

PYTHON – STRINGS



Common string quotes and literals

<code>>>> S = ""</code>	<code># Empty string</code>
<code>>>> S = "spam's"</code>	<code># Same as single quote</code>
<code>>>> S = 's\np\ta\x00m'</code>	<code># Escape sequences</code>
<code>>>> S = """..."""</code>	<code># Triple-quoted block strings</code>
<code>>>> S = r'\temp\spam'</code>	<code># Raw strings</code>
<code>>>> S = b'spam'</code>	<code># Byte strings in 3.0</code>
<code>>>> S1 + S2</code>	<code># Concatenate</code>
<code>>>> S * 3</code>	<code># Re-iterate</code>

Common string quotes and literals

- `S[i]` # indexing
- `S[i:j]` # slicing
- `len(S)` # function
- `S.find('pa')` # method
- `S.rstrip()` # method
- `S.replace('pa', 'xx')` # method

Common string quotes and literals

- `S.split(',')` # split on delimiter
- `S.isdigit()` # content test
- `S.lower()` # case conversion
- `S.endswith('spam')` # end test
- `'spam'.join(strlist)` # delimiter join

Common string quotes and literals

```
>>> for x in S: print(x)
```

```
>>> 'spam' in S
```

```
>>> [c * 2 for c in S]          # iteration
```

```
>>> map(ord, S)                # membership
```

Indexing Tricks

```
>>> S[0]      # fetches the first item.  
>>> S[-2]     # same as S[len(S)-2]  
>>> S[i:j]    # contiguous sequences  
>>> S[1:3]    # does what?  
>>> S[1:]     # ???
```

`ord()`

Using the `ord()` function to convert a binary string to a decimal number.

Explain how this works:

```
>>> B = '1101'                # Convert binary digits to integer with ord
>>> I = 0
>>> while B != '':
...     I = I * 2 + (ord(B[0]) - ord('0'))
...     B = B[1:]
...
>>> I
13
```

More examples

```
>>> print('----- ...more... ---')
>>> print('-' * 80)
```

```
>>> myjob = "hacker"
>>> for c in myjob: print(c, end=' ')
...
```

```
>>> S = 'spam'
>>> S[0], S[-2]
('s', 'a')
>>> S[1:3], S[1:], S[::-1]
('pa', 'pam', 'spas')
```


String Backslash Characters

- `\\` # delimits `\`
- `\'` # delimits `'`
- `\"` # delimits `"`
- `\b` # Backspace
- `\f` # Formfeed

String Backslash Characters

- `\n` # New Line
- `\r` # Return Carriage
- `\t` # Horizontal tab
- `\v` # Vertical tab
- `\xhh` # *Char hex val hh*
- `\ooo` # *Char with octal val ooo*
- `\other` # Not an escape (keeps both `\` and other)

Raw Strings Suppress Escapes!

Escape characters are automatically read:

```
myfile = open('C:\new\text.dat', 'w')
```

Same as:

```
myfile = open('C:(newline)ew(tab)ext.dat, 'w')
```

So what do we do???

Raw Strings Suppress Escapes!

```
>>> myfile = open(r'C:\new\text.dat', 'w')
```

```
>>> myfile = open('C:\\new\\text.dat', 'w')
```

Exercise

Write a program which prompts the user to input two IP addresses and a mask. Determine if the two addresses are on the same subnet and print yes or no accordingly.

Hints:

1. First line is always.. `#!/usr/bin/python3`
2. Use the “input” function to prompt the user for the info
3. Use the “split” method and “int()” to convert the input strings into 4 element integer lists
4. Use a for loop (`for I in range(4):`) to logically “and” each address octet with the respective mask octet and compare them one octet at a time...

```
ip1=input('Enter an ip address  ')
ip2=input('Enter a second ip address  ')

m=input('Enter a mask value  ')

ip1=ip1.split('.')
ip2=ip2.split('.')
m=m.split('.')

for i in range(4):
    ip1[i]=int(ip1[i])
    ip2[i]=int(ip2[i])
    m[i]= int(m[i])
    if (ip1[i] & m[i] != ip2[i] & m[i]):
        print("not the same subnet on the ",i+1,"
octet")
```

Changing String

```
>>> S = 'spam'
```

```
>>> S[0] = 'x' # Raises an error!
```

```
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```

```
>>> S = S + 'SPAM!'
```

```
>>> S
```

```
'spamSPAM!'
```

```
>>> S = S[:4] + 'Burger' + S[-1]
```

```
>>> S
```

```
'spamBurger!'
```

Changing String

`replace()`:

```
>>> S = 'splot'
>>> S = S.replace('pl', 'pamal')
>>> S
'spamalot'
```

`format()`:

```
>>> 'That is %d %s bird!' % (1, 'dead')
That is 1 dead bird!
>>> 'That is {0} {1} bird!'.format(1, 'dead')
'That is 1 dead bird!'
```


Changing String

`replace()`:

```
>>> 'aa$bb$cc$dd'.replace('$', 'SPAM')  
'aaSPAMbbSPAMccSPAMdd'
```

`find()`:

```
>>> S = 'xxxxSPAMxxxxSPAMxxxx'  
>>> where = S.find('SPAM')           # Search for position  
>>> where                             # Occurs at offset 4  
4  
>>> S = S[:where] + 'EGGS' + S[(where+4):]  
>>> S  
'xxxxEGGSxxxxSPAMxxxx'
```

Changing String

`replace()`:

```
>>> S = 'xxxxSPAMxxxxSPAMxxxx'
```

```
>>> S.replace('SPAM', 'EGGS')           # Replace all  
'xxxxEGGSxxxxEGGSxxxx'
```

```
>>> S.replace('SPAM', 'EGGS', 1)        # Replace one  
'xxxxEGGSxxxxSPAMxxxx'
```

Changing String

Convert to list:

```
>>> S = 'spammy'
>>> L = list(S)
>>> L
['s', 'p', 'a', 'm', 'm', 'y']
```

```
>>> L[3] = 'x'
>>> L[4] = 'x'
```

```
>>> L
['s', 'p', 'a', 'x', 'x', 'y']
```

Changing String

`join()` :

```
>>> S = ''.join(L)
```

```
>>> S
```

```
'spaxxy'
```

```
>>> 'SPAM'.join(['eggs', 'sausage', 'ham', 'toast'])
```

```
'eggsSPAMsausageSPAMhamSPAMtoast'
```

Parsing String

```
>>> line = 'aaa bbb ccc'
>>> col1 = line[0:3]
>>> col3 = line[8:]
>>> col1
'aaa'
>>> col3
'ccc'
```

```
>>> line = 'aaa bbb ccc'
>>> cols = line.split()
>>> cols
['aaa', 'bbb', 'ccc']
```

String Methods

- `S.endswith(suffix [, start [, end]])`
- `S.replace(old, new [, count])`
- `S.find(sub [, start [, end]])`
- `S.rfind(sub [,start [,end]])`

String Methods

- `S.isalnum()`
- `S.isalpha()`
- `S.rsplit([sep[, maxsplit]])`
- `S.isdecimal()`
- `S.rstrip([chars])`
- `S.isdigit()`
- `S.split([sep [,maxsplit]])`
- `S.splitlines([keepends])`
- `S.startswith(prefix [, start [, end]])`
- `S.isnumeric()`
- `S.strip([chars])`

Operations In General

- Operations work the same for all the types in the same category, so we'll only need to define most of these ideas once.
- There are three major type (and operation) categories in Python:
 1. Numbers (integer, floating-point, decimal, fraction, others) support addition, multiplication, etc.
 2. Sequences (strings, lists, tuples) support indexing, slicing, concatenation, etc.
 3. Mappings (dictionaries) support indexing by key, etc.