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In [1]: def hello_name(name):  
        """  
        Given a string name, e.g. "Bob", return a greeting of the form "Hello Bob!".  
        """  
        return "Hello " + name + "!"
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In [2]: def make_abba(a, b):  
        """  
        Given two strings, a and b, return the result of putting them together  
        in the order abba, e.g. "Hi" and "Bye" returns "HiByeByeHi".  
        """  
        return a+2*b+a
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In [5]: def make_tags(tag, word):  
        """  
        The web is built with HTML strings like "<i>Yay</i>" which draws Yay as  
        italic text. In this example, the "i" tag makes <i> and </i> which surround  
        the word "Yay". Given tag and word strings, create the HTML string with tags  
        around the word, e.g. "<i>Yay</i>".  
        """  
        return "<"+tag+">"+word+"</"+tag+">"
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In [6]: def make_out_word(out, word):  
        """  
        Given an "out" string length 4, such as "<<>>", and a word, return a new  
        string where the word is in the middle of the out string, e.g. "<<word>>".  
        """  
        return out[:2] + word + out[2:]
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In [7]: def extra_end(str):  
        """  
        Given a string, return a new string made of 3 copies of the last 2 chars  
        of the original string. The string length will be at least 2.  
        """  
        return str[-2:]*3
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In [8]: def first_two(str):  
        """  
        Given a string, return the string made of its first two chars, so the  
        String "Hello" yields "He". If the string is shorter than length 2, return  
        whatever there is, so "X" yields "X", and the empty string "" yields the  
        empty string "".  
        """  
        return str if len(str)<=2 else str[:2]
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In [9]: def first_half(str):  
        """  
        Given a string of even length, return the first half. So the string "WooHoo"  
        yields "Woo".  
        """  
        return str[:len(str)/2]
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In [10]: def without_end(str):  
        """  
        Given a string, return a version without the first and last char,  
        so "Hello" yields "ell". The string length will be at least 2.  
        """  
        return str[1:-1]
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In [11]: def combo_string(a, b):  
        """  
        Given 2 strings, a and b, return a string of the form short+long+short,  
        with the shorter string on the outside and the longer string on the inside.  
        The strings will not be the same length, but they may be empty (length 0).  
        """  
        return a+b+a if len(a)<len(b) else b+a+b
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In [12]: def non_start(a, b):  
        """  
        Given 2 strings, return their concatenation, except omit the first char  
        of each. The strings will be at least length 1.  
        """  
        return a[1:]+b[1:]
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In [ ]: def left2(str):  
        """
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Given a string, return a "rotated left 2" version where the first 2 chars are moved to the end. The string length will be at least 2.
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return str[2:]+str[:2]
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