



Main String Operations



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Immutability

```
best = 'Clarusway'
```

```
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```

```
best.title()
```

Introduction



- ▶ String processing is of **great importance** in the IT world. Moreover, there seems to be much more to do in this field.
- ▶ Good news! Python's **string** processing **skills** are very **advanced** that we will focus on some main parts of it.
- ▶ A significant thing to keep in mind is that **str** is an immutable data type. This means you can't just change the string **in place**, so most string methods return a copy of the string. Well, how can we do that?

Introduction



Tips:

- This is the way you should follow: You must create a new variable for the copy you made or assign the same name to the copy to save the changes made to the string for later use.

Introduction



```
var_string = 'ClarusWay'
```

We can't change the string

```
print(var_string.lower())
```

```
print(var_string)
```

```
var_string = 'ClarusWay'.lower()
```

```
print(var_string)
```

To change string, we should
reassign the new (changed)
string value to a variable

clarusway

ClarusWay

clarusway

Introduction

```
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var_str.lower()  
print(var_str)
```

What is the output? Try to figure out in your mind...

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In God we Trust



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Searching a String

Searching a String

In & Not in operators

Operation	Result
x in s	True if an item of s is equal to x, else False
x not in s	False if an item of s is equal to x, else True

```
e_mail = 'bulent@clarusway.com'  
print('@' in e_mail)
```

Searching a String

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- **string.startswith()**

Starts searching from the **beginning** to the end.

- **string.endswith()**

Starts searching from the **very end** to the beginning.

Searching a String(review pre-class)

- Let's take a look these pre-class examples :

```
1 text = 'www.clarusway.com'  
2 print(text.endswith('.com'))  
3 print(text.startswith('http:'))  
4
```

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3 print(text.startswith('w'))  
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Searching a String(review pre-class)

- These methods have optional arguments `start` and `end`. We can specify the search by adding arguments so that the area of search is delimited by `start` and `end` arguments.

The formula syntaxes are :

- `.startswith(prefix[, start[, end]])`
- `.endswith(suffix[, start[, end]])`

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- .endswith(suffix[, start[, end]])**

ends not included

Searching a String(review pre-class)

- ▶ Consider this pre-class example :

```
1 email = "clarusway@clarusway.com is my e-mail address"
2 print(email.startswith("@", 9))
3 print(email.endswith("-", 10, 32))
4 |
```

What is the output? Try to figure out in your mind...

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
c	l	a	r	u	s	w	a	y	@	c	l	a	r	u	s	w	a	y	.	c	o	m
i	s	m	y	e	-	m	a	i	l	a	d	d	r	e	s	s						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42			



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2 True
3
```

"clarusway@clarusway.com is my e-mail address"

@ is the 9th and m is the 32nd letter starting from zero

Searching a String

- ▶ Try to figure out the output of this code :

```
1 | text = 'www.clarusway.com'  
2 | print(text.endswith('.co'))  
3 | print(text.startswith('w.'))  
4 |  
5 |  
6 |
```

Searching a String



- ▶ The output :

```
1 text = 'www.clarusway.com'  
2 print(text.endswith('.co'))  
3 print(text.startswith('w.'))  
4  
5  
6 |
```

Output

```
False  
False
```

Searching a String



- ▶ `str.find()`: The `find()` method returns the index of the first occurrence of a substring in the given string (case-sensitive). If the substring is not found it returns **-1**.
- ▶ also `str.rfind()`, **starts the search from the right.**

- ▶ `str.index()`: Like `find()`, but raise `ValueError` when the substring is not found.
- ▶ also `str.rindex()`, Like `rfind()` but raises `ValueError` when the substring *sub* is not found.

Searching a String

```
1 text = 'www.clarusway.com'  
2 print(text.index('com'))  
3 print(text.find('com'))
```

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Changing a String

▶ Changing a String



- ▶ The changing a string methods return the copy of the **str** with some changes made.
- ▶ How does the syntax work?
- ▶ A string is given first (or the name of a variable that represents a string), then comes a period followed by the method name and parentheses in which arguments are listed.
- ▶ The formula syntax 

```
string.method(arguments)
```

Changing a String

- The summary of some common and the most important methods are as follows 

- `str.replace(old, new[, count])` replaces all occurrences of old with the new.

The count argument is optional, and if the optional argument count is given, only the first count occurrences are replaced. `count`: Maximum number of occurrences to replace. **-1** (the default value) means replace all occurrences.

- `str.swapcase()` converts upper case to lower case and vice versa.
- `str.capitalize()` changes the first character of the string to the upper case and the rest to the lower case.
- `str.upper()` converts all characters of the string to the upper case.
- `str.lower()` converts all characters of the string to the lower case.
- `str.title()` converts the first character of each word to upper case.

▶ Changing a String



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str.join() : The join() function takes all items in an iterable and joins them into one string. We have to specify a string as the separator.

str.split(): The split() method splits the string from the specified separator and returns a list object with string elements.

▶ Changing a String



- ▶ Let's grasp these methods through the examples 

```
1 sentence = "I live and work in Virginia"  
2  
3 print(sentence.upper())  
4  
5 print(sentence.lower())  
6  
7 print(sentence.swapcase())  
8  
9 print(sentence) # note that, source text is unchanged  
10
```

What is the output? Try to figure out in your mind...

▶ Changing a String



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10
```

```
1 I LIVE AND WORK IN VIRGINIA  
2 i live and work in virginia  
3 i LIVE AND WORK IN vIRGINIA  
4 I live and work in Virginia  
5
```

▶ Changing a String



Note that,

All these methods return **str** type.

So we can use the following syntax.



```
string.method1().method2().method3()...
```

▶ Changing a String



- ▶ Let's grasp these methods through the examples 

```
1 sentence = "I live and work in Virginia"
2 title_sentence = sentence.title()
3 print(title_sentence)
4
5 changed_sentence = sentence.replace("i", "+")
6 print(changed_sentence)
7
8 print(sentence) # note that, again source text is unchanged
9
```

What is the output? Try to figure out in your mind...

▶ Changing a String



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```

```
1 I Live And Work In Virginia
2 I l+ve and work +n V+rگ+n+a
3 I live and work in Virginia
4
```

▶ Changing a String



▶ Task

- ▶ Let's change the **first letters** of each words to uppercase of the following text 

```
text = 'the better the family, the better the society'
```



▶ Changing a String

- ▶ The code may look like 

```
text = text.title()  
print(text)
```

The Better The Family, The Better The Society



Changing a String

- Let's review the pre-class examples 

```
1 sentence = "I live and work in Virginia"
2 swap_case = sentence.swapcase()
3 print(swap_case)
4 print(swap_case.capitalize()) # changes 'i' to uppercase and
5 # the rest to lowercase
6
```

What is the output? Try to figure out in your mind...



Changing a String

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2 swap_case = sentence.swapcase()
3 print(swap_case)
4 print(swap_case.capitalize()) # changes 'i' to uppercase and
5 # the rest to lowercase
6
```

```
1 i LIVE AND WORK IN vIRGINIA
2 I live and work in virginia
3
```

▶ Changing a String



▶ Task

- In the **text** below, accidentally the number 0(zero) is used instead of the letter 'o' (oh). Fix them using **.replace()** method and **change the value of the variable** considering the new text and print the result.

```
text = 'S0d0me and G0m0re'
```



▶ Changing a String

- ▶ The code may look like 

```
text = 'S0d0me and G0m0re'  
text = text.replace('0', 'o')  
print(text)
```

Sodome and Gomore



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Editing a String

Editing a String

- ▶ The editing a string methods remove the trailing characters (i.e. characters from the right side).
- ▶ The default for the argument chars is also whitespace. If the argument chars aren't specified, trailing whitespaces are removed.
- ▶ The formula syntax 

```
string.method(arguments)
```

Editing a String

- ▶ The summary of some common and the most important methods are as follows 
- `string.strip()` : removes all spaces (or specified characters) from both sides.
- `string.rstrip()` : removes spaces (or specified characters) from the right side.
- `string.lstrip()` : removes spaces (or specified characters) from the left side.

Editing a String

string.strip(arg)

- Let's review the pre-class examples

```
1 space_string = "      listen first      "
2 print(space_string.strip()) # removes all spaces from both sides
3
```

Editing a String

string.strip(arg)

- Let's review the pre-class examples

```
1 space_string = "    listen first    "
2 print(space_string.strip()) # removes all spaces from both sides
3
```

```
1 listen first
2
```

Editing a String

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```
1 space_string = "      listen first      "
2 print(space_string.strip()) # removes all spaces from both sides
3
```

```
1 listen first
2
```

```
1 source_string = "interoperability"
2 print(source_string.strip("yi"))
3 # removes trailing "y" or "i" or "yi" or "iy" from both sides
4
```

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```

```
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2
```

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3 # removes trailing "y" or "i" or "yi" or "iy" from both sides
4
```

```
1 interoperabilit
2
```

Editing a String

- Let's review the pre-class examples

string.lstrip(arg)
string.rstrip(arg)

```
1 source_string = "interoperability"
2 print(source_string.lstrip("in"))
3 # removes "i" or "n" or "in" or "ni" from the left side
4
```

What is the output? Try to figure out in your mind...

Editing a String

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string.rstrip(arg)

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Editing a String

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4
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```
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2
```

```
1 space_string = "    listen first    "
2 print(space_string.rstrip()) # removes spaces from the right side
3
```

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4
```

```
1 interoperability
2
```

```
1 space_string = "    listen first    "
2 print(space_string.rstrip()) # removes spaces from the right side
3
```

```
1 |     listen first
2
```

Editing a String

string.lstrip(arg)
string.rstrip(arg)

- Let's review the pre-class examples

```
1 source_string = "interoperability"
2 print(source_string.rstrip("yt"))
3 # removes "y" or "t" or "yt" or "ty" from the right side
4
```

What is the output? Try to figure out in your mind...

Editing a String

string.lstrip(arg)
string.rstrip(arg)

- Let's review the pre-class examples

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3 # removes "y" or "t" or "yt" or "ty" from the right side
4
```

```
1 interoperabili
2
```

Editing a String

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2
```

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4
```

```
1 interoperabilit
2
```

Either ty or yt works

```
1 source_string = "interoperability"
2 print(source_string.rstrip("ty"))
3
```

```
1 interoperabilit
2
```

Editing a String



▶ Task

- ▶ In the **text** below, accidentally there are additional letters. Remove the additional letters and make the all words uppercase.
- ▶ Except for the **print()** line, your code should consist of a single line.

```
text = 'tyou can learn almost everything in pre-classz'
```

desired output

YOU CAN LEARN ALMOST EVERYTHING IN PRE-CLASS

Editing a String



- ▶ The code may look like 

```
text = text.rstrip('z').lstrip('t').upper()  
print(text)
```

YOU CAN LEARN ALMOST EVERYTHING IN PRE-CLASS

Editing a String



▶ Task

- ▶ In the **text** below, accidentally the number the word “**we**” is wrong written. Remove the additional “**e**” letter and print the correct text.
- ▶ You can also use *indexing/slicing/methods* of string.

```
text = 'In God wee Trust'
```



Editing a String

- ▶ The code options might be like : 

```
1 text = 'In God wee Trust'  
2  
3 print(text.replace("ee", "e"))  
4  
5 text1 = text[:9]  
6 text2 = text[10:]  
7 print(text1 + text2)  
8  
9  
10  
11
```

Output

```
In God we Trust  
In God we Trust
```



THANKS!

End of the Lesson

(Main String Operations)

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Lists

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