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Strings in python are surrounded by either single quotation marks, or double quotation marks

'hello' is the same as "hello".

You can display a string literal with the print() function:

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```
print("Hello")  
print('Hello')
```

```
    Hello  
    Hello
```

To Get the character at position 1: (remember that the first character has the position 0)

```
a = "Hello, World!"  
print(a[1])
```

```
    e
```

ToLoop through the letters in the word "banana":

```
for x in "banana":  
    print(x)
```

```
    b  
    a  
    n  
    a  
    n  
    a
```

#The len() function returns the length of a string:

```
a = "Hello, World!"  
print(len(a))
```

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    13
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```
#To Check if "free" is present in the following text:
```

```
txt = "The best things in life are free!"  
print("free" in txt)
```

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#-----
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# To Print only if "free" is present:
```

```
txt = "The best things in life are free!"  
if "free" in txt:  
    print("Yes, 'free' is present.")
```

```
True
```

```
Yes, 'free' is present.
```

```
# To Check if "expensive" is NOT present in the following text:
```

```
txt = "The best things in life are free!"  
print("expensive" not in txt)
```

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#-----
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```
#To print only if "expensive" is NOT present:
```

```
txt = "The best things in life are free!"  
if "expensive" not in txt:  
    print("No, 'expensive' is NOT present.")
```

```
True
```

```
No, 'expensive' is NOT present.
```

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# To Get the characters from position 2 to position 5 (not included):
```

```
b = "Hello, World!"  
print(b[2:5])
```

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#-----
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```
# To Get the characters from the start to position 5 (not included):
```

```
b = "Hello, World!"  
print(b[:5])
```

```
#-----
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# To Get the characters from position 2, and all the way to the end:
```

```
b = "Hello, World!"  
print(b[2:])
```

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Get the characters:

From: "o" in "World!" (position -5)

To, but not included: "d" in "World!" (position -2):

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```
b = "Hello, World!"  
print(b[-5:-2])
```

```
llo  
Hello  
llo, World!  
orl
```

#The upper() method returns the string in upper case:

```
a = "Hello, World!"
print(a.upper())
```

#-----

#The lower() method returns the string in lower case:

```
a = "Hello, World!"
print(a.lower())
```

#-----

#The strip() method removes any whitespace from the beginning or the end:

```
a = " Hello, World! "
print(a.strip()) # returns "Hello, World!"
```

#-----

#The replace() method replaces a string with another string. The text before the comma is the text to be replaced, and the text after the comma is the text to replace it with.

```
a = "Hello, World!"
print(a.replace("H", "J"))
```

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Split String

The split() method returns a list where the text between the specified separator becomes the list items.

The split() method splits the string into substrings if it finds instances of the separator:

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```
a = "Hello, World!"
print(a.split(",")) # returns ['Hello', ' World!']
```

#-----

```
HELLO, WORLD!
hello, world!
Hello, World!
Jello, World!
['Hello', ' World!']
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String Concatenation

To concatenate, or combine, two strings you can use the + operator.

Example

Merge variable a with variable b into variable c:

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```
a = "Hello"
b = "World"
c = a + b
print(c)
#To add a space between them, add a " ":
```

```
a = "Hello"
b = "World"
c = a + " " + b
print(c)
```

```
HelloWorld
Hello World
```

String Format

As we learned in the Python Variables chapter, we cannot combine strings and numbers like this:

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```
age = 36
txt = "My name is John, I am " + age
print(txt)
```

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But we can combine strings and numbers by using the `format()` method!

The `format()` method takes the passed arguments, formats them, and places them in the string where the placeholders `{}` are:

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Use the `format()` method to insert numbers into strings:

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```
age = 36
txt = "My name is John, and I am {}"
print(txt.format(age))
#-----
#The format() method takes unlimited number of arguments, and are placed into the respective
quantity = 3
itemno = 567
price = 49.95
myorder = "I want {} pieces of item {} for {} dollars."
print(myorder.format(quantity, itemno, price))
#-----
#You can use index numbers {0} to be sure the arguments are placed in the correct placeholde
quantity = 3
itemno = 567
price = 49.95
myorder = "I want to pay {2} dollars for {0} pieces of item {1}."
print(myorder.format(quantity, itemno, price))
```

```
My name is John, and I am 36
I want 3 pieces of item 567 for 49.95 dollars.
I want to pay 49.95 dollars for 3 pieces of item 567.
```

Escape Character

To insert characters that are illegal in a string, use an escape character.

An escape character is a backslash `\` followed by the character you want to insert.

An example of an illegal character is a double quote inside a string that is surrounded by double quotes:

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You will get an error if you use double quotes inside a string that is surrounded by double quotes:

```
txt = "We are the so-called "Vikings" from the north."
```

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To fix this problem, use the escape character `\ "`:

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The escape character allows you to use double quotes when you normally would not be allowed:

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```
txt = "We are the so-called \"Vikings\" from the north."  
print(txt)
```

Escape Characters

Other escape characters used in Python:

Code	Result
\'	Single Quote
\\	Backslash
\n	New Line
\r	Carriage Return
\t	Tab
\b	Backspace
\f	Form Feed
\ooo	Octal value
\xhh	Hex value

String Methods

Python has a set of built-in methods that you can use on strings.

Note: All string methods return new values. They do not change the original string.

Method	Description
<code>capitalize()</code>	Converts the first character to upper case
<code>casefold()</code>	Converts string into lower case
<code>center()</code>	Returns a centered string
<code>count()</code>	Returns the number of times a specified value occurs in a string
<code>encode()</code>	Returns an encoded version of the string
<code>endswith()</code>	Returns true if the string ends with the specified value
<code>expandtabs()</code>	Sets the tab size of the string
<code>find()</code>	Searches the string for a specified value and returns the position of where it was found
<code>format()</code>	Formats specified values in a string
<code>format_map()</code>	Formats specified values in a string
<code>index()</code>	Searches the string for a specified value and returns the position of where it was found
<code>isalnum()</code>	Returns True if all characters in the string are alphanumeric
<code>isalpha()</code>	Returns True if all characters in the string are in the alphabet
<code>isascii()</code>	Returns True if all characters in the string are ascii characters
<code>isdecimal()</code>	Returns True if all characters in the string are decimals
<code>isdigit()</code>	Returns True if all characters in the string are digits
<code>isidentifier()</code>	Returns True if the string is an identifier