

Core Java - String

Strings in Java

- ❖ In Java, a string is an object. It is not a primitive type.
- ❖ The String class is used to create and store immutable strings.
 - ❖ Immutable objects are objects that don't change once created.
- ❖ Class StringBuilder creates objects that store flexible and changeable strings.
 - ❖ StringBuilder → Create mutable String
 - ❖ We'll learn this later on in the course.

The String class

- ❖ Part of java.lang package
- ❖ Near about 50 inbuilt methods
- ❖ Once you build a String object, it is fixed – it cannot be changed.
- ❖ You can assign a String reference variable to a new string, discarding the old one
- ❖ When we create a string in java, it actually creates an object of type String.

Different Ways to Create String

❖ Using string literal

```
String str = "abc";
```

❖ Using new keyword

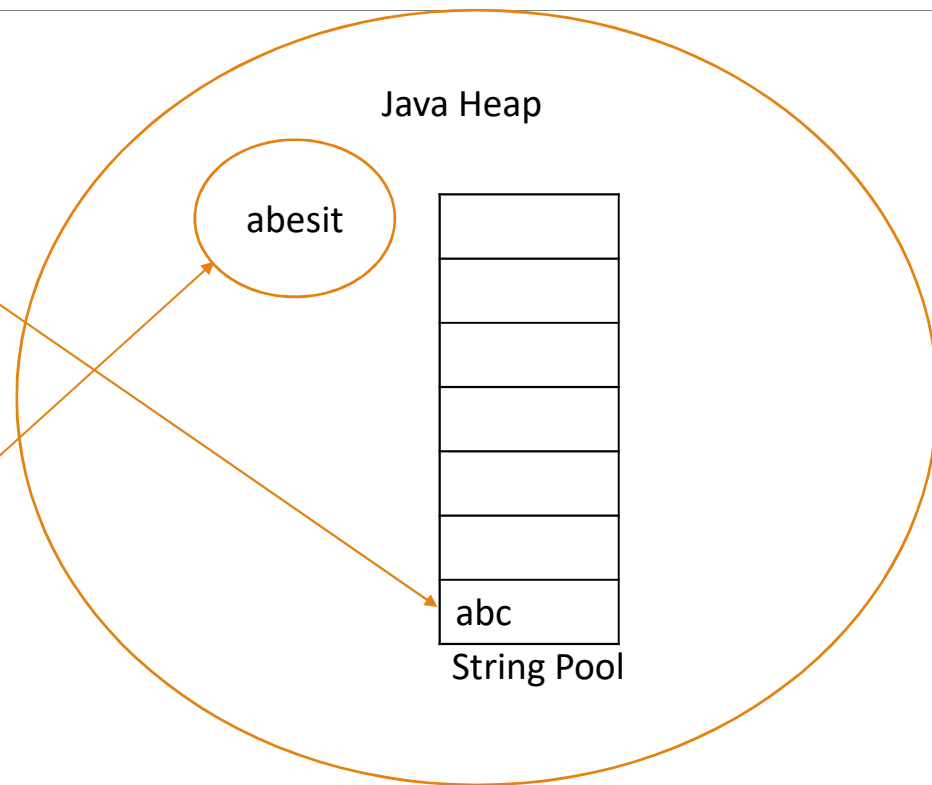
```
String str1 = new String("abc");
```

```
char[] arr = {'a','b','e','s','i','t'};  
String str = new String(arr);
```

Memory Representation

```
String str = "abc";
```

```
String str1 = new String("abesit");
```



Inbuilt methods - length()

length() method finds the length of a string.

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "APPLE";
        System.out.println(str.length());
    }
}
```

Output

5

Inbuilt methods - charAt()

charAt() method returns a char value at the given index number.

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "APPLE";
        System.out.println(str.charAt(0));
        System.out.println(str.charAt(4));
    }
}
```

Output

```
A
E
```

Note - It returns **StringIndexOutOfBoundsException**, if the given index number is **greater than or equal** to this string length or a negative number.

Inbuilt methods - charAt()

Write a Program to print alternate char from a given String.(i.e index – 0,2,4,6,8,10,.....)

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "understandable";
        for(int i=0;i<str.length();i=i+2)
            System.out.println(str.charAt(i));
    }
}
```


Inbuilt methods - substring()

substring() method returns a part of the string.

Syntax –

str.substring(start-index)

Start-index – inclusive
End-index - exclusive

Return string starting
from given index to
end of string

str.substring(start-index , end-Index)

Inbuilt methods - substring()

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "MANGO";
        System.out.println(str.substring(3));
    }
}
```

Output -

GO

Inbuilt methods - substring()

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "MANGO";
        System.out.println(str.substring(2,4));
        System.out.println(str.substring(2,5));
    }
}
```

Output -

```
NG
NGO
```

Inbuilt methods - substring()

What if end index is greater than length of string?

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "MANGO";
        System.out.println(str.substring(2,6));
    }
}
```

StringIndexOutOfBoundsException

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.StringIndexOutOfBoundsException: begin 2, end 6, length 5
    at java.base/java.lang.String.checkBoundsBeginEnd(String.java:3319)
    at java.base/java.lang.String.substring(String.java:1874)
    at Main.main(Main.java:5)
```

Inbuilt methods - substring()

Write a Java program which takes two index as input and print substring starting from given index upto given index.

Inbuilt methods - contains()

contains() method searches the sequence of characters in this string.

It returns **true** if the **sequence of char values is found** in this string otherwise **returns false**.

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "MANGO";
        System.out.println(str.contains("GO"));
        System.out.println(str.contains("GOO"));
    }
}
```

Output -

```
true
false
```

Inbuilt methods - replace()

replace() method returns a string replacing all the **old char or CharSequence** to **new char or CharSequence**.

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "MANGO";
        System.out.println(str.replace('M', 'T'));
        System.out.println(str);
    }
}
```



It return a new String
after replacing

Output -

```
TANGO
MANGO
```

Inbuilt methods - replace()

replace() method returns a string replacing all the **old char or CharSequence** to **new char or CharSequence**.

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "MANGO";
        System.out.println(str.replace("ANGO", "ango"));
    }
}
```



It return a new String
after replacing

Output -

Mango

Inbuilt methods - split()

split() method splits this string against given regular expression and returns a char array.

splits the string based on whitespace

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "I like Mango";
        String[] res = str.split("\\s");
        for(String s:res)
            System.out.println(s);
    }
}
```

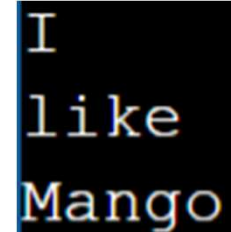
```
I
like
Mango
```

Inbuilt methods - split()

split() method splits this string against given regular expression and returns a char array.

splits the string based on comma

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "I,like,Mango";
        String[] res = str.split(",");
        for(String s:res)
            System.out.println(s);
    }
}
```



I
like
Mango

Inbuilt methods - split()

split() method splits this string against given regular expression and returns a char array.

splits the string based on sub string

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "I like potato, you like tomato";
        String[] res = str.split("like");
        for(String s:res){
            System.out.print(s);
        }
    }
}
```

```
I
potato, you
tomato
```

Inbuilt methods - split()

split(String regex, int limit) -

We can pass Limit also - limit for the number of strings in array. If it is zero, it will returns all the strings matching regex.

```
public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "I like potato, you like tomato";
        String[] res = str.split("like",2);
        for(String s:res){
            System.out.println(s);
        }
    }
}
```

```
I
potato, you like tomato
```

Inbuilt methods – indexOf()

indexOf() method returns the position of the first occurrence of the specified character or string in a specified string.

String str = "I am what I am";

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
I		a	m		w	h	a	t		I		a	m

str.indexOf('I') → 0

It returns the index position for the given char value

str.indexOf('I',2) → 10

// It returns the index position for the given char value and from index

Inbuilt methods – indexOf()

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`str.indexOf("am") → 2`

It returns the index position for the given substring

`str.indexOf("am",5) → 12`

// It returns the index position for the given substring and from index

Some more methods

Str.toLowerCase()	It returns a string in lowercase.
Str. toUpperCase()	It returns a string in uppercase.
Str.trim()	It removes beginning and ending spaces of this string.
String.valueOf(str)	converts different types of values into string. int to string, long to string, boolean to string, character to string, float to string, double to string, char array to string

Some more methods

Str.compareTo(str1, str2)	compares the given strings in the order of occurrence in the dictionary and returns 0 , -ve value or +ve value
Str.equals(anotherString)	used to verify if both the strings are equal or not. Returns True or False
Str.join(joiner, str1, str2, str3,...)	is used to join a group of strings using the joiner between them. The joiner variable can be any character, string or a sequence of characters.
Str. startsWith()	checks whether the string begins with the specified string or not.

Problems

1. Write a program to create a new string repeating every character twice of a given string
2. WAP to print no of words in a string.
3. WAP to count number of vowels in a string.
4. Write a Java program to get the character at the given index within the String.
5. Write a program to find total number of alphabets, digits or special character in a string.
6. Write a Java program to test if a given string contains the specified sequence of char values.
7. Write a Java program to compare two strings lexicographically. Two strings are lexicographically equal if they are the same length and contain the same characters in the same positions.
8. Write a Java program to check a given string is palindrome or not.
9. Write a Java program to check whether two String objects contain the same data.