

# Nested Loops and Lists



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# Warm-up: Diagram the Following Program

```
1  xs: list[int] = [10, 20, 30]
2  i: int = 2
3  xs[i] = xs[i - 1] # A
4  print(xs)
5  i = i - 1
6  xs[i - 1] = xs[i] # B
7  print(xs)
```

## Follow-on Questions:

- 1. Describe line with comment A in English**
- 2. Describe line with comment B in English**

# Relative Reassignment Operators

# Trace a Memory Diagram

```
1  def triangle(n: int) -> None:
2      i: int = 1
3      line: str
4      while i <= n:
5          line = ""
6          while len(line) < i:
7              line += "*"
8          print(line)
9          i += 1
10
11
12  triangle(2)
```

# Insertion Sort Algorithm Intuition

**Goal: Move items in the list back to their correctly sorted position one-by-one.**

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Current Value  $x$  is:

1. Start with Current Index  $i$  at index 1
2. Hold current index's value aside in Current Value  $x$
3. Compare Current Value with the value before it, if exists
  1. Current value less than previous? Copy/"shift" previous value forward one index. Repeat until no more previous values or previous value is at most current value.
  2. Assign / "**Insert**" Current Value to the last index that was shifted forward. This is its correctly sorted position up to the Current Index!
  3. Add One to Current Index, Go to Step 2
4. Once current index  $\geq$  len(list), done!

0	1	2	3	4
40	10	30	20	50

# Try it out!

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# Tracing Insertion Sort

```
1  def sort(xs: list[int]) -> None:
2      """Sort with the insertion sort algo."""
3      N: int = len(xs) # Number of items
4      i: int = 1 # "current index" starts at 2nd index
5      x: int # The "current value"
6      si: int # The search "shift index"
7      while i < N:
8          x = xs[i] # store current value
9          si = i
10         while si > 0 and x < xs[si - 1]:
11             xs[si] = xs[si - 1] # Shift item forward
12             si -= 1
13         xs[si] = x
14         i += 1
15         print(xs)
16
17
18 values: list[int] = [40, 10, 30]
19 sort(values)
20 print(values)
```





# Nested List Notes

# Diagramming Nested Lists

```
1  def mul_table(height: int, width: int) -> list[list[int]]:
2      rows: list[list[int]] = []
3      row_i: int = 1
4      while row_i <= height:
5          col_i: int = 1
6          row: list[int] = []
7          while col_i <= width:
8              row.append(row_i * col_i)
9              col_i += 1
10         rows.append(row)
11         row_i += 1
12     return rows
13
14
15     print(mul_table(3, 2))
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