

## Objectives

- Strings
- Computer's representations of data types

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## Handshakes

- N=12 alumni

Sum these

11	11	10	9	8	7	6
10	0	1	2	3	4	5
9	11	11	11	11	11	11
8						
7						
6						
5						
4						
3						
2						
1						
0						

Sums to 11 (N-1)  
6 times (N/2)  
=  $N*(N-1)/2$

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## Handshakes

- N=13 alumni

Sum these

12	12	11	10	9	8	7
11	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	13	13	13	13	13	13
9						
8						
7						
6						
5						
4						
3						
2						
1						
0						

Sums to 13 (N)  
6 times  $((N-1)/2)$   
=  $N*(N-1)/2$

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## Practice for Next Wed's Midterm

- Write a program that reads in two numbers. Then use only if statements (no elses) to print "Player 1 wins" if the first number is bigger, "Player 2 wins" if the second number is bigger, and "You tied!" if the numbers are equal.

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## Practice for Next Wed's Midterm

- Draw the control flow diagram for your Craps solution
  - To analyze efficiency: are there any execution paths through the control flow diagram that aren't possible?
    - If so, revisit your solution to see if some other building blocks may be more appropriate (or see me to discuss!)

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## Text Processing

- Mostly focused on numbers so far
- We can manipulate strings to do useful work
- Focus: the **str** data type and what you can do with them
- Chapter 4 of book

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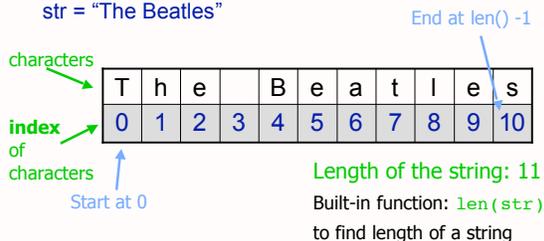
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## Strings

- Actually a *sequence* of characters

➤ Example:

str = "The Beatles"



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## Iterating Through a String

- Use a **for** loop to iterate through characters in a string

```
for char in str:
    print char
```

➤ Read as "for each character in the string str"

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Python shell

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## Substrings Operator

Literally, **not** optional

- Look at a particular character in the string

➤ Syntax: string[<integer expression>]

➤ [Positive values]: index of character

➤ [Negative values]: count backwards from end

- Examples:

➤ <sequence>[0] returns the first element/char

➤ <sequence>[-1] returns the last element/char

We will deal with sequences beyond strings later.

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## Substrings Operator

- Look at a particular character in the string

➤ Syntax: string[<integer expression>]

- Examples with str = "The Beatles"

Expression	Result
str[0]	
str[3]	
str[len(str)]	
str[len(str)-1]	
str[-1]	

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## Substrings Operator

- Look at a particular character in the string

➤ Syntax: string[<integer expression>]

- Examples with str = "The Beatles"

Expression	Result
str[0]	"T"
str[3]	" "
str[len(str)]	IndexError
str[len(str)-1]	"s"
str[-1]	"s"

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whilestr.py

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## Substrings Operator

- You can select a substring (zero or more characters) using the **[]** and **:**

- <sequence>[<start>:<end>]

➤ returns the subsequence from **start** up to and not including **end**

- <sequence>[<start>:]

➤ returns the subsequence from **start** to the end of the sequence

- <sequence>[:<end>]

➤ returns the subsequence from the first element up to and not including **end**

- <sequence>[:]

➤ returns a copy of the entire sequence

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## Substrings Operator

- You can select a substring (one or more characters) using the [ ] and :
- Examples: file = "program.py"

p	r	o	g	r	a	m	.	p	y
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Expression	Result
file[0:]	
file[0:2]	
file[:3]	
file[8:]	
file[-2:]	

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## Substrings Operator

- You can select a substring (one or more characters) using the [ ] and :
- Examples: file = "program.py"

p	r	o	g	r	a	m	.	p	y
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Expression	Result
file[0:]	"program.py"
file[0:2]	"pr"
file[:3]	"pro"
file[8:]	"py"
file[-2:]	"py"

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## Testing for Substrings

- Using the **in** operator
  - Used **in** before in for loops
- Syntax:
  - if** substring **in** string:
- Evaluates to True or False
- Example:

```
if ".py" in filename:  
    print filename, "is a Python script"
```

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## Strings are Immutable

- Note: You cannot change the value of strings
- For example, you **cannot** change a character in a string

```
> str[0] = 'S'
```

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## Number Representations

- We briefly discussed that numbers are stored on the computer in binary
  - Binary representation
- Binary: two values (zero, one)
  - Like a light switch (either **off** or **on**)
- Bit**: each number in a number in binary representation
  - Equivalent of a "digit" in decimal representation

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## Decimal Representations

- Decimal is base 10
- Digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Each position in a decimal number represents a power of 10

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## Decimal Representations

- Decimal is base 10
- Digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Each position in a decimal number represents a power of 10
- Example: 54,087

5	4	0	8	7
$10^4$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$

- $= 5 \cdot 10^4 + 4 \cdot 10^3 + 0 \cdot 10^2 + 8 \cdot 10^1 + 7 \cdot 10^0$
- $= 5 \cdot 10,000 + 4 \cdot 1000 + 0 \cdot 100 + 8 \cdot 10 + 7 \cdot 1$

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## Binary Representation

- Binary is base 2
- Digits: 0, 1
- Each position in a binary number represents a power of 2

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## Binary Representation

- Example: 1101

1	1	0	1
$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$

- $= 1 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$
- $= 1 \cdot 8 + 1 \cdot 4 + 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \cdot 1$
- $> 13$

- Practice: 10110

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## Binary Representation

- Example: 10110

1	0	1	1	0
$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$

- $= 1 \cdot 2^4 + 0 \cdot 2^3 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0$
- $= 1 \cdot 16 + 0 \cdot 8 + 1 \cdot 4 + 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \cdot 1$
- $> 22$

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## Converting Binary to Decimal

- **Accumulator design pattern**
- Read in the binary number as a string
  - $>$  The starting exponent will be the length of the string-1
- Initialize the result to zero
- For each bit in the binary number
  - $>$  Multiply the bit by the appropriate power of 2
  - $>$  Add this to the result
  - $>$  Reduce the exponent by 1
- Print the result

Implement algorithm  
binaryToDecimal.py

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## Converting Decimal to Binary

- Read in the decimal as an integer
- Initialize the result to the empty string
- Repeat until the decimal is 0:
  - $>$  result = str(decimal % 2) + result
  - $>$  decimal = decimal / 2
- Print the result

Try out algorithm with 22  
Implement algorithm  
decimalToBinary.py

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