

String Handling

String Fundamentals

- String is a class that represents sequence of characters
- Strings are constants and their values cannot be changed after they are created. So it is called as immutable.
- In java, when we create a string, it actually creates an object of type string.
- String is the only class where operator overloading is supported in java.
- we can concat two strings using "+" operator.
String Constructors
We can construct the strings in 2 ways.
- String Literal
You can create string objects with string literal.
`String s1 = "Hello";`
- Using new keyword
This is common way to create a string object in java.
`String s1 = new String ("Sachin");`

We have 10 Rules in strong

Rule 1

e.g.: class person

{ int age;

Public class Firstpgm

```
public static void main (String[] args)
```

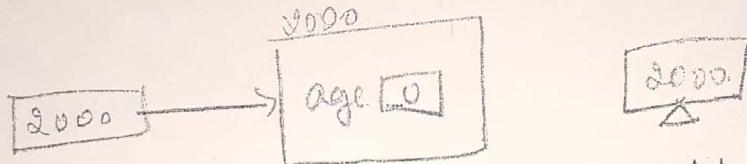
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Person p = new person();

System.out.println(P);

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when ever we print the addressvariable of the user defined object we would not get the content of the objects rather we would get only the address of the object.

of the object.
address of the object.
public class StringApp
(String is built)

Eg: public class String

(string is inbuilt)

Eg: `public static void main (String[] args)`

{ String $s = "Sachin"$

System - ont. println (S);

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ofp: Sachin

Rule 1: On referring to string address variable (2) we would get the data present in the string.

Rule 2: Strings in java are referred as objects
In order to compare 2 strings

1. With Case sensitivity we use
equals()

2. Without Case sensitivity we use
equalsIgnoreCase()

Eg: Public class StringRule2

{
 Public static void main (String[] args)

{
 String s1 = "Sachin";

 String s2 = "Rahul", ^{SACHIN}

 if (s1.equals(s2) == true)

{
 System.out.println ("Two strings are equal");

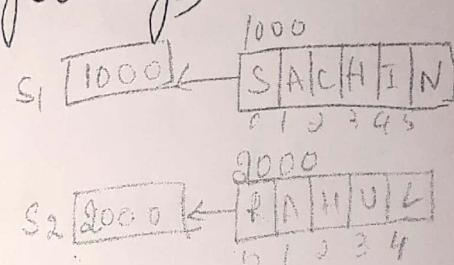
{
 else

{
 System.out.println ("Two strings are not equal")

{

{

O/p: Two strings are not equal.



Eg 2: public class StringRule2

```
{ Public static void main (String [] args)
{
    String s1 = "sachin";
    String s2 = "SACHIN";
    if (s1.equalsIgnoreCase (s2) == true)
    {
        System.out.println ("Two strings are equal");
    }
    else
    {
        System.out.println ("Two strings are not equal");
    }
}
```

Output: Two strings are equal.

Rule 3

In order to compare the address of the reference variable we use equal to operator ($= =$).

Eg: Public class StringRule3

```
{ Public static void main (String [] args)
{
    String s1 = "sachin";
    String s2 = "sachin";
    if (s1 == s2)
    {
        System.out.println ("Both s1 and s2 are pointing to the same object");
    }
}
```

else

{

System.out.println ("s₁ and s₂ are " ||| |||
to the same object");

}

}

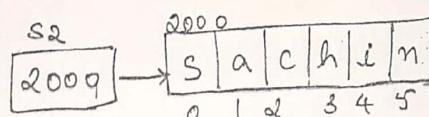
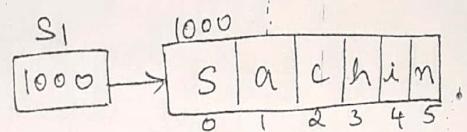
O/p: Both s₁ and s₂ are pointing to the same object.

Rule 4:

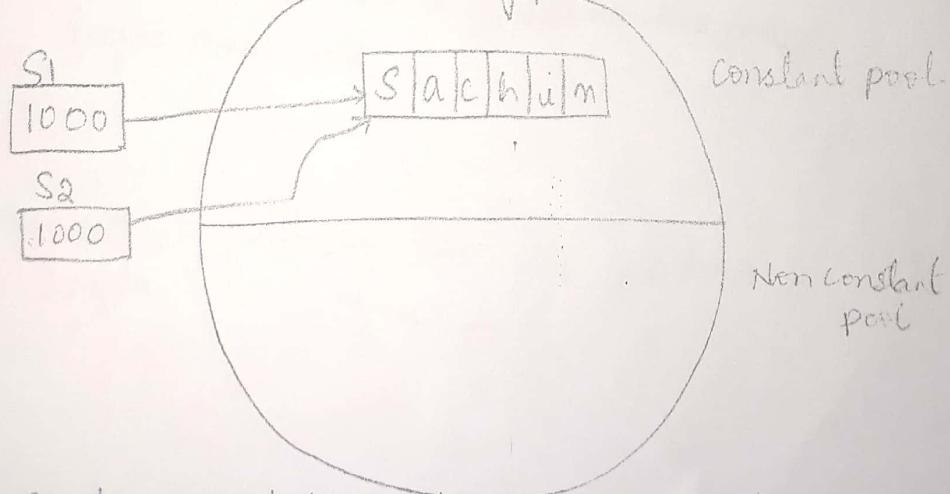
if strings are created without using new operator memory would come from constant pool.

Rule 5:

In constant pool duplicates are not allowed.



String pool



2 reference variable points to the same address

Rule 6:

whenever we create a string using new operator memory would come from non-constant pool.

Rule 7:

In non-constant pool duplicates are allowed.

Eg: public class Stringbuf {

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Public static void main(String[] args)

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```
String s = new String("Sachin");
```

```
String s2 = new String ("Sachin");
```

if ($s_1 = s_2$)

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System.out.println("String 2 is present
the same object");

the same object);

}

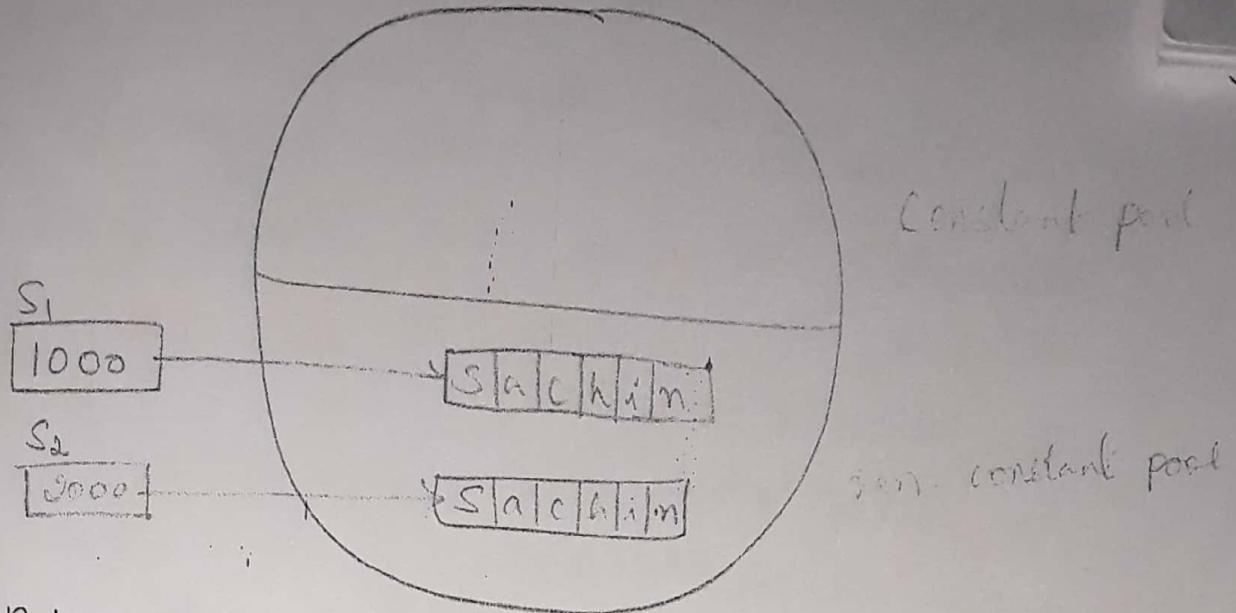
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to the same object

O/P: s_1 and s_2 are not pointing to the same object.

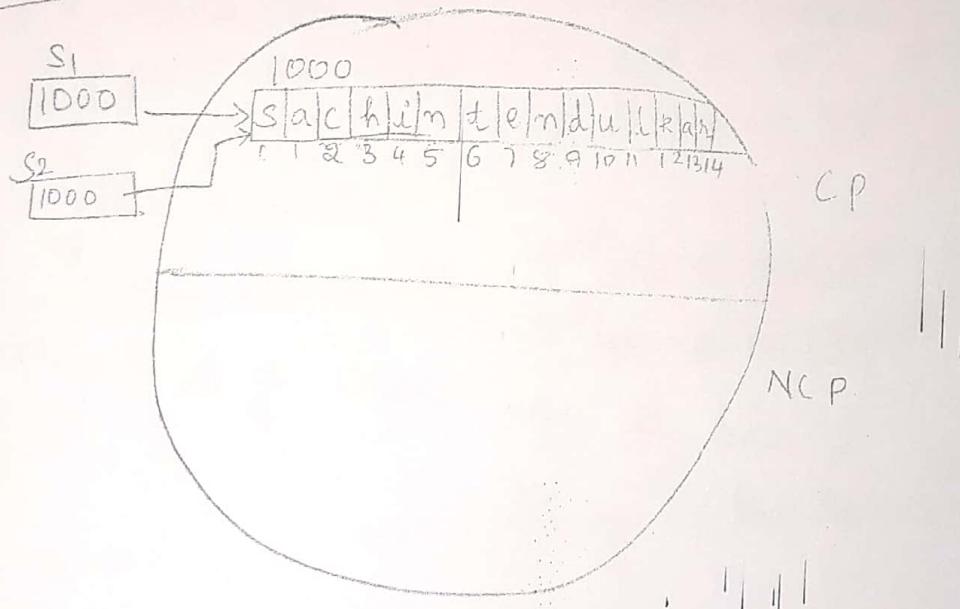


Rule 8:

The operator `+` is used for concatenation of 2 strings.

Rule 9:

During concatenation if values are used memory would come from constant pool.



Eg: public class StringRule

```
{  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
{
```

```
    String s1;
```

```
    String s2;
```

```
    s1 = "Sachin" + "tendulkar";
```

```
    s2 = "Sachin" + "tendulkar";
```

```
    System.out.println(s1);
```

```
    System.out.println(s2);
```

```
    if (s1 == s2)
```

```
{
```

```
    System.out.println("s1 and s2 are pointing to the  
    same object");
```

```
}
```

```
else
```

```
{  
    System.out.println("s1 and s2 are not pointing  
    to the same object");
```

```
}
```

```
} }
```

O/p: Sachintendulkar

Sachintendulkar

s1 and s2 are pointing to the same
object.

Rule 10
During
memory
Eg:

Rule 10

(5)

During concatenation if variables are used
memory would come from non-constant pool.

Eg: Public class StringRule10

{

Public void main (String [] args)

{

 String S₁ = "Sachin";

 String S₂ = "Tendulkar";

 String S₃ = S₁ + S₂;

 String S₄ = S₁ + S₂;

 System.out.println (S₃);

 System.out.println (S₄);

 if (S₃ == S₄)

{

 System.out.println ("S₃ and S₄ are pointing
 to the same object");

{

 else

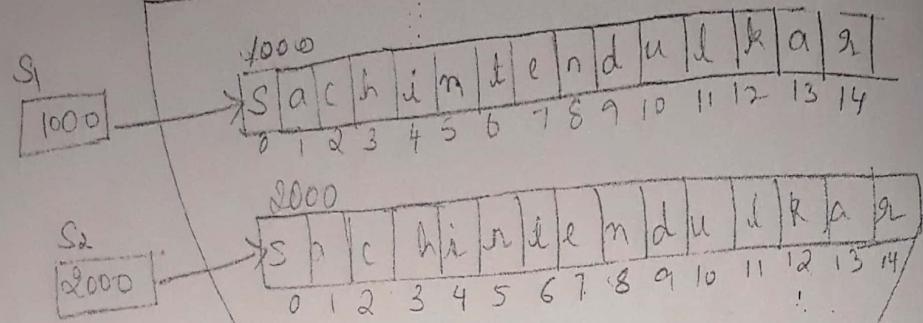
{

 System.out.println ("S₃ and S₄ are not pointing
 to the same object");

}

}

O/p: S₃ and S₄ are not pointing to the same object



Obtaining the characters within a string

By default strings are "immutable" in java.
it means strings cannot be accessed at character level.

```
Public class ObtainingCharacter
{
    Public static void main(String[ ] args)
    {
```

String S_1 = "Sachin"

System.out.println ($S_1[2]$)

}

error

data cannot be accessed at character level
because it is a string (immutable)

String comparison

Different methods used for string comparison are

1. equals() : it compares the strings to the specified object.

if the strings are equal then the result is true otherwise false.

Syntax: boolean equals();

2. equalIgnoreCase() : compares the string to the specified object without checking the case

Syntax: boolean equalIgnoreCase();

3. StartsWith() & EndsWith() : determines whether a given string begin with & end with a specified string.

Syntax: boolean startsWith (String str);

boolean endsWith (String str)

4. CompareTo() : compares a string to another string object.

The result of the comparison is one of the following

→ Less than zero : Invoking string is less than str.

→ Greater than zero : Invoking string is greater than str.

→ Zero : two strings are equal.

Syntax: int compareTo (String str)

5. CompareToIgnoreCase(): Compares the string to the specified string object without checking the case.

Syntax: int compareToIgnoreCase (String str)

Eg: 3 way comparison

* write a java pgm to compare the string in 3 ways.

1. if two strings are equal print as it is equal.
2. if first string is greater than second string
Print $s_1 > s_2$
3. if first string is less than second string print
 $s_1 < s_2$.

In java compare to method is used compare the strings in 3 ways, it would return the result in the following manner.

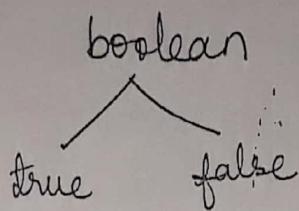
1. if two strings are equal it would return 0.
2. if first string is greater than second string
it would return a positive number.
3. if first string is less than second string
it would return a negative number.

Eg 1) $s_1 = \text{rama}$
 $s_2 = \text{rama}$

Eg 2) $s_1 = \text{rama}$
 $s_2 = \text{raman}$

Eg 3) $s_1 = \text{yuvi}$
 $s_2 = \text{yuva}$

if we compare 2 strings then we would
get the result in



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In C we call it as ASCII values. But in
java it is unicode.

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| a = 97 | f = 102 | k = 107 | p = 112 | u = 117 | z = 122 |
| b = 98 | g = 103 | l = 108 | q = 113 | v = 118 | |
| c = 99 | h = 104 | m = 109 | r = 114 | w = 119 | |
| d = 100 | i = 105 | n = 110 | s = 115 | x = 120 | |
| e = 101 | j = 106 | o = 111 | t = 116 | y = 121 | |

Here in java to compare 2 strings we use a
method called compareTo

Now, $(S_1).compareTo(S_2)$

↓ JVM

$$\begin{array}{r} 1) S_1 = \text{rama} \quad 114 \ 97 \ 109 \ 97 \\ S_2 = \text{rama} \quad (\rightarrow 114 \ 97 \ 109 \ 97 \\ \hline 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \end{array}$$

if it returns zero (0) "2 strings are equal"

$$\begin{array}{r} 2) S_1 = \text{rama} \quad 114 \ 97 \ 109 \ 97 \\ S_2 = \text{rame} \quad 114 \ 97 \ 109 \ 101 \\ \hline 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ -4 \end{array}, \quad \text{if } 1 < 0$$

if it returns a value < 0 "1st string is less than
2nd string"

$$3) S_1 = yuv*$$S_2 = yuva \begin{array}{r} (-) \\ \hline 121 & 117 & 118 & 97 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{array}$$*$$

if it return a value > 0 "1st string is greater than 2nd string"

Eg: public class CompareToAPP

```
{ Public static void main (String [] args)
```

```
{ String S1 = "yuvi"
```

```
String S2 = "yuva"
```

```
int m = S1.compareTo(S2);
```

```
System.out.println(m);
```

```
if (m == 0)
```

```
{ System.out.println ("Two strings are equal");
```

```
} else if (m > 0)
```

```
{ System.out.println ("S1 > S2");
```

```
}
```

```
else
```

```
{ System.out.println ("S1 < S2");
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

O/p: S₁ > S₂

Searching a substring using indexof() and lastIndexof()

Methods for searching string

indexof()

- Searches for the first occurrence of the specified character or substring.
- If the character or substring is not within the source string, then return -1.
- If the character or substring is found, then return the position of search string in source string.

Syntax: int indexof (char ch) | int indexof (char c, int index)
 int indexof (String str) | int indexof (String str, int index)

Eg: String str = "Java is powerful";
 str.indexof('a'); → 1 | str.indexof('a', 1); → -1
 str.indexof("is"); → 5 | ...

lastIndexof()

- Searches for the last occurrence of the specified character or substring.
- If the character or substring is not within the string, then return -1.
- If the character or substring is found, then return the position of search string in source string.

Syntax: int lastIndexOf(char ch, int index)
int lastIndexOf(String str, int index)
int lastIndexOf(char ch)
int lastIndexOf(String str)

Eg: int lastIndexOf('o')

Eg: String str = "Java is powerful";
str.lastIndexOf('a', 7); // 3, -1

Changing the case of characters within a string

The string case can change using
following methods.

1. toLowerCase():

Converts all of the character in string
to lowercase

Syntax: String toLowerCase();

Eg: String str = "JAVA IS POWERFUL"
str.toLowerCase(); //java is powerful

2 toUpperCase():

Converts all of the characters in string to
uppercase.

Syntax: String toUpperCase();

Eg: String str = "java is powerful";
str.toUpperCase(); // JAVA IS POWERFUL

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obtaining the characters

String class provides three ways by which character can be obtained from a string

methods for obtaining the characters

1. charAt()

returns a single character from a string at specified value.

Syntax: `char charAt(int index)`

Eg: String str = "java is powerful";
char ch = str.charAt(3); //v

2. getChars()

Obtain more than one character

Syntax: `void getChars(int srcstart, int endstart,
char[] target, int targetstart)`

where, reads the set of characters from index `srcstart` to the index `srcend` and store in the target character array `target` from a given index `targetstart`.

Eg: String str = "java is powerful";
str.getChars(5, 10, b, 0)
System.out.println(b); // it will print "is"

toCharArray()

Converts this string to a new character array.

Syntax: char[] toCharArray()

Eg: String str = "java is powerful";

```
str.toCharArray();
System.out.println(str[8]); // p
```

The Length() method

→ The length() method is applicable for string objects but not for arrays

→ length() invokes a method to access a field member.

→ Strings does not have a method called length() method, that returns the length of a string in integer type.

Syntax: int length()

Eg:

String s1 = "Good morning"

```
System.out.println(s1.length()); // 12
```

write a pgm on unbuilt method
public class InbuiltMethod

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{ public static void main (String [] args)

String s1 = "RajaRamMohanRoy";

System.out.println (s1.length());

System.out.println (s1.indexOf ('R'));

System.out.println (s1.lastIndexOf ('R'));

System.out.println (s1.contains ("Ram"));

System.out.println (s1.contains ("Sachin"));

System.out.println (s1.toUpperCase());

System.out.println (s1.toLowerCase());

System.out.println (s1.substring (1));

System.out.println (s1.substring (4, 11));

System.out.println (s1.endsWith ("Roy"));

System.out.println (s1.endsWith ("Joy"));

System.out.println (s1.startsWith ("Roy"));

System.out.println (s1.startsWith ("Raja"));

System.out.println (s1.charAt (10));

System.out.println (s1);

}

}

out put:

15

0

12

True

false

RAJARAM MOHAN ROY

Najarammohansoy

Mohan Roy

RamMoha

—true

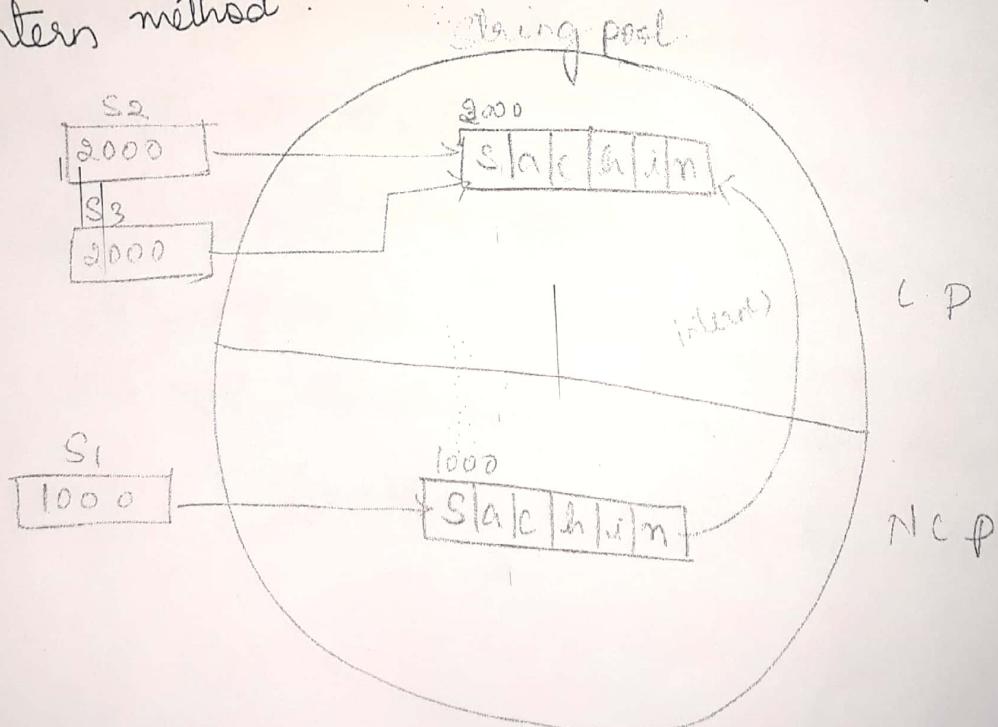
false

False

true

a

* Write a java program to show the working of
intern method.



Intern method() is used to copy the string
from non-constant pool to constant pool. ⑪

```
public class InternApp
```

```
{
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
{
```

```
        String s1 = new String("Sachin");
```

```
        String s2 = s1.intern();
```

```
        String s3 = "Sachin";
```

```
        if (s2 == s3)
```

```
{
```

```
            System.out.println("s2 and s3 are pointing  
to the same object");
```

```
}
```

```
else
```

```
{
```

```
            System.out.println("s2 and s3 are not  
pointing to the same object");
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

```
O/P: s2 and s3 are pointing to the same object
```

Creation of mutable strings

In java by default strings are immutable
To create mutable strings we use 2 approaches

1. String Builder()
2. String Buffer()

String Buffer()

→ The StringBuffer class is used to represent characters that can be modified. We can use StringBuffer to append, reverse, replace, concatenate and manipulate strings or sequence of characters. It is used to create mutable strings.

Eg:

```
public class StringBufferApp
```

```
{ public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
{ StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Sachin");
```

```
System.out.println(sb)
```

```
Sb.append("Tendulkar");
```

```
System.out.println("After appending the string is : "+sb);
```

3 }

D/p

Sachin

After appending the string is : SachinTendulkar

String Builder()

- String Builder objects are like string objects, except that they can be modified.
- Internally, these objects are treated like variable-length arrays that contain a sequence of characters.
- At any point, the length and the content of the sequence can be changed through method invocations.

Length and Capacity

The StringBuilder class, like the String class, has a length() method that returns the length of the character sequence in the builder. Unlike strings, every StringBuilder also has a capacity(), the number of character spaces that have been allocated. The capacity(), which is returned by the capacity() method, is always greater than or equal to length and will automatically expand as necessary to accommodate additions to the StringBuilder.

Write a java program on StringBuilder (Inbuilt methods)

public class StringBuilderMethodApp

{ public static void main(String[] args)

{

 StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder();

 System.out.println(sb.capacity());

 System.out.println(sb.length());

 System.out.println();

 sb.append("Sachin");

 System.out.println(sb.capacity());

 System.out.println(sb.length());

 System.out.println();

 sb.append(" is a great batsman");

 System.out.println(sb.capacity());

 System.out.println(sb.length());

 System.out.println();

 sb.append(" He is from India");

 System.out.println(sb.capacity());

 System.out.println(sb.length());

}

}

Output

16

0

34

0

16

6

42

0