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# SpannableString

extends [Object](#)

implements [GetChars](#) [Spannable](#) [CharSequence](#)

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[java.lang.Object](#)

↳ [android.text.SpannableString](#)

## Class Overview

This is the class for text whose content is immutable but to which markup objects can be attached and detached. For mutable text, see [SpannableStringBuilder](#) ([/reference/android/text/SpannableStringBuilder.html](#)).

## Summary

**Inherited Constants**      [\[Expand\]](#)



From interface [android.text.Spanned](#)

### Public Constructors






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### Public Methods

	<a href="#">charAt</a> ( <a href="#">int</a> i)
final char	Returns the character at index.
	<a href="#">equals</a> ( <a href="#">Object</a> o)
boolean	Compares this instance with the specified object and indicates if they are equal.
	<a href="#">getChars</a> ( <a href="#">int</a> start, <a href="#">int</a> end, <a href="#">char[]</a> dest, <a href="#">int</a> off)
final void	Exactly like <a href="#">String.getChars()</a> : copy chars start through end - 1 from this <a href="#">CharSequence</a> into dest beginning at offset destoff.
	<a href="#">getSpanEnd</a> ( <a href="#">Object</a> what)
int	Return the end of the range of text to which the specified markup object is attached, or -1 if the object is not attached.
	<a href="#">getSpanFlags</a> ( <a href="#">Object</a> what)
	Return the flags that were specified when <a href="#">setSpan</a> ( <a href="#">Object</a> , <a href="#">int</a> , <a href="#">int</a> , <a href="#">int</a> ) was used to attach the specified markup object, or 0 if the specified object has not been attached.
int	
	<a href="#">getSpanStart</a> ( <a href="#">Object</a> what)

`int` Return the beginning of the range of text to which the specified markup object is attached, or -1 if the object is not attached.  
`getSpans(int queryStart, int queryEnd, Class<T> kind)`  
 Return an array of the markup objects attached to the specified slice of this `CharSequence` and whose type is the specified type or a subclass of it.  
`<T> T[]`  
`hashCode()`  
`int` Returns an integer hash code for this object.  
`length()`  
`final int` Returns the number of characters in this sequence.  
`nextSpanTransition(int start, int limit, Class kind)`  
 Return the first offset greater than or equal to `start` where a markup object of class type begins or ends, or `limit` if there are no starts or ends greater than or equal to `start` but less than `limit`.  
`int`  
`void removeSpan(Object what)`  
`void setSpan(Object what, int start, int end, int flags)`  
`subSequence(int start, int end)`  
`final CharSequence` Returns a `CharSequence` from the `start` index (inclusive) to the end index (exclusive) of this sequence.  
`toString()`  
`final String` Returns a string containing a concise, human-readable description of this object.  
`static SpannableString valueOf(CharSequence source)`

#### Inherited Methods [\[Expand\]](#)

-  From class `java.lang.Object`
-  From interface `android.text.GetChars`
-  From interface `android.text.Spannable`
-  From interface `android.text.Spanned`
-  From interface `java.lang.CharSequence`

## Public Constructors

public **SpannableString** ([CharSequence](#) source) Added in [API level 1](#)

## Public Methods

public final char **charAt** (int i) Added in [API level 1](#)

Returns the character at `index`.

public boolean **equals** (Object o)

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Compares this instance with the specified object and indicates if they are equal. In order to be equal, o must represent the same object as this instance using a class-specific comparison. The general contract is that this comparison should be reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. Also, no object reference other than null is equal to null.

The default implementation returns true only if `this == o`. See [Writing a correct equals method](#)

([/reference/java/lang/Object.html#writing\\_equals](#)) if you intend implementing your own equals method.

The general contract for the equals and [hashCode\(\)](#) ([/reference/java/lang/Object.html#hashCode\(\)](#)) methods is that if equals returns true for any two objects, then hashCode() must return the same value for these objects. This means that subclasses of Object usually override either both methods or neither of them.

#### Parameters

o the object to compare this instance with.

#### Returns

true if the specified object is equal to this Object; false otherwise.

public final void **getChars** (int start, int end, char[] dest, int off)

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Exactly like `String.getChars()`: copy chars `start` through `end - 1` from this `CharSequence` into `dest` beginning at offset `dest.off`.

public int **getSpanEnd** (Object what)

Added in [API level 1](#)

Return the end of the range of text to which the specified markup object is attached, or -1 if the object is not attached.

public int **getSpanFlags** (Object what)

Added in [API level 1](#)

Return the flags that were specified when [setSpan\(Object, int, int, int\)](#) ([/reference/android/text/Spannable.html#setSpan\(java.lang.Object, int, int, int\)](#)) was used to attach the specified markup object, or 0 if the specified object has not been attached.

public int **getSpanStart** (Object what)

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Return the beginning of the range of text to which the specified markup object is attached, or -1 if the object is not attached.

public T[] **getSpans** (int queryStart, int queryEnd,  
Class<T> kind)

Added in [API level 1](#)

Return an array of the markup objects attached to the specified slice of this CharSequence and whose type is the specified type or a subclass of it. Specify `Object.class` for the type if you want all the objects regardless of type.

public int **hashCode** ()

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Returns an integer hash code for this object. By contract, any two objects for which `equals(Object)` ([`/reference/java/lang/Object.html#equals\(java.lang.Object\)`](/reference/java/lang/Object.html#equals(java.lang.Object))) returns `true` must return the same hash code value. This means that subclasses of `Object` usually override both methods or neither method.

Note that hash values must not change over time unless information used in equals comparisons also changes.

See [Writing a correct hashCode method](#) ([`/reference/java/lang/Object.html#writing\_hashCode`](/reference/java/lang/Object.html#writing_hashCode)) if you intend implementing your own hashCode method.

#### Returns

this object's hash code.

public final int **length** ()

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Returns the number of characters in this sequence.

#### Returns

the number of characters.

public int **nextSpanTransition** (int start, int limit,  
Class kind)

Added in [API level 1](#)

Return the first offset greater than or equal to `start` where a markup object of class `type` begins or ends, or `limit` if there are no starts or ends greater than or equal to `start` but less than `limit`. Specify `null` or `Object.class` for the type if you want every transition regardless of type.

public void **removeSpan** (Object what)

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public void **setSpan** (Object what, int start, int end,  
int flags)

Added in [API level 1](#)

public final CharSequence **subSequence** (int start,  
int end)

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Returns a `CharSequence` from the `start` index (inclusive) to the end

index (exclusive) of this sequence.

### Parameters

- start* the start offset of the sub-sequence. It is inclusive, that is, the index of the first character that is included in the sub-sequence.
- end* the end offset of the sub-sequence. It is exclusive, that is, the index of the first character after those that are included in the sub-sequence

### Returns

the requested sub-sequence.

public final **String toString ()**

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Returns a string containing a concise, human-readable description of this object. Subclasses are encouraged to override this method and provide an implementation that takes into account the object's type and data. The default implementation is equivalent to the following expression:

```
getClass().getName() + '@' + Integer.toHexString(h
```

See [Writing a useful toString method](#) ([/reference/java/lang/Object.html#writing\\_toString](/reference/java/lang/Object.html#writing_toString)) if you intend implementing your own toString method.

### Returns

a printable representation of this object.

public static **SpannableString valueOf**  
([CharSequence](#) source)

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