

**Returns**

Number of words highlighted.

**Return type**

`int`

**join(*lines*)**

Join text together with this instance as the separator.

**Parameters**

**lines** (*Iterable*[`Text`]) – An iterable of `Text` instances to join.

**Returns**

A new text instance containing join text.

**Return type**

`Text`

**property markup: `str`**

Get console markup to render this `Text`.

**Returns**

A string potentially creating markup tags.

**Return type**

`str`

**on(*meta=None*, *\*\*handlers*)**

Apply event handlers (used by Textual project).

**Example**

```
>>> from rich.text import Text
>>> text = Text("hello world")
>>> text.on(click="view.toggle('world')")
```

**Parameters**

- **meta** (*Dict*[`str`, *Any*]) – Mapping of meta information.
- **\*\*handlers** – Keyword args are prefixed with “@” to defined handlers.

**Returns**

Self is returned to method may be chained.

**Return type**

`Text`

**pad(*count*, *character=' '*)**

Pad left and right with a given number of characters.

**Parameters**

- **count** (*int*) – Width of padding.
- **character** (*str*) – The character to pad with. Must be a string of length 1.

**Return type**

`None`