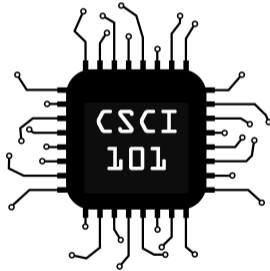


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```


Strings are Iterables!

```
for c in 'CSCI 101':  
    print(c)
```

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The . Operator

The `.` operator used above is actually the **accessor operator**, however, most programmers simply call it the **dot operator**. It allows us to use a function which is specific to a certain data type on the object.

Splitting the Input

Remember that the `input` function returns a string containing the *line* that the user typed. If we want to accept multiple words per line, we must split the input.

```
line = input("What is your full name? ")
words = line.split()
firstname = words[0]
lastname = words[1]
```