

PYTHON ASSIGNMENT 6

1. What are escape characters, and how do you use them?

An escape character lets you use characters that are otherwise impossible to put into a string. An escape character consists of a backslash (\) followed by the character you want to add to the string.

2. What do the escape characters `n` and `t` stand for?

In Python strings, the backslash "`\`" is a special character, also called the "escape" character. It is used in representing certain whitespace characters: "`\t`" is a tab, "`\n`" is a newline.

3. What is the way to include backslash characters in a string?

The backslash character `\` is used to indicate metacharacters or special forms in regular expressions. The backslash is also used in strings to escape special characters. In other words, it has a special meaning in Python. So, if we need to use the `\` character, we'll have to escape it: `\\`. This will give the string literal meaning to the backslash. However, in order to match inside a regular expression, we should escape the backslashes, effectively writing four back slashes: `\\\\`.

4. The string `"Howl's Moving Castle"` is a correct value. Why the single quote character in the word `Howl's` is not escaped a problem?

The single quote in `Howl's` is fine because you've used double quotes to mark the beginning and end of the string.

5. How do you write a string of newlines if you don't want to use the `n` character?

Multiline strings allow you to use newlines in strings without the `\n` escape character.

6. What are the values of the given expressions?

- a. `'Hello, world!'[1]` - `'e'`
- b. `'Hello, world!'[0:5]` - `'Hello'`
- c. `'Hello, world!':[5]` - `'Hello'`
- d. `'Hello, world!'[3:]` - `'lo world'`

7. What are the values of the following expressions?

- a. `'Hello'.upper()` - `'HELLO'`
- b. `'Hello'.upper().isupper()` - `True`
- c. `'Hello'.upper().lower()` - `'hello'`

8. What are the values of the following expressions?

- a. `'Remember, remember, the fifth of July.'.split()` -
`['Remember,', 'remember,', 'the', 'fifth', 'of', 'july']`
- b. `'-'.join('There can only one.'.split())` - `'there-can-only-one'`

9. What are the methods to right-justify, left-justify, and centre align the string?

To align text and strings in Python, we have 3 specific string handling methods. They are Python `center()`, Python `rjust()` and Python `ljust()`. They return a string that is at least width characters wide, which is constructed by padding the input string with the character `fillchar` (the default is a space) until the given width is reached on the right, left, or both sides.

- Python `ljust()` – If the `'fillchar'` parameter is not given, this function left aligns the string according to the width specified and fills the leftover space of the line with blank space.
- Python `center()` – If the `'fillchar'` parameter is not given, this function center aligns the string according to the width specified and fills the leftover space of the line with blank space.
- Python `rjust()` – If the `'fillchar'` parameter is not given, this function right aligns the string according to the width specified and fills the remaining space of the line with blank space.

10. What is the best way to remove whitespace characters from the start or end?

- Use the `.strip()` method to remove whitespace and characters from the beginning and the end of a string.
- Use the `.lstrip()` method to remove whitespace and characters only from the beginning of a string.
- Use the `.rstrip()` method to remove whitespace and characters only from the end of a string.