

# String

Session-3

# Strings

- A string is a sequence of letters (called characters).
- In Python, strings start and end with single or double quotes.

```
>>> "foo"
```

```
'foo'
```

```
>>> 'foo'
```

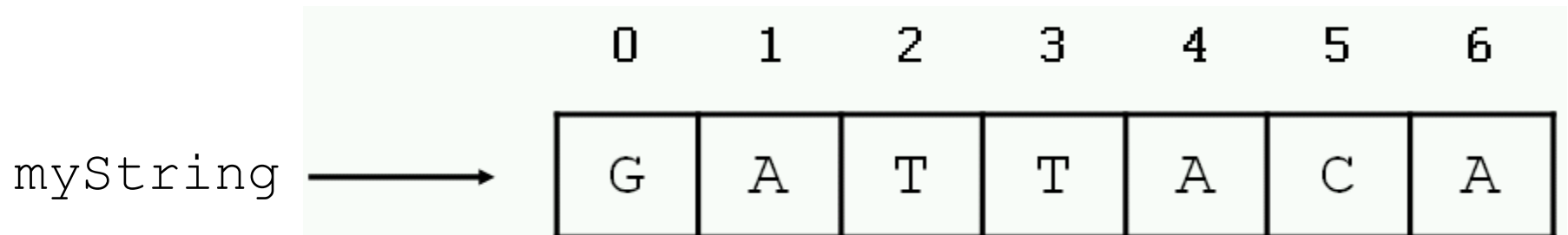
```
'foo'
```



# Defining strings

- Each string is stored in the computer's memory as a list of characters.

```
>>> myString = "GATTACA"
```



# Accessing single characters

- You can access individual characters by using indices in square brackets.

```
>>> myString = "GATTACA"
```

```
>>> myString[0]
```

```
'G'
```

```
>>> myString[1]
```

```
'A'
```

```
>>> myString[-1]
```

```
'A'
```

```
>>> myString[-2]
```

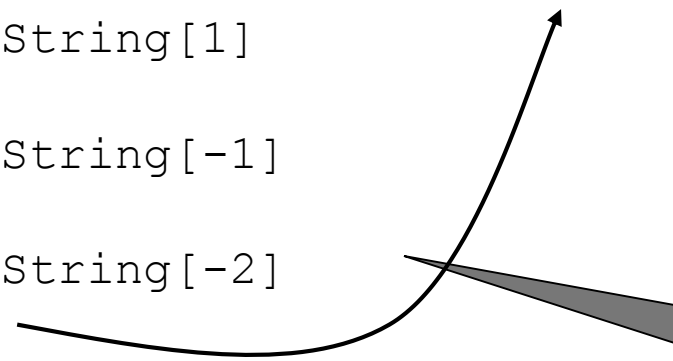
```
'C'
```

```
>>> myString[7]
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
File "<stdin>", line 1, in ?
```

```
IndexError: string index out of range
```



Negative indices start at the end of the string and move left.

# Accessing substrings

```
>>> myString = "GATTACA"
```

```
>>> myString[1:3]
```

```
'AT'
```

```
>>> myString[:3]
```

```
'GAT'
```

```
>>> myString[4:]
```

```
'ACA'
```

```
>>> myString[3:5]
```

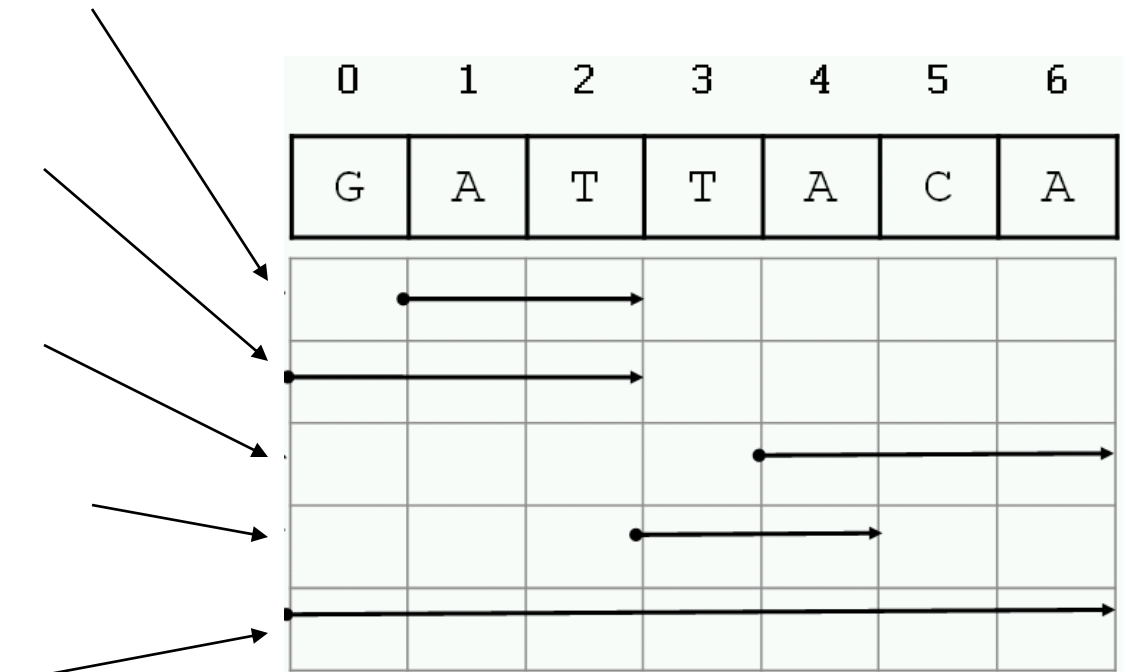
```
'TA'
```

```
>>> myString[:]
```

```
'GATTACA'
```

`s[i:j:k]` extracts every `k`th element starting with index `i` (inclusive) and ending with index `j` (not inclusive)

```
>>> s[0:5:2]
```



# Negative Indexing

Python also supports negative indexes. For example, `s[-1]` means extract the first element of `s` from the end (same as

`s[len(s)-1]`)

```
>>> s[-1]
```

```
'g'
```

```
>>> s[-2]
```

```
'n'
```

H	e	l	l	o
0	1	2	3	4
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

# Special characters

- The backslash is used to introduce a special character.

```
>>> "He said, "Wow!""  
File "<stdin>", line 1  
    "He said, "Wow!""  
                ^
```

```
SyntaxError: invalid  
syntax
```

```
>>> "He said, 'Wow!'"  
"He said, 'Wow!'"  
>>> "He said, \"Wow!\""  
'He said, "Wow!'"
```

Escape sequence	Meaning
\\	Backslash
\'	Single quote
\"	Double quote
\n	Newline
\t	Tab

# More string functionality

```
>>> len("GATTACA")  
7  
>>> "GAT" + "TACA"  
'GATTACA'  
>>> "A" * 10  
'AAAAAAAAAA'  
>>> "GAT" in "GATTACA"  
True  
>>> "AGT" in "GATTACA"  
False
```

← Length

← Concatenation

← Repeat

← Substring test



# String Operations-String Module

- `import string`
- *#returning all letters*
- `print(string.ascii_letters)`
- *#returning lowercase letters*
- `print(string.ascii_lowercase)`
- *#returning uppercase letters*
- `print(string.ascii_uppercase)`
- *#returning all punctuations*
- `print(string.punctuation)`
- *#returning whitespaces*
- `print(string.whitespace)`
- *#returning all digits*
- `print(string.digits)`

# Try This

- *"""checking for whitespaces"""*
- `import string`
- `if " " in string.whitespace:`
- `print(True)`
- `for i in string.whitespace:`
- `print(repr(i))`
- `for i in string.punctuation:`
- `print(i)`
- *"""repr convert special*
- *character into normal*"""

# String Operation

```
■ st="hello world"
■ st=st.capitalize()#'''capitalizes only first letter'''
■ print(st)
■ st=st.title()
■ print(st)#'''capitaizes all words'''
■ st=st.lower()#'''covert string to lower case'''
■ print(st)
■ st=st.upper()#'''convert in uppercase'''
■ print(st)
■ if st.isupper():
■     print(True)
■ st="hello"
■ x=st.islower()
■ print(x)
■ if st.islower():#'''checks whether all characters are Lower
case'''
■     print("True")
```

# More .....


- `st = "abc~123"`
- `if st.isalpha():`
- `print("true")`
- `st = "Hello World"`
- `x = st.istitle() #'''check whether string is a title'''`
- `print(x)`
- `st = "4564"`
- `x = st.isdigit()`
- `print(x)`

# More...

- `S="hello world"`
- `S.find('h')` –returns index of h, if not found returns -1
- `S.index('h')`—returns index of h, if not found returns error
- `S.rfind('o')`—returns rightmost index of the substring
- `S.count('substring',start,end)`—count nu. Of occurrences of substring between start and end. Ex: `S.count('l',6,10)` returns 1
- `S.count('l')` returns 3 [default search in all string]

# split()

- The split() method with a string argument separates strings based on the specified delimiter.
- **Note 2:** With no arguments, split() separates strings using one or more spaces as the delimiter.
- Return a list
- ```
s = "topeka,kansas city,wichita,olathe"
```
- 
- ```
# Separate on comma.
```
- ```
cities = s.split("," )
```
- 
- ```
# Loop and print each city name.
```
- ```
for city in cities:
```
- ```
    print(city)
```
-

- 
- `s = "One two three"`
  - `# Call split with no arguments.`
  - `words = s.split()`
  - `# Display results.`
  - `for word in words:`
  - `print(word)`

# rsplit()

- **Rsplit.** Usually `rsplit()` is the same as `split`. The only difference occurs when the second argument is specified. This limits the number of times a string is separated.
- **So:** When we specify 3, we split off only three times from the right. This is the maximum number of splits that occur. # Data.
- `s = "Buffalo;Rochester;Yonkers;Syracuse;Albany;Schenectady"`
- `# Separate on semicolon.`
- `# ... Split from the right, only split three.`
- `cities = s.rsplit(";", 3)`
- `# Loop and print.`
- `for city in cities:`
- `print(city)`



# Splitlines()

- **Splitlines.** Lines of text can be separated with Windows, or UNIX, newline sequences. This makes splitting on lines complex. The `splitlines()` method helps here.
- `# Data.`
- `s = """This string`
- `has many`
- `lines."""`
- `# Split on line breaks.`
- `lines = s.splitlines()`
- `# Loop and display each line.`
- `for line in lines:`
- `print "[" + line + "]"`
- **Output**
- `[ This string ]`
- `[ has many ]`
- `[ lines. ]`

# Join

- **Join.** This method combines strings in a list or other iterable collection.
- **With join,** we reverse the `split()` operation. We can use a delimiter of zero, one or more characters.
- `list = ["a", "b", "c"]`
- `# Join with empty string literal.`
- `result = "".join(list)`
- `# Join with comma.`
- `result2 = ",".join(list)`
- `# Display results.`
- `print(result)`
- `print(result2)`
- **Output**
- `abc`
- `a,b,c`

# strip()

- **With strip,** we remove certain characters (such as whitespace) from the left and right parts of strings. We invoke lstrip, rstrip and the strip().
- **Lstrip:** With no argument, lstrip removes whitespace at the start of the string. The L stands for left.
- **Rstrip:** With no argument, rstrip removes whitespace at the end. This is the right side. If no whitespace is present, nothing happens.

# Example

- # Has two leading spaces and a trailing one.
- value = " a line "
- # Remove left spaces.
- value1 = value.lstrip()
- print "[" + value1 + "]"
- # Remove right spaces.
- value2 = value.rstrip()
- print "[" + value2 + "]"
- # Remove left and right spaces.
- value3 = value.strip()
- print "[" + value3 + "]"
- **Output**
- [a line ]
- [ a line]
- [a line]

# Example

- # Has numbers on left and right, and some syntax.
- value = "50342=Data,231"
- # Strip all digits.
- # ... Also remove equals sign and comma.
- result = value.strip("0123456789=,")
- print(result)

# rjust and ljust

- **Ljust and rjust** pad strings. They accept one or two arguments. The first argument is the total length of the result string. The second is the padding character.
- `s = "Paris"`
- `# Justify to left, add periods.`
- `print(s.ljust(10, "."))`
- `# Justify to right.`
- `print(s.rjust(10))`
- `#justify center`
- `print("hello".center(10, "."))`
- Output
- Paris.....
- Paris
- ..hello...

# startswith

- `phrase = "cat, dog and bird"`
- `# See if the phrase starts with these strings.`
- `if phrase.startswith("cat"):`
  - `print(True)`
- `if phrase.startswith("cat, dog"):`
  - `print(True)`
- `# It does not start with this string.`
- `if not phrase.startswith("elephant"):`
  - `print(False)`
- **Output**
- `True`
- `True`
- `False`

# endswith

- `url = "https://www.rediffmail.com/"`
- `# Test the end of the url.`
- `if url.endswith("/"):
 print("Ends with slash")`
- `if url.endswith(".com/"):
 print("Ends with .com/")`
- `if url.endswith("?") == False:
 # Does not end in a question mark.
 print(False)`
- **Output**
- Ends with slash
- Ends with .com/
- False