Python Applications

manipulating `listss`

CS101 Lecture #13

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Administrivia

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- Homework #7 is due Friday, Nov. 25.
- Use the `split(',')` approach.

Warmup Quiz (No Real Quiz Today)

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Working with Containers

lists and dicts

list modifies in place	returns value
append	index
extend	count
reverse	upper
sort	isupper
del (not method)	etc.

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- Note that there isn't a `sort` method!

Sorting a `dict` by value

```
# remember me?
def sortDictAsList( d ):
    items = list( d.items() )
    items.sort( key=lambda x:x[1] )
    return items

d = { 'a':2, 'b':1, 'c':-1, 'd':14 }
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from csv import DictReader
reader = DictReader( open( 'plankton.csv' ) )
plankdata = {}
for row in reader:
    plankdata[ row['Species'] ] = \
        max( float( row['Near-shore, May-93']),
             float( row['Near-shore, Aug-93']),
             float( row['Off-shore, May-93']),
             float( row['Off-shore, Aug-93']) )
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# method 2:
for q,a in zip(qs,as):
    print( 'What is your %s?  It is %s.'%(q,a) )
```

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- `zip` makes two `lists` *jointly iterable*.
- Consider a function which compares two `lists` of measurements and determines for each pair of measurements which is larger:

```
def pickLarger( a,b ):
    result = [ ]  # a list of largest values
    for i,j in zip(a,b):
        result.append( max( i,j ) )
    return result
```

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for i,item in enumerate( my_list ):
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- Both `zip` and `enumerate` are *convenience* functions!
- There are multiple approaches!

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# another way
from itertools import permutations
for doublet in permutations( 'ABCD',2 ):
    print( doublet )
```

Homework debugging

```
# how to figure out what directory Python is in
import os
os.getcwd()  # Get Current Working Directory

# how to figure out what's in that directory
os.listdir('.')

# when submitting, use:
open( 'batting.csv' )  #(since in same dir)
```

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