## **Strings**

## Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this exercise, the student shall be able to:

• Explain the key concepts covered in the ninth chapter Strings.

## **Evaluation**

Your Python solution shall be evaluated and graded. The instructor will be looking at the following:

- Does the code adhere to separation of concerns, design for reuse, and design only what is needed?
- Does each function, with the exception of main(), have comments (i.e., purpose, assumptions, inputs, and post-conditions)?
- Does the code produce the correct results?

## Description

The class will discuss and attempt to solve the following problem, in a single class session.

- 1. Create one Python source code file that contains functions that do the following.
  - a. Create a main() function that will call the functions to perform the processing described in step 1.b & 1.c.
  - b. Write a function called "index\_fnrc(s)" that accepts a string as a parameter and returns the *index* of the first character in s which appears only once in s. Some test cases follow:
    - i. index\_fnrc("level") = 2 #the "I" and "e" appear at the end of the string, only the "v", in position 2, appears only once.
    - ii. index\_fnrc("swiss") = 1 #the "s" appears 3 times, the "w", at position 1, appears only once
    - iii. index\_fnrc("flat") = 0 #all non-repeated characters
    - iv. index\_fnrc("abcabc") = -1 #no non-repeated characters (you may return None in this case if you like)
  - c. Write a function called "isvaliddate" that takes a date value and validates the date value entered, you do not need to consider leap years. The format of the date value should be: "mm/dd/yyyy".
    - i. The yyyy value must be four digits and greater than 1999.
    - ii. The mm value must be two digits and be in the range [1,12].
    - iii. The dd value must be two digits and be in the range [0, 31].
    - iv. When the date value is valid, return True, otherwise return False.
    - v. for example, 02/30/2005 is a valid date but 5/37/20500 is not.
  - d. In your main function, prompt the user for a string, then use (call) the "index\_fnrc(s) and Print out the result.
  - e. In your main function, prompt the user for a date, then use (call) the "isvaliddate" function to determine if the data is valid or not. Print out the result.