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# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
Topic:Python Strings
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String Literals
String literals in python are surrounded by either single quotation marks,
or double quotation marks.
'hello' is the same as "hello".
You can display a string literal with the print() function:
print("Hello")
print('Hello')
Assign String to a Variable
Assigning a string to a variable is done with the variable name
followed by an equal sign and the string:
Example
a = "Hello"
print(a)
Multiline Strings
You can assign a multiline string to a variable by using three quotes:
Example
You can use three double quotes:
a = """Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,
consectetur adipiscing elit,
sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt
ut labore et dolore magna aliqua."""
print(a)
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Or three single quotes:
Example
a = '''Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet,
consectetur adipiscing elit,
sed do eiusmod tempor incididunt
ut labore et dolore magna aliqua.'''
print(a)
Note: in the result, the line breaks are inserted
at the same position as in the code.
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Strings are Arrays
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Like many other popular programming languages, strings in Python are arrays of bytes representir However, Python does not have a character data type, a single character is simply a string with

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Square brackets can be used to access elements of the string.
Example
Get the character at position 1 (remember that the first character has the position 0):
a = "Hello, World!"
print(a[1])
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Slicing
You can return a range of characters by using the slice syntax.
Specify the start index and the end index, separated by a colon,
to return a part of the string.
Example
Get the characters from position 2 to position 5 (not included):
b = "Hello, World!"
print(b[::-1])
print(b[1::-1])
print(b[-3::-1])
print(b[2:5])
print(b[2:])
print(b[:5])
print(b[::1])
print(b[::2])
print(b[::3])
print(b[3:7:1])
print(b[::-2])
Negative Indexing
Use negative indexes to start the slice from the end of the string:
Get the characters from position 5 to position 1,
starting the count from the end of the string:
b = "Hello, World!"
print(b[-5:-2])
print(b[-6:-1])
print(b[::-1])
print(b[::-2])
print(b[len(b)::-1])
print(b[::]) #Hello, World!
print(b[::1]) #Hello, World!
print(b[::2]) #Hlo ol!
print(b[::3])
print(b[::-1])
print(b[:-2])
print(b[-2:])
String Length
To get the length of a string, use the len() function.
Example
The len() function returns the length of a string:
a = "Hello, World!"
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print(len(a))
String Methods
Python has a set of built-in methods that you can use on strings.
The strip() method removes any whitespace from the beginning or the end:
a = " Hello, World! "
print(a.strip()) # returns "Hello, World!"
The lower() method returns the string in lower case:
a = "Hello, World!"
print(a.lower())
The upper() method returns the string in upper case:
a = "Hello, World!"
print(a.upper())
The replace() method replaces a string with another string:
a = "Hello, World!"
print(a.replace("H", "J"))
The split() method splits the string into substrings
if it finds instances of the separator:
a = "Hello,Wor,ld!"
print(a.split(",")) # returns ['Hello', ' World!']
Check String
To check if a certain phrase or character is present in a string,
we can use the keywords in or not in.
Example
Check if the phrase "ain" is present in the following text:
txt = "The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain"
x = "ain" in txt
print(x)
Check if the phrase "ain" is NOT present in the following text:
txt = "The rain in Spain stays mainly in the plain"
x = "ain" not in txt
print(x)
String Concatenation
To concatenate, or combine, two strings you can use the + operator.
Merge variable a with variable b into variable c:
a = "Hello"
b = "World"
c = a + b
print(c)
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To add a space between them, add a " ":
a = "Hello"
b = "World"
c = a + " " + b
print(c)
String Format
As we learned in the Python Variables chapter,
we cannot combine strings and numbers like this:
Example
age = 36
y=str(age)
txt = "My name is John, I am " + y
print(txt)
But we can combine strings and numbers by using the format() method!
The format() method takes the passed arguments, formats them,
and places them in the string where the placeholders {} are:
Example
Use the format() method to insert numbers into strings:
age = 36
txt = "My name is John, and I am {}"
print(txt.format(age))
The format() method takes unlimited number of arguments, and
are placed into the respective placeholders:
Example
quantity = 3
itemno = 567
price = 49.95
myorder = "I want {} pieces of item {} for {} dollars."
print(myorder.format(quantity, itemno, price))
You can use index numbers {0} to be sure the arguments are placed
in the correct placeholders:
Example
quantity = 3
itemno = 567
price = 49.95
myorder = "I want to pay {2} dollars for {0} pieces of item {1}."
print(myorder.format(quantity, itemno, price))
Escape Character
To insert characters that are illegal in a string, use an escape character.
An escape character is a backslash \
followed by the character you want to insert.
An example of an illegal character is a double
quote inside a string
that is surrounded by double quotes:
Example
You will get an error if you use double quotes
inside a string that is
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surrounded by double quotes:
txt = "We are the so-called "Vitians" from the VIT."
To fix this problem, use the escape character \":
The escape character allows you to use double quotes
when you normally would not be allowed:
txt = "We are the so-called \"Vitians\" from the VIT."
print(txt)
\r Carriage Return
txt = "Hello\rWorld!"
print(txt)
print("You have NOT used Carriage Return")
print("You have used Carriage \r Return")
print("You have used Carriage\rReturn")
\b Backspace
txt = "Hello\bWorld!"
print(txt)
\f page break
txt = "\f Hello World!"
print(txt)
print("You have used Form Feed")
txt = "\f Hello on Page 2!"
print(txt)
print("On Page 2")
print("You have used Form Feed")
\ooo Octal value
#A backslash followed by three integers will
#result in a octal value:
txt = "\110\145\154\154\157"
print(txt)
\xhh Hex value
#A backslash followed by an 'x' and
#a hex number represents a hex value:
txt = "\x48\x65\x6c\x6c\x6f"
print(txt)
str="sAmPLE sTrING"
capitalize() Converts the first character to upper case
print(str.capitalize())
casefold()
             Converts string into lower case
print(str.casefold())
center() Returns a centered string
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print(str.center(50))
count()
         Returns the number of times a specified
value occurs in a string
print(str.count("s"))
encode() Returns an encoded version of the
string
print(str.encode())
             Returns true if the string ends with the
endswith()
specified value
# Python code shows the working of
# .endswith() function
text = "geeks for geeks."
# start parameter: 10
result = text.endswith('geeks.', 10)
print(result)
# Both start and end is provided
# start: 10, end: 15
# Returns False
result = text.endswith('geeks', 10, 15)
print(result)
# returns True
result = text.endswith('geeks', 10, 14)
print(result)
expandtabs() Sets the tab size of
the string
print(str.expandtabs())
find() Searches the string for a specified value and
returns the position of where it was found
word = 'VIT for Scholars'
# returns first occurrence of Substring
result = word.find('VIT')
print ("Substring 'VIT' found at index:", result )
result = word.find('for')
print ("Substring 'for ' found at index:", result )
# How to use find()
if (word.find('power') != -1):
    print ("Contains given substring ")
else:
    print ("Doesn't contains given substring")
if (word.find('Scholars') != -1):
    print ("Contains given substring ")
else:
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print ("Doesn't contains given substring")
format() Formats specified values in a string
# Python3 program to demonstarte
# the str.format() method
# using format option in a simple string
print ("{}, A computer science portal for geeks.".format("GeeksforGeeks"))
# using format option for a
# value stored in a variable
str = "This article is written in {}"
print (str.format("Python"))
# formatting a string using a numeric constant
print ("Hello, I am {} years old !".format(18))
# Python program demonstrating Index error
# Number of placeholders are four but
# there are only three values passed
# parameters in format function.
my_string = "{2}, is a {1} science {0} portal"
print (my_string.format("ProgrammingTech", "computer", "engineering"))
# Python program using multiple place
# holders to demonstrate str.format() method
# Multiple placeholders in format() function
my_string = "{}, is a {} science portal for {}"
print (my string.format("GeeksforGeeks", "computer", "geeks"))
# different datatypes can be used in formatting
print ("Hi ! My name is {} and I am {} years old"
                          .format("User", 19))
# The values passed as parameters
# are replaced in order of their entry
print ("This is {3} {2} {1} {0}"
      .format("one", "two", "three", "four"))
format_map() Formats specified values in a string
Parameters:
input dict : Takes a single parameter which is input dictionary.
Returns:
Returns key's values of the input dictionary.
# input stored in variable a.
a = {'x':'John', 'y':'Wick'}
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# Use of format_map() function
print("{x}'s last name is {y}".format_map(a))
# Input dictionary
profession = { 'name':['Barry', 'Bruce'],
              'profession':['Engineer', 'Doctor'],
             'age':[30, 31] }
# Use of format map() function
print('{name[0]} is an {profession[0]} and he'
      is {age[0]} years old.'.format_map(profession))
print('{name[1]} is a {profession[1]} and he'
       is {age[1]} years old.'.format_map(profession))
# Python code showing practical
# use of format_map() function
def chk_msg(n):
   # input stored in variable a.
   a = {'name':"George", 'mesg':n}
   # use of format map() function
   print('{name} has {mesg} new messages'.format_map(a))
chk_msg(10)
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        Searches the string for a specified value and
returns the position of where it was found
# Python code to demonstrate the working of
# index()
# initializing target string
ch = "geeksforgeeks"
# initializing argument string
ch1 = "geeks"
# using index() to find position of "geeks"
# starting from 2nd index
# prints 8
pos = ch.index(ch1,2)
print ("The first position of geeks after 2nd index : ",end="")
print (pos)
# Python code to demonstrate the exception of
# index()
# initializing target string
ch = "geeksforgeeks"
# initializing argument string
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ch1 = "gfg"
# using index() to find position of "gfg"
# raises error
pos = ch.index(ch1)
print ("The first position of gfg is : ",end="")
print (pos)
This function is used to extract the suffix or
prefix length after or before the target word.
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isalnum()
Returns True if all characters in the string are
alphanumeric
Parameter: isalnum() method takes no parameters
Return:
    True: If all the characters are alphanumeric
    False: If one or more characters are not alphanumeric
# Python program to demonstrate the use of
# isalnum() method
# here a,b and c are characters and 1,2 and 3
# are numbers
string = "abc123"
print(string.isalnum())
# here a,b and c are characters and 1,2 and 3
# are numbers but space is not a alphanumeric
# character
string = "abc 123"
print(string.isalnum())
isalpha() Returns True if all characters in the string are
in the alphabet
string.isalpha()
Parameters:
isalpha() does not take any parameters
Returns:
1.True- If all characters in the string are alphabet.
2.False- If the string contains 1 or more non-alphabets.
# Python code for implementation of isalpha()
# checking for alphabets
string = 'VIT'
print(string.isalpha())
string = 'VIT2020'
print(string.isalpha())
# checking if space is an alphabet
string = 'VIT PUNE'
print( string.isalpha())
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isdecimal() Returns True if all characters in the string are
decimals
# Python3 program to demonstrate the use
# of isdecimal()
s = "12345"
print(s.isdecimal())
# contains alphabets
s = "12geeks34"
print(s.isdecimal())
s = "110000"
print(s.isdecimal())
# contains numbers and spaces
s = "12 34"
print(s.isdecimal())
isdigit() Returns True if all characters in the string are
digits
Parameters:
isdigit() does not take any parameters
Returns:
1.True- If all characters in the string are digits.
2. False- If the string contains 1 or more non-digits.
# Python code for implementation of isdigit()
# checking for digit
string = '15460'
print(string.isdigit())
string = '154vit60'
print(string.isdigit())
isidentifier() Returns True if the string is an identifier
Parameters:
    The method does not take any parameters
Return Value:
    The method can return one of the two values:
    True: When the string is a valid identifier.
    False: When the string is not a valid identifier.
# Python code to illustrate the working of isidentifier()
# String with spaces
string = "Geeks for Geeks"
print(string.isidentifier())
# A Perfect identifier
string = "GeeksforGeeks"
print(string.isidentifier())
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# Empty string
string = "_"
print(string.isidentifier())
# Alphanumerical string
string = "Geeks0for0Geeks"
print(string.isidentifier())
# Beginning with an integer
string = "54Geeks0for0Geeks"
print(string.isidentifier())
islower() Returns True if all characters in the string are
lower case
string.islower()
Parameters:
islower() does not take any parameters
1.True- If all characters in the string are lower.
2.False- If the string contains 1 or more non-lowercase characters.
# Python code for implementation of isupper()
# checking for Lowercase characters
string = 'geeksforgeeks'
print(string.islower())
string = 'GeeksforGeeks'
print(string.islower())
isnumeric() Returns True if all characters in the string are
numeric
txt = "565543"
x = txt.isnumeric()
print(x)
txt = "ABCDE"
x = txt.isnumeric()
print(x)
a = "\u0030" #unicode for 0
b = "\u00B2" #unicode for ² superscript 2
c = "10km2"
print(a.isnumeric())
print(b.isnumeric())
print(c.isnumeric())
isprintable()Returns True if all characters in the string
are printable
txt = "Hello! Are you #1?"
x = txt.isprintable()
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print(x)
txt = "Hello!\nAre you #1?"
x = txt.isprintable()
print(x)
isspace()
Returns True if all characters in the string are
whitespaces
txt = " "
x = txt.isspace()
print(x)
txt = " s "
x = txt.isspace()
print(x)
istitle()
Returns True if the string follows the rules of
a title
txt = "Hello, And Welcome To My World!"
x = txt.istitle()
print(x)
a = "HELLO, AND WELCOME TO MY WORLD"
b = "Hello"
c = "22 Names"
d = "This Is %'!?"
print(a.istitle())
print(b.istitle())
print(c.istitle())
print(d.istitle())
isupper() Returns True if all characters in the string are
upper case
string.isupper()
Parameters:
isupper() does not take any parameters
Returns:
1.True- If all characters in the string are uppercase.
2.False- If the string contains 1 or more non-uppercase characters.
# Python code for implementation of isupper()
# checking for uppercase characters
string = 'GEEKSFORGEEKS'
print(string.isupper())
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string = 'GeeksforGeeks'
print(string.isupper())
join() Joins the elements of an iterable to the end of the
myTuple = ("John", "Peter", "Vicky")
x = "#".join(myTuple)
print(x)
myDict = {"name": "John", "country": "Norway"}
mySeparator = "TEST"
x = mySeparator.join(myDict)
print(x)
myList = ['A','B','C','D']
mySeparator = "Iam"
x = mySeparator.join(myList)
print(x)
mySet = {'1','2','3','4'}
mySeparator = "Iam"
x = mySeparator.join(mySet)
print(x)
          Returns a left justified version of the string
ljust()
txt = "apple"
x = txt.ljust(20)
print(x, "is my favorite fruit.")
txt = "orange"
x = txt.ljust(20, "0")
print(x)
partition()
            Returns a tuple where the string is parted into
three parts
Search for the word "bananas", and return a tuple with three elements:
1 - everything before the "match"
2 - the "match"
3 - everything after the "match"
txt = "I could eat apples all day"
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x = txt.partition("apples")
print(x)
txt = "I could eat bananas all day"
x = txt.partition("apples")
print(x)
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          Searches the string for a specified value and
returns the last position of where it was found
txt = "Mi casa, su casa."
x = txt.rfind("casa")
print(x)
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."
x = txt.rfind("e")
print(x)
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."
x = txt.rfind("e", 5, 10)
print(x)
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."
print(txt.rfind("q"))
#print(txt.rindex("q"))
rindex() Searches the string for a specified value and
returns the last position of where it was found
txt = "Mi casa, su casa."
x = txt.rindex("casa")
print(x)
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."
x = txt.rindex("e")
print(x)
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."
x = txt.rindex("e", 5, 10)
print(x)
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."
print(txt.rfind("q"))
print(txt.rindex("q"))
          Returns a right justified version of the string
rjust()
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Return a 20 characters long, right justified version of the word "apple
txt = "apple"
x = txt.rjust(20)
print(x, "is my favorite fruit.")
#Using the letter "O" as the padding character:
txt = "banana"
x = txt.rjust(20, "0")
print(x)
rpartition() Returns a tuple where the string is parted
into three parts
The rpartition() method searches for the last occurrence of a specified string, and splits the s
The first element contains the part before the specified string.
The second element contains the specified string.
The third element contains the part after the string.
txt = "I could eat apple all day, apples are my favorite fruit"
x = txt.rpartition("apples")
print(x)
txt = "I could eat bananas all day, bananas are my favorite fruit"
x = txt.rpartition("apples")
print(x)
rsplit() Splits the string at the specified separator, and
returns a list
Split a string into a list, using comma, followed by a space (, ) as the separator:
txt = "apple, banana, cherry"
x = txt.rsplit(", ")
print(x)
txt = "apple, banana, cherry"
# setting the maxsplit parameter to 1, will return a list with 2 elements!
x = txt.rsplit(", ", 1)
print(x)
rstrip() Returns a right trim version of the string
Remove spaces to the right of the string:
txt = "
            banana
x = txt.rstrip()
print("of all fruits", x, "is my favorite")
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txt = "banana,,,,,tssqqqww...."
x = txt.rstrip(",.tsqw")
print(x)
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splitlines() Splits the string at line breaks and
returns a list
txt = "Thank you for the music\nWelcome to the jungle"
x = txt.splitlines()
print(x)
txt = "Thank you for the music\nWelcome to the jungle"
x = txt.splitlines(True)
print(x)
startswith() Returns true if the string starts with
the specified value
Check if the string starts with "Hello":
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."
x = txt.startswith("Hello")
print(x)
#Check if position 7 to 20 starts with the characters "wel":
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."
x = txt.startswith("wel", 7, 20)
print(x)
             Swaps cases, lower case becomes upper case and
swapcase()
vice versa
Make the lower case letters upper case and the upper case letters lower case:
txt = "Hello My Name Is PETER"
x = txt.swapcase()
print(x)
         Converts the first character of each word to upper case
Make the first letter in each word upper case:
txt = "Welcome to my world"
x = txt.title()
print(x)
txt = "Welcome to my 2nd world"
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x = txt.title()
print(x)
txt = "hello b2b2b2 and 3g3g3g"
x = txt.title()
print(x)
upper()
         Converts a string into upper case
print(str.
zfill() Fills the string with a specified number of 0
values at the beginning
The zfill() returns a copy of the string with '0' filled
to the left. The length of the returned string depends
on the width provided.
Ref:https://www.programiz.com/python-programming/methods/string/zfill
print(str.zfill(15))
text = "program is fun"
print(text.zfill(15))
print(text.zfill(20))
print(text.zfill(10))
Note: All string methods returns new values.
They do not change the original string.
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