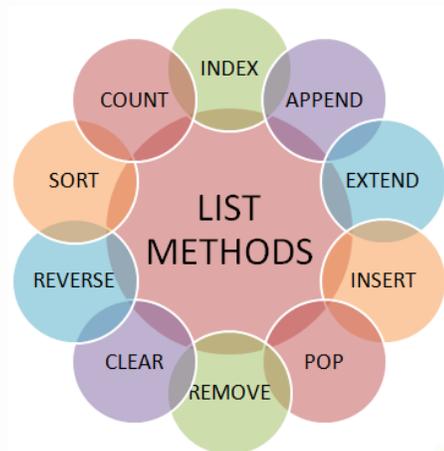
## Example#2

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 234, 311, 45, 67, ,12]
x = max(my_list)
print('the largest number in your list is')
print(x)
# the max() function should return the maximum value in the list
```

**You need to create 6 more. Of these**, one for each of the following:

```
min()
.append()
.count()
.remove()
.reverse()
.index()
```

Hand in all 8 for **Exercise#3**. Make sure you are using the # *and explaining each function*.



## Exercise#4

**Modify** the code below to create a program that can do the following *repeatedly* do the following:

- a) Take a number from a user
- b) Check to see if it is **even** or **odd**
- c) Put the number to either one of two **lists**: The **even** list or The **odd** list.
- d) When the user types "0" the program will end and print out both **lists** with an appropriate title for each.

```
Odds = []  
Evens = []  
num = 1
```

```
while num !=0:  
    num=int(input("give me a number! Enter 0 to exit:"))  
    if num%2=0:  
        Evens.append(num)
```

# note the code above is not correct or complete. You will have to modify it according to the instructions above to get full marks

## Exercise#5

The code below uses a list of numbers that directs python turtle to draw a cool image.

**Copy and paste the code below into Replit** and run the code.

**Now compose your own program** that uses a **list** and a **For Loop**, to create a cool image of your own. Use your imagination and have fun!

```
import turtle as t
t.speed(7)
my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120]
t.color('dark green')
```

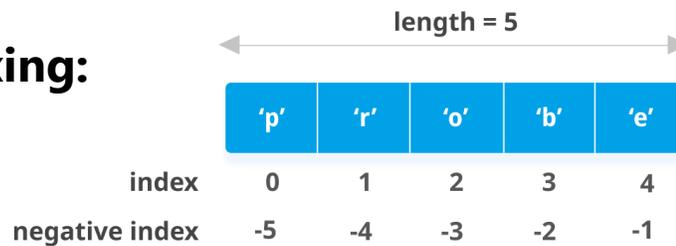
```
for value in my_list:
    t.forward(value)
    t.backward(value*2)
    t.forward(value)
    t.right(90)
    t.forward(8)
    t.left(90)
```



This is a **For LOOP** that will **repeat** the code in blue for each **value** in **my\_list**

```
t.color("brown")
t.begin_fill()
t.forward(5)
t.right(90)
t.forward(30)
t.right(90)
t.forward(10)
t.right(90)
t.forward(30)
t.right(90)
t.forward(5)
t.end_fill()
t.penup()
t.hideturtle()
t.goto(-20,40)
t.color("blue")
t.write("What A Cool Tree!", None, "center", "16pt bold")
```

## Negative Indexing:



If you look at the graphic above you will see that each box in the list actually has **2** available addresses (indexes) you can use.

You can retrieve the **last** element of the list using : `listA[-1]`  
`listA[-2]` is the **second to last** element and so on...

### Example:

```
listA=[1,2,3,4,5,7,8,14]
print(listA[-1]) this would print the value 14
print(listA[-4]) this would print the value 5
```

## Exercise#6

**Your Task:** Use the **reverse** indexing to print in following elements in the list shown below:

- a) T
- b) E
- c) R
- d) Z
- e) W

```
my_list = ['w','a','l','z','l','i','s','g','r','e','a','t']
```

## Exercise#7

A psychologist recently did an experiment and has just determined that when someone lists the Christmas gifts they would like to get, the ones they *really* want the most are:



- the **first** gift in the list and
- **second to last** gift they listed.

### For Example:

Jim says he wants a: **car**, phone, candle, gym membership, **a watch**, and a book.

```
gifts=['car', 'phone', 'candle', 'gym membership', 'a watch', 'book']
```

Jim *really* wants **a Car** and **a watch** the most.

Write a program that:

- a) **Allows user** to create the Christmas list by *repeatedly* adding individual words to a list (see exercise#2).
- b) Grabs the **first value** and the **second to last** value of the list the user has created and puts them into a new list called: `gifts_they_want_most []`
- c) then print the new list.  
You **MUST** use **negative indexing**

## Exercise#8



Create a program that: draws a series of 5 circles next to one another (using python turtle) using a **'For Loop'**. Each of the 5 circles will be colored in with a **randomly** selected color **from a list** of 10 colors you have created.

```
Color_list = [ 'yellow', 'gold', 'orange', 'red', 'black', 'violet',  
'magenta', 'purple', 'navy', 'blue', 'cyan']
```

### Important Hints:

- a) you will need to use a **for loop** like the one in **exercise #5**, but you need to use the **for i in range(5):** to get it to repeat **5 times**.

Try the code below as an example:

```
for i in range(5):  
    print(i)
```

- b) you also will need to **import the random library** and use the `random.choice(list)` function to select each color randomly each time the loop runs. Try the following code as an example:

```
import random  
mylist = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
print(random.choice(mylist))
```

## Exercise#9

Watch the `pop()` method and `sort()` method videos on the course page. Create a program to that uses the `sort()` method to sort a **user created** list of integers and then remove the last three items using the `pop()` method.

## Exercise#10

Your Computer Science teacher wants to make a sorted list of best grades to least grades from both classes. Get a user to enter two separate lists of grades. Combine the lists using the `extend()` method and then `sort()` the list from **greatest to least** values.

## Exercise#11



A create a program that draws a series of 5 circles neatly spaced out in a line. Each time a circle is drawn you must take the **size** of the circle from a list of integers that the **user has already created** for you. Tell the user that each integer in the list should be significantly different and in the range of 20-300.

- Look back at **Exercise#4** to see how to get a **user generated** list of integers.
- You will have to use **for loop** to grab each size in the **user generated** list:

**Example:**

```
for x in circle_size:
    t.circle(x)
    t.forward(30) # only an example (don't use this exactly)
```

## Exercise#12

Create a program that:

- a) gets the python turtle to move in a circle **slowly**.  
*Draw a circle with a the `penup()` command*
- b) move the turtle to another **random** location and have the turtle move in another circle path of similar size (*or the same size*)
- c) each time you move locations increase the **speed** of the turtle so each successive circular path is done more quickly. (*look up how to change the turtle's speed*).
- d) You are required to use a **list** of speeds (integers) and a **for loop** to complete the task above.



## Bonus Exercise:

(not mandatory) but for extra marks

Add to the code to exercise#11 so that every time a user clicks on turtle they get a point and their points are recorded (on the turtle screen). The game is to see how many clicks you can get before the turtle completes 10 circles

