

# Lists III

## Common List Idioms

- Counting all items in a list that match a pattern:

```
total = 0
```

```
for pos in range(0, len(L)):
```

```
    if <test L[pos] for something>:
```

```
        total = total + 1
```

- Filtering all items in a list that match a pattern:  
(to make a new list of all the items that match)

```
newList = []  
for pos in range(0, len(L)):  
    if <test L[pos] for something>:  
        newList.append(L[pos])
```

- Transforming all items in a list:

```
newList = []
```

```
for pos in range(0, len(L)):
```

```
    newList.append(<something that  
                    operates on L[pos]>)
```

- Transforming all items in a list without making a copy:

```
for pos in range(0, len(L)):  
    L[pos] = <something different>
```

- Write code to take a list of integers and count the number of integers that are odd.
- Write code to take a list of integers and create a new list containing only the odd integers.
- Write code to take a list of strings and change the first letter of each string to uppercase.
- Write a function called `count_initial_vowels` that takes a list of names and returns the number of names that start with a vowel.
- Write a function called `filter_one_vowel` that takes a list of names and returns a list of the people in class who only have one vowel ***in their name***.
  - Hint: first write a function called `count_vowels` that takes a string and counts the number of vowels in it.

- Write a function called `count_spare` that takes two parallel lists, `rolls1` and `rolls2`, as parameters. This function counts the number of times you roll a spare (not a strike) in bowling. (A spare is a sum of 10 from the two rolls, but not all on the first roll.)

- Minimum and maximum for lists:
- Very similar to min and max for reading from a file!



- Find the smallest item in a list called L:

```
smallest = L[0]  
for pos in range(0, len(L)):  
    if L[pos] < smallest:  
        smallest = L[pos]
```

After this loop, **smallest** holds the minimum item in L.

- Suppose I own a store and I have two parallel lists called **products** and **quantities**.
  - These lists are the same length; **products** contains strings with names of **products**, and **quantities** contains the respective quantities of those products.
- Every week I check to see which product I have the least of in stock, and I order ten more of those.
  - I want to change **quantities** to reflect this.
- How can I write code for this?

- Why will this code not work perfectly?

```
smallest = quant[0]
for pos in range(0, len(quant)):
    if quant[pos] < smallest:
        smallest = quant[pos]

smallest += 10
```

- **Key idea**: save the *position* of the smallest item, not the value of the item itself.

```
smallest = quant[0]
```

```
smallest_pos = 0
```

```
for pos in range(0, len(quant)):
```

```
    if quant[pos] < smallest:
```

```
        smallest = quant[pos]
```

```
        smallest_pos = pos
```

```
quant[smallest_pos] += 10
```