

Lists

Learning objectives

11.2.3.1 create a list

11.2.3.2 organize the output of a string using the split() and join() methods

11.2.2.1 perform access to the elements of strings, lists, tuples

Assessment criteria:

- create a list
- add item to the list
- remove item from list
- perform access to list item by index

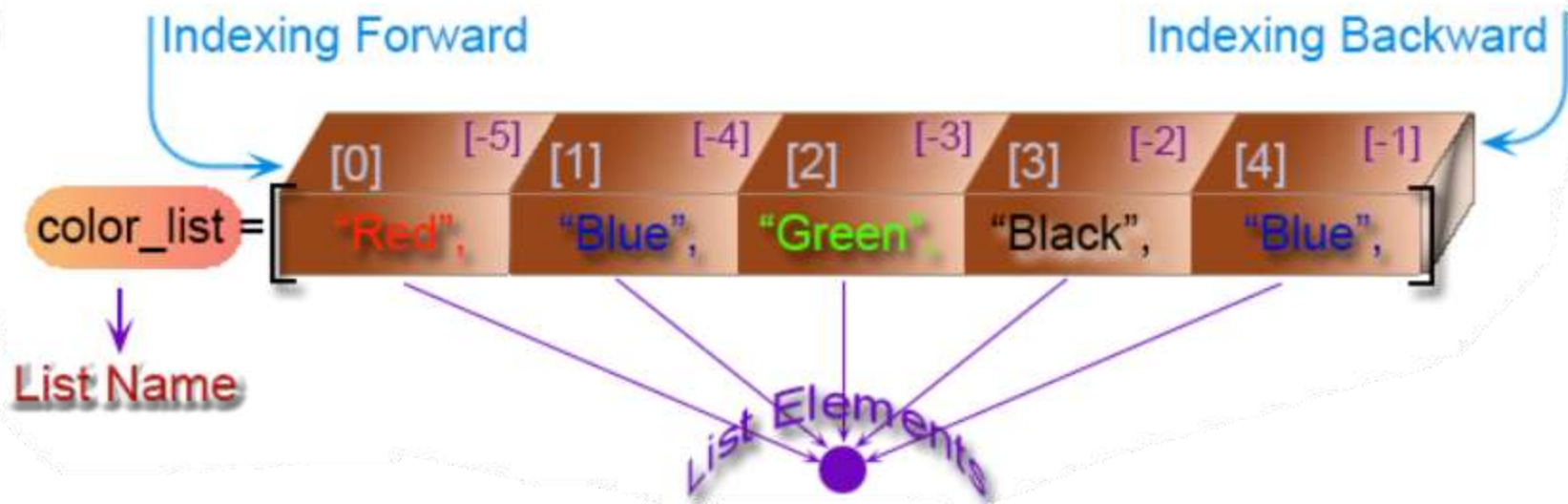
List

A list is a container which holds comma-separated values (items or elements) between square brackets where items or elements need not all have the same type.

In general, we can define a list as an object that contains multiple data items (elements). The contents of a list can be changed during program execution. The size of a list can also change during execution, as elements are added or removed from it.

Note: There are much programming languages which allow us to create arrays, which are objects similar to lists. Lists serve the same purpose as arrays and have many more built-in capabilities. Traditional arrays can not be created in Python.

Structure of Python List



Examples of lists:

```
numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

```
names = ["Sara", "David", "Warner", "Sandy"]
```

```
student_info = ["Sara", 1, "Chemistry"]
```

Create a Python list

Following list contains all integer values:

```
1. my_list1 = [5, 12, 13, 14] # the list contains all integer values
2. print(my_list1)
[5, 12, 13, 14]
```

Following list contains all string:

```
1. my_list2 = ['red', 'blue', 'black', 'white'] # the list contains
    all string
2. values
3. print(my_list2)
4. ['red', 'blue', 'black', 'white']
```

Create a Python list

Following list contains a string, an integer and a float values:

```
1. my_list3 = ['red', 12, 112.12] # the list contains a string, an
   integer and
2. a float values
3. print(my_list3)
['red', 12, 112.12]
```

A list without any element is called an empty list. See the following statements.

```
1. my_list=[]
2. print(my_list)
[]
```

Create a Python list

Use + operator to create a new list that is a concatenation of two lists and use * operator to repeat a list. See the following statements.

```
1. color_list1 = ["White", "Yellow"]
2. color_list2 = ["Red", "Blue"]
3. color_list3 = ["Green", "Black"]
4. color_list = color_list1 + color_list2 + color_list3
5. print(color_list)
['White', 'Yellow', 'Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black']
1. number = [1,2,3]
2. print(number[0]*4)
4
1. print(number*4)
[1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3]
```


List indices

List indices work the same way as string indices, list indices start at 0. If an index has a positive value it counts from the beginning and similarly it counts backward if the index has a negative value. As positive integers are used to index from the left end and negative integers are used to index from the right end, so every item of a list gives two alternatives indices. Let create a list called `color_list` with four items.

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

Item	RED	Blue	Green	Black
Index (from left)	0	1	2	3
Index (from right)	-4	-3	-2	-1

List indices

If you give any index value which is out of range then interpreter creates an error message. See the following statements.

```
>>> color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"] # The list have four elements
indices start at 0 and end at 3
>>> color_list[0] # Return the First Element
'Red'
>>> print(color_list[0],color_list[3]) # Print First and Last Elements
Red Black
>>> color_list[-1] # Return Last Element
'Black'
>>> print(color_list[4]) # Creates Error as the indices is out of range
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IndexError: list index out of range
```

Add an item to the end of the list

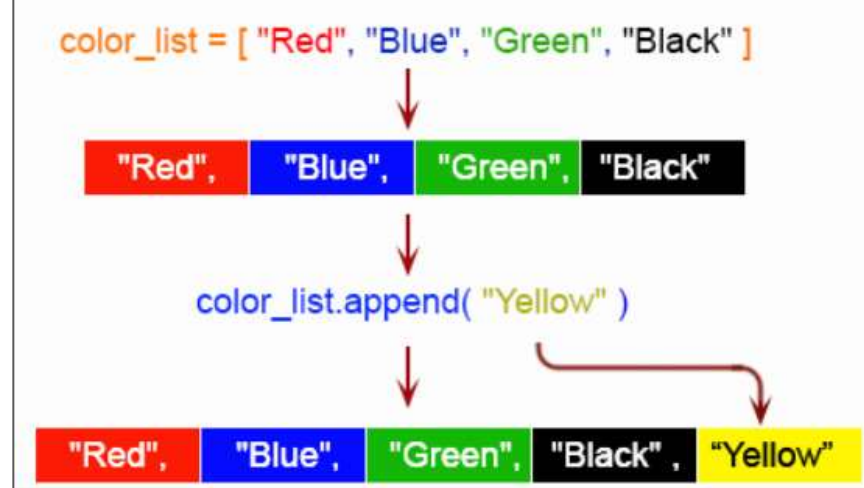
See the following statements:

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

```
['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black']
```

1. `color_list.append("Yellow")`
2. `print(color_list)`

```
['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black', 'Yellow']
```



Insert an item at a given position

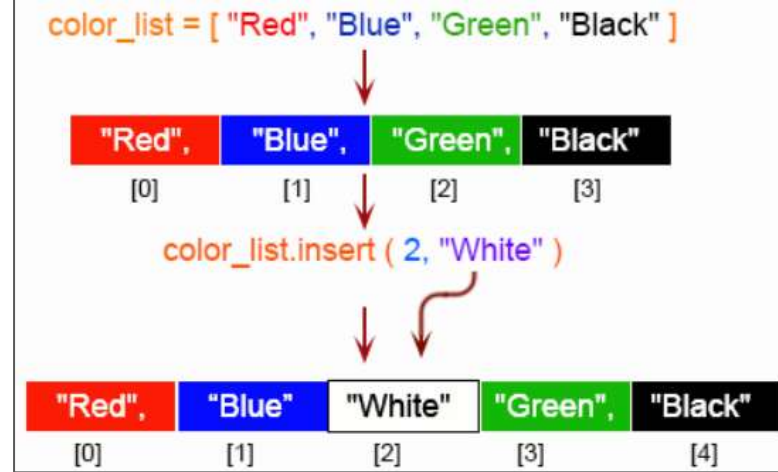
See the following statements:

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

```
['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black']
```

1. `color_list.insert(2, "White")` #Insert an item at third position
2. `print(color_list)`

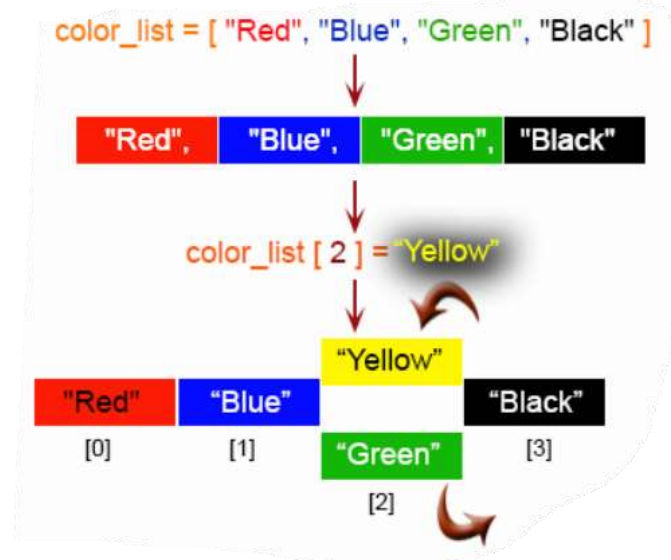
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['Red', 'Blue', 'White', 'Green', 'Black']
```



Modify an element by using the index of the element

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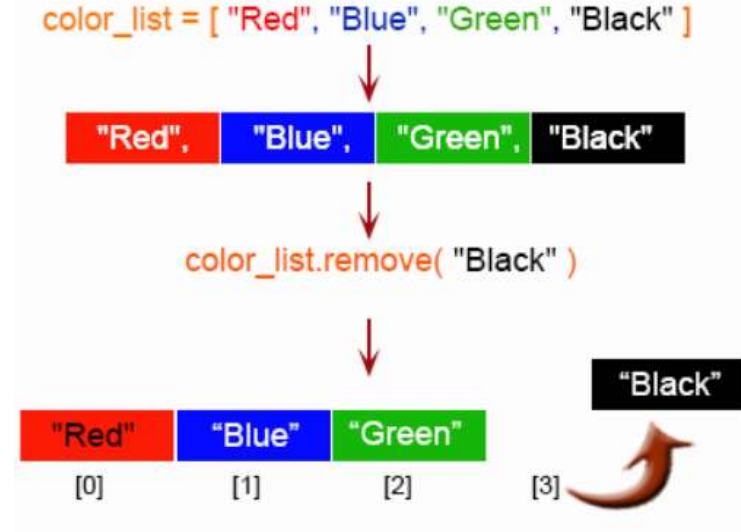
1. `color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]`
2. `print(color_list)`
`['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black']`
1. `color_list[2]="Yellow" #Change the third color`
2. `print(color_list)`
`['Red', 'Blue', 'Yellow', 'Black']`



Remove an item from the list

See the following statements:

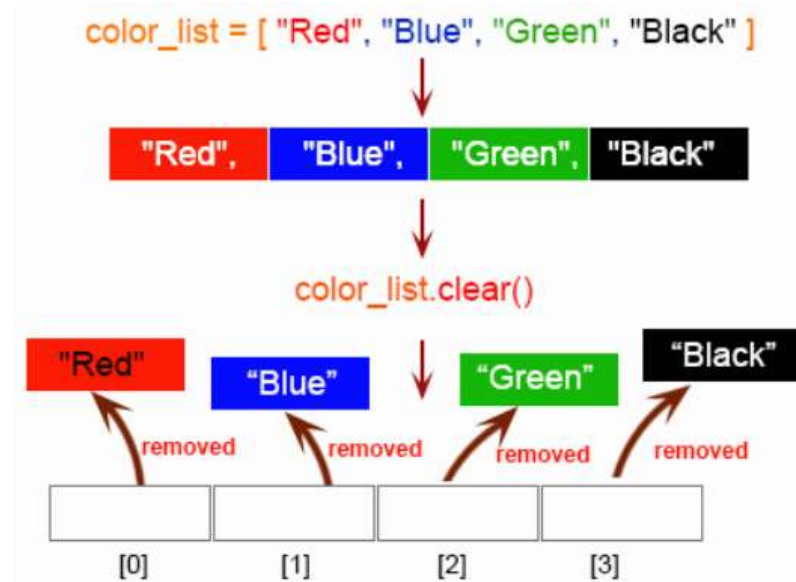
1. `color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]`
2. `print(color_list)`
`['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black']`
1. `color_list.remove("Black")`
2. `print(color_list)`
`['Red', 'Blue', 'Green']`



Remove all items from the list

See the following statements:

1. `color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]`
2. `print(color_list)`
`['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black']`
1. `color_list.clear()`
2. `print(color_list)`
`[]`



List Slices

Lists can be sliced like strings and other sequences.

Syntax:

```
sliced_list = List_Name[startIndex:endIndex]
```

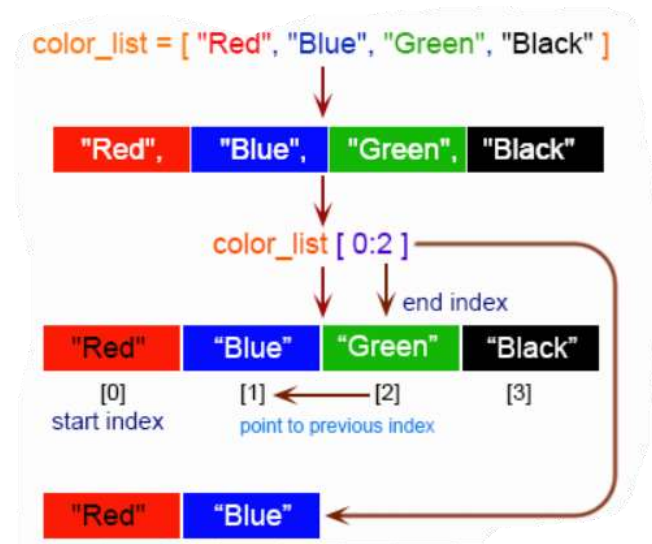
This refers to the items of a list starting at index `startIndex` and stopping just before index `endIndex`. The default values for list are 0 (`startIndex`) and the end (`endIndex`) of the list. If you omit both indices, the slice makes a copy of the original list.

List Slices

Cut first two items from a list:

See the following statements:

1. `color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]` # The list have four elements
2. indices start at 0 and end at 3
3. `print(color_list[0:2])` # cut first two items
['Red', 'Blue']

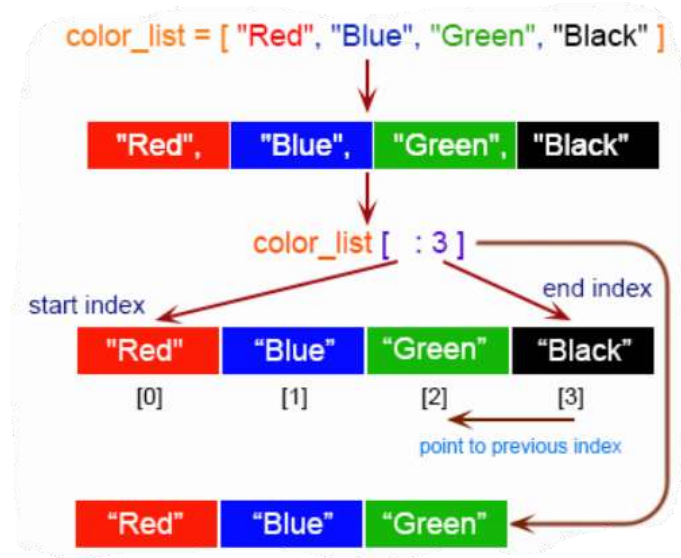


List Slices

Cut first three items from a list:

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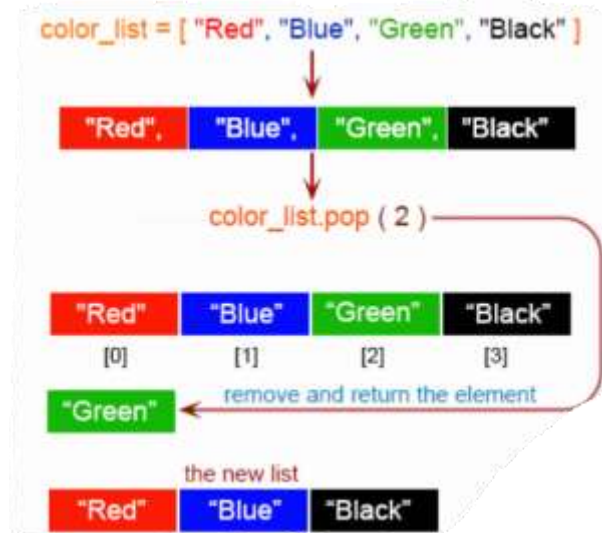
1. `color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]` # The list have four elements
2. indices start at 0 and end at 3
3. `print(color_list[:3])` # cut first three items
`['Red', 'Blue', 'Green']`



Remove the item at the given position in the list, and return it

See the following statements:

1. `color_list=["Red", "Blue", "Green", "Black"]`
2. `print(color_list)`
`['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black']`
1. `color_list.pop(2) # Remove second item and return it`
2. `'Green'`
3. `print(color_list)`
`['Red', 'Blue', 'Black']`



Return the index in the list of the first item whose value is x

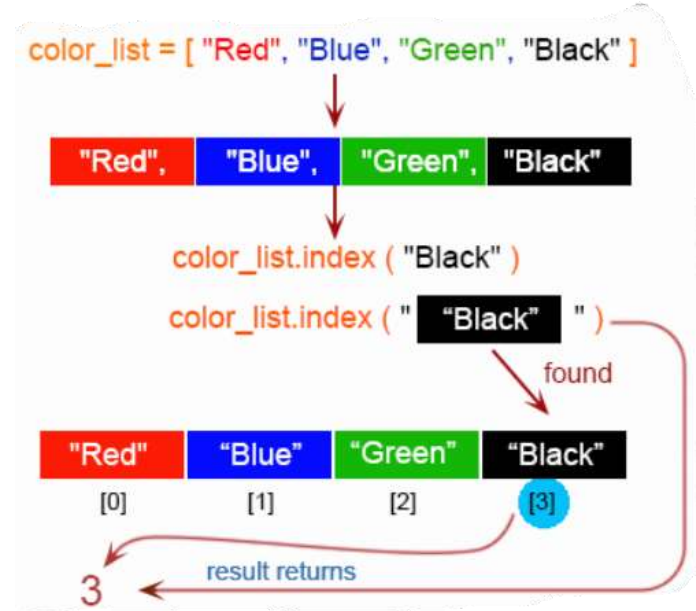
See the following statements:

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

```
2. print(color_list)  
['Red', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Black']
```

```
1. color_list.index("Red")  
0
```

```
1. color_list.index("Black")  
3
```



Contest

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Descriptors:

- solve the task by using lists
- perform arithmetic operation with list elements
- select list items by condition

Task 1. Running sum of an array - 0.25 marks

Given an array nums. We define a running sum of an array as $\text{runningSum}[i] = \text{sum}(\text{nums}[0] \dots \text{nums}[i])$.

Return the running sum of nums.

***PS: first line include len of a list**

Example 1:

Input:

```
len =4  
1  
2  
3  
4
```

Output:

```
[1, 3, 6, 10]
```

Explanation: Running sum is obtained as follows: [1, 1+2, 1+2+3, 1+2+3+4].

Task 2. Concatenation of Array - 0.25 marks

Given an integer array `nums` of length `n`, you want to create an array `ans` of length `2n` where `ans[i] == nums[i]` and `ans[i + n] == nums[i]` for $0 \leq i < n$ (0-indexed).

Specifically, `ans` is the concatenation of two `nums` arrays.

Return the array `ans`.

***PS: first line include len of a list**

Example 1:

Input:

```
len=3
1
2
1
```

Output:

```
[1,2,1,1,2,1]
```

Sample input:

```
9
554
928
225
605
666
275
81
237
799
```

Sample Output:

```
[554, 928, 225, 605, 666, 275, 81, 237, 799, 554, 928, 225, 605, 666, 275, 81, 237, 799]
```

Task 3. Shuffle the Array - 0.25 marks

Given the array `nums` consisting of $2n$ elements in the form $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]$.

Return the array in the form $[x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2, \dots, x_n, y_n]$.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [2,5,1,3,4,7]`, `n = 3`

Output: `[2,3,5,4,1,7]`

Explanation: Since $x_1=2$, $x_2=5$, $x_3=1$, $y_1=3$, $y_2=4$, $y_3=7$ then the answer is `[2,3,5,4,1,7]`.

Task 4. Count Pairs Whose Sum is Less than Target - 0.25 marks

Given a **0-indexed** integer array `nums` of length `n` and an integer `target`, return the number of pairs (i, j) where $0 \leq i < j < n$ and `nums[i] + nums[j] < target`.

***PS: First line include len of the list**

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [-1,1,2,3,1]`, `target = 2`

Output: 3

Explanation: There are 3 pairs of indices that satisfy the conditions in the statement:

- (0, 1) since $0 < 1$ and `nums[0] + nums[1] = 0 < target`
- (0, 2) since $0 < 2$ and `nums[0] + nums[2] = 1 < target`
- (0, 4) since $0 < 4$ and `nums[0] + nums[4] = 0 < target`

Note that (0, 3) is not counted since `nums[0] + nums[3]` is not strictly less than the target.

Example 2:

Input: `nums = [-6,2,5,-2,-7,-1,3]`, `target = -2`

Output: 10

Explanation: There are 10 pairs of indices that satisfy the conditions in the statement:

- (0, 1) since $0 < 1$ and `nums[0] + nums[1] = -4 < target`
- (0, 3) since $0 < 3$ and `nums[0] + nums[3] = -8 < target`
- (0, 4) since $0 < 4$ and `nums[0] + nums[4] = -13 < target`
- (0, 5) since $0 < 5$ and `nums[0] + nums[5] = -7 < target`
- (0, 6) since $0 < 6$ and `nums[0] + nums[6] = -3 < target`
- (1, 4) since $1 < 4$ and `nums[1] + nums[4] = -5 < target`
- (3, 4) since $3 < 4$ and `nums[3] + nums[4] = -9 < target`
- (3, 5) since $3 < 5$ and `nums[3] + nums[5] = -3 < target`
- (4, 5) since $4 < 5$ and `nums[4] + nums[5] = -8 < target`
- (4, 6) since $4 < 6$ and `nums[4] + nums[6] = -4 < target`