

Practice Quiz: Strings

TOTAL POINTS 2

1. The `is_palindrome` function checks if a string is a palindrome. A palindrome is a string that can be equally read from left to right or right to left, omitting blank spaces, and ignoring capitalization. Examples of palindromes are words like kayak and radar, and phrases like "Never Odd or Even". Fill in the blanks in this function to return `True` if the passed string is a palindrome, `False` if not.

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```
1 def is_palindrome(input_string):
2     # We'll create two strings, to compare them
3     new_string = ""
4     reverse_string = ""
5     # Traverse through each letter of the input string
6     for i in input_string:
7         # Add any non-blank letters to the
8         # end of one string, and to the front
9         # of the other string.
10        if input_string == input_string.lower():
11            new_string = input_string.replace(' ', '')
12            reverse_string = ''.join(reversed(new_string))
13        # Compare the strings
14        if reverse_string == new_string:
15            return True
16        return False
17
18 print(is_palindrome("Never Odd or Even")) # Should be True
19 print(is_palindrome("abc")) # Should be False
20 print(is_palindrome("kayak")) # Should be True
```

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True
False
True

2. Using the `format` method, fill in the gaps in the `convert_distance` function so that it returns the phrase "X miles equals Y km", with Y having only 1 decimal place. For example, `convert_distance(12)` should return "12 miles equals 19.2 km".

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```
1 def convert_distance(miles):
2     km = miles * 1.6
3     result = "{} miles equals {:.1f} km".format(miles, km)
4     return result
5
6 print(convert_distance(12)) # Should be: 12 miles equals 19.2 km
7 print(convert_distance(5.5)) # Should be: 5.5 miles equals 8.8 km
8 print(convert_distance(11)) # Should be: 11 miles equals 17.6 km
```

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12 miles equals 19.2 km
5.5 miles equals 8.8 km
11 miles equals 17.6 km

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