

Python

Programming with Python

**S T R I N G S**

**T U P L E S**

**L I S T S**

**S E T**



# Strings

- Strings in Python have type `str`
- They represent sequence of characters
  - Python does not have a type corresponding to character.
- Strings are enclosed in single quotes(') or double quotes("")
  - Both are equivalent
- Backslash (\) is used to escape quotes and special characters

# Strings

```
>>> name='intro to python'  
>>> descr='acad\'s first course'
```

- More readable when **print** is used

```
>>> print [descr]  
acad's first course
```

## Multiline string:

```
A= " " " Geeksforgeeks, Noida  
    An Ed-Tech company,  
    founded by Mr Sandeep Jain " " "
```

```
>>> print(A)
```

```
Geeksforgeeks, Noida  
An Ed-Tech company,  
founded by Mr Sandeep Jain
```

# Length of a String

- **len** function gives the length of a string

```
>>> name='intro to python'
```

```
>>> empty=''
```

```
>>> single='a'
```

**\n** is a **single** character:  
the special character  
representing newline

# Concatenate and Repeat

- In Python, **+** and **\*** operations have special meaning when operating on strings
  - **+** is used for concatenation of (two) strings
  - **\*** is used to repeat a string, an **int** number of time
- **Operator Overloading**

## Concatenate and Repeat

```
>>> details = name + ', ' + descr
>>> details
"intro to python, acad's first course"
      (
      )

      (
      )
```



# Indexing

- Strings can be indexed
- First character has index 0

```
>>> name='Acads'
```

# Indexing

- Negative indices start counting from the right
- Negative indices start from -1
- -1 means last, -2 second last, ...

```
>>> name='Acads'
```

```
>>> name[-1]
```

```
's'
```

```
>>> name[-5]
```

```
'A'
```

```
>>> name[-2]
```

```
'd'
```

# Indexing

- Using an index that is too large or too small results in “index out of range” error

# Looping Through a String

Since strings are arrays, we can loop through the characters in a string, with a **for** loop.

## Example

Loop through the letters in the word "Hello World!":

```
for x in "Hello World!":  
>>> print(x)
```

```
H  
e  
l  
l  
o
```

```
.....
```

# Membership role : in/ not in

## Check String

To check if a certain phrase or character is present in a string, we can use the keyword in.

## Example

Check if "best" is present in the following text:

```
>>>txt = "Honesty is the best policy!"  
>>>print("best" in txt)
```

**True**

# Slicing

- To obtain a substring
- `s[start:end]` means substring of `s` starting at index `start` and ending at index `end-1`
- `s[0:len(s)]` is same as `s`
- Both `start` and `end` are optional
  - If `start` is omitted, it defaults to 0
  - If `end` is omitted, it defaults to the length of string
- `s[:]` is same as `s[0:len(s)]`, that is same as `s`

# Slicing

```
>>> name='Acads'
```

```
>>> name[0:3]
```

## More Slicing

```
>>> name='Acads'  
>>> name[-4:-1]  
'cad'  
>>> name[-4:]  
'cads'  
>>> name[-4:4]  
'cad'
```

## Understanding Indices for slicing

A	c	a	d	s	
0	1	2	3	4	5
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	



# Out of Range Slicing

A	c	a	d	s
0	1	2	3	4
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

- Out of range indices are ignored for slicing
- when start and end have the same sign, if start  $\geq$  end, empty slice is returned

Why?



# Modifying String

```
a = "Hello, World!"
```

```
b = "Hello World!"
```

```
a.upper()      #Upper case conversion
```

```
a.lower()      #Lower case Conversion
```

```
a.strip()      #Removes all whitespaces from string  
                from both the ends of the string
```

```
a.replace("H","J", [count])
```

```
a.split(",")    #splits the string based on separator
```

# f-strings

- A formatted string literal or **f-string** is a string literal that is prefixed with **'f' or 'F'**.
- These strings may contain replacement fields, which are expressions delimited by curly braces **{ }**.
- While other string literals always have a constant value, formatted strings are really expressions evaluated at run time.

```
>>> name = "Fred"
```

```
>>> f"He said his name is {name!r}."  
"He said his name is 'Fred'."
```

```
>>> f"He said his name is {repr(name)}." # repr() is equivalent to !r"  
He said his name is 'Fred'."
```

# Custom String Formatting

The built-in string class provides the ability to do complex variable substitutions and value formatting via the **format()** method

Three conversion flags are currently supported: **'!s'** which calls **str()** on the value, **'!r'** which calls **repr()** and **'!a'** which calls **ascii()**.

Some examples:

"Harold's a clever {0!s}"	# Calls str() on the argument first
"Bring out the holy {name!r}"	# Calls repr() on the argument first
"More {!a}"	# Calls ascii() on the argument first

Accessing arguments by position:

```
>>> '{0}, {1}, {2}'.format('a', 'b', 'c')
'a, b, c'
>>> '{} , {} , {}'.format('a', 'b', 'c') # 3.1+ only
'a, b, c'
```

Accessing arguments by name:

```
>>> 'Coordinates: {latitude}, {longitude}'.format(latitude='37.24N', longitude='-115.81W')
'Coordinates: 37.24N, -115.81W'
```

Replacing %s and %r:

```
>>> "repr() shows quotes: {!r}; str() doesn't: {!s}".format('test1', 'test2')
'repr() shows quotes: 'test1'; str() doesn't: test2'
```

Accessing arguments' items:

```
>>> coord = (3, 5)
>>> 'X: {0[0]}; Y: {0[1]}'.format(coord)
'X: 3; Y: 5'
```

Aligning the text and specifying a width:

```
>>> '{:<30}'.format('left aligned')
'left aligned'
>>> '{:>30}'.format('right aligned')
'right aligned'
>>> '{:^30}'.format('centered')
'centered'
>>> '{:*^30}'.format('centered') # use '*' as a fill char
'*****centered*****'
```

Replacing %f, %-f, and % f and specifying a sign:

```
>>> '{:+f}; {:+f}'.format(3.14, -3.14) # show it always
'+3.140000; -3.140000'
>>> '{: f}; {: f}'.format(3.14, -3.14) # show a space for positive numbers
' 3.140000; -3.140000'
>>> '{:-f}; {:-f}'.format(3.14, -3.14) # show only the minus -- same as '{:f}; {:f}'
'3.140000; -3.140000'
```

[More Functions on Python String](#)

1. What is the output of the code shown below?

```
'{a}{b}{a}'.format(a='hello', b='world')
```

- A. 'hello world'
- B. 'hello' 'world' 'hello'
- C. 'helloworldhello'
- D. 'hello' 'hello' 'world'

2. What does this command do `str[::-1]`

- A. Selects only the last character of str
- B. Selects full string except the last character
- C. Reverses the str
- D. Select the -1th character



Can you figure out the output?

```
1. s="Hello"  
2. print(s.replace("l", "e"))  
3. print(s[3] )  
4. print(len(s))  
5. print(s.__getitem__(3))
```

Heeeo 1 2 5

Hello 1 2 5

Heeeo  
l  
5  
l

Hello  
1  
2  
3

After the assignment `signal = 'abracadabra'`, what is returned by `signal[len(signal)]`?

'a'

'abracadabra'

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an error

Determine the output for the following code

```
1. s = "Hi hElLo"  
2. print s.upper()  
3. print s.lower()
```

HI HELLO  
hi hello

UPPER  
LOWER

hi hello  
HI HELLO

None of these