

Chapter 3: Strings

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String is a data type in Python.

String is a sequence of characters enclosed in quotes.

We can primarily, write a string in these three ways.

1] Single quoted strings $\rightarrow a = 'Tejas'$

2] Double quoted strings $\rightarrow b = "Tejas"$

3] Triple quoted strings $\rightarrow c = '''Tejas'''$

How to create a string in python

String can be created by enclosing characters inside a single quote or double quotes. Even triple quotes can be used in python but generally used to represent multiline & docstrings.

```
my_string = "Hello Tejas"  
print(my_string)
```


Strings Slicing

A strings in python can be sliced to for getting a part of the string. Consider the following string.

Name =	T	E	J	A	S	
	0	1	2	3	4	→ length = 5
	(-5)	(-4)	(-3)	(-2)	(-1)	

The Index in a string start from 0 to (length-1) in python. In order to slice a string, we use the following syntax.

$SL = \text{Name} [\text{ind_start} : \text{ind_end}]$

First Index
Included

Last Index is not
included.

$SL[0:3]$ returns "Tej" → Character from 0 to 3

$SL[1:3]$ returns "ej" → Character from 1 to 3.

Negative Indices!

Negative Indices can also be used as shown in figure above. -1 corresponds to

the $(\text{length}-1)$ index, -2 to $(\text{length}-2)$

Slicing With Skip Value

we can provide a skip value as a part of our slice like this:

```
word = "amazing"  
word[1:6:2] → 'mzn'
```

Other Advance Slicing Technique

```
word = "Amazing"  
word[:7] → word[0:7] → 'amazing'  
word[0:] → word[0:7] → 'amazing'
```

String's functions

Some of the mostly used functions to perform operations on or manipulate strings are:

1] `len()` function's \rightarrow This function returns the length of the string.

`len("Tejas")` \rightarrow returns 5

2] `string.endswith("as")` \rightarrow This function tells whether the variable's string ends with the string "as" or not. If string is "Tejas", It returns true for "as" since Tejas ends with as.

3] `string.Count("c")` \rightarrow Counts the total number of occurrence of any characters.

4] `string.Capitalize()` \rightarrow This function capitalizes the first characters of a given string.

5] `string.find(word)` \rightarrow This function finds a word & returns the index of first occurrence of that word in the string.

6] `string.replace(oldword, newword)` \rightarrow This function replaces the old word with new-keyword in the entire string.

Escape Sequence Characters

Sequence of characters after backslash

Escape sequence characters consists of more than one characters but represents one character when used within the string.

Examples —

A] `\n` → NewLine.

B] `\t` → Tab

C] `\"` → Single quote

D] `\\` → Backslash etc.

Practice Set.

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1. Write a python program to display a user entered name followed by 'good afternoon' using input() function.

2. Write a program to fill in a letter template given below with name & date

```
letter = "Dear <NAME>  
you are selected!  
<Date>
```

3. Write a python program to delete double space in a string.

4. Replace the double space from problem 3 with single space.

5. Write a program to format the following letter using escape sequence characters.

```
letter = "Dear Tejas, This python course is  
nice. Thanks!"
```