

Strings in Go

- Go has two additional integer types called **byte** and **rune** that **are aliases** for **uint8** and **int32** data types. **In Go, the byte and rune data types are used to distinguish characters from integer values.**
- Golang doesn't have a char data type. **It uses byte and rune to represent character values.**
- **Characters or rune literals** are expressed in Go by enclosing them in single quotes, as in 'x' or '\n'. Rune literals such as 'a', 'b', 'c', 'x' or '\n' are represented using **Unicode Code Points**. **A code point is a numeric value that represents a rune literal.**
- The character encoding scheme **ASCII** which is a Unicode subset, comprises 128 code points.
- A **string** is a series of bytes values. **A string is a slice of bytes** and any byte slice can be encoded in a string value.
- **The Go terminology for code points is runes**. A rune represent a single unicode character.

Rune 0x61 in hexadecimal represents the rune literal 'a'.