

StringBuffer & StringBuilder



Introduction to StringBuffer & StringBuilder

In Java, **StringBuffer** and **StringBuilder** are classes used to create mutable (modifiable) strings.

Unlike **String**, they allow you to change the value of strings without creating a new object.

Why Not String?

- Strings in Java are immutable.
- Every modification creates a new object in memory.
- Inefficient when you perform frequent modifications like append, insert, delete, etc.

StringBuffer

- ✓ Thread-safe (synchronized)
- ✓ Good for multi-threaded environments
- ✓ Slower than StringBuilder because of synchronization overhead.

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```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Hello");  
sb.append(" World");  
System.out.println(sb); // Hello World
```

StringBuilder

- ⚡ Not thread-safe (no synchronization).
- ⚡ Faster than StringBuffer
- ⚡ Best choice for single-threaded applications

java

```
StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("Hello");  
sb.append(" world");  
System.out.println(sb); // Hello world
```

Key Differences

Feature	StringBuffer	StringBuilder
Thread Safety	Yes (Synchronized)	No
Performance	Slower	Faster
Use Case	Multi-threaded env.	Single-threaded env.

When to Use?

- ✅ Use StringBuffer if working in multi-threaded applications.
- ✅ Use StringBuilder for better performance in single-threaded apps.

Thank You