

Data structures

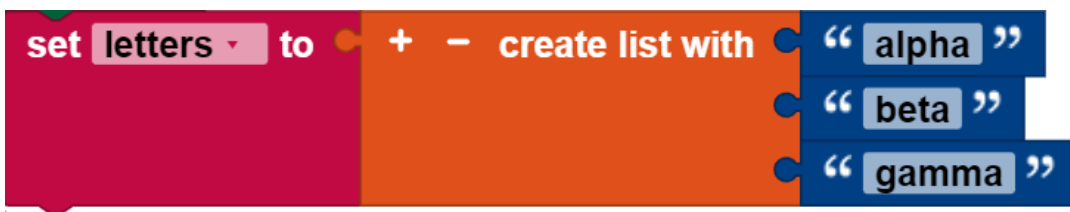
Lists

As in everyday language, in ROBO Pro Coding a list is an ordered collection of elements, such as a “to do” list or a shopping list. Elements in a list can be of any type, and the same value can appear in a list multiple times.

Creating a list

create list with

You can use the **create list with** block to enter the initial values in a new list. In this example, a list of words is created and saved in a variable named **letters**:



We designate this list as ["alpha," "beta," "gamma"].

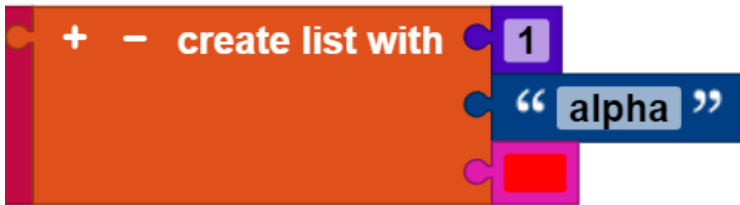
This shows the block for creating a list of **numbers**:



Here is how to create a list of **colors**:



It is less common, but possible to create a list of values of different types:



Change number of inputs

To change the number of inputs, click or touch the gear symbol. This will open a new window. You can drag element sub-blocks from the left side of the window to the list block on the right side to add a new input:

While the new element in this example is inserted at the bottom, it can be added anywhere. Similarly, element sub-blocks that are not desired can be dragged to the left and out of the list block.

Create list with item

You can use the **create list with item** block to create a list containing the indicated number of copies of an item. The following blocks, for example, set the variable **words** on the list ["very," "very," "very"].



Check the length of a list

is empty

The value of an **is empty** block is **true** if its input is the empty list, and **false** if it is anything else. Is this input **true**? The value of the following block would be **false**, because the variable **color** is not empty: It has three items.



Note how similar this is to the **is empty** block for text.

Length of

The value of the **length of** block is the number of elements that are in the list used as the input. The value of the following block would be 3, for instance, since **color** has three elements:



The value of the **length of** block is the number of items in the list used as the input. The value of the following block would be 3, for example, although **words** consists of three copies of the same text:



Note how similar this is to the block **length of** for the text.

Searching for items in a list

These blocks find the position of an item in a list. The following example has a value of 1, because the first occurrence of “very” is at the start of the list of words ([“very,” “very,” “very”]).



The result of the following is 3, because the last occurrence of “very” in the **words** is at position 3.



If the item is not in the list at all, then the result is a value of 0, as in this example:

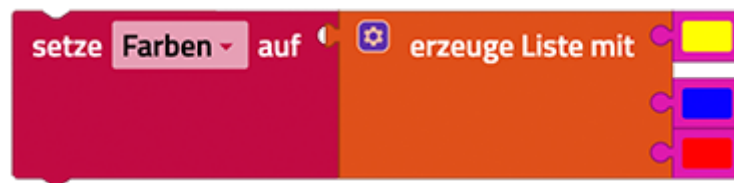


These blocks behave the same way as the blocks for finding letters in text.

Getting items from a list

Getting a single element

Remember the definition of the list **colors**:



The following block contains the color blue, because it is the second item in the list (starting from the left):



This one contains green, because it is the second element (starting from the right end):



This contains the first item, red:



This contains the last item, yellow:

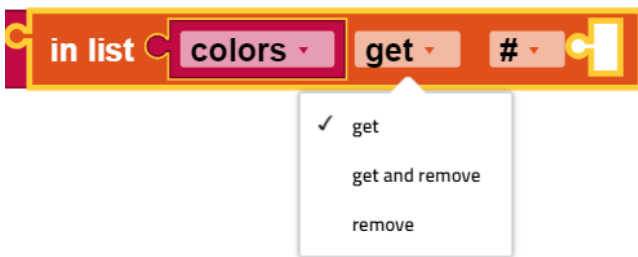


This one chooses a random item from the list, with the same probability of returning one of the items red, blue, green or yellow.

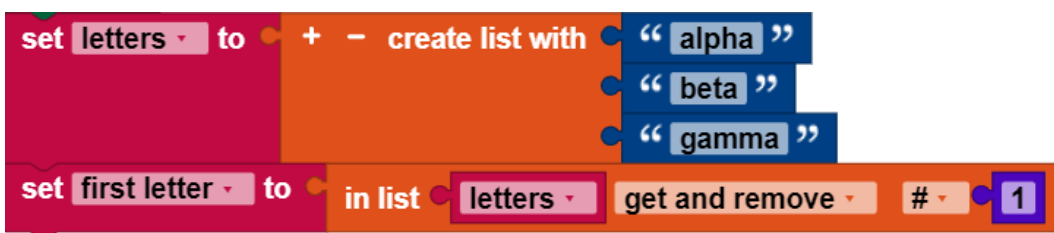


Get and remove an item

You can use the drop down menu to change the block **in list ... get** to the block **in list ... get and remove**, which delivers the same output, but also changes the list:



this example sets the variable **first letter** to “alpha” and leaves the remaining letters ([“beta,” “gamma”]) in the list.



Removing an entry

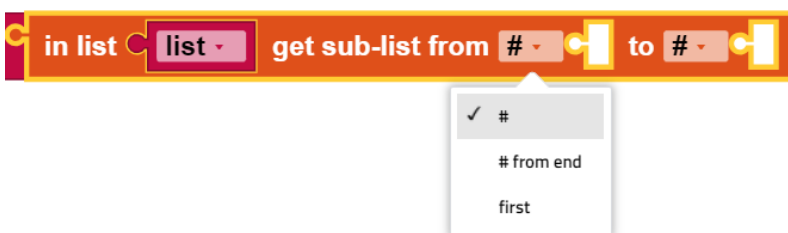
If you select **remove** from the drop down menu, the tab at the left of the block will be removed:

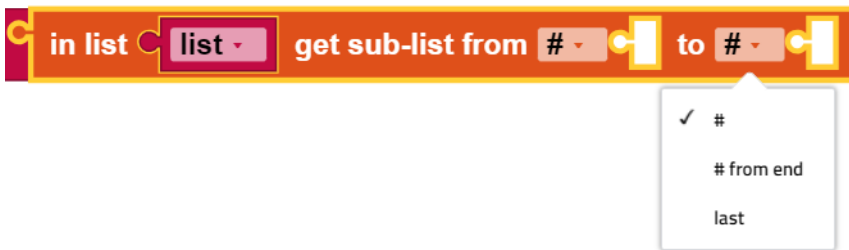


Then, the first item from **letter** will be removed.

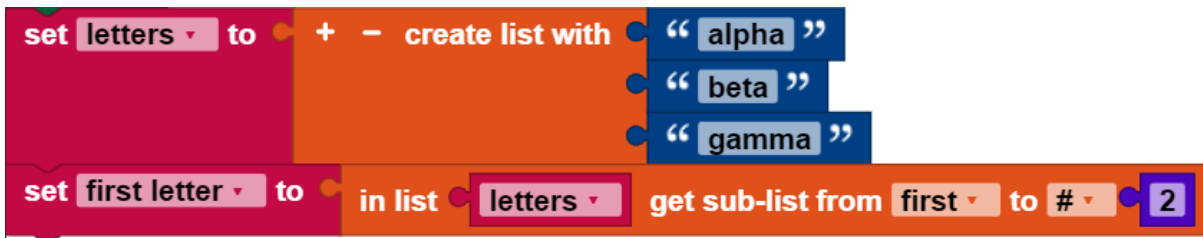
Get a sub-list

The block **in list ... get sub-list** is similar to the block **in list ... get**, with the difference that it extracts a sub-list and not an individual item. There are multiple options to enter the start and end of the sub-list:





In this example, a new list **first letters** is created. The new list has two items: ["alpha," "beta"].

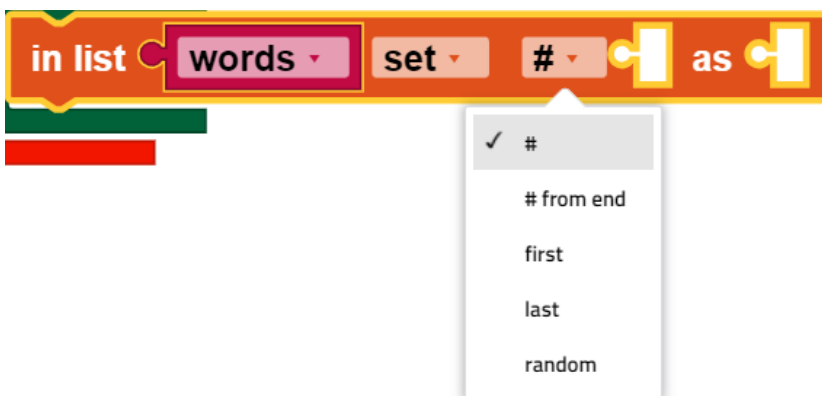


Please note that this block does not change the original list.

Adding items to a list

Replacing items in a list

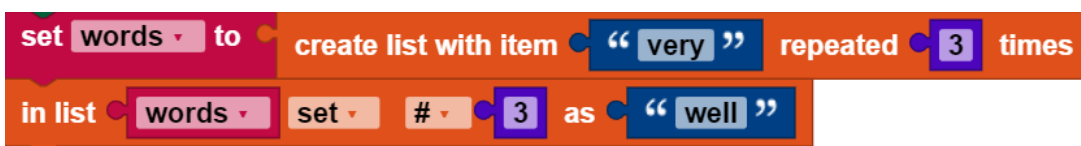
The block **in list ... set** replaces the item at a certain point in a list with another item.



The meanings of the individual drop down options are outlined in the previous section.

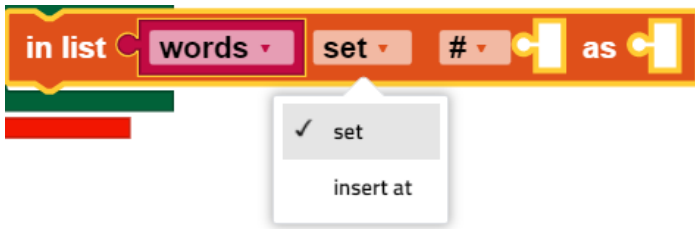
The following example does two things:

1. The list **words** is created with 3 items: ["very," "very," "very"].
2. The third item in the list is replaced with "good." The new value of **words** is ["very," "very," "good"]



Insert items from a certain point into a list

The **in list ... insert at** block is accessed via the drop down menu for the **in list ... set** block:



It inserts a new item at the indicated point into the list, before the element that was previously located there. The following example (which builds on an earlier example) does three things:

1. The list **words** is created with 3 items: ["very," "very," "very"].
2. The third item in the list is replaced with "good." The new value of **words** is therefore ["very," "very," "good"].
3. The word "Be" is inserted at the start of the list. The final value of **words** is therefore ["Be," "very," "very," "good"].



Divide character strings and merge lists

Make list from text

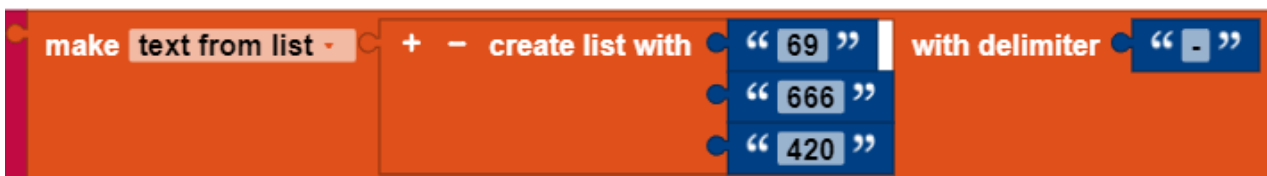
The block **make list from text** uses a delimiter to divide the given text into parts:



In the example above, a new list will be returned containing three segments of text: "311," "555" and "2368".

Make text from list

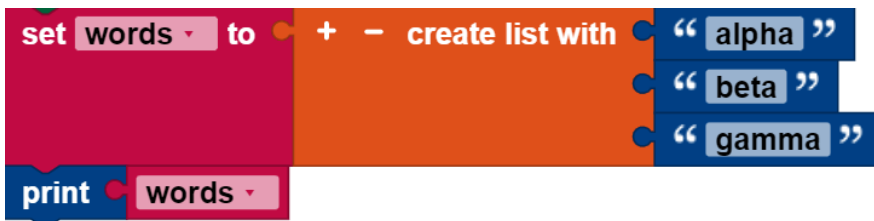
This block **make text from list** assembles a list into a single text using a delimiter:



Related blocks

Printing a list

The **print** block in the text category can output lists. The result of the following program is the console output shown:



Console

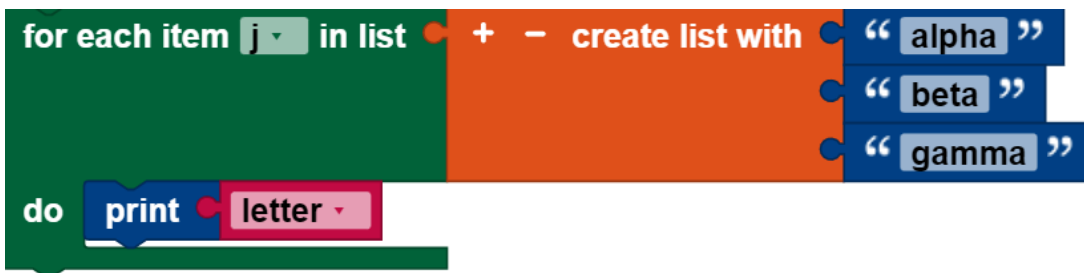
Program starts ...

['alpha', 'beta', 'gamma']

Program finished.

Complete something for each element in a list

The **for each** block in the controller category executes an operation for each element in a list. This block, for example, prints each item in the list individually:



The items in this case are not removed from the original list.

See also the examples for [break out blocks](#).

Map

JSON

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