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# substrings



# Substrings in Python

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- Substrings are parts of a greater string, derived for further processing.
- A.k.a. *string slicing*
- In Python, this can be done using the following format:
  - `>>> string[start:stop:step]`
- But commonly the following format is widely in practice amongst industry practitioners:
  - `>>> string[start:stop]`

# Substrings in Python

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```
>>> a = "hello world"
```

```
>>> a[0:2]
```

```
'he'
```

```
>>> a[2:5]
```

```
'llo'
```

# Substrings in Python

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```
>>> a = "hello world"
```

```
>>> a[0:]
```

```
'hello world'
```

```
>>> a[:6]
```

```
'hello '
```

# Substrings in Python

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```
>>> a = "hello world"
```

```
>>> a[:-1]  
'hello worl'
```

```
>>> a[:]  
'hello world'
```

# Substrings in Python

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```
>>> site = "https://www.google.com"
>>> tld = site[-3:]
>>> sch = site.split('://')[0]
>>>
```



# lists and strings



# Lists and Strings

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- The pythonic list and string data structures are often used in tandem especially when dealing with string handling / string manipulation.
- Strings can be converted into lists.
- Lists can be converted to strings.

# Strings to lists

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```
friends = "Jo JoJo Joe"
friends_list = friends.split()
print(friends_list)
# ['Jo', 'JoJo', 'Joe']
friends_list = friends.split('J')
# ['', 'o ', 'o', 'o ', 'oe']
```

## List to string

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```
friends_list = ['Jo', 'JoJo', 'Joe']  
friends = ''.join(friends_list)  
print(friends)  
# JoJoJoJoe  
friends = ' '.join(friends_list)  
# Jo JoJo Joe
```

# Final notes on lists and strings

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- Use `.split()` to convert space-separated strings into lists.
- `.split()` can also be used to convert a custom-delimiter-separated string into respective lists.
- Use `.join()` to combine elements within a list into a string.
- Use `' '.join()` to separate each element of the list – on its way to being a combined string.

# list comprehension

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# List comprehension

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- List comprehension is a *Pythonic* way of expressing the generation of lists using for loops – in **one line of code.**

# List Comprehensions

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```
numbers = [0,1,2,3,4]
```

```
times_two = []
```

```
for number in numbers:
```

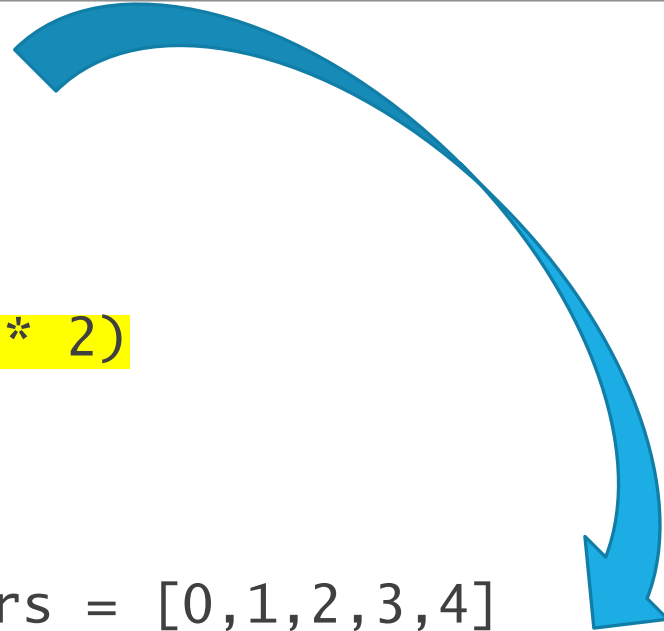
```
    times_two.append(number * 2)
```

```
print(times_two)
```

```
numbers = [0,1,2,3,4]
```

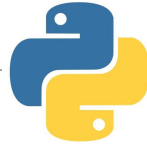
```
times_two = [number * 2 for number in numbers]
```

```
print(times_two)
```





# functions



# Nature of Functions

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- Blocks of code that are reusable in any part of your script.
- May or may not accept data (parameters), and may or may not return any data.
- Follows the DRY principle! (Don't repeat yourself!)
- Ideally: written once – reused multiple times.

# Defining and calling functions

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```
def function_name():  
    # code block here
```

```
function_name()
```

# Parameters and Return

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```
def square(number):  
    answer = number * number  
    return answer
```

```
sq = square(2)  
print(sq)
```

# Default Value Parameters

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```
def print_num(number=1):  
    print(number)
```

```
sq = input()  
if sq != '':  
    sq = print_num(int(sq))  
else:  
    sq = print_num()
```

# Returning Multiple Data

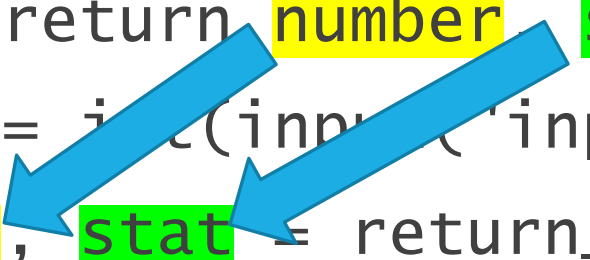
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```
def return_msg(number):  
    status = "isn't"  
    if number % 2 == 0:  
        status = "is"  
    return number, status  
  
num = int(input("input number"))  
num2, stat = return_msg(num)  
print(f"{num2} {stat} divisible by two")
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The diagram illustrates the return and assignment process. Two blue arrows originate from the return statement in the function definition. The first arrow points from the variable 'number' (highlighted in yellow) to the variable 'num2' (highlighted in yellow) in the main code block. The second arrow points from the variable 'status' (highlighted in green) to the variable 'stat' (highlighted in green) in the main code block. This visualizes how the function returns a tuple of values that are then unpacked into two separate variables.