

java.lang.String

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String it refers to an Object in java present in package called java.lang.String
String refers to collection of characters

```
eg:: String s= "sachin";
      System.out.println(s);//sachin

      String s =new String("sachin");
      System.out.println(s);//sachin
```

In java String object is by default immutable, meaning once the object is created we cannot change the value of the object, if we try to change then those changes will be reflected on the new object not on the existing object.

```
case 1:: String s= "sachin";
          s.concat("tendulkar");(new object got created with modification so
immutable)
          System.out.println(s);

          output::sachin
```

vs

```
StringBuilder sb=new StringBuilder("sachin");
sb.append("tendulkar");(on the same object modification so mutable)
System.out.println(sb);

output:: sachintendulkar
```

```
case 2:: String s1 = new String("sachin");
          String s2 = new String("sachin");
          System.out.println(s1==s2); //false
          System.out.println(s1.equals(s2)); //true
          => String class .equals method will compare the content of the object
              if same return true otherwise return false
```

vs

```
StringBuilder sb1 = new StringBuilder("sachin");
StringBuilder sb2 = new StringBuilder("sachin");
System.out.println(sb1==sb2); //false
System.out.println(sb1.equals(s2)); //false
=> StringBuilder class .equals method is not overridden so it will
use Object
      class .equals() which is meant for reference comparison.
      if differnt object returns false, even if the contents are same.
```

```
case 3:: String s =new String("sachin");
          In this case 2 objects will be created one in the heap and the other
one in
          the String Constant Pool, the reference will always point to Heap.
```

vs

```
String s ="sachin";
          In this case only one object will be created in the SCP and it will be
referred
          by our reference.
```

Note:: Object creation in SCP is always optional, 1st jvm will check is any object already created with required content or not.
If it is already available then it will reuse the existing object

instead of creating the new Object.

If it is not available only then new object will be created, so we say in SCP there is no chance of existing 2 objects with the same content. In SCP duplicates are not permitted.

Garbage Collector cannot access SCP Area, Even though Object does not have any reference still object is not eligible for GC.

All SCP objects will be destroyed only at the time of JVM ShutDown.

```
eg:: String s1=new String("dhoni");
      String s2=new String("dhoni");
      String s3="dhoni";
      String s4="dhoni";
```

Output:: Two objects are created in the heap with data as "dhoni" with reference as S1,S2

One object is created in SCP with the reference as S3,S4.

```
case 4:: String s = new String("sachin");
          s.concat("tendulkar");
          s=s.concat("IND");
          s="sachintendulkar";
```

Output:: Direct literals are always placed in SCP, Because of runtime operation if object is required to create compulsorily that object should be placed on the Heap, but not on SCP.

```
case 5:: String s1= new String("sachin");
          s1.concat("tendulkar");
          s1+="IND";
          String s2=s1.concat("MI");
          System.out.println(s1);
          System.out.println(s2);
```

How many objects are eligible for GC?

total :: 8 objects

GC Eligible:: 2 objects

```
case 6:: String s1=new String("you cannot change me!");
          String s2=new String("you cannot change me!");
          System.out.println(s1==s2);//false
```

```
String s3="you cannot change me!";
System.out.println(s1==s3);//false
String s4="you cannot change me!";
System.out.println(s3==s4);//true
```

```
String s5="you cannot " + "change me!";
System.out.println(s3==s5);//true
```

```
String s6="you cannot ";
String s7=s6+"change me!";
System.out.println(s3==s7);//false
```

```
final String s8="you cannot ";
String s9=s8+"change me!";
System.out.println(s3==s9);//true
System.out.println(s6==s8);//true
```

case7 :: Interning=> Using Heap object reference, if we want to get Corresponding SCP Object, then we need to use intern() method.

```

eg1::
String s1 =new String("sachin");// One in heap(s1) and the other one in
SCP
String s2=s1.intern();//using s1 access object in SCP which has no
reference
System.out.println(s1==s2);//false
String s3="sachin";
System.out.println(s2==s3);//true

```

Using heap object reference, if we want to get the corresponding SCP object and if the Object does not exists, then intern() will create a new object in SCP and it returns.

```

eg2::
String s1=new String("sachin");// One in heap(s1) and the other one in
SCP
String s2=s1.concat("IND");// One in SCP(IND) and the other one in
heap(s2)
String s3=s2.intern();
String s4="sachinIND";
System.out.println(s1 == s3);//false
System.out.println(s2 == s3);//false
System.out.println(s3 == s4);//true

```

Note:

Importance of SCP

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1. In our program if any String object is required to use repeatedly then it is not recommended to create multiple object with same content it reduces performance of the system and effects memory utilization.
2. We can create only one copy and we can reuse the same object for every requirement. This approach improves performance and memory utilization we can achieve this by using "scp".
3. In SCP several references pointing to same object the main disadvantage in this approach is by using one reference if we are performing any change the remaining references will be impacted. To overcome this problem sun people implemented immutability concept for String objects.
4. According to this once we creates a String object we can't perform any changes in the existing object if we are trying to perform any changes with those changes
a new String object will be created hence immutability is the main disadvantage of scp.

String class Constructor

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String s =new String()	=> Creates an Empty String Object
String s =new String(String literals)	=> Creates an Object with String literals on Heap
String s =new String(StringBuffer sb)	=> Creates an equivalent String object for StringBuffer
String s =new String(char[] ch)	=> Creates an equivalent String object for character array
String s =new String(byte[] b)	=> Creates an equivalent String object for byte array

eg:

```

char[] ch={'a','b','c'} ;
String s=new String(ch);
System.out.println(s);//abc

```

```
eg:
byte[] b={100,101,102};
String s=new String(b);
System.out.println(s)//def
```

Important methods of String

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```
1.public char charAt(int index)
    eg:: String s="sachin";
        System.out.print(s.charAt(0));//s
```

```
System.out.print(s.charAt(-1));//StringArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
```

```
System.out.print(s.charAt(10));//StringArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
```

```
2.public String concat(String str)
    eg:: String s="sachin";
        System.out.println(s.concat("tendulkar"));
    s+="IND";
    s=s+"MI";
    System.out.print(s);
```

```
3.public boolean equals(Object o)
    It is used for Content Comparison, In String class equals() method
is Overriden to check the content of the object
```

```
4.public boolean equalsIgnoreCase(String s)
    It is used for Content Comparison without comparing the case.
```

```
5.public String substring(int begin)
    It gives the String from the begin index to end of the String.
    String s="Ineeuron";
    System.out.print(s.substring(2));//searching from 2 to end of the
string
```

```
6.public String substring(int begin,int end)
    It gives the String from the begin index to end-1 of the String.
    String s="Ineeuron";
    System.out.print(s.substring(2,6));//searching from 2 to 5 will
happen
```

```
7.public int length()
    It returns the no of characters present in the String.
    String s="Ineeuron";
    System.out.print(s.length());//8
    System.out.print(s.length());//Compile time error
```

```
8.public String replace(char old,char new)
    String s="ababab";
    System.out.print(s.replace('a','b'));//bbbbbb
```

```
9.public String toLowerCase()
10.public String toUpperCase()
```

```
11.public String trim()
    To remove the blank spaces present at the begining and end of
string but not the
    blank spaces present at the middle of the String.
```

```
12.public int indexOf(char ch)
    It returns the index of 1st occurrence of the specified character if
```

the specified
character is not available then it returns -1.

```
String s="sachinramesh";
System.out.print(s.indexOf('a'));//1
System.out.print(s.indexOf('z'));//-1
```

13. public int lastIndexOf(char ch)
It returns the index of last occurrence of the specified character if
the specified
character is not available then it returns -1.

```
String s="sachinramesh";
System.out.print(s.lastIndexOf('a'));//7
System.out.print(s.lastIndexOf('z'));//-1
```

.>Because of runtime operation, if there is a change in the content with those
changes a new Object will be created only on the heap, but not in SCP.

.>If there is no change then the same object will be reused.

This rule is applicable for Objects present in both SCP and Heap.

```
eg:: String s1="sachin"
String s2=s1.toUpperCase();
String s3=s1.toLowerCase();
System.out.print(s1==s2);//false
System.out.print(s1==s3);//true
```

```
eg:: String s1="sachin";
String s2=s1.toString();
System.out.print(s1==s2);//true
```

```
eg:: String s1=new String("sachin");
String s2=s1.toString();
String s3=s1.toUpperCase();
String s4=s1.toLowerCase();
String s5=s1.toUpperCase();
String s6=s1.toLowerCase();
System.out.print(s1==s6);//true
System.out.print(s3==s5);//false
```

final vs Immutability

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=> final is a modifier applicable for variables, where as immutability is
applicable only for Objects.

=> If reference variable is declared as final, it means we cannot perform
reAssignment for the reference variable,

it doesnot mean we cannot perform any change in that object.

=> By declaring a reference variable as final, we wont get immutability nature.

=> final and Immutability is different concept.

```
eg:: final StringBuilder sb=new StringBuilder("sachin");
      sb.append("tendulkar");
      System.out.println(sb);
      sb=new StringBuilder("dhoni"); //CE::Cannot assign a value to final
variable
```

Note:: final variable(valid), final object(invalid), immutable variable(invalid)
immutable object(valid)

StringBuilder, StringBuffer and all Wrapper classes are by Default
Immutable.

Question::

1. Difference b/w String and StringBuilder?
2. Difference b/w String and StringBuffer?
3. Other than Immutability and Mutability what is the difference b/w String and StringBuffer?
4. What is SCP?
5. What is the advantage of SCP?
6. What is the disadvantage of SCP?
7. Why SCP is applicable only for String and not for StringBuilder?
8. Is there any Object which is Immutable just like String?
9. What is interning?
10. Difference b/w final and Immutability?

StringBuffer

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1. If the content will change frequently then it is not recommended to go for String object because for every new change a new Object will be created.
2. To handle this type of requirement, we have StringBuffer/StringBuilder concept

1. `StringBuffer sb=new StringBuffer();`
creates a empty StringBuffer object with default initial capacity of "16".

Once StringBuffer reaches its maximum capacity a new StringBuffer Object will be created

$$\text{new capacity} = (\text{current capacity} + 1) * 2;$$

```
eg1::StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer();
      System.out.println(sb.capacity()); //16
      sb.append("abcdefghijklmnp");
      System.out.println(sb.capacity()); //16
      sb.append('q');
      System.out.println(sb.capacity()); //34
```

2. `StringBuffer sb=new StringBuffer(initialCapacity);`
It creates an Empty String with the specified initial capacity.

```
eg1::StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer(19);
      System.out.println(sb.capacity()); //19
```

3. `StringBuffer sb=new StringBuffer(String s);`
It creates a StringBuffer object for the given String with the capacity = `s.length() + 16;`

```
eg1::StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("sachin");
      System.out.println(sb.capacity()); //22
```

Important methods of StringBuffer

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- a. `public int length()`
- b. `public int capacity()`
- c. `public char charAt(int index)`
- d. `public void setCharAt(int index, char ch)`

```
eg::
      StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("sachinrameshtendulkar");
      System.out.println(sb.length()); //21
      System.out.println(sb.capacity()); //21 + 16 = 37
      System.out.println(sb.charAt(20)); // 'r'
      System.out.println(sb.charAt(100)); //StringIndexOutOfBoundsException
```

```
eg::
      StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("sachin");
      sb.setCharAt(2, 'C');
      System.out.println(sb);
```

```

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e. public StringBuffer append(String s)
f. public StringBuffer append(int i)
g. public StringBuffer append(long l)
h. public StringBuffer append(boolean b)
i. public StringBuffer append(double d)
j. public StringBuffer append(float f)
k. public StringBuffer append(int index, Object o)

```

append method is overloaded method, methodName is same but change in the argument type.

```

eg::
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer();
sb.append("PI value is :: ");
sb.append(3.1414);
sb.append(" This is exactly ");
sb.append(true);
System.out.println(sb); // PI value is ::3.1414 This is exactly true

```

Overloaded methods

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l. public StringBuffer insert(int index, String s)
m. public StringBuffer insert(int index, int i)
n. public StringBuffer insert(int index, long l)
o. public StringBuffer insert(int index, double d)
p. public StringBuffer insert(int index, boolean b)
q. public StringBuffer insert(int index, float s)
r. public StringBuffer insert(int index, Object o)

```

To insert the String at the specified position we use insert method

```

eg::
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("sacin");
sb.insert(3, 'h');
System.out.println(sb); //sachin
sb.insert(6, "IND");
System.out.println(sb); //sachinIND

```

Methods of StringBuffer

```

=====
public StringBuffer delete(int begin, int end)
    It deletes the character from specified index to end-1.

```

```

public StringBuffer deleteCharAt(int index)
    It deletes the character at the specified index.

```

```

eg:: StringBuffer sb=new StringBuffer("sachinrameshtendulkar");
    sb.delete(6,12);
    System.out.println(sb); //sachintendulkar
    sb.deleteCharAt(13);
    System.out.println(sb); //sachintndulkar

```

```

public StringBuffer reverse()
    It is used to reverse the given String.

```

```

eg:: StringBuffer sb=new StringBuffer("sachin");
    sb.reverse();
    System.out.println(sb); //nihcas

```

```

public void setLength(int Length)

```

It is used to consider only the specified no of characters and remove all the remaining characters.

eg::

```
StringBuffer sb=new StringBuffer("sachinramesh");
sb.setLength(6);
System.out.println(sb);//sachin
```

```
public void trimToSize()
```

This method is used to deallocate the extra allocated free memory such that capacity and size are equal.

eg::

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer(1000);
System.out.println(sb.capacity());//1000
```

```
sb.append("sachin");
System.out.println(sb.capacity());//1000
```

```
sb.trimToSize();
```

```
System.out.println(sb);//sachin
System.out.println(sb.capacity());//6
```

```
public void ensureCapacity(int capacity)
```

It is used to increase the capacity dynamically based on our requirement.

eg::

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer();
System.out.println(sb.capacity());//16
sb.ensureCapacity(1000);
System.out.println(sb.capacity());//1000
```

EveryMethod present in StringBuffer is synchronized, so at a time only one thread can are allowed to operate on StringBuffer Object, it would increase the waiting time of the threads it would create performance problems, to overcome this problem we should go for StringBuiler.

StringBuiler(1.5v)

StringBuiler is same as StringBuffer(1.0V) with few differences

StringBuiler

No methods are synchronized

At at time more than one thread can operate so it is not ThreadSafe.

Threads are not requiried to wait so performance is high.

Introduced in jdk1.5 version

String vs StringBuffer vs StringBuiler

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String => we opt if the content is fixed and it wont change frequently

StringBuffer => we opt if the content changes frequently but ThreadSafety is required

StringBuiler => we opt if the content changes frequently but ThreadSafety is not required

MethodChaining

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Most of the methods in String,StringBuiler,StringBuffer return the same type only, hence after

applying method on the result we can call another method which forms method chaining.

eg::

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer();
sb.append("sachin").insert(6, "tendulkar").reverse().append("IND").delete(0,
4).reverse();
```



```
System.out.println(sb);
```