

for loops

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Use for loops when you know when the loop ends (working with a string, a limited list, etc.).

Indent → `for item in iterable: ← Colon`
do something

where: do something = block of code we want to execute

item = the name (new) of one or more variables
The variable will be bound to each of the items in the sequence in turn.

iterable = specify what the values are in

* An iterable is an object that can be iterated over.
e.g.: Strings, Lists.

Examples: Count the number of occurrences in a string
`chrome_4 = "ATGGAAGT..."`

while loop:
`i = 0`
`count = 0`
`while i < len(chrome_4):`
 if `chrome_4[i] == 'A'`:
 `count += 1`
 `i += 1`

for loop
`count = 0`
`for character in chrome_4:`
 if `character == 'A'`:
 `count += 1`

⇒ Difference: We needed `()` to define number of loops as well as the index of each character

Write a function that takes in a string and returns the number of vowels in the string.

```
def count_vowels(s):  
    """  
    (str) -> int  
    Return the number of vowels in s.  
    """  
    num_vowels = 0  
    for letter in s:  
        if letter in 'aeiou':  
            num_vowels += 1  
    return num_vowels
```

Write a function to return the unique non-numeric characters in a string.

```
def find_chars(s):  
    """  
    (str) -> str  
    Return a concatenation of all unique separators in s.  
    """  
    separators = ""  
    for character in s:  
        if character.isnumeric() == False:  
            separators += character  
    return separators  
  
print(find_chars("23.613-23:2:45"))  
.,:-
```

□ Loop on indices

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We know that using while loop, we can loop over indices of a string.

eg while $i < \text{len}(x)$:

```
print(i, x[i])  
i += 1
```

But when using for loop, we iterate over the values, not the indices

⇒ Can we use for loop to loop over indices?

• Looping on a range()

+) Python has built-in function called `range()` that can be used to generate a sequence of numbers. The general syntax of range is as follows

`range(start, stop, step)`

+) Similar to the string slicing syntax:

- Stop value is not included in the sequence of numbers generated

- Can omit start and step which will result in default values being used `range(n) → range(0, n, 1)`

+) `range()` is typically used in a for loop to iterate over a sequence of numbers.

+) `range()` is iterable

⇒ Now we have a sequence of numbers that matches the indices of a string

```
In [14]: > for i in range(len(chrome_4) // 2):  
          print(chrome_4[i], end=" ")  
A T G G C A A T C G A T G
```

```
In [10]: > chrome_4 = "ATGGGCAATCGATGGCTAATCTCTCTAAG"
```

```
for i in range(1, len(chrome_4)):  
    print(i, chrome_4[i])
```

```
1 T  
2 G  
3 G  
4 G  
5 C  
6 A  
7 A  
8 T  
9 C  
10 G  
11 A  
12 T  
13 G  
14 G  
15 C  
16 C  
17 T  
18 A  
19 A  
20 T  
21 C  
22 T  
23 C  
24 T  
25 C  
26 T  
27 A  
28 A  
29 G
```

Example 1 Add up all even numbers between 1 & 100 using for loop

```
>>> total = 0  
for i in range(101):  
    if i % 2 == 0:  
        total += i  
⇒ 2550
```

total += i

Example 2 count adjacent repeats (how many adjacent pairs are there)

```
def count_adjacent_repeats(s)
```

```
    for num in range(len(s) + 1):
```

```
        if s[num] == s[num + 1]:
```

```
            count += 1
```

```
    return count
```

```
print(count_adjacent_repeats("abbefggha"))
```

→ 2 ✓

```
def count_adjacent_repeats(s)
```

```
    for num in range(len(s))
```

```
        if s[num] == s[num - 1]:
```

```
            count += 1
```

```
    return count
```

```
print(count_adjacent_repeats("@befggha@"))
```

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Why ?? Because `s[0] == s[-1]`