Difference between String and StringBuffer

There are many differences between String and StringBuffer. A list of differences between String and StringBuffer are given below:

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| **String** | **StringBuffer** |
| String class is immutable. | StringBuffer class is mutable. |
| String is slow and consumes more memory when we tried to concat too many strings because every time it creates new instance. | StringBuffer is fast and consumes less memory when we tried to cancat strings. |
| String class overrides the equals() method of Object class. So we can compare the contents of two strings by equals() method. | StringBuffer class doesn't override the equals() method of Object class. |

Difference between StringBuffer and StringBuilder

Java provides three classes to represent a sequence of characters: String, StringBuffer, and StringBuilder. The String class is an immutable class whereas StringBuffer and StringBuilder classes are mutable. There are many differences between StringBuffer and StringBuilder. The StringBuilder class is introduced since JDK 1.5.

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| **StringBuffer** | **StringBuilder** |
| StringBuffer is synchronized i.e. thread safe. It means two threads can't call the methods of StringBuffer simultaneously. | StringBuilder is non-synchronized i.e. not thread safe. It means two threads can call the methods of StringBuilder simultaneously. |
| StringBuffer is less efficient than StringBuilder. | StringBuilder is more efficient than StringBuffer. |