

```
str = "    this is string example....wow!!!    ";
print str.lstrip();

str = "88888888this is string example....wow!!!88888888";
print str.lstrip('8');
```

When we run above program, it produces following result:

```
this is string example....wow!!!
this is string example....wow!!!88888888
```

25. 23. maketrans()

Description

The method **maketrans()** returns a translation table that maps each character in the *intab* string into the character at the same position in the *outtab* string. Then this table is passed to the `translate()` function.

Note: Both *intab* and *outtab* must have the same length.

Syntax

Following is the syntax for **maketrans()** method:

```
str.maketrans(intab, outtab];
```

Parameters

- **intab** -- This is the string having actual characters.
- **outtab** -- This is the string having corresponding mapping character.

Return Value

This method returns a translate table to be used `translate()` function.

Example

The following example shows the usage of `maketrans()` method. Under this, every vowel in a string is replaced by its vowel position:

```
#!/usr/bin/python
```