

Digital World (2018)

Week 6, S2: Reading/Writing Files

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Refresher: overloaded operations

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```
44 out = 5
45 a = "five (" + '5' + ")"
46 b = '*'*out
47 c = "five" + out
48 d = 'five'*out
49 e = str(out) + ' five'
```

Which of the lines produces an error?

A) line 45 **B)** line 46 **C)** line 47 **D)** line 48 **E)** line 49

String operations: replace

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```
19 sentence = 'everything was as fresh'  
20 t = len( sentence.replace('as', 'x') )
```

The value of **t** is

- A)** 23 **B)** 22 **C)** 21 **D)** 20 **E)** 19

Reading from files

```
handle = open("fav_food.txt", "r")
```

```
...
```

```
handle.close()
```



Reading from files

`handle.read()`

`handle.readline()`

handle

`handle.readlines()`

`for line in handle`

`“roti canai\n”.strip() = “roti canai”`

Multi-dimensional data?

-4.89898989899	-269.1728292
-4.79797979798	-255.76800244
-4.69696969697	-242.77933606
-4.59595959596	-230.200646399
-4.49494949495	-218.025749795
-4.39393939394	-206.248462587
-4.29292929293	-194.862601116
-4.19191919192	-183.861981719
-4.09090909091	-173.240420736


...

Multi-dimensional data?

line.split()

```
line = -4.89898989899 -269.1728292  
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...



**[-4.89898989899,
-269.1728292]**

Summary

- files can be read and written to via a handle
- typically processed line-by-line, e.g. via for-loops and lists
- str.strip() returns a copy of str with preceding/trailing whitespace characters removed
- str.split(d) breaks str into a list of strings, using d as the delimiter (or whitespace by default)