

Chapter 8: String, Wrapper Class, and ArrayList

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Objectives

- **▶** To create and manipulate strings
 - Immutable character-string objects of class String
 - Mutable character-string objects of class StringBuilder
- Learn wrapper classes of primitive types
- Learn ArrayList, whose capacity can be dynamically changed at runtime



Characters: Fundamental Building Blocks of Java Programs

- ▶ Character encoding (字符编码): convert characters to other formats, often numbers, in order to store and transmit them more effectively
- Unicode: Motivated by the need to encode characters in all languages without conflicts (1-to-1 mapping between character and numbers)



Characters: Fundamental Building Blocks of Java Programs

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00A1 00AC 221A 0192 2248 2206

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Unicode table

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Operators

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The Primitive Type char

- The char data type is a single 16-bit Unicode character
 - '\u0000' '\uffff': 65536 characters, covering characters for almost all modern languages, and a large number of symbols
- Programs often contain character literals (<u>in single quotes</u>)

```
char c1 = '\u0030';
char c2 = '\u0041';
char c3 = '\u4e2d';
char c4 = '\u56fd';
System.out.printf("%c %c %c %c", c1, c2, c3, c4);
```

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String

A string is a sequence of characters

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A string may include letters, digits and various special characters, such as +, -, *, / and \$.

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Unicode escape sequence for chars you cannot find on keyboard: \u + a code point in hexadecimal (十六进制码位)



Creating String Objects: Two Ways

String objects can be created by using the new keyword and various String constructors

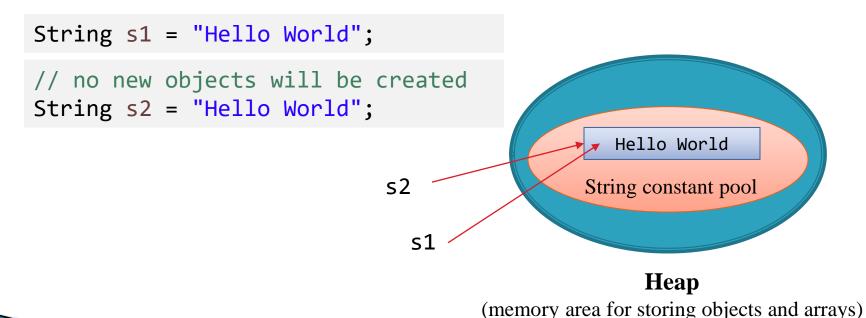
```
String s1 = new String("hello world");
String s2 = new String(); // empty string (length is 0)
String s3 = new String(s1);
char[] charArray = {'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o'};
String s4 = new String(charArray); Offset
Count
String s5 = new String(charArray, 3, 2); // string "lo"
```

More at: https://docs.oracle.com/javase/10/docs/api/java/lang/String.html



Creating String Objects: Two Ways

- A string is an object of class String
- String objects can also be created by string literals (a sequence of characters in double quotes)



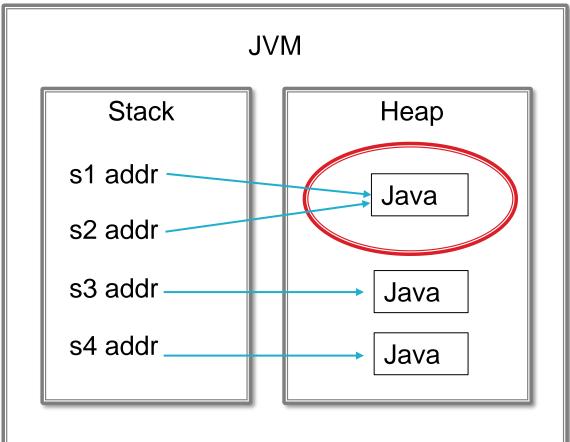


Using String literal vs new keyword

String Constant Pool:

Store string objects created by string literals

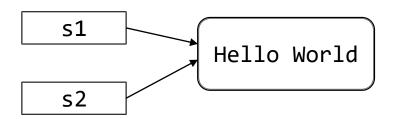
```
String s1 = "Java";
String s2 = "Java";
String s3 = new String("Java");
String s4 = new String("Java");
```





String Assignments

- A string may be assigned to a **String** reference.
 - String s1 = "Hello World";
 - The statement initializes String variable s to refer to a String object that contains the string "hello world".
 - String s2 = s1;
 - The statement makes s2 and s to refer to (sometimes we say "point to", they mean the same thing) the same String object.



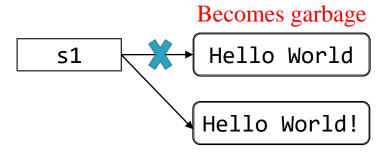


Immutability(不可变性)

In Java, String objects are immutable. Strings are constants; their values cannot be changed after they are created.

Any modification creates a new String object

```
String s1 = "Hello World";
s1 = s1.concat("!");
```





String Methods

- length returns the length of a string (i.e., the number of characters)
- charAt obtains the character at a specific location in a string
- getChars retrieves a set of characters from a string as a char array
- These are instance methods that can be invoked on specific objects. Calling them requires an non-null object reference.



The Method length

```
int length()
                Returns the length of this string.
public class StringExamples {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String s1 = "hello world";
        System.out.printf("s1: %s", s1);
        System.out.printf("\nLength of s1: %d", s1.length());
          s1: hello world
          Length of s1: 11
```



The Method charAt

```
charAt(int index)
                            Returns the char value at the specified index.
char
public class StringExamples {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String s1 = "hello world";
        System.out.printf("s1: %s", s1);
        for(int count = s1.length() - 1; count >=0; count--) {
            System.out.printf("%c", s1.charAt(count));
            s1: hello world
            The string reversed is: dlrow olleh
```



The Method getChars

```
void getChars(int srcBegin, int srcEnd, char[] dst, int dstBegin)
Copies characters from this string into the destination character array.
```

```
public class StringExamples {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String s1 = "hello world";
        char[] charArray = new char[5];
        System.out.printf("s1: %s\n", s1);
        s1.getChars(0, 5, charArray, 0);
        for(char c : charArray) {
            System.out.print(c);
                     s1: hello world
                     hello
```



Comparing Strings

When primitive-type values are compared with ==, the result is true if both values are identical.

```
int a = 2, b =2;
if (a == b) System.out.println("a = b"); // prints a = b
```

When references (memory addresses) are compared with ==, the result is true if both references refer to the same object in memory.

```
String s1 = "Hello World";
String s2 = "Hello World";
if(s1 == s2) System.out.println("s1 = s2"); // prints s1 = s2
```



Comparing Strings

```
String s1 = "Hello World";
String s2 = s1 + "";
if(s1 == s2) System.out.println("s1 = s2"); // prints s1 = s2?
```

- No. The condition will evaluate to false because the String variables s1 and s2 refer to two different String objects, although the strings contain the same sequence of characters.
- To compare the actual contents (or state information) of objects (strings are objects) for equality, a method must be invoked.



The Method equals

Method equals tests any two objects for equality—the strings contained in the two String objects are identical.

```
String s1 = "Hello World";
String s2 = s1 + "";
if(s1.equals(s2)) System.out.println("s1 = s2"); // true
```

Uses lexicographical comparison (字典序, Unicode表是字母表): Compare the integer Unicode values that represent each character in each String.

```
String s1 = "hello";
String s2 = "HELLO";
if(s1.equals(s2)) System.out.println("s1 = s2"); // false
```



The Method equalsIgnoreCase

Method equalsIgnoreCase ignores whether the letters in each String are uppercase or lowercase when performing a comparison.

```
String s1 = "hello";
String s2 = "HELLO";
if(s1.equalsIgnoreCase(s2)) System.out.println("s1 = s2");
```

The condition evaluates to true and the program prints "s1 = s2"



The Method compareTo

```
String s1 = "hello";
String s2 = "HELLO";
int result = s1.compareTo(s2); // value of result?
```

compareTo compares two strings (lexicographical comparison):

- Returns 0 if the Strings are equal (identical contents).
- Returns a negative number if the String that invokes compareTo (s1) is less than the String that is passed as an argument (s2).
- Returns a positive number if the String that invokes compareTo (s1) is greater than the String that is passed as an argument (s2).



Comparing Strings

- What does it mean when we say a string **s1** is greater than another string **s2**?
 - When we sort last names, we naturally consider that "Jones" > "Smith", because the letter 'J' comes before 'S' in the alphabet of 26 letters.
 - All characters in computers are represented as numeric codes. The characters form an ordered set (a very large alphabet).
 - When the computer compares Strings, it actually compares the numeric codes of the characters in the Strings.



Comparing Strings

```
0000 00D0 00F0 0141 0142 0160 0161 00DD 00FD 0009 000A 00DE 00FE 000D 017D 017E
                                  00B9 00BE 00B3 00B2 00A6 2212 00D7 001E 001F
0010 0011 0012 0013 0014 00BD 00BC
0020 0021 0022 0023 0024 0025 0026 0027 0028 0029 002A 002B 002C 002D 002E 002F
                              &
0040 0041 0042 0043 0044 0045 0046 0047 0048 0049
              0053 0054 0055 0056 0057 0058 0059 003A 003B 003C 003C 003C
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                                       00AE 00A9 2122 00B4 00A8
    00B1 2264 2265 00A5 00B5 2202
                                  2211 220F 03C0 222B 00AA 00BA 03A9 00E6 00F8
                                             π
00BF 00A1 00AC 221A 0192 2248 2206 00AB 00BB 2026 00A0 00C0 00C3 00D5 0152 0153
```

```
String s1 = "hello", s2 = "HELLO";
  int result = s1.compareTo(s2));
32 = 0068 \text{ (HEX)} - 0048 \text{ (HEX)} \text{ (s1 > s2)}
  String s1 = "HE", s2 = "HELLO";
  int result = s1.compareTo(s2));
-3 (s1 < s2, s2 has three more letters)
  String s1 = "HE1", s2 = "HELLO";
  int result = s1.compareTo(s2));
32 (s1 > s2)
```



Methods startsWith & endsWith

The methods startsWith and endsWith determine whether a string starts or ends with the method argument, respectively

```
String s1 = "Hello World";
if(s1.startsWith("He")) System.out.print("true"); // true

String s1 = "Hello World";
if(s1.startsWith("llo", 2)) System.out.print("true"); // true

String s1 = "Hello World";
if(s1.endsWith("ld")) System.out.print("true"); // true
```



Locating Characters in Strings

```
String s = "abcdefghijklmabcdefghijklm";
System.out.println(s.indexOf('c')); // 2
System.out.println(s.indexOf('$')); // -1
System.out.println(s.indexOf('a', 1)); // 13
```

- indexOf locates the first occurrence of a character in a String.
 - If the method finds the character, it returns the character's index in the String;
 otherwise, it returns -1.
- Two-argument version of index0f:
 - Take one more argument: the starting index at which the search should begin.



Locating Characters in Strings

```
String s = "abcdefghijklmabcdefghijklm";
System.out.println(s.lastIndexOf('c')); // 15
System.out.println(s.lastIndexOf('$')); // -1
System.out.println(s.lastIndexOf('a', 8)); // 0
```

- ▶ lastIndexOf locates the last occurrence of a character in a String.
 - The method searches from the end of the String toward the beginning.
 - If it finds the character, it returns the character's index in the String; otherwise, it returns −1.
- Two-argument version of lastIndexOf:
 - The character and the index from which to begin searching backward.



Locating Substrings in Strings

```
String s = "abcdefghijklmabcdefghijklm";
System.out.println(s.indexOf("def"));  // 3
System.out.println(s.indexOf("def", 7));  // 16
System.out.println(s.indexOf("hello"));  // -1
System.out.println(s.lastIndexOf("def"));  // 16
System.out.println(s.lastIndexOf("def", 7));  // 3
System.out.println(s.lastIndexOf("hello"));  // -1
```

The versions of methods indexOf and lastIndexOf that take a String as the first argument perform identically to those described earlier except that they search for sequences of characters (or substrings) that are specified by their String arguments.



Extracting Substrings from Strings

```
String s = "abcdefghijklmabcdefghijklm";
System.out.println(s.substring(20)); // hijklm
System.out.println(s.substring(3, 6)); // def
```

- substring methods create a new String object by copying part of an existing String object.
- The one-integer-argument version specifies the starting index (inclusive) in the original String from which characters are to be copied.
- Two-integer-argument version specifies the starting index (inclusive) and ending index (exclusive) to copy characters in the original String.



Concatenating (拼接) Strings

```
String s1 = "Happy ";
String s2 = "Birthday";
System.out.println(s1.concat(s2)); // Happy Birthday
System.out.println(s1); // Happy
```

- String method concat concatenates two String objects and returns a new String object containing the characters from both original Strings.
- The original Strings to which s1 and s2 refer are not modified (recall that Strings are immutable).



Recall The Immutability of Strings

```
String s1 = "Hello";
s1.concat(" world");
System.out.println(s1); // prints "Hello"
```

- Any attempt to modify a String object (e.g., the call to the concat() method above) creates a new object. The original String object remain unchanged.
- Mainly for security reasons (database username, password are often passed as Strings in Java programming, imagine the consequence if String objects are mutable)



String Method replace

```
String s1 = "Hello";
System.out.println(s1.replace('l', 'L')); // HeLLo
System.out.println(s1.replace("ll", "LL")); // HeLLo
```

- replace returns a new String object in which every occurrence of the first character argument is replaced with the second character argument.
- Another version of method replace enables you to replace substrings rather than individual characters.



String Case Conversion Methods

```
String s1 = "Hello";
System.out.println(s1.toUpperCase()); // HELLO
System.out.println(s1.toLowerCase()); // hello
```

- String method toUpperCase returns a new String with uppercase letters where corresponding lowercase letters exist in the original.
- String method toLowerCase returns a new String object with lowercase letters where corresponding uppercase letters exist in the original.



String Method trim

trim returns a new String object that removes all whitespace characters at the beginning or end of the String on which trim operates.

```
String s1 = " spaces ";
System.out.println(s1.trim()); //prints "spaces"
```



String Method toCharArray

toCharArray creates a new character array containing a copy of the characters in the string.

```
String s1 = "hello";
char[] charArray = s1.toCharArray();
for(char c : charArray) System.out.print(c);
```

The for loop prints each of the five chars in "hello"



Tokenizing Strings

When you read a sentence, your mind breaks it into tokens—individual words and punctuation marks that convey meaning to you.

> String method split breaks a String into its component tokens, separated from each other by delimiters (分隔符), typically white-space characters such as space, tab, new line, carriage return.



Tokenizing Strings

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.println("Enter a sentence and press Enter");
String sentence = input.nextLine();
String[] tokens = sentence.split(" ");
System.out.printf("Number of tokens: %d\n", tokens.length);
for(String token : tokens) System.out.println(token);
input.close();
```

```
Enter a sentence and press Enter
This is a sentence with seven tokens
Number of tokens: 7
This
is
a
sentence
with
seven
tokens
```

How about sentence.split("is")?



String Method valueOf

- Every object in Java has a toString method that enables a program to obtain the object's String representation.
- Unfortunately, this technique cannot be used with primitive types because they do not have methods.

Class String provides static methods (associated with class, no need to create objects for their invocation) that take an argument of any type and

convert it to a String object.

static String	<pre>valueOf(boolean b)</pre>
static String	<pre>valueOf(char c)</pre>
static String	<pre>valueOf(char[] data)</pre>
static String	<pre>valueOf(char[] data, int offset, int count)</pre>
static String	<pre>valueOf(double d)</pre>
static String	<pre>valueOf(float f)</pre>
static String	<pre>valueOf(int i)</pre>
static String	<pre>valueOf(long l)</pre>

```
boolean booleanValue = true;
char charValue = 'Z';
int intValue = 7;
long longValue = 10000000000L;
float floatValue = 2.5f;
double doubleValue = 33.3333; // no f suffix, double is default
char[] charArray = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'};
                                                        true
System.out.println(String.valueOf(booleanValue));
System.out.println(String.valueOf(charValue));
System.out.println(String.valueOf(intValue));
                                                        100000000000
System.out.println(String.valueOf(longValue));
                                                        2.5
System.out.println(String.valueOf(floatValue));
                                                        33.3333
System.out.println(String.valueOf(doubleValue));
                                                        abcdef
System.out.println(String.valueOf(charArray));
```



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Class StringBuilder

- > String objects are immutable. Can we create mutable character-string objects in Java?
- Yes. The class StringBuilder helps create and manipulate dynamic string information—that is, modifiable strings.
- Every StringBuilder is capable of storing a number of characters specified by its capacity.
- If a StringBuilder's capacity is exceeded, the capacity automatically expands to accommodate additional characters.



StringBuilder Constructors

We demonstrate three widely-used constructors

```
StringBuilder buffer1 = new StringBuilder();
StringBuilder buffer2 = new StringBuilder(10);
StringBuilder buffer3 = new StringBuilder("hello");
System.out.printf("buffer1 = \"%s\"\n", buffer1);
System.out.printf("buffer2 = \"%s\"\n", buffer2);
System.out.printf("buffer3 = \"%s\"\n", buffer3);
```

```
buffer1 = ""
buffer2 = ""
buffer3 = "hello"
```



StringBuilder Method append

 Class StringBuilder provides several append methods to allow values of various types to be appended to the end of a StringBuilder object.

 Overloaded append() are provided for each of the primitive types, and for character arrays, Strings, Objects, and more.

```
append(boolean b)
append(char c)
append(char[] str)
append(char[] str, int offset, int len)
append(double d)
append(float f)
append(int i)
append(long lng)
append(CharSequence s)
append(CharSequence s, int start, int end)
append(Object obj)
append(String str)
append(StringBuffer sb)
```



```
    String string = "goodbye";

   char[] charArray = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'};
3. boolean booleanValue = true;
4. char charValue = 'Z';
5. int intValue = 7;
6. long longValue = 10000000000L;
7. float floatValue = 2.5f;
8. double doubleValue = 33.3333;
9. StringBuilder buffer = new StringBuilder();
10. StringBuilder lastBuffer = new StringBuilder("last buffer");
11. buffer.append(string); buffer.append("\n");
12. buffer.append(charArray); buffer.append("\n");
13. buffer.append(charArray, 0, 3); buffer.append("\n");
14. buffer.append(booleanValue); buffer.append("\n");
15. buffer.append(charValue); buffer.append("\n");
16. buffer.append(intValue); buffer.append("\n");
17. buffer.append(longValue); buffer.append("\n");
18. buffer.append(floatValue); buffer.append("\n");
19. buffer.append(doubleValue); buffer.append("\n");
20. buffer.append(lastBuffer);
21. System.out.printf("buffer contains:\n%s", buffer.toString());
```

```
buffer contains:
goodbye
abcdef
abc
true
Z
7
10000000000
2.5
33.3333
last buffer
```

Here we still use the same StringBuilder object reference, because StringBuilder objects are mutable.



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Wrapper Classes

Java has 8 primitive types: boolean, char, double, float, byte, short, int and long

Java also provides 8 type-wrapper classes—Boolean, Character, Double, Float, Byte, Short, Integer and Long—that enable primitive-type values to be treated as objects.

Be careful: not Int or Char



Character Class

- The class Character is the type-wrapper class for the primitive type char
- ▶ Character provides methods (mostly static ones) for convenience in processing individual char values
 - isDigit(char c)
 - isLetter(char c)
 - isLowerCase(char c)



Useful Character Methods

```
Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.println("Enter a character and press Enter:");
String input = sc.next();
char c = input.charAt(0);
System.out.printf("is digit: %b\n", Character.isDigit(c));
System.out.printf("is identifier start: %b\n", Character.isJavaIdentifierStart(c));
System.out.printf("is letter: %b\n", Character.isLetter(c));
System.out.printf("is lower case: %b\n:", Character.isLowerCase(c));
System.out.printf("is upper case: %b\n", Character.isUpperCase(c));
System.out.printf("to upper case: %c\n", Character.toUpperCase(c));
System.out.printf("to lower case: %c\n", Character.toLowerCase(c));
sc.close();
```



Useful Character Methods

```
Enter a character and press Enter:

A

is digit: false
is identifier start: true
is letter: true
is lower case: false
is upper case: true
to upper case: A
to lower case: a
```

```
Enter a character and press Enter:

8

is digit: true

is identifier start: false

is letter: false

is lower case: false

is upper case: false

to upper case: 8

to lower case: 8
```

Java identifiers can only star with a letter, an underscore (_), or a dollar sign (\$)



Other Useful Methods

- Integer.parseInt(String s): parses the string argument as a decimal integer value
 - Integer.parseInt("123") returns an integer 123
 - Integer.pasetInt ("123abc") returns a NumberFormatException
- Double.parseDouble(String s)...
- Check the Java API documentation for more details
 - https://docs.oracle.com/javase/10/docs/api/



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ArrayList

- Arrays store sequences of objects (and primitive values). Arrays do not change their size at runtime to accommodate additional elements.
- ArrayList<T> can dynamically change its size at runtime.
- ArrayList<T> is a **generic class**, where T is a placeholder for the type of elements that you want the ArrayList to hold.

ArrayList<String> list;

Declares list as an ArrayList collection to store only String objects



Adding Elements to ArrayList

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    ArrayList<String> list = new ArrayList<String>(); // the list is empty after creation
    printList(list);
                          // prints nothing since the list is empty
                                                                   hello
                         // adding an element to the end of the list
    list.add("hello");
                                                                     0
    printList(list);
                         // prints "hello"
                                                                hello
                                                                        world
    list.add("world"); // adding one more element to the end
                                                                  0
                                                                           1
                        // prints "hello world"
    printList(list);
    list.add(1, "java");// adding one more element to the specified position
                        // prints "hello java world"
    printList(list);
                                                                  hello
                                                                                 world
                                                                          java
}
                                                                     0
                                                                                   2
public static void printList(ArrayList<String> list) { // traverse the list
    for(String s : list) System.out.printf("%s ", s); // enhanced for loop
    System.out.println();
```



Removing Elements from ArrayList

```
List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>();
list.add(1);
list.add(null);
list.add(null);
list.add(2);
```

```
for(int <u>i</u>=0;<u>i</u><list.size();<u>i</u>++){
    if(list.get(<u>i</u>) == null){
        list.remove(<u>i</u>);
    }
}
```

Content of list: [1, null, 2]



Removing Elements from ArrayList

```
List<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>();
list.add(1);
list.add(null);
list.add(null);
list.add(2);
```

```
for (Iterator<Integer> i = list.iterator(); i.hasNext(); ) {
    if (i.next() == null) {
        i.remove();
    }
}
```

Content of list: [1, 2]



Sorting Elements in ArrayList

(e.g., shuffle, reverse, sort)

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
     ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<Integer>();
     list.add(new Integer(5));
     list.add(new Integer(124)); ArrayList cannot hold primitive data types
     list.add(new Integer(-8));
     printList(list);
     Collections.sort(list); // sort the elements in the list into ascending order
     printList(list);
                                 -8 5 124
public static void printList(ArrayList<Integer> list) {
     for(Integer s : list) System.out.printf("%d ", s.intValue());
     System.out.println();
java.util.Collections class provides static methods that operate on collections
```