

Module 03. Strings

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1 Strings

Strings are amongst the most popular types in Python.

Python has a built-in string class named “str” with many useful features.

String literals can be enclosed by either single or double, although single quotes are more commonly used.

A string literal can span multiple lines, use triple quotes to start and end them. You can use single quotes too, but there must be a backslash at the end of each line to escape the newline.

1.0.1 - String is a Character Array

```
In [8]: var = "Python"
        print(var)
        print(var[2]) # t
        print(var[-1]) # n
        print(var[0:3]) #Pyt
        print(var[-3:])
        print(var[:4])
        print(var[4:])
        print(var[:-1])
        print(var[1:-1])
```

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1.0.2 - Updating Values in String

```
In [11]: var1 = input("Enter a string : ")
        # var2 = var1[1:-1]
```

```
var3 = "Hello " + var1
print(var3)
```

```
Enter a stringmumbai
Hello mumbai
```

Ex. WAP to swap first and last character of a string entered by user

```
In [13]: mystr = input("Enter a string : ")
v1 = mystr[1:-1]
v2 = mystr[0]
v3 = mystr[-1]
v4 = v3 + v1 + v2
print(v4)

print(mystr[-1]+mystr[1:-1]+mystr[0])
```

```
Enter a string : mumbai
iumbam
iumbam
```

1.1 Strings are Immutable

```
In [2]: s = 'abc'
# s[2] = 'z' # - TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
# print(s)

s = s[0:2] + 'z'

print(s)
```

```
abz
```

1.2 String Methods

Capitalizes first letter of string

```
In [12]: print("hello world".capitalize())
```

```
Hello world
```

Converts lowercase letters in string to uppercase.

```
In [13]: print("hello world".upper())
```

HELLO WORLD

Inverts case for all letters in string.

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In [14]: print("HeLlO WorLD".swapcase())  
hEl10 wORld
```

Converts all uppercase letters in string to lowercase.

```
In [15]: print("Hello WORLD".lower())  
hello world
```

Capitalizes first letter of each word of the string

```
In [16]: print("hello world".title())  
Hello World
```

Returns the length of the string

```
In [17]: print(len("Hello World"))  
11
```

Counts how many times str occurs in string or in a substring of string if starting index beg and ending index end are given.

```
In [14]: print("hello world".count("o",0,5))  
1
```

- Bool returning string methods

```
In [5]: # Returns true if string has at least 1 character and all characters are alphanumeric  
        print("HelloWorld1".isalnum())  
  
        # Returns true if string has at least 1 character and all characters are alphabetic and  
        print("HelloWorld".isalpha())  
  
        # Returns true if string contains only whitespace characters and false otherwise.  
        print(" ".isspace())  
  
        # Returns true if string contains only digits and false otherwise.
```

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print("123".isdigit())

# Returns true if string has at least 1 cased character and all cased characters are i
print("hello".islower())

# Returns true if string has at least 1 cased character and all cased characters are i
print("HELLO".isupper())

# Returns true if string is properly "titlecased" and false otherwise.
print("Hello World".istitle())

```

```

True
True
True
True
True
True
True

```

- **startswith()** and **endswith()** `startswith(str, beg=0, end=len(string))` -> Determines if string or a substring of string (if starting index beg and ending index end are given) starts with substring str; returns true if so and false otherwise.

`endswith(suffix, beg=0, end=len(string))` -> Determines if string or a substring of string (if starting index beg and ending index end are given) ends with suffix; returns true if so and false otherwise.

```
In [18]: mystr = "hello world"
```

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print(mystr.startswith("l",2,7)) #6th character not included

print(mystr.endswith("r",3,8))

```

```

True
False

```

- **find()** `"".find(str, beg=0 end=len(string))` -> Determine if str occurs in string or in a substring of string if starting index beg and ending index end are given returns index if found and -1 otherwise.
`rfind(str, beg=0,end=len(string))` -> Same as find(), but search backwards in string.

```
In [15]: mystr = "hello world"
```

```

print(mystr.find("l",5,10))

print(mystr.rfind("l",0,5))

```

```

2
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```

```

In [11]: # join(seq) # Merges (concatenates) the string representations of elements in sequence
print(", ".join(["tiger", "lion", "wolf"]))
print("$".join("abc"))

mystr= "ab:cd:e:f:gh"

# Splits string according to delimiter str from behind(space if not provided) and returns list of strings
print(mystr.rsplit(":",2))

# Splits string according to delimiter str (space if not provided) and returns list of strings
print(mystr.split(":",2))

# replace(old, new , max)] --> Replaces all occurrences of old in string with new or max times
print(mystr.replace(":", "*",2))

# strip(), rstrip(), lstrip() --> removes trailing whitespaces

tiger, lion, wolf
a$b$c

```

- raw string r -> makes the string ignore its special characters like /n in above case

```

In [9]: var = r'C:\folder\name'
var

```

```

Out[9]: 'C:\\folder\\name'

```

Ex. WAP to reverse a string entered by user

```

In [4]: rev = "".join(reversed(input("Enter string : ")))
print(rev)

```

```

Enter string : mumbai
iabmum

```

Ex. WAP to check entered string is Palindrome or not.

```

In [31]: var = input('Enter a string : ')
print(var, "is" if var==var[::-1] else "is not", "a plaindrome.") ##here print function

```

```

Enter a string : abc
abc is not a plaindrome.

```

```

In [28]: var = 'madam'
result = var+" is a Palindrome " if var==var[::-1] else var+" is not a plaindrome"
print(result) ##here var is serperately added to seprate string so output can be changed

```

madamis a Palindrome

- format()

```
In [33]: a = 10
         b = 20
         c = a+b
         print(a,"+",b,"=",c)  ## sep param of print() i providing the extra space
```

10 + 20 = 30

```
In [5]: a, b, c = 10, 20, 30
```

```
# for concatenation we have to provide extra space also convert the int values to str
result = str(a) + " + " + str(b) + " = " + str(c)
```

```
# format() does it all for us
#format is method used for string eg.   "".format
result = "{} + {} = {}".format(a,b,c)
```

```
print(result)
```

10 + 20 = 30