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7	u665907	72	86	
8	u957906	71	86	
9	u878762	60	97	
10	u120275	36	73	
11	u605893	77	87	
12	u660981	39	33	
13	u568151	36	58	
14	u900906	75	44	
15	u592930	74	43	
16	u319177	69	34	
17	u491202	32	81	
18	u359348	30	67	
19	u630760	87	84	
20	u103412	78	84	
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 - Each with one (homogenous) type

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Using Lists in Parallel

- Three lists of the same length
 - `id['u307780', 'u675421', 'u418245']`
 - `lab1[95, 99, 91]`
 - `lab2[66, 84, 97]`
- The values for a row are found at the same position in all three lists
 - Row 10 ID: `id[9]`
 - Row 10 lab1 score: `lab1[9]`
 - Row 10 lab2 score: `lab2[9]`

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Example: employee data

- For each employee, we have:

- Name
- Position
- Review score
- For example, in our text file:

peter	manager	86
michael	developer	68
samir	developer	75
lumbergh	vp	82

1. Create lists to hold the data
2. Read from the file into the lists
3. Print out the data