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Chapter 2: Advanced String Capabilities - Comprehensive Tutorial

Introduction

This comprehensive tutorial covers all 14 sections of Chapter 2: Advanced String Capabilities. This chapter explores the powerful string manipulation features available in Python, providing detailed explanations, practical code examples, and expected outputs for each concept.

2.1 Strings Are Immutable

Understanding String Immutability

Strings in Python are immutable, meaning once a string object is created, it cannot be modified. This is a fundamental concept that affects how we work with strings in Python.

Code Example

```
# Demonstrating String Immutability
original_string = "Hello"
print("Original string:", original_string)
print("String ID:", id(original_string))

# Attempting to modify the string (this will not work)
try:
    original_string[^0] = 'J'
except TypeError as e:
    print("Error:", e)

# Creating a new string instead
new_string = "J" + original_string[1:]
print("New string:", new_string)
print("New string ID:", id(new_string))

# Demonstrating that reassignment creates a new object
string_a = "Python"
string_b = string_a
print("\nBefore reassignment:")
print("string_a ID:", id(string_a))
print("string_b ID:", id(string_b))

string_a = "Java"
print("\nAfter reassignment:")
print("string_a ID:", id(string_a))
print("string_b ID:", id(string_b))
print("string_a:", string_a)
print("string_b:", string_b)
```

Output

```
Original string: Hello
String ID: 140234567891234
Error: 'str' object does not support item assignment
New string: Jello
New string ID: 140234567891456

Before reassignment:
string_a ID: 140234567891234
string_b ID: 140234567891234

After reassignment:
string_a ID: 140234567891789
string_b ID: 140234567891234
string_a: Java
string_b: Python
```

Key Points

- Attempting to modify a string character directly raises a TypeError
- String operations always create new string objects
- Variables store references to string objects, not the strings themselves
- Reassigning a variable creates or points to a new string object

2.2 Numeric Conversions, Including Binary

Understanding Numeric Base Conversions

Python provides built-in functions to convert numbers between different bases: decimal (base 10), binary (base 2), hexadecimal (base 16), and octal (base 8).

Code Example

```
# Numeric conversions between different bases
number = 42

# Convert to different bases
binary = bin(number)
hexadecimal = hex(number)
octal = oct(number)

print("Original decimal number:", number)
print("Binary representation:", binary)
print("Hexadecimal representation:", hexadecimal)
print("Octal representation:", octal)

# Converting strings back to decimal
binary_string = "101010"
```

```
hex_string = "2A"
octal_string = "52"

print("\nConverting back to decimal:")
print("Binary '101010' to decimal:", int(binary_string, 2))
print("Hex '2A' to decimal:", int(hex_string, 16))
print("Octal '52' to decimal:", int(octal_string, 8))

# Working with different number bases
print("\nDirect base conversion:")
print("int('1111', 2):", int('1111', 2))
print("int('FF', 16):", int('FF', 16))
print("int('777', 8):", int('777', 8))

# Formatting numbers in different bases
number = 255
print("\nFormatting with f-strings:")
print(f"Decimal: {number}")
print(f"Binary: {bin(number)}")
print(f"Hex: {hex(number)}")
print(f"Octal: {oct(number)}")
```

Output

```
Original decimal number: 42
Binary representation: 0b101010
Hexadecimal representation: 0x2a
Octal representation: 0o52

Converting back to decimal:
Binary '101010' to decimal: 42
Hex '2A' to decimal: 42
Octal '52' to decimal: 42

Direct base conversion:
int('1111', 2): 15
int('FF', 16): 255
int('777', 8): 511

Formatting with f-strings:
Decimal: 255
Binary: 0b11111111
Hex: 0xff
Octal: 0o377
```

Key Points

- `bin()` converts decimal to binary (returns string with '0b' prefix)
- `hex()` converts decimal to hexadecimal (returns string with '0x' prefix)
- `oct()` converts decimal to octal (returns string with '0o' prefix)
- `int(string, base)` converts strings of any base to decimal

- Valid bases are 2 through 36

2.3 String Operators (+, =, *, >, etc.)

String Operations and Comparisons

Python provides various operators for string manipulation including concatenation, repetition, and comparison operations.

Code Example

```
# String Concatenation with +
greeting = "Hello"
name = "Alice"
message = greeting + " " + name
print("Concatenation:")
print(message)

# String Repetition with *
star_line = "*" * 10
print("\nRepetition:")
print(star_line)

# Combining concatenation and repetition
pattern = ("AB" * 3) + (" " * 2) + ("CD" * 2)
print(pattern)

# String assignment
text = "Python"
print("\nOriginal:", text)
text = "Java"
print("After assignment:", text)

# String comparison operators
str1 = "apple"
str2 = "banana"
str3 = "apple"

print("\nString Comparisons:")
print(f"'apple' == 'apple': {str1 == str3}")
print(f"'apple' != 'banana': {str1 != str2}")
print(f"'apple' &lt; 'banana': {str1 &lt; str2}")
print(f"'apple' &gt; 'banana': {str1 &gt; str2}")
print(f"'apple' &lt;= 'apple': {str1 &lt;= str3}")
print(f"'apple' &gt;= 'apple': {str1 &gt;= str3}")

# Membership testing
text = "Python Programming"
print("\nMembership Testing:")
print(f"'Python' in text: {'Python' in text}")
print(f"'Java' in text: {'Java' in text}")
print(f"'Pro' not in text: {'Pro' not in text}")
```

```
# Complex string operations
word = "coding"
repeated = word * 2
print("\nComplex Operations:")
print(f"'{word}' * 2 = '{repeated}'")
print(f"Length of repeated: {len(repeated)}")
```

Output

```
Concatenation:
Hello Alice

Repetition:
**********
ABABAB  CDCD

String Comparisons:
'apple' == 'apple': True
'apple' != 'banana': True
'apple' &lt; 'banana': True
'apple' &gt; 'banana': False
'apple' &lt;= 'apple': True
'apple' &gt;= 'apple': True

Membership Testing:
'Python' in text: True
'Java' in text: False
'Pro' not in text: False

Complex Operations:
'coding' * 2 = 'codingcoding'
Length of repeated: 12
```

Key Points

- `+` concatenates strings
- `*` repeats strings
- Comparison operators (`<`, `>`, `==`, etc.) compare strings lexicographically
- `in` and `not in` check for substring membership
- All string operations follow standard Python operator precedence

2.4 Indexing and Slicing

Accessing String Characters and Substrings

String indexing allows access to individual characters, while slicing extracts substrings based on start, stop, and step positions.

Code Example

```
# String indexing
text = "Python"
print("String:", text)
print("Index positions: 0=P, 1=y, 2=t, 3=h, 4=o, 5=n")

print("\nPositive Indexing:")
print(f"text[^0]: {text[^0]}")
print(f"text[^2]: {text[^2]}")
print(f"text[^5]: {text[^5]}")

print("\nNegative Indexing:")
print(f"text[-1]: {text[-1]}")
print(f"text[-2]: {text[-2]}")
print(f"text[-6]: {text[-6]}")

# String slicing
message = "Hello World"
print(f"\nOriginal string: '{message}'")

print("\nSlicing Examples:")
print(f"message[0:5]: '{message[0:5]}'")
print(f"message[6:11]: '{message[6:11]}'")
print(f"message[:5]: '{message[:5]}'")
print(f"message[6:]: '{message[6:]}'")
print(f"message[::2]: '{message[::2]}'")
print(f"message[::-1]: '{message[::-1]}'")
print(f"message[1:9:2]: '{message[1:9:2]}'")

# Slicing with negative indices
text = "Programming"
print(f"\nText: '{text}'")
print(f"text[-4:]: '{text[-4:]}'")
print(f"text[:-4]: '{text[:-4]}'")
print(f"text[-8:-2]: '{text[-8:-2]}'")

# Extracting characters
phrase = "Data Science"
print(f"\nPhrase: '{phrase}'")
print(f"First 3 characters: '{phrase[:3]}'")
print(f"Last 3 characters: '{phrase[-3:]}'")
print(f"Every other character: '{phrase[::2]}'")
print(f"Reversed: '{phrase[::-1]}'")
```

Output

```
String: Python
Index positions: 0=P, 1=y, 2=t, 3=h, 4=o, 5=n

Positive Indexing:
text[^0]: P
text[^2]: t
text[^5]: n

Negative Indexing:
text[-1]: n
text[-2]: o
text[-6]: P

Original string: 'Hello World'

Slicing Examples:
message[0:5]: 'Hello'
message[6:11]: 'World'
message[:5]: 'Hello'
message[6:]: 'World'
message[::2]: 'HloWrd'
message[::-1]: 'dlroW olleH'
message[1:9:2]: 'el ol'

Text: 'Programming'
text[-4:]: 'ming'
text[:-4]: 'Program'
text[-8:-2]: 'ammi'

Phrase: 'Data Science'
First 3 characters: 'Dat'
Last 3 characters: 'nce'
Every other character: 'DtSinc'
Reversed: 'ecneicS ataD'
```

Key Points

- Indexing uses 0-based positioning
- Negative indices count from the end (-1 is the last character)
- Slicing syntax: `string[start:stop:step]`
- `start` is inclusive, `stop` is exclusive
- Step can be negative for reversing
- Out-of-range indices in slicing don't cause errors

2.5 Single-Character Functions (Character Codes)

Working with Character Codes (ASCII/Unicode)

Python provides functions to convert between characters and their numeric codes, enabling character manipulation at a lower level.

Code Example

```
# ord() - Convert character to Unicode code point
print("ord() - Character to Code:")
print(f"ord('A'): {ord('A')}")
print(f"ord('a'): {ord('a')}")
print(f"ord('0'): {ord('0')}")
print(f"ord('!'): {ord('!')}")
print(f"ord('€'): {ord('€')}")

# chr() - Convert Unicode code point to character
print("\nchr() - Code to Character:")
print(f"chr(65): {chr(65)}")
print(f"chr(97): {chr(97)}")
print(f"chr(48): {chr(48)}")
print(f"chr(33): {chr(33)}")
print(f"chr(8364): {chr(8364)}")

# Converting entire strings
text = "Hello"
print(f"\nConverting '{text}' to codes:")
codes = [ord(char) for char in text]
print(codes)

print("\nConverting codes back to string:")
code_list = [72, 101, 108, 108, 111]
result = ''.join(chr(code) for code in code_list)
print(f"Result: '{result}'")

# Creating strings from code sequences
print("\nCreating strings from code sequences:")
uppercase = ''.join(chr(i) for i in range(65, 91))
print(f"Uppercase letters: {uppercase}")

lowercase = ''.join(chr(i) for i in range(97, 123))
print(f"Lowercase letters: {lowercase}")

digits = ''.join(chr(i) for i in range(48, 58))
print(f"Digits: {digits}")

# Character manipulation
text = "ABC"
print(f"\nShifting '{text}' by 1 position:")
shifted = ''.join(chr(ord(char) + 1) for char in text)
print(f"Result: '{shifted}'")

text = "xyz"
```

```
print(f"Shifting '{text}' by -1 position:")
shifted = ''.join(chr(ord(char) - 1) for char in text)
print(f"Result: '{shifted}'")
```

Output

```
ord() - Character to Code:
ord('A'): 65
ord('a'): 97
ord('0'): 48
ord('!'): 33
ord('€'): 8364

chr() - Code to Character:
chr(65): A
chr(97): a
chr(48): 0
chr(33): !
chr(8364): €

Converting 'Hello' to codes:
[72, 101, 108, 108, 111]

Converting codes back to string:
Result: 'Hello'

Creating strings from code sequences:
Uppercase letters: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
Lowercase letters: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
Digits: 0123456789

Shifting 'ABC' by 1 position:
Result: 'BCD'
Shifting 'xyz' by -1 position:
Result: 'wxy'
```

Key Points

- `ord()` returns the Unicode code point of a character
- `chr()` returns the character for a given code point
- Both functions work with the full Unicode range
- Useful for character validation and manipulation
- Can be used to create lookup tables and encodings

2.6 Building Strings Using "JOIN"

Efficient String Concatenation with join()

The `join()` method is the most efficient way to concatenate multiple strings, especially when dealing with large collections.

Code Example

```
# Basic join() usage
words = ["Hello", "World", "Python"]
result = " ".join(words)
print("Basic join():")
print(result)

# Joining with different separators
items = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"]
print("\nJoining with different separators:")
print("Comma-separated:", ", ".join(items))
print("Hyphen-separated:", "-".join(items))
print("No separator:", "".join(items))
print("Newline separator:")
print("\n".join(items))

# Joining numbers (converting to strings first)
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
print("\nJoining numbers:")
result = ", ".join(str(num) for num in numbers)
print(result)

# Practical example: CSV formatting
data = ["John", 25, "Engineer"]
csv_row = ",".join(str(item) for item in data)
print(f"\nCSV row: {csv_row}")

# Creating formatted lists
products = ["Laptop", "Mouse", "Keyboard", "Monitor"]
print("\nFormatted lists:")
print("Simple list:", ", ".join(products))
print("Bulleted list:")
for product in products:
    print(f"  • {product}")

# Alternative (using join)
bulleted = "\n  • ".join(products)
print("  • " + bulleted)

# Joining with custom separators
chapters = ["Introduction", "Methods", "Results", "Conclusion"]
print("\nChapter outline (with join):")
outline = " -&gt; ".join(chapters)
print(outline)

# Building paths (though os.path.join is better)
```

```
folders = ["home", "user", "documents", "projects"]
path = "/".join(folders)
print(f"\nPath: /{path}")

# Performance comparison concept
print("\nPerformance note:")
print("join() is more efficient than + for multiple concatenations")
```

Output

```
Basic join():
Hello World Python

Joining with different separators:
Comma-separated: apple, banana, cherry, date
Hyphen-separated: apple-banana-cherry-date
No separator: applebananacherrydate
Newline separator:
apple
banana
cherry
date

Joining numbers:
1, 2, 3, 4, 5

CSV row: John,25,Engineer

Formatted lists:
Simple list: Laptop, Mouse, Keyboard, Monitor
Bulleted list:
  • Laptop
  • Mouse
  • Keyboard
  • Monitor
  • Laptop -&gt; Mouse -&gt; Keyboard -&gt; Monitor

Chapter outline (with join):
Introduction -&gt; Methods -&gt; Results -&gt; Conclusion

Path: /home/user/documents/projects

Performance note:
join() is more efficient than + for multiple concatenations
```

Key Points

- `join()` is the preferred method for concatenating multiple strings
- Much more efficient than using `+` in loops
- The separator string appears before `join()`: `separator.join(iterable)`
- Works with any iterable (lists, tuples, generators)

- All elements must be strings or convertible to strings
- Empty string separator `""` produces concatenation with no separator

2.7 Important String Functions

Essential String Methods and Functions

Python provides numerous built-in string methods for common operations like finding, replacing, and analyzing strings.

Code Example

```
# find() - Locate substring position
text = "Hello World, Hello Python"
print("find() method:")
print(f"text.find('World'): {text.find('World')}")
print(f"text.find('Hello'): {text.find('Hello')}")
print(f"text.find('Java'): {text.find('Java')}")
print(f"text.find('Hello', 10): {text.find('Hello', 10)}")

# rfind() - Find from right
print("\nrfind() method:")
print(f"text.rfind('Hello'): {text.rfind('Hello')}")
print(f"text.rfind('o'): {text.rfind('o')}")

# count() - Count occurrences
print("\ncount() method:")
print(f"text.count('Hello'): {text.count('Hello')}")
print(f"text.count('o'): {text.count('o')}")
print(f"text.count('World'): {text.count('World')}")

# startswith() and endswith()
print("\nstartswith() and endswith():")
filename = "document.pdf"
print(f"filename.startswith('doc'): {filename.startswith('doc')}")
print(f"filename.endswith('.pdf'): {filename.endswith('.pdf')}")
print(f"filename.endswith('.txt'): {filename.endswith('.txt')}")

# isdigit(), isalpha(), isalnum(), isspace()
print("\nisdigit(), isalpha(), isalnum():")
print(f"'12345'.isdigit(): {'12345'.isdigit()}")
print(f"'hello'.isalpha(): {'hello'.isalpha()}")
print(f"'hello123'.isalnum(): {'hello123'.isalnum()}")
print(f"'   '.isspace(): {'   '.isspace()}")

# len() - String length
print("\nlen() function:")
print(f"len('Hello'): {len('Hello')}")
print(f"len('Python Programming'): {len('Python Programming')}")

# min() and max() - Lexicographically smallest/largest character
print("\nmin() and max():")
```

```
text = "Python"
print(f"min('Python'): {min(text)}")
print(f"max('Python'): {max(text)}")

# sorted() - Sort characters
print("\nsorted():")
text = "hello"
sorted_chars = sorted(text)
print(f"sorted('hello'): {sorted_chars}")
print(f"Joined: {''.join(sorted_chars)}")
```

Output

```
find() method:
text.find('World'): 6
text.find('Hello'): 0
text.find('Java'): -1
text.find('Hello', 10): 13

rfind() method:
text.rfind('Hello'): 13
text.rfind('o'): 21

count() method:
text.count('Hello'): 2
text.count('o'): 4
text.count('World'): 1

startswith() and endswith():
filename.startswith('doc'): True
filename.endswith('.pdf'): True
filename.endswith('.txt'): False

isdigit(), isalpha(), isalnum():
'12345'.isdigit(): True
'hello'.isalpha(): True
'hello123'.isalnum(): True
'   '.isspace(): True

len() function:
len('Hello'): 5
len('Python Programming'): 18

min() and max():
min('Python'): P
max('Python'): y

sorted():
sorted('hello'): ['e', 'h', 'l', 'l', 'o']
Joined: ehllo
```

Key Points

- `find()` returns the index of the first occurrence or -1
- `rfind()` finds the rightmost occurrence
- `count()` returns the number of occurrences
- `startswith()` and `endswith()` return boolean values
- Type-checking methods return boolean values
- `len()` returns the number of characters
- `min()` and `max()` work lexicographically

2.8 Binary, Hex, and Octal Conversion Functions

Advanced Number Base Conversions

Detailed exploration of converting numbers between decimal, binary, hexadecimal, and octal representations.

Code Example

```
# Converting decimal to other bases
number = 255

print("Decimal to Other Bases:")
print(f"Decimal: {number}")
print(f"Binary: {bin(number)}")
print(f"Hexadecimal: {hex(number)}")
print(f"Octal: {oct(number)}")

# Removing prefixes for cleaner output
print("\nWithout prefixes:")
print(f"Binary: {bin(number)[2:]}")
print(f"Hex: {hex(number)[2:]}")
print(f"Octal: {oct(number)[2:]}")

# Converting from different bases
print("\nConverting from different bases:")
print(f"int('11111111', 2) = {int('11111111', 2)}")
print(f"int('FF', 16) = {int('FF', 16)}")
print(f"int('377', 8) = {int('377', 8)}")

# Case insensitivity in hex
print("\nHex case insensitivity:")
print(f"int('FF', 16) = {int('FF', 16)}")
print(f"int('ff', 16) = {int('ff', 16)}")
print(f"int('Ff', 16) = {int('Ff', 16)}")

# Format specifications
number = 42
print(f"\nFormat specifications for {number}:")
```

```
print(f"Binary ({{:b}}): {number:b}")
print(f"Hex ({{:x}}): {number:x}")
print(f"Hex uppercase ({{:X}}): {number:X}")
print(f"Octal ({{:o}}): {number:o}")

# With prefixes using format()
print(f"\nWith prefixes using format():")
print(f"Binary: 0b{number:b}")
print(f"Hex: 0x{number:x}")
print(f"Octal: 0o{number:o}")

# Bitwise operations and representations
print(f"\nBitwise operations:")
a = 12  # Binary: 1100
b = 10  # Binary: 1010
print(f"{a} &amp;amp; {b} = {a &amp;amp; b} (Binary: {bin(a &amp;amp; b)})")
print(f"{a} | {b} = {a | b} (Binary: {bin(a | b)})")
print(f"{a} ^ {b} = {a ^ b} (Binary: {bin(a ^ b)})")
print(f"~{a} = {~a}")

# Color representation in hex
print(f"\nHex representation in graphics:")
red = 255
green = 128
blue = 0
color = (red &amp;lt;&amp;lt; 16) | (green &amp;lt;&amp;lt; 8) | blue
print(f"RGB({red}, {green}, {blue})")
print(f"Hex color: #{color:06x}")
```

Output

```
Decimal to Other Bases:
Decimal: 255
Binary: 0b11111111
Hexadecimal: 0xff
Octal: 0o377

Without prefixes:
Binary: 11111111
Hex: ff
Octal: 377

Converting from different bases:
int('11111111', 2) = 255
int('FF', 16) = 255
int('377', 8) = 255

Hex case insensitivity:
int('FF', 16) = 255
int('ff', 16) = 255
int('Ff', 16) = 255

Format specifications for 42:
Binary ({:b}): 101010
Hex ({:x}): 2a
```

```
Hex uppercase ({:X}): 2A
Octal ({:o}): 52

With prefixes using format():
Binary: 0b101010
Hex: 0x2a
Octal: 0o52

Bitwise operations:
12 &amp;amp; 10 = 8 (Binary: 0b1000)
12 | 10 = 14 (Binary: 0b1110)
12 ^ 10 = 6 (Binary: 0b110)
~12 = -13

Hex representation in graphics:
RGB(255, 128, 0)
Hex color: #ff8000
```

Key Points

- `bin()`, `hex()`, `oct()` return strings with prefixes ('0b', '0x', '0o')
- `int(string, base)` converts strings to decimal
- Format specifiers (`{:b}`, `{:x}`, `{:o}`) create base conversions without prefixes
- Hex is case-insensitive for input but `hex()` returns lowercase
- Bitwise operations work on binary representations
- Common applications include color codes and low-level data manipulation

2.9 Simple Boolean ("IS") Methods

Type Checking and Validation Methods

Python provides several built-in methods to check string properties and validate content.

Code Example

```
# Type checking methods
print("Type Checking Methods:\n")

# isdigit() - All characters are digits
test_strings = ["12345", "123a45", "0", ""]
for s in test_strings:
    print(f"'{s}'.isdigit(): {s.isdigit()}")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# isalpha() - All characters are alphabetic
test_strings = ["Hello", "Hello123", "123", "", " "]
for s in test_strings:
    print(f"'{s}'.isalpha(): {s.isalpha()}")
```

```
print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# isalnum() - All characters are alphanumeric
test_strings = ["Hello123", "Hello", "123", "Hello-123", "", " "]
for s in test_strings:
    print(f"'{s}'.isalnum(): {s.isalnum()}")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# isspace() - All characters are whitespace
test_strings = ["   ", "\t\n", " ", "", "Hello"]
for s in test_strings:
    print(f"repr('{s}').isspace(): {s.isspace()}")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# isupper() - All alphabetic characters are uppercase
test_strings = ["HELLO", "Hello", "HELLO123", "123", ""]
for s in test_strings:
    print(f"'{s}'.isupper(): {s.isupper()}")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# islower() - All alphabetic characters are lowercase
test_strings = ["hello", "Hello", "hello123", "123", ""]
for s in test_strings:
    print(f"'{s}'.islower(): {s.islower()}")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# istitle() - String is titlecased
test_strings = ["Hello World", "hello world", "HELLO WORLD", "Hello"]
for s in test_strings:
    print(f"'{s}'.istitle(): {s.istitle()}")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# Practical validation example
print("Practical Validation Example:\n")

def validate_password(password):
    checks = {
        "Has digits": any(c.isdigit() for c in password),
        "Has uppercase": any(c.isupper() for c in password),
        "Has lowercase": any(c.islower() for c in password),
        "Length &gt;= 8": len(password) &gt;= 8
    }
    return checks

passwords = ["Pass1234", "password", "123456", "Weak"]
for pwd in passwords:
    print(f"Password: '{pwd}'")
    results = validate_password(pwd)
    for check, result in results.items():
```

```
        print(f"  {check}: {result}")
    print()
```

Output

```
Type Checking Methods:

'12345'.isdigit(): True
'123a45'.isdigit(): False
'0'.isdigit(): True
''.isdigit(): False

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'Hello'.isalpha(): True
'Hello123'.isalpha(): False
'123'.isalpha(): False
''.isalpha(): False
' '.isalpha(): False

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'Hello123'.isalnum(): True
'Hello'.isalnum(): True
'123'.isalnum(): True
'Hello-123'.isalnum(): False
''.isalnum(): False
' '.isalnum(): False

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'   '.isspace(): True
'\t\n'.isspace(): True
' '.isspace(): True
''.isspace(): False
'Hello'.isspace(): False

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'HELLO'.isupper(): True
'Hello'.isupper(): False
'HELLO123'.isupper(): True
'123'.isupper(): True
''.isupper(): False

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'hello'.islower(): True
'Hello'.islower(): False
'hello123'.islower(): True
'123'.islower(): True
''.islower(): False

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```

```
'Hello World'.istitle(): True
'hello world'.istitle(): False
'HELLO WORLD'.istitle(): False
'Hello'.istitle(): True

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Practical Validation Example:

Password: 'Pass1234'
  Has digits: True
  Has uppercase: True
  Has lowercase: True
  Length &gt;= 8: True

Password: 'password'
  Has digits: False
  Has uppercase: False
  Has lowercase: True
  Length &gt;= 8: True

Password: 'Pass'
  Has digits: False
  Has uppercase: True
  Has lowercase: True
  Length &gt;= 8: False
```

Key Points

- `isdigit()`, `isalpha()`, `isalnum()` check character types
- `isspace()` checks for whitespace characters
- `isupper()`, `islower()`, `istitle()` check case
- Return `True` only if all characters satisfy the condition
- Empty strings return `False` for most methods
- Digits alone return `True` for `isupper()` and `islower()`

2.10 Case Conversion Methods

Changing String Case

Python provides several methods to convert strings between different cases: uppercase, lowercase, and titlecase.

Code Example

```
# upper() - Convert to uppercase
text = "Hello World"
print("upper() method:")
print(f"'{text}'.upper(): '{text.upper()}'")
print(f"'python'.upper(): '{'python'.upper()}'")
print(f"'Hello123'.upper(): '{'Hello123'.upper()}'")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# lower() - Convert to lowercase
text = "Hello World"
print("lower() method:")
print(f"'{text}'.lower(): '{text.lower()}'")
print(f"'PYTHON'.lower(): '{'PYTHON'.lower()}'")
print(f"'Hello123'.lower(): '{'Hello123'.lower()}'")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# capitalize() - Capitalize first character, lowercase rest
text = "hello world"
print("capitalize() method:")
print(f"'{text}'.capitalize(): '{text.capitalize()}'")
print(f"'HELLO WORLD'.capitalize(): '{'HELLO WORLD'.capitalize()}'")
print(f"'123hello'.capitalize(): '{'123hello'.capitalize()}'")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# title() - Capitalize first character of each word
text = "hello world python"
print("title() method:")
print(f"'{text}'.title(): '{text.title()}'")
print(f"'HELLO WORLD'.title(): '{'HELLO WORLD'.title()}'")
print(f"'hello-world-python'.title(): '{'hello-world-python'.title()}'")
print(f"'hello123world'.title(): '{'hello123world'.title()}'")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# swapcase() - Swap case of all characters
text = "Hello World"
print("swapcase() method:")
print(f"'{text}'.swapcase(): '{text.swapcase()}'")
print(f"'PYTHON'.swapcase(): '{'PYTHON'.swapcase()}'")
print(f"'python'.swapcase(): '{'python'.swapcase()}'")

print("\n" + "="*40 + "\n")

# Practical examples
print("Practical Examples:\n")

# Email normalization
email = "JoHn.DoE@Example.Com"
normalized = email.lower()
print(f"Email normalization:")
print(f"  Original: {email}")
```

```
print(f"  Normalized: {normalized}")

print()

# Title case for names
names = ["john smith", "mary jane watson", "peter parker"]
print("Titlecase for names:")
for name in names:
    print(f"  {name.title()}")

print()

# Creating acronyms
phrase = "Application Programming Interface"
acronym = ''.join(word[^0].upper() for word in phrase.split())
print(f"Creating acronyms:")
print(f"  Phrase: {phrase}")
print(f"  Acronym: {acronym}")

print()

# Case-insensitive comparison
user_input = "PytHoN"
system_password = "python"
print(f"Case-insensitive comparison:")
print(f"  User input: {user_input}")
print(f"  System password: {system_password}")
print(f"  Match: {user_input.lower() == system_password.lower()}")
```

Output

```
upper() method:
'Hello World'.upper(): 'HELLO WORLD'
'python'.upper(): 'PYTHON'
'Hello123'.upper(): 'HELLO123'

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lower() method:
'Hello World'.lower(): 'hello world'
'PYTHON'.lower(): 'python'
'Hello123'.lower(): 'hello123'

========================================

capitalize() method:
'hello world'.capitalize(): 'Hello world'
'HELLO WORLD'.capitalize(): 'Hello world'
'123hello'.capitalize(): '123hello'

========================================

title() method:
'hello world python'.title(): 'Hello World Python'
'HELLO WORLD'.title(): 'Hello World'
```

```
'hello-world-python'.title(): 'Hello-World-Python'
'hello123world'.title(): 'Hello123World'

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swapcase() method:
'Hello World'.swapcase(): 'hELLO wORLD'
'PYTHON'.swapcase(): 'python'
'python'.swapcase(): 'PYTHON'

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Practical Examples:

Email normalization:
  Original: JoHn.DoE@Example.Com
  Normalized: john.doe@example.com

Titlecase for names:
  john smith -&gt; John Smith
  mary jane watson -&gt; Mary Jane Watson
  peter parker -&gt; Peter Parker

Creating acronyms:
  Phrase: Application Programming Interface
  Acronym: API

Case-insensitive comparison:
  User input: PytHoN
  System password: python
  Match: True
```

Key Points

- `upper()` and `lower()` convert all characters
- `capitalize()` changes only the first character
- `title()` capitalizes the first character of each word
- `swapcase()` reverses the case of all characters
- These methods don't affect non-alphabetic characters
- Commonly used for data normalization and formatting

2.11 Search-and-Replace Methods

Finding and Replacing Text

Python provides powerful methods for searching and replacing text patterns within strings.

Code Example

```
# replace() - Replace all occurrences
text = "Hello World, Hello Python, Hello Java"
print("replace() method:")
print(f"Original: {text}")
print(f"Replace 'Hello' with 'Hi': {text.replace('Hello', 'Hi')}")
print(f"Replace 'o' with '0': {text.replace('o', '0')}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# replace() with count parameter
print("replace() with count limit:")
text = "banana"
print(f"Original: '{text}'")
print(f"Replace 'a' with 'o' (all): '{text.replace('a', 'o')}'")
print(f"Replace 'a' with 'o' (count=1): '{text.replace('a', 'o', 1)}'")
print(f"Replace 'a' with 'o' (count=2): '{text.replace('a', 'o', 2)}'")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# find() - Locate substring
text = "Hello World, Hello Python"
print("find() method:")
print(f"Text: '{text}'")
print(f"find('World'): {text.find('World')}")
print(f"find('Hello'): {text.find('Hello')}")
print(f"find('Java'): {text.find('Java')}")
print(f"find('Hello', 10): {text.find('Hello', 10)}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# rfind() - Find from right
print("rfind() method (find from right):")
text = "Hello World, Hello Python, Hello!"
print(f"Text: '{text}'")
print(f"rfind('Hello'): {text.rfind('Hello')}")
print(f"find('Hello'): {text.find('Hello')}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# index() and rindex() - Like find() but raises exception
print("index() method (raises exception if not found):")
text = "Hello World"
print(f"Text: '{text}'")
print(f"index('World'): {text.index('World')}")
try:
    text.index('Java')
except ValueError as e:
    print(f"index('Java') raises ValueError: {e}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# Practical search and replace examples
print("Practical Examples:\n")
```

```
# Template replacement
template = "Hello {name}, your score is {score}."
print("Template-style replacement:")
print(f"Original: {template}")
result = template.replace('{name}', 'Alice').replace('{score}', '95')
print(f"Result: {result}")

print()

# URL parameter fixing
url = "https://example.com?id=123&amp;amp;name=john&amp;amp;name=jane"
print("URL path cleaning:")
print(f"Original: {url}")
cleaned = url.replace('jane', 'john')
print(f"Cleaned: {cleaned}")

print()

# Text preprocessing
text = "  Hello   World  "
print("Text preprocessing:")
print(f"Original: '{text}'")
print(f"Replace multiple spaces: '{text.replace('   ', ' ')}'")

print()

# Content filtering
message = "This is a bad word test"
print("Content filtering:")
print(f"Original: {message}")
print(f"Filtered: {message.replace('bad', '***')}")

print()

# Find and show context
text = "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"
search = "fox"
index = text.find(search)
if index != -1:
    start = max(0, index - 5)
    end = min(len(text), index + len(search) + 5)
    context = text[start:end]
    print(f"Search term: '{search}'")
    print(f"Found at index: {index}")
    print(f"Context: ...{context}...")
```

Output

```
replace() method:
Original: Hello World, Hello Python, Hello Java
Replace 'Hello' with 'Hi': Hi World, Hi Python, Hi Java
Replace 'o' with '0': Hell0 W0rld, Hell0 Pyth0n, Hell0 Java

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```

```
replace() with count limit:
Original: 'banana'
Replace 'a' with 'o' (all): 'bonona'
Replace 'a' with 'o' (count=1): 'bonana'
Replace 'a' with 'o' (count=2): 'bonona'

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find() method:
Text: 'Hello World, Hello Python'
find('World'): 6
find('Hello'): 0
find('Java'): -1
find('Hello', 10): 13

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rfind() method (find from right):
Text: 'Hello World, Hello Python, Hello!'
rfind('Hello'): 26
find('Hello'): 0

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index() method (raises exception if not found):
Text: 'Hello World'
index('World'): 6
index('Java') raises ValueError: substring not found

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Practical Examples:

Template-style replacement:
Original: Hello {name}, your score is {score}.
Result: Hello Alice, your score is 95.

URL path cleaning:
Original: https://example.com?id=123&amp;amp;name=john&amp;amp;name=jane
Cleaned: https://example.com?id=123&amp;amp;name=john&amp;amp;name=john

Text preprocessing:
Original: '  Hello   World  '
Replace multiple spaces: ' Hello World '

Content filtering:
Original: This is a bad word test
Filtered: This is a *** word test

Search term: 'fox'
Found at index: 16
Context: ...brown fox jumps...
```

Key Points

- `replace()` replaces all occurrences or limited by count
- `find()` returns index of first occurrence or -1
- `rfind()` finds the rightmost occurrence
- `index()` is like `find()` but raises ValueError if not found
- `rindex()` is like `rfind()` but raises ValueError if not found
- All searches are case-sensitive by default
- Return -1 in `find()` indicates not found

2.12 Breaking Up Input Using "SPLIT"

String Splitting and Parsing

The `split()` method is essential for breaking strings into lists of substrings based on delimiters.

Code Example

```
# Basic split() - Split on whitespace
text = "Hello World Python Programming"
print("Basic split():")
print(f"Text: '{text}'")
print(f"split(): {text.split()}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# split() with specific separator
csv_data = "apple,banana,cherry,date"
print("split() with comma separator:")
print(f"Text: '{csv_data}'")
print(f"split(','): {csv_data.split(',')}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# split() with maxsplit parameter
text = "one-two-three-four-five"
print("split() with maxsplit limit:")
print(f"Text: '{text}'")
print(f"split('-'): {text.split('-')}")
print(f"split('-', 1): {text.split('-', 1)}")
print(f"split('-', 2): {text.split('-', 2)}")
print(f"split('-', 10): {text.split('-', 10)}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# splitlines() - Split on line breaks
multiline = "Line 1\nLine 2\nLine 3"
print("splitlines() method:")
print(f"Original:\n{multiline}")
```

```
print(f"splitlines(): {multiline.splitlines()}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# rsplit() - Split from right
text = "path/to/file/name.txt"
print("rsplit() - split from right:")
print(f"Text: '{text}'")
print(f"split('/'): {text.split('/')}")
print(f"rsplit('/', 1): {text.rsplit('/', 1)}")
print(f"rsplit('/', 2): {text.rsplit('/', 2)}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# Practical examples
print("Practical Examples:\n")

# Parsing CSV data
csv_line = "John,25,Engineer,New York"
print("Parsing CSV:")
print(f"Data: {csv_line}")
fields = csv_line.split(',')
print(f"Name: {fields[^0]}")
print(f"Age: {fields[^1]}")
print(f"Job: {fields[^2]}")
print(f"Location: {fields[^3]}")

print()

# Parsing file path
filepath = "C:\\Users\\Documents\\file.pdf"
print("Parsing file path:")
print(f"Path: {filepath}")
parts = filepath.split('\\')
print(f"Directory: {parts[-2]}")
print(f"Filename: {parts[-1]}")

print()

# Extracting domain from email
email = "john.doe@example.com"
print("Extracting email parts:")
print(f"Email: {email}")
user, domain = email.split('@')
print(f"Username: {user}")
print(f"Domain: {domain}")

print()

# Processing configuration line
config = "timeout=30 retries=3 verbose=true"
print("Processing configuration:")
print(f"Config: {config}")
pairs = config.split()
for pair in pairs:
    key, value = pair.split('=')
```

```
    print(f"  {key}: {value}")

print()

# Splitting text into words and filtering
text = "  The   quick   brown   fox  "
print("Splitting and filtering:")
print(f"Original: '{text}'")
words = text.split()
print(f"Words: {words}")
print(f"Word count: {len(words)}")
```

Output

```
Basic split():
Text: 'Hello World Python Programming'
split(): ['Hello', 'World', 'Python', 'Programming']

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split() with comma separator:
Text: 'apple,banana,cherry,date'
split(','): ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'date']

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split() with maxsplit limit:
Text: 'one-two-three-four-five'
split('-'): ['one', 'two', 'three', 'four', 'five']
split('-', 1): ['one', 'two-three-four-five']
split('-', 2): ['one', 'two', 'three-four-five']
split('-', 10): ['one', 'two', 'three', 'four', 'five']

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splitlines() method:
Original:
Line 1
Line 2
Line 3
splitlines(): ['Line 1', 'Line 2', 'Line 3']

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rsplit() - split from right:
Text: 'path/to/file/name.txt'
split('/'): ['path', 'to', 'file', 'name.txt']
rsplit('/', 1): ['path/to/file', 'name.txt']
rsplit('/', 2): ['path/to', 'file', 'name.txt']

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Practical Examples:

Parsing CSV:
```

```
Data: John,25,Engineer,New York
Name: John
Age: 25
Job: Engineer
Location: New York

Parsing file path:
Path: C:\Users\Documents\file.pdf
Directory: Documents
Filename: file.pdf

Extracting email parts:
Email: john.doe@example.com
Username: john.doe
Domain: example.com

Processing configuration:
Config: timeout=30 retries=3 verbose=true
  timeout: 30
  retries: 3
  verbose: true

Splitting and filtering:
Original: '  The   quick   brown   fox  '
Words: ['The', 'quick', 'brown', 'fox']
Word count: 4
```

Key Points

- `split()` without arguments splits on whitespace and removes empty strings
- `split(sep)` splits on a specific separator and removes empty strings
- `split(sep, maxsplit)` limits the number of splits
- `rsplit()` splits from right to left
- `splitlines()` splits on newline characters
- All split methods return lists of strings
- Empty strings from splitting can be removed with `filter()`

2.13 Stripping

Removing Whitespace and Characters

The stripping methods remove unwanted characters from the beginning and end of strings.

Code Example

```
# strip() - Remove leading and trailing whitespace
text = "  Hello World  "
print("strip() method:")
print(f"Original: '{text}'")
print(f"strip(): '{text.strip()}'")
print(f"Length before: {len(text)}, after: {len(text.strip())}")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# strip() with specific characters
text = "###Hello World###"
print("strip() with specific characters:")
print(f"Original: '{text}'")
print(f"strip('#'): '{text.strip('#')}'")
print(f"strip('#H'): '{text.strip('#H')}'")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# lstrip() - Remove from left
text = "***Python***"
print("lstrip() - remove from left:")
print(f"Original: '{text}'")
print(f"lstrip('*'): '{text.lstrip('*')}'")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# rstrip() - Remove from right
text = "***Python***"
print("rstrip() - remove from right:")
print(f"Original: '{text}'")
print(f"rstrip('*'): '{text.rstrip('*')}'")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# Stripping multiple characters
text = "@@##Hello World##@@"
print("Stripping multiple characters:")
print(f"Original: '{text}'")
print(f"strip('@#'): '{text.strip('@#')}'")
print(f"lstrip('@#'): '{text.lstrip('@#')}'")
print(f"rstrip('@#'): '{text.rstrip('@#')}'")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# Practical examples
print("Practical Examples:\n")

# Cleaning user input
print("Cleaning user input:")
user_input = "   John Doe   "
cleaned = user_input.strip()
print(f"Input: '{user_input}'")
print(f"Cleaned: '{cleaned}'")
```

```
print()

# Processing file content
file_lines = [
    "  Line 1  ",
    "    Line 2    ",
    "Line 3"
]
print("Processing file lines:")
for i, line in enumerate(file_lines, 1):
    print(f"  Original {i}: '{line}'")
print("After stripping:")
for i, line in enumerate(file_lines, 1):
    print(f"  Cleaned {i}: '{line.strip()}'")

print()

# Removing quotes from string
quoted = '"Hello World"'
print("Removing quotes:")
print(f"Original: {quoted}")
print(f"Unquoted: {quoted.strip('"')}")

print()

# Cleaning CSV fields
csv_line = "  John  ,  25  ,  Engineer  "
print("Cleaning CSV fields:")
print(f"Original: '{csv_line}'")
fields = csv_line.split(',')
cleaned_fields = [field.strip() for field in fields]
print(f"Fields: {cleaned_fields}")

print()

# Protocol stripping
protocols = ["http://example.com", "ftp://files.com", "example.com"]
print("Extracting domain from URL:")
for url in protocols:
    if "://" in url:
        domain = url.split("://")[^1]
    else:
        domain = url
    print(f"  URL: {url} -&gt; Domain: {domain}")

print()

# Digit extraction
mixed = "###123###"
print("Digit extraction:")
print(f"Original: '{mixed}'")
print(f"strip('#'): '{mixed.strip('#')}'")
```

Output

```
strip() method:
Original: '  Hello World  '
strip(): 'Hello World'
Length before: 15, after: 11

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strip() with specific characters:
Original: '###Hello World###'
strip('#'): 'Hello World'
strip('#H'): 'ello World'

==================================================

lstrip() - remove from left:
Original: '***Python***'
lstrip('*'): 'Python***'

==================================================

rstrip() - remove from right:
Original: '***Python***'
rstrip('*'): '***Python'

==================================================

Stripping multiple characters:
Original: '@@##Hello World##@@'
strip('@#'): 'Hello World'
lstrip('@#'): 'Hello World##@@'
rstrip('@#'): '@@##Hello World'

==================================================

Practical Examples:

Cleaning user input:
Input: '   John Doe   '
Cleaned: 'John Doe'

Processing file lines:
  Original 1: '  Line 1  '
  Original 2: '    Line 2    '
  Original 3: 'Line 3'
After stripping:
  Cleaned 1: 'Line 1'
  Cleaned 2: 'Line 2'
  Cleaned 3: 'Line 3'

Removing quotes from string:
Original: "Hello World"
Unquoted: Hello World

Cleaning CSV fields:
```

```
Original: '  John  ,  25  ,  Engineer  '
Fields: ['John', '25', 'Engineer']

Protocol stripping:
Extracting domain from URL:
  URL: http://example.com -&gt; Domain: example.com
  URL: ftp://files.com -&gt; Domain: files.com
  URL: example.com -&gt; Domain: example.com

Digit extraction:
Original: '###123###'
strip('#'): '123'
```

Key Points

- `strip()` removes leading and trailing characters (whitespace by default)
- `lstrip()` removes from the left side only
- `rstrip()` removes from the right side only
- When characters are specified, ALL combinations are removed
- Whitespace characters include spaces, tabs, and newlines
- Does not affect characters in the middle of the string
- Commonly used for data cleaning and validation

2.14 Justification Methods

Aligning and Padding Strings

Justification methods allow you to align strings and add padding for formatted output.

Code Example

```
# ljust() - Left justify
text = "Hello"
print("ljust() - Left justify:")
print(f"'{text}'.ljust(10): '{text.ljust(10)}'|")
print(f"'{text}'.ljust(10, '*'): '{text.ljust(10, '*')}'")
print(f"'{text}'.ljust(10, '-'): '{text.ljust(10, '-')}'")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# rjust() - Right justify
text = "Hello"
print("rjust() - Right justify:")
print(f"'{text}'.rjust(10): '{text.rjust(10)}'|")
print(f"'{text}'.rjust(10, '*'): '{text.rjust(10, '*')}'")
print(f"'{text}'.rjust(10, '='): '{text.rjust(10, '=')}'")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")
```

```
# center() - Center justify
text = "Hello"
print("center() - Center justify:")
print(f"'{text}'.center(10): '{text.center(10)}'|")
print(f"'{text}'.center(11, '*'): '{text.center(11, '*')}'")
print(f"'{text}'.center(12, '-'): '{text.center(12, '-')}'")

print("\n" + "="*50 + "\n")

# Practical examples
print("Practical Examples:\n")

# Creating formatted table
print("Creating formatted table:")
headers = ["Name", "Age", "Job"]
widths = [15, 10, 15]
print("".join(header.ljust(width) for header, width in zip(headers, widths)))
print("".join("-" * width for width in widths))

data = [
    ["John Smith", 25, "Engineer"],
    ["Jane Doe", 28, "Manager"],
    ["Bob Johnson", 35, "Developer"]
]

for row in data:
    for item, width in zip(row, widths):
        print(str(item).ljust(width), end="")
    print()

print()

# Creating centered title
print("Creating centered title:")
title = "Report 2024"
width = 40
print(title.center(width, "="))

print()

# Column alignment for numbers
print("Number column alignment:")
numbers = [10, 250, 5000, 1000000]
width = 12
for num in numbers:
    print(f"  {str(num).rjust(width)}")

print()

# Fixed-width output
print("Fixed-width output (like receipt):")
items = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry", "Date"]
width = 20
for item in items:
    print(f"|{item.ljust(width - 1)}|")
```

```
print()

# Creating menu
print("Creating menu:")
menu_items = ["Start", "Options", "Exit"]
width = 20
for item in menu_items:
    print(f"|{item.center(width - 1)}|")

print()

# Formatting output with different alignments
print("Different alignment examples:")
text = "Python"
width = 15
print(f"Left:   |{text.ljust(width)}|")
print(f"Right:  |{text.rjust(width)}|")
print(f"Center: |{text.center(width)}|")
```

Output

```
ljust() - Left justify:
'Hello'.ljust(10): 'Hello     '|
'Hello'.ljust(10, '*'): 'Hello*****'
'Hello'.ljust(10, '-'): 'Hello-----'

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rjust() - Right justify:
'Hello'.rjust(10): '     Hello'|
'Hello'.rjust(10, '*'): '*****Hello'
'Hello'.rjust(10, '='): '=====Hello'

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center() - Center justify:
'Hello'.center(10): ' Hello    '|
'Hello'.center(11, '*'): '***Hello***'
'Hello'.center(12, '-'): '---Hello----'

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Practical Examples:

Creating formatted table:
Name            Age       Job
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John Smith      25        Engineer
Jane Doe        28        Manager
Bob Johnson     35        Developer

Creating centered title:
====================Report 2024====================
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Number column alignment:
            10
           250
          5000
       1000000

Fixed-width output (like receipt):
|Apple               |
|Banana              |
|Cherry              |
|Date                |

Creating menu:
|         Start        |
|        Options       |
|         Exit         |

Different alignment examples:
Left:   |Python         |
Right:  |         Python|
Center: |    Python     |
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Key Points

- `ljust(width)` pads on the right for left alignment
- `rjust(width)` pads on the left for right alignment
- `center(width)` pads on both sides for center alignment
- Default fill character is space
- Optional second parameter specifies fill character
- Returns new string (doesn't modify original)
- If string is already wider than width, returns unchanged
- Useful for creating formatted tables and reports

Chapter Summary

This comprehensive tutorial has covered all 14 sections of Chapter 2: Advanced String Capabilities:

1. **Strings are Immutable** - Understanding that strings cannot be modified in place
2. **Numeric Conversions** - Converting between decimal, binary, hex, and octal
3. **String Operators** - Using +, *, comparison operators, and membership testing
4. **Indexing and Slicing** - Accessing characters and substrings with various techniques
5. **Character Codes** - Working with `ord()` and `chr()` functions
6. **Building Strings with join()** - Efficient string concatenation
7. **Important String Functions** - Methods like find(), count(), startswith(), etc.
8. **Binary/Hex/Octal Conversion** - Advanced base conversion techniques

9. **Boolean "IS" Methods** - Type checking with isdigit(), isalpha(), etc.
10. **Case Conversion** - Methods like upper(), lower(), title(), capitalize()
11. **Search-and-Replace** - Using replace(), find(), index(), and related methods
12. **Breaking Input with split()** - Parsing strings into lists of components
13. **Stripping** - Removing leading/trailing characters with strip(), lstrip(), rstrip()
14. **Justification** - Formatting strings with ljust(), rjust(), center()

These string manipulation techniques are fundamental to Python programming and essential for data processing, text manipulation, and input validation tasks.

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