

Sequence Types: Strings

- Created by simply enclosing characters in either single- or double-quotes.
- It's enough to simply assign the string to a variable.
- There are a tremendous amount of built-in **string functions** (<https://docs.python.org/2/library/stdtypes.html>).

```
mystring = "Hi, I'm a string!"
```

Sequence Types: Strings

- letters, special characters, spaces, digits `I use Python3.0!`

- **concatenate** strings

- `name = "ana"`
- `greeting = "hi" + " " + name`

```
hi ana
```

- do some **operations** on a string as defined in Python docs

- `name = "ana"`
- `silly = 'hi' + " " + name * 3`

```
hi anaanaana
```

Sequence Types: Strings

- Python supports a number of escape sequences, such as `'\n'`, `'\r'`, `'\t'`, etc.

- `\n` ASCII Linefeed (LF): new a line
`print("Hello \n World!")` →

```
Hello
World!
```

- `\r` ASCII Carriage Return (CR): reset a device's position to the beginning of a line of text

- `print("Hello \r World!")` →

```
World!
```

- `\t` ASCII Horizontal Tab (TAB): tab key

- `print("Hello \t World!")` →

```
Hello      World!
```

Sequence Types: Strings

- place **'r'** before a string will yield its raw value, ignoring the escape operation

```
s = r'\tC:\new\text.txt'  
print(s)
```

\tC:\new\text.txt

- place **'u'** before a string will create a Unicode string including special characters, such as Chinese, Latin

```
s1=u"哈哈"  
s2=u"äöü"  
print(s1,s2)
```

- **ASCII**-defines 128 characters, by default for string
- **Unicode** defines (less than) 221 characters, for the world language

Sequence Types: Strings

Ascii stands for American Standard code for information interchange. It uses 8-bit encoding
ASCII

	_0	_1	_2	_3	_4	_5	_6	_7	_8	_9	_A	_B	_C	_D	_E	_F
0	NUL U+0000	SOH U+0001	STX U+0002	ETX U+0003	EOT U+0004	ENQ U+0005	ACK U+0006	BEL U+0007	BS U+0008	HT U+0009	LF U+000A	VT U+000B	FF U+000C	CR U+000D	SO U+000E	SI U+000F
1	DLE U+0010	DC1 U+0011	DC2 U+0012	DC3 U+0013	DC4 U+0014	NAK U+0015	SYN U+0016	ETB U+0017	CAN U+0018	EM U+0019	SUB U+001A	ESC U+001B	FS U+001C	GS U+001D	RS U+001E	US U+001F
2	SP U+0020	! U+0021	" U+0022	# U+0023	\$ U+0024	% U+0025	& U+0026	' U+0027	(U+0028) U+0029	* U+002A	+ U+002B	, U+002C	- U+002D	. U+002E	/ U+002F
3	0 U+0030	1 U+0031	2 U+0032	3 U+0033	4 U+0034	5 U+0035	6 U+0036	7 U+0037	8 U+0038	9 U+0039	: U+003A	; U+003B	< U+003C	= U+003D	> U+003E	? U+003F
4	@ U+0040	A U+0041	B U+0042	C U+0043	D U+0044	E U+0045	F U+0046	G U+0047	H U+0048	I U+0049	J U+004A	K U+004B	L U+004C	M U+004D	N U+004E	O U+004F
5	P U+0050	Q U+0051	R U+0052	S U+0053	T U+0054	U U+0055	V U+0056	W U+0057	X U+0058	Y U+0059	Z U+005A	[U+005B	\ U+005C] U+005D	^ U+005E	_ U+005F
6	` U+0060	a U+0061	b U+0062	c U+0063	d U+0064	e U+0065	f U+0066	g U+0067	h U+0068	i U+0069	j U+006A	k U+006B	l U+006C	m U+006D	n U+006E	o U+006F
7	p U+0070	q U+0071	r U+0072	s U+0073	t U+0074	u U+0075	v U+0076	w U+0077	x U+0078	y U+0079	z U+007A	{ U+007B	 U+007C	} U+007D	~ U+007E	DEL U+007F



Strings Manipulation

- `len()` is a function used to retrieve the **length** of the string in the parentheses

```
s = "abc"
```

```
len(s) → evaluates to 3
```

Strings Manipulation

- square brackets used to perform **indexing** into a string to get the value at a certain index/position

```
s = "abc"
```

index: 0 1 2 ← indexing always starts at 0

s[0]	evaluates to "a"
s[1]	evaluates to "b"
s[2]	evaluates to "c"
s[3]	trying to index out of bounds, error

index: -3 -2 -1 ← last element always at index -1

s[-1]	evaluates to "c"
s[-2]	evaluates to "b"
s[-3]	evaluates to "a"

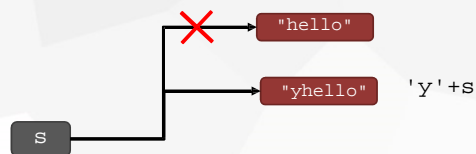
Strings Manipulation

- strings are “**immutable**” – cannot be modified

```
s = "hello"
```

```
s[0] = 'y' → gives an error
```

```
s = 'y'+s → is allowed,  
s is bound to new object
```



Strings Manipulation

str.replace(old, new, [count]) : replaces a specified phrase with another specified phrase, and **returns a new string object**.

- old – old substring you want to replace.
- new – new substring which would replace the old substring.
- count – Optional. A number specifying how many occurrences of the old value you want to replace. Default is all occurrences

```
s = "hello"
```

```
s.replace("h","m")    →  'mello'
```

```
s.replace("l","m")    →  'hemmo'
```

Strings Manipulation

- can **slice** strings into substrings using [start:stop:step]
- step=1 by default

```
s = "abcdefgh"
```

```
s[3:6] → evaluates to "def", same as s[3:6:1]
```

```
s[3:6:2] → evaluates to "df"
```

```
s[:] → evaluates to "abcdefgh", same as s[0:len(s):1]
```

```
s[::-1] → evaluates to "hgfedcba", same as s[-1:- (len(s)+1):-1]
```

```
s[4:1:-2] → evaluates to "ec"
```

More Built-in String Methods

- Python includes a number of built-in string methods that are incredibly useful for string manipulation. Note that these methods return **the modified string value** since string is immutable.
- `s.upper()` and `s.lower()` converts all of the characters to uppercase or lowercase

```
s1 = "Python is so awesome."  
print(s1.upper())  
print(s1.lower())
```

```
PYTHON IS SO AWESOME.  
python is so awesome.
```

- `s.islower()`, `s.isupper()` – return True if string `s` is all lowercase and all uppercase, respectively.

More Built-in String Methods

- `s.isalpha()`, `s.isdigit()`, `s.isalnum()`, `s.isspace()`
– return True if string *s* is composed of alphabetic characters (Aa-Zz), digits, either alphabetic and/or digits, and entirely whitespace characters, respectively.

<code>print("WHOA".isupper())</code>	True
<code>print("12345".isdigit())</code>	True
<code>print(" \n ".isspace())</code>	True
<code>print("hello!".isalpha())</code>	False

More Built-in String Methods

- `str.split([sep[, maxsplit]])` – Split *str* into a list of substrings. The *sep* argument indicates the delimiting string (defaults to consecutive whitespace). The *maxsplit* argument indicates the maximum number of splits to be done (default is -1), which is "all occurrences".

```
s="Python programming is fun!"  
s.split()  
s.split(" ", 2)
```

```
['Python', 'programming', 'is', 'fun!']  
['Python', 'programming', 'is fun!']
```

```
s2 = "1245651145621"  
print(s2.split("1"))
```

```
['', '24565', '', '4562', '']
```

More Built-in String Methods

- `str.rsplit([sep[, maxsplit]])` – Split *str* into a list of substrings, starting from the right.

```
s= "Python programming is fun!"  
s.rsplit()  
s.rsplit(" ", 2)
```

```
['Python', 'programming', 'is', 'fun!']  
['Python programming', 'is', 'fun!']
```

More Built-in String Methods

- **`str.strip([chars])`** – Return a copy of the string *str* with leading and trailing characters removed. The *chars* string specifies the set of characters to remove (default is whitespace).

```
"""Python programming is fun***".strip('*')  
"a*Python programming is fun*a*".strip('*a')  
"a*Python programming is fun*b*".strip('*')
```

```
'Python programming is fun'  
'Python programming is fun'  
'a*Python programming is fun*b'
```

More Built-in String Methods

- `str.rstrip([chars])` – Return a copy of the string *str* with only trailing characters removed.

```
"""Python programming is fun""".rstrip('*')  
"*a*Python programming is fun*a*".rstrip('*a')  
"*a*Python programming is fun*b*".rstrip('*')
```

```
'''Python programming is fun'  
'*a*Python programming is fun'  
'*a*Python programming is fun*b'
```


More Built-in String Methods

- `str.capitalize()` – returns a copy of the string with the first character capitalized and the rest lowercase.
- `str.center(width[, fillchar])` – centers the contents of the string *str* in field-size *width*, padded by *fillchar* (defaults to a blank space).

```
"i LoVe pYtHoN".capitalize()
```

```
"centered".center(20, '*')
```

```
'I love python'\n'*****centered*****' ← Total 20 characters
```



More Built-in String Methods

- `str.count(sub[, start[, end]])` – return the number of non-overlapping occurrences of substring *sub* in the range *[start, end]*.

```
"mississippi".count("iss")  
2  
"mississippi".count("iss", 4, -1)  
1
```

More Built-in String Methods

- `str.endswith(suffix[, start[, end]])` – return True if the string *str* ends with suffix, otherwise return False. Optionally, specify a substring to test. See also *str.startswith()*.

```
"mississippi".endswith("ssi")  
False  
"mississippi".endswith("ssi", 0, 8)  
True
```