hw8pr4: T. T. Securities (TTS)

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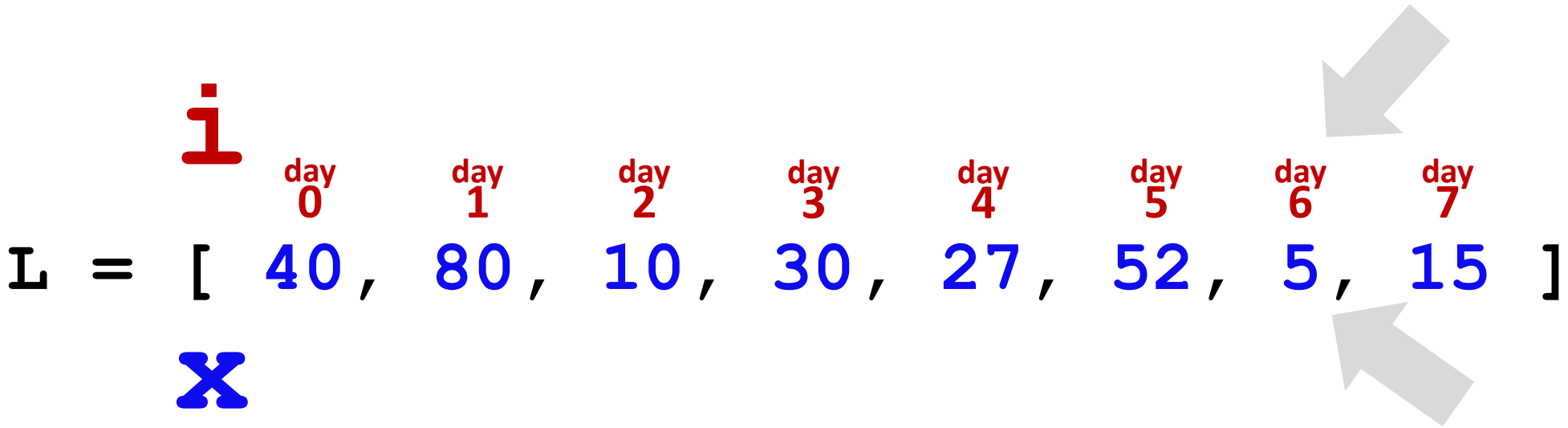

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`input` ALWAYS returns a string – *no matter what's typed!*

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Fix #1: convert to the right type

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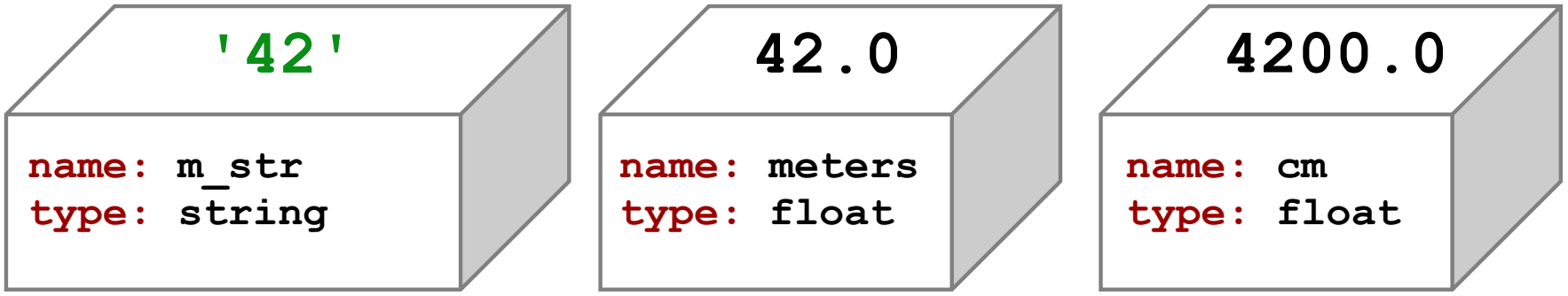

... but crash-able

Fix #2: convert and check

```
m_str = input('How many m? ')

try:
   meters = float( m_str )
except:
   print("What? Didn't compute!")
   print("Setting meters = 42")
   meters = 42.0

cm = meters * 100
print('That\'s', cm, 'cm.')
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Fix #2

These errors are called ***exceptions.***

This is ***exception handling.***

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Fix #3: **eval** executes Python code!

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meters = eval( m_str )

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What could **REALLY** go wrong here?

A larger application

```
def menu():
    """ prints our menu of options """
    print("(0) Continue")
    print("(1) Enter a new list")
    print("(2) Analyze")
    print("(9) Break (quit)")


def main():
    """ handles user input for our menu """

    while True:
        menu()
        uc = input('Which option? ')


        try:
            uc = int(uc)        # was it an int?
        except:
            continue            # back to the top!
```

Calls a helper function

Perhaps `uc` the reason for this?

```
def main():
    """ handles user input for our menu """
    L = [30,10,20]  # a starting list


    while True:
        menu()  # print menu
        uc = input('Which option? ') ...

        if uc == 9:
```

(9) Quit

```
        elif uc == 0:
```

(0) Continue

```
        elif uc == 1:
```

(1) Get new list

```
        elif uc == 2:
```

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... and so on ...

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            break

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        elif uc == 1:
            ... input ... eval ...

        elif uc == 2:
```

(9) Quit

break jumps *out of the loop*

(0) Continue

continue jumps *back to the top*

(1) Get new list

uses **eval** (+check) for a new L

(2) Analyze !

other functions as needed...

... and so on ...

(A) Which code below handles an input of 5 ? of 7 ?

Try it!

Full program example of user-interactions

Name(s) _____

(B) What does choice 3 print that 0 *does not*?

```
# example looping program

def menu():
    """ a function that simply prints the menu """
    print()
    print("(0) Continue!")
    print("(1) Enter a new list")
    print("(2) Predict the next element")
    print("(9) Break! (quit)")
    print()

def main():
    """ the main user-interaction loop """
    print()
    print("++++++++++++++++++++++++++")
    print("Welcome to the PREDICTOR!")
    print("++++++++++++++++++++++++++")
    print()

    secret_value = 4.2

    L = [30, 10, 20]   # an initial list

    while True:      # the user-interaction loop
        print("\n\nThe list is", L)
        menu()
        uc = input( "Choose an option: " )

        # "clean and check" the user's input
        #
        try:
            uc = int(uc)    # make into an int!
        except:
            print("I didn't understand your input! Continuing...")
            continue

        # run the appropriate menu option
        #
        if uc == 9:     # we want to quit
            break       # leaves the while loop altogether

        elif uc == 0:   # we want to continue...
            continue    # goes back to the top of the while loop

        elif uc == 1:   # we want to enter a new list
            newL = input("Enter a new list: ")    # enter _something_

            # "clean and check" the user's input
            #
            try:
                newL = eval(newL)    # eval runs Python's interpreter! Note: Danger
                if type(newL) != type([]):
                    print("That didn't seem like a list. Not changing L.")
                else:
                    L = newL  # here, things were OK, so let's set our list, L
            except:
                print("I didn't understand your input. Not changing L.")

        elif uc == 2:         # predict and add the next element
            n = predict(L)    # get the next element from the predict function
            print("The next element is", n)
            print("Adding it to your list...")
            L = L + [n]       # and add it to the list

        elif uc == 3:   # unannounced menu option!
            pass        # this is the "nop" (do-nothing) statement in Python

        elif uc == 4:   # unannounced menu option (slightly more interesting...)
            m = find_min(L)
            print("The minimum value in L is", m)

        elif uc == 5:   # another unannounced menu option (even more interesting...)
            minval, minloc = find_min_loc(L)
            print("The minimum value in L is", minval, "at day #", minloc)

        else:           # if the input uc was anything else
            print(uc, " ?      That's not on the menu!")

        print("Running again...\n")

    print("\nI predict... \n\n        ... that you'll be back!")
```

main function

secret_value

while True:

input

(C) What line of code runs after this `break` ?

(D) What could you input for `newL` that would print this?

(E) What could you type for `newL` that would print this?

(EC) How could a user learn the value of `secret_value` if they knew that variable name and could run the program -- but *didn't have this source code*?

Functions you'll write

All use loops…

Menu

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```
def average( L )
def stdev( L )
```

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum_i (L[i] - L_{av})^2}{len(L)}}$$

```
def minday( L )
def maxday( L )
```

```
webbrowser.open_new_tab(url)
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Min price

Just call **`min`** ?

	day 0	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4	day 5	day 6	day 7
L =	**40**	**80**	**10**	**30**	**27**	**52**	**5**	**15**

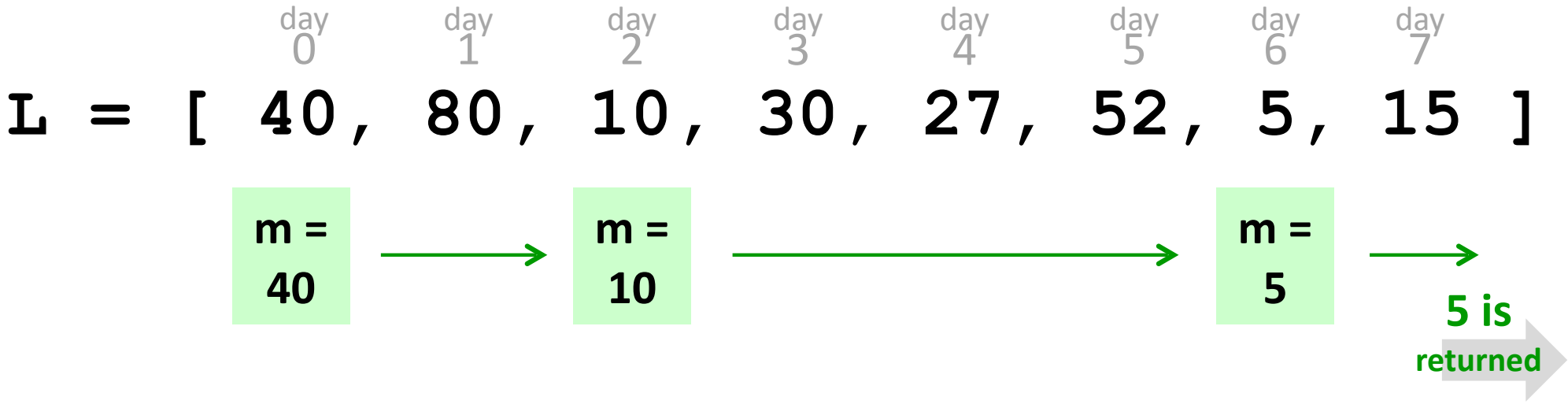
m =

m is the
"min so far"

What's the ***idea*** for finding the smallest (minimum) price?

track the value of the ***minimum so far*** as you loop over L

Min price vs. min ***day***

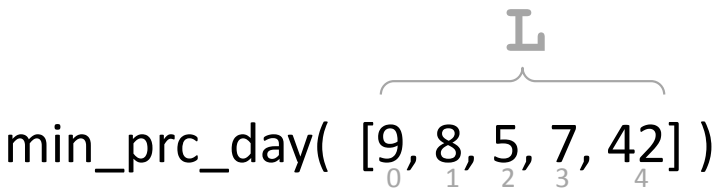



```
def minprice( L ):
    m = L[0]
    for x in L:
        if x < m:
            m = x
    return m
```

What about tracking <u>BOTH</u> the ***day*** of the minimum price ***and*** that min price?

Finish this code to return ***both*** the minprice and the minday of **L**!

Expand on the minprice example...



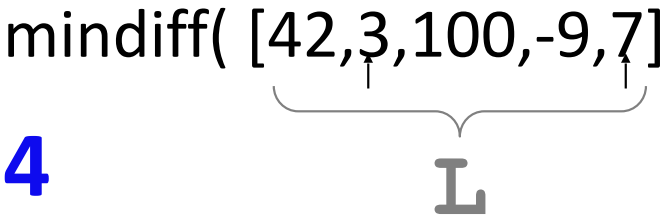
5, 2

```
def min_prc_day( L ):
    minprc = L[0]
    minday = 0

    for i in range(len(L)):
        if _____________________

    return minprc, minday
```

Write **mindiff** to return the **smallest** absolute difference between any two elements from **L.**



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Try it!

Only consider **abs** differences.
L will be a list of 2 or more #s.
Hint: Use a nested loop!

```
def mindiff( L ):
    mdiff = abs(L[1]-L[0])

    for _____________________
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            if _____________________

    return mdiff
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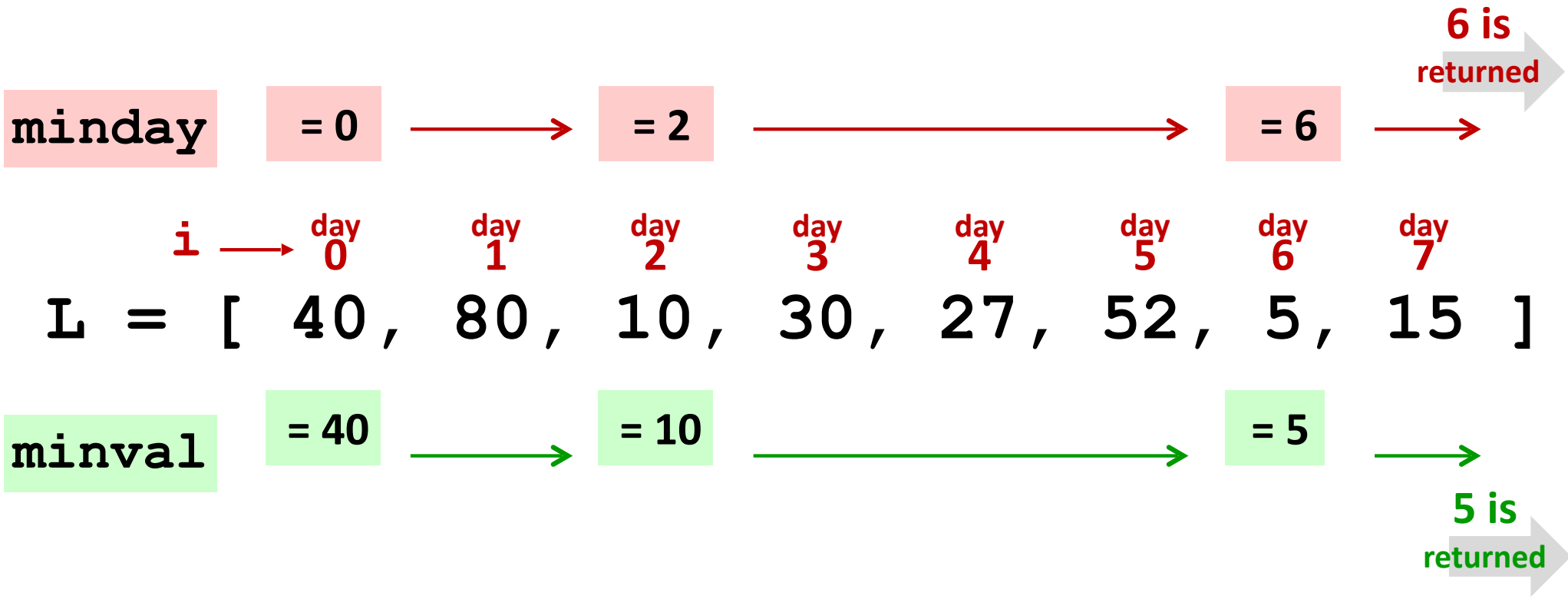


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update both (as needed)

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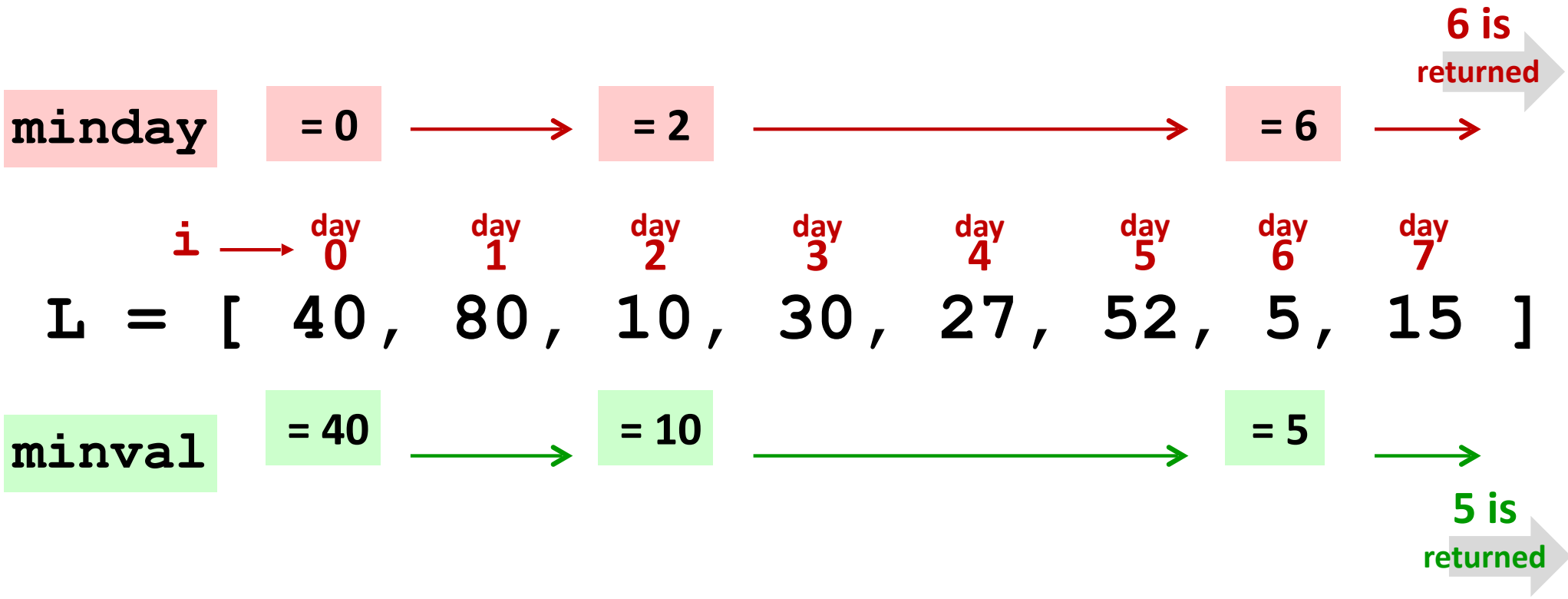


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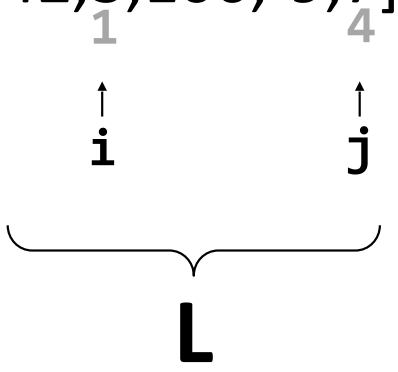

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        for j in range(i+1,len(L)):

            if abs(L[j]-L[i]) < mdiff:
                mdiff = abs(L[j]-L[i])

    return mdiff
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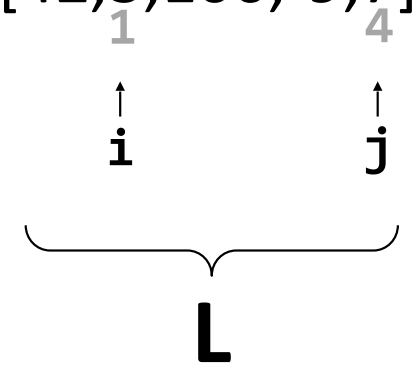

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Hardware side…

Investment analysis for the 21st century … *and beyond*

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set max-so-far = 0

for each buy-day, **b**:

    for each sell-day, **s**:

        compute the *profit*

        if profit is > max-so-far:

            remember it in a variable!

return profit, its b-day, and s-day

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