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                                        Workspace
"mere concatenation"
MessageTally spyOn: [ 9000 timesRepeat:
                     [ | str |
                        str := ''.
                        256 timesRepeat: [ str := str, '~' ]]].
"result: 2736 msec."
"conventionally allocated WriteStream"
MessageTally spyOn: [ 9000 timesRepeat:
                    [ | str
                        str := WriteStream on: ( String new ).
                        256 timesRepeat: [ str nextPut: $~ ]]].
"result: 998 msec."
"WriteStream allocated with a decent estimate of the expected size"
MessageTally spyOn: [ 9000 timesRepeat:
                    [ | str
                        str := WriteStream on: ( String new: 192 ).
                        256 timesRepeat: [ str nextPut: $~ ]]].
"result: 899 msec."
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