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str1 = 'very nice'
str2 = 'and good'

# format output
# length of a string
print('length of str1 is %d' % len(str1))  # str1's length is 9
print('length of str2 is %d' % len(str2))  # str2's length is 8
print('length of an empty string %d' % len(''))

# concatenation
print(str1 + str2)  # very niceand good
print(str1 + ' ' + str2)  # very nice and good
# clone itself 3 times
print(str1 * 3)  # very nicevery nicevery nice
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# indexing
school = 'Baishan'
print(school[0])  # the first character in school 'B'
print(school[2])  # the third character in school 'i'
print(school[-1])  # the first character from the tail 'n'
# print(school[7])  # index out of range
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# slicing
school = 'Qingdao, Baishan'
print(school[0:7]) # extracts substring from the first character (index 0) to the 7th (index 6)
print(school[1:3]) # extracts substring from the second character (index 1) to the 3rd (index 2)
print(school[9:]) # extracts substring from the 10th character (index 9) to the end
print(school[-7:]) # extracts substring from the 7th character (index -7) from the end to the end

# extended slicing
# extracts characters by step 2 from first character (index 0) to the 7th (index 6),
print(school[0:7:2])
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# find subsequence in a string
# find returns -1 if the subsequence does not exist
s0 = 'we have 3 lessons a day'
print('first letter e at positions %d in \'%s\'' % (s0.find('e'), s0))
# string for Chinese characters
s0 = '青岛市'
print(s0)
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