

4_working with lists

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Loop through entire list

For loop

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magicians = ['alice', 'david', 'carolina']
for idiots in magicians:
    print(idiots.title())
#Alice
#David
#Carolina
# it means" for every x in y, do..."
# repeat the operation for everything in the list
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Indentation

Use spaces or tabs to make indentation lines. To tell python where to start a for loop and where to stop

Numerical list

Range

1by1

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# range(a,b) includes all intergers from a to b-1,
for value in range(2,7):
    print(value)
# 2,3,4,5,6
```

However, if we want to make a numerical list directly, just:

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numbers=list(range(1,7))
print(numbers)
#[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

Even gaps

What if we want to make list that skips numbers

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coollist=list(range(1,12,2))
print(coollist)
#[1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11]
# the third figure in the range function, "2", means there is a consecutive gap of two.
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List with equation

we don't need to remember all the notations for all kinds of lists. Instead, just go through the mathematical operation :

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# let's see how to create a list that:  $x^2+1$ , when  $1 < x < 9$  and  $x$  is an integer
#first, create an empty list
list1=[]
#then take every  $x$  into calculation, set a variable "newvalue"= $x^2+1$ 
for value in range(2,9):
    newvalue=value**2+1
    #add every newvalue into the list
    list1.append(newvalue)
print(list1)
#[5, 10, 17, 26, 37, 50, 65]
```

or

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```
list1=[]
for value in range(2,9):
    list1.append(value**2+1)
print(list1)
#[5, 10, 17, 26, 37, 50, 65]
```

Stats

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numbers=[1,3,4,6,7,8,]
min(numbers)
max(numbers)
sum(numbers)
```

List comprehension

a more advanced way to generate way in one step:

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list_example=[x**2+1 for x in range(2,9)]
print(list_example)
#[5, 10, 17, 26, 37, 50, 65]
#requires both the equation and the range for  $x$ 
# all we need is the range for  $x$  and the equation that convert every  $x$  within the range to  $y$ 
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Working with part of list

Slicing

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family=['mom','dad','xixi','laolao']
print(family[1:3])
#['dad', 'xixi']
#this is like slicing a cake, where we select a starting point and a point to
withdraw the knife.
#remember the second boundary means "before", therefore that boundary itself is not
included
#[a+1:b]
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# one can remove the starting or the ending index
print(family[2:])
# ['xixi', 'laolao']
print(family[:3])
# ['mom', 'dad','xixi']
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Looping through slice

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```
for members in family[:3]:
    print(members)

#mom
#dad
#xixi
```

Copying a list

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#sometime we may want to copy a list and modify it
favorite_philosophers=['kant','marx','plato','nietzsche']
famous_philosophers=favorite_philosophers[:]
print(famous_philosophers)
#['kant', 'marx', 'plato', 'nietzsche']
#in this case, we can modify the new list without changing the previous one
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Tuples

Tuple is a list that cannot be changed.

One use parentheses and comma instead of [] to denote tuples.

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my_friend=('Andrew','zzt','xiaowu')
my_friend[1]='Maggie'
# if one try to change the tuple, errors will be reported
#TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
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# as tuple is denoted by parentheses and comma, to those lists that only have one
or zero item inside, comma is still required.
my_friend_female=('xiaowu',)
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