



Text Processing

Chris Piech
CS106A, Stanford University

<Review>

What does an object store?

Objects store addresses
(which are like URLs)

Primitives vs Objects

- **Primitives** store their *actual value* in their variable box. You can compare values with `==` and `!=`, and the original does not change when passed as a parameter and changed.
- **Objects** store their *address* in their variable box. You can't compare properties of an object via `==`, and the original *does* change when passed as a parameter and changed.
- **Primitives**, when parameters, are *passed by value*, **Objects** are *passed by their address*.

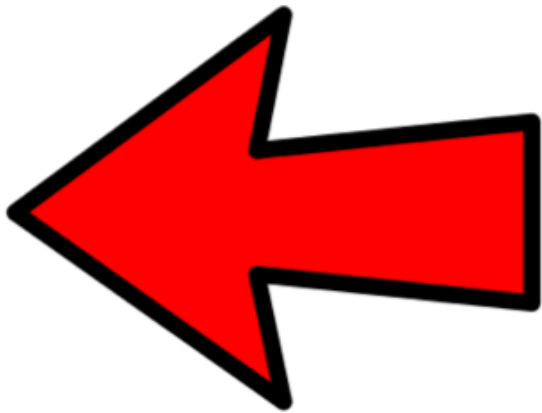


Revisit our Programs

```
// displays a centered right arrow img
private void showRightArrow() {
    GImage rightArrow = new GImage("leftArrow.png");
    add(rightArrow);
    centerImage(rightArrow);
}

// displays a centered left arrow img
private void showLeftArrow() {
    GImage leftArrow = new GImage("rightArrow.png");
    add(leftArrow);
    centerImage(leftArrow);
}

// takes an image and adds it to the screen
private void centerImage(GImage img) {
    double w = img.getWidth();
    double h = img.getHeight();
    double x = (getWidth() - w) / 2;
    double y = (getHeight() - h) / 2;
    img.setLocation(x, y);
}
```

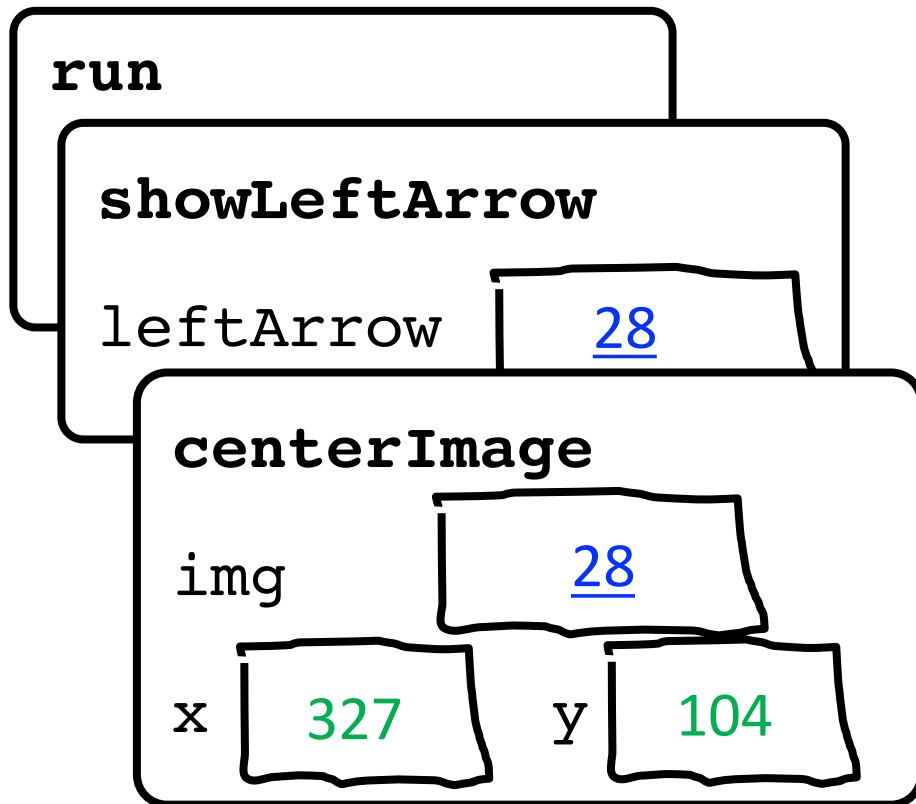


```

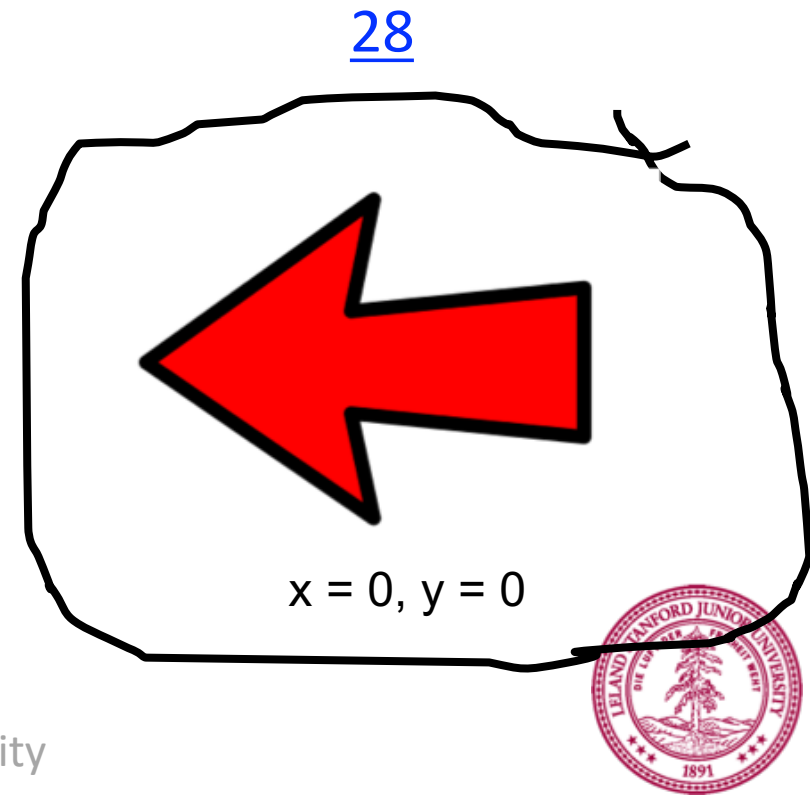
private void showLeftArrow() {
    GImage leftArrow = new GImage("rightArrow.png");
    add(leftArrow);
    centerImage(leftArrow);
}

// takes an image and adds it to the screen
private void centerImage(GImage img) {
    ...
    img.setLocation(x, y);
}

```



heap

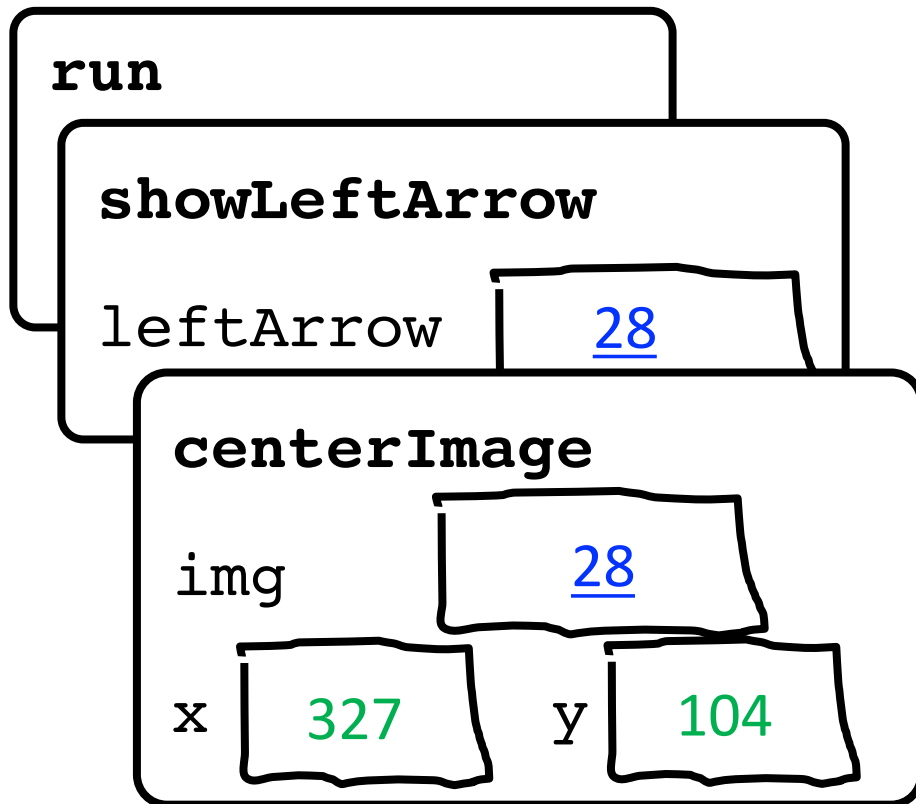


```

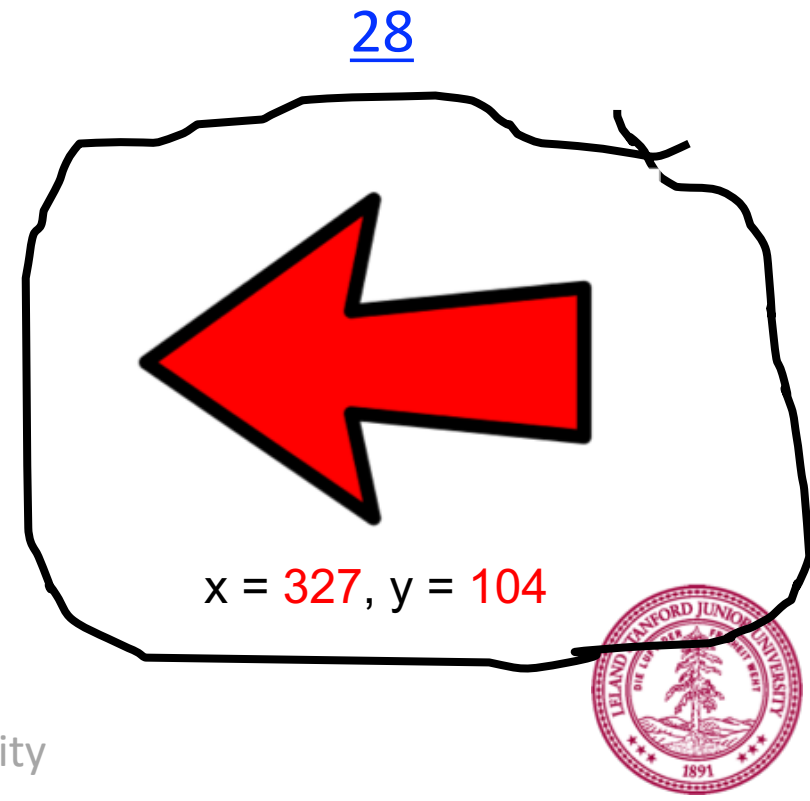
private void showLeftArrow() {
    GImage leftArrow = new GImage("rightArrow.png");
    add(leftArrow);
    centerImage(leftArrow);
}

// takes an image and adds it to the screen
private void centerImage(GImage img) {
    ...
    img.setLocation(x, y);
}

```



heap



</Review>

Fake Medicine is a Problem

700,000 deaths a year from fake malaria and tuberculosis drugs [1]



Equivalent of this
many crashes per
day

[1] <http://www.un.org/africarenewal/magazine/may-2013/counterfeit-drugs-raise-africa%E2%80%99s-temperature>



Chris' Favorite Program



Bright Simons

Underlying Puzzle

Counterfeiter



User



You (Distributor)

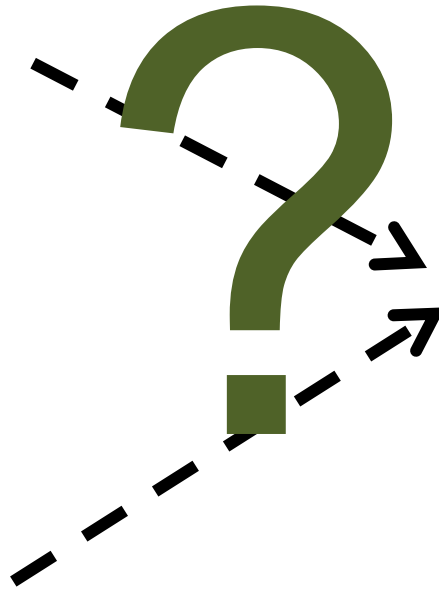


Underlying Puzzle

Counterfeiter



You (Distributor)



User



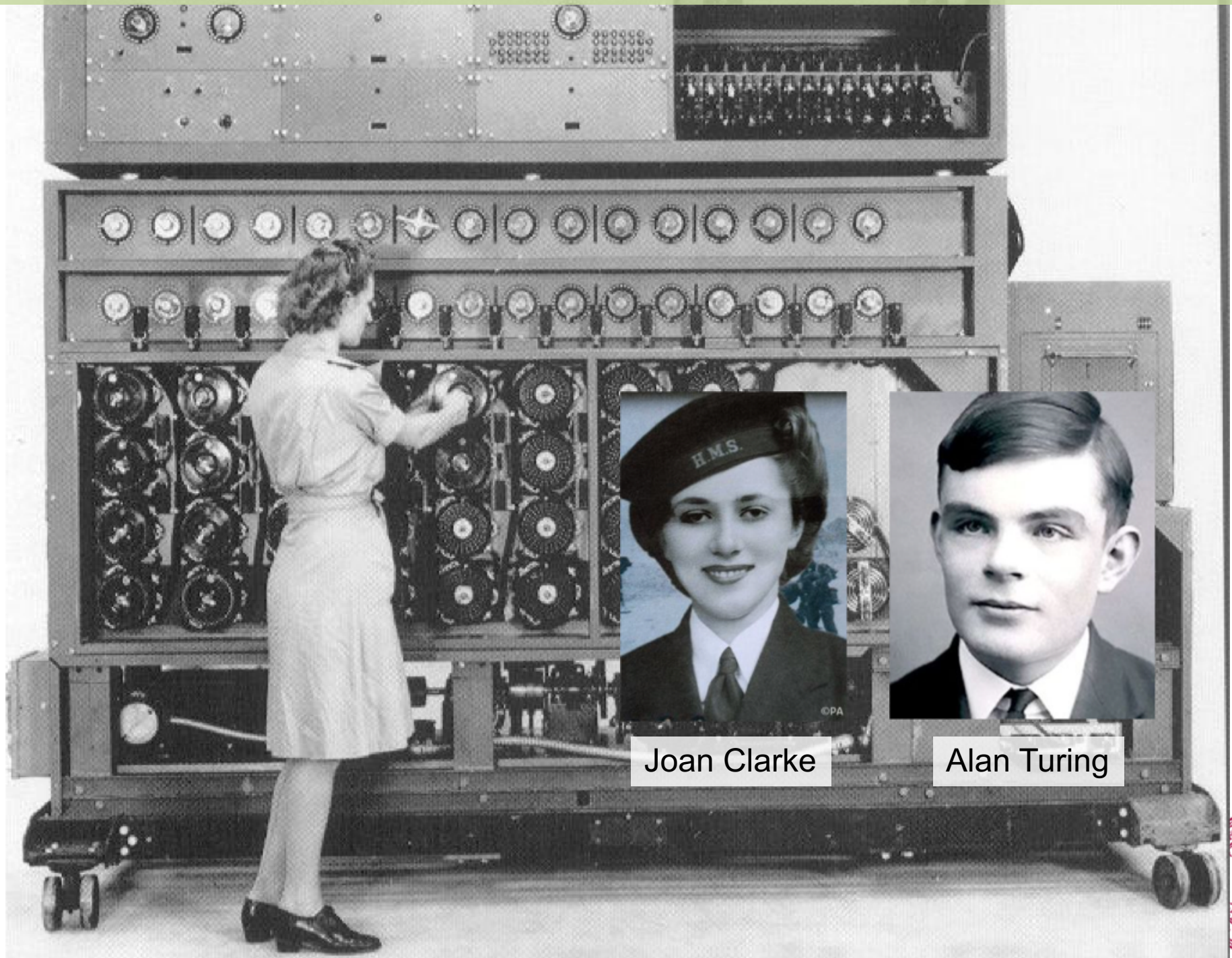
Revisit this on Wednesday

Learning Goals

1. Be able to perform math operations on chars
2. Be able to write string algorithms that loops over each character



Text Problem: Decryption



Joan Clarke

Alan Turing

Text Problem: Translation

The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.



(Russian)



The vodka is good but the meat is rotten.

**This result cost billions of dollars (adjusted for inflation)*



How is text
represented?

The variable type **String**

Text is stored using the variable type **String**.

A **String** is a sequence of characters.

```
public void run() {  
    String text = "hello!";  
    println(text);  
}
```



H e l l o !

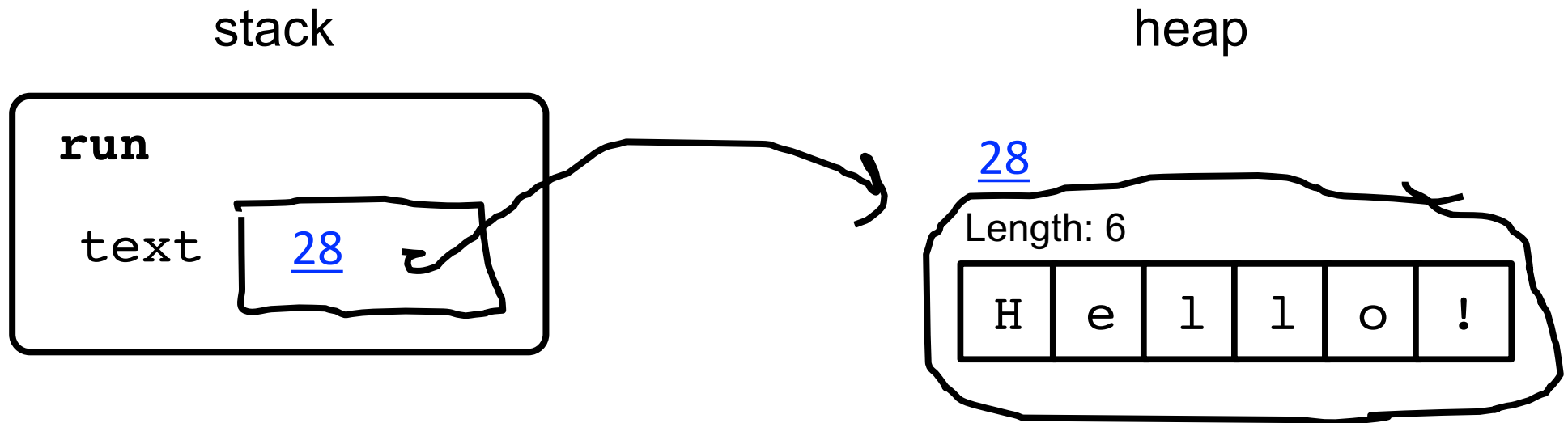


H	e	l	l	o	!
0	1	2	3	4	5



How it is actually stored

```
public void run() {  
    String text = "hello!";  
}
```



H	e	l	l	o	!
0	1	2	3	4	5

text.charAt (*index*)





All characters in a string have
an *index*.

You can access a character in
the sequence via its index

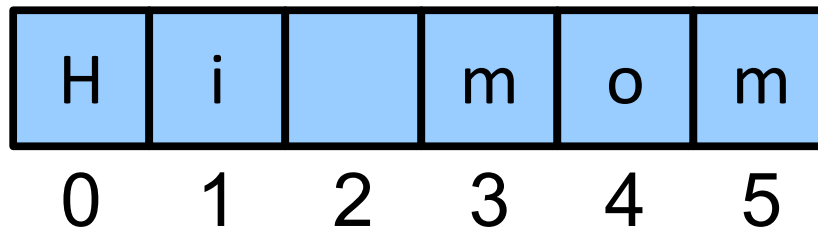


Looping with Strings

- Because each character in a string occupies a particular index, you can visit all the characters in a string one at a time using a loop.
- Canonical “loop over the characters in a string” loop:

```
for (int i = 0; i < string.length(); i++) {  
    char ch = string.charAt(i);  
    /* ... process ch ... */  
}
```

- The *string*.length() method returns the number of characters in the string. This is one larger than the last valid index in the string.



(length 6)



numLs

How are characters
represented?

The variable type **char**

- The primitive type **char** represents a single character or glyph.
- Some examples:

```
char letterA = 'A';
```

```
char plus    = '+';
```

```
char zero    = '0';
```

```
char space   = ' ';
```

```
char newLine = '\n'; // special
```

```
char first = text.charAt(0);
```



Enumeration

```
private static final int FROSH = 1;
private static final int SOPHOMORE = 2;
private static final int JUNIOR = 3;
private static final int SENIOR = 4;
private static final int OTHER = 5;

private int askForYear() {
    while (true) {
        int year = readInt("Enter class year: ");
        if (year >= FROSH && year <= OTHER) return year;
    }
}

private void printPopulation() {
    for(int year = FROSH; year <= SENIOR; year++) {
        printYear(year);
    }
}
```





Chars are just a giant enumeration. You can use math operators on char!



ASCII

Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char	Code	Char
32	[space]	48	0	64	@	80	P	96	`	112	p
33	!	49	1	65	A	81	Q	97	a	113	q
34	"	50	2	66	B	82	R	98	b	114	r
35	#	51	3	67	C	83	S	99	c	115	s
36	\$	52	4	68	D	84	T	100	d	116	t
37	%	53	5	69	E	85	U	101	e	117	u
38	&	54	6	70	F	86	V	102	f	118	v
39	'	55	7	71	G	87	W	103	g	119	w
40	(	56	8	72	H	88	X	104	h	120	x
41	)	57	9	73	I	89	Y	105	i	121	y
42	*	58	:	74	J	90	Z	106	j	122	z
43	+	59	;	75	K	91	[	107	k	123	{
44	,	60	<	76	L	92	\	108	l	124	
45	-	61	=	77	M	93	]	109	m	125	}
46	.	62	>	78	N	94	^	110	n	126	~
47	/	63	?	79	O	95	_	111	o	127	[backspace]

* This is only the first half of the table

The letter A, for example, has the ASCII value 65





'A' -> 'Z' are sequential.
'a' -> 'z' are sequential.
'0' -> '9' are sequential.



Useful Character methods

static boolean isDigit(char ch)

Determines if the specified character is a digit.

static boolean isLetter(char ch)

Determines if the specified character is a letter.

static boolean isLetterOrDigit(char ch)

Determines if the specified character is a letter or a digit.

static boolean isLowerCase(char ch)

Determines if the specified character is a lowercase letter.

static boolean isUpperCase(char ch)

Determines if the specified character is an uppercase letter.

static boolean isWhitespace(char ch)

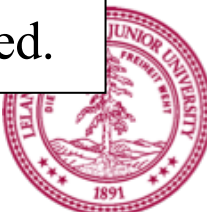
Determines if the specified character is **whitespace** (spaces and tabs).

static char toLowerCase(char ch)

Converts **ch** to its lowercase equivalent, if any. If not, **ch** is returned unchanged.

static char toUpperCase(char ch)

Converts **ch** to its uppercase equivalent, if any. If not, **ch** is returned unchanged.



Useful Character methods

```
public void run() {  
    String str = readLine("Line: ");  
  
    char ch = str.charAt(0);  
    println("Original first char: " + ch);  
  
    ch = Character.toUpperCase(ch);  
    println("Uppercase first char: " + ch);  
  
    if (Character.isLetter(ch)) {  
        println("It's a letter!");  
    }  
}
```



numUppercase

Strings have some unique
properties

Strings are often made through concatenation

```
public void run() {  
    String s1 = "CS106";  
    String s2 = "A";  
    String s3 = "I got an " + s2 + " in " + s1 + s2;  
  
    println(s3);  
}
```

I got an A in CS106A



Strings are Immutable

- Java strings are *immutable*: once a string has been created you cannot set characters.
- To change a string:
 - *Create a new string* holding the new value you want it to have via concatenation.
 - Reassigning the String variable (that's allowed).
- *Important consequence*: if you pass a String into a method, that method cannot modify that string.





Can survive:
-300F to +300F
Massive radiation
The vacuum of space



Many string algorithms use
the “loop and construct”
pattern.

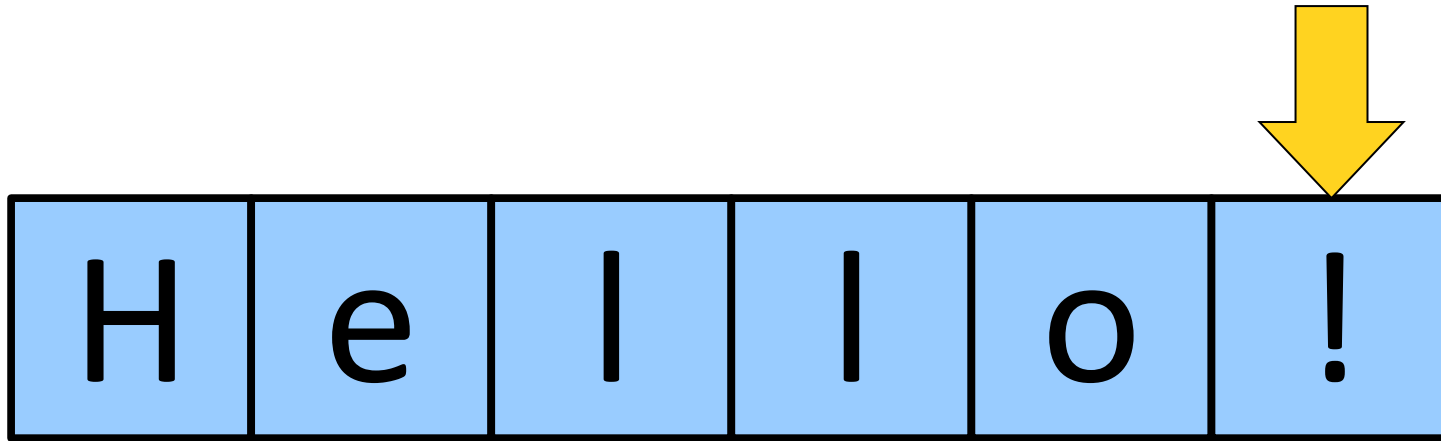




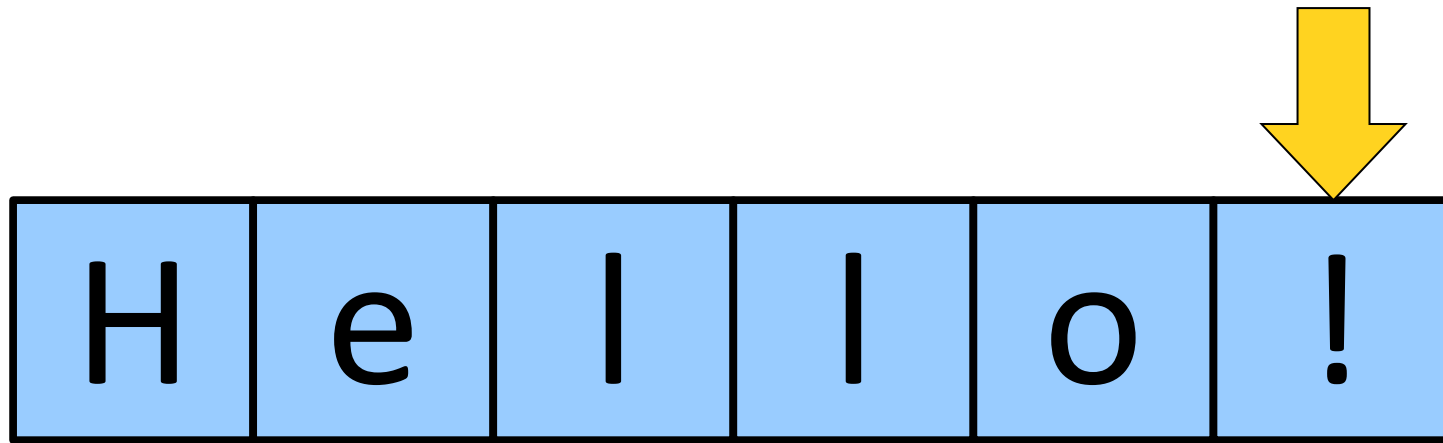
Piech, CS106A, Stanford University



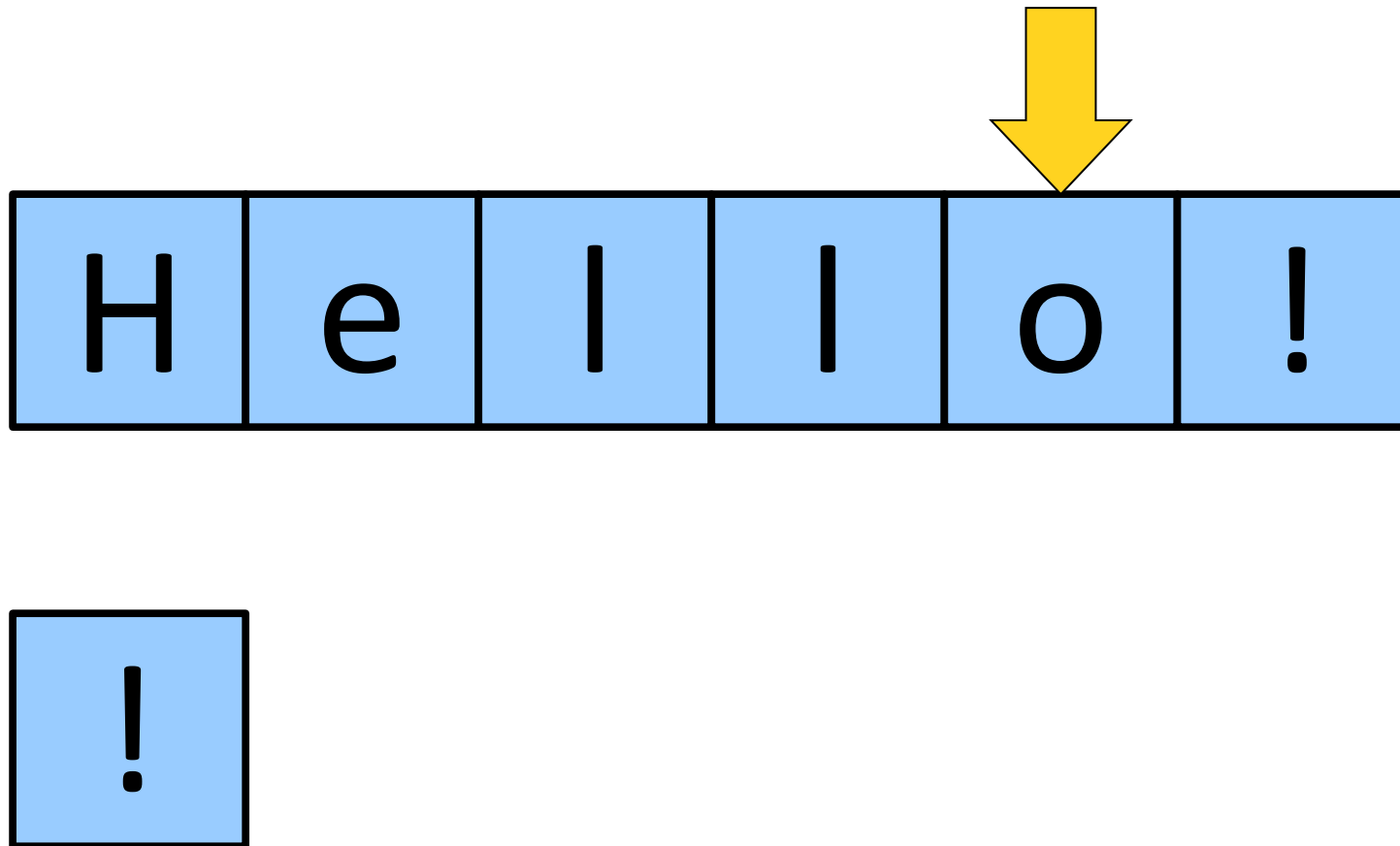
Reversing a String



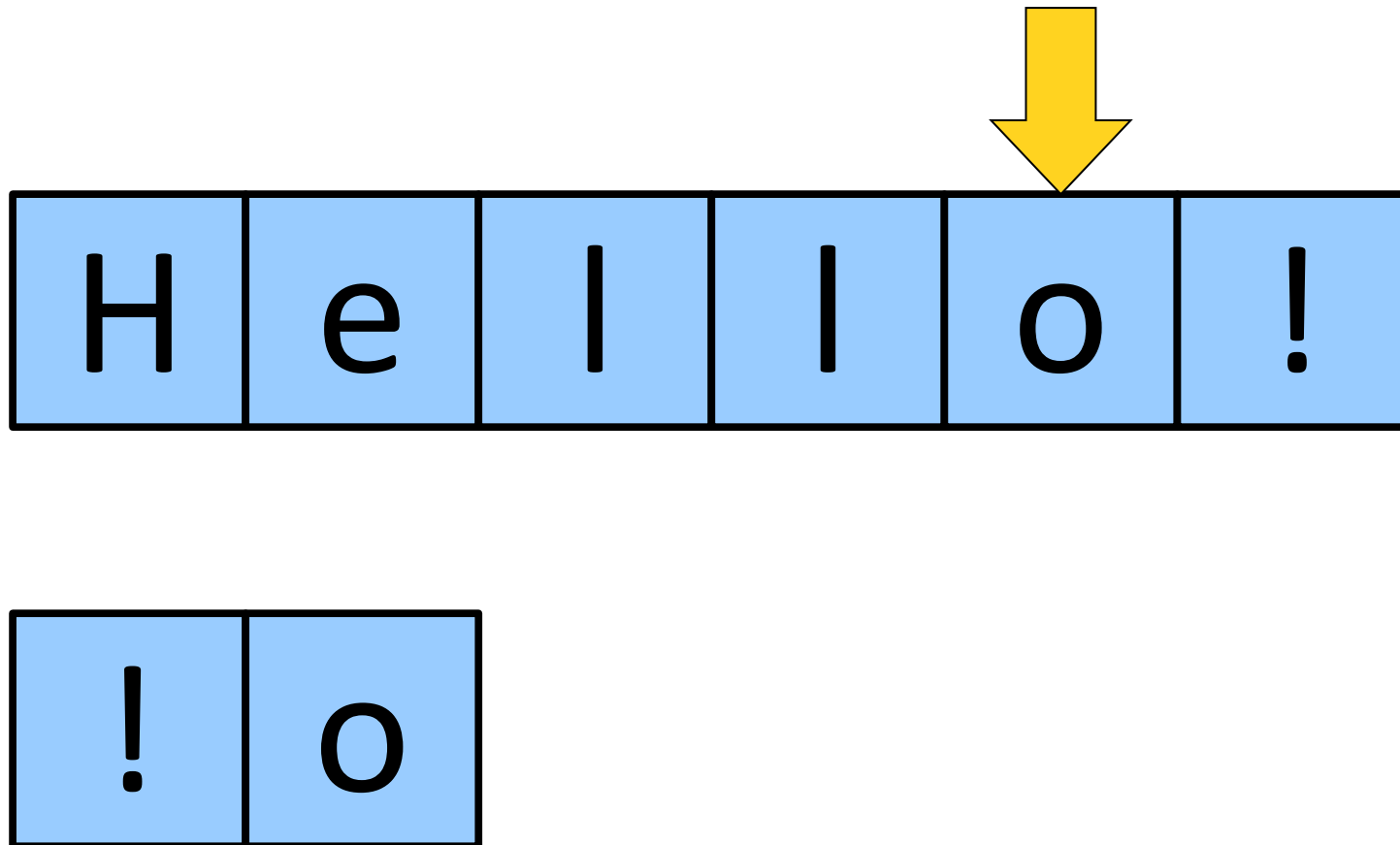
Reversing a String



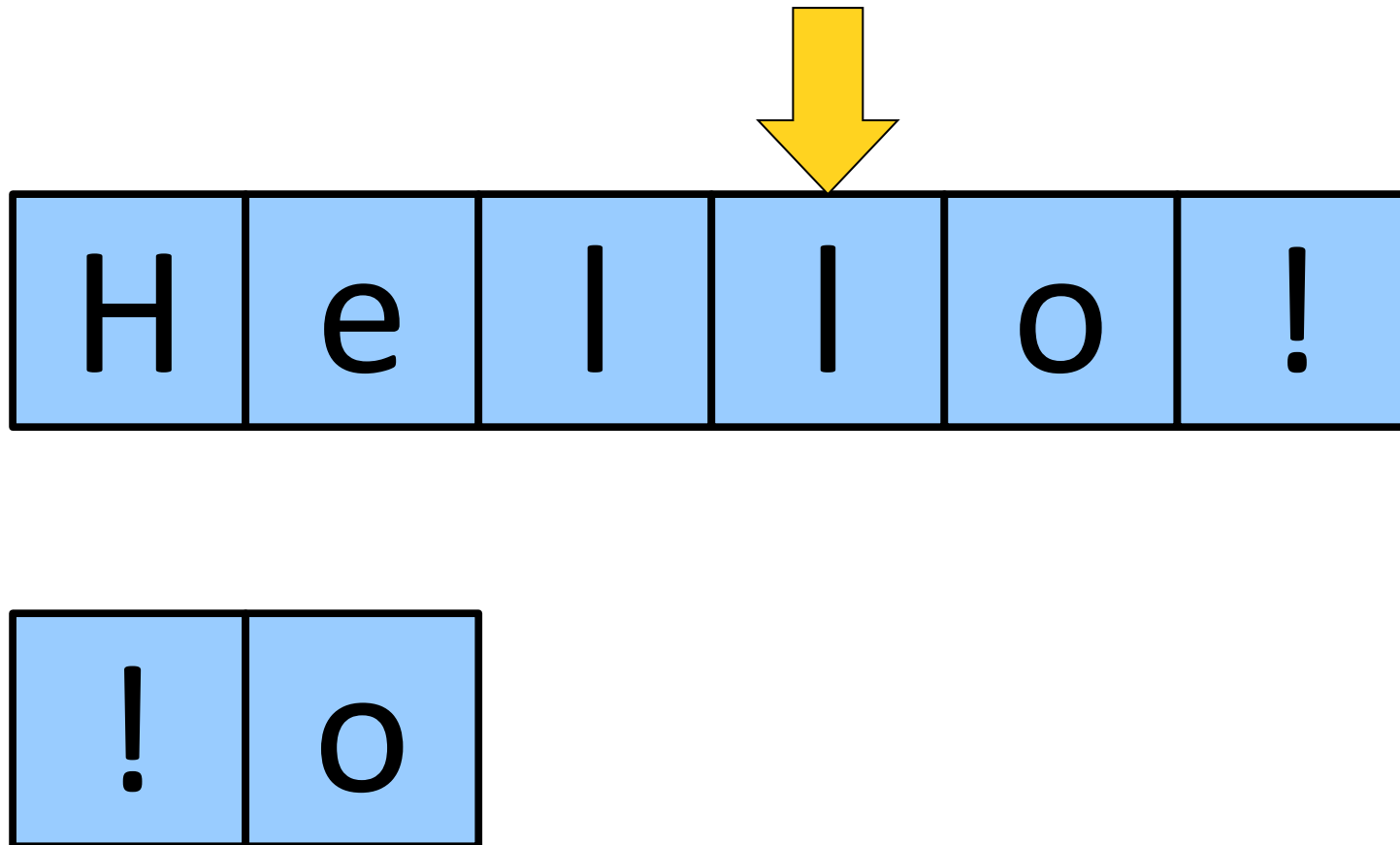
Reversing a String



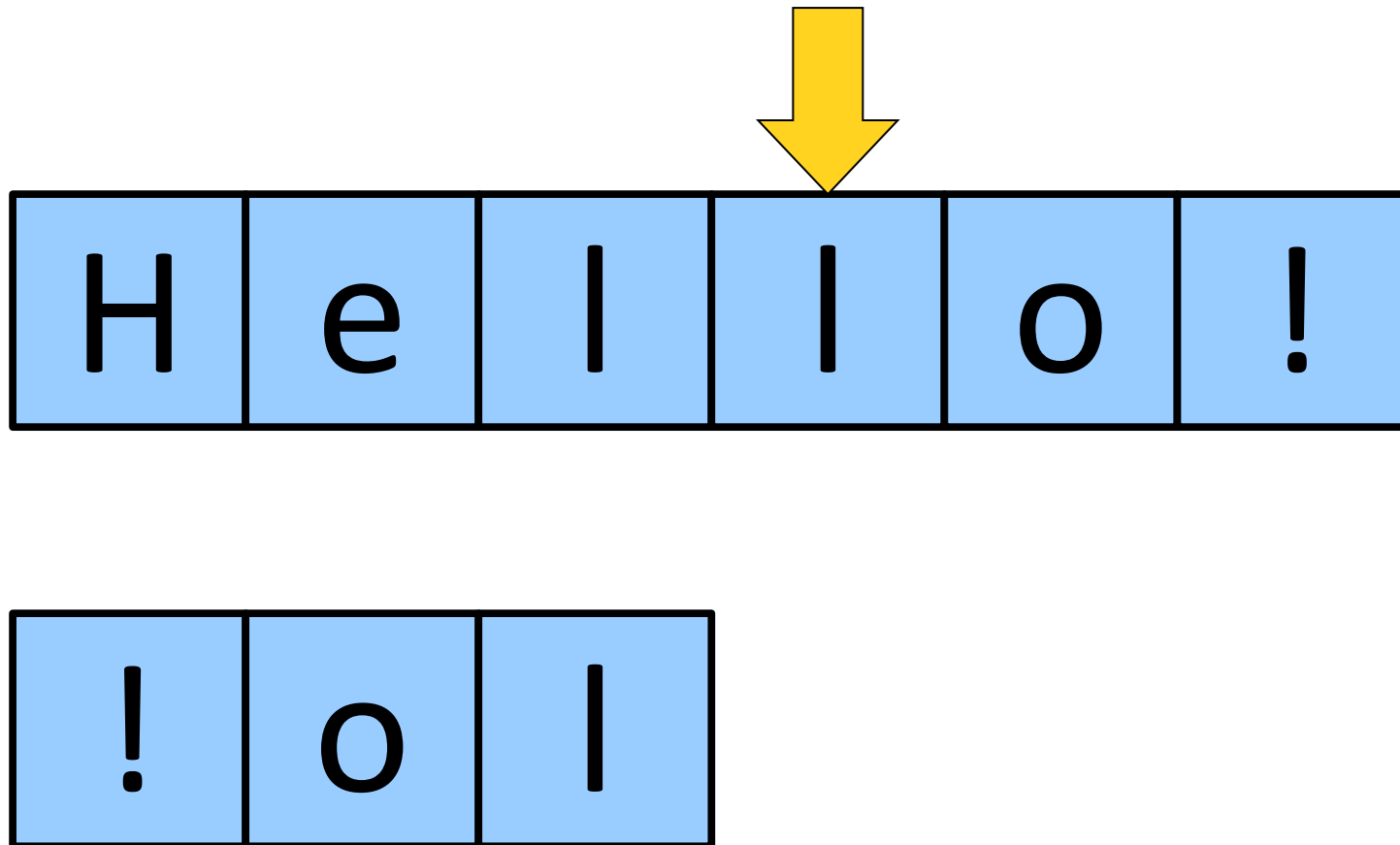
Reversing a String



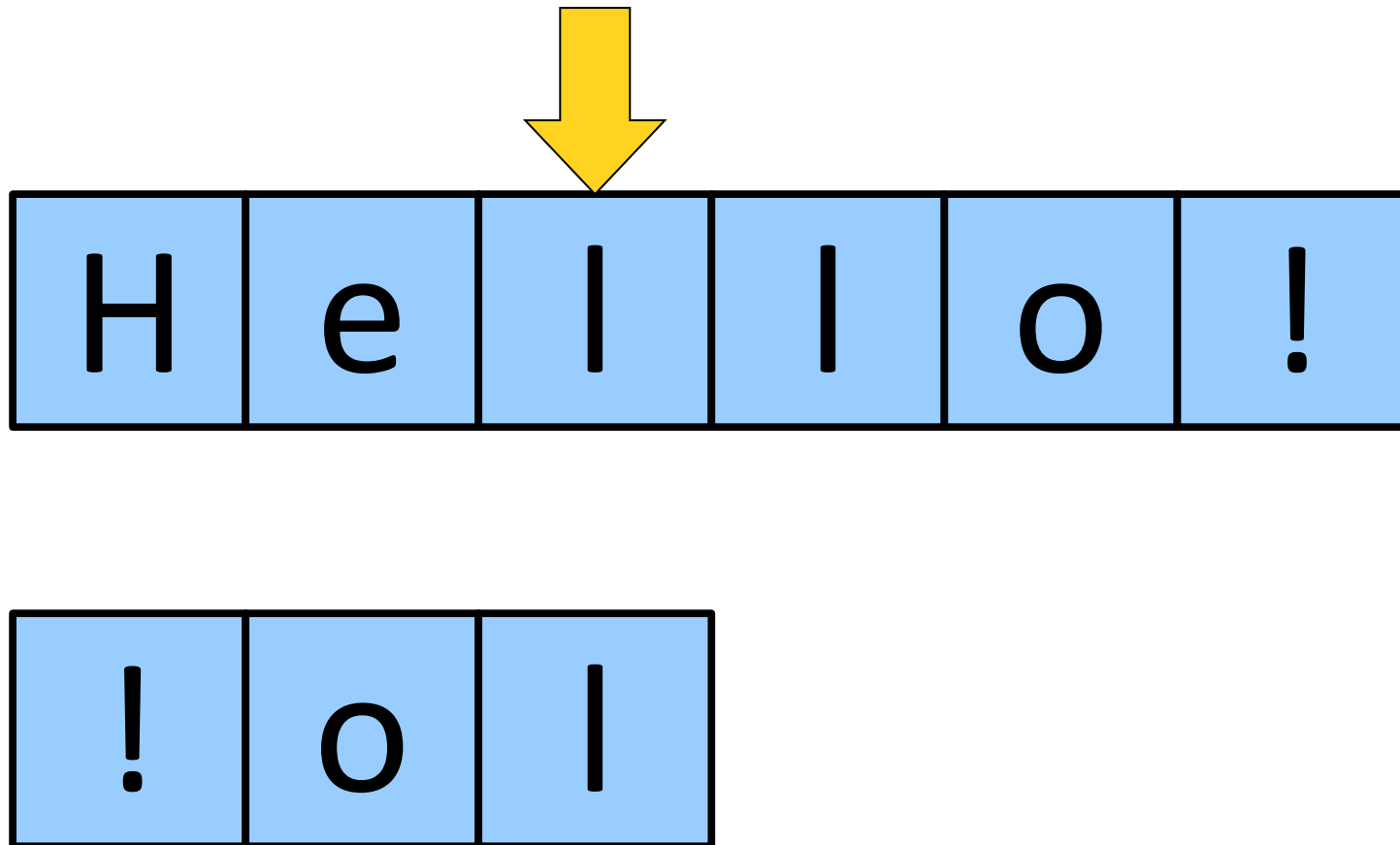
Reversing a String



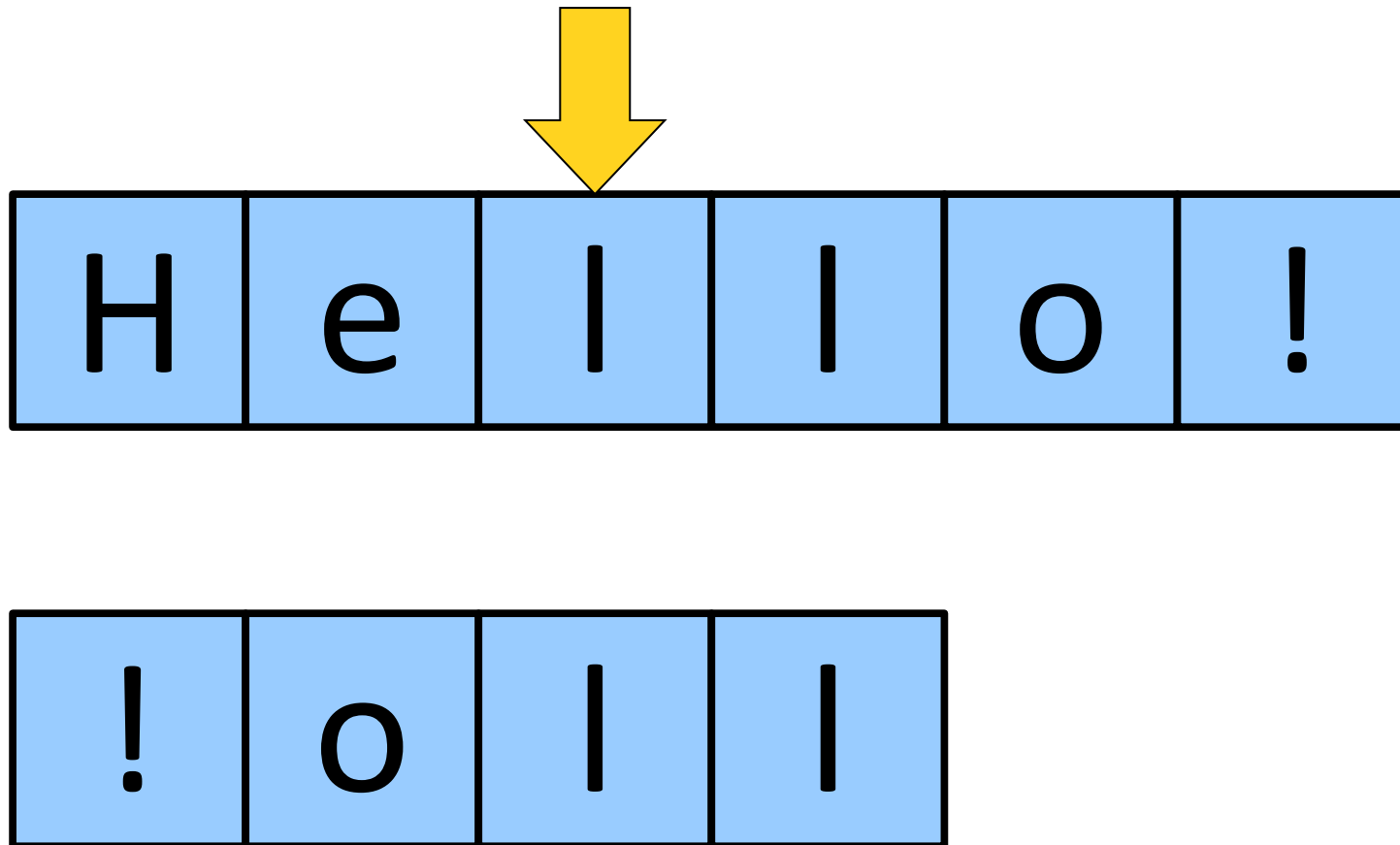
Reversing a String



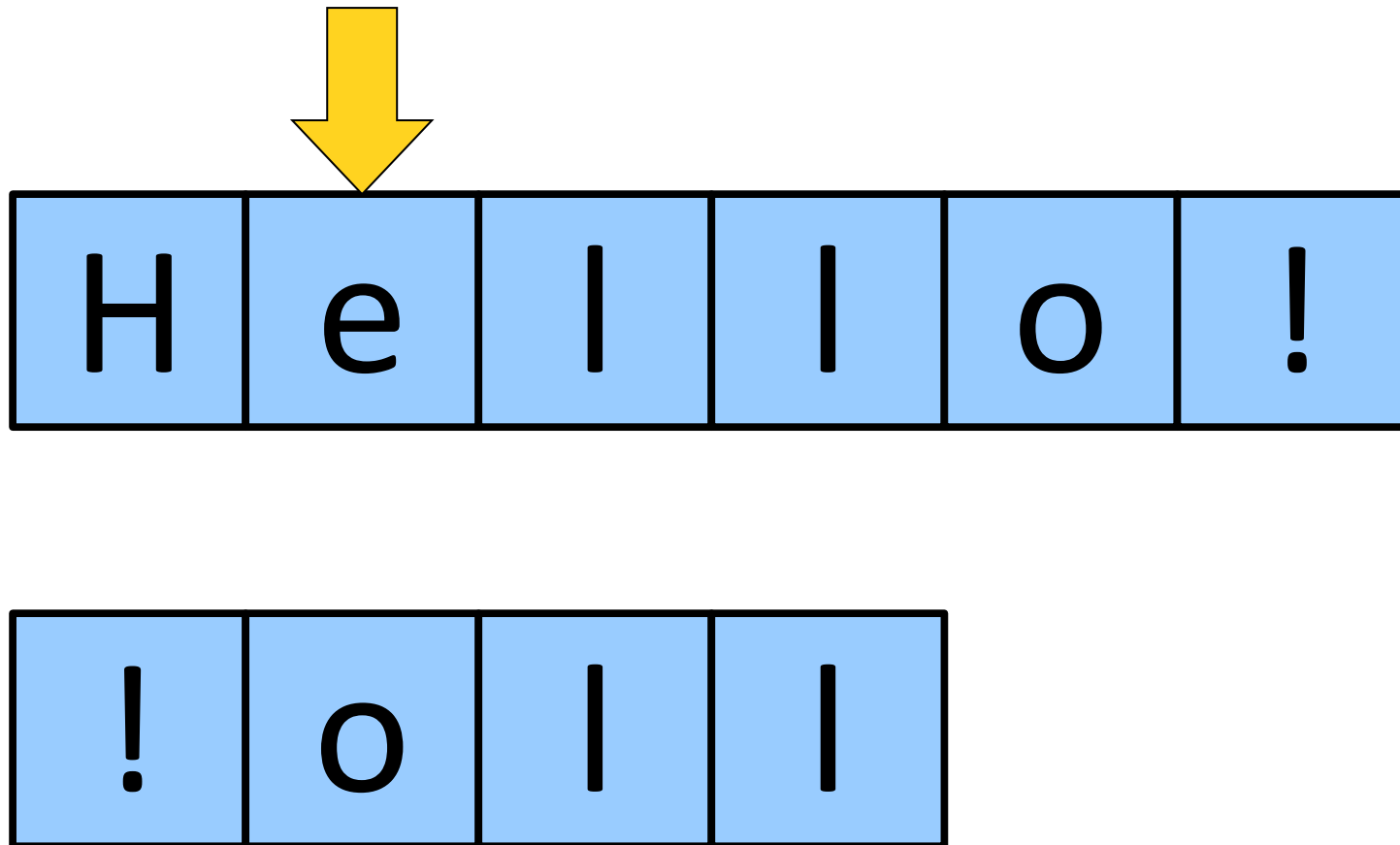
Reversing a String



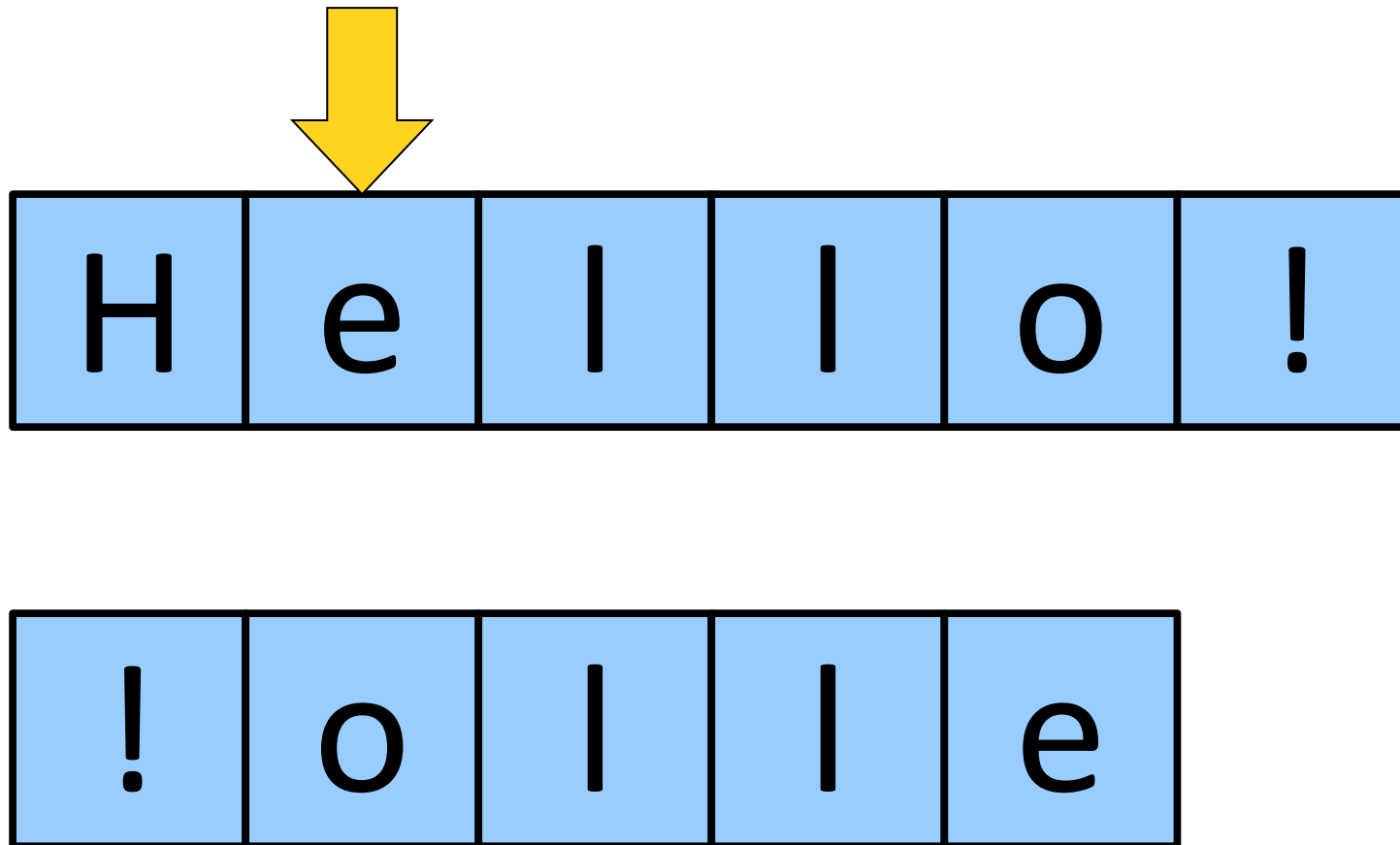
Reversing a String



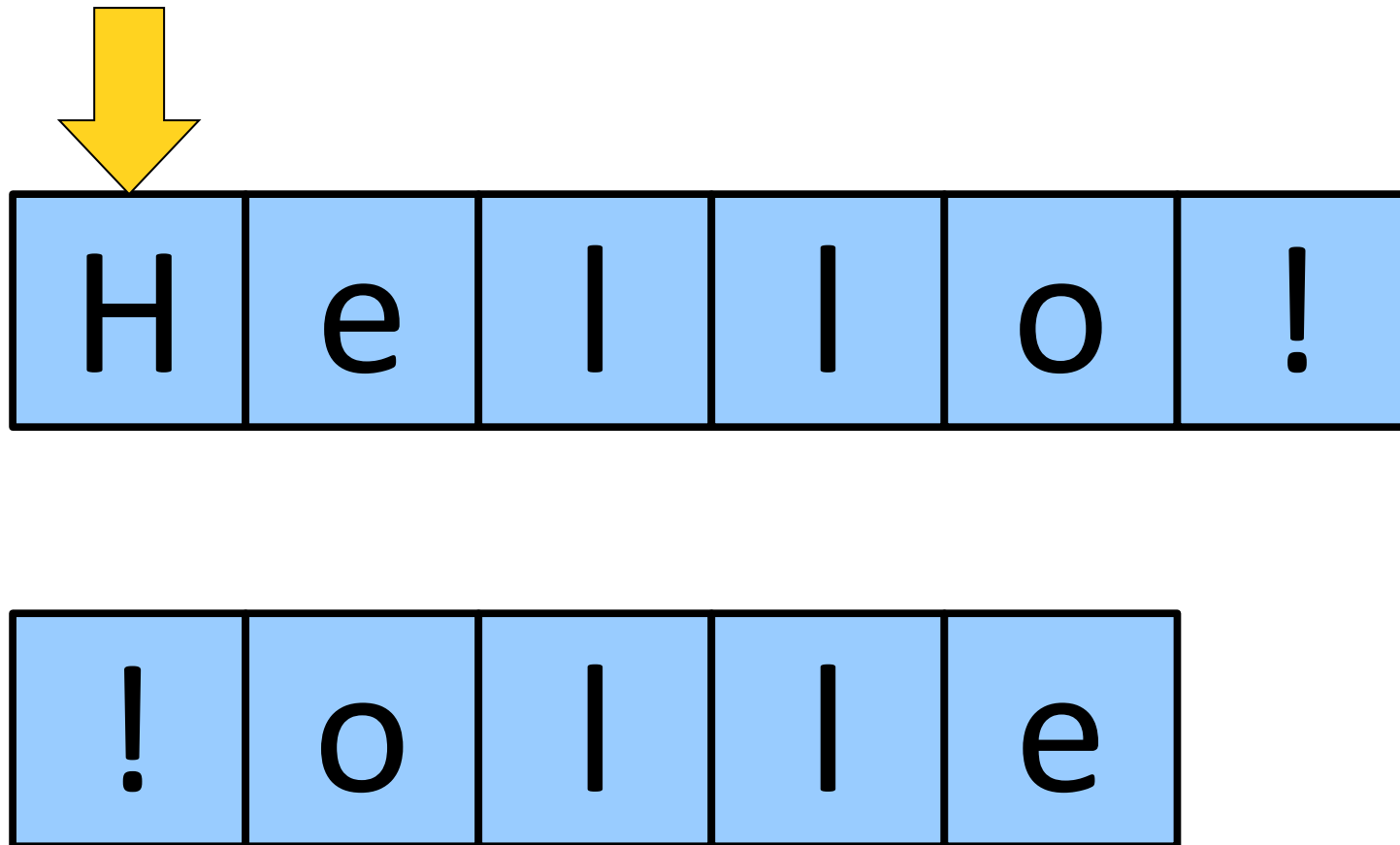
Reversing a String



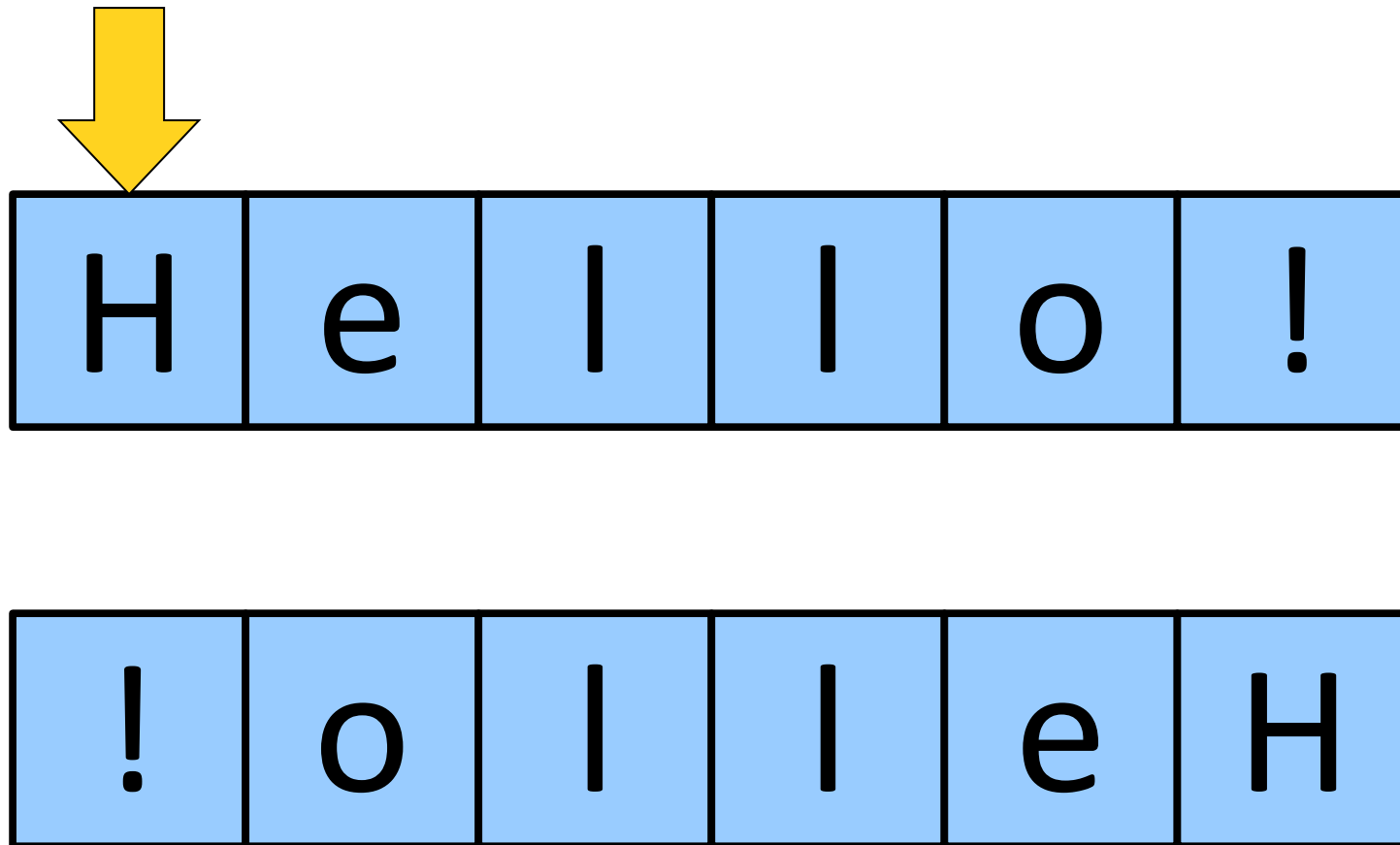
Reversing a String



Reversing a String



Reversing a String



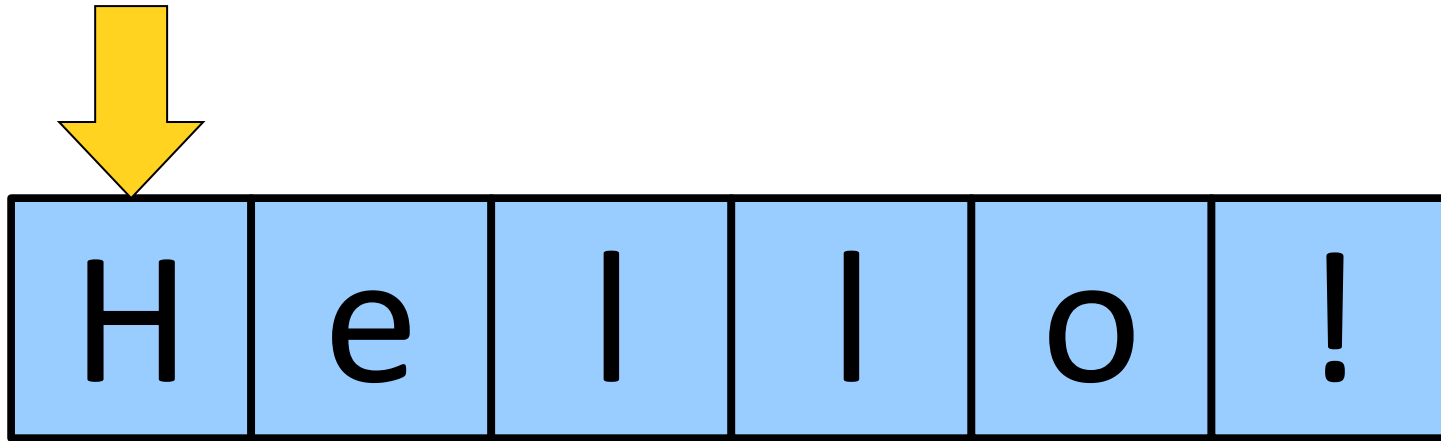
Reversing a String

H	e	l	l	o	!
---	---	---	---	---	---

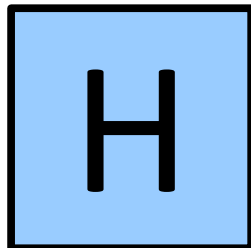
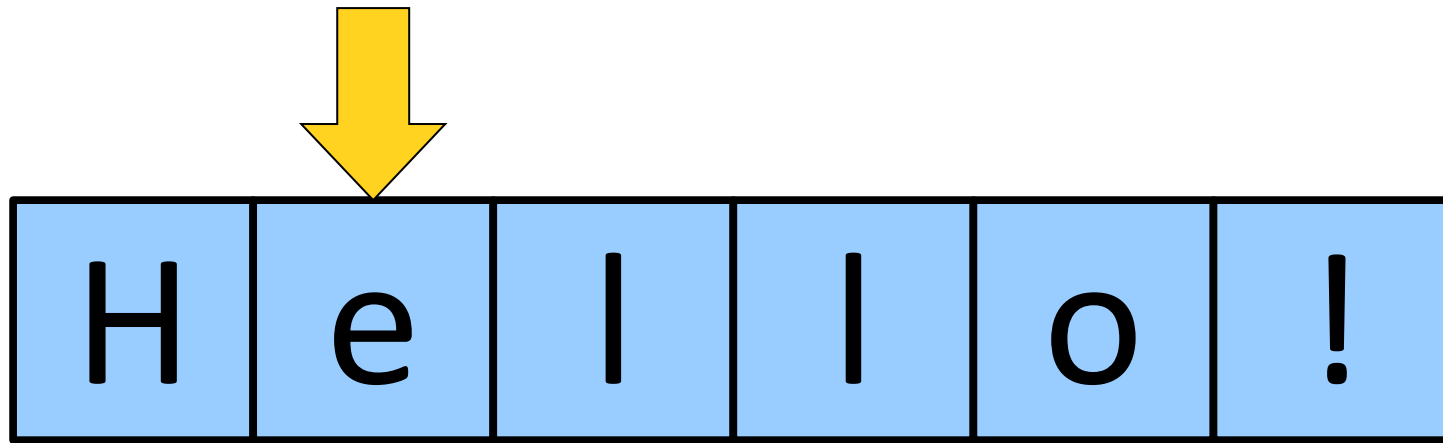
!	o	l	l	e	H
---	---	---	---	---	---



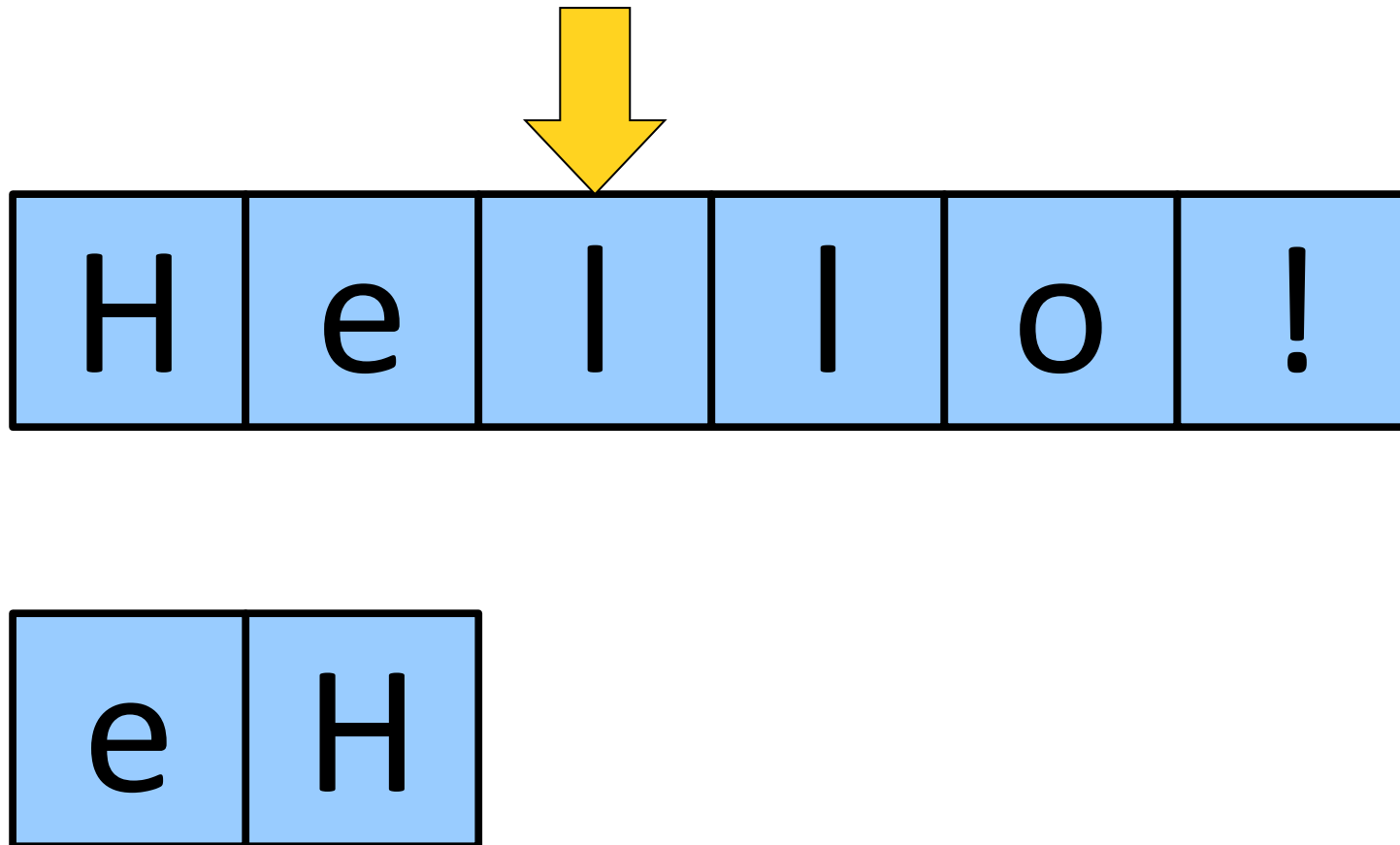
Reversing a String



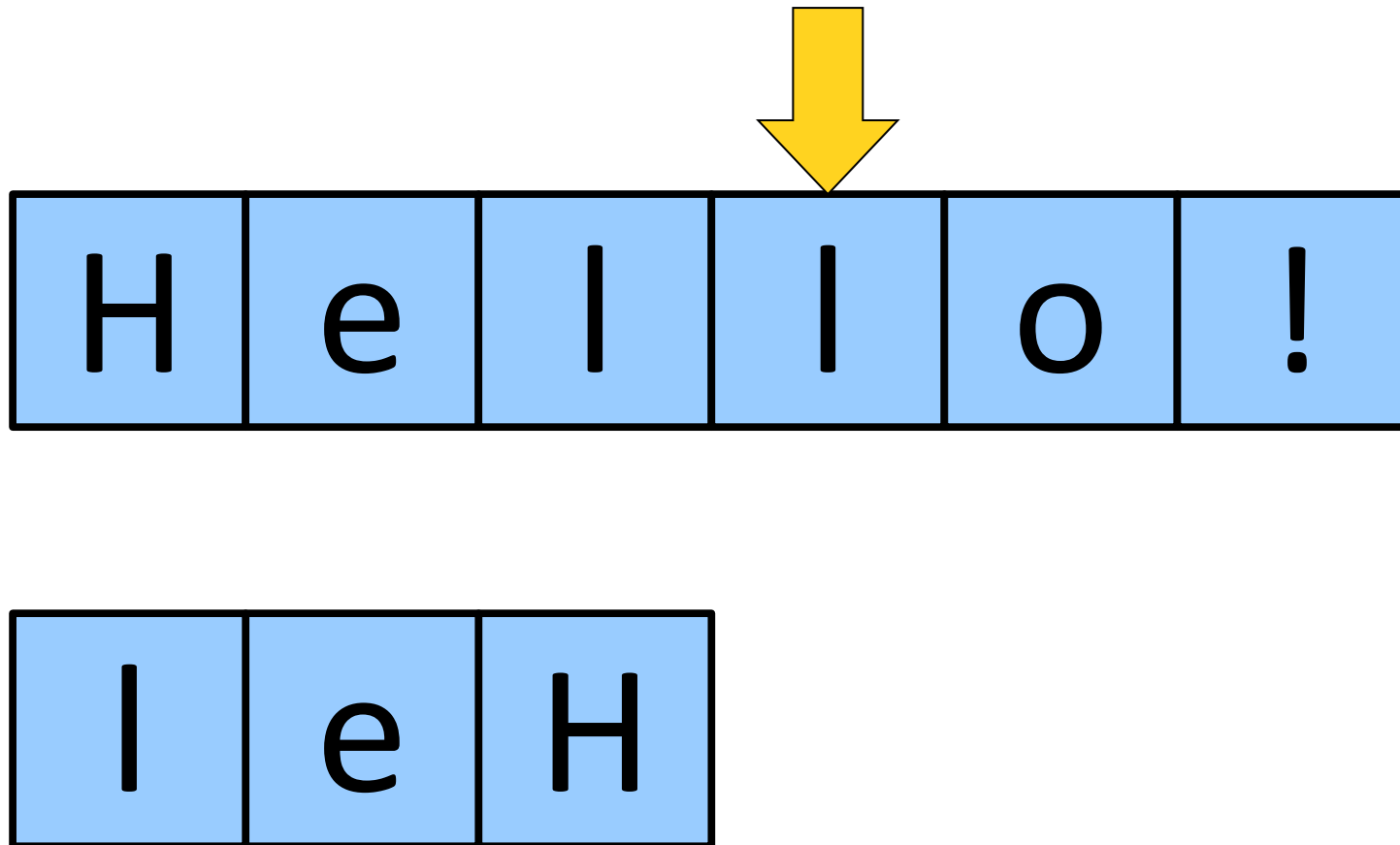
Reversing a String



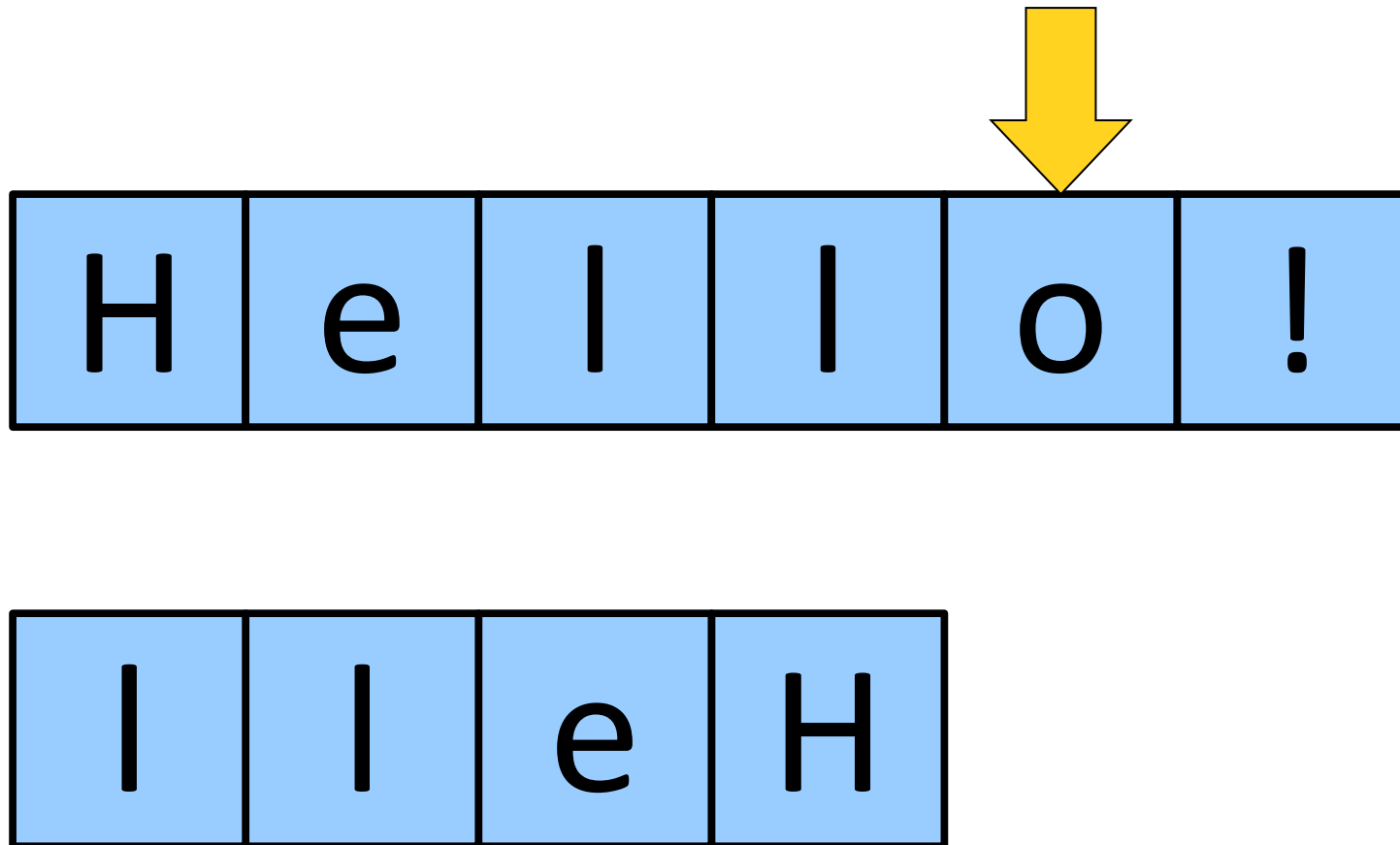
Reversing a String



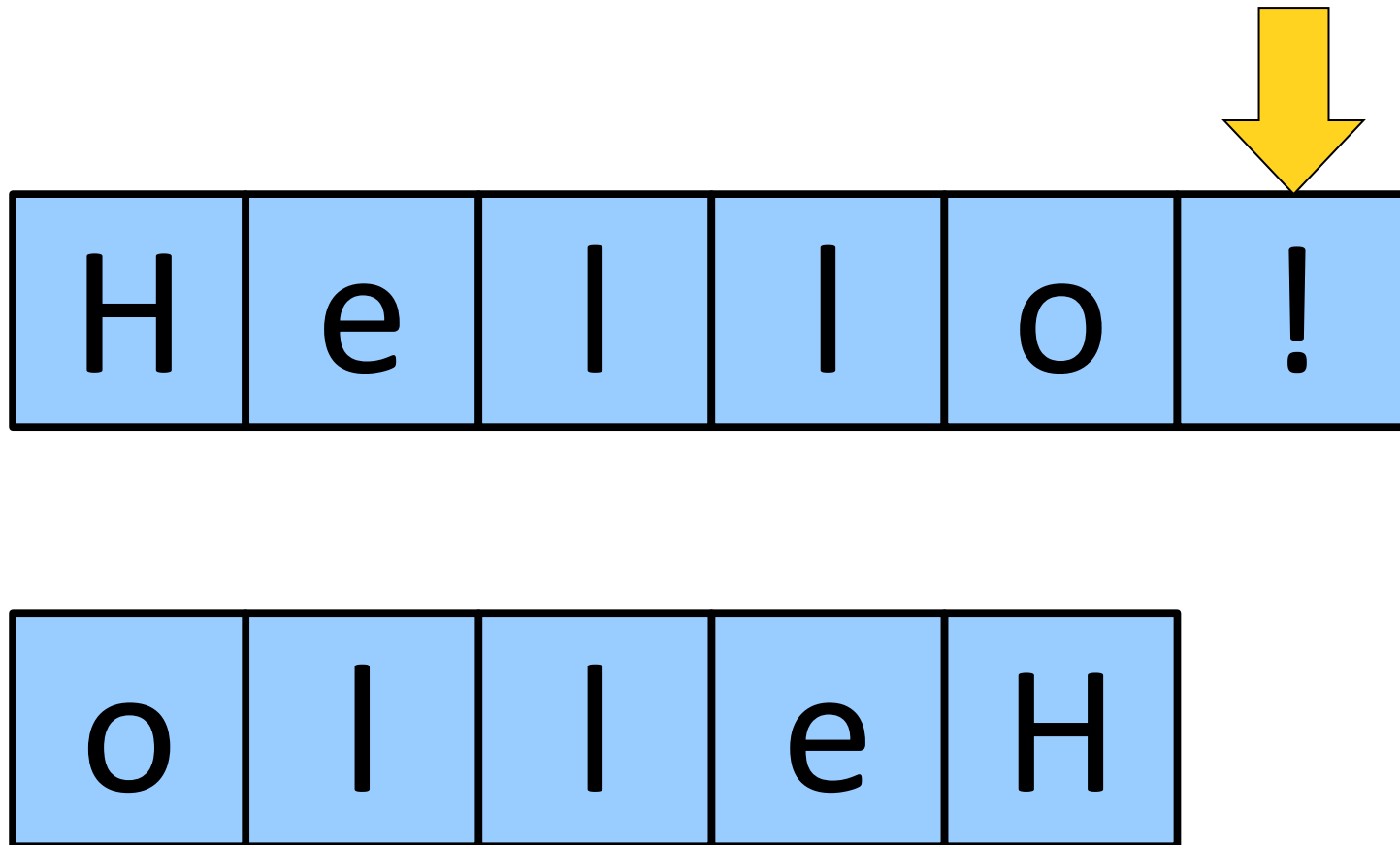
Reversing a String



Reversing a String



Reversing a String



Reversing a String

H	e	l	l	o	!
---	---	---	---	---	---

!	o	l	l	e	H
---	---	---	---	---	---



reverseString

```
public void run() {  
    private String reverseString(String str) {  
        String result = "";  
        for ( int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++ ) {  
            result = str.charAt(i) + result;  
        }  
        return result;  
    }  
}
```

result

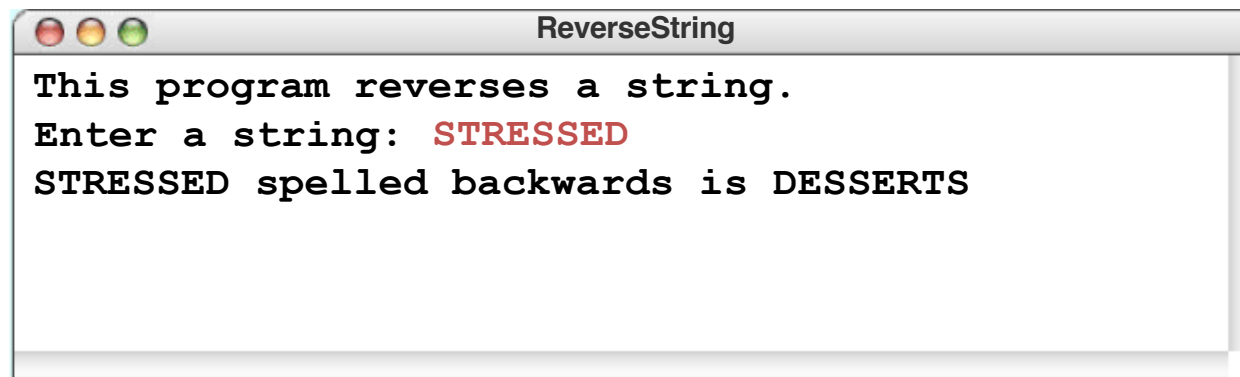
DESSERTS

str

STRESSED

i

8



Useful String methods

int length()

Returns the length of the string

char charAt(int index)

Returns the character at the specified index. Note: Strings indexed starting at 0.

String substring(int p1, int p2)

Returns the substring beginning at **p1** and extending up to but not including **p2**

String substring(int p1)

Returns substring beginning at **p1** and extending through end of string.

boolean equals(String s2)

Returns true if string **s2** is equal to the receiver string. This is case sensitive.

int compareTo(String s2)

Returns integer whose sign indicates how strings compare in lexicographic order

int indexOf(char ch) or int indexOf(String s)

Returns index of first occurrence of the character or the string, or -1 if not found

String toLowerCase() or String toUpperCase()

Returns a lowercase or uppercase version of the receiver string



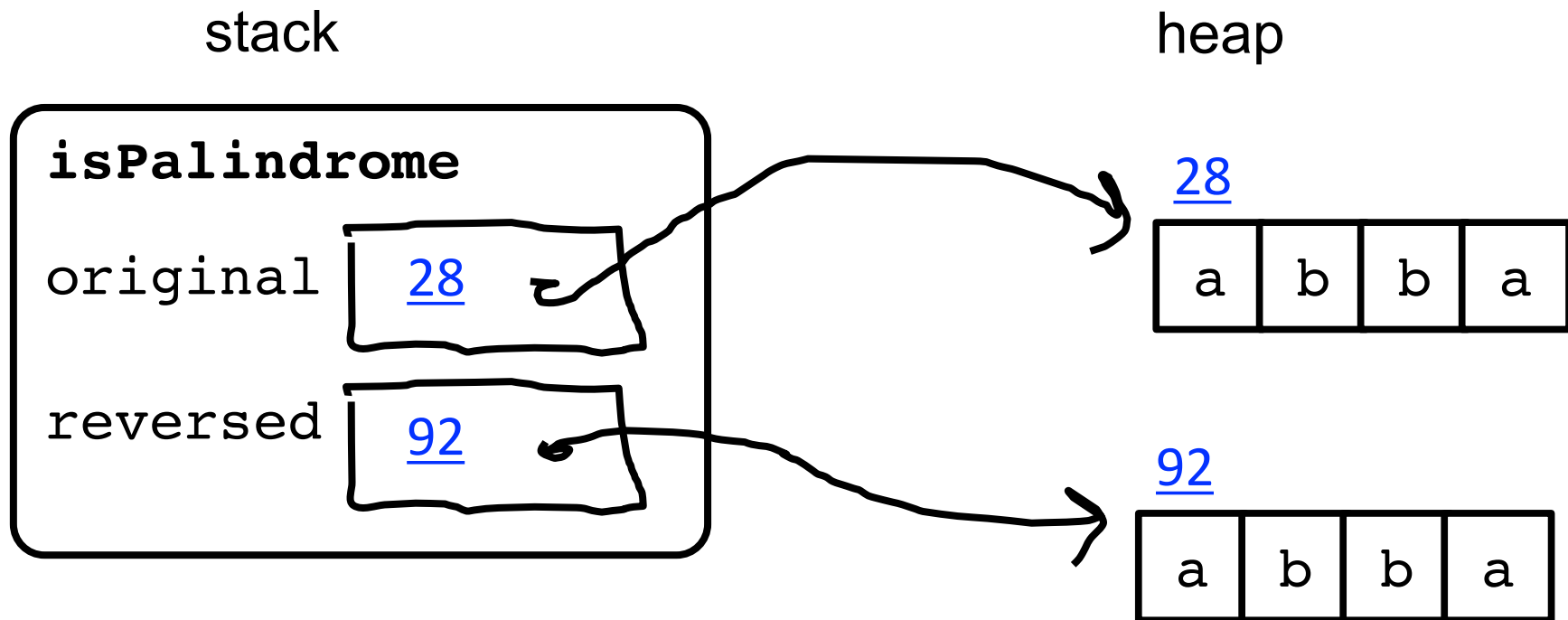
Palindrome

- A *palindrome* is a string that reads the same forwards and backwards.
- For example:
 - Abba
 - Racecar
 - Kayak
 - Mr. Owl ate my metal worm.
 - A man, a plan, a canal – panama!
 - Amo la pacífica paloma
 - Нажал кабан на баклажан
 - Elu par cette crapule



What went wrong?

```
private boolean isPalindrome(String original) {  
    String reversed = reverse(original);  
    return reversed == original;  
}
```





Use `.equals` to compare
strings, not `==`



Some test cases

- Let's test our program on some examples:
 - Racecar
 - Kayak
 - Mr. Owl ate my metal worm.
 - Go hang a salami! I'm a lasagna hog.
- Will it work?



Stress Test

A man, a plan, a caret, a ban, a myriad, a sum, a lac, a liar, a hoop, a pint, a catalpa, a gas, an oil, a bird, a yell, a vat, a caw, a pax, a wag, a tax, a nay, a ram, a cap, a yam, a gay, a tsar, a wall, a car, a luger, a ward, a bin, a woman, a vassal, a wolf, a tuna, a nit, a pall, a fret, a watt, a bay, a daub, a tan, a cab, a datum, a gall, a hat, a tag, a zap, a say, a jaw, a lay, a wet, a gallop, a tug, a trot, a trap, a tram, a torr, a caper, a top, a tonk, a toll, a ball, a fair, a sax, a minim, a tenor, a bass, a passer, a capital, a rut, an amen, a ted, a cabal, a tang, a sun, an ass, a maw, a sag, a jam, a dam, a sub, a salt, an axon, a sail, an ad, a wadi, a radian, a room, a rood, a rip, a tad, a pariah, a revel, a reel, a reed, a pool, a plug, a pin, a peek, a parabola, a dog, a pat, a cud, a nu, a fan, a pal, a rum, a nod, an eta, a lag, an eel, a batik, a mug, a mot, a nap, a maxim, a mood, a leek, a grub, a gob, a gel, a drab, a citadel, a total, a cedar, a tap, a gag, a rat, a manor, a bar, a gal, a cola, a pap, a yaw, a tab, a raj, a gab, a nag, a pagan, a bag, a jar, a bat, a way, a papa, a local, a gar, a baron, a mat, a rag, a gap, a tar, a decal, a tot, a led, a tic, a bard, a leg, a bog, a burg, a keel, a doom, a mix, a map, an atom, a gum, a kit, a baleen, a gala, a ten, a don, a mural, a pan, a faun, a ducat, a pagoda, a lob, a rap, a keep, a nip, a gulp, a loop, a deer, a leer, a lever, a hair, a pad, a tapir, a door, a moor, an aid, a raid, a wad, an alias, an ox, an atlas, a bus, a madam, a jag, a saw, a mass, an anus, a gnat, a lab, a cadet, an em, a natural, a tip, a caress, a pass, a baronet, a minimax, a sari, a fall, a ballot, a knot, a pot, a rep, a carrot, a mart, a part, a tort, a gut, a poll, a gateway, a law, a jay, a sap, a zag, a tat, a hall, a gamut, a dab, a can, a tabu, a day, a batt, a waterfall, a patina, a nut, a flow, a lass, a van, a mow, a nib, a draw, a regular, a call, a war, a stay, a gam, a yap, a cam, a ray, an ax, a tag, a wax, a paw, a cat, a valley, a drib, a lion, a saga, a plat, a catnip, a pooh, a rail, a calamus, a dairyman, a bater, a canal – Panama!



Remember!

Counterfeiter



User



You (Distributor)



Can you solve it?



Bright Simons

Piech, CS106A, Stanford University

