

Outline for November 5, 2012

Reading: §11

Assignment due: Friday, November 9, 2012 at 5:00 PM

1. Sequences
 - a. Sequences are a series of values in a particular order
 - b. In Python predominantly strings and lists but also sets and tuples
2. Strings
 - a. Sequence of characters (characters are strings of length 1)
 - b. Strings are immutable; really important for functions
3. Basic string operations
 - a. `+`, concatenation for strings
 - b. `*`, repetition repeats given value
 - c. `len()` returns length of sequence
 - d. `s in str` returns `True` if `s` is a substring of `str`, `False` otherwise
4. Indexing, `var[position]`
 - a. Count from 0 to `len(var) - 1`
 - b. Position can be a negative number to count from right
5. Assignment with indexing doesn't work as strings immutable
`x = 'hEllo'; x[1] = 'e'` produces an error
6. Slicing, `var[start:end]`
 - a. Value at index end not included in slice
 - b. If omitted, starting value defaults to 0 and ending value defaults to last index + 1
 - c. Can use negative index
7. Example program [*strstuff.py*]