

Slicing

`s = 'Bucknell University'`
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

`s[:]` slices the string, returning a substring

What are these slices?
`s[15:-1]` returns `'sit'`
`s[4:7]` returns `'nel'`

How do you get:
`'Uni'` returns `s[9:12]`
`'Universe'` returns `s[9:16] + 'e'`
`s[9:16] + s[5]`

Skip-Slicing

If you don't want your neighbor to get any...



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`s[: :]` skip-slices, returning a subsequence
 the third index is the "stride" length (it defaults to 1)

`s[0:10:2]` returns `'Bcnl '`
`s[17:13:-1]` returns `'tisr'`

What skip-slice returns `'clnr'` `s[2:15:4]`

What does this return? `'m' + s[1::6]` returns `'mule'`

`s[:: -1]` returns `'ytsirevinU llenkcUB'`

Lists → collections of any data

`L = [3.14, True, 'third', 42]`

Commas separate elements.

Square brackets tell python you want a list.

`L = [3.14, [2,40], 'third', 42]`

You can have a list in a list!

Lists are more general than strings. Strings are always sequences of characters, whereas lists can contain values of any type.

List operations

`L = [3.14, [2,40], 'third', 42]`

`len(L)`
length

`L[0]`
indexing

`L[0:1]`
slicing

How could you extract from `L` `'hi'`

List operations

+
concatenation

Joins two lists

```
>>> P = [ 3.14, [2,40], 'third', 42 ]
>>> R = ['a','b','c']
>>> P + R
[3.14, [2, 40], 'third', 42, 'a', 'b', 'c']
```

multiplication

Repeats list a number of times

```
>>> lst = [1,2,3]
>>> lst * 3
[1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3]
```

The `in` operator – membership testing for lists and strings

```
>>> 'i' in 'alien'           True
>>> 3*'i' in 'alien'        False
>>> 'i' in 'team'           False
>>> 'cs' in 'physics'       True
>>> 'sleep' not in 'CSCI 203' True
>>> 42 in [41,42,43]         True
>>> 42 in [ [42], '42' ]     False
```

Mutable and immutable sequences

Strings are immutable

Once a string is created, individual elements of string or the string as a whole cannot be changed

```
>>> st = 'ABC'
>>> st[0]
'A'
>>> st[0]='B'
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<pyshell#33>", line 1, in <module>
    st[0]='B'
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item
assignment
```

Lists are mutable

Individual items or entire slices can be replaced through assignment statements

```
>>> lst = ['A', 'B', 'C']
>>> lst
['A', 'B', 'C']
>>> lst[0] = 'B'
>>> lst
['B', 'B', 'C']
```

Raising and razing lists *Answers*

```
pi = [3,1,4,1,5,9]
L = [ 'pi', "isn't", [4,2] ]
M = 'You need parentheses for chemistry !'
```

Part 1	Part 2
What is len(pi) 6	What is L[0] 'pi'
What is len(L) 3	What is L[0:1] ['pi']
What is len(L[1]) 5	What is L[0][1] 'i'
What is pi[2:4] [4,1]	What slice of M is 'try' M[31:34]
What slice of pi is [3,1,4] pi[0:3]	What is M[9:15] 'parent'
What slice of pi is [3,4,5] pi[::2]	What is M[:5] 'Yeah cs!'
What are pi[0]*(pi[1] + pi[2]) and pi[0]*(pi[1:2] + pi[2:3]) ?	
15	[1,4,1,4,1,4]