

Python

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String and its functionality

What is String in Python?

A string is a sequence of characters.

Strings can be created by enclosing characters inside a single quote or double-quotes.

Even triple quotes can be used in Python but generally used to represent multiline strings and docstrings.

```
# defining strings in Python
# all of the following are equivalent
my_string = 'Hello'
print(my_string)

my_string = "Hello"
print(my_string)

my_string = '''Hello'''
print(my_string)

# triple quotes string can extend multiple lines
my_string = """Hello, welcome to
                the world of Python"""
print(my_string)
```

How to access characters in a string?

- We can access individual characters using indexing and a range of characters using slicing.
- Index starts from 0. Trying to access a character out of index range will raise an `IndexError`.
- The index must be an integer. We can't use floats or other types, this will result into `TypeError`.
- Python allows negative indexing for its sequences.
- The index of -1 refers to the last item, -2 to the second last item and so on.
- We can access a range of items in a string by using the slicing operator `:(colon)`.

#Accessing string characters in Python

```
str = 'Python Programming'  
print('str = ', str)
```

#first character

```
print('str[0] = ', str[0])
```

#last character

```
print('str[-1] = ', str[-1])
```

#slicing 2nd to 5th character

```
print('str[1:5] = ', str[1:5])
```

#slicing 6th to 2nd last character

```
print('str[5:-2] = ', str[5:-2])
```

If we try to access an index out of the range or use numbers other than an integer, we will get errors.

```
# index must be in range
>>> my_string[15]
...
IndexError: string index out of range

# index must be an integer
>>> my_string[1.5]
...
TypeError: string indices must be integers
```

Python String Operations

There are many operations that can be performed with strings which makes it one of the most used data types in Python.

Concatenation of Two or More Strings

Joining of two or more strings into a single one is called concatenation.

The + operator does this in Python. Simply writing two string literals together also concatenates them.

The * operator can be used to repeat the string for a given number of times.

```
# Python String Operations
str1 = 'Hello'
str2 = 'World!'

# using +
print('str1 + str2 = ', str1 + str2)

# using *
print('str1 * 3 =', str1 * 3)
```

The `capitalize()` method returns a string where the first character is upper case, and the rest is lower case.

Example

Upper case the first letter in this sentence:

```
txt = "hello, and welcome to my world."

x = txt.capitalize()

print (x)
```

The `center()` method will center align the string, using a specified character (space is default) as the fill character.

Syntax

```
string.center(length, character)
```

Parameter Values

Parameter	Description
<i>length</i>	Required. The length of the returned string
<i>character</i>	Optional. The character to fill the missing space on each side. Default is " " (space)

Example

Using the letter "O" as the padding character:

```
txt = "banana"

x = txt.center(20, "O")

print(x)
```

The `count()` method returns the number of times a specified value appears in the string.

Syntax

```
string.count(value, start, end)
```

Parameter Values

Parameter	Description
<i>value</i>	Required. A String. The string to value to search for
<i>start</i>	Optional. An Integer. The position to start the search. Default is 0
<i>end</i>	Optional. An Integer. The position to end the search. Default is the end of the string

Example

Search from position 10 to 24:

```
txt = "I love apples, apple are my favorite fruit"

x = txt.count("apple", 10, 24)

print(x)
```

The `endswith()` method returns True if the string ends with the specified value, otherwise False.

Syntax

```
string.endswith(value, start, end)
```

Parameter Values

Parameter	Description
<i>value</i>	Required. The value to check if the string ends with
<i>start</i>	Optional. An Integer specifying at which position to start the search
<i>end</i>	Optional. An Integer specifying at which position to end the search

Example

Check if the string ends with the phrase "my world.":

```
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."  
  
x = txt.endswith("my world.")  
  
print(x)
```

The `find()` method finds the first occurrence of the specified value.

The `find()` method returns -1 if the value is not found.

The `find()` method is almost the same as the `index()` method, the only difference is that the `index()` method raises an exception if the value is not found. (See example below)

Syntax

```
string.find(value, start, end)
```

Parameter Values

Parameter	Description
<i>value</i>	Required. The value to search for
<i>start</i>	Optional. Where to start the search. Default is 0
<i>end</i>	Optional. Where to end the search. Default is to the end of the string

Example

Where in the text is the first occurrence of the letter "e"?:

```
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."

x = txt.find("e")

print(x)
```

Example

If the value is not found, the find() method returns -1, but the index() method will raise an exception:

```
txt = "Hello, welcome to my world."

print(txt.find("q"))
print(txt.index("q"))
```

isdecimal()	isdigit()	isnumeric()
Example of string with decimal characters: "12345" "12" "98201"	Example of string with digits: "12345" "123 ³ " "3"	Example of string with numerics: "12345" "1/2 1/4" "1/2" "12345 1/2"
Returns 'true' if all characters of the string are decimal.	Returns 'true' if all characters of the string are digits.	Returns 'true' if all characters of the string are numeric.

The `join()` method takes all items in an iterable and joins them into one string.
A string must be specified as the separator.

Syntax

```
string.join(iterable)
```

Parameter Values

Parameter	Description
<i>iterable</i>	Required. Any iterable object where all the returned values are strings

Example

Join all items in a tuple into a string, using a hash character as separator:

```
myTuple = ("John", "Peter", "Vicky")

x = "#".join(myTuple)

print(x)
```

Isalnum()

Example

Check if all the characters in the text are alphanumeric:

```
txt = "Company12"

x = txt.isalnum()

print(x)
```

isalpha()

Example

Check if all the characters in the text are letters:

```
txt = "CompanyX"  
  
x = txt.isalpha()  
  
print(x)
```

Iterating Through a string

We can iterate through a string using a `for loop`. Here is an example to count the number of 'l's in a string.

```
# Iterating through a string
count = 0
for letter in 'Hello World':
    if(letter == 'l'):
        count += 1
print(count,'letters found')
```



String Membership Test

We can test if a substring exists within a string or not, using the keyword `in`.

```
>>> 'a' in 'program'
True
>>> 'at' not in 'battle'
False
```


Practice Questions if and else

A company decided to give bonus of 5% to employee if his/her year of service is more than 5 years.
Ask user for their salary and year of service and print the net bonus amount.

Take two int values from user and print greatest among them.

A shop will give discount of 10% if the cost of purchased quantity is more than 1000.
Ask user for quantity
Suppose, one unit will cost 100.
Judge and print total cost for user.

**Write a program to calculate the electricity bill (accept number of unit from user)
according to the following criteria :**

**Unit Price First 100 units no charge Next 100 units Rs 5 per unit After 200 units Rs 10 per unit
(For example if input unit is 350 than total bill amount is Rs2000)**