Outline for January 30

Reading: text, §5.1

Assignments: Homework 2, due on February 1 at 11:55pm

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]

8. Looping over strings: for i in str

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10. String methods
    a. Rule: methods that change, add, or delete characters do not alter the string to which they are applied; they return a new string that is a copy of the old string, suitably modified

11. String methods: type of characters in string (return True or False) [strtype.py]
    a. S.isalpha() — True if only alphabetics (letters) in S
    b. S.isalnum() — True if only alphanumerics (letters or digits) in S
    c. S.isdigit() — True if only digits in S
    d. S.isspace() — True if only white space (blanks, tabs, newlines) in S
    e. S.isupper() — True if all letters in S are upper case
    f. S.islower() — True if all letters in S are lower case

12. String methods: changing case of letters in string (return result of applying method) [strchcase.py]
    a. S.capitalize() — If the first character of S is a letter, capitalize it
    b. S.title() — Capitalize each word in S
    c. S.lower() — Change all upper case letters in S to lower case
    d. S.upper() — Change all lower case letters in S to upper case
    e. S.swapcase() — Change all upper case letters in S to lower case and vice versa

13. String methods: stripping blanks from strings (return result of applying method) [strstrip.py]
    a. S.lstrip() — Delete all leading white spaces from S
    b. S.rstrip() — Delete all trailing white spaces from S
    c. S.strip() — Delete all leading and trailing white spaces from S

14. String methods: find characters and substrings (return position or cause exception) [strfind.py]
    a. S.find(s) — Return the index of the first occurrence of s in S; -1 if s not in S
b. `s.index(s)` — Return the index of the first occurrence of `s` in `S`; `ValueError` exception if `s` not in `S`
c. `s.rfind(s)` — Return the index of the last occurrence of `s` in `S`; `-1` if `s` not in `S`
d. `s.rindex(s)` — Return the index of the last occurrence of `s` in `S`; `ValueError` exception if `s` not in `S`