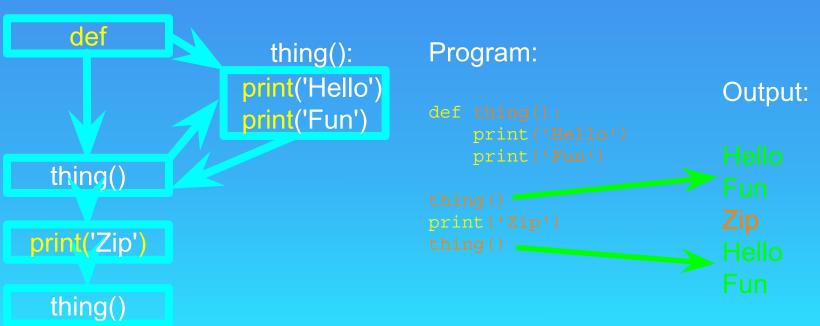


Functions in Python

First Lesson.



Stored (and reused) Steps



We call these reusable pieces of code "functions"



- There are two kinds of functions in Python.
 - Built-in functions that are provided as part of Python print(), input(), type(), float(), int() ...
 - Functions that we define ourselves and then use
- We treat the built-in function names as "new" reserved words
 - (i.e., we avoid them as variable names)

Function Definition

- In Python a function is some reusable code that takes arguments(s) as input, does some computation, and then returns a result or results
- We define a function using the def reserved word
- We call/invoke the function by using the function name, parentheses, and arguments in an expression



```
Argument
```

```
>>> big = max('Hello world')
>>> print(big)
w
>>> tiny = min('Hello world')
>>> print(tiny)
```

Max Function

```
A function is some
|>>> big = max('Hello world')
                                               stored code that we use.
>>> print(big)
                                                A function takes some
W
                                                input and produces an
                             max() function
        'Hello world'
                                                       (a string)
          (a string)
```

Guido wrote this code

Max Function

```
>>> big = max('Hello world')
>>> print(big)
w
```

```
'Hello world'
(a string)
```

```
def max(inp):
    blah
    blah
    for x in
inp:
    blah
    blah
    blah
```

A function is some stored code that we use.
A function takes some input and produces an output.



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ype Conversions

- When you put an integer and floating point in an expression, the integer is implicitly converted to a float
- You can control this with the built-in functions int() and float()

```
>>> print(float(99) / 100)
0.99
>>> i = 42
>>> type(i)
<class 'int'>
>>> f = float(i)
>>> print(f)
42.0
>>> type(f)
<class 'float'>
>>> print (1 + 2 * float (3) / 4 - 5)
```

String Conversions

- You can also use int() and float() to convert between strings and integers
- You will get an error if the string does not contain numeric characters

```
>>> sval = '123'
<class 'str'>
>>> print(sval + 1)
>>> type(ival)
<class 'int'>
>>> nsv = 'hello bob'
>>> niv = int(nsv)
```

Building our Own Functions



- We create a new function using the def keyword followed by optional parameters in parentheses
- We indent the body of the function
- This defines the function but does not execute the body of the function

```
def print_lyrics():
    print("I'm a lumberjack, and I'm okay.")
    print('I sleep all night and I work all
day.')
```

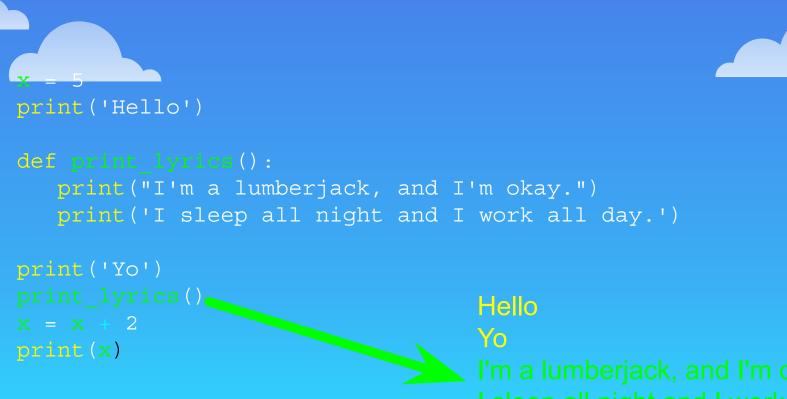
```
print_lyrics():
print('Hello')
    print("I'm a lumberjack, and I'm okay.")
    print('I sleep all night and I work all
day.')
print('Yo')
print(x)
```

print("I'm a lumberjack, and I'm okay.")
print('I sleep all night and I work all day.')

Hello Yo

Definitions and Uses

- Once we have defined a function, we can call (or invoke) it as many times as we like
- This is the store and reuse pattern



I'm a lumberjack, and I'm okay.
I sleep all night and I work all day

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- An argument is a value we pass into the function as its input when we call the function
- We use arguments so we can direct the function to do different kinds of work when we call it at different times
- We put the arguments in parentheses after the name of the function

big = max('Hello world')





Parameters



A parameter is a variable which we use in the function definition. It is a "handle" that allows the code in the function to access the arguments for a particular function invocation.

```
if lang == 'es':
           print('Hola')
        elif lang == 'fr':
           print('Bonjour')
           print('Hello')
Bonjour
```



Return Values



Often a function will take its arguments, do some computation, and return a value to be used as the value of the function call in the calling expression. The return keyword is used for this.

```
def greet():
    return "Hello"

print(greet(), "Glenn")
print(greet(), "Sally")
```

Hello Glenn Hello Sally



Return Value

- A "fruitful" function is one that produces a result (or return value)
- The return statement ends the function execution and "sends back" the result of the function

```
if lang == 'es':
            return 'Hola'
        elif lang == 'fr':
Hello Glenn
>>> print(greet('es'), 'Sally')
Hola Sally
Bonjour Michael
```

Arguments, Parameters, and Results

```
>>> big = max('Hello world')
>>> print(big)

W

'Hello world'

'Hello world'

Argument

Parameter

'W'

inp:

blah
blah
blah
blah
blah
return 'w'

Resul
```

Multiple Parameters / Arguments

- We can define more than one parameter in the function definition
- We simply add more arguments when we call the function
- We match the number and order of arguments and parameters

```
def addtwo(a, b):
    added = a + b
    return added

x = addtwo(3, 5)
print(x)
```



Void (non-fruitful) **Functions**



- When a function does not return a value, we call it a "void" function
- Functions that return values are "fruitful" functions

Void functions are "not fruitful"

To function or not to function...

- Organize your code into "paragraphs" capture a complete thought and "name it"
- Don't repeat yourself make it work once and then reuse it
- If something gets too long or complex, break it up into logical chunks and put those chunks in functions
- Make a library of common stuff that you do over and over - perhaps share this with your friends...

Write a Python function to find the Max of three numbers.



Write a Python function to sum all the numbers in a list.



Write a Python function to check whether a number is in a given range.

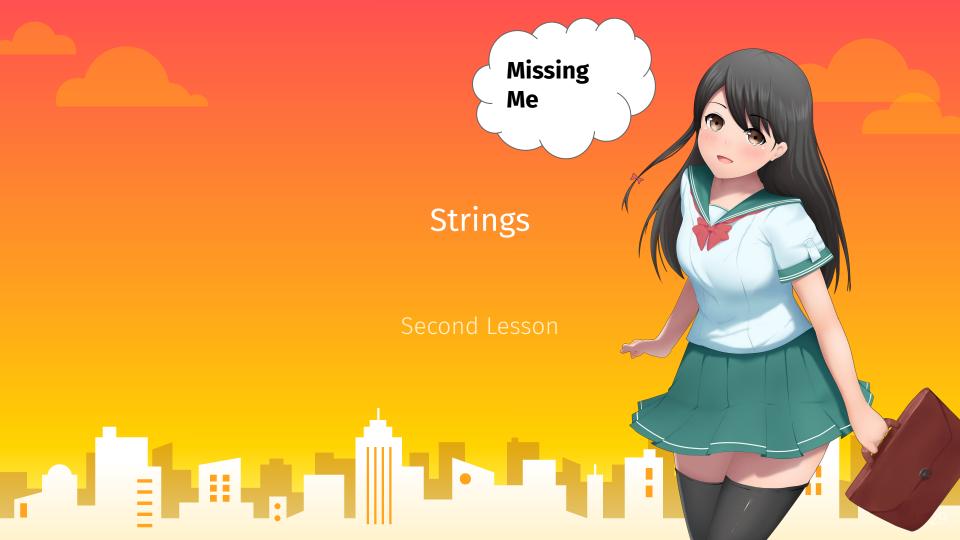


Write a Python program to print the even numbers from a given list.



Write a Python function that checks whether a passed string is palindrome or not.





String Data Type

- A string is a sequence of characters
- A string literal uses quotes 'Hello' or "Hello"
- For strings, + means "concatenate"
- When a string contains numbers, it is still a string
- We can convert numbers in a string into a number using int()

```
>>> bob = str1 + str2
>>> print (bob)
>>> str3 = '123'
>>> str3 = str3 + 1
       : int(str3) + 1
>>> print(x)
```

Reading and Converting

- We prefer to read data in using strings and then parse and convert the data as we need
- This gives us more control over error situations and/or bad user input
- Input numbers must be converted from strings

```
>>> name = input('Enter:')
Enter: Chuck
>>> print(name)
Chuck
Enter:100
>>> x = int(apple) - 10
>>> print(x)
90
```



Looking Inside Strings

- We can get at any single character in a string using an index specified in square brackets
- The index value must be an integer and starts at zero

 The index value can be an expression that is computed

```
b a n a n a
0 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> letter = fruit[1
>>> print(letter)
a
>>> x = 3
>>> w = fruit[x - 1]
>>> print(w)
n
```

A Character Too Far

- You will get a python error if you attempt to index beyond the end of a string
- So be careful when constructing index values and slices

```
>>> zot = 'abc'
>>> print(zot[5])
Traceback (most recent call
last): File "<stdin>", line
1, in <module>
IndexError: string index out
of range
>>>
```

Strings Have Length

The built-in function len gives us the length of a string



```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> print(len(fruit))
6
```





```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> x = len(fruit)
>>> print(x)
6
```

A function is some stored code that we use. A function takes some input and produces an output.



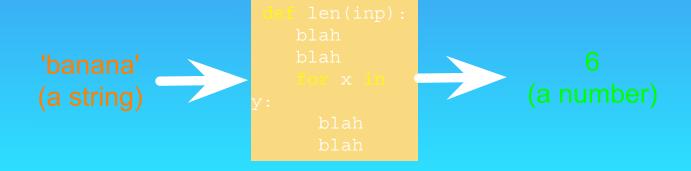


len Function



```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> x = len(fruit)
>>> print(x)
6
```

A function is some stored code that we use. A function takes some input and produces an output.



Looping Through Strings

Using a while statement, an iteration variable, and the len function, we can construct a loop to look at each of the letters in a string individually

```
fruit = 'banana'
index = 0

while index < len(fruit):
   letter = fruit[index]
   print(index, letter)
   index = index + 1
   5 a</pre>
```

n

a

Looping Through Strings

- A definite loop using a for statement is much more elegant
- The iteration variable is completely taken care of by the for loop

```
fruit = 'banana'
for letter in fruit:
    print(letter)
```

a

n

a

Looping Through Strings

- A definite loop using a for statement is much more elegant
- The iteration variable is completely taken care of by the for loop

```
fruit = 'banana'
for letter in fruit :
    print(letter)

index = 0
while index < len(fruit)
:
    letter = fruit[index]
    print(letter)
    index = index + 1</pre>
```

Looping and Counting

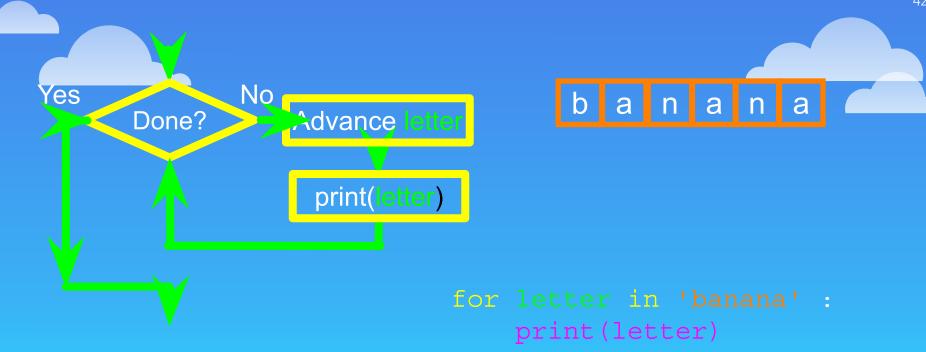
This is a simple loop that loops through each letter in a string and counts the number of times the loop encounters the 'a' character

```
word = 'banana'
count = 0
for letter in word :
    if letter == 'a' :
        count = count + 1
print(count)
```

Looking Deeper into in

- The iteration variable "iterates" through the sequence (ordered set)
- The block (body) of code is executed once for each value in the sequence
- The iteration variable moves through all of the values in the sequence





The iteration variable "iterates" through the string and the block (body) of code is executed once for each value in the sequence

Slicing Strings



- We can also look at any continuous section of a string using a colon operator
- The second number is one beyond the end of the slice -"up to but not including"
- If the second number is beyond the end of the string, it stops at the end

```
>>> s = 'Monty Python'
>>> print(s[0:4])
Mont
>>> print(s[6:7])
P
>>> print(s[6:20])
Python
```

Slicing Strings



If we leave off the first number or the last number of the slice, it is assumed to be the beginning or end of the string respectively

```
>>> s = 'Monty Python'
>>> print(s[:2])
Mo
>>> print(s[8:])
thon
>>> print(s[:])
Monty Python
```

String Concatenation

When the + operator is applied to strings, it means "concatenation"

```
>>> a = 'Hello'
>>> b = a + 'There'
>>> print(b)
HelloThere
>>> c = a + ' ' + 'There'
>>> print(c)
Hello There
>>>
```

Using in as a Logical Operator

- The in keyword can also be used to check to see if one string is "in" another string
- The in expression is a logical expression that returns True or False and can be used in an if statement

```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> 'n' in fruit
True
>>> 'm' in fruit
False
>>> 'nan' in fruit
True
>>> if 'a' in fruit :
        print('Found it!')
Found it!
```



String Comparison

```
if word == 'banana':
    print('All right, bananas.')

if word < 'banana':
    print('Your word,' + word + ', comes before banana.')
elif word > 'banana':
    print('Your word,' + word + ', comes after banana.')
else:
    print('All right, bananas.')
```

- Python has a number of string functions which are in the string library
- These functions are already built into every string - we invoke them by appending the function to the string variable
- These functions do not modify the original string, instead they return a new string that has been altered

String Library

```
>>> greet = 'Hello Bob'
>>> zap = greet.lower()
>>> print(zap)
hello bob
>>> print(greet)
Hello Bob
>>> print('Hi There'.lower())
hi there
>>>
```

```
>>> stuff = 'Hello world'
 >> type(stuff)
<class 'str'>
>>> dir(stuff)
['capitalize', 'casefold', 'center', 'count', 'encode',
'endswith', 'expandtabs', 'find', 'format', 'format map',
'index', 'isalnum', 'isalpha', 'isdecimal', 'isdigit',
'isidentifier', 'islower', 'isnumeric', 'isprintable',
'isspace', 'istitle', 'isupper', 'join', 'ljust', 'lower',
'lstrip', 'maketrans', 'partition', 'replace', 'rfind',
'rindex', 'rjust', 'rpartition', 'rsplit', 'rstrip', 'split',
'splitlines', 'startswith', 'strip', 'swapcase', 'title',
'translate', 'upper', 'zfill']
```

https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#string-methods

str.replace(old, new[, count])

Return a copy of the string with all occurrences of substring *old* replaced by *new*. If the optional argument *count* is given, only the first *count* occurrences are replaced.

str.rfind(sub[, start[, end]])

Return the highest index in the string where substring *sub* is found, such that *sub* is contained within s[start:end]. Optional arguments *start* and *end* are interpreted as in slice notation. Return -1 on failure.

str.rindex(sub[, start[, end]])

Like rfind() but raises ValueError when the substring sub is not found.

str.rjust(width[, fillchar])

Return the string right justified in a string of length width. Padding is done using the specified fillchar (default is an ASCII space). The original string is returned if width is less than or equal to len(s).

str.rpartition(sep)

Split the string at the last occurrence of *sep*, and return a 3-tuple containing the part before the separator, the separator itself, and the part after the separator. If the separator is not found, return a 3-tuple containing two empty strings, followed by the string itself.

str.rsplit(sep=None, maxsplit=-1)

Return a list of the words in the string, using *sep* as the delimiter string. If *maxsplit* is given, at most *maxsplit* splits are done, the *rightmost* ones. If *sep* is not specified or None, any whitespace string is a separator. Except for splitting from the right, rsplit() behaves like split() which is described in detail below.



String Library



```
str.capitalize()str.replace(old, new[, count])str.center(width[, fillchar])str.lower()str.endswith(suffix[, start[, end]])str.rstrip([chars])str.find(sub[, start[, end]])str.strip([chars])str.lstrip([chars])str.upper()
```

Searching a String

- We use the find() function to search for a substring within another string
- find() finds the first occurrence of the substring
- If the substring is not found, find() returns -1
- Remember that string position starts at zero

```
b a n a n a 0 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
>>> fruit = 'banana'
>>> pos = fruit.find('na')
>>> print(pos)
2
>>> aa = fruit.find('z')
>>> print(aa)
-1
```

Making everything UPPER CASE

- You can make a copy of a string in lower case or upper case
- Often when we are searching for a string using find() we first convert the string to lower case so we can search a string regardless of case

```
>>> greet = 'Hello Bob'
>>> nnn = greet.upper()
>>> print(nnn)
HELLO BOB
>>> www = greet.lower()
>>> print(www)
hello bob
>>>
```

Search and Replace

- The replace() function is like a "search and replace" operation in a word processor
- It replaces all
 occurrences of the
 search string with the
 replacement string

```
>>> greet = 'Hello Bob'
>>> nstr = greet.replace('Bob','Jane'
>>> print(nstr)
Hello Jane
>>> nstr = greet.replace('o','X')
>>> print(nstr)
HellX BXb
>>>
```

Stripping Whitespace

 Sometimes we want to take a string and remove whitespace at the beginning and/or end

- Istrip() and rstrip() remove whitespace at the left or right
- strip() removes both beginning and ending whitespace

```
>>> greet = ' Hello Bob '
>>> greet.lstrip()
'Hello Bob '
>>> greet.rstrip()
' Hello Bob'
>>> greet.strip()
'Hello Bob'
>>>
```



Prefixes

```
>>> line = 'Please have a nice day'
>>> line.startswith('Please')
True
>>> line.startswith('p')
False
```





Parsing and Extracting

From stephen.marquard@uct.ac.za Sat Jan 5 09:14:16 2008

```
>>> data = 'From stephen.marquard@uct.ac.za Sat Jan 5 09:14
>>> atpos = data.find('@')
>>> print(atpos)
21
>>> sppos = data.find(' ',atpos)
>>> print(sppos)
31
>>> host = data[atpos+1 : sppos]
>>> print(host)
uct.ac.za
```



```
Python 2.7.10
>>> x = '이광춘'
>>> type(x)
<type 'str'>
>>> x = u'이광춘'
>>> type(x)
<type 'unicode'>
>>>
```

```
Python 3.5.1
>>> x = '이광춘'
>>> type(x)
<class 'str'>
>>> x = u'이광춘'
>>> type(x)
<class 'str'>
>>> type(x)
```

In Python 3, all strings are Unicode

Write a Python program to calculate the length of a string.



Write a Python program to count the number of characters (character frequency) in a string.

Write a Python program to get a single string from two given strings, separated by a space and swap the first two characters of each string.



Write a Python program to add 'ing' at the end of a given string (length should be at least 3). If the given string already ends with 'ing' then add 'ly' instead. If the string length of the given string is less than 3, leave it unchanged.

Write a Python program to get a string from a given string where all occurrences of its first char have been changed to '\$', except the first char itself.



