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.')
```

String Library (1 of 4)

- 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

```
>>> 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 (4 of 4)

```
str.capitalize()

str.center(width[, fillchar])

str.endswith(suffix[, start[, end]])

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

str.lstrip([chars])
```
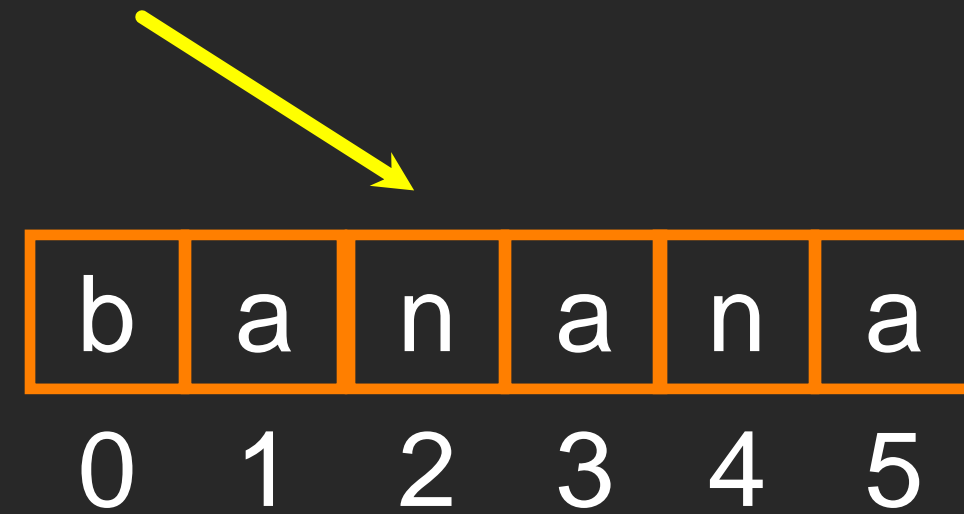
```
str.replace(old, new[, count])

str.lower()

str.rstrip([chars])

str.strip([chars])

str.upper()
```

Searching a String

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

- 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

```
>>> 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

- lstrip() 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

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

```
>>> data = 'From stephen.marquard@uct.ac.za Sat Jan   5 09:14:16 2008'
>>> atpos = data.find('@')
>>> print(atpos)
21
>>> sppos = data.find(' ',atpos)
>>> print(sppos)
31
>>> host = data[atpos+1 : sppos]
>>> print(host)
uct.ac.za
```

Strings and Character Sets

```
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'>
>>>
```

In Python 3, all strings are Unicode

Summary

- String type

- Read/Convert

- Indexing strings []

- Slicing strings [2:4]

- Looping through strings
  with for and while

- Concatenating strings with +

- String operations

- String library

- String Comparisons

- Searching in strings

- Replacing text

- Stripping white space

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