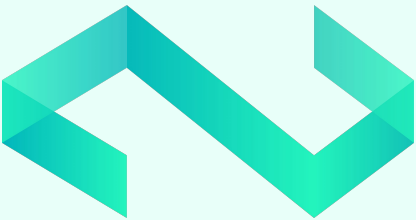


List and For-Loops



CS for Social Good



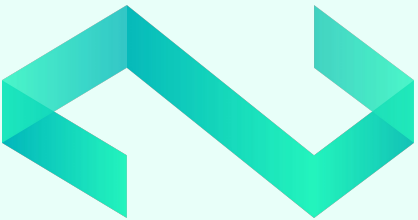
String Indexing

Say we have a string **text**:

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text = 'Hello!'
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Question: What if we want to extract the first character in **text**?

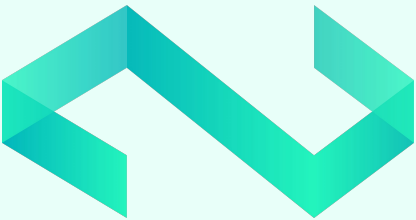
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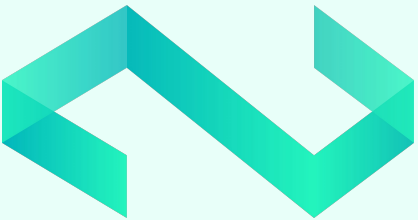
In Python, there's a concept called **zero-indexing**. In other words, instead of counting our positions from 1, we count from 0.

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| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| H | e | l | l | o |
|---|---|---|---|---|

| | | | | |
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Note: In computer science, the position is called an **index**



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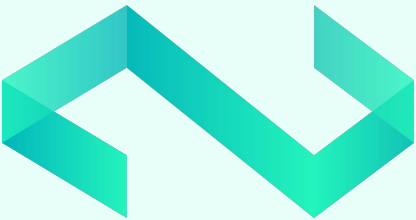
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Syntax: `string_name[index]`

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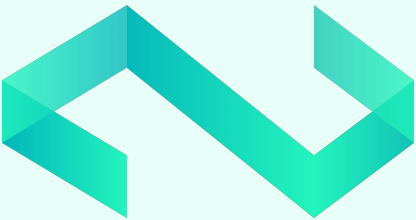
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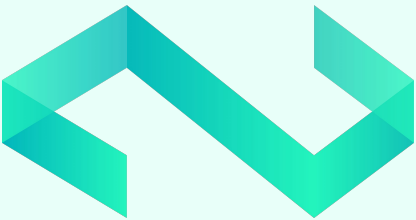
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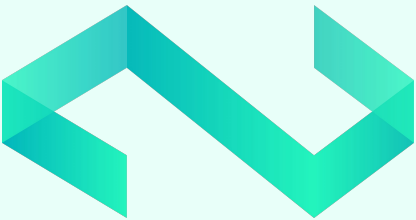
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In general, we only use negative indexing if we want to access the last element, or an element toward the end!



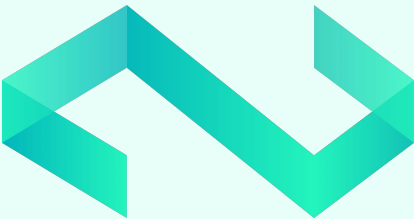
String Slicing

Instead of extracting one character, we can also extract a portion of our string! Let's say we have the variable `sentence = 'Hi there'`

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|-------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| sentence = | H | i | | t | h | e | r | e |
| Index: | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

The syntax `sentence[start:end]` gives us a string that begins at the index `start`, and ends at the character before `end` (up to but not including end!)

- `sentence[3:6]` gives us the string `'the'`
 - Notice that it doesn't include the character at index 6!
- `sentence[0:1]` gives us the string `'H'`



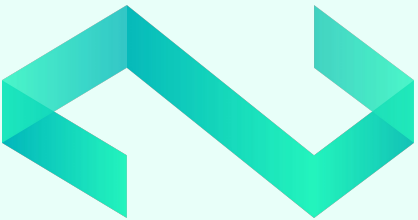
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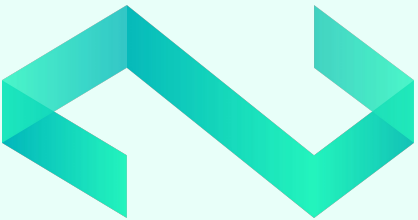
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Some other syntax...

- If we don't include an end index, we go to the end of the string
 - **sentence[3:]** gives us the string **'there'**
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 - **sentence[:4]** gives us the string **'Hi t'**
- If start and end index are the same, we get an empty string
 - **sentence[1:1]** gives us the empty string **''**
- If our end index is too big, we go to the end of the string
 - **sentence[3:100]** gives us the string **'there'**



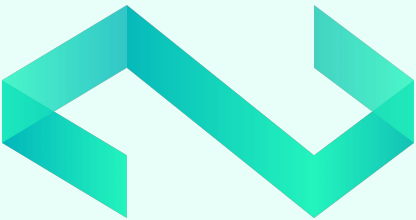
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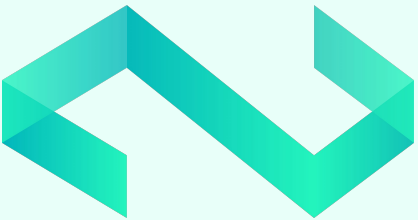
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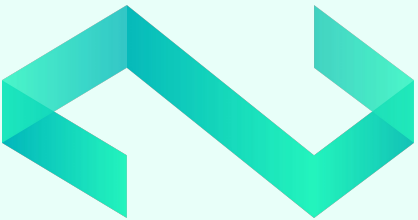
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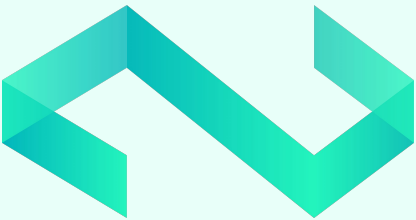
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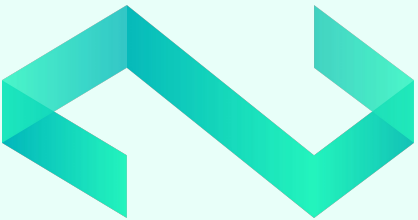
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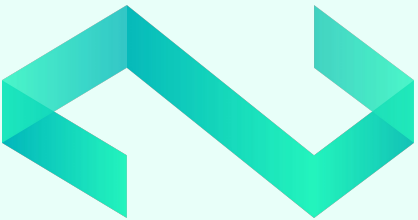
List Methods

There are many functions you can do on lists; today we're just showing you the basics, but feel free to do more research on all the tools at your disposal!

`my_list.append(item)`: add an item to the end of your list

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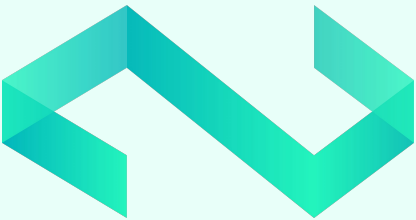
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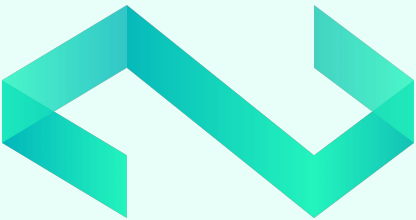
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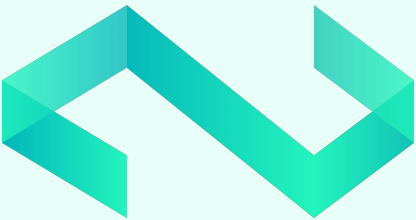
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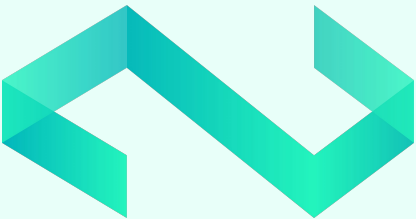
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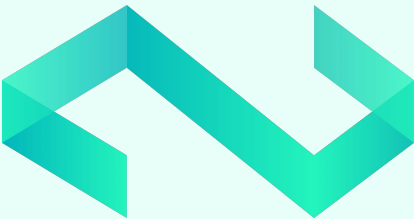
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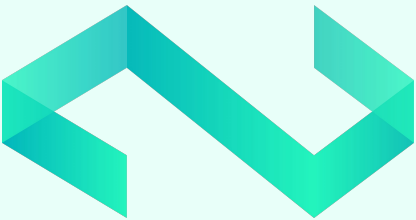
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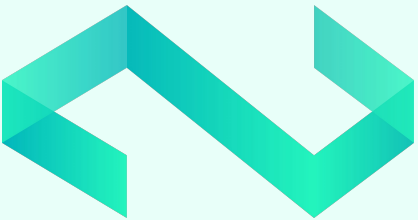
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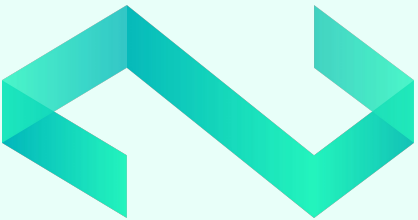


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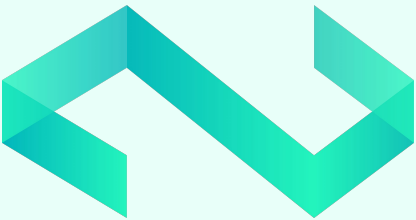
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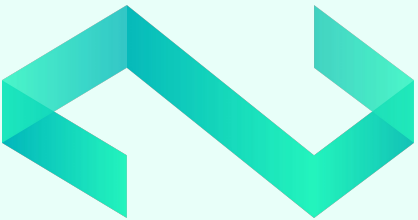


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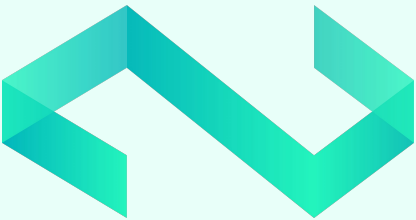


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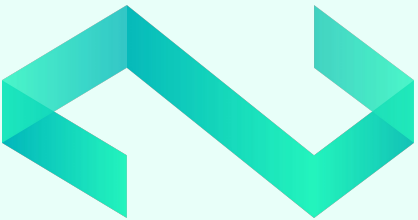
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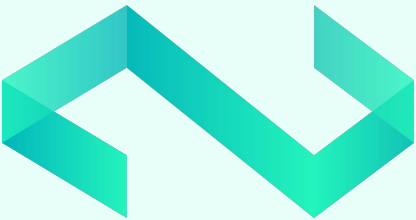
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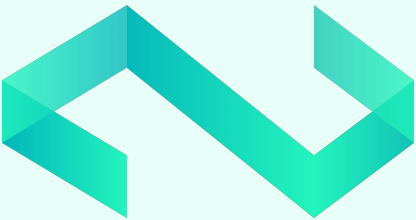
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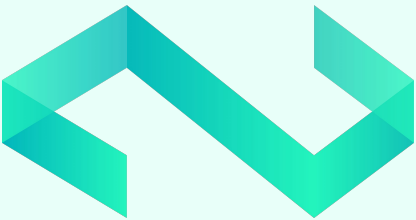
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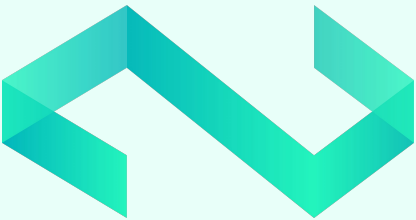


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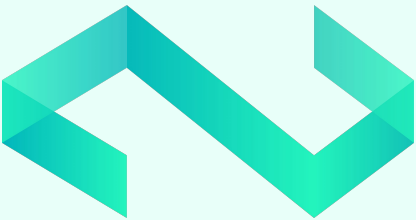
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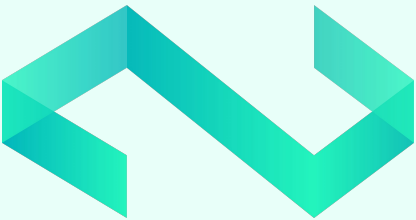
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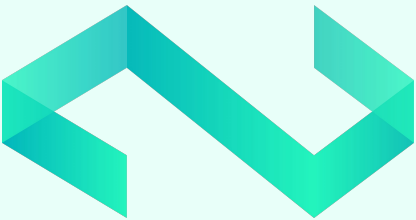
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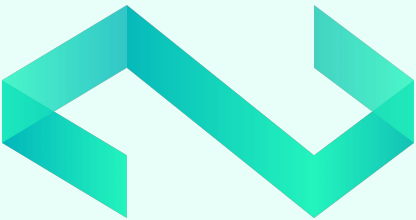
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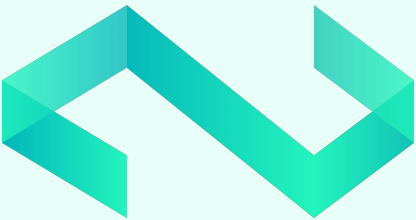
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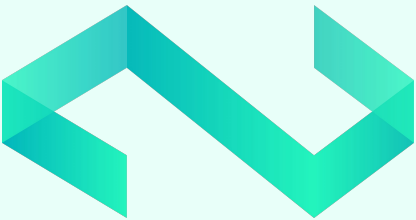
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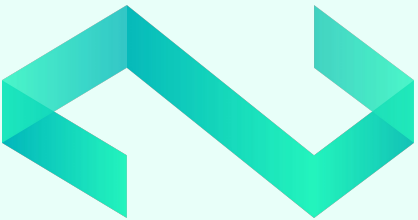
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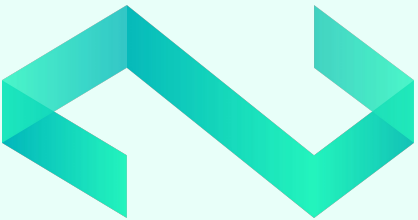


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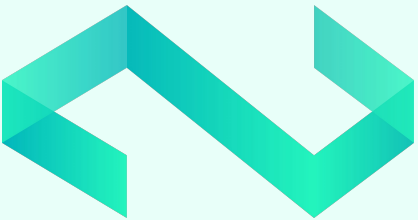


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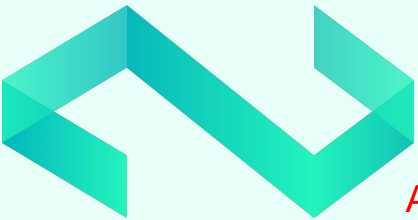
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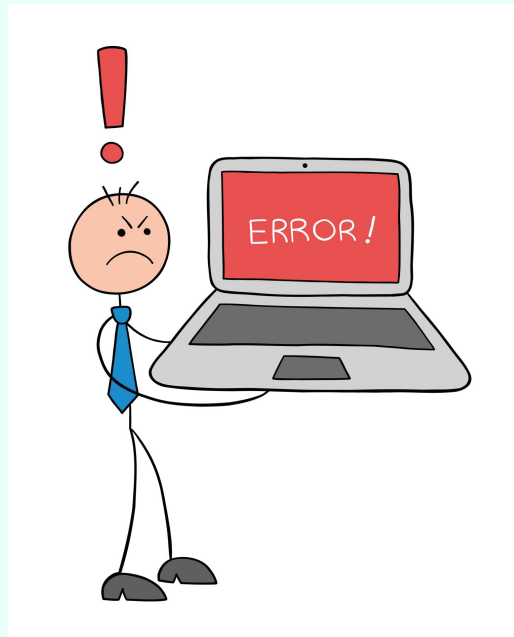
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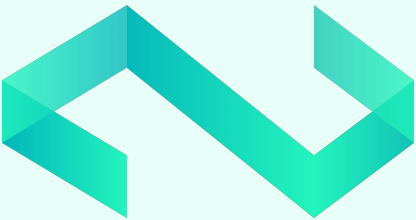
After testing, I found out these two actually don't give errors in python!! Just gives whatever the value of the variable is at the end of the loop.

Another reason I don't like python >:(

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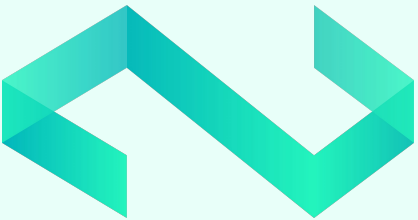
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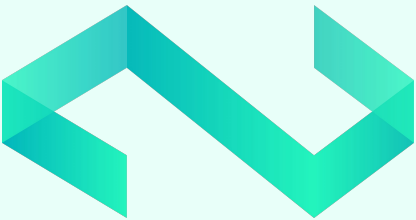


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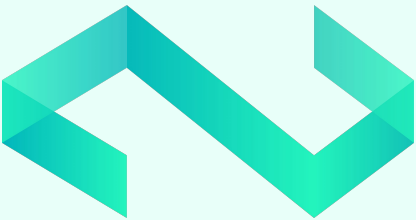




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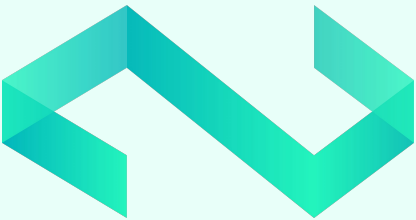


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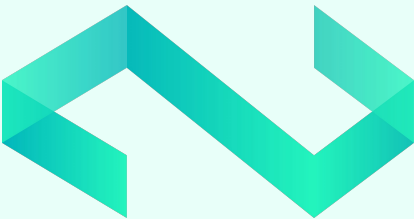
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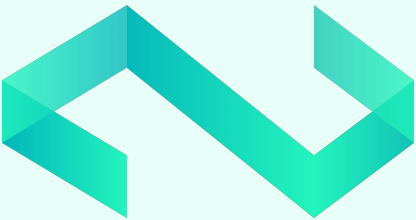
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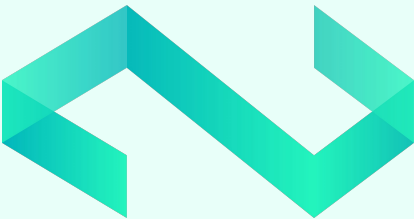
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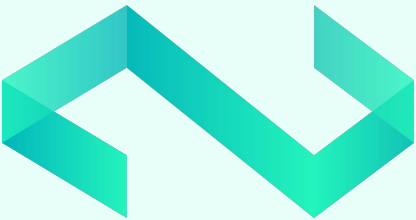
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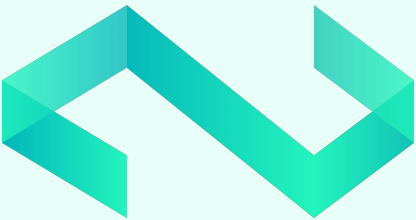
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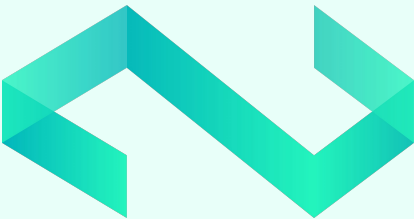
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