

Exposure CS 2021 **for CS1**

Chapter 14 Section 1-3 Slides

String Processing: String Operators & Commands

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Section 14.1

Introduction

String Processing

Word processing term papers, sending email messages, responding to online surveys, and even writing Python programs in an IDE like **jGRASP** all involve *string processing*.

Every software package on the market includes string-processing components.

Every programming language has special features that facilitate the manipulation of strings, and Python is no different.

What is a string?

Is it a *Simple Data Type* or a *Data Structure*?

```
age = 50  
gpa = 3.785  
finished = True  
title = "Exposure Computer Science"
```

Some people would say **title** is a simple data type because it stores one string value. Other people argue it is a *data structure* because **title** stores several character values. Both are actually true.

String Definition

A *string* is a set of characters that behaves as a single unit.



The characters in a string can include upper-case letters, lower-case letters, numerical digits and a large set of symbols for a variety of purposes like:

! @ # \$ % ^ & * () _ +

String Variables vs. String Literals

A string literal is a set of characters delimited with quotations.

name = "John Smith"

name is the string variable.

"John Smith" is the string literal.

Section 14.2

String

Operators

Review of String Concatenation

Mathematical Addition

$x = 100 + 200$

$x = 100$

$x += 200$

In both cases
 x now stores 300.

String Concatenation

$x = "100" + "200"$

$x = "100"$

$x += "200"$

In both cases
 x now stores "100200".


```
1 # StringOperators01.py
2 # This program reviews "Concatenation"
3 # with the overloaded <+> operator.
4
5
6 s1 = "Argentine"
7 s2 = "Tango"
8 s3 = s1 + " " + s2
9 print()
10 print(s3)
11
12 s4 = "100"
13 s5 = "200"
14 s6 = s4 + s5
15 print()
16 print(s6)
```

```
-----jGRASP exec:
Argentine Tango
100200
-----jGRASP: oper
```

```
1 # StringOperators02.py
2 # This program demonstrates that the <+=> operator
3 # is also overloaded and can be used to concatenate
4 # one string to the end of another.
5
6
7 s1 = "Argentine "
8 s2 = "Tango"
9 s1 += s2
10 print()
11 print(s1)
12
13 s4 = "100"
14 s5 = "200"
15 s4 += s5
16 print()
17 print(s4)
```

```
-----jGRASP exec:

Argentine Tango

100200

-----jGRASP: oper
```

```
1 # StringOperators03.py
2 # This program demonstrates that the index operator []
3 # can be used to access the individual characters in a
4 # string, as if a string were an array of characters.
5 # NOTE: Like arrays, string indexes also start with 0.
6
7
8 state = "TEXAS"
9 print()
10 print(state[2])
```

-----j GRASP
X
-----j GRASP:

0	1	2	3	4
T	E	X	A	S

```
1 # StringOperators04.py
2 # This program demonstrates how to access
3 # a piece of a string.
4 # This is usually called a "sub-string".
5 # It is accomplished via "String Slicing"
6 # which is very similar to "Array Slicing".
7
8
9 s = "Racecar"
10
11 print()
12 print(s[0:4])
13 print(s[1:4])
14 print(s[2:4])
15 print(s[2:6])
16 print(s[3:6])
17 print(s[4:7])
18 print(s[4:])
19 print(s[:4])
```

```
1 # StringOperators04.py
2 # This program demonstrates how to slice
3 # a piece of a string.
4 # This is usually called a "substring"
5 # It is accomplished via "String Slicing"
6 # which is very similar to "Array Slicing"
7
8
9 s = "Racecar"
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11 print()
12 print(s[0:4])
13 print(s[1:4])
14 print(s[2:4])
15 print(s[2:6])
16 print(s[3:6])
17 print(s[4:7])
18 print(s[4:])
19 print(s[:4])
```

```
-----j GRASP

Race
ace
ce
ceca
eca
car
car
Race

-----j GRASP:
```

A diagram illustrating string slicing on the string "Racecar". An arrow points from the code line `print(s[2:6])` to a table. The table has two rows. The first row contains indices 0 through 6, each in a yellow box. The second row contains the corresponding characters: 'R' (cyan), 'a' (cyan), 'c' (magenta), 'e' (magenta), 'c' (magenta), 'a' (magenta), and 'r' (cyan). The first column is a green box labeled 's'.

s	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
	R	a	c	e	c	a	r

Start at index 2.
Stop before index 6.

```
1 # StringOperators05.py
2 # This program demonstrates that you can
3 # actually "multiply" a string by an integer
4 # with the overloaded <*> operator.
5 # NOTE: This is very similar to
6 #       "Array Multiplication".
7
8
9 s1 = "Racecar"
10 s2 = s1 * 3
11
12 print()
13 print(s1)
14 print(s2)
```



```
----jGRASP exec: python StringOperators05
```

```
Racecar
```

```
RacecarRacecarRacecar
```

```
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
7
```

```
8
```

```
9 s1 = "Racecar"
```

```
10 s2 = s1 * 3
```

```
11
```

```
12 print()
```

```
13 print(s1)
```

```
14 print(s2)
```



```
----jGRASP exec: python StringOperators05
```

```
Racecar
```

```
RacecarRacecarRacecar
```

```
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

7

8

```
9 s1 = "Racecar"
```

```
10 s2 = s1 * 3
```

11

```
12 print()
```

```
13 print(s1)
```

```
14 print(s2)
```

NOTE: When using the terms “Array Multiplication” and “String Multiplication”, it needs to be understood that Arrays and Strings can only be “multiplied” by integer values. You cannot “multiply” an array by another array or a string by another string.


```
1 # StringOperators06.py
2 # This program demonstrates the "is equal to"
3 # operator == can be used to compare 2 strings
4 # for equality.
5
6
7 s1 = "Foxtrot"
8 s2 = "Waltz"
9 s3 = "Foxtrot"
10
11 print()
12 print(s1 == s2)
13 print(s1 == s3)
14
```

```
-----j GRASP
False
True
-----j GRASP:
```

```
1 # StringOperators07.py
2 # This program demonstrates that the "greater than" > and
3 # less than < operators can compare strings alphabetically.
4 # NOTE: This program will not work properly if one string
5 # starts with a CAPITAL letter and the other string does not.
6 # A later program example will fix this.
7
8
9 print()
10 s1 = input("Enter 1st string.  --> ")
11 s2 = input("Enter 2nd string.  --> ")
12 print()
13
14 if s1 < s2:
15     print(s1,"goes alphabetically before",s2)
16 elif s1 > s2:
17     print(s1,"goes alphabetically after",s2)
18 else:
19     print("Both strings are equal")
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python StringOperators07

>> Enter 1st string. --> NEON
>> Enter 2nd string. --> ZEBRA

NEON goes alphabetically before ZEBRA

----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python StringOperators07

>> Enter 1st string. --> Computer
>> Enter 2nd string. --> Computer

Both strings are equal

----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python StringOperators07

>> Enter 1st string. --> banana
>> Enter 2nd string. --> apple

banana goes alphabetically after apple

----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python StringOperators07

>> Enter 1st string. --> apple
>> Enter 2nd string. --> ZEBRA

apple goes alphabetically after ZEBRA

----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

NOTE: The issue with comparing strings with different cases was first introduced in the previous chapter. Later in this chapter the issue will finally be resolved.

**Multiline Strings &
Really Long Strings**

```
1 # StringOperators08.py
2 # This program demonstrates two ways of dealing
3 # with very long string literals.
4
5
6 s = "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" + \
7     " on alternate Tuesdays during leap year."
8 print()
9 print(s)
10
11 s = ("The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"
12     " on alternate Tuesdays during leap year.")
13 print(s)
14
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python StringOperators06.py
```

```
The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog on alternate Tuesdays during leap year.
The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog on alternate Tuesdays during leap year.
```

```
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
1 # StringOperators09.py
2 # This program demonstrates printing a
3 # multi-line string literal.
4
5
6 print()
7 print("""The quick
8         brown fox
9         jumps over
10        the lazy dog.""")
11
12 print()
13 print("""The quick
14 brown fox
15 jumps over
16 the lazy dog.""")
17
```

```
----jGRASP exec: pyth

The quick
        brown fox
        jumps over
        the lazy dog.

The quick
brown fox
jumps over
the lazy dog.

----jGRASP: operation
```

```
1 # StringOperators10.py
2 # This program demonstrates storing a
3 # multi-line string literal in a string
4 # variable and then printing it.
5
6
7 s = """The quick
8 brown fox
9 jumps over
10 the lazy dog."""
11
12 print()
13 print(s)
14
```

```
-----jGRASP exe

The quick
brown fox
jumps over
the lazy dog.

-----jGRASP: op
```

Section 14.3

String

commands


```
1 # StringCommands01.py
2 # This program demonstrates <len> command.
3 # In the same way that <len> will tell you
4 # how many items are in an array, it will also
5 # tell you how many characters are in a string.
6
7
8 s1 = "Argentine"
9 s2 = "Tango"
10 s3 = s1 + " " + s2
11
12 print()
13 print(s1, "has", len(s1), "characters.")
14 print(s2, "has", len(s2), "characters.")
15 print(s3, "has", len(s3), "characters.")
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python StringCommands01
```

```
Argentina has 9 characters.
```

```
Tango has 5 characters.
```

```
Argentina Tango has 15 characters.
```

```
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
8 s1 = "Argentina"
```

```
9 s2 = "Tango"
```

```
10 s3 = s1 + " " + s2
```

```
11
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
A	r	g	e	n	t	i	n	e		T	a	n	g	o

```
12 print()
```

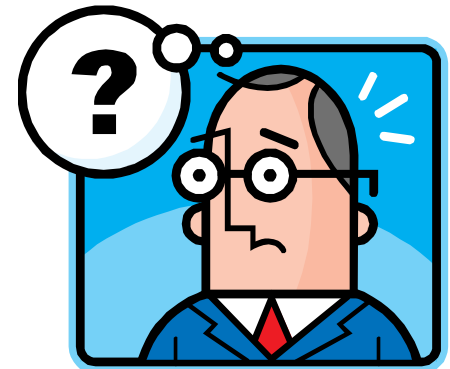
```
13 print(s1, "has", len(s1), "characters.")
```

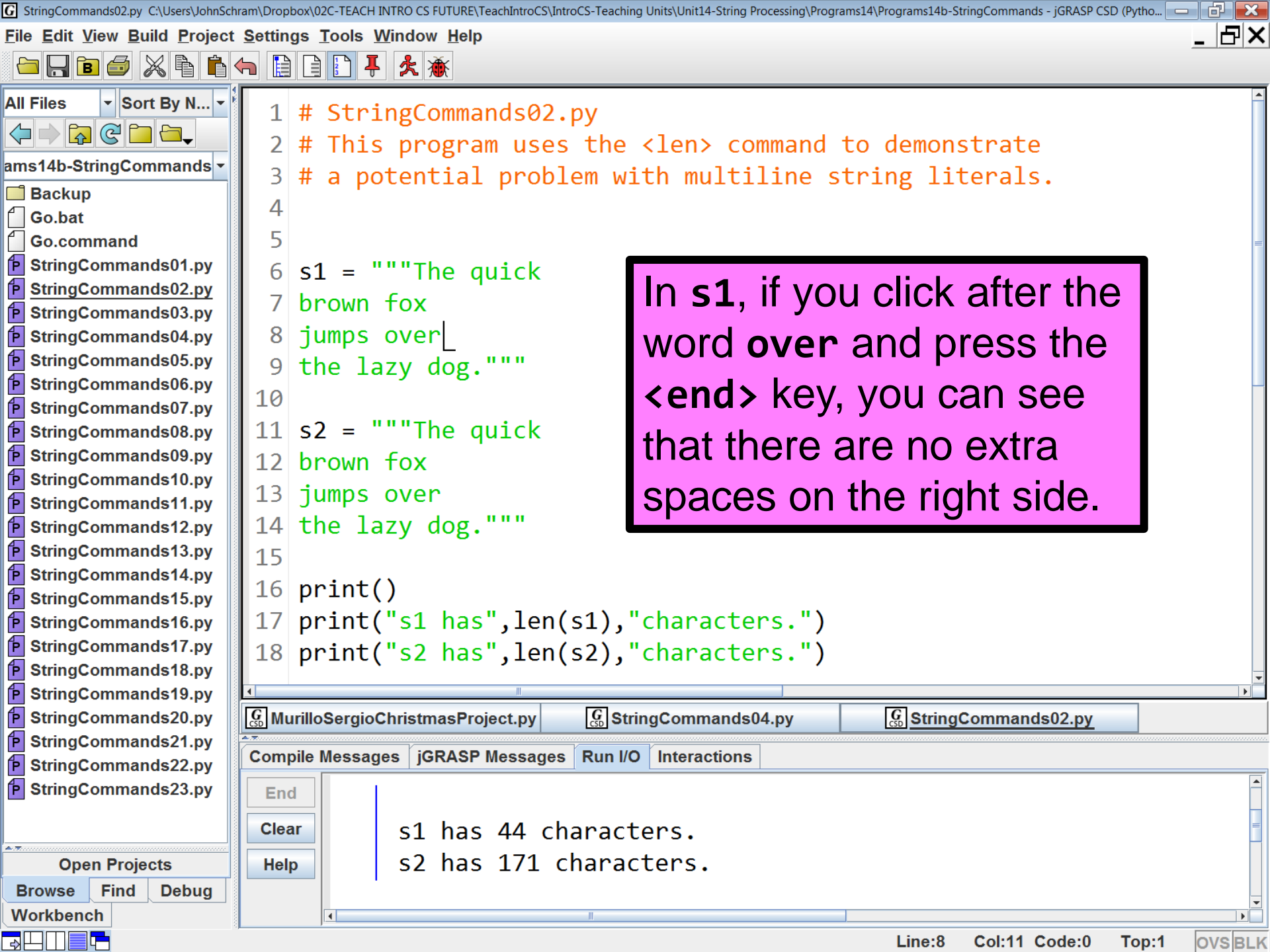
```
14 print(s2, "has", len(s2), "characters.")
```

```
15 print(s3, "has", len(s3), "characters.")
```

```
1 # StringCommands02.py
2 # This program uses the <len> command to demonstrate
3 # a potential problem with multiline string literals.
4
5
6 s1 = """The quick
7 brown fox
8 jumps over
9 the lazy dog."""
10
11 s2 = """The quick
12 brown fox
13 jumps over
14 the lazy dog."""
15
16 print()
17 print("s1 has",len(s1),"characters.")
18 print("s2 has",len(s2),"characters.")
```

```
----jGRASP exec: pyth
s1 has 44 characters.
s2 has 171 characters.
----jGRASP: operation
```





```
1 # StringCommands02.py
2 # This program uses the <len> command to demonstrate
3 # a potential problem with multiline string literals.
4
5
6 s1 = """The quick
7 brown fox
8 jumps over
9 the lazy dog."""
10
11 s2 = """The quick
12 brown fox
13 jumps over
14 the lazy dog."""
15
16 print()
17 print("s1 has",len(s1),"characters.")
18 print("s2 has",len(s2),"characters.")
```

In s1, if you click after the word **over** and press the <end> key, you can see that there are no extra spaces on the right side.

MurilloSergioChristmasProject.py StringCommands04.py StringCommands02.py

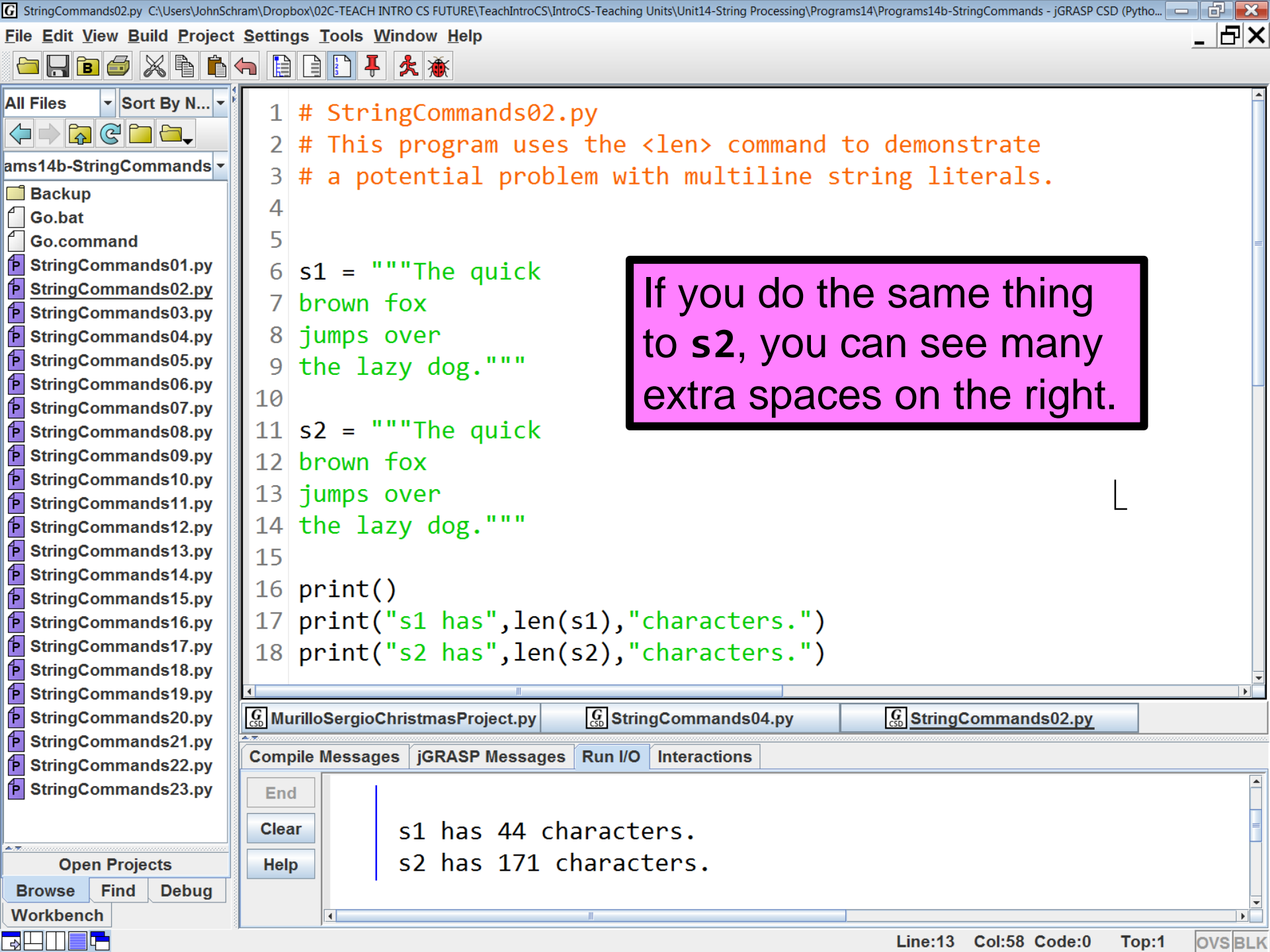
Compile Messages jGRASP Messages Run I/O Interactions

End

Clear

Help

s1 has 44 characters.
s2 has 171 characters.



```
1 # StringCommands02.py
2 # This program uses the <len> command to demonstrate
3 # a potential problem with multiline string literals.
```

```
4
5
6 s1 = """The quick
7 brown fox
8 jumps over
9 the lazy dog."""
10
11 s2 = """The quick
12 brown fox
13 jumps over
14 the lazy dog."""
15
16 print()
17 print("s1 has",len(s1),"characters.")
18 print("s2 has",len(s2),"characters.")
```

If you do the same thing
to s2, you can see many
extra spaces on the right.

MurilloSergioChristmasProject.py

StringCommands04.py

StringCommands02.py

Compile Messages

jGRASP Messages

Run I/O

Interactions

End

Clear

Help

```
s1 has 44 characters.
s2 has 171 characters.
```

```
1 # StringCommands03.py
2 # This program demonstrates how to "traverse"
3 # a string using a <for> loop. Note that this
4 # can be done both forwards and backwards.
5
6
7 s = "COMPUTER"
8 n = len(s)
9
10 print()
11 for k in range(n):
12     print(s[k])
13 print()
14
15 # Count from the last index (n-1)
16 # to the first index (0) backwards.
17 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):
18     print(s[k], end = "")
19 print()
```

```
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3 # a string using a <for> loop
4 # can be done both forwards and
5
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9
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11 for k in range(n):
12     print(s[k])
13 print()
14
15 # Count from the last index (n-1)
16 # to the first index (0) backwards.
17 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):
18     print(s[k], end = " ")
19 print()
```

```
-----j GRASP
C
O
M
P
U
T
E
R
RETUPMOC
-----j GRASP:
```

```
1 # StringCommands04.py
2 # This program demonstrates how to take
3 # one string and create a second string
4 # that is a reverse of the first.
5
6
7 s1 = "Madam I'm Adam"
8 s2 = ""
9 n = len(s1)
10
11 # Count from the last index (n-1)
12 # to the first index (0) backwards.
13 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):
14     s2 += s1[k]
15
16 print()
17 print(s1)
18 print(s2)
```


n
14

n	k
14	13

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m													

n	k
14	12

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a												

n	k
14	11

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d											

n	k
14	10

n	k
14	9

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A										

```

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11 # Count from the last index (n-1)
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13 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):
14     s2 += s1[k]
15
16 print()
17 print(s1)
18 print(s2)

```

n	k
14	8

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m								

```

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15
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17 print(s1)
18 print(s2)

```

n	k
14	7

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'							


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16 print()
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```

n	k
14	6

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I						

```

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13 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):
14     s2 += s1[k]
15
16 print()
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18 print(s2)

```

n	k
14	5

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I						

```

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```

n	k
14	4

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I		m				

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15
16 print()
17 print(s1)
18 print(s2)

```

n	k
14	3

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I		m	a			

```

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11 # Count from the last index (n-1)
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13 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):
14     s2 += s1[k]
15
16 print()
17 print(s1)
18 print(s2)

```

n	k
14	2

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I		m	a	d		

```

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11 # Count from the last index (n-1)
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13 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):
14     s2 += s1[k]
15
16 print()
17 print(s1)
18 print(s2)

```

n	k
14	1

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I		m	a	d	a	

```

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13 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):
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15
16 print()
17 print(s1)
18 print(s2)

```

n	k
14	0

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I		m	a	d	a	M

```
----jGRASP exec: python StringCommands04.py
```

```
Madam I'm Adam  
madA m'I madaM
```

```
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
7 s1 = "Madam I'm Adam"  
8 s2 = ""  
9 n = len(s1)  
10  
11 # Count from the last index (n-1)  
12 # to the first index (0) backwards.  
13 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):  
14     s2 += s1[k]  
15  
16 print()  
17 print(s1)  
18 print(s2)
```

n
14

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I		m	a	d	a	M


```
----jGRASP exec: python StringCommands04.py
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Madam I'm Adam  
madA m'I madaM
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```
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

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7 s1 = "Madam I'm Adam"  
8 s2 = ""  
9 n = len(s1)  
10  
11 # Count from the last index (n-1)  
12 # to the first index (0) backwards.  
13 for k in range(n-1, -1, -1):  
14     s2 += s1[k]  
15  
16 print()  
17 print(s1)  
18 print(s2)
```

NOTE: You may want to refer to this program when you do Lab 14A or 14B.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
s1	M	a	d	a	m		I	'	m		A	d	a	m
s2	m	a	d	A		m	'	I		m	a	d	a	M

```
1 # StringCommands05.py
2 # This program demonstrates that
3 # <reverse> does not work with strings.
4 # NOTE: Many array commands work with
5 # strings, but not all of them.
6
7
8 s1 = "Madam I'm Adam"
9 s2 = s1.reverse()
10
11 print()
12 print(s1)
13 print(s2)
14
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python StringCommands05.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "StringCommands05.py", line 9, in <module>
    s2 = s1.reverse()
AttributeError: 'str' object has no attribute 'reverse'

----jGRASP wedge2: exit code for process is 1.
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
7
8 s1 = "Madam I'm Adam"
9 s2 = s1.reverse()
10
11 print()
12 print(s1)
13 print(s2)
14
```