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Java 11 introduced several convenient methods for string manipulation and file handling. These additions make common tasks more straightforward and reduce the need for external libraries or verbose code.

New String Methods

Let's explore the new String methods one by one:

1. strip(), stripLeading(), and stripTrailing()

These methods are similar to trim(), but with some important differences:

1. String text = " Hello, World! ";
2. System.out.println(text.strip()); // "Hello, World!"
3. System.out.println(text.stripLeading()); // "Hello, World! "
4. System.out.println(text.stripTrailing()); // " Hello, World!"

The key difference between strip() and trim() is that strip() is Unicode-aware. It removes all Unicode whitespace characters from both ends, while trim() only removes characters <= U+0020 (space).

2. isBlank()

This method checks if a string is empty or contains only whitespace:

1. System.out.println("".isBlank()); // true
2. System.out.println(" ".isBlank()); // true
3. System.out.println("Hello".isBlank()); // false

It's particularly useful for input validation.

3. lines()

This method splits a string into a stream of lines:

1. String multiline = "Line 1\nLine 2\nLine 3";
2. multiline.lines().forEach(System.out::println);
3. // Output:
4. // Line 1
5. // Line 2
6. // Line 3

This is great for processing multi-line strings or reading file contents line by line.

4. repeat()

This method repeats a string a specified number of times:

1. String star = "\*";
2. System.out.println(star.repeat(5)); // "\*\*\*\*\*"
4. String abc = "ABC";
5. System.out.println(abc.repeat(3)); // "ABCABCABC"

It's useful for creating patterns or padding strings.

New File Handling Methods

Java 11 also introduced convenient methods for reading and writing files as strings.

1. Files.writeString()

This method writes a string to a file in one go:

1. import java.nio.file.Files;
2. import java.nio.file.Path;
4. Path filePath = Path.of("example.txt");
5. Files.writeString(filePath, "Hello, File!");

You can also specify the charset and file options:

1. Files.writeString(filePath, "Hello, File!", StandardCharsets.UTF\_8, StandardOpenOption.APPEND);

2. Files.readString()

This method reads the entire contents of a file into a string:

1. String content = Files.readString(filePath);
2. System.out.println(content); // "Hello, File!"

Like writeString(), you can specify the charset:

1. String content = Files.readString(filePath, StandardCharsets.UTF\_8);

Why These Additions Matter

1. **Improved Readability**: These methods make code more concise and easier to read.
2. **Unicode Support**: The new string methods are Unicode-aware, which is crucial in our globalized world.
3. **Convenience**: Common operations like reading/writing files or processing multi-line strings become one-liners.
4. **Performance**: These methods are optimized and can be more efficient than writing the equivalent code yourself.

Use Cases

* strip() and isBlank(): Input validation and data cleaning
* lines(): Processing log files or any multi-line text
* repeat(): Creating visual separators in console output or padding strings
* Files.writeString() and Files.readString(): Quick file I/O operations, especially useful in scripts or small utilities

Things to Consider

* While these methods are convenient, be mindful of memory usage when reading large files into strings.
* The file handling methods throw checked exceptions, so you'll need to handle or declare them.
* Remember that Files.writeString() will create a new file if it doesn't exist, and overwrite if it does (unless you specify StandardOpenOption.APPEND).

These new methods in Java 11 demonstrate Java's continuous evolution to make developers' lives easier. They provide simple, readable solutions to common programming tasks, allowing you to write cleaner, more expressive code.