

Arrays and Strings

This section discussed about the the 2 major concepts in Java programming language.

- Arrays
- Strings

Arrays

What are arrays in Java ?

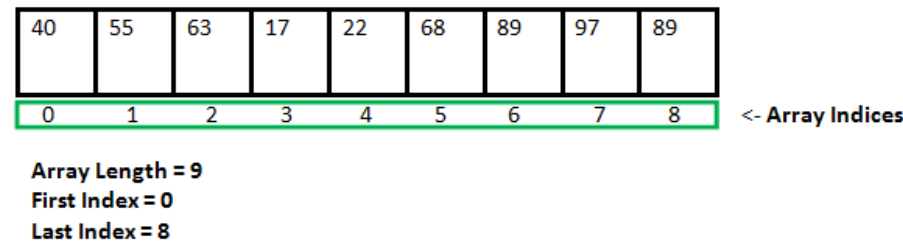
An array is a group of like-typed variables that are referred to by a common name. Arrays in Java work differently than they do in C/C++.

Following are some important point about Java arrays.

- In Java all arrays are ***dynamically allocated***.
- Since arrays are objects in Java, we can find their length using member length. This is different from C/C++ where we find length using sizeof.
- A Java array variable can also be declared like other variables with [] after the data type.
- The variables in the array are ordered and each have an index beginning from 0.
- Java array can be also be used as a static field, a local variable or a method parameter.
- *The size of an array must be specified by an int value and not long or short.*
- The direct superclass of an array type is **Object**.
- Every array type implements the interfaces **Cloneable** and **java.io.Serializable**.

Important Points

- Array can contains primitives data types as well as objects of a class depending on the definition of array.
- In case of primitives data types, the actual values are stored in ***contiguous memory locations***. In case of objects of a class, the actual objects are stored in ***heap segment***.



Creating / Declaring Array :

- The general form of a one-dimensional array declaration is:

```
type var-name[] ;  
or  
type[] var-name ;
```

- We can create an array of any java data types either primitive data types, Boxed types, Object type, Collection Type or user defined data types:

```
// Array of Primitive data types  
int[] intArr;  
byte[] byteArr;  
short[] shortArr;  
long[] longArr;  
float[] floatArr;  
double[] doubleArr;  
char[] charArr;  
  
// Array of Boxed Types  
Integer[] integerArr;  
  
// Array of Object of unknown type  
Object[] objArr;  
  
// Array of Collection of unknown type  
Collection[] collArr;  
  
// Array of User Defined Type  
MyClass[] myClassArr;  
  
public static void main(String[] args){  
    System.out.println("hello");  
    System.out.println("hello");  
    System.out.println("hello");  
}
```

```
}
```

- Although the above first declaration establishes the fact that intArr is an array variable, **no array actually exists**.
- It simply tells to the compiler that this(intArr) variable will hold an array of the integer type.
- To link intArray with an actual, physical array of integers, we must allocate one using **new** and assign it to intArray.

Instantiating / Initializing Array :

- When an array is declared, only a reference of array is created.
- To actually create or give memory to array, you create an array like this:

```
var-name = new type [size];
```

- To use *new* to allocate an array, **you must specify the type and number of elements to allocate**.

```
int intArr[]; //declaring array
intArr = new int[20]; // allocating memory to array
```

- We can even combine declaration and allocation of memory into a single statement.

```
int[] intArr = new int[20]; // combining both statements in one
```

- Elements in the array allocated by **new** will automatically be initialized to :
 - **zero** (for numeric types)
 - **false** (for boolean)
 - **null** (for reference types)
- Obtaining an array is a two-step process. First, we must declare a variable of the desired array type. Second, we must allocate the memory that will hold the array, using new, and assign it to the array variable. Thus, **in Java all arrays are dynamically allocated**.

Array Literal:

- In a situation, where the size of the array and variables of array are already known, array literals can be used.

```
int[] intArray = new int[]{ 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 }; // Declaring array literal
```

- The length of this array determines the length of the created array.
- There is no need to write the new int[] part in the latest versions of Java.

```
int[] intArray = { 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 }; // Declaring array literal in newer Java Versions
```

Accessing Array :

- Each element in the array is accessed via its index.
- The index begins with 0 and ends at (total array size)-1.
- All the elements of array can be accessed using Java for Loop.

```
// accessing the elements of the specified array
for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
    System.out.println("Element at index " + i + " : " + arr[i]);
}
```

Example:

```
class Student {
    public int roll_no;
    public String name;

    Student(int roll_no, String name) {
        this.roll_no = roll_no;
        this.name = name;
    }
}

// Elements of array are objects of a class Student.
public class UserDefinedDataTypeArrayExample {
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        // declares an Array of of type Student.
        Student[] arr;

        // allocating memory for 5 objects of type Student.
        arr = new Student[5];

        // initialize the first elements of the array
        arr[0] = new Student(1,"aman");

        // initialize the second elements of the array
        arr[1] = new Student(2,"vaibhav");
        arr[2] = new Student(3,"shikar");
        arr[3] = new Student(4,"dharmesh");
        arr[4] = new Student(5,"mohit");

        // accessing the elements of the specified array
        for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++)
```

```
        System.out.println("Element at " + i + " : " + arr[i].roll_no + " " + arr[i].name);
    }
}
```

Output:

```
Element at 0 : 1 aman
Element at 1 : 2 vaibhav
Element at 2 : 3 shikar
Element at 3 : 4 dharmesh
Element at 4 : 5 mohit
```

Multi-dimensional Arrays :

- Multidimensional arrays are arrays of arrays with each element of the array holding the reference of other array also k/a **Jagged Arrays**.
- A multidimensional array is created by appending ***one set of square brackets ([]) per dimension***.

```
int[][] int2DArr = new int[10][20]; // 2D array or matrix
int[][][] int3DArr = new int[10][20][10]; // 3D array
```

Example:

```
class multiDimensionalArrayExample {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        // declaring and initializing 2D array
        int arr[][] = { {2,7,9},{3,6,1},{7,4,2} };

        // printing 2D array
        for (int i=0; i< 3 ; i++) {
            for (int j=0; j < 3 ; j++) {
                System.out.print(arr[i][j] + " ");
            }
            System.out.println();
        }
    }
}
```

Output:

```
2 7 9
3 6 1
7 4 2
```

Other Array Concepts :

1. Passing Arrays to Methods

- Like variables, we can also pass arrays to methods.
- Example:* below program pass array to method *sum* for calculating sum of array's values.

```
class Test {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        int arr[] = {3, 1, 2, 5, 4};

        sum(arr); // passing array to method m1
    }

    public static void sum(int[] arr) {
        int sum = 0; // getting sum of array values

        for (int i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {
            sum += arr[i];
        }

        System.out.println("sum of array values : " + sum);
    }
}
```

Output:

```
sum of array values : 15
```

2. Array Members

- Arrays are ***object of a class*** and ***direct superclass of arrays is class Object***.
- The members of an array type are all of the following:
 - `public final length` which contains the number of components of the array, length may be positive or zero.
 - All the members and methods ar inherited from class Object.
 - The only method of Object that is not inherited is its clone method.
 - `public clone()`, which overrides clone method in class Object and throws no checked exceptions.

Arrays Class :

What is Arrays Class in Java ?

- It is in **java.util package** and is a part of the Java Collection Framework.

- This class provides static methods to dynamically create and access Java arrays.
- It consists of only static methods and the methods of Object class.
- The methods of this class can be used by the class name itself.

Class Hierarchy :

```
java.lang.Object
└─ java.util.Arrays
```

Class Declaration :

```
public class Arrays extends Object
```

Basic Syntax:

```
Arrays.<methodName>;
```

Need for Java Arrays Class

- There are often times when **loops** are used to do some tasks on an array like:
 - Fill an array with a particular value.
 - Sort an Arrays.
 - Search in an Arrays.
 - And many more.
- *Arrays class provides several static methods that can be used to perform these tasks directly without the use of loops.*

Methods in Arrays Class :

- `toString(arr)` : returns a String representation of the contents of this Arrays.
- `asList(arr)` : returns a fixed-size list backed by the specified Arrays.
- `binarySearch(arr, key)` : searches for the key in the array with the help of Binary Search algorithm.
- `binarySearch(arr, fromIndex, toIndex, key, comparator)` : searches key in the specified range in the arr.
- `fill(arr, newVal)` : assigns this newVal to each element of this Array.
- `fill(arr, fromIndex, toIndex, newVal)` : assigns the new value in given range.
- `equals(arr1, arr2)` : checks if both the arrays are equal or not.
- `sort(arr)` : sorts the complete array in ascending order.
- `sort(arr, fromIndex, toIndex, comparator)` : sorts the array in range, if comparator provided then a/c to it or else ascending order.
- `stream(arr)` : returns a sequential stream with the specified array as its source.

New Java 9 Methods:

- `mismatch(arr1, arr2)` : finds and returns the index of the first unmatched element between the two arrays.
- `compare(arr1, arr2)` : compares two arrays lexicographically.

Example:

```
import java.util.Arrays;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.stream.Collectors;

public class Ex3ArraysClassOperations {
    public static void main(String[] args){
        // Create an array using :=> Type[] arr = new Type[size]
        int[] arr = new int[5];

        // Filling values in array using : arr[index] = val
        arr[0] = 10; arr[1] = 20; arr[2] = 15;
        arr[3] = 22; arr[4] = 35;

        // Get the length of the arr using : length member
        System.out.println("Length of the arr : " + arr.length);

        // Get string representation of array using : toString(arr)
        String arrString = Arrays.toString(arr);
        System.out.println("String rep of arr : " + arrString);

        // List representation of array using : asList(arr)
        System.out.println("List representation of arr : " + Arrays.asList(arr));

        // Binary Search in arr using : binarySearch(arr, key)
        Arrays.sort(arr);
        System.out.println("Find key 22 in arr : " + Arrays.binarySearch(arr, 22));

        // Binary Search in range using : binarySearch(arr, fromIndex, toIndex, key)
        System.out.println("Find key 22 in arr : " + Arrays.binarySearch(arr, 1, 3, 22));

        // Fill the arr with new value using :=> fill(arr, newVal)
        Arrays.fill(arr, 55);
        System.out.println("Arrays after filling with 55 : " + arr);

        int arr1[] = { 10, 20, 15, 22, 35 };
        int arr2[] = { 10, 15, 22 };

        // Check if arrays are equal using :=> equals(arr1, arr2)
        System.out.println("Are arr1 and arr2 equal ? : " + Arrays.equals(arr1, arr2));
```

```
// sort arr using :=> sort(arr)
Arrays.sort(arr1);
System.out.println("Sorted Arr : " + Arrays.toString(arr1));

// Use stream using :=> stream(arr)
List<Integer> arrIntegerList = Arrays.stream(arr1)    // Stream of int
                                   .boxed()          // Stream of Integer
                                   .collect(Collectors.toList());

System.out.println("Integer List of arr : " + arrIntegerList);
}
}
```

Output:

Length of the arr : 5
String rep of arr : [10, 20, 15, 22, 35]
List representation of arr : [[I@74a14482]
Find key 22 in arr : 3
Find key 22 in arr : -4
Arrays after filling with 55 : [I@74a14482
Are arr1 and arr2 equal ? : false
Sorted Arr : [10, 15, 20, 22, 35]
Integer List of arr : [10, 15, 20, 22, 35]

Strings

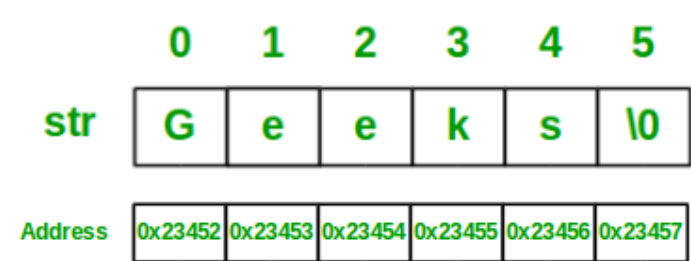
What are Strings in Java ?

- Strings in Java are Objects that are backed internally by a char array.
- Since arrays are immutable(cannot grow), Strings are immutable as well.
- Whenever a change to a String is made, an entirely new String is created.

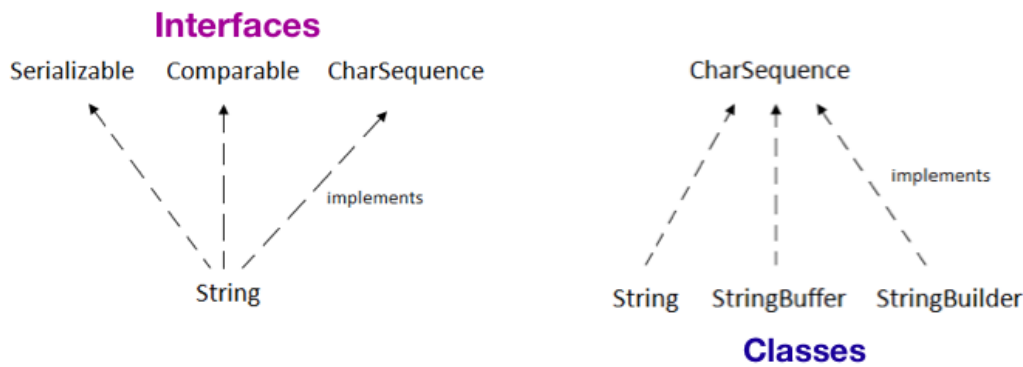
Basic Syntax:

```
String stringVarName = "sequence of chars or words"

// Example:
String str = "Geeks";
```



Interfaces and Classes



CharSequence Interface :

- It is used to represent the sequence of characters.
- **String**, **StringBuffer** and **StringBuilder** classes implement it. It means, we can create strings in java by using these three classes.

1. String

- String is a sequence of characters.
- In java, objects of String are immutable which means a constant and cannot be changed once created.

Constructors :

```
String str = "ExampleOfString";
String str = new String ("ExampleOfString");
```

Methods :

- `length()` : - Returns the length or number of characters.
- `isEmpty()` : - Checks if it is empty.
- `charAt(i)` : - Returns the character at `ith` index.
- `substring(i)` : - Returns the substring from `ith` character to end.
- `substring(i, j)` : - Returns the substring from `ith` to `(j-1)`th character.
- `subsequence(i, j)` : - returns the subsequence b/w `i` and `j`.
- `concat(s)` : - Concatenates given string to end.
- `indexOf(s)` : - Index of first occurrence.
- `indexOf(s, i)` : - Index of first occurrence starting from given index.
- `lastIndexOf(s)` : - Last index of the given string.
- `equals(obj)` : - Compares string with given object.
- `equalsIgnoreCase(anotherStr)` : - Compares string to another string ignoring case.
- `contentEquals(content)` : - to check if content from buffer or builder equals to it.
- `compareTo(anotherStr)` : - Compares 2 strings lexicographically.
- `compareToIgnoreCase(anotherStr)` : - Compares 2 strings lexicographically ignoring case.
- `contains(anotherStr)` : - checks if it contains the given str.
- `startsWith(str)` : and `startsWith(str, offset)` : to check if it starts with given str.
- `endsWith(str)` : - to check if it ends with given str.
- `matches(regex)` : - to check if it matches with regex.
- `split(regex)` : - splits using regex.
- `toLowerCase()` : - Converts all characters in string to lower case.
- `toUpperCase()` : - Converts all characters in string to upper case.
- `trim()` : - Removes whitespaces at both ends but not in middles.
- `replace(oldChar, newChar)` : - Replaces all occurrences of old char with new in the string.
- `replaceAll(regex, replacement)` : and `replaceFirst(regex, replacement)` : - to replace within the string.

Example:

```
import java.util.Arrays;

public class StringCreationAndOperations {
    public static void main(String[] args){
        // Create string using :=> literals
        String s = "Astik Anand";

        // Get count of characters using :=> length()
        System.out.println("Length of string s : " + s.length());

        // Check if it is empty using :=> isEmpty()
        System.out.println("Is string empty ? : " + s.isEmpty());

        // Get the char at ith position using :=> charAt(i)
        System.out.println("Char at 4th index : " + s.charAt(4));

        // Get the substring from ith to end using : s.substring(i)
        System.out.println("Substring from 4th index to end : " + s.substring(4));

        // Get the substring from ith to (j-1)th using : substring(i, j)
        System.out.println("Substring from 4th to 9th : " + s.substring(4, 9));

        // Get the subsequence b/w i and j-1 using :=> subsequence(i, j)
        System.out.println("Subsequence form 6th to 9th : " + s.subSequence(6, 9));

        // Concatenate given string to end using :=> s.concat(anotherStr)
        String s1 = "Hello! ";
        String s2 = "Folks, Welcome";
        System.out.println("Concatenated String : " + s1.concat(s2));

        // Get index of first occurrence using :=> indexOf(str)
        String s3 = "Learn Share Learn";
        System.out.println("Index of \"Share\" : " + s3.indexOf("Share"));

        // Get index of first occurrence starting at ith index using :=> indexOf(str, i)
        System.out.println("Index of 'a' starting at 3 : " + s3.indexOf('a', 3));

        // Get last index using :=> lastIndexOf(str)
        System.out.println("Last index of \"Learn\" : " + s3.lastIndexOf("Learn"));

        // Check equality of Strings using :=> equals(anotherStr)
        String s4 = "WeLcOMe";
        System.out.println("Is \"WeLcOMe\" equal to \"Welcome\" ? : " + s4.equals("Welcome"));

        // Check equality of Strings ignoring case using :=> equalsIgnoreCase(anotherStr)
        System.out.println("Is \"WeLcOMe\" equal to \"Welcome\" after ignoring case ? : "
            + s4.equalsIgnoreCase("Welcome"));

        // Check if content equals if content from StringBuffer or Builder using :=> contentEquals(content)
        System.out.println("Is \"WeLcOMe\" content equal to \"Welcome\" ? : "
            + s4.contentEquals(new StringBuffer("Welcome")));

        // Compare String Lexicographically using :=> compareTo(anotherStr)
        String s5 = "abcde";
        System.out.println("Comparing \"abcde\" to \"abcdb\" : " + s5.compareTo("abcdb"));

        // Check if string contains given str using :=> contains(str)
        System.out.println("Does s5 contains \"cd\" ? : " + s5.contains("cd"));

        // Check if string starts with given str using :=> startsWith(str)
        System.out.println("Does s5 startsWith \"abc\" ? : " + s5.startsWith("abc"));

        // Check if string ends with given str usign :=> endsWith(str)
        System.out.println("Does s5 startsWith \"cde\" ? : " + s5.endsWith("cde"));

        // Split on the basis of regex using :=> split(regex)
        String s6 = "I am a Programmer ";
```



```

String[] splitted = s6.split("\\s+");
System.out.println("Split using regex : " + Arrays.toString(splitted));

// Convert to Lower Case using :=> toLowerCase()
String s7 = "ProGraMMeR";
System.out.println("Lower case of \"ProGraMMeR\" : " + s7.toLowerCase());

// Convert to Upper Case using :=> toUpperCase()
System.out.println("Upper case of \"ProGraMMeR\" : " + s7.toUpperCase());

// Trim spaces using :=> trim()
String s8 = " Learn Programming ";
System.out.println("After trim : " + s8.trim());

// Replace characters using : replace(oldChar, newChar)
String s9 = "abracadabra";
System.out.println("Replace 'a' with 'm' in \"abracadabra\" : " + s9.replace('a', 'm'));

// Replace using regex : replaceFirst(regex, replacement)
String s10 = "java, read, job, practice, senior, java, write, job, senior";
String regex = "(java|job|senior)";
System.out.println("Replace s10 using replaceFirst(regex, \"XYZ\") : "
    + s10.replaceFirst(regex, "XYZ"));

// Replace using regex : replaceAll(regex, replacement)
System.out.println("Replace s10 using replaceAll(regex, \"XYZ\") : "
    + s10.replaceAll(regex, "XYZ"));
}
}

```

Output:

```

Length of string s : 11
Is string empty ? : false
Char at 4th index : k
Substring from 4th index to end : k Anand
Substring from 4th to 9th : k Ana
Subsequence form 6th to 9th : Ana
Concatenated String : Hello! Folks, Welcome
Index of "Share" : 6
Index of 'a' starting at 3 : 8
Last index of "Learn" : 12
Is "WeLcOMe" equal to "Welcome" ? : false
Is "WeLcOMe" equal to "Welcome" after ignoring case ? : true
Is "WeLcOMe" content equal to "Welcome" ? : false
Comparing "abcde" to "abcdn" : 3
Does s5 contains "cd" ? : true
Does s5 startsWith "abc" ? : true
Does s5 startsWith "cde" ? : true
Split using regex : [I, am, a, Programmer]
Lower case of "ProGraMMeR" : programmer
Upper case of "ProGraMMeR" : PROGRAMMER
After trim : Learn Programming
Replace 'a' with 'm' in "abracadabra" : mbrmcmdbmbrm
Replace s10 using replaceFirst(regex, "XYZ") : XYZ, read, job, practice, senior, java, write, job, senior
Replace s10 using replaceAll(regex, "XYZ") : XYZ, read, XYZ, practice, XYZ, XYZ, write, XYZ, XYZ

```

2. StringBuffer

- StringBuffer is a peer class of String that provides much of the functionality of strings.
- String represents fixed-length**, immutable character sequences.
- StringBuffer represents growable and writable character sequences.**
- It may have characters and substrings inserted in the middle or appended to the end.
- It will automatically grow to make room for such additions and often has more characters preallocated than are actually needed.

Important Points :

- String buffers are **thread-safe** for use by multiple threads. The methods can be synchronized wherever necessary so that all the operations on any particular instance behave as if they occur in some serial order.
- Whenever an operation occurs involving a source sequence (such as appending or inserting from a source sequence) this class synchronizes only on the string buffer performing the operation, not on the source.

Constructors :

```

StringBuffer s1 = new StringBuffer(); // reserves room for 16 characters without reallocation
StringBuffer s2 = new StringBuffer(20); // accepts number to set the size of buffer explicitly
StringBuffer s3 = new StringBuffer("ExampleOfStringBuffer"); // sets the initial contents and reserves
// room for 16 more characters without reallocation

```

Methods :

- length()** : - gives lenght of buffer and **capacity()** : gives the capacity of the buffer.
- append(item)** : - appends item at end of existing string, item can be string, int.
- equals(obj)** - to check if it equals to given obj.
- indexOf(str)** : - gives index of the first occurrence.
- indexOf(str, index)** : - gives index of the first occurrence starting from index.
- lastIndexOf(str)** : - gives index of the last occurrence.
- insert(index, item)** : - inserts item at given index, item can be string, int, float, double, char etc.
- charAt(index)** : - returns char at the given index.

- `setCharAt(index, newChar)` : - Sets the new char at given index.
- `reverse()` : - reverses the characters in the buffer.
- `replace(start, end, anotherStr)` : - replaces all characters from start to end with anotherStr.
- `delete(start, end)` : and `deleteCharAt(index)` : - to delete characters.
- `substring(i)` : - and `substring(i, j)` : - to get the substring from i to end and from i to j-1.
- `subsequence(i, j)` : - get subsequence from i to j-1.
- `toString()` : - returns a string representing the data in this sequence.

3. StringBuilder

- Represents a mutable sequence of characters.
- String Class in Java creates and immutable sequence of characters.
- StringBuilder class provides an alternate to String Class, as it creates a mutable sequence of characters.

Why StringBuilder after StringBuffer ?

- Java5 added a new string class to Java's already powerful string handling capabilities k/a **StringBuilder**.
- It is identical to StringBuffer except it is not synchronized, which means that it is **NOT thread-safe**.
- The advantage of StringBuilder is **faster performance**.
- However, in cases in which you are using multithreading, you must use StringBuffer rather than StringBuilder.

Constructors :

```
StringBuilder s1 = new StringBuilder(); // Creates with initial capacity of 16 characters.
StringBuilder s1 = new StringBuilder(20); // Accepts number to set the size explicitly
StringBuilder s1 = new StringBuilder(seq); // Contains the same characters as the specified seq.
StringBuilder s1 = new StringBuilder(str); // Initialized to the contents of the specified string.
```

Methods :

Has all the methods same as of StringBuffer.

- `length()` : - gives length of buffer and `capacity()` : gives the capacity of the buffer.
- `append(item)` : - appends item at end of existing string, item can be string, int.
- `equals(obj)` : - to check if it equals to given obj.
- `indexOf(str)` : - gives index of the first occurrence.
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- `setCharAt(index, newChar)` : - Sets the new char at given index.
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