Mutability
Class outline:

- Objects & methods
- List mutation & methods
- Tuples
- Mutability
- Beware of mutation
Objects
Objects

An **object** is a bundle of data and behavior.

A type of object is called a **class**.

Every value in Python is an object.

- All objects have attributes
- Objects often have associated methods
Strings as objects

name = 'PamelamaDingDong'

What kind of object is it?

type(name)

What data is inside it?

name[0]
name[8:]

What methods can we call?

name.upper()
name.lower()
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**pop()** removes and returns the last element:

```python
s = [2, 3]
t = [5, 6]
t = s.pop()
```

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**remove()** removes the first element equal to the argument:

```python
s = [6, 2, 4, 8, 4]
s.remove(4)
```

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Mutating lists with slicing

We can do a lot with just brackets/slice notation:

```python
L = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
L[2] = 6
L[1:3] = [9, 8]
L[2:4] = []  # Deleting elements
L[1:1] = [2, 3, 4, 5]  # Inserting elements
L[len(L):] = [10, 11]  # Appending
L = L + [20, 30]
```

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```

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x.append('C')
x + x  # ['A', 'B', 'C', 'A', 'B', 'C']
```
Mutables inside immutables

An immutable sequence may still change if it contains a mutable value as an element.

t = (1, [2, 3])
t[1][0] = 99
t[1][1] = "Problems"

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Equality of contents vs. Identity of objects

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list1 = [1, 2, 3]
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Identical objects always have equal values.

```python
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```
list1 is list2  # False
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Beware, Mutation!
Mutation in function calls

An function can change the value of any object in its scope.

definition:
```python
four = [1, 2, 3, 4]
print(four[0])
do_stuff_to(four)
print(four[0])
```

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Even without arguments:

definition:
```python
four = [1, 2, 3, 4]
print(four[3])
do_other_stuff()
print(four[3])
```

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# Immutability in function calls

Immutable values are protected from mutation.

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Mutable default arguments 🐱

A default argument value is part of a function value, not generated by a call.

```python
def f(s=[]):
    s.append(3)
    return len(s)
```

```
f()  # 1
f()  # 2
f()  # 3
```

Each time the function is called, `s` is bound to the same value.
Mutable functions
A function with changing state

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What makes it possible?

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Implementing state in functions

A mutable value in the parent frame can maintain the local state for a function.

```python
def make_withdraw_account(initial):
    balance = [initial]

    def withdraw(amount):
        if balance[0] - amount < 0:
            return 'Insufficient funds'
        balance[0] -= amount
        return balance[0]

    return withdraw
```

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Python Project of The Day!
Anki

Anki: An open-source desktop application for studying flash cards.

Technologies used: Python.
(Github repository)