**Assignment 6**

What are escape characters, and how do you use them?

In Python, escape characters are special characters that are used to represent certain characters that are difficult or impossible to type using a keyboard or to represent characters with special meanings in Python. An escape character is a backslash () followed by a character or sequence of characters that have a special meaning.

Here are some examples of commonly used escape characters in Python:

* \n: represents a new line
* \t: represents a tab
* ': represents a single quote
* ": represents a double quote

For example, if you want to print the string "Hello, World!" with a new line character at the end, you can use the escape character \n as follows:

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print("Hello, World!\n")

This will output:

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Hello, World!

Similarly, if you want to print a string that contains a single quote or a double quote, you can use the escape character \ to indicate that the quote should be treated as a regular character. For example:

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print('I\'m learning Python.') print("He said, \"Hello, World!\"")

Both of these examples will output:

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I'm learning Python. He said, "Hello, World!"

Note that if you want to include a backslash character in a string, you need to use two backslashes, like this:

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print("This is a backslash: \\")

This will output:

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This is a backslash: \

What do the escape characters n and t stand for?

In Python, the escape character "\n" represents a newline character, and the escape character "\t" represents a tab character.

The newline character "\n" is used to indicate the end of a line of text and the beginning of a new line. When you use the newline escape character in a string, it will insert a line break at that point in the string, causing any subsequent text to be printed on a new line. For example:

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print("Hello\nWorld")

This will output:

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Hello World

The tab character "\t" is used to insert a horizontal tab into a string. When you use the tab escape character in a string, it will insert a tab character at that point in the string, causing any subsequent text to be indented by a certain number of spaces. For example:

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print("Name:\tJohn")

This will output:

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Name: John

In this example, the text "John" is indented by a tab character, causing it to be aligned with the tab stop. The actual number of spaces inserted by a tab character depends on the current tab stop settings.

What is the way to include backslash characters in a string?

In Python, if you want to include a backslash character in a string, you can use the backslash character itself as an escape character. To include a backslash character in a string, you need to use two backslashes in a row (\).

For example, let's say you want to create a string that includes a backslash character. You can do this by using the backslash escape character to indicate that the following character should be treated as a regular character, like this:

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my\_string = "This is a backslash: \\"

In this example, the double backslash (\) is interpreted as a single backslash character, which is included in the string. If you were to print this string, you would see the backslash character included:

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print(my\_string) # Output: This is a backslash: \

It's worth noting that if you are using a raw string in Python (indicated by an "r" prefix), you do not need to use an escape character to include a backslash character. For example:

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my\_raw\_string = r"This is a backslash: \" print(my\_raw\_string) # Output: This is a backslash: \

In this example, the "r" prefix indicates that the string is a raw string, which means that backslashes are treated as regular characters and are not used as escape characters.

The string "Howl’s Moving Castle" is a correct value. Why isn’t the single quote character in the word Howl’s not escaped a problem?

The reason why the single quote character in the word "Howl’s" is not causing a problem is because the entire string is enclosed in double quotes. In Python, you can enclose a string in either single quotes or double quotes, and they are functionally equivalent.

So, in this case, the single quote character in "Howl’s" is considered a regular character within the string because it is enclosed in double quotes. If you had used single quotes to enclose the string instead, you would need to escape the single quote character in "Howl’s" with a backslash (') to avoid a syntax error, like this:

perlCopy code

my\_string = 'Howl\'s Moving Castle' print(my\_string) # Output: Howl's Moving Castle

In general, you can use either single or double quotes to enclose a string in Python, but if you need to include a quote character that matches the enclosing quotes, you will need to use an escape character to avoid a syntax error.

How do you write a string of newlines if you don’t want to use the n character?

If you don't want to use the "\n" character to represent a new line in a string, you can use multi-line string literals in Python. A multi-line string literal allows you to define a string that spans multiple lines, without using the "\n" escape character.

To create a multi-line string literal, you enclose the string in triple quotes (either single or double quotes) and press Enter to start a new line. For example:

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my\_string = """This is a multi-line string.""" print(my\_string)

This will output:

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This is a multi-line string.

In this example, the multi-line string is defined using triple quotes and contains three lines of text. When the string is printed, the text is displayed with line breaks between each line of text, without using the "\n" escape character.

Note that you can also use the backslash escape character to break a long string into multiple lines, but this will still require the use of the "\n" escape character to represent a new line. For example:

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my\_string = "This is a \ multi-line \ string."

In this example, the backslash escape character is used to break the string into multiple lines, but the "\n" escape character is still required to represent a new line in the final string.

What are the values of the given expressions? ‘Hello, world!’[1] ‘Hello, world!’[0:5] ‘Hello, world!’[:5] ‘Hello, world!’[3:]

Here are the values of the given expressions:

* 'Hello, world!'[1] will return the character at index 1 of the string, which is the letter "e". So the value of this expression is "e".
* 'Hello, world!'[0:5] will return the substring of the string starting at index 0 and ending at index 4 (5-1), which is "Hello". So the value of this expression is "Hello".
* 'Hello, world!'[:5] will return the substring of the string starting at index 0 and ending at index 4 (5-1), which is "Hello". This is equivalent to the previous expression, so the value of this expression is also "Hello".
* 'Hello, world!'[3:] will return the substring of the string starting at index 3 and ending at the end of the string, which is "lo, world!". So the value of this expression is "lo, world!".

What are the values of the following expressions? ‘Hello’.upper() ‘Hello’.upper().isupper() ‘Hello’.upper().lower()

Here are the values of the given expressions:

* 'Hello'.upper() will return a new string with all characters in uppercase letters, which is "HELLO". So the value of this expression is "HELLO".
* 'Hello'.upper().isupper() will first call the upper() method to convert the string to all uppercase letters, and then call the isupper() method to check if all characters in the resulting string are uppercase. Since all characters in "HELLO" are indeed uppercase, the isupper() method will return True. So the value of this expression is True.
* 'Hello'.upper().lower() will first call the upper() method to convert the string to all uppercase letters, and then call the lower() method to convert the resulting string back to all lowercase letters. Since the original string was already in lowercase letters, the resulting string will be the same as the original string: "hello". So the value of this expression is "hello".

What are the values of the following expressions? ‘Remember, remember, the fifth of July.’.split() ‘-’.join(‘There can only one.’.split())

Here are the values of the given expressions:

* 'Remember, remember, the fifth of July.'.split() will split the string into a list of words, using whitespace as the delimiter. So the resulting list will contain all the words in the string: ["Remember,", "remember,", "the", "fifth", "of", "July."]. The split() method returns a list, so the value of this expression is the list: ["Remember,", "remember,", "the", "fifth", "of", "July."].
* '-'.join('There can only one.'.split()) will split the string into a list of words using whitespace as the delimiter, and then join the words back together using "-" as the separator. So the resulting string will be "There-can-only-one.". The split() method returns a list of words, which are then joined using the join() method to create a single string. So the value of this expression is the string "There-can-only-one.".

What are the methods for right-justifying, left-justifying, and centering a string?

In Python, you can use the following string methods to justify or center a string:

* **ljust(width[, fillchar])**: This method left-justifies the string within a field of specified width. It returns a new string with the original string left-justified and padded on the right with the specified fill character (which defaults to a space) to make up the width. For example:

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my\_string = "hello" new\_string = my\_string.ljust(10) print(new\_string) # "hello "

* **rjust(width[, fillchar])**: This method right-justifies the string within a field of specified width. It returns a new string with the original string right-justified and padded on the left with the specified fill character (which defaults to a space) to make up the width. For example:

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my\_string = "hello" new\_string = my\_string.rjust(10) print(new\_string) # " hello"

* **center(width[, fillchar])**: This method centers the string within a field of specified width. It returns a new string with the original string centered and padded on both sides with the specified fill character (which defaults to a space) to make up the width. For example:

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my\_string = "hello" new\_string = my\_string.center(10) print(new\_string) # " hello "

In all of these methods, the **width** parameter specifies the total width of the field, including the original string and any padding characters. If the width is less than or equal to the length of the original string, no padding is added and the original string is returned unmodified.

What is the best way to remove whitespace characters from the start or end?

In Python, you can use the **strip()** method to remove whitespace characters from the start and end of a string. This method returns a new string with all whitespace characters removed from both ends of the original string.

For example, suppose you have the string " hello " with leading and trailing whitespace characters. You can remove these characters using the **strip()** method like this:

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my\_string = " hello " new\_string = my\_string.strip() print(new\_string) # "hello"

If you only want to remove whitespace characters from the start or end of the string, you can use the **lstrip()** method to remove leading whitespace characters, or the **rstrip()** method to remove trailing whitespace characters, respectively.

For example, suppose you have the string " hello " with leading and trailing whitespace characters. You can remove only the leading whitespace characters using the **lstrip()** method like this:

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my\_string = " hello " new\_string = my\_string.lstrip() print(new\_string) # "hello "

Or you can remove only the trailing whitespace characters using the **rstrip()** method like this:

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my\_string = " hello " new\_string = my\_string.rstrip() print(new\_string) # " hello"