

SY201  
Strings, Lists, and Dictionaries

Operation	String	List	Dictionary
Initialize to "null"	<code>S = ""</code>	<code>L = []</code>	<code>D = {}</code>
Initialize to "non-null"	<code>S = "abcde"</code>	<code>L = [45, 56, 43, 4, 5]</code>	<code>D = {"a":4, "b":3, "c":5}</code>
Append	<code>S = S + "a"</code> <code>"abcdea"</code>	<code>L.append(22)</code> <code>[45, 56, 43, 4, 5, 22]</code>	<code>D["d"] = 56</code> <code>{"a":4, "d": 56, "b":3, "c":5}</code> <i>Note: Dictionaries are unordered</i>
Access an element	<code>print(S[4])</code> <code>'e'</code>	<code>print(L[4])</code> <code>5</code>	<code>print(D["a"])</code> <code>4</code>
Change an element	Immutable (can't do)	<code>L[3] = L[2] + 10</code> <code>[45, 56, 43, 53, 5, 22]</code>	<code>D["d"] = D["d"] + 1</code>
Insert an element	<code>S = S[:4] + "r" + S[4:]</code> <code>"abcdre"</code>	<code>L.insert(4,45)</code> <code>[45, 56, 43, 53, 45, 5, 22]</code>	<code>D["d"] = 56</code> <code>{"a":4, "d": 56, "b":3, "c":5}</code> <i>Note: Dictionaries are unordered</i>
Iterate over the elements	<code>for c in S:</code> <code>print(c)</code>	<code>for item in L:</code> <code>print(item)</code>	<code>for key in D:</code> <code>print(D[key])</code>
Delete an item	<code>S = S[:4] + S[4:]</code> <code>"abcd"</code>	<code>X = L.pop(2)</code> <code>[45, 56, 53, 45, 5, 22]</code> <code>X = 43</code>	<code>del(D["a"])</code> <code>{"b":3, "c":5}</code>

Slicing in Python:

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S[start:end] # index start through end-1
S[start:]   # index start through remaining string
S[:end]     # index from the beginning [0] through end-1
S[:]        # a complete copy of S

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