

Python Workbook

This Workbook

This workbook is very important, look after it carefully. When you do your controlled assessments you will be able to refer to it to help you.

Help

Ask for help from **others**

Complete them in **sequence** and do not move on to the next challenge until you have successfully got the program running.

If possible try the extension tasks.

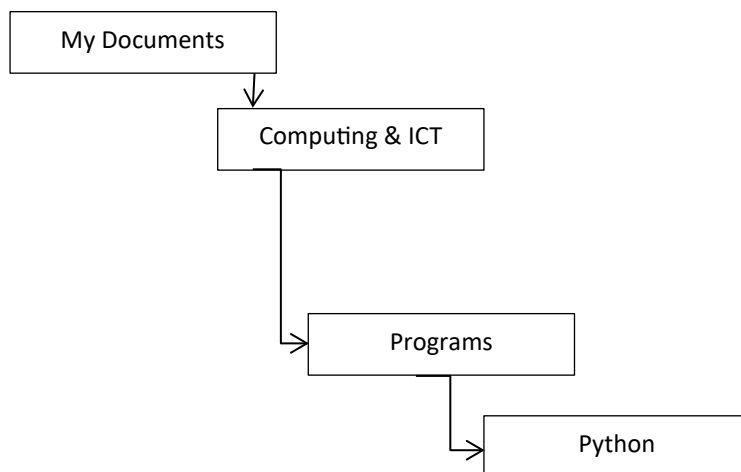
Make sure that you save your solutions to your Python Practice folder using the challenge title/topic as the file name. **.py**

Look at the programs that you have completed in previous lessons for help if you struggle

Get Organised

Life will be much harder if you don't save your work carefully.

Create the following folders:



Writing and Testing a program – one person two jobs

As programmers, you want to know that your program works and is free of errors. To do this you also have to play the role of the user whilst you test the program. This allows you to make sure the program can cope with anything the users might do to it.



Inputting information and strings

print() function

The print function prints information to the screen. Type this in:

```
print ("Hello World")
```

input() function

The input function allows the user to enter information into the computer which the computer will save. Type this in:

```
name = input("Hi. What's your name? ")  
print ("Hello, ", name)
```

We recommend that there is a space after a question mark and before the end quote mark. When the program is run, this space helps the user to see where to start their response to the question

Variables

A variable is what is used to store information. In the program above the variable is **name**. Because the variable is in quotes "", the variable type is called a **string**.

String

A string can contain letters, characters and numbers.

Challenge 1 - Write a program that....

1. Asks the user for their first name, in a way that allows the computer to save their response as `first_name`
2. Asks the user for their surname, so that it can be saved using the variable `surname`
3. Prints the `first_name` and then the `surname` name
4. On the next line print the `sname` and then the first name

Extension: The name may not have a space between first and second names - can you work out how to add one?

Save as: Challenge 1 - Names

Use variable
names:
`first_name`
`surname`

Strings can be joined together:

Challenge 2 - Write a program that joins two strings together ...

Use a new variable **full_name**. Add these extra lines to your program from challenge 1:

1. `fullName = first_name + surname`
2. `print (fullName)`

Click save

Task: Joining strings together is possible. Find out what this is called and write the answer in your word document.



Challenge 3 – Programming with numbers

Type this in:

```
numberOne = input("Enter a number between 0 and 10 ")  
numberTwo = input("Enter a number between 0 and 10 ")  
print (numberOne + numberTwo)
```

What happened? Why do you think this happened?

Challenge 4 – Adding integer command

Alter the program written in challenge 3: The program should look like the one below once the **int** command has been added

```
numberOne = int(input("Enter a number between 0 and 10 "))  
numberTwo = int(input("Enter a number between 0 and 10 "))  
print (numberOne + numberTwo)
```

Testing the program

Click save and F5 to run the program

Type in 5 as your response to question numberOne and 5 as your response to numberTwo

What happened? Why do you think this happened?

Why do you need two brackets at the end of each line in this example?

Run the program again (F5)

Type in 5.5 as your response to question numberOne and 4.5 as your response to numberTwo

You should receive an error message.

What happened? Why do you think this happened?

Challenge 5 – I'm floating man....

Type this in:

```
numberOne = float(input("Enter a number between 0 and 10 "))  
numberTwo = float(input("Enter a number between 0 and 10 "))  
print (numberOne + numberTwo)
```

Save and run F5 your program to test it

Type in 5 as the response to numberOne and 5 as the response to numberTwo

Re-run your program F5

Type in 5.5 as the response to numberOne and 5 as the response to numberTwo, to

Did you get an error message?

What happened during testing? Why do you think this happened?

Challenge 6 – Calorie Counter

Now let's build a calorie counter. The NHS recommends that an adult male takes on board 2,500 calories per-day and an adult woman takes on 2,000 calories per-day. Build your program for a woman or a man.

Save your program as **CalorieCounter**

```
print("Your calorie counter")  
calories = int(input("How many calories have you eaten today? "))  
s=2000-calories  
print("You can eat", s, "calories today")
```

Line 2 of the code asks the user to enter how many calories they have eaten as the **variable** c. It stores it as an integer (whole

Line 3 of the code subtracts how many calories they've eaten and stores it as the **variable** s

Challenge

1. Write a program that asks the user to enter how much they have spent on their school dinner in a way that the computer can remember as dinnerCost.
2. Then make the program subtract the dinnerCost from the money the user had at the start of the day.
3. Display the result on the screen.

As an extension – program the computer to repeat this for 5 days and if the total goes negative, give a warning message that they do not have enough money on their account.

Save your work as **SchoolDinner**

Now try these challenges. Think carefully – what type of variable will you need to use?

Remember that by *default* **variables** are strings.

Challenge 7 – Area Calculator

Jennifer wants to carpet her new room with pink carpet. Create a program that will ask the user for the two dimensions of a room (length and width) and then calculate the area of the room, (length x width), before finally displaying the answer.

Save as **Area**

Challenge 8 – User Alive Calculator

Write a program to work out how long a user has been alive for to the nearest year for the moment - there are 365 days in a year

Get the program to ask for the user's name and age.

Use the age variable value to work out how many hours that is – there is 24 hours per day

Develop the program further so that it can work out how many minutes and seconds the user has lived for – 60 minutes per hour / 60 seconds per minute.

Make sure all the information is clearly displayed on the screen.

Save as **Age**

Project 1 – Going Shopping

Write a program that monitors a user's shopping trip and calculates how much the spent

Get the program to ask for the firstItem bought so that the computer can remember this

Develop the program to ask for and remember the costofthefirstItem bought, what the secondItem bought was, and the costofthesecondItem.

Develop the program further so that it calculates the total cost of the items bought and then displays what was bought and the total amount spent.

Project 2 – Pizza

Pizzas come in various shapes and sizes. We can use python to calculate which pizza is the best in terms of size and price

The mathematical formula for area is 3.142 times radius squared if it's a circle and length times width if it's a rectangle.

Imagine a pizza 20cm in diameter costing £4.99 and another 20cm in length by 15cm wide and costing £6.99.

- Write a program in python that calculates the surface are per £ and displays to the program user which is the best value pizza, the round one or the rectangular one



Some more about Strings

Strings are variables that contain letters, numbers and symbols. There are lots of things that can be done with strings.

Challenge 9 – I am an excellent programmer

Type this in:

```
Quote = "i am an excellent programmer"  
Print (Quote)
```

What is shown on the screen should be the same as you typed in.

Now try changing your programme to this:

Type this in:

```
Quote = "i am an excellent programmer"  
Print (Quote.lower())
```

This is known as a string **method**

Then instead of the word lower use the following methods, write down what each one does in your word document.

String method	
lower()	
upper()	
title()	
swapcase()	
capitalize()	

Challenge 10 – Concatenation

Strings can be joined together – which is called concatenation.

Write a programme that asks for 3 gifts that someone would like for Christmas.

Add the variables (something like this) : `giftTotal = gift1 + gift2 + gift3`

Then print the variable `giftTotal` (make sure there are spaces between each word)

Save as **Christmas Gifts**

Challenge – If

Let's write a programme that compares two numbers.

```
gift1 = input("What gift would you like most")  
gift2 =  
gift3 =  
giftTotal = gift1+gift2+gift3
```

```
num1 = float(input("Enter the first number: "))  
num2 = float(input("Enter the second number: "))  
if num1 > num2:  
    print (num1, " is great than ", num2)  
if num1 < num2:  
    print (num2, " is greater than", num1)  
if num1 == num2:
```

Save this as: compare 2 numbers

This tests each combination and does something (prints a line out) if the test is **TRUE**

Python can do other things if the test is **FALSE**:

- *Do another test* – If the test is False we can get Python to another test: we use **elif** (short for “else if”)
- *Do something else* – If all the other tests come out false do something else: we use **else**

We can re-write the code to use these features:

```
num1 = float(input("Enter the first number: "))
num2 = float(input("Enter the second number: "))
if num1 > num2:
    print (num1, " is great than ", num2)
elif num1 < num2:
    print (num2, " is greater than", num1)
else:
    print (num1, "is equal to", num2)
```

Why do we **not** need to test if num1==num2 but can print out :

```
print (num1, "is equal to", num2)
knowing it to be TRUE?
```

Indenting is very important in Python, it's a necessary part of how you write the code. Indenting tells Python where blocks of code start and where they end. The Python IDE will do this for you – just be aware that it is doing it.

For testing whether two things are equal Python uses a double equal sign (==) .

Examples:

```
if myAnswer == correctAnswer:
if numberWrong == 3:
if name == "Sharon":
```


How to use Python for basic math

Let's look at how python calculates using numbers.

Challenge 11 – Multiplication

Let's see how much a student spends on food at school. Do you remember why we have to use int or float?

```
food = float(input("How much do you spend on lunchtime food in an average day? "))
food = food * 5
print ("This means that in a week you will spend ", food)
```

Save as Food spending

Challenge 12 – Dividing

An Aunt wins on the lottery. She gives £1000 to you. You are thinking of sharing it with some of your family. How much would each person get (try different numbers of people to share it with). To get you started:

```
shares = int(input("How many people do you want to share the money with? "))
inheritance=1000
money = (inheritance) / ? what variable name goes here ?
```

If you want an answer to be a decimal, instead of typing 1000, try entering 1000.0. Try it to see what happens.

Save as: sharing my money out

Challenge 13 – Modulus

If we divide two numbers and they don't divide evenly we get a remainder. Modulus gives us the remainder of a sum.

For example $7/2 = 3$ with remainder 1. Try this:

```
Print 17 % 2
```

You should get the answer 1. Try some other numbers to see what you get.

Challenge 14 – Addition

Addition is easy. Try this:

```
length = 10
length = length + 20
```

What's the value of the variable length: _____ Try it out to test it.

Another way of writing this in python is:

```
length = 10
length += 20
```

Test it out. It's quicker

Operands

The +, -, /, * symbols are called operators. That's because they "operate on" the numbers we put around them.

Operator	Example	Is Equivalent to
=	K=5	K = K * 5
/=	k/=5	
%=	K%=5	
+=	K+=5	
-=	K-=5	

Write in your word document what these are equivalent to

Challenge 15 - Restaurant Tip

Write a program that calculates the answers to these questions and displays the results

1. Two people eat dinner at a restaurant and want to split the bill.
2. The total comes to £100 and they want to leave a 15% tip. How much should each person pay?
3. Make the program ask how many people there are, what percentage the tip should be and how much the bill comes to.

Save this as Restaurant tip.

Comments

Comments are added to a programme to explain what the programme does and what the section of code is doing. Programmers do it so that if the code is looked at in the future (either by themselves or others) they can work out what the code is doing.

Comments can easily be added using # at the start of the line of code. Python ignores anything on a line that begins with a #.

Example

```
# this programme creates a random number between 1 and 10
# the user guesses the number. It ends when the user guesses the number correctly
import random
guess = ""
```

```
print ("I've thought of a number between 1 and 10. Try to guess it.")
```

```
randomNumber = random.randrange (1,10)
```

```
# this loop runs until the number guessed equals the randomNumber
```

```
while guess != randomNumber:
    guess = int(input("Guess the number"))
    print("You got it wrong")
```

```
input ("Well done. Press any key to exit.")
```

Making

decisions in programmes

Python can make decisions based on the input. To make decisions, programs check to see **if** a condition is true or not.

Python has a few ways to test something, and there are only two possible answers for each test: **true or false**

Challenge 16 – Magic 8 Ball

The code below will use Python's **random number generator** to make a magic 8 ball game.

Make this game and save it as **Magic8Ball**.

```
import random
answer1=("Absolutely!")
answer2=("No way Pedro!")
answer3=("Go for it tiger.")
print("Welcome to the Magic 8 Ball game-use it to answer your questions...")
question = input("Ask me for any advice and I'll help you out. Type in your
question and then press Enter for an answer.")

print("shaking.... \n" * 4)
choice=random.randint(1,3)
if choice == 1:
    answer=answer1
elif choice == 2:
    answer=answer2
else:
    answer=answer3
print(answer)
```

Can you modify this so that it chooses from 5 possible answers?

Project 3

Write a program in python which asks the user how many hours they slept last night and remembers their answer. Then if the answer is less than 4 print "Back to bed", and if the answer is 7 or less print "Not bad", otherwise print "Well done"

Project 4

Write a program in python which asks the user how old they are. If they are over 16 but under 18 ask if they are at work or college or sixth form and display the result. If they are over 18 ask a question about driving lessons and display the results. If they are 16 or under, ask a question about GCSE courses and display the results.

Project 5

Write a program in python which asks the user how they got to school today and displays their answer plus a comment about their choice of travel. Make sure you have covered the options of walking, getting the tram, getting the bus or traveling by car. Think about how to make allowances for users not writing an answer you expect.

Write down in your word document what each of the below lines are doing, for example:

Programme	What it does...
<pre>import random answer1=("Absolutely!") answer2=("No way Pedro!") answer3=("Go for it tiger.") print("Welcome to the Magic 8 Ball game—use it to answer your questions...") question = input("Ask me for any advice and I'll help you out. Type in your question and then press Enter for an answer.") print("shaking.... \n" * 4) choice=random.randint(1,3) if choice == 1: answer=answer1 elif choice == 2: answer=answer2 else: answer=answer3 print(answer)</pre>	

Comparison Operators	What the symbols mean	Example
==	are two things equal?	firstName == "Gary"
!=	are two things not equal?	firstName != "Gary"
<	less than	income < 300
>	greater than	income > 300
>=	greater than OR equal to	income >=300
<=	less than OR equal to	income <= 300

Challenge 17 – Mega Sale

A local shop is having a promotion. If you spend over £10 you will get a £1 voucher to spend next time you come in the store. If you spend over £20 you get a £3 voucher.

Write a programme to tell the sales assistant which voucher to give the customer.

Save this as: megasale

Challenge 18 – Happy Message

Write a programme that gives users a message depending upon how happy they say they are.

You could get the user to rate how happy they feel on a scale between 1 and 10. If the reply is 3 or less it gives one message.

Between 4 and 7 (including these numbers) they get another message.

8 and above they get a different message.

Try to make the messages ones to make them happy all day long!

Save this as: Happy message

Challenge 19 – Mobile Phone Costs

You want to see how much a mobile phone will cost. There are charges for sending pictures (£0.35), for texts (£0.10) and for data (£2.50 for 500MB).

1. Write a program that asks the user for how many pictures, texts and data they would use each month. It should then calculate a total bill for the month.
2. If the total comes to more than £10 they would be better on a contract. Get the programme to give them this advice.

Save this as

Challenge 20 – Secret password

Make a program where the user has to enter a secret password to use the programme.

The programme could be one you've already written, or make it display a message when they have got the password correct.

Boolean or logical expression

Boolean is a type of arithmetic that only uses two values: true or false, yes or no, 1 or 0.

It was invented by an English mathematician George Boole.

We use Boolean expressions and can combine them with **and**, **or** and **not** to make decisions in our programmes.

Challenge 21 – For loops

Sometimes we want to do something a number of times.

We may know how many times we want to do it – and we use a **counting loop** OR

We may want to do it until something happens – and then we can use a **conditional loop**.

Conditional Loops

This is the simplest loop. Try these out and make a note in your word document of what they do:

```
for a in range (10):  
    print(a)
```

```
for a in range (1, 10):  
    print(a)
```

```
for a in range (1, 11):  
    print(a)
```

```
for a in range (1, 11,2):  
    print(a)
```

```
for a in range (1, 11,2):
```

The 1 tells the loop:

The 11 tells the loop:

The 2 tells the loop:

To get out of a loop you can use the command `break` e.g. if `k == 7`:

```
print 'breaking out of the loop!'  
break
```

Challenge 22 – For loops

Write a loop that displays numbers 10 to 100 in steps of 5.

Challenge 23 – For loops

Write a loop that displays the 5 times table

Save as 5 timestable.

Challenge 24 – While loops

All of this programme should be familiar to you apart from the while loop. Write down what each line does and then type in the code.

```
import random
guess = ""
print ("I've thought of a number between 1 and 10. Try to guess it.")
randomNumber = random.randrange (1,10)
while guess != randomNumber:
    guess = int(input("Guess the number"))
    print("You got it wrong")
input ("Well done. Press any key to exit.")
```

Save as: guess a number 1 to 10

Why is the int necessary?

```
guess = int(input("Guess the number"))
```

Extra Challenge.

Can you make the programme show how many guesses have been taken?

The **while** loop repeats whilst the conditions is **TRUE**.

In this case this is when guess is **NOT** equal to randomNumber.

Another example for you to try:

```
import random
print ("you will be given something that will help you out of here but it's not as easy as you think")
selection = random.choice(["key", "sword", "rope"])
if selection == ("key"):
    print ("here is your key use it wisely as it only opens one door")
elif selection == ("sword"):
    print ("here is your sword incase you run into some trouble use it wisely as it might break")
elif selection == ("rope"):
    print ("here is a rope find where to use as it will come in use one time")
else:
    print ("bye")
```

Some further challenges for you to have a go at. Use this workbook and the programmes you have already used to help you solve the problems.

Challenge 25 – Rock, Paper, Scissors Game

We've all played the rock, paper, scissors game. The computer will play against you.

Get the computer to ask for the player's name.

The game rules are simple: rock beats scissors, scissors beat paper, paper beats rock. Two of the same gives a draw.

An idea to get you started

```
import random
selection=random.choice(["rock","paper","scissors"])
print (selection)
```

You could use pseudo code to help you identify the steps needed.

Add **comments** to the game so it's clear what the code in the game is going.

Extension: Ask the user how many rounds they want to play, between 3 and 10.

Keep score and show this at the end of the game.

Further extension: Check to make sure the user can only enter a number between 3 and 10 and give them an error message.

Using AND and OR

You can also represent more complicated options using AND and OR

For example:

<pre>x=45 while X= <50: print (x) x +=1</pre>	<pre>x=45 while x >45 and x<47 print (x) x +=1</pre>	<pre>x=45 while x<50 and x<47 print (x) x +=1</pre>	<pre>x=45 while x<50 or x<47 print (x) x +=1</pre>
would return 45,46,47,48,49	would return nothing	would return 45,46	would return 45,46,47,48,49

Challenge 26 – Making a times table (using nested if)

With a times table we start with a number and then multiply this by a series of numbers.

For the 2 times table we multiply it by 1 to 12, before moving on to do the 3 times table, etc.

Computers are very good at this sort of task and we can do it using loops within loops to consider every combination – these are called **NESTED LOOPS**.

Type this code in (try to predict what you will get before you do it).

```
for i in range(1,13):           # i is the first number we are going to multiply by
# print a title at the top of the times table to show which times table
# we are working on
    print (i, "Times table\n")
    for j in range (1,13):       # loop through the numbers we are multiplying
                                # i by and then print the results
        print (i, "times", j, " = ", i*j)
```

Extension:

Maths Teachers will be impressed if you've worked out the 1345 x 1 to 12 times table - change the programme to work out your own different times tables.

Challenge 27 – Chicken Wraps (using nested if)

Students can choose to have any combination of ingredients in their chicken wrap.

Write a programme to calculate the price of each combination of Chicken Wraps.



Tortilla	Chicken	Salad	Chilli Sauce
			
£0.25	£0.55	£0.12	£0.24

To start with see what this code does. It uses loops within loops to consider every combination – these are called **NESTED LOOPS**.

```
print("\tTortilla \tChicken \tSalad \tChilli Sauce")
count = 1
for tortilla in (0,1):
    for chicken in (0,1):
        print("#", count)
        print("\t\t", tortilla, "\t\t", chicken)
        count = count + 1
```

/t tabs to align the
columns and data rather
than spaces

Note: *The \t is an instruction to Python to tab the data – that is put it into columns*

Develop this to that it creates all combinations for Salad and Chilli.

Test the programme to see if the results are as you would expect. You will have to do some manual calculations and work out the costs ar.

Extension

Add another column labelled cost. Calculate the total cost of the ingredients in each option.

Think carefully before you do this – there is a very simple way, and much longer ways.

Test it. You will have to do some manual calculations and work out what the costs should be.

Functions

Programming languages have pre-made functions for us to use. Python has some such as `print()` or `random`.

But we can make our own functions, these are called user-defined functions:

A function is a block of organised, reusable code that is used to perform a single action.

By using functions we can make our programs modular (made up of separate parts) and simpler, because we don't have to write the same instructions many time but reuse the same code.

Challenge 27 – Area or Perimeter

Let's make a programme to calculate the area **OR** the perimeter of a rectangle.

Area = length * width

Perimeter = length * 2 + width * 2

width = 100

length = 200

We can define a function to calculate area when we need it and one to calculate the perimeter when we need it:

`def area():`

`shapeArea = length * width`

`print("Area = ", shapeArea)`

To define a function type in `def` and the function name:

`def area():`

`def perimeter():`

`shapePerimeter = length*2 + width*2`

`print ("Perimeter = ", shapePerimeter)`

Look at the code and think what it is doing. Then type it into Python and run the code. Write your own explanation.

Code

```
length = 200
width = 100
def area():
    shapeArea = length * width
    print("Area = ",shapeArea)
def perimeter():
    shapePerimeter = length*2 + width*2
    print ("Perimeter = ", shapePerimeter)
while response not in ("a","p"):
    response = input("Do you want to calculate area
or perimeter? Enter a or p" )
if response == "a" or "A":
    area()
elif response == "p" or "P":
    perimeter()
```

Explanation of the code

Add your own comments to the programme to explain what the code is doing.

Write the answers to the following questions in your word document.

Why do you think the functions are defined first?

What would happen if the user input were first?

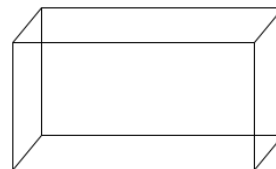
Extension

Have the programme ask the user to input their own measurements.

Add a function to calculate the volume.

To work out the volume of a regular cuboid shape is:

$\text{length} * \text{width} * \text{height}$



Add an option to the programme to calculate the volume defining a new function called volume()

Working with lists

A list is different to a string or an array in that it allows you to identify and manipulate individual elements of a variable.

A list is denoted using the [] brackets.

Example fruit=["apple", "banana", "pear"]

The numbering system used by lists is also a bit odd in that it starts counting at 0.

In the example above apple would be fruit[0] – this is the 1st item in the list

pear would be fruit[2] - this is the 3rd item in the list

In python, lists have some built in functions

Len

In the above example len(fruit) would return a value of 3 because there are 3 items in the list

Max

Example:

```
numbers[5, 4, 10, 30, 22]
```

```
print(max(numbers))
```

would return the value 30 as it is the biggest number in the list

Min

Example:

```
numbers[5, 4, 10, 30, 22]
```

```
print(min(numbers))
```

would return the value 4 as it is the smallest number in the list

Change

Example:

```
numbers[2]=77
```

would alter the value of the 3rd item on the list from 10 to 77

Delete

Example:

```
del numbers[2]
```

would delete the 3rd item from the list

Replace

Example:

```
example=list("sandwich")
```

```
example[4:]=list("baby")
```

would return the string "sandbaby" as the instruction is to replace from item 5 to the end of the list, with the word baby

Clear

Example:

```
numbers[5, 4, 10, 30, 22]
```

```
numbers.clear()
```

```
print (numbers)
```

would return nothing as the instruction was to clear off the whole list

Copy

Example:

```
tuna=ages.copy()
```

copies the contents of the ages list into another called tuna

Append

Example:

```
numbers[5, 4, 10, 30, 22]
```

```
numbers.append(45)
```

```
print(numbers)
```

would add the value 45 onto the end of the list

would return 5,4,10,30,22,45

Count

Example:

```
numbers.count
```

would return the value 6, as there are 6 items in the list

Extend

Example:

```
one = [1,2,3]
```

```
two =[4,5,6]
```

```
one.extend(two)
```

```
print(one)
```

adds all the items from the list two onto the end of the list one

1,2,3,4,5,6

Index

Example:

```
a=["hey","now","brown","cow"]
```

```
a.index("brown")
```

would return 2, as brown is the 3rd item on the list

Insert

Example:

```
a.insert(2, "horse")
```

```
print(a)
```

inserts the item horse into the list

"hey","now","horse","brown","cow"

Pop

Example:

```
a=pop(1)
```

```
print(a)
```

takes now, the 2nd item, out of the list

"hey", "horse", "brown", "cow"

Reverse

Example:

```
a.reverse
```

```
print(a)
```

swaps the contents of the list around

"cow","brown","horse","hey"

Remove

Example:

```
a=remove("brown")
```

```
print(a)
```

takes the item "brown" out of the list

"cow"," horse","hey"

Making use of the list index

Lists can sometimes be very long so there are a number of index features to make lists more helpful

Remember the index counter in lists starts at 0 so the third item in a list is indexed as [2]

Example:

```
names=["Alf","Betty","Charlie","David"]
```

```
print (names[2])
```

returns "Charlie" as it is the 3rd item on the list

Notice: the close variable (round) bracket on the print statement is after the close

Example:

```
print (names[2:3])
```

returns "Charlie" because the instructions is to start at the 3rd item and stop before the 4th item

```
print (names[2:4])
```

returns "Charlie"," David" because the instruction is to start at the 3rd item and stop before the 5th item, even though there isn't actually a 5th item

```
print(names[-3:-1])
```

returns "Betty"," Charlie" because the instruction is to start at the 3rd item from the end (-) rather than the beginning and end before the last item

```
print (names[-3:])
```

returns "Betty"," Charlie"," David" because the instruction is to start at the 3rd item from the end (-) and continue indefinitely and past the last item on the list

```
print (names[:2])
```

returns "Alf","Betty", because the instruction is to start at the start of the list and stop before the 3rd item

```
print (names[:])
```

returns all the items on the list

```
print (names[0:3:2])
```

returns "Alf","Charlie", because the instruction is to start at the 1st item on the list and stop before the 4th item, displaying :2 only every other result i.e. items 1 and 3 in this example

You can also calculate items on lists

Example:

```
listOne =[128,64,32,16,8,4,2,1]
```

```
listTwo =[1,0,1]
```

```
result =listOne[0]*listTwo[0]
```

In this example the instructions are to multiply the contents of item 1 from listOne by the contents of item 1 from listTwo