

# Utf8.len

Returns the length of the string passed.

## Syntax

```
int utf8.len ( string input [, int i = 1, int j = utf8.len( input ) ] )
```

## Required Arguments

- **input:** A string character sequence

## Optional Arguments

*NOTE:* When using optional arguments, you might need to supply all arguments before the one you wish to use. For more information on optional arguments, see optional arguments.

- **i:** An integer representing the beginning position for measuring the length of the section (may be negative).
- **j:** An integer representing the ending position for measuring the length of the section (may be negative).

## Returns

Returns the length of the string as an *integer*.