```
str = "this is string example....wow!!!";

print str.startswith( 'this' );

print str.startswith( 'is', 2, 4 );

print str.startswith( 'this', 2, 4 );
```

When we run above program, it produces following result:

```
True

True

False
```

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Description
The method **strip()** returns a copy of the string in which all chars have been stripped from the beginning and the end of the string (default whitespace characters).

Syntax
Following is the syntax for **strip()** method:

```
str.strip([chars]);
```

Parameters
- **chars** -- The characters to be removed from beginning or end of the string.

Return Value
This method returns a copy of the string in which all chars have been stripped from the beginning and the end of the string.

Example
The following example shows the usage of strip() method.

```
#!/usr/bin/python


str = "0000000this is string example....wow!!!0000000";

print str.strip( '0' );
```