



Lecture (02)

“Computing with Strings”

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Introduction to Engineering

From last lecture,....

Assigning Input

- The purpose of an input statement is to get some information from the user
- **Example:**
 - `x = input()`
 - `x=int(input())`
 - If the user enters 5 then $x = 5$
- Input with Prompt:
 - `grade = input ("please enter a grade:")`
- Note: the user can enter an expression
 - `x = input("Please enter an expression:")`
- If the user enters $3 + 2$ then $x = 3 + 2$

Simultaneous Assignment

- Python allows assigning values to multiple variables in 1 statement
- **Examples:**
 - `>>> x,y = 3,5`
`x = 3 and y = 5`
 - `>>> x1,y1 = input("please enter 2 numbers:").split()`
`20 30`
`X1 = 20 and y1 = 30`

The Math Library

- Python provides many other useful mathematical functions in a special **math library**
- A **library** is just a file that contains some useful functions
- To use a library you need to **import** the file
- **Example:**
 `from math import *`
- After importing a library you can use all the functions defined inside

The Math Library

Python	Mathematics	English
<code>pi</code>	π	An approximation of pi.
<code>e</code>	e	An approximation of e .
<code>sin(x)</code>	$\sin x$	The sine of x .
<code>cos(x)</code>	$\cos x$	The cosine of x .
<code>tan(x)</code>	$\tan x$	The tangent of x .
<code>asin(x)</code>	$\arcsin x$	The inverse of sine x .
<code>acos(x)</code>	$\arccos x$	The inverse of cosine x .
<code>atan(x)</code>	$\arctan x$	The inverse of tangent x .
<code>log(x)</code>	$\ln x$	The natural (base e) logarithm of x
<code>log10(x)</code>	$\log_{10} x$	The common (base 10) logarithm of x .
<code>exp(x)</code>	e^x	The exponential of x .
<code>ceil(x)</code>	$\lceil x \rceil$	The smallest whole number $\geq x$
<code>floor(x)</code>	$\lfloor x \rfloor$	The largest whole number $\leq x$

Using the Math Library

- **The square root function (sqrt)**

```
>>> x = sqrt(9)
x = 3.0
```

- **The sin function**

```
>>> x = sin(30)
-0.9880316240928618
>>> x = radians(30)
>>> sin(x)
0.49999999999999994
```

- **pi variable**

```
>>> print(pi)
3.14159265359
```

Casting (Type Conversion)

- In Python you can convert a variable from a type to another
- To get the type of a variable use the `type(var)` function
- Example:

```
>>> x = 3
>>> type(x)
<type 'int'>
>>> x = float(x)
>>> type(x)
<type 'float'>
>>> str(1 + 3)
'4'
```

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Input From User

```
x=input('Enter any number')  
Print(x+2)  
>>>TypeError: must be str, not int
```

```
x=int(input('enter num1'))  
print(x+2)  
>>>4
```

This week,....

Outline

- **What is a String?**
- **String Operations**
 - Concatenation
 - Repetition
 - Indexing
 - Length
 - Slicing
- **String Printing**
 - Escape characters
 - Multiline string
 - Formatted printing

Outline - cont

- **String Input**
- **Casting**
- **Evaluating Strings**
- **String Representation – (Ord and chr)**
- **The String Library**

Why Strings?

- Many programs depend on string usage and manipulation
- An example problem:
 - Write a program to emulate an intelligent ChatBot...
- To solve a problem like that, you need to learn about strings

What is a String?

- A string is a **sequence of characters**
- Strings are delimited by single ' ' or double " " quotes
- Strings can be stored in variables
- **Example:**

```
>>> Str1 = "hello"
>>> Name = 'Ahmed'
>>> 'that'll not work'
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
>>> "that'll work"
```

What if you want to put both kinds of quote in one string?

String Operations:

1. Concatenation

- The + operator can be used to join 2 strings

- **Example:**

Note the space
here

```
>>> print ('hello ' + "world")
```

```
'hello world'
```

```
>>> print ('1' + '2')
```

```
'12'
```

```
>>> Fname = 'Foo'
```

```
>>> print ('Welcome ' + Fname)
```

```
'Welcome Foo'
```

String Input

- Python provides input function called **input()**

- Example:

```
>>> name = input()
```

```
Ahmed
```

```
>>> print ('hello', name)
```

```
hello Ahmed
```

```
>>> expression = input("enter an expression: ")
```

```
enter an expression: 3 + 2 - 1
```

```
>>> print ('x = ' + expression)
```

```
x = 3 + 2 - 1
```


Simple ChatBot

- Believe it or not! That's all you need to know to solve the problem given at the beginning. Here is the code:

```
print ("Hi There...")
print ("What's your name?")
name = input("My name is: ")
print ("Nice to meet you " + name)
print ("How are you feeling today?")
feeling =input("I am feeling ")
print ("Glad you are feeling "+ feeling)
print ("It was nice meeting you " +
name+ ". Hope you have a very nice
day!")
print ("Have fun in HUM101 today ;-)")
```

String Operations: Repetition

- Repetition builds a string by multiple **concatenations** of a string with itself
- We can repeat a string using the * operator
- **Example:**

```
>>> 'hi' * 3
```

```
'hihihi'
```

```
>>> '12' * 2
```

```
'1212'
```

String Operations: Indexing

- Indexing is used to access the individual characters that make up the string
- Characters in a string are indexed from **0** to the **length of the string - 1**

- **Example:**

```
>>> greet = 'Hello Bob'
```

```
>>> greet[1]
```

```
'e'
```

```
>>> greet[9]
```

H	e	l	l	o		B	o	b
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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

- **Note:** Strings are **immutable** i.e. you can not edit a string

- **Example:**

```
>>> greet[0] = 'p'
```

```
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```

String Operations: Length

- Python provides a built-in function called **len** that returns the number of characters in a string

- **Example:**

```
>>> name = "Bob"
```

```
>>> len(name)
```

```
3
```

```
>>> len('hello')
```

```
5
```

- To get the last letter of a string

```
>>> x = len(name)
```

```
>>> print(name[x-1])
```

```
'b'
```

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String Operations: Slicing

- Slicing is used to access a substring from a string
- Slicing takes the form
 - string [start : end]

Including start and excluding end

- **Example:**

```
>>> country = 'Egypt'
>>> country [1:3]
'gy'
>>> country [2:]
'ypt'
>>> country [:4]
'Egyp'
>>> country [-3:4]
'yp'
```

-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
E	g	y	p	t
0	1	2	3	4

Note that the slice stops before the end index

String Printing

1. Escape Characters

- Escape characters are used inside a string to "escape" from Python's usual syntax rules for a moment
- **Example:**

```
>>> print ('she said, "that\'s hard to read"')
she said, "that's hard to read"
```

```
>>> print ("hello \n world")
hello
world
```

Escape Sequence	Description
\n	End of line
\\	Backslash
\'	Single quote
\"	Double quote
\t	Tab

String Printing

2. Multiline String

- If you create a string using single or double quotes, it must fit on a single line

- **Example:**

```
>>> 'one'
```

EOL while scanning string literal

- To span multiple lines, put three single quotes or three double quotes

- **Example:**

```
>>> '''one
```

```
... two
```

```
... three'''
```

```
'one\ntwo\nthree'
```

String Printing

3. Formatted Printing

- To print the value of a variable with a string we can use

1. **Comma-separation**

```
>>> p = 3
```

```
>>> print("price =", p, "$")
```

```
price = 3 $
```

Comma-separated strings will be separated by a space

2. **Concatenation**

```
>>> name = 'Ahmed'
```

```
>>> print('welcome ' + name)
```

```
welcome Ahmed
```

```
>>> print("price = " + p + "$")
```

Concatenation can only be used between 2 strings

TypeError: cannot concatenate 'str' and 'int'

String Printing

3. Formatted Printing

{:d}	Integer
{:f}	Float
{:s}	String

3. String formatting

```
>>> p = 5      >>> t = 34.5    >>> c = 'Egypt'
```

```
>>> print ("price = {:d}".format(p))
```

```
price = 5
```

```
>>> print ("temp in {:s} = {:f} degrees".format(c,t))
```

```
temp in Egypt = 34.500000 degrees
```

Indicates precision

```
>>> print ("temp in {:s} = {:.2f} degrees".format(c,t))
```

```
temp in Egypt = 34.5 degrees
```

Indicates width

```
>>> print ("temp in {:s} = {:10.2f} degrees".format(c,t))
```

```
temp in Egypt =      34.5 degrees
```

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- **Example:**

```
>>> x = 3
```

```
>>> type(x)
```

```
<type 'int'>
```

- To convert `x` to a float use the `float(var)` function

- **Example:**

```
>>> x = float(x)
```

```
>>> type(x)
```

```
<type 'float'>
```

```
>>> str (1 + 3)
```

```
'4'
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Evaluating Strings

- Python provides a function **eval(expr)** used to evaluate a **string** as an **expression**

- **Example:**

```
>>> eval('1 + 4 * 2')
```

```
9
```

```
>>> eval('3.5 - 1')
```

```
2.5
```

```
>>> int('1+5')
```

Note that `int()` is used for conversion not evaluation

ValueError: invalid literal for int()

String Representation

- Python provides built-in functions to switch between characters and their numeric codes
- The **ord()** function returns the numeric “ordinal” code of a single-character string

- **Example:**

```
>>> ord("a")
```

```
97
```

```
>>> ord("A")
```

```
65
```

Note that `'a' ≠ 'A'`

- The **chr()** function is the opposite of **ord()**

- **Example:**

```
>>> chr(97)
```

```
'a'
```

A common usage of **ord** and **chr** is in **Encryption**

The String Library

- Python provides a handful set of functions to manipulate strings available in the **string library**

- **Example:**

```
>>>from string import *
>>> s = 'hello world'
>>> s.capitalize ()
'Hello world'
>>> s.upper ()
'HELLO WORLD'
>>> s.split ()
['hello', 'world']
>>>s.split ( 'o' )
['hell', ' w', 'rld']
```

The String Library (a sample)

Function	Meaning
<code>capitalize(s)</code>	Copy of <code>s</code> with only the first character capitalized
<code>capwords(s)</code>	Copy of <code>s</code> with first character of each word capitalized
<code>center(s, width)</code>	Center <code>s</code> in a field of given <code>width</code>
<code>count(s, sub)</code>	Count the number of occurrences of <code>sub</code> in <code>s</code>
<code>find(s, sub)</code>	Find the first position where <code>sub</code> occurs in <code>s</code>
<code>join(list)</code>	Concatenate <code>list</code> of strings into one large string
<code>ljust(s, width)</code>	Like <code>center</code> , but <code>s</code> is left-justified
<code>lower(s)</code>	Copy of <code>s</code> in all lowercase characters
<code>lstrip(s)</code>	Copy of <code>s</code> with leading whitespace removed
<code>replace(s, oldsub, newsub)</code>	Replace all occurrences of <code>oldsub</code> in <code>s</code> with <code>newsub</code>
<code>rfind(s, sub)</code>	Like <code>find</code> , but returns the rightmost position
<code>rjust(s, width)</code>	Like <code>center</code> , but <code>s</code> is right-justified
<code>rstrip(s)</code>	Copy of <code>s</code> with trailing whitespace removed
<code>split(s)</code>	Split <code>s</code> into a list of substrings (see text).
<code>upper(s)</code>	Copy of <code>s</code> with all characters converted to upper case

Exercise

- `s1 = 'welcome to' s2 = 'HUM' s3 = '101'`
- Show the result of each of the following:
 1. `print (s1 + s2, s3)`
 2. `print (s3*3)`
 3. `print (int(s3)*3)`
 4. `print (s1[2:5])`
 5. `print (s1.upper())`
 6. `print (s2.split('s'))`
 7. `print (s1+'\\'+s2+'\\t'+s3)`



Thanks,..

See you next week isA,..