# **Slicing Strings**

## 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[2:5])
```

Note: The first character has index 0.

### Slice From the Start

By leaving out the start index, the range will start at the first character:

#### **Example**

Get the characters from the start to position 5 (not included):

```
b = "Hello, World!"
print(b[:5])
```

### Slice To the End

By leaving out the *end* index, the range will go to the end:

#### **Example**

Get the characters from position 2, and all the way to the end:

```
b = "Hello, World!"
print(b[2:])
```

## **Negative Indexing**

Use negative indexes to start the slice from the end of the string:

#### **Example**

Get the characters:

From: "o" in "World!" (position -5)

To, but not included: "d" in "World!" (position -2):

```
b = "Hello, World!"
print(b[-5:-2])
```