

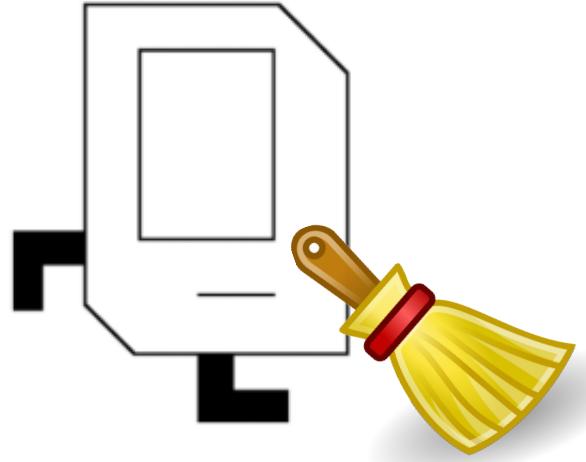
Text Processing

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Housekeeping

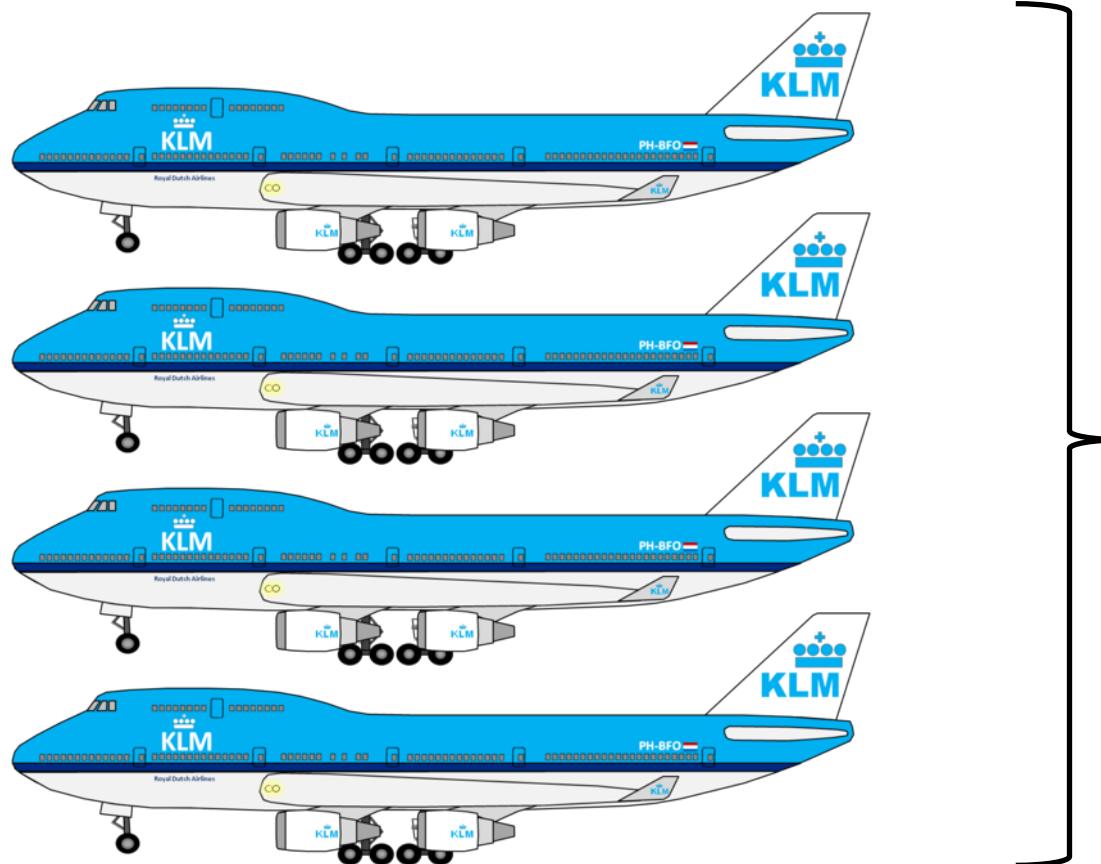


- Chris AMA today at 11:30am. Come ask me things!
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Fake Medicine was a Problem

700,000 deaths a **year** from **fake** malaria and tuberculosis drugs [1]



Equivalent of this many crashes per day

[1] <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/may-2013/counterfeit-drugs-raise-africa%E2%80%99s-temperature>

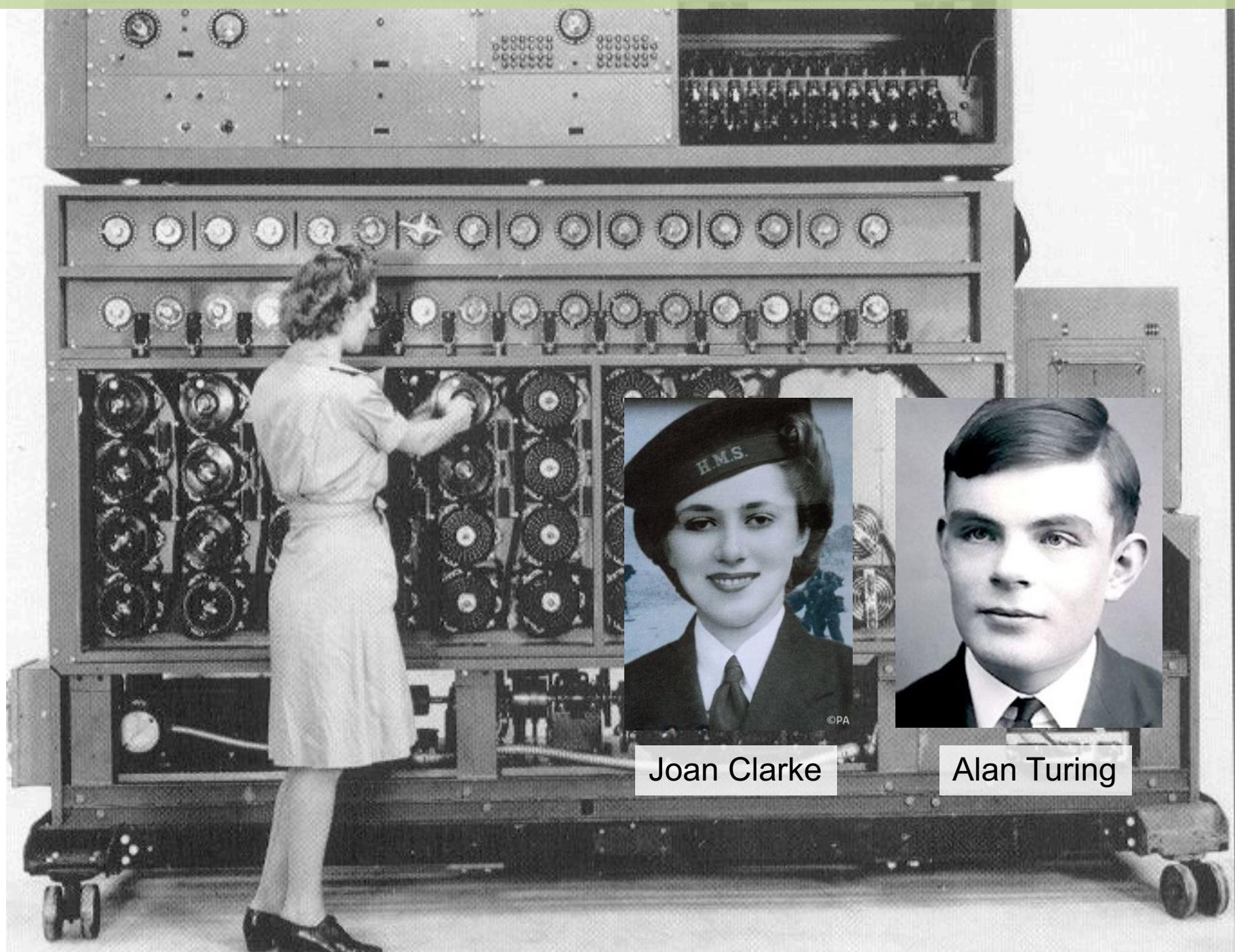


Learning Goals

1. Write string algorithms that loops over each character



Text Problem: Decryption



Joan Clarke

Alan Turing



Text Problem: Translation

The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.



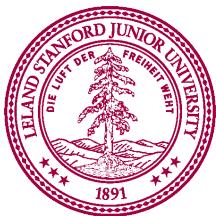
(Russian)



The vodka is good but the meat is rotten.



*This result cost billions of dollars (adjusted for inflation)



Text Problem: DNA Analysis



```
AAGTCAGTCAGATTACCCCTGGCTCACC  
TGTTCGTACAACCAATTAGGTGAGTTCA  
TTCGGAAAGACTCCCTGGTACCATCCCCG  
ACCGGGGTTGGAATTACGGGTAGAACAG  
ACCAATCGAACATATGAGAGCCACTGCC  
ATAATAGGGAGGGTTCATTCGTCGCT  
ACTAACTTGTAAATACCCGACCACAC  
CCACCCCTGGCATTATAGTACCCCGAAC  
CGTAGAGCCAGATGTATGCAATGCCCCG  
GTAAGATCTCCAAAAAGCTGACCGATGA  
AGTGGTACTTGGATACCATCATTGGT  
ATCCGCTGATTGCTGGTTAATTGCTATG  
TCCCGGTTTCAAGTTCAGACACTAGTT  
CCTAGGGCGTCACTGGCACCATACT  
TCAATAGGGTATGGGAGGTTTCAATTAC  
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GCCGCACCTACCTCGAAAGTCATAGCGA  
CCTGATCGTCCATTACCCGGATGTGTGG  
GGGGGAGGGTCAACACACGTAACCTCTC  
CTAACGGTCCCCATCCCATCCGAGATT  
TTTTTAGAAATGTTTGAGAATGGGATG  
TCGAGGGGTCTTCGTTACCCATGGCGA  
AGTTCGCACTATTGACAAACGAGCATGG  
CCAGGAATTCCGATGCCGATCGTCTGAC  
ACACCTTGTCCAACTAACAAAGTAACG  
TGTGAAAGTTTACCTAGATGGTCGTAG
```



How is text
represented?

The variable type **string**

Text is stored using the variable type **string**.

A **string** is a sequence of characters.

```
def main():
    text = "hello!"
    print(text)
```



H e l l o !

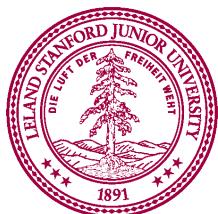
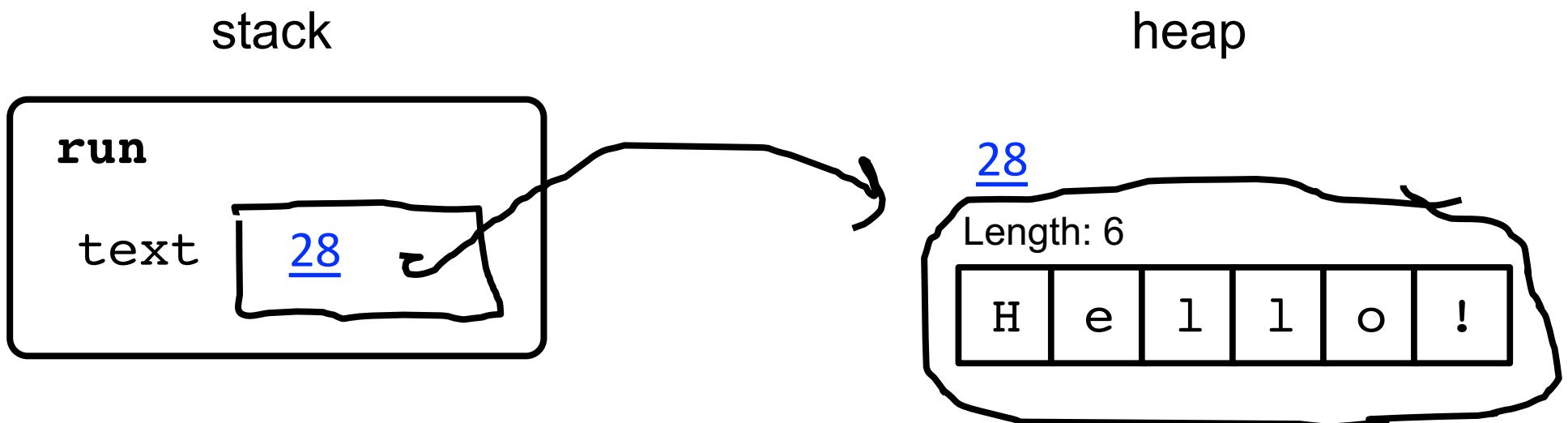


H	e	l	l	o	!
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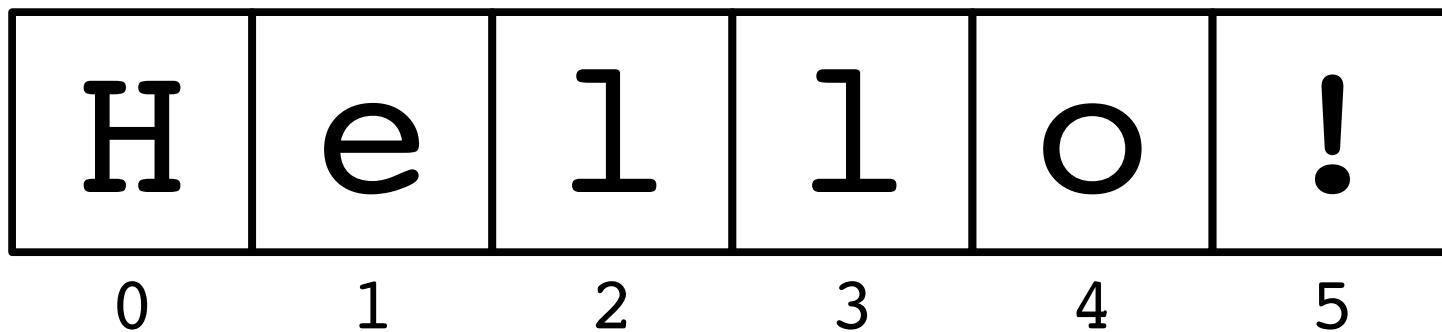


How it is actually stored

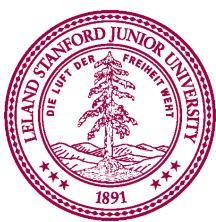
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text[index]





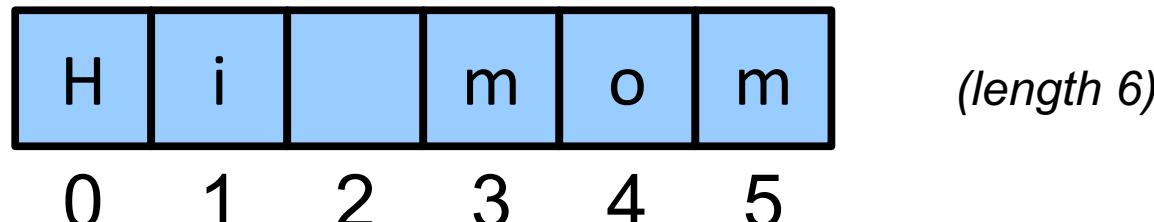
All characters in a string have
an index.

You can access a character in
the sequence via its *index*



String Functions

- The `len(string)` function returns the number of characters in the string. This is one larger than the last valid index in the string.
- the `string[i]` function returns the character at a given index.





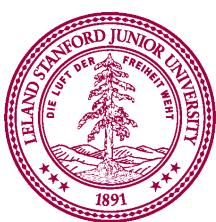
A string is indexed just like a list! Slices work too.

It is *almost* like it is a list of characters.



Lets play!

```
[RAM_VERSION=433 ...] Desktop — Python — 70x25
... — Python + runLocal.sh ~/Desktop — Python ...thonreader — -zsh ...
[Chris@ndoto Desktop % python3
Python 3.8.1 (v3.8.1:1b293b6006, Dec 18 2019, 14:08:53)
[Clang 6.0 (clang-600.0.57)] on darwin
Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more information.
[>>> x = 'Hi mom'
[>>> x[0]
'H'
[>>> x[1]
'i'
[>>> x[2]
'm'
[>>> x[3]
'm'
[>>> x[4]
'o'
[>>> x[5]
'm'
[>>> x[6]
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IndexError: string index out of range
>>>
```



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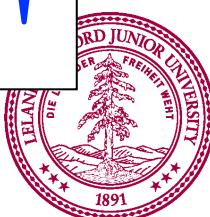
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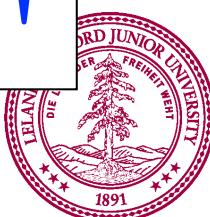
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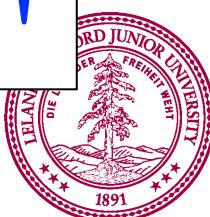
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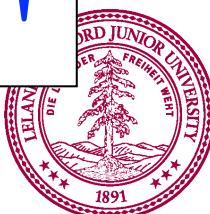
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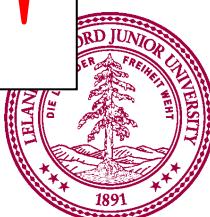
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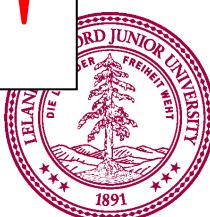
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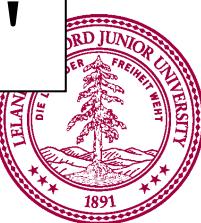
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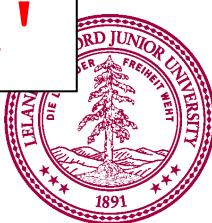
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Again there are two for loops

```
for i in range(len(example)):  
    ch = example[i]  
    print(i, ch)
```

```
for ch in example:  
    print(ch)
```



Functions you can call on strings

```
x = 'this is a Test '
```

must know:

split	x.split(' ') #['this', 'is', 'a', 'Test']
upper	x.upper() #'THIS IS A TEST'
lower	x.lower() #'this is a test'
replace	x.replace('is','lol') #'thlol lol a Test'
find	x.find('is') #2
strip	x.strip() #'this is a Test'

good to know:

startswith	x.startswith('th') # True
endswith	x.endswith('end') # False
title	x.title() #'This Is A Test'
isalpha	x.isalpha() #False
isdigit	'521'.isdigit() #True
isspace	' '.isspace() #True



Just the number please

DNA → mRNA

Advanced version

How are characters
represented?

Single characters

- Some examples:

```
letter_A = 'A'
```

\n newline char
\t tab char

```
plus = '+'
```

\\" backlash char
\' single quote

```
zero = '0'
```

\\" double quote

```
space = ''
```

```
korean_ch = '보'
```

```
new_line = '\n' # special
```

```
tab = '\t' # special
```

```
backslash = '\\\' # special
```

```
backslash = '\\\\' # special
```

```
emoji = '😊'
```

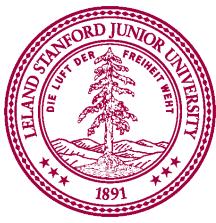
```
first = text[0]
```





Advanced course

Chars are just a giant
enumeration!



ASCII

Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char
32	[space]	48	0	64	@	80	P	96	*	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
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The letter A, for example, has the ASCII value 65



Unicode (bigger ASCII)

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Enclosed CJK Letters and Months

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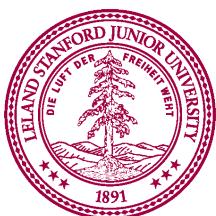
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'A' -> 'Z' are sequential.
'a' -> 'z' are sequential.
'0' -> '9' are sequential.

`ord(ch)`

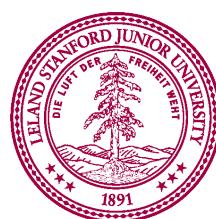


Functions which take strings

```
x = 'this is a Test '
```

```
len           len(x)    # 15
ord           ord('A')   # 65
hash          hash(x)   # 2466759895439727657
<             'abc' < 'zabc' # True
==            x == 'this is a Test ' # True
in            'his' in x # True
```

Won't need these too
much in CS106A, but
they are super clutch
in cryptography and
datastructures



Strings have some unique properties

Strings are Immutable

- Python strings are ***immutable***: once a string has been created **you cannot set characters**.
- To change a string:
 - ***Create a new string*** holding the new value you want it to have via concatenation.
 - Reassigning the String variable (that's allowed).
- ***Important consequence:*** if you pass a String into a function, you are guaranteed your string won't be changed.





Can survive:
-300F to +300F
Massive radiation
The vacuum of space

Strings are Immutable (Take 1)

```
x = 'abc'
```



```
x[1] = 'z'
```

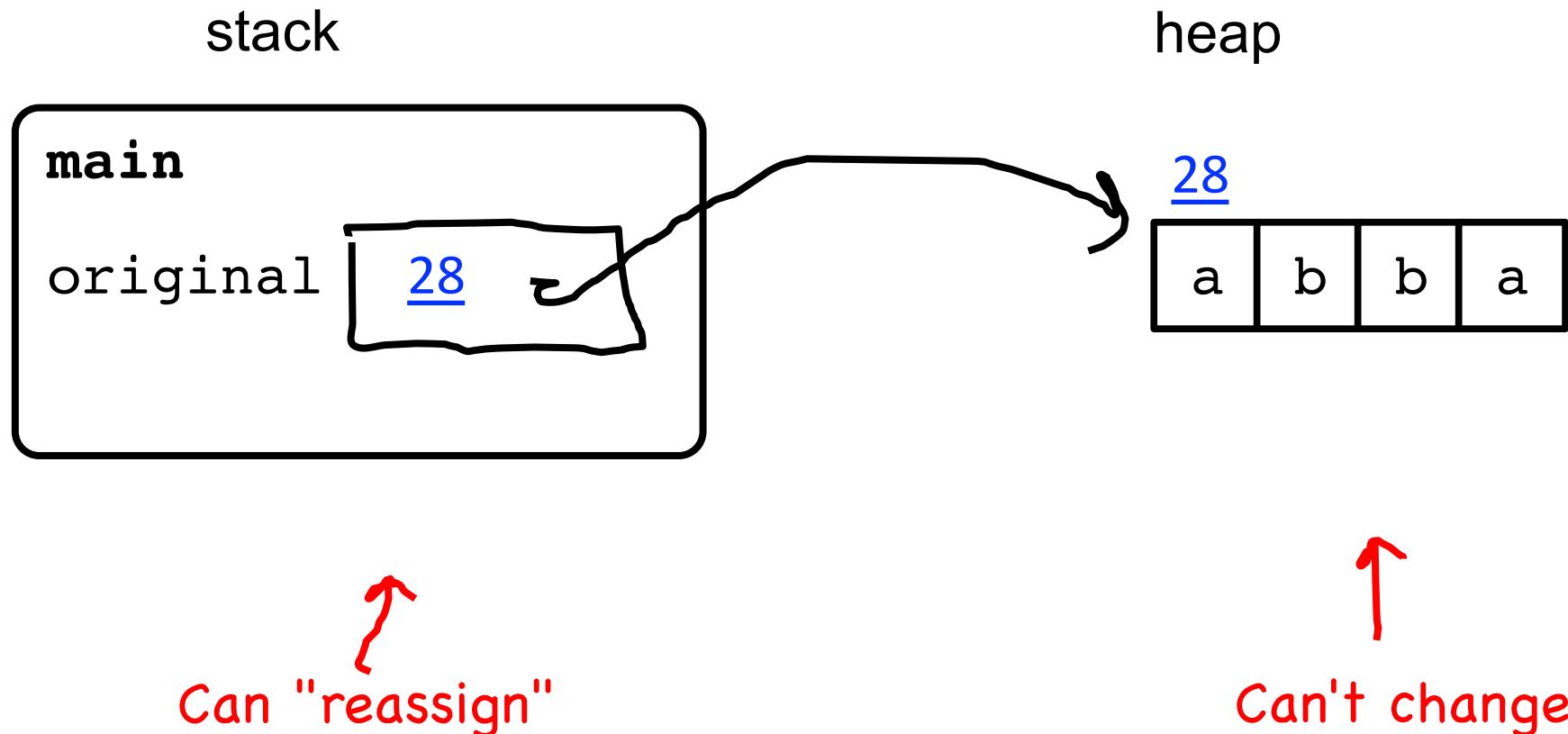
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TypeError: 'str' object does not  
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x = 'azc'
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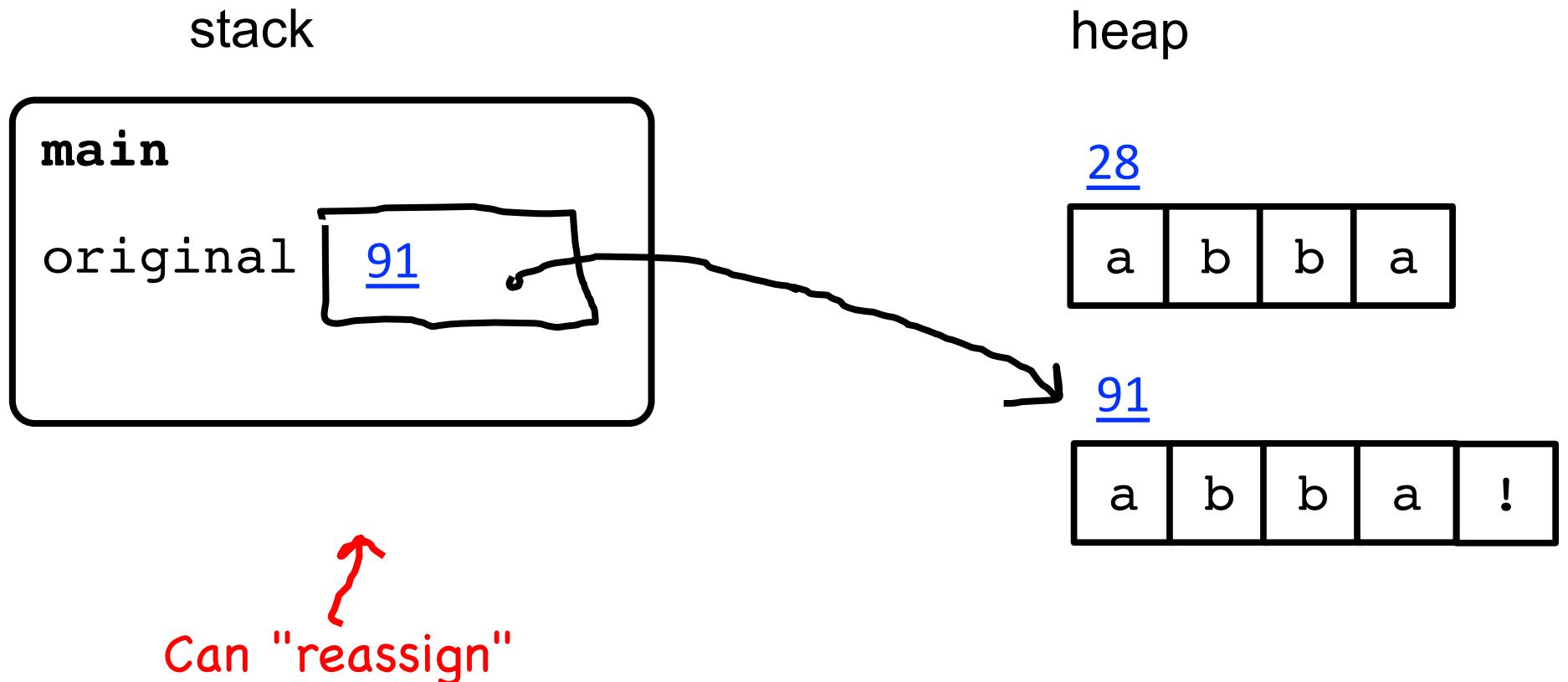
Strings are Immutable (Take 2)

`original = 'abba'`



Strings are Immutable (Take 1)

```
original = 'abba'  
original = original + '!'
```



Pro tip: use id function to check a reference!



Strings are often made through concatenation

```
def main():
    s1 = "CS106"
    s2 = "A"
    s3 = "I got an " + s2 + " in " + s1 + s2

print(s3)
```

I got an A in CS106A





Lists are **mutable**

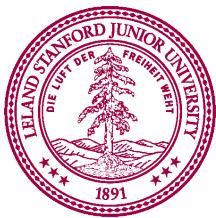
Strings are **immutable**

*Immutable is a guarantee
that a function won't be
cheeky*

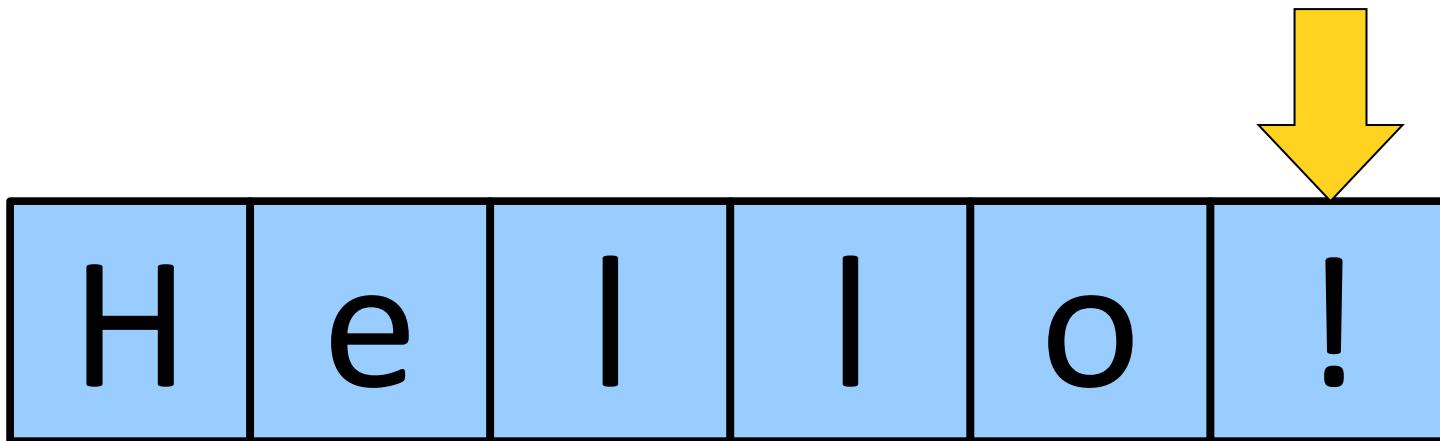




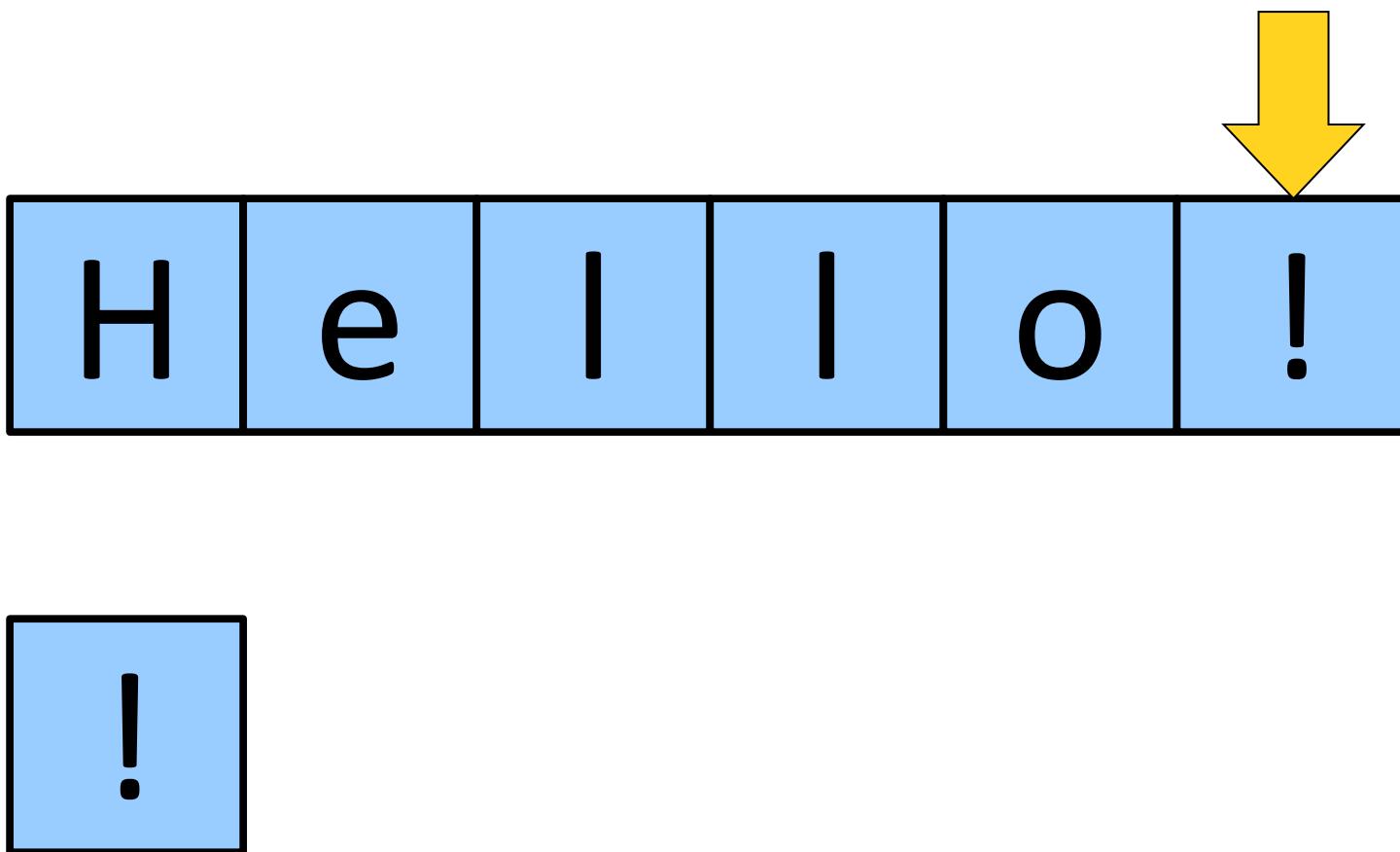
Many string algorithms use
the "loop and construct"
pattern.



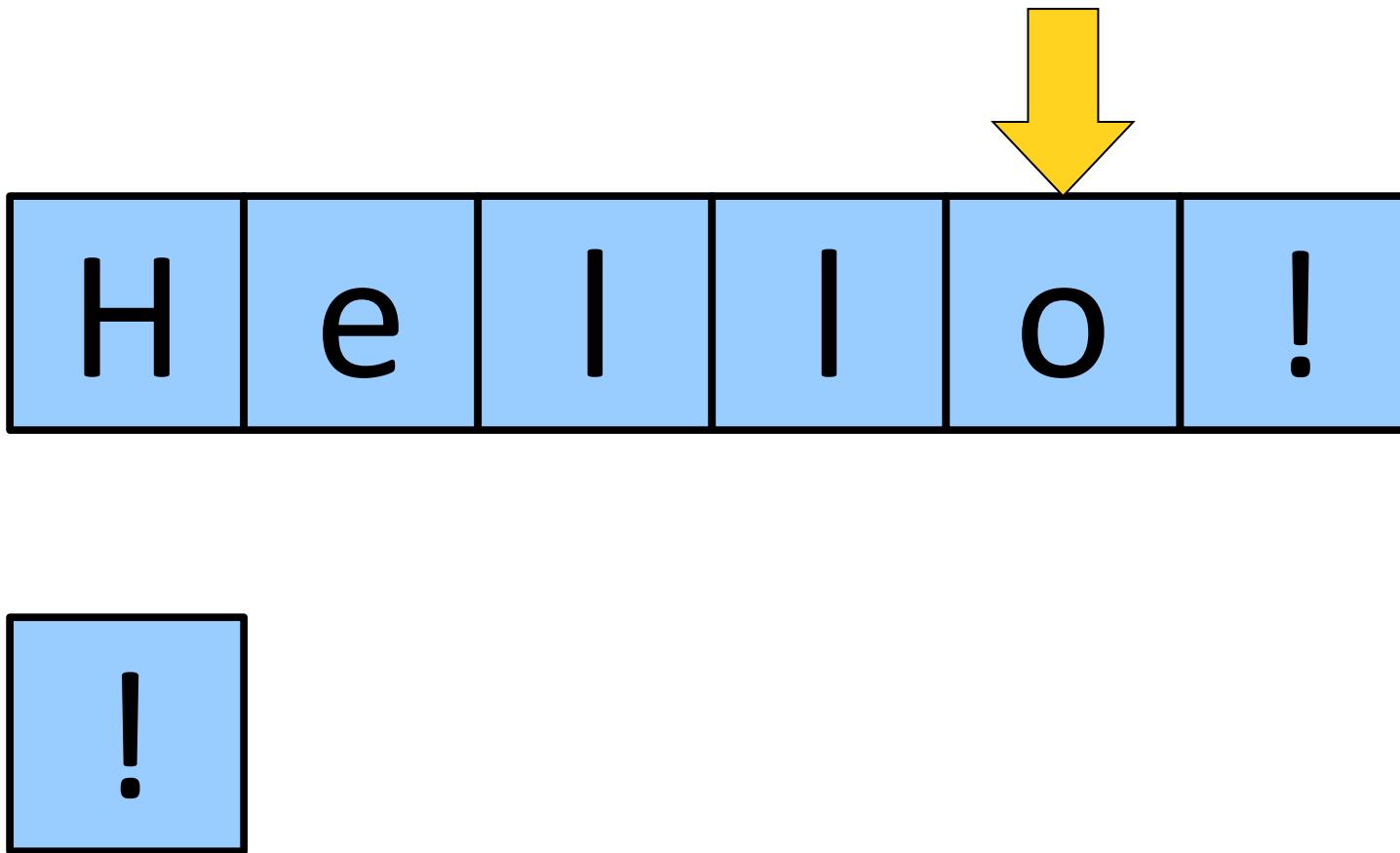
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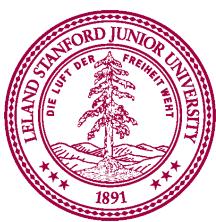
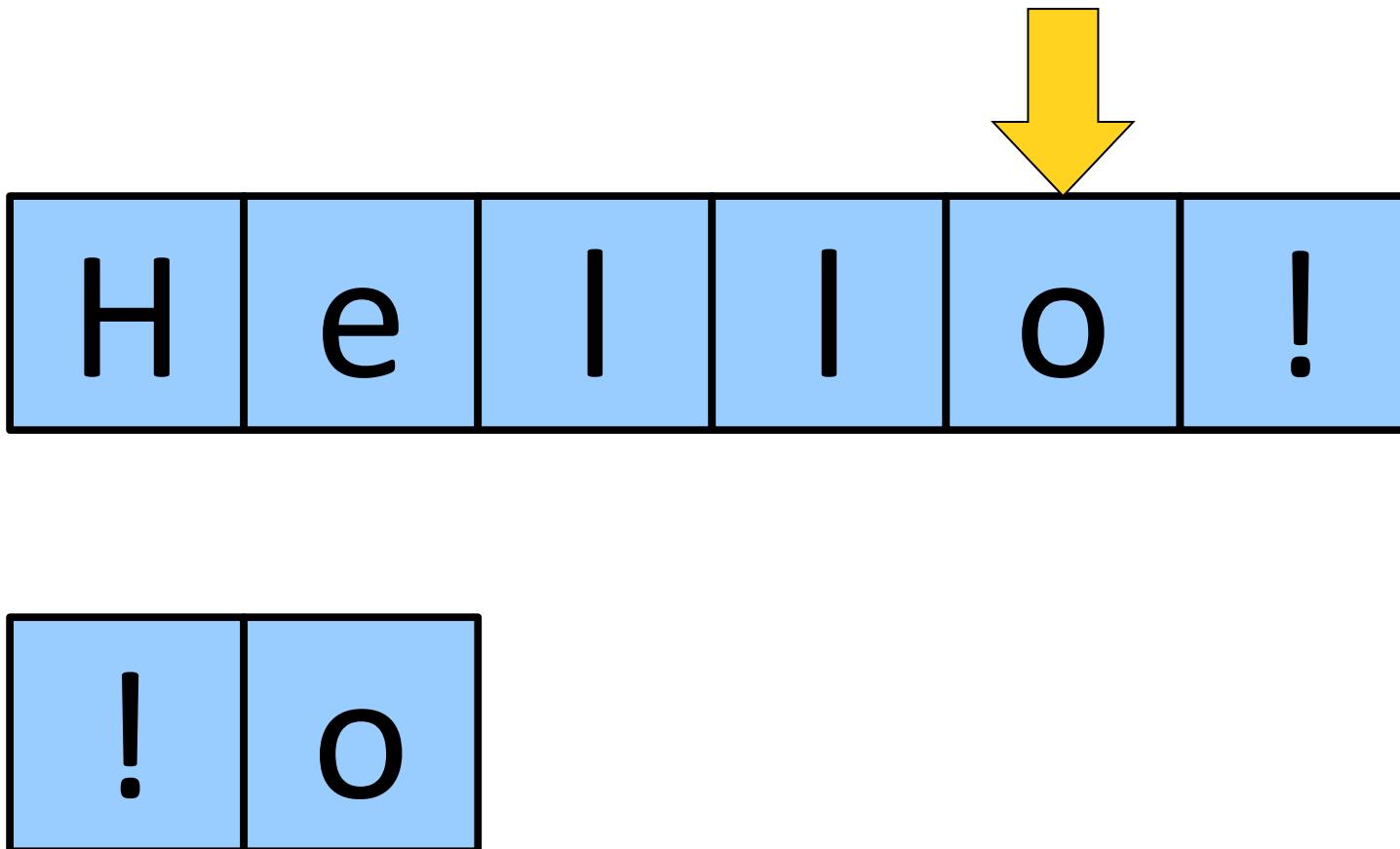
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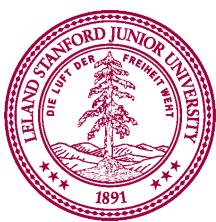
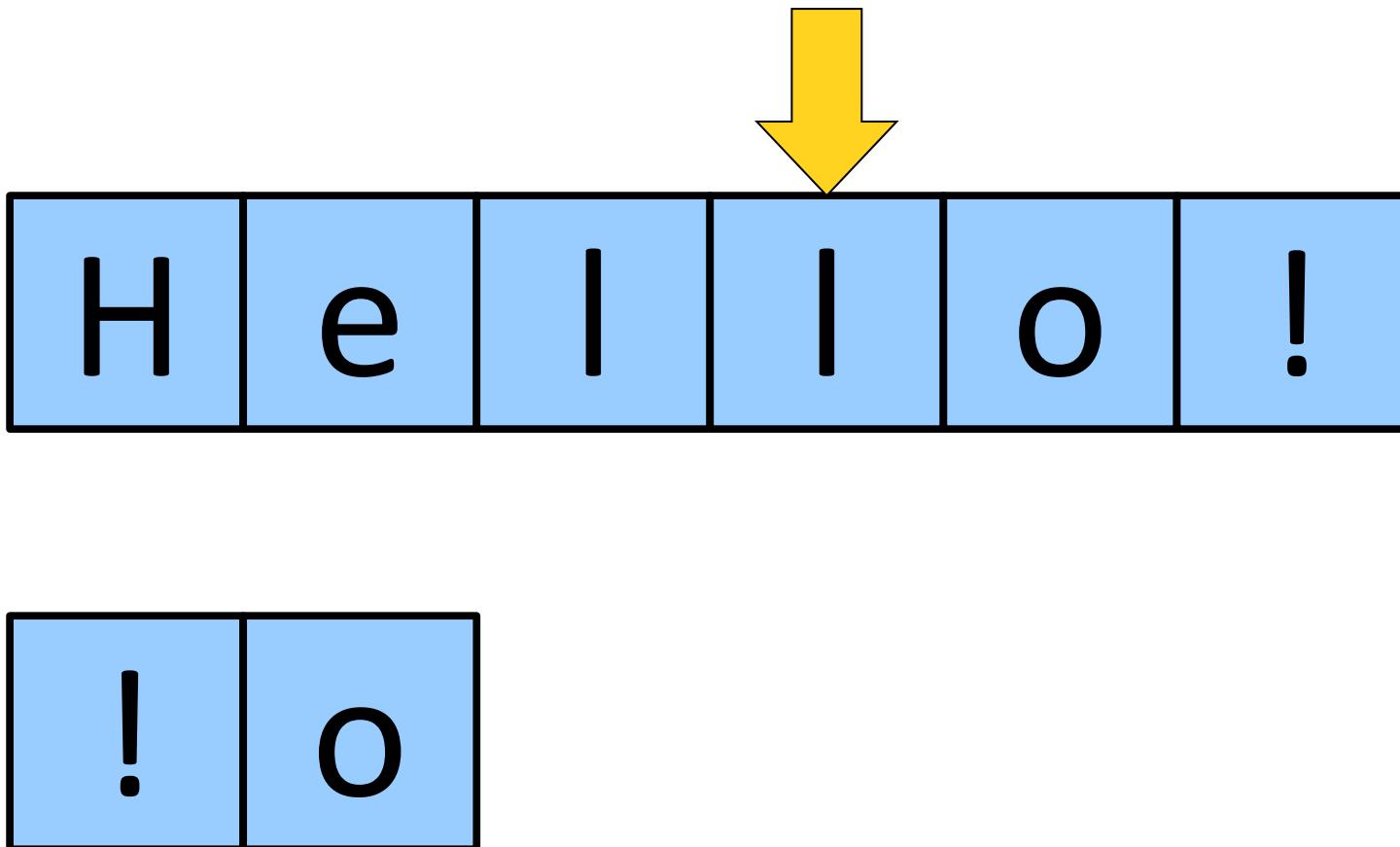
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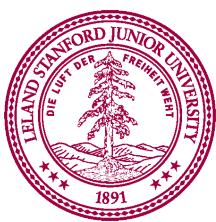
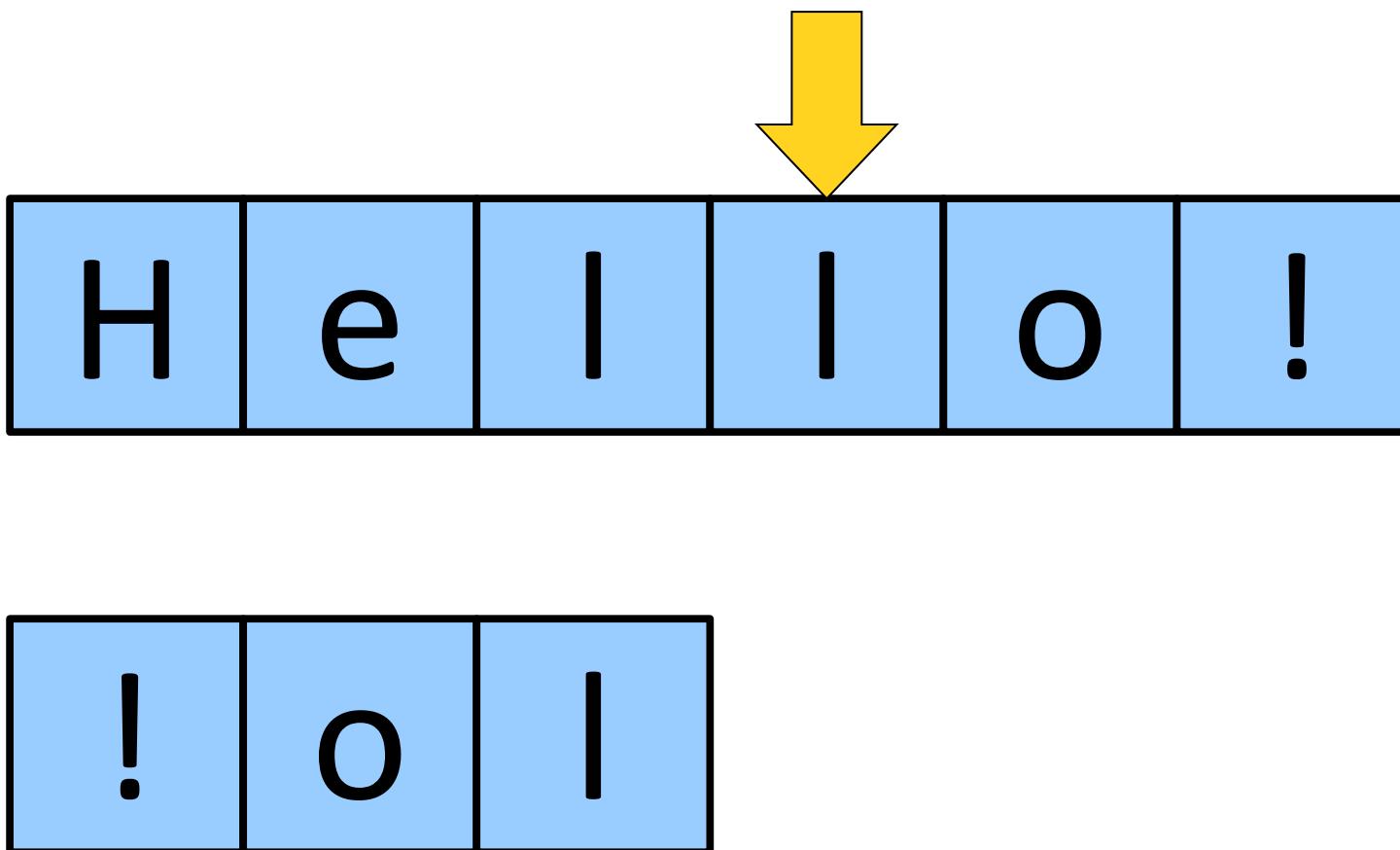
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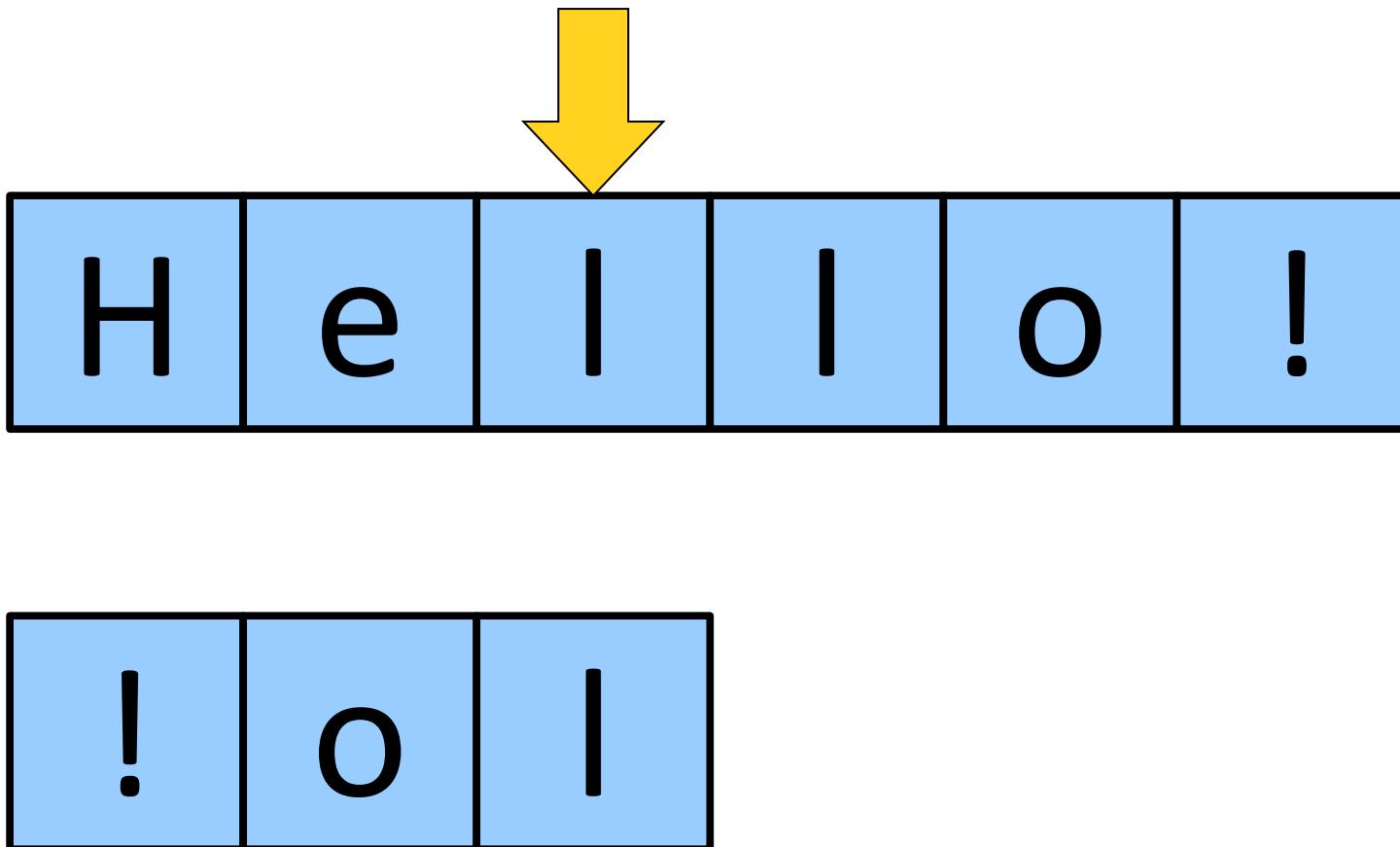
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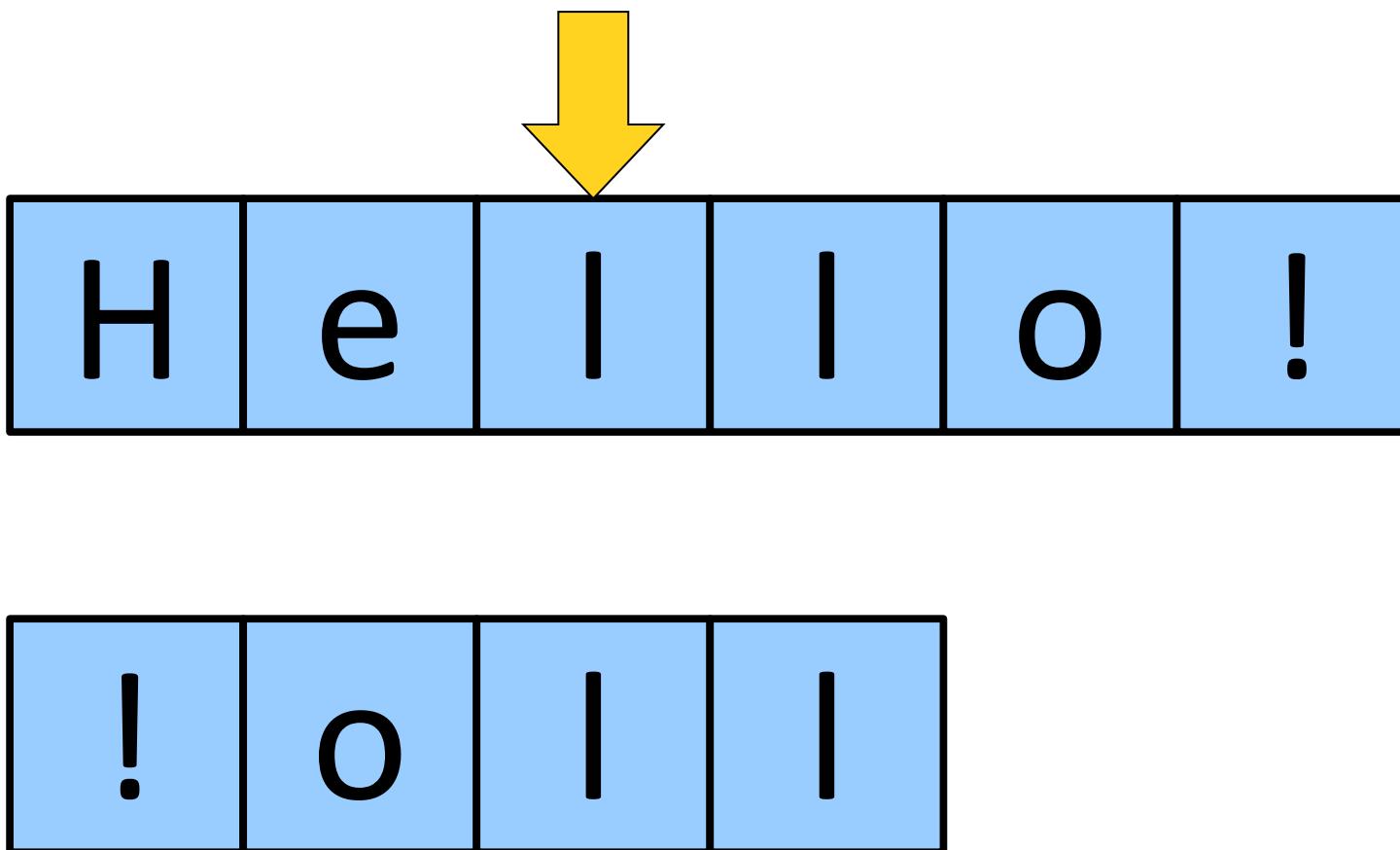
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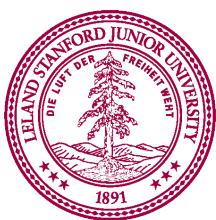
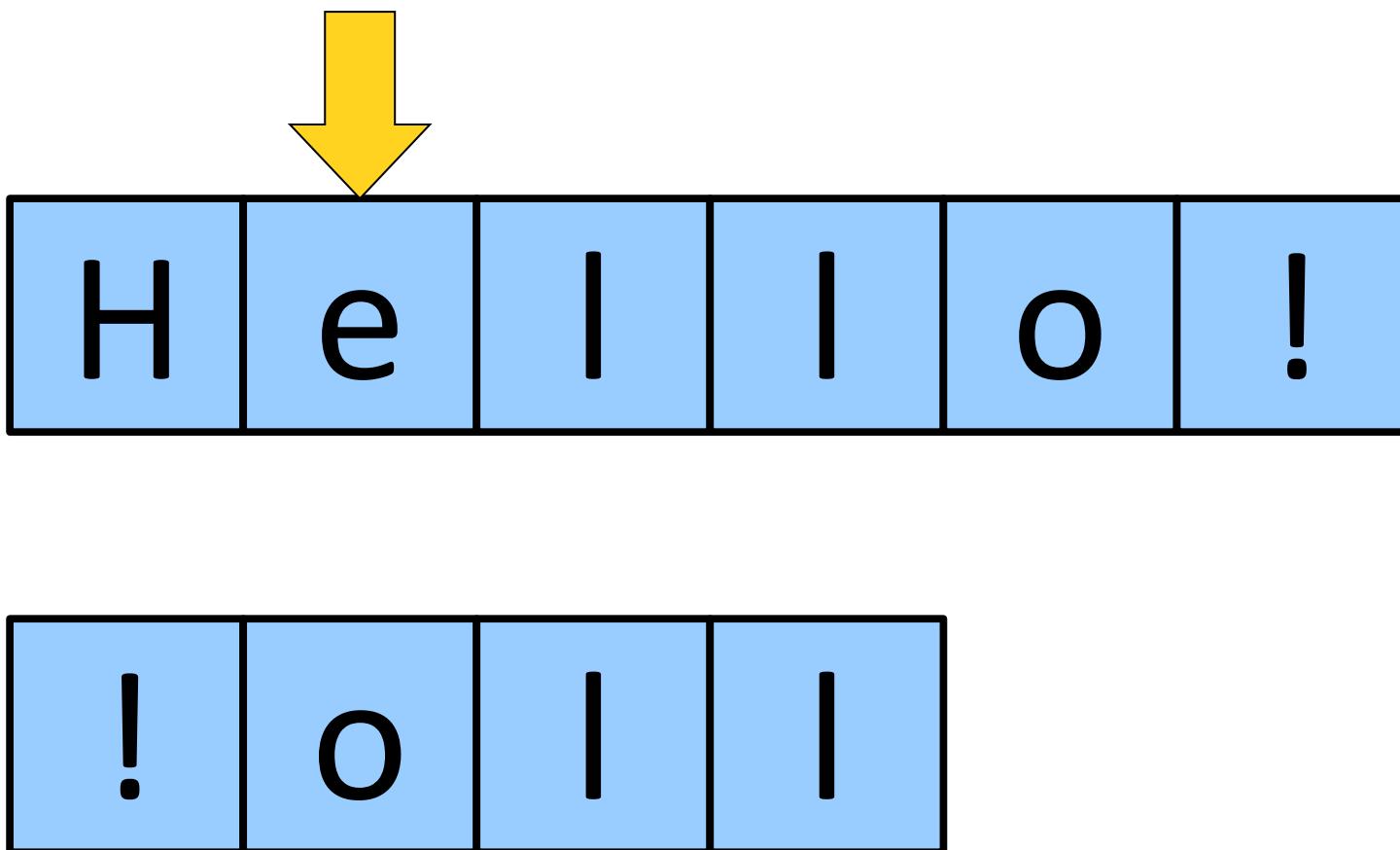
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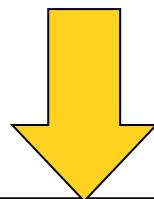
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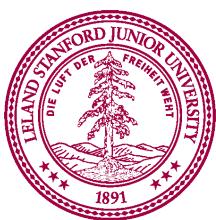


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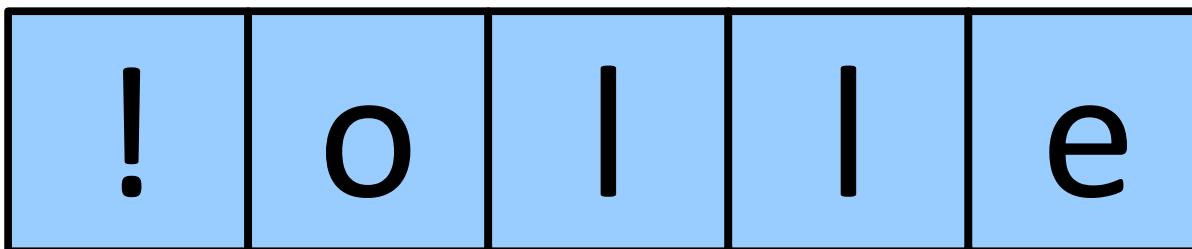
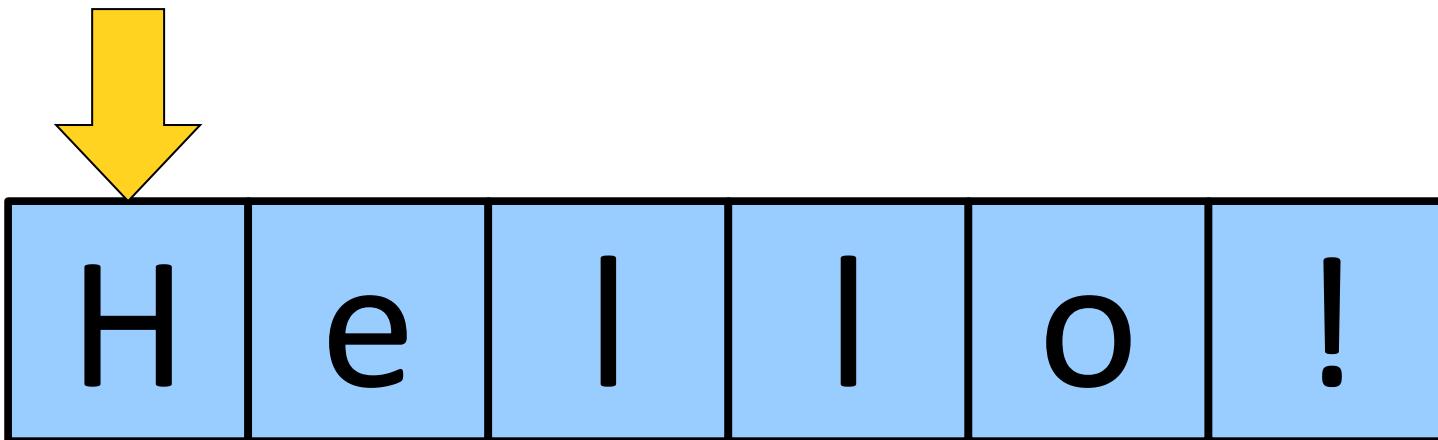


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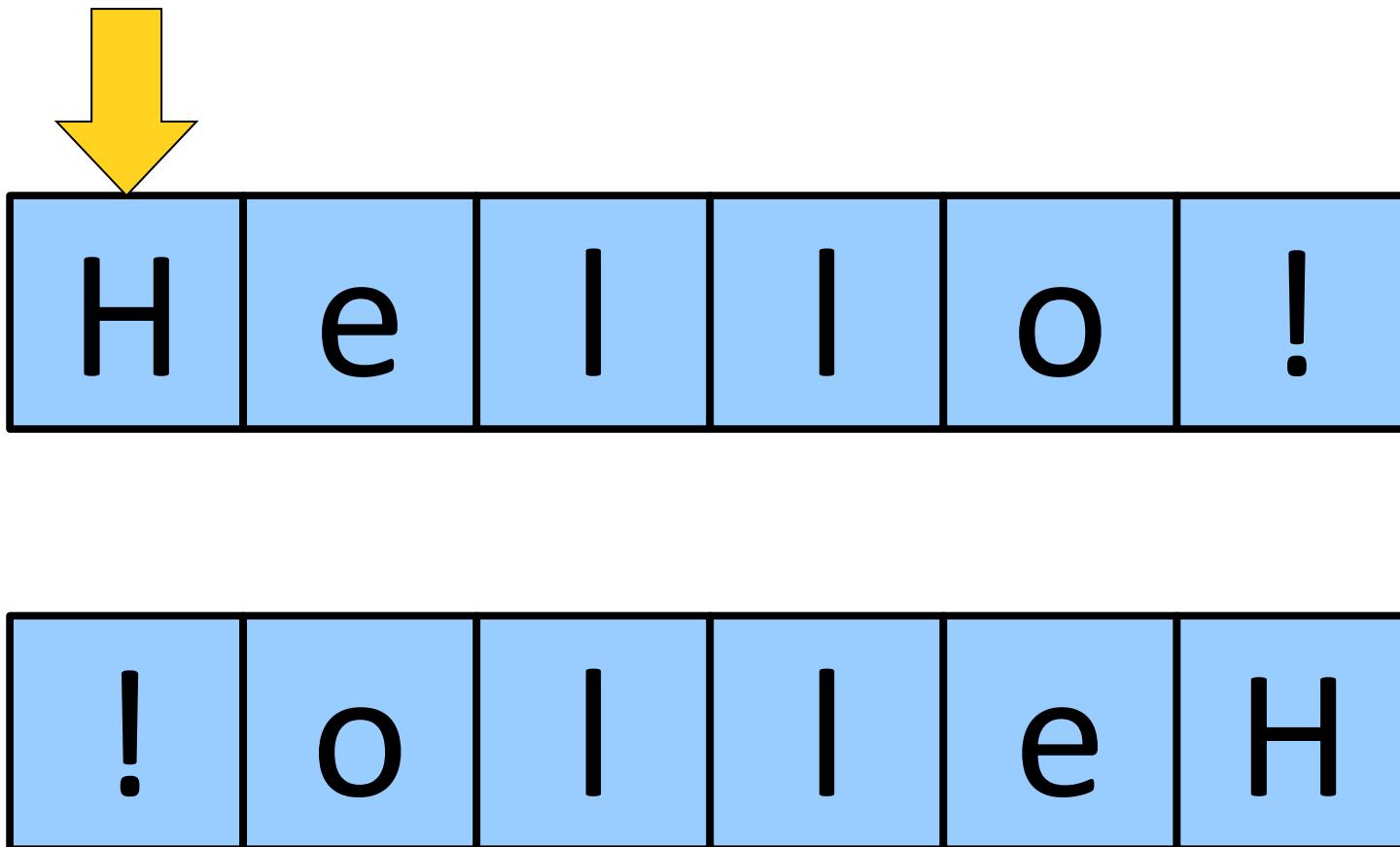
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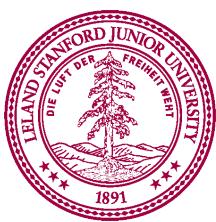
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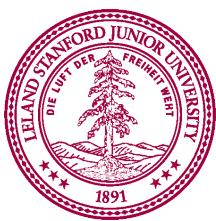
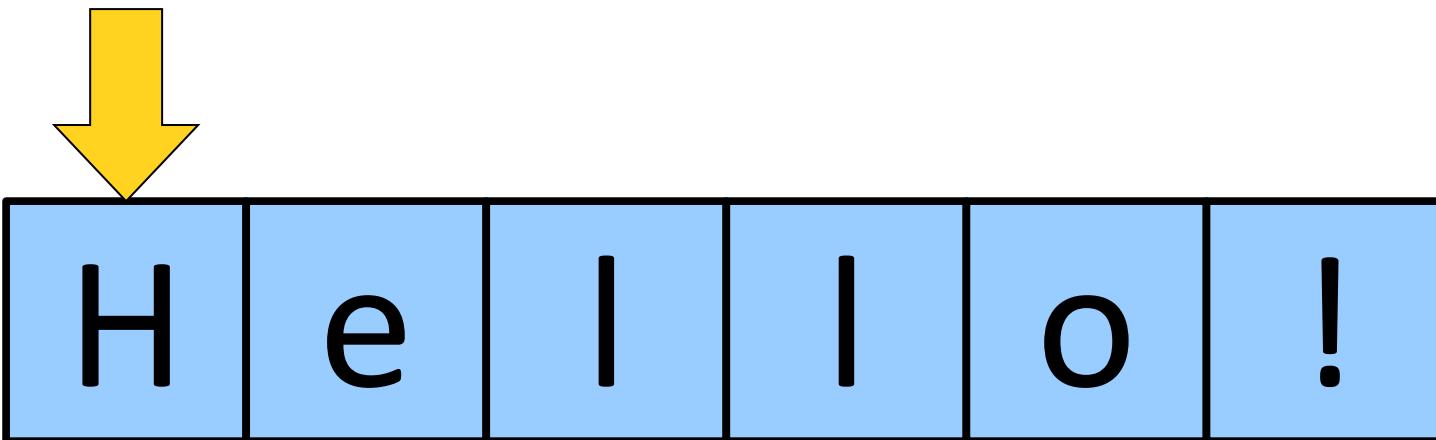
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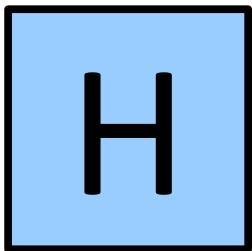
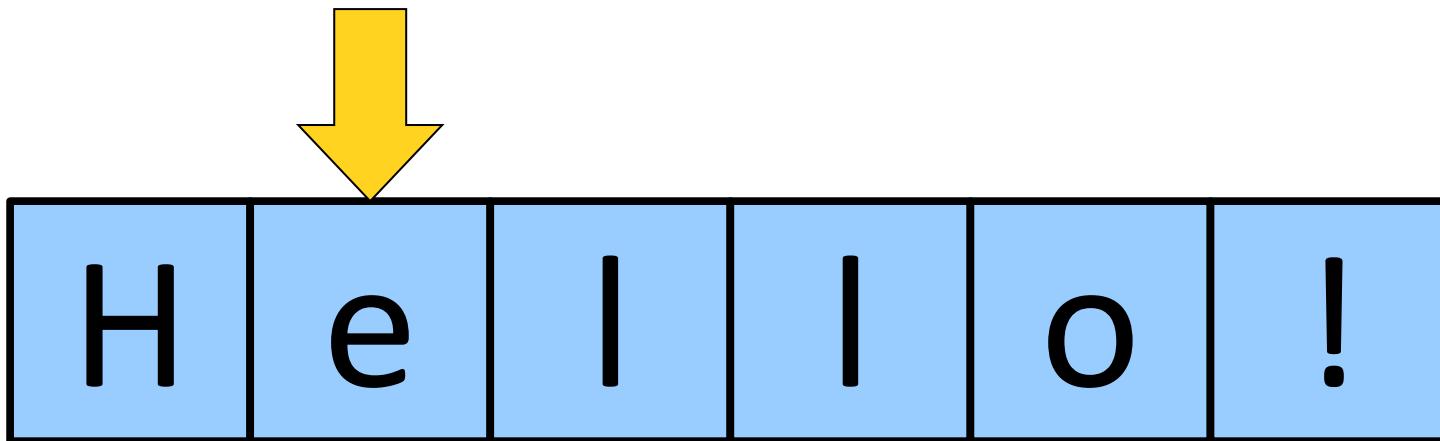
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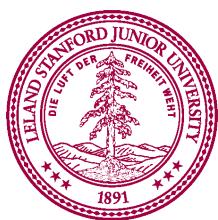
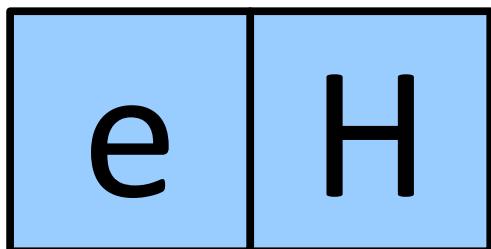
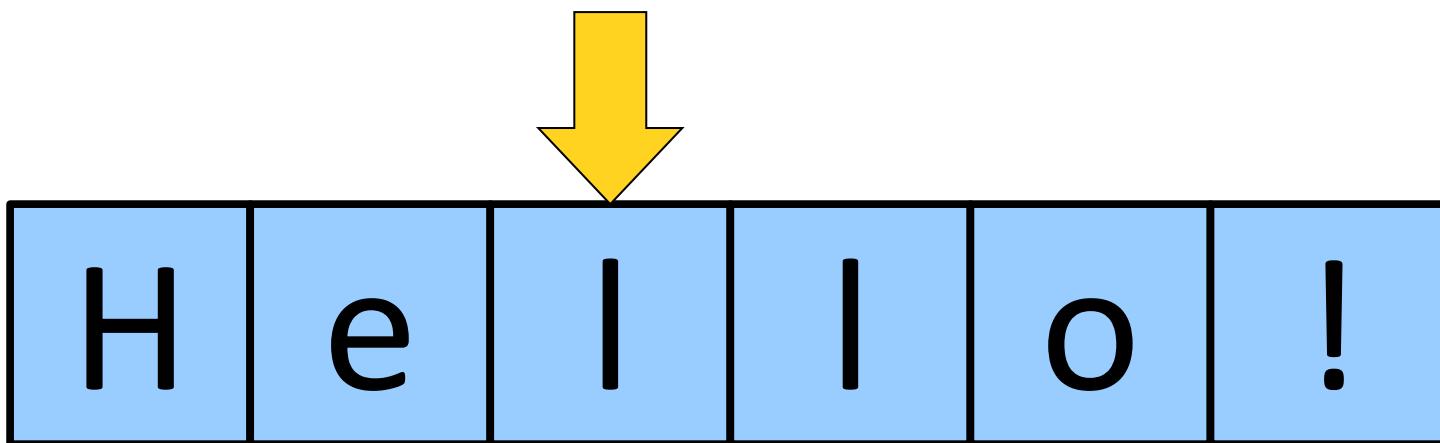
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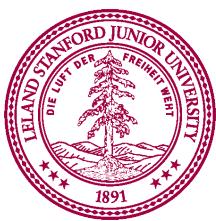
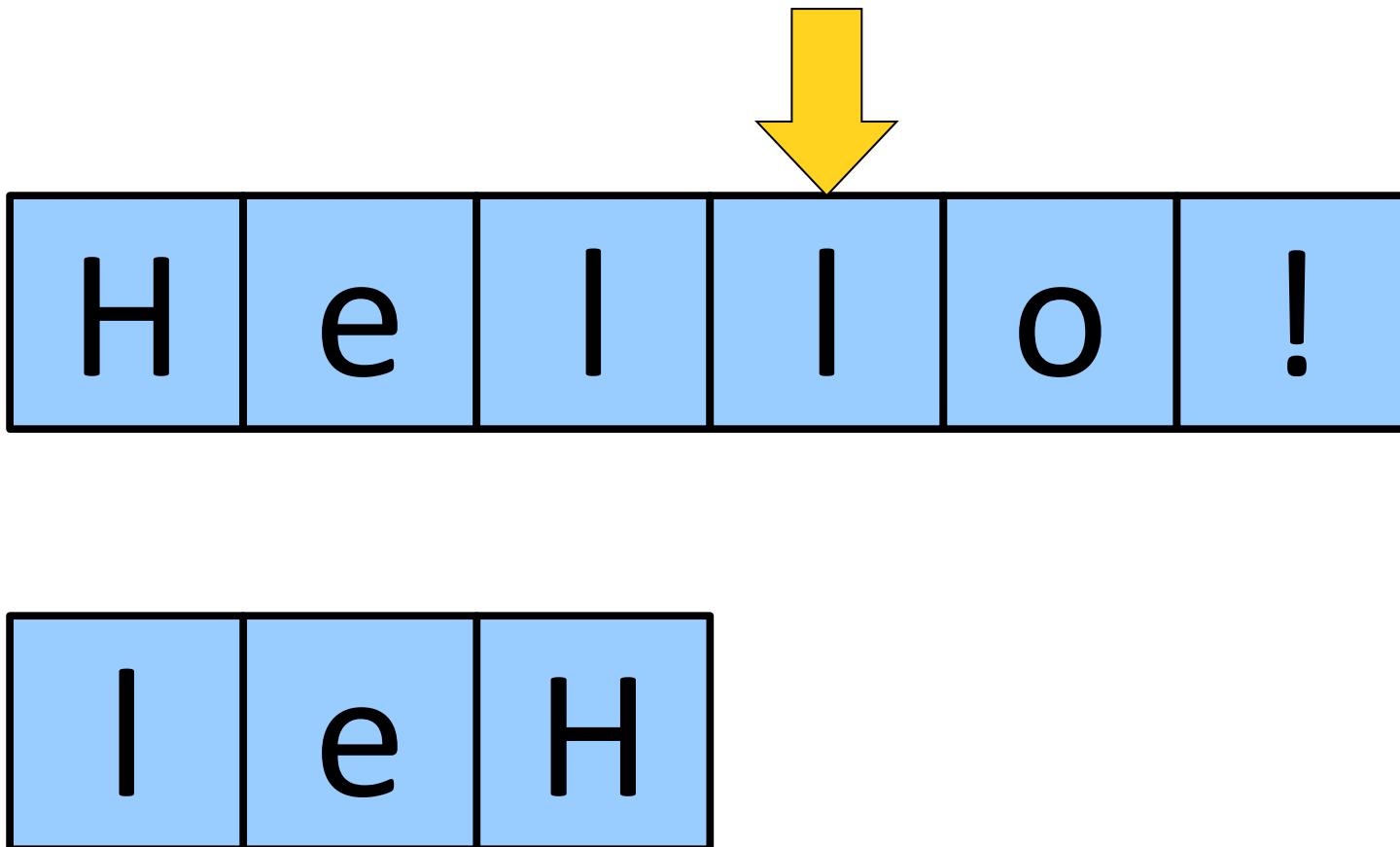
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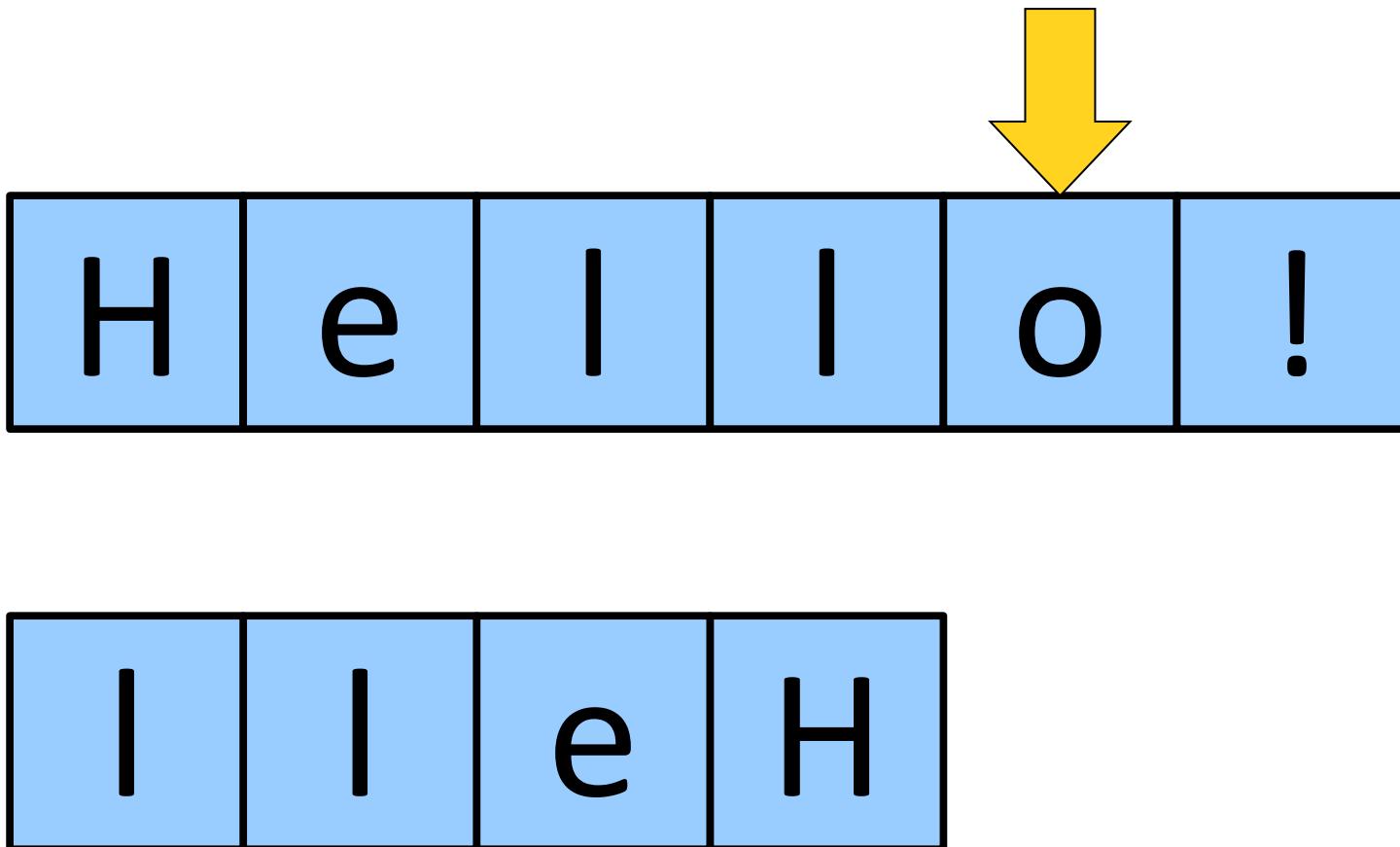
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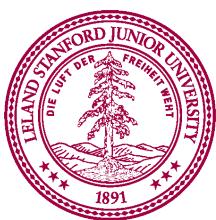
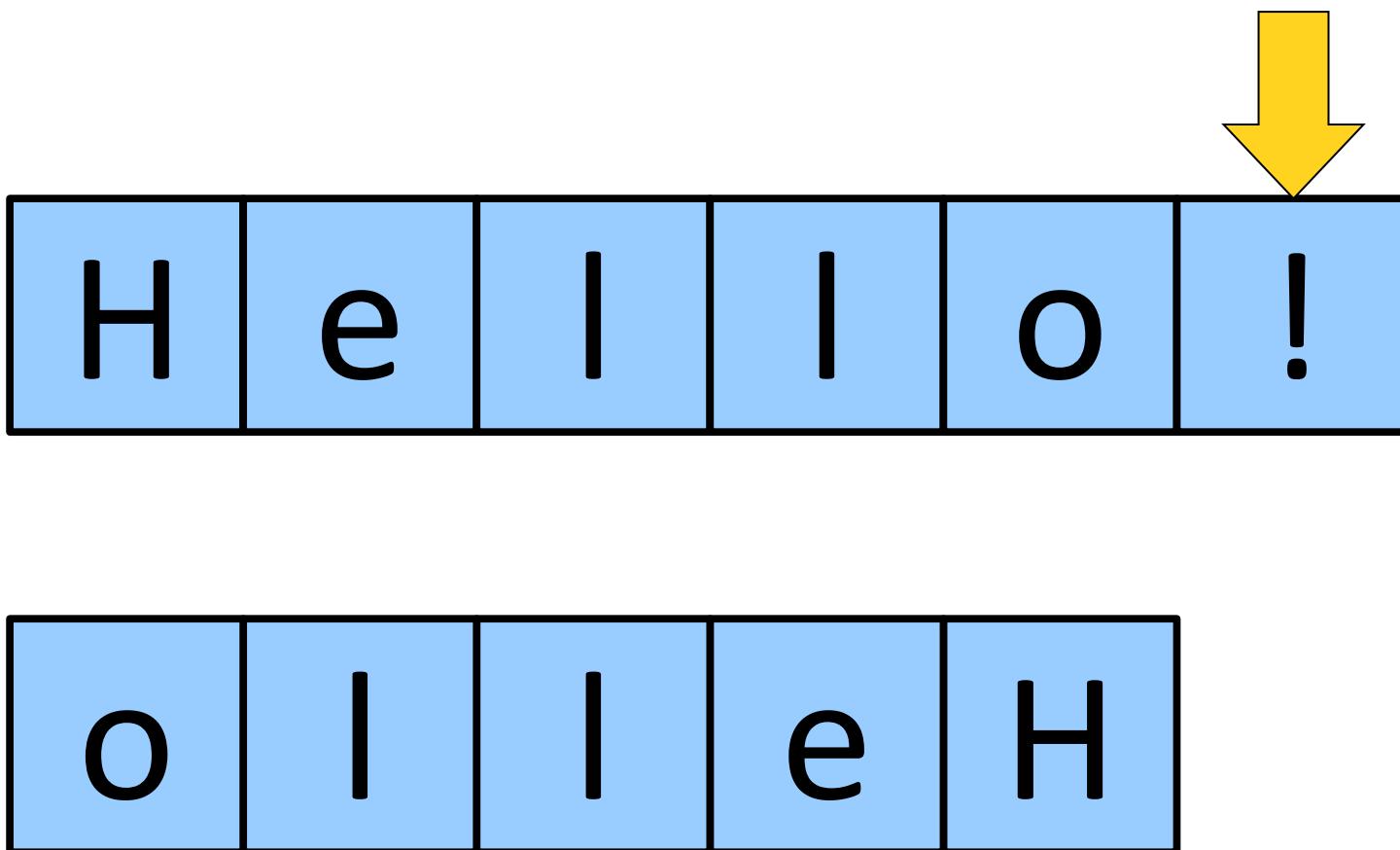
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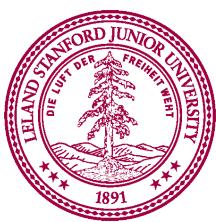
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reverse_string

```
def main():

    def reverse_string(str):
        result = ""
        for i in range(len(str)):
            result = str[i] + result

    return result
```

result

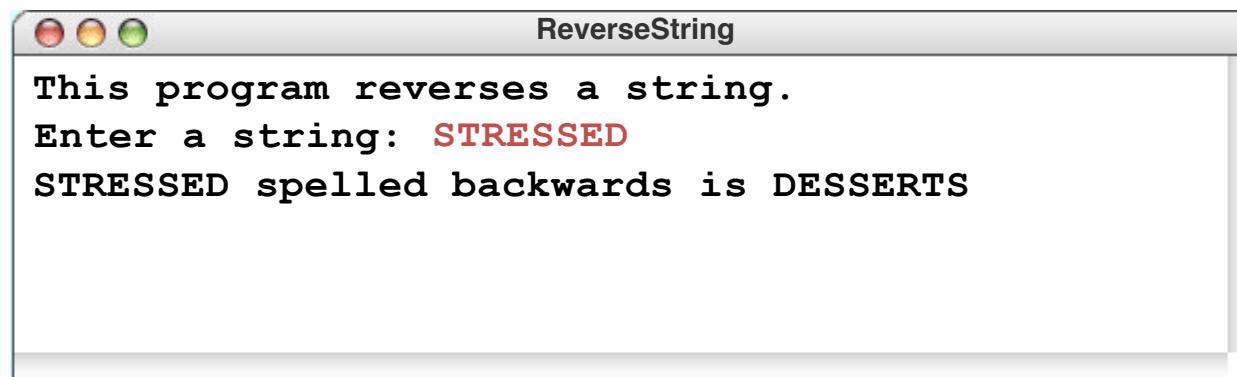
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reverse_string redux

```
def reverse_string(str):  
    result = ""  
    for i in range(len(str)):  
        result = str[i] + result  
    return result
```

Swiss army knife pattern

```
def reverse_string_v2(str):  
    result = ""  
    for ch in str:  
        result = ch + result  
    return result
```

Medium bear.

```
def reverse_string_v3(str):  
    """
```

This uses the slice operator in a special way. With no start, no end and a delta of -1, slice reverses.

```
    """
```

```
    return str[::-1]
```

One cool trick that will blow your mind



Palindrome

- A **palindrome** is a string that reads the same forwards and backwards.
- For example:
 - Abba
 - Racecar
 - Kayak
 - Mr. Owl ate my metal worm.
 - Go hang a salami! I'm a lasagna hog.
 - Elu par cette crapule



Some test cases

- Let's test our program on some examples:
 - Racecar
 - Kayak
 - Mr. Owl ate my metal worm.
 - Go hang a salami! I'm a lasagna hog.
- Will it work?



More Palindromes

Here are some palindromes in other languages:

- بلح تعلق تحت قلعة حلب (Dates hang underneath a castle in Halab)
- 여보, 안경 안보여 (Honey, I can't see my glasses)
- কড়ক (a loud thunderous sound)
- 上海自來水來自海上 (Shanghai tap water originates from "above" the ocean)

The comedian Dmitri Martin also has a routine about palindromes check it out at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hUHDIOazIU>



Stress Test

A man, a plan, a caret, a ban, a myriad, a sum, a lac, a liar, a hoop, a pint, a catalpa, a gas, an oil, a bird, a yell, a vat, a caw, a pax, a wag, a tax, a nay, a ram, a cap, a yam, a gay, a tsar, a wall, a car, a luger, a ward, a bin, a woman, a vassal, a wolf, a tuna, a nit, a pall, a fret, a watt, a bay, a daub, a tan, a cab, a datum, a gall, a hat, a tag, a zap, a say, a jaw, a lay, a wet, a gallop, a tug, a trot, a trap, a tram, a torr, a caper, a top, a tonk, a toll, a ball, a fair, a sax, a minim, a tenor, a bass, a passer, a capital, a rut, an amen, a ted, a cabal, a tang, a sun, an ass, a maw, a sag, a jam, a dam, a sub, a salt, an axon, a sail, an ad, a wadi, a radian, a room, a rood, a rip, a tad, a pariah, a revel, a reel, a reed, a pool, a plug, a pin, a peek, a parabola, a dog, a pat, a cud, a nu, a fan, a pal, a rum, a nod, an eta, a lag, an eel, a batik, a mug, a mot, a nap, a maxim, a mood, a leek, a grub, a gob, a gel, a drab, a citadel, a total, a cedar, a tap, a gag, a rat, a manor, a bar, a gal, a cola, a pap, a yaw, a tab, a raj, a gab, a nag, a pagan, a bag, a jar, a bat, a way, a papa, a local, a gar, a baron, a mat, a rag, a gap, a tar, a decal, a tot, a led, a tic, a bard, a leg, a bog, a burg, a keel, a doom, a mix, a map, an atom, a gum, a kit, a baleen, a gala, a ten, a don, a mural, a pan, a faun, a ducat, a pagoda, a lob, a rap, a keep, a nip, a gulp, a loop, a deer, a leer, a lever, a hair, a pad, a tapir, a door, a moor, an aid, a raid, a wad, an alias, an ox, an atlas, a bus, a madam, a jag, a saw, a mass, an anus, a gnat, a lab, a cadet, an em, a natural, a tip, a caress, a pass, a baronet, a minimax, a sari, a fall, a ballot, a knot, a pot, a rep, a carrot, a mart, a part, a tort, a gut, a poll, a gateway, a law, a jay, a sap, a zag, a tat, a hall, a gamut, a dab, a can, a tabu, a day, a batt, a waterfall, a patina, a nut, a flow, a lass, a van, a mow, a nib, a draw, a regular, a call, a war, a stay, a gam, a yap, a cam, a ray, an ax, a tag, a wax, a paw, a cat, a valley, a drib, a lion, a saga, a plat, a catnip, a pooh, a rail, a calamus, a dairyman, a bater, a canal – Panama!

