

## Re: list IndexError

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Mike C. Fletcher wrote:

> *Ah, my mistake, I missed the [:] after the source argument that was*  
> *taking a copy... which brings up the question, how many other people*  
> *would miss it?*

Too many. This is why I greatly prefer

```
list(lst)
```

to

```
lst[:]
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It's also clearer to me. Do I really want a "slice" of the list? No, I want a list copy of the list...

Steve