# **Strings**

Strings are sequences of characters used to represent text.

Unlike character arrays, strings end with a special '\0' character in some languages like C. In most languages like Java, Python, and JavaScript, strings are immutable, meaning they can't be changed after creation. In C++, it is mutable.

You can access each character using its position (called an index), starting from 0. So in "hello", the character at index 1 is 'e'.

# **Properties**

- Immutable (in many languages): Once created, their content cannot be changed (e.g., Python, JavaScript).
- Indexable: Each character can be accessed by its position (starting from 0).
- Iterable: You can loop through a string character by character.
- Support for Slicing/Substrings: You can extract parts of strings using ranges.
- Unicode Support: Most modern languages support Unicode, allowing international text.

# **String Operations**

#### Concatenation

Concatenation is the addition of 2 strings and can be done in different languages in the following way:

```
o Python:
    str1 = "Hello"
    str2 = "World"
    result = str1 + " " + str2
o C++:
    string str1 = "Hello";
    string str2 = "World";
    string result = str1 + " " + str2;
o Javascript:
    let str1 = "Hello";
    let str2 = "World";
    let result = str1 + " " + str2;
```

#### Insertion

o Python:

```
s = "hello"
s = s[:2] + "X" + s[2:]

o C++:
    string s = "hello";
    s.insert(2, "X");

o Javascript:
    let s = "hello";
    s = s.slice(0, 2) + "X" + s.slice(2);// Inserts 'X' at s[2]
```

#### Deletion

```
O Python:
    s = "hello"
    s = s[:2] + s[3:] # Deletes character at index 2
O C++
    string s = "hello";
    s.erase(2, 1); // Deletes 1 character at index 2
O Javascript
    let s = "hello";
    s = s.slice(0, 2) + s.slice(3); // Deletes character at index 2
```

### Length

o Python:
 s = "hello"
 print(len(s))
o C++:
 string s = "hello";
 cout << s.length();
o Javascript:
 let s = "hello";</pre>

console.log(s.length);

### Substring

```
o Python:
    s = "hello"
    print(s[1:4]) # "ell"
o C++:
    string s = "hello";
    cout << s.substr(1,3); // "ell"</pre>
```

```
o Javascript:
    let s = "hello";
    console.log(s.substring(1, 4)); // "ell"

• Finding a Character
    o Python:
    s = "banana"
```

```
s = "banana"
  print(s.find("a"))

C++:
  string s = "banana";
  cout << s.find("a");

Javascript:
  let s = "banana";
  console.log(s.indexOf("a"));</pre>
```

## Reversing a String

```
Python:
    s = "hello"
    print(s[::-1])

C++:
    #include <algorithm>
    string s = "hello";
    reverse(s.begin(), s.end());

Javascript:
    let s = "hello";
    console.log(s.split("").reverse().join(""));
```

You can also visit:

String in Data Structure | GeeksforGeeks
JavaScript Strings
Python Strings
C++ Strings

### **Problems**

Easy:

Find the Index of the First Occurrence in a String - LeetCode | Solution

Valid Anagram - LeetCode | Solution

Roman to Integer - LeetCode | Solution

Valid Palindrome - LeetCode | Solution

<u>Isomorphic Strings - LeetCode</u> | <u>Solution</u>

Number of Segments in a String - LeetCode | Solution

Repeated Substring Pattern - LeetCode | Solution

Medium:

Fraction to Recurring Decimal - LeetCode | Solution

<u>Longest Palindromic Substring - LeetCode | Solution</u>

Find All Anagrams in a String - LeetCode | Solution

<u>Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters - LeetCode</u> | <u>Solution</u>

<u>Longest Repeating Character Replacement - LeetCode | Solution</u>

Hard:

<u>Substring with Concatenation of All Words - LeetCode</u> | <u>Solution</u>

<u>Smallest K-Length Subsequence With Occurrences of a Letter - LeetCode | Solution</u>

Minimum Window Substring - LeetCode | Solution