

provide all the string methods of the string buffer which are not same as string methods in java with core examples

Excellent question, Routh 🙌 — this is a **key concept** when learning how `StringBuffer` differs from `String` in Java.

Let's go step-by-step and cover **all methods of `StringBuffer` that are NOT available in `String`**, along with **clear explanations and practical examples**.

🧠 Quick Recap — `String` vs `StringBuffer`

Feature	<code>String</code>	<code>StringBuffer</code>
Mutability	Immutable	Mutable
Thread Safety	Not synchronized	Synchronized
Performance	Slower for repeated modifications	Faster for modifications
Package	<code>java.lang</code>	<code>java.lang</code>

🧩 Methods unique to `StringBuffer`

These methods deal with **modifying**, **inserting**, **reversing**, or **managing capacity**, which `String` doesn't allow since it's immutable.

1. `append()`

Purpose: Adds text (or any data type) to the end of the buffer.

Syntax:

```
StringBuffer append(data);
```

Example:

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

👉 Not available in `String` because `String` is immutable — you'd use `str = str + "World"` instead.

2. `insert()`

Purpose: Inserts text at a specific position.

Syntax:

```
StringBuffer insert(int offset, data);
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Java");  
sb.insert(2, "Cool");  
System.out.println(sb); // Output: JaCoolva
```

3. `replace()`

Purpose: Replaces a range of characters with new text.

Syntax:

```
StringBuffer replace(int start, int end, String str);
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("I love Python");  
sb.replace(7, 13, "Java");  
System.out.println(sb); // Output: I love Java
```

(Note: *String* has *replace()* too, but it replaces characters or substrings, not a **range** of indices like this one.)

4. **delete()**

Purpose: Deletes characters from start index to end index.

Syntax:

```
StringBuffer delete(int start, int end);
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Programming");  
sb.delete(3, 6);  
System.out.println(sb); // Output: Proamming
```

5. **deleteCharAt()**

Purpose: Deletes a single character at the specified index.

Syntax:

```
StringBuffer deleteCharAt(int index);
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Hello");  
sb.deleteCharAt(1);  
System.out.println(sb); // Output: Hllo
```

6. **reverse()**

Purpose: Reverses the character sequence.

Syntax:

```
StringBuffer reverse();
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Java");  
sb.reverse();  
System.out.println(sb); // Output: avaJ
```

7. **capacity()**

Purpose: Returns the **current storage capacity** (number of characters it can hold before resizing).

Syntax:

```
int capacity();
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer();  
System.out.println(sb.capacity()); // Default: 16  
sb.append("Hello");  
System.out.println(sb.capacity()); // Still 16 (no resize yet)
```

8. **ensureCapacity()**

Purpose: Ensures that the buffer can hold at least the specified number of characters.

Syntax:

```
void ensureCapacity(int minimumCapacity);
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Java");  
sb.ensureCapacity(50);  
System.out.println(sb.capacity()); // Output: >= 50
```

9. `setLength()`

Purpose: Sets the length of the buffer.

If new length is shorter → characters are truncated.

If longer → null characters (`\u0000`) are added.

Syntax:

```
void setLength(int newLength);
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("HelloWorld");  
sb.setLength(5);  
System.out.println(sb); // Output: Hello
```

10. `trimToSize()`

Purpose: Reduces the capacity to match the current length (to save memory).

Syntax:

```
void trimToSize();
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Java");  
sb.ensureCapacity(50);  
sb.trimToSize();  
System.out.println(sb.capacity()); // Output: 4
```

11. `setCharAt()`

Purpose: Changes a character at a specific index.

Syntax:

```
void setCharAt(int index, char ch);
```

Example:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Rava");  
sb.setCharAt(0, 'J');  
System.out.println(sb); // Output: Java
```



Summary Table

Method	Description	Available in String ?
append()	Adds data at the end	✗
insert()	Inserts data at index	✗
replace(int,int,String)	Replace range	⚠ (Different overload)
delete()	Delete range	✗
deleteCharAt()	Delete one char	✗
reverse()	Reverse string	✗
capacity()	Check current buffer capacity	✗
ensureCapacity()	Ensure min capacity	✗
setLength()	Change length manually	✗
trimToSize()	Reduce capacity to length	✗
setCharAt()	Modify a specific character	✗

✅ Bonus Tip

You can **convert between String and StringBuffer**:

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Hello");  
String str = sb.toString(); // StringBuffer → String
```

```
StringBuffer sb2 = new StringBuffer(str); // String → StringBuffer
```

Would you like me to create a **small Java program** that demonstrates **all these methods together** (so you can run and observe the outputs step-by-step)?

It would be perfect for your Java learning notebook.