

## Char & String

char: a single character, represent by single quotation.

```
ex. 'a', '@', '3', ' '
```

- string: a string of character, represent by double quotation.
  - ex. "hello world", "P@sswd", "!@#\$%^", "123456"
- String is composed of char(s), can be seem as a array of char.

### **Escape Characters**

characters that combine with backslash('\') has special meaning

- ► \n: New line
- \r\n: New line (Windows format)
- ► \t: Horizontal tab
- \\: backslash, needed for string literals
- \": double quote, needed for string literals
- \': single quote, needed for character literals

```
Console. WriteLine("\" Wang \""); // Print "Wang "-

Console. WriteLine("Jack\'s Wang"); // Print "Jack's Wang"

Console. WriteLine("Why 1\\2"); // Print "Why 1\\2"
```

## Ignoring Escape Characters

- You can make a String "pure" by adding a '@' prefix
- ex. "C:\\Program Files\\Microsoft Visual Studio 14.0"

  →@"C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft Visual Studio 14.0"

## The Usage of String

- You can access char within a string by operator [], just like using an array.
  - Console.WriteLine(str[i]);
- So you can also use a for loop to iterate all chars in a string.
  - foreach(char c in str){
     Console.Write("{0} ", c);
    }
- But, String objects can not be modified.
  - Console.WriteLine(str[i]); → legal
  - str[i] = 'd'; →illegal
- Access Length attribute to get the length of string
  - Console.WriteLine(str.Length);

## String Interpolation

- The \$ special character identifies a string literal as an interpolated string, which provides a more readable and convenient syntax to create formatted strings.
- items with interpolated expressions are replaced by the string representations of the expression results.

#### Example:

```
Console.WriteLine("hello {0}! It is {1} now.", name, time);
// equals
Console.WriteLine($"hello, {name}! It is {time} now.");
```

## Methods of String Class

There're many useful methods provided by String class

- Contains, StartWith, Endwith
- IndexOf, LastIndexOf
- Insert, Remove, Replace
- Trim
- ToLower, ToUpper
- Split
- Substring

## Contains()

```
public bool Contains (string value);
```

Test whether a specified substring occurs within this string.

```
string str = "Today is Monday";
Console.WriteLine(str.Contains("Monday")); // output: true
Console.WriteLine(str.Contains("Tuesday")); // output: false
```

## IndexOf()

### public int IndexOf (string value);

- Find the index of the first occurrence of the specified string in this string instance.
- The method returns -1 if the character or string is not found in this instance.

```
string str = "the dog jump over the log";
Console.WriteLine(str.IndexOf("the")); // output: 0
Console.WriteLine(str.IndexOf("bird")); // output: -1
```

## LastIndexOf()

### public int LastIndexOf (string value);

- Find the index of the last occurrence of the specified string in this string instance.
- The method returns -1 if the character or string is not found in this instance.

```
string str = "the dog jump over the log";
Console.WriteLine(str.IndexOf("the")); // output: 18
Console.WriteLine(str.IndexOf("bird")); // output: -1
```

## Insert()

### public string Insert (int startIndex, string value);

Returns a new string in which a specified string is inserted at a specified index position in this instance.

```
ex.
String str = "aaabbb";
String modified = original.Insert(3, " ");
Console.WriteLine("original: '{0}'", original); // "aaabbb"
Console.WriteLine("modified: '{0}'", modified); // "aaa bbb"
```

## Remove()

### public string Remove (int startIndex, int count);

Returns a new string in which a specified number of characters in the current instance beginning at a specified position have been deleted.

```
ex.
string str = "0123456789";
Console.WriteLine(str.Remove(2, 3)); // "0156789"
```

## Replace()

### public string Replace (string oldValue, string newValue);

Returns a new string in which all occurrences of a specified string in the current instance are replaced with another specified string.

```
ex.
string str = "woof woof";
Console.WriteLine(str.Replace("woof", "woooof")); // "woooof woooof"
str = "You should not pass!";
Console.WriteLine(str.Replace("not ", "")); // "You should pass!"
```

## Trim()

### public string Trim ();

Removes all leading and trailing white-space characters from the current String object.

```
string str = " hello, world \n";
Console.WriteLine(str.Trim()); // "hello, world"
```

#### public string Trim (params char[] trimChars);

Removes all leading and trailing occurrences of a set of characters specified in an array from the current String object.

```
string str = "hello, world ! ! !";
Console.WriteLine(str.Trim('!', ' ')); // "hello, world"
```

## ToLower(), ToUpper()

```
public string ToLower ();
Returns a copy of this string converted to lowercase.
- ex.
string str = "be QUIET";
Console.WriteLine(str.ToLower()); // "be quiet"
public string ToUpper ();
Returns a copy of this string converted to uppercase.
ex.
string str = "ace!";
Console.WriteLine(str.ToUpper()); // "ACE!"
```

## Split()

```
public string[] Split (params char[] separator);
Splits a string into substrings that are based on the characters
  in an array.
ex.
string str = "1 2 3 4";
string[] numbers = str.Split(' ')
foreach(string num in numbers){
 Console.Write ("{0} ", Convert.ToInt32(num) * 2);
// output: 2 4 6 8
```

# Substring()

### public string Substring (int startIndex, int length);

Retrieves a substring from this instance. The substring starts at a specified character position and has a specified length.

```
String str = "This is a string.";
Console.WriteLine(str.Substring(5, 2)); // "is"
```

### reference

- String Programming guide
- String Class reference
- string interpolation