

String

A string is a sequence of characters.

Computers don't deal with characters, they deal with numbers (binary). Even though you may see characters on your screen, internally it is stored and manipulated as a combination of 0's and 1's.

This conversion of characters to a number called encoding, and the reverse process is decoding. ASCII and Unicode are some of the popular encodings used.

In Python, String is a sequence of Unicode characters.

How to Create a String

```
mystring = "hello hi"  
print(mystring)
```

```
mystring = 'hello hi '  
print(mystring)
```

```
mystring = '''hello hi'''  
print(mystring)
```

```
hello hi  
hello hi  
hello hi
```

How to Access Characters in String

```
mystring = "hello"
```

```
#print first character  
print(mystring[0])
```

```
#print last character of string using negative indexing  
print(mystring[-1])
```

```
#slicing of 2nd and 5th character  
print(mystring[1:5])
```

```
o  
e  
lo
```

If we try to access index out of range or use decimal number, we get errors.

```
print(mystring[15])
```

```
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IndexError                                Traceback (most recent call  
last)  
<ipython-input-6-51da74bbfeec> in <module>  
----> 1 print(mystring[15])
```

IndexError: string index out of range

```
print(mystring[1.5])
```

```
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call  
last)  
<ipython-input-5-ed7a544e721c> in <module>  
----> 1 print(mystring[1.5])
```

TypeError: string indices must be integers

How to change or Delete character in String

Strings are immutable. This means that elements of a string can't be changed once it has been assigned.

We can simply reassign different string to the same name.

```
mystring = "hello"  
mystring[4] = 'i' # strings are immutable.
```

```
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call  
last)  
<ipython-input-12-660da19442f4> in <module>  
      1 mystring = "hello"  
----> 2 mystring[4] = 'i' # strings are immutable.
```

TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment

We can't delete or remove characters from string. But delete entire string is possible using the keyword `del`.

```
del mystring
```

```
print(mystring)
```

```
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NameError                                Traceback (most recent call  
last)  
<ipython-input-15-fe4c199fc922> in <module>  
----> 1 print(mystring)  
  
NameError: name 'mystring' is not defined
```

String operations

```
s1 = "hello !"  
s2 = "Harsh raj singh "  
print(id(s2))
```

```
# concatenation of 2 strings  
print( s2 + s1 )
```

```
# repeat string n times  
print(s2*3)
```

```
s2 = s1  
print(s2)  
print(id(s2))  
  
2247579184488  
Harsh raj singh hello !  
Harsh raj singh Harsh raj singh Harsh raj singh  
hello !  
2247580148432
```

Iteration through strings

```
count = 0  
for l in "hello word":  
    if l=='w':  
        count += 1  
print(count, 'letter found')  
  
1 letter found
```

String membership test

```
print('a' in "hello word" ) # in operator to test membership  
  
False  
  
print('ow' in "hello word" )  
  
False
```

String Methods

some of the commonly used methods are lower(), upper(), join(), split(), find(), replace() etc.

```
'HELLO HI'.lower()
```

```
'hello hi'
```

```
'hello hi'.upper()
```

```
'HELLO HI'
```

```
" This will split all words in a list".split()
```

```
['This', 'will', 'split', 'all', 'words', 'in', 'a', 'list']
```

```
" This will split all words in a list".upper().split()
```

```
['THIS', 'WILL', 'SPLIT', 'ALL', 'WORDS', 'IN', 'A', 'LIST']
```

```
' '.join(['THIS', 'WILL', 'SPLIT', 'ALL', 'WORDS', 'IN', 'A', 'LIST'])
```

```
'THISWILLSPLITALLWORDSINALIST'
```

```
' '.join(['THIS', 'WILL', 'SPLIT', 'ALL', 'WORDS', 'IN', 'A', 'LIST'])
```

```
'THIS WILL SPLIT ALL WORDS IN A LIST'
```

```
' '.join(['THIS', 'WILL', 'SPLIT', 'ALL', 'WORDS', 'IN', 'A',  
'LIST']).lower()
```

```
'this will split all words in a list'
```

```
"Good Morning".find("o")
```

```
1
```

```
"Bad morning".replace('Bad', 'very Good')
```

```
'very Good morning'
```

```
s1 = "Bad morning"
```

```
s2 = s1.replace('Bad', 'Good')  
print(s1)
```

```
print(s2)
```

```
Bad morning  
Good morning
```

Python Program to check where a string is palindrome or not ?

```
mystr = "AabbbaaA"
```

```
# convert entire string to either lower and upper case
```

```
mystr = mystr.lower()
```

```
#reverse string
```

```
revstr = reversed(mystr)
```

```
# check if the string is equal to its reverse
```

```
if list(mystr) == list(revstr):
```

```
    print("given string is palindrome")
```

```
else :
```

```
    print("given string is not palindrome")
```

```
given string is not palindrome
```

Python program to Sort the Words in Alphabetic order ?

```
mystr = "Python program to Sort the Words in Alphabetic order Harsh  
harsh raj singh"
```

```
# break the string into list of words
```

```
words = mystr.split()
```

```
print(words)
```

```
print("")
```

```
#short the list
```

```
words.sort()
```

```
# print sorted words are
```

```
for word in words:
```

```
    print(word)
```

```
['Python', 'program', 'to', 'Sort', 'the', 'Words', 'in',  
'Alphabetic', 'order', 'Harsh', 'harsh', 'raj', 'singh']
```

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Alphabetic
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Harsh
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Python
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Sort
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Words
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harsh
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in
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raj
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singh
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to
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