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The String package contains useful tools for working with strings.

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#### 9.1.1 The Character-Range Function

The character-range function returns a list of characters from the *start* to the *end* character. Note that this is returning a list, not a string.

#### **Syntax**

```
(character-range start\ end) \Longrightarrow '(start\ ...\ end)
```

#### **Arguments and Values**

Start The character to start the range with, inclusive.

**End** The character to end the range with, inclusive.

#### Examples

```
(character-range #\a #\e) \Longrightarrow '(#\a #\b #\c #\d #\e) (character-range #\e #\a) \Longrightarrow '(#\a #\b #\c #\d #\e)
```

#### 9.1.2 The Character-Ranges Function

The character-ranges function is a convenience wrapper for character-range function, concatenating several calls and making the resultant list contain only unique instances.

#### **Syntax**

```
(character-ranges start_1 \ end_1 \ldots \Longrightarrow '(character_1 \ldots)
```

#### **Arguments and Values**

 $Start_n$  The character to start the nth range with, inclusive.

 $End_n$  The character to end the nth range with, inclusive.

#### Examples

```
(character-ranges #\a #\c #\x #\z) \Longrightarrow '(#\a #\b #\c #\x #\y #\z) (character-ranges #\a #\c #\a #\c) \Longrightarrow '(#\a #\b #\c)
```

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