

Week 1 - S1 - Practice Problem Solution

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✂ PRACTICE PROBLEM 1:

String Creation and Manipulation

Task: Create a program that demonstrates different ways to create strings and basic manipulation.

```
1  /*Create a program that demonstrates different ways to create strings and basic
2  manipulation. */
3
4
5  public class StringManipulation{
6      public static void main(String[] args) {
7          /* TODO: Create the same string "Java Programming" using 3 different methods:
8             1. String literal
9             2. new String() constructor
10            3. Character array */
11
12            //1->String Literal
13            String string = "String Manipulation.";
14            System.out.println("String Literal-->" + string);
15
16            //2->new String() constructor
17            String newString = new String("String Manipulation using new() keyword.");
18            System.out.println("new String() constructor" + newString);
19
20            //3->Character Array
21            char StringArray[] = {'S', 't', 'r', 'i', 'n', 'g', ' ', 'M', 'a', 'n', 'i', 'p', 'u', 'l',
22                                   'a', 't', 'i', 'o', 'n'};
23            String str = new String(StringArray);
24            System.out.println("Character Array-->" + str);
25
26            /* TODO: Compare the strings using == and .equals()
27               Print the results and explain the difference */
28            if(string == str){
29                System.out.println("Both the Strings share the same reference to the same string in the String Pool");
30            }
31
32            if(string.equals(str)){
33                System.out.println("Both the Strings contain the same value(String)");
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32            if(string.equals(str)){
33                System.out.println("Both the Strings contain the same value(String)");
34            }
35
36            /* TODO: Create a string with escape sequences that displays:
37               Programming Quote:"Code is poetry" - Unknown
38               Path: C:\Java\Projects*/
39            StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
40            sb.append("Programming Quote:\"Code is poetry\" - Unknown").append("\nPath: C:\\Java\\Projects");
41            System.out.println(sb);
42        }
43    }
```

🔧 PRACTICE PROBLEM 2:

String Input and Processing

Task: Create a program that takes user input and processes it using various string methods.

```
1  /* Create a program that takes user input and processes it using various string methods.*/
2
3  import java.util.Scanner;
4
5  public class StringMethods{
6      public static void main(String args[]){
7          Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
8          // TODO: Ask user for their full name (first and last name)
9          //Using trim() to remove padding at the start and end of strings
10         System.out.print("Enter your full name(first and last name):");
11         String fullName = scanner.nextLine().trim();
12
13         // TODO: Ask user for their favorite programming language
14         System.out.print("Enter your favorite programming language:");
15         String favorite = scanner.next().trim();
16         scanner.nextLine();//Removes/Consumes leftover newline[\n]
17
18         // TODO: Ask user for a sentence about their programming experience
19         System.out.print("Enter a sentence about your programming experience:");
20         String opinion = scanner.nextLine().trim();
21
22         /* TODO: Process the input:
23          1. Extract first and last name separately
24          2. Count total characters in the sentence (excluding spaces)
25          3. Convert programming language to uppercase
26          4. Display a formatted summary*/
27
28         //1->Extracting first and last name separately
29         String words[] = fullName.split(" ");//using split() to separate words
30         String firstName = words[0];
31         String lastName = words[words.length - 1];//words.length tells us how many words there were in total
32
33
34         //2->Counting total characters in the sentence excluding spaces
35         int totalCharacters = opinion.length();
36         for(int i = 0; i < opinion.length(); i++){
37             if (opinion.charAt(i) == ' '){
38                 totalCharacters--;
39             }
40         }
41
42
43         //3->Convert programming language to uppercase
44         String uppercase = favorite.toUpperCase();
45
46         //4->Display a formatted summary
47         System.out.println("\n-----INPUT DETAILS-----");
48         System.out.println("Full Name-->" + fullName);
49         System.out.println("Favorite Programming Language-->" + favorite);
50         System.out.println("Sentence about Programming Experience-->" + opinion);
51         System.out.println("\n-----FORMATTED SUMMARY-----");
52         System.out.println("First Name-->" + firstName + "\nLast Name-->" + lastName);
53         System.out.println("Total Characters in the Sentence Excluding Spaces-->" + totalCharacters);
54         System.out.println("Favorite Programming Language to Uppercase-->" + uppercase);
55         scanner.close();
56     }
57 }
```

🔧 PRACTICE PROBLEM 3:

String Arrays and Methods

Task: Create a program that manages a list of student names using string arrays and methods.

```
1  /*Task: Create a program that manages a list of student names using string arrays and methods. */
2
3
4  public class StringArrays{
5
6      // TODO: Create a method that takes a string array of names
7      // and returns the longest name
8      public static String findLongestName(String[] names) {
9          // Your code here
10         String longestName = names[0].trim(); // start with the first name
11         for (String name : names) {
12             if (name.trim().length() > longestName.length()) {
13                 longestName = name.trim();
14             }
15         }
16         return longestName;
17     }
18
19 }
```

```
20
21 // TODO: Create a method that counts how many names
22 // start with a given letter (case-insensitive)
23 public static int countNamesStartingWith(String[] names, char letter) {
24     // Your code here
25     int count = 0;
26     letter = Character.toLowerCase(letter); // Deals with edge cases
27     for (String name : names) {
28         if (Character.toLowerCase(name.trim().charAt(0)) == letter) {
29             count++;
30         }
31     }
32     return count;
33 }
34
35
36 // TODO: Create a method that formats all names to "Last, First" format
37 // Assume names are given as "First Last"
38 public static String[] formatNames(String[] names) {
39     // Your code here
40     String[] formatted = new String[names.length];
41     for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {
42         String[] parts = names[i].trim().split(" ");
43         if (parts.length >= 2) {
44             String first = parts[0];
45             String last = parts[parts.length - 1];
46             formatted[i] = last + ", " + first;
47         } else {
48             formatted[i] = names[i]; // fallback if only one word
49         }
50     }
51 }
```

```
49     }
50 }
51 return formatted;
52 }
53
54
55 public static void main(String args[]){
56     String[] students = {"John Smith", "Alice Johnson", "Bob Brown", "Carol Davis", "David Wilson"};
57     // TODO: Test all your methods and display results
58     System.out.println("Longest Name: " + findLongestName(students));
59     System.out.println("Names starting with D: " + countNamesStartingWith(students, 'D'));
60     String[] formattedNames = formatNames(students);
61     System.out.println("\nFormatted Names:");
62     for (String name : formattedNames) {
63         System.out.println(name);
64     }
65
66 }
67 }
```

🔧 PRACTICE PROBLEM 4:

Complete String Application (10 minutes)

Task: Create a simple text processor that combines all concepts learned.

```
1  import java.util.Scanner;
2  import java.util.Arrays;
3
4  public class TextProcessor{
5      // TODO: Method to clean and validate input
6      public static String cleanInput(String input) {
7          // Remove extra spaces, convert to proper case
8          // Return cleaned string
9          return input.trim();
10     }
11
12     // TODO: Method to analyze text
13     public static void analyzeText(String text) {
14         // Count: words, sentences, characters
15         int w = 0, s = 0, c = 0, count = 0;
16         for (int i = 0 ; i < text.length(); i++){
17             if(text.charAt(i) == ' '){
18                 count++;
19             }
20             if(text.charAt(i) == '.'){
21                 s++;
22             }
23             c++;
24         }
25         w = count + 1;
26
27         // Find: longest word, most common character
28         String words[] = text.split(" ");
29         String longestWord = words[0];
30         for(int i = 1 ; i < words.length; i++){
31             if(longestWord.length() < words[i].length()){
32                 longestWord = words[i];
33             }
34         }
35
36         int maxCount = 0;
37         char mostCommon = text.charAt(0);
38         for (int i = 0; i < text.length(); i++) {
39             int charCount = 0;
40             for (int j = 0; j < text.length(); j++) {
41                 if (text.charAt(i) == text.charAt(j)) {
42                     charCount++;
43                 }
44             }
45             if (charCount > maxCount && text.charAt(i) != ' ' ) {
46                 maxCount = charCount;
47                 mostCommon = text.charAt(i);
48             }
49         }
```

```

51     System.out.println("-----STATISTICS-----");
52     System.out.println("String-->"+text);
53     System.out.println("Number of words in String-->"+w);
54     System.out.println("Number of sentences in the String-->"+s);
55     System.out.println("Number of characters in the String-->"+c);
56     System.out.println("Longest Word in the String-->"+longestWord);
57     System.out.println("Most common character in the String-->"+mostCommon);
58 }
59
60 // TODO: Method to create word array and sort alphabetically
61 public static String[] getWordsSorted(String text) {
62     // Split text into words, remove punctuation, sort
63     // Return sorted array
64     String words[] = text.split(" ");
65     for (int i = 0 ; i < words.length ; i++){
66         StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();
67         for (int j = 0 ; j < words[i].length(); j++){
68             if (Character.isLetterOrDigit(words[i].charAt(j))){
69                 sb.append(words[i].charAt(j));
70             }
71         }
72         words[i] = sb.toString();
73     }
74
75     Arrays.sort(words);
76     return words;
77 }
78

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```

80 public static void main(String[] args) {
81     Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
82     // TODO: Create a text processor that:
83     // 1. Asks user for a paragraph of text
84     // 2. Cleans and validates the input
85     // 3. Analyzes the text (word count, character count, etc.)
86     // 4. Shows the words in alphabetical order
87     // 5. Allows user to search for specific words
88     System.out.println("=== TEXT PROCESSOR ===");
89
90     System.out.println("Enter a Paragraph of Text:");
91     String text = scanner.nextLine();
92
93     text = cleanInput(text);
94
95     analyzeText(text);
96
97     String sortedText[] = getWordsSorted(text);
98     System.out.println("\nWords in alphabetical order:");
99     for (String w : sortedText) {
100         System.out.println(w);
101     }
102
103     System.out.println("\nEnter Word to be searched-->");
104     String Element = scanner.nextLine();
105     int r = 0;
106     for (String word: sortedText){
107         if (word.equals(Element)){
108             System.out.println(Element + " found!");
109             r++;
110             break;

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```
110         break;
111     }
112 }
113 if (r == 0){
114     System.out.println(Element + " not found!");
115 }
116
117 scanner.close();
118 }
119 }
120
```