

## tf.contrib.lookup.string\_to\_index

```
string_to_index(  
    tensor,  
    mapping,  
    default_value=-1,  
    name=None  
)
```

Defined in [tensorflow/contrib/lookup/lookup\\_ops.py](#).

Maps **tensor** of strings into **int64** indices based on **mapping**. (deprecated)

THIS FUNCTION IS DEPRECATED. It will be removed after 2017-01-07. Instructions for updating: This op will be removed after the deprecation date. Please switch to `index_table_from_tensor` and call the `lookup` method of the returned table.

This operation converts **tensor** of strings into **int64** indices. The mapping is initialized from a string **mapping** tensor where each element is a key and corresponding index within the tensor is the value.

Any entry in the input which does not have a corresponding entry in 'mapping' (an out-of-vocabulary entry) is assigned the **default\_value**.

Elements in **mapping** cannot be duplicated, otherwise the initialization will throw a `FailedPreconditionError`.

The underlying table must be initialized by calling `tf.tables_initializer.run()` once.

For example:

```
mapping_strings = tf.constant(["emerson", "lake", "palmer"])  
feats = tf.constant(["emerson", "lake", "and", "palmer"])  
ids = tf.contrib.lookup.string_to_index(  
    feats, mapping=mapping_strings, default_value=-1)  
...  
tf.tables_initializer().run()  
  
ids.eval() ==> [0, 1, -1, 2]
```

### Args:

- **tensor**: A 1-D input **Tensor** with the strings to map to indices.
- **mapping**: A 1-D string **Tensor** that specifies the mapping of strings to indices.
- **default\_value**: The **int64** value to use for out-of-vocabulary strings. Defaults to -1.
- **name**: A name for this op (optional).

### Returns:

The mapped indices. It has the same shape and tensor type (dense or sparse) as **tensor**.

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