
CPSC 231 - Lab

LISTS



List

List is a collection of values.

List is an Object



How to initialize a list

`<list variable name> = [<first value>, <second value>, ...]`

```
students = ["Ethan", "Michael", "Kate"]
```

```
list = [ 1, "Hello", 3.14, False]
```

```
grades = ["A"] * 20
```



How to access elements?

Using index

```
students = ["Ethan", "Michael", "Kate"]
```

0 1 2,-1

```
students[1]
```

```
>> "Micheal"
```

```
Students[2] = "Sepehr"
```

```
["Ethan", "Michael", "Sepehr"]
```

```
students[0:1]
```

```
>> "Ethan"
```



How to add an element to a list?

```
students = ["Ethan", "Michael", "Kate"]
```

```
student.append("sepehr")
```

```
>> ["Ethan", "Michael", "Kate", "Sepehr"]
```

```
students.insert(0,"sepehr")
```

```
>> ["Sepehr","Ethan", "Michael", "Kate"]
```



How check if item exists

```
students = ["Ethan", "Michael", "Kate"]
```

```
"Sepehr" in students #False
```

```
"Kate" in students #True
```



How to get list length?

```
students = ["Ethan", "Michael", "Kate", "Michael"]
```

```
len(students)
```

```
>> 4
```

```
students.count("Micheal")
```

```
>> 2
```



How to remove an element?

```
students = ["Sepehr", "Ethan", "Michael", "Kate", "Sepehr"]
```

```
students.remove("Sepehr")
```

```
>> ["Ethan", "Michael", "Kate", "Sepehr"]
```

remove() just removes the first element that is equal to the given parameter

```
del students[1]
```

```
>> ["Sepehr", "Michael", "Kate", "Sepehr"]
```



How to find an element?

```
students = ["Sepehr", "Ethan", "Michael", "Kate", "Sepehr"]
```

```
students.find("Sepehr")
```

```
>> 1
```

find() just removes the first element that is equal to the given parameter



How to copy a list?

You cannot copy a list simply by typing `list2 = list1`, because: `list2` will only be a *reference* to `list1`, and changes made in `list1` will automatically also be made in `list2`.

There are ways to make a copy, one way is to use the built-in List method `copy()`.

```
new_list = old_list.copy()
```

```
new_list = list(old_list)
```



...

You can sort lists

```
students = ["Sepehr", "Ethan", "Michael", "Kate"]
```

```
student.sort()
```

```
>> ['Ethan', 'Kate', 'Michael', 'Sepehr']
```

```
student.reverse()
```

```
>> ['Kate', 'Michael', 'Ethan', 'Sepehr']
```



2D list

2D list is a list of lists.

```
TicTacToe = [ [" ", " ", "O"],  
              ["X", "O", "X"],  
              ["O", " ", " "] ]
```

