

Objectives

- Escape sequences
- Computer's representations of data types

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Review

- How can we combine strings?
- How can we find out how long a string is?
 - How do we call it?
- How can you tell if one string is contained within another string?
- How can we find out the character at a certain position?
- How can we iterate through a string? (Two ways)
- How do you call a method on a string?
 - What is your favorite string method?
- True or False: You can change a string after it's been created

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Review: Strings

- A **sequence** of one-character strings

➤ Example:

band = "The Beatles"

End at `len(band)-1`

characters

'T'	'h'	'e'	' '	'B'	'e'	'a'	't'	'l'	'e'	's'
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Start at 0

index or
position of
characters

Length of the string: 11

Built-in function: `len(string)`

to find length of a string

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Review: Iterating Through a String

- For each character in the string

string of length 1

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for char in mystring:  
    print(char)
```

Determines loop's
behavior

- For each position in the string

An integer

```
for pos in range(len(mystring)):  
    print(mystring[pos])
```

Index into the string

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Review: Testing for Substrings

- Using the **in** operator
 - Used **in** before **in** **for** loops

- Syntax:

```
substring in string:
```

- Evaluates to **True** or **False**

- Example:

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if searchTerm in documentText:  
    print(documentText, "contains", searchTerm)
```

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Review: Strings are Immutable

You cannot change the value of strings

- For example, you **cannot** change a character in a string

➤ ~~str[0] = 'S'~~

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Escape Sequences

- Escape character: `\`
- Escape sequences
 - newline character (carriage return) → `\n`
 - tab → `\t`
 - quote → `\"` or `\'`
 - backslash → `\\`
- Example:
 - `print("To print a \\, you must use \"\\\\\\\\\"")`
 - What does this display?

[Interactive demonstration](#)

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`demo_str.py`

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Practice

- Display To print a tab, you must use `'\t'`.
- Display I said, "How are you?"

`escape_sequence.py`

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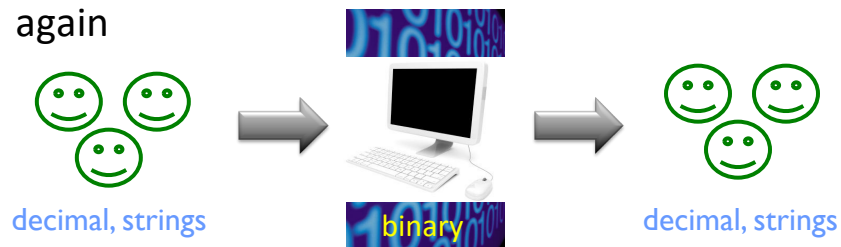
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Representations of Data

- Computer needs ways to represent different types of data
 - Eventually, all boils down to 1s and 0s
- Computer needs to translate between what humans know to what computer knows and back again



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Seems like a divergence on strings but just wait...

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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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- 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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Number Representations

Characteristic	Decimal	Binary
Base	10	2
Digits	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	0, 1
Position represents	Power of 10	Power of 2

- Binary: two values (0, 1)
 - Like a light switch (either **off** or **on**) or booleans (either True or False)
- 0 and 1 are *binary digits* or **bits**
 - 64-bit machine: represents numbers (and other data) with 64 bits

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Binary Representation

- Binary number: 1101

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

- $= 1*2^3 + 1*2^2 + 0*2^1 + 1*2^0$

- $= 1*8 + 1*4 + 0*2 + 1*1$

➤ Decimal value: 13

Practice: what is the decimal value of the binary number **10110**?

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Binary Representation

- Binary number: 10110

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

- $= 1*2^4 + 0*2^3 + 1*2^2 + 1*2^1 + 0*2^0$

- $= 1*16 + 0*8 + 1*4 + 1*2 + 0*1$

➤ 22

Generalize this process into an algorithm.
Implement as function:
`binaryToDecimal(binaryNum)`

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Algorithm 1: Converting Binary → Decimal (left to right traversal of binary number)

Accumulator design pattern

Given the binary number as a string

1. Initialize the result to zero
2. The starting exponent will be the length of the string-1
3. 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
4. Return the result

Good test cases?

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Algorithm 2: Converting Binary → Decimal (right to left traversal of binary number)

Accumulator design pattern

Given the binary number as a string

1. Initialize the result to zero
2. Initialize the exponent to zero
3. Iterate over the positions of the binary number from right to left
 - Determine the bit at that position in the binary number
 - Multiply the bit by the appropriate power of 2
 - Add this to the result
 - Increase the exponent by 1
4. Return the result

Good test cases?

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Practice

- Implement both algorithms
 - Test!
- After implementing, you can compare with my solutions
 - `binaryToDecimalIterateOverCharacters.py`
 - `binaryToDecimalIterateOverExponents.py`

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Algorithm: Converting Decimal → Binary

Given the decimal as an integer...

1. Initialize the result to the empty string
2. Repeat until the decimal is 0:
 - `result = str(decimal % 2) + result`
 - `decimal = decimal // 2`
3. Return the result

1. Try out algorithm with 22 as input
2. Implement algorithm in function `decimalToBinary`
3. Good test cases?

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`decimalToBinary.py`

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Looking Ahead

- Pre Lab 7
 - Back to indefinite loops
 - More strings
 - Repeating section about string formatting (more on Monday)