String Manipulations

Introduction

String operations like calculating length, comparison, tokenization, reversal, and trimming are common in applications.

- C and C++: Utilize predefined libraries with functions like strlen, trim, toLowerCase, toUpperCase.
- Java: Provides predefined classes for string operations:
 - 1. java.lang.String
 - 2. java.lang.StringBuffer
 - 3. java.lang.StringBuilder
 - 4. java.util.StringTokenizer

Q) What is the difference between String and StringBuffer?

—----- Ans: —--- String class objects are immutable.

- Immutable objects do not allow modifications to their content directly.
- If an operation modifies the content, the result is stored in a new object of the same class, not in the original object.

StringBuffer class objects are mutable.

• Mutable objects allow direct modifications to their content.

Q)What are the differences between StringBuffer and StringBuilder?

—----- Ans: —-- The following table summarizes the differences:

Feature	StringBuffer	StringBuilder
Availability	Java 1.0	Java 1.5
Synchronization	Synchronized	Non-Synchronized
Method Sync	Almost all methods are synchronized	No method is synchronized
Thread Access	Allows only one thread at a time	Allows more than one thread at a time
Execution Model	Sequential execution	Parallel execution
Execution Time	Takes more execution time	Takes less execution time
Performance	Reduces application performance	Improves application performance
Data Consistency	Guaranteed	Not guaranteed
Thread Safety	Thread-safe resource	Not a thread-safe resource
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Java provides the java.util.StringTokenizer class for this purpose.

Steps for String Tokenization in Java:

- 1. Create a StringTokenizer class object.
 - o Constructors:
 - public StringTokenizer(String data)
 - Performs tokenization based on the default delimiter (space).
 - Example: "Durga Software Solutions" results in tokens: "Durga", "Software", "Solutions".
 - public StringTokenizer(String data, String delimiter)
 - Performs tokenization based on the provided delimiter.
 - Example: "10-12-2025" with delimiter "-" results in tokens: "10", "12", "2025".
 - o Example Usage:

Java

```
StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer("Durga Software
Solutions");
// OR
StringTokenizer st = new StringTokenizer("10-12-2025", "-");
```

- o **JVM Action:** When the object is created, JVM divides the string into tokens based on the delimiter and stores them in the StringTokenizer object. A cursor is automatically created before the first token.
- 2. Read tokens from the StringTokenizer class object.
 - o Methods:
 - public boolean hasMoreTokens(): Returns true if at least one more token is available from the current cursor position, false otherwise.
 - public String nextToken(): Reads the next token and moves the cursor to the next position.
 - public int countTokens(): Returns the total number of tokens available in the StringTokenizer object.

Example Code for String Tokenization:

```
Java
import java.util.StringTokenizer;

public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        String data1 = "Durga Software Solutions";
```

```
StringTokenizer st1 =new StringTokenizer(data1);
     int tokesCount1 =st1.countTokens();
     System.out.println("DATA : "+data1);
     System.out.println("No Of Tokens : "+tokesCount1);
     System.out.println("Tokens : ");
     while(st1.hasMoreTokens()){
         System.out.println("\t\t"+st1.nextToken()+" ");
     System.out.println();
     System.out.println("----");
     String data2 = "10-12-2024";
     StringTokenizer st2 = new StringTokenizer(data2, "-");
     int tokesCount2 =st2.countTokens();
     System.out.println("DATA : "+data2);
     System.out.println("No Of Tokens : "+tokesCount2);
     System.out.println("Tokens : ");
     while(st2.hasMoreTokens()){
        System.out.println("\t^*+st2.nextToken()+" ");
 }
Output:
           : Durga Software Solutions
No Of Tokens : 3
Tokens :
              Durga
              Software
              Solutions
_____
DATA : 10-12-2024
No Of Tokens : 3
Tokens :
              10
              12
              2024
```

String Class Library (java.lang.String)

- A **String** is a collection of characters, digits, special symbols, etc.
- In Java, data enclosed in double quotations ("---") is treated as String data or a String Literal.
 - o Examples:

```
Java
String name = "Durga";
String mobile = "91-9988776655";
String email = "durga123@gmail.com";
```

• **Note:** In Java / J2EE, only the String data type can represent all types of data (characters, numbers, special symbols).

• String is a class in Java (java.lang.String), not a primitive data type.

String Class Constructors

- 1. public String(): Creates an empty String object.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

```
String str = new String();
System.out.println(str); // Prints an empty line
```

- 2. public String (String data): Creates a String object with the provided data.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

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

Output:

Durgasoft

Q) What is the difference between the following two statements?

Java

```
1. String str1 = "abc";
2. String str2 = new String("abc");
```

—------ Ans: —---

- String str1 = "abc";
 - JVM creates a String object with "abc" in the String constant pool (inside the Method Area).
 - Objects in the String constant pool are not eligible for Garbage Collection and are destroyed when program execution completes.
 - These objects are **reusable**. JVM first checks if an object with the same data exists in the pool.
 - If it exists, JVM returns the reference to the existing object.
 - If not, JVM creates a new String object in the pool.
- String str2 = new String("abc");
 - O JVM creates **two** String objects:
 - One in the String constant pool (due to the double quotations "abc").
 - Another in the **Heap memory** (due to the new keyword).

- The reference variable (str2) refers only to the Heap memory object.
- String objects created in Heap memory are not reusable and are eligible for Garbage Collection.

Example Code:

false

```
Java
public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args){
      String str1 = "abc";
      String str2 = "abc";
      System.out.println(str1 == str2);

      String str3 = new String("xyz");
      String str4 = new String("xyz");
      System.out.println(str3 == str4);

}

Output:

true
```

- 3. public String(byte[] bytes): Creates a String object from the string equivalent of the provided byte[], where byte[] contains ASCII values.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

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

    byte[] bytes = {65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74}; // ASCII for A-J
    String str = new String(bytes);
    System.out.println(str); // Output: ABCDEFGHIJ

}
```

- 4. public String(byte[] bytes, int startIndex, int noOfElements): Creates a String object from a sub-array of byte[], starting from startIndex and including noOfElements characters.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     byte[] bytes = {65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74};
     String str = new String(bytes, 3, 4); // Starts at index
3 (D), takes 4 elements
```

```
System.out.println(str);
}
Output:
```

- o **Note:** Constructors 3 and 4 are used to convert data from byte[] to String.
- 5. public String(char[] chars): Creates a String object from the string equivalent of the provided char[].
 - o Example:

DEFG

```
Java

public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      char[] chars = {'A','B','C','D','E','F'};
      String str = new String(chars);
      System.out.println(str);
   }
}
Output:
```

ABCDEF

- 6. public String(char[] chars, int startIndex, int noofchars): Creates a String object from a sub-array of char[], starting from startIndex and including noofchars characters.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      char[] chars = {'A','B','C','D','E','F'};
      String str = new String(chars, 2,3); // Starts at index 2

(C), takes 3 chars
      System.out.println(str);
  }
}
```

Output:

CDE

o Note: Constructors 5 and 6 are used to convert data from char[] to String.

1. **public int length()**: Returns an integer representing the size or length of the String.

Q)What is the difference between 'length' and 'length()'?

—----- Ans: —---

- length: A predefined variable in all arrays in Java. It represents the length of the array (number of elements).
- length (): A predefined method in the String class. It represents the length of the String (number of characters).

Example Code:

```
Java
public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args){
      int[] ints = {10,20,3,40,50};
      System.out.println(ints.length);

      String str = new String("abcdef");
      System.out.println(str.length());
   }
}
Output:
5
6
```

- 2. public string tostring(): Returns the content of the String object.
 - When a String object reference is passed to System.out.println(), JVM internally calls toString().
 - o The String class overrides the Object class's toString() method to return the String's content.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

```
class A{

public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    A a = new A();
    System.out.println(a);//A@<hashcode> (e.g., A@30f39991)
    String str =new String("hello");
    System.out.println(str);//hello
  }
}
```

Output (actual hashcode for 'a' will vary):

```
A@30f39991
hello
```

- 3. public boolean equals (Object obj): Checks if two String objects' data is the same. Returns true if data is same, false otherwise (case-sensitive).
 - o Example:

Java

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args){
    String str1 = new String("abc");
    String str2 = new String("xyz");
    String str3 = new String("abc");
    System.out.println(str1.equals(str2));
    System.out.println(str1.equals(str3));
  }
}
```

Output:

false true

Q)What is the difference between == operator and the equals() method?

—------ Ans: —----

- == operator:
 - o A comparison operator.
 - o Checks if two operand values are the same. Operands can be primitive variables or object reference variables.
 - For objects, == compares if the reference variables point to the same memory location.
- equals() method:
 - o Initially defined in java.lang.Object class, where it performs reference comparison (like ==).
 - o In java.lang.String class, equals () is overridden to perform content comparison of the two String objects.

Example Code:

```
Java
class A{

} public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int i = 10;
    int j = 20;

    A a1 = new A();
    A a2 = new A();
```

```
String str1 = new String("abc");
      String str2 = new String("abc");
      System.out.println(i == j);// false
      System.out.println(a1 == a2);// false (different objects in memory)
      System.out.println(str1 == str2);// false (different objects in
memory due to 'new')
      System.out.println();
      System.out.println(a1.equals(a2));// false (Object.equals() compares
references)
      System.out.println(str1.equals(str2));// true (String.equals()
compares content)
   }
Output:
false
false
false
false
true
```

- 4. public boolean equalsIgnoreCase(String str): Compares two String objects' contents, ignoring case differences.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

```
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String str1 = new String("abc");
    String str2 = new String("ABC");
    System.out.println(str1.equals(str2));// false
    System.out.println(str1.equalsIgnoreCase(str2));// true
  }
}
```

- 5. public boolean startsWith(String data): Checks if a string starts with the provided data.
- 6. public boolean endsWith (String data): Checks if a string ends with the provided data.
- 7. public boolean contains (String data): Checks if a string contains the provided data.
 - o Example:

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

- 8. public int compareTo (String str): Compares two String objects' contents based on dictionary (lexicographical) order.
 - o str1.compareTo(str2):
 - Returns a **negative** value if str1 comes before str2.
 - Returns a positive value if str1 comes after str2.
 - Returns **0** if str1 and str2 are identical.
 - o Example:

Java

```
public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str1 = new String("abc");
        String str2 = new String("xyz");
        String str3 = new String("abc");
        System.out.println(str1.compareTo(str2));// -23 (abc vs xyz)
        System.out.println(str2.compareTo(str3));// 23 (xyz vs abc)
        System.out.println(str3.compareTo(str1));// 0 (abc vs abc)
        System.out.println(str3.compareTo(str1));// 0
```

- 9. public char charAt(int index): Returns the character at the specified index.
- 10. public int indexOf(String value): Returns the index of the first occurrence of the specified value.
- 11. public int lastIndexOf(String value): Returns the index of the last occurrence of the specified value.
- 12. public String replace (char oldChar, char newChar): Replaces all occurrences of oldChar with newChar.
 - o Example:

```
System.out.println(str.lastIndexOf("So"));  // 15
(Solutions)
    System.out.println(str.replace('S','s')); // Durga
software solutions
    }
}
```

- 13. public String substring (int startIndex): Generates a substring starting from startIndex to the end of the string.
- 14. public String substring(int startIndex, int endIndex): Generates a substring from startIndex up to (but not including) endIndex.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

- 15. public String concat(String str): Appends the provided str to the end of the current string content in an immutable manner (returns a new string).
 - o Example 1:

```
Java
```

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet

public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str1 = new String("Durga ");
        String str2 = str1.concat("Software ");
        String str3 = str2.concat("Solutions");

        System.out.println(str1);// Durga
        System.out.println(str2);// Durga Software
        System.out.println(str3);// Durga Software Solutions
   }
}
```

Example 2 (Chaining):

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
```

o **Note:** The + operator can also be used for string concatenation in Java.

```
Java
```

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet

public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        String str = "Durga "+"Software "+"Solutions";
        System.out.println(str); // Durga Software Solutions
   }
}
```

- 16. public byte[] getBytes(): Converts the String data to a byte[] (typically using the platform's default charset).
 - o Example:

Java

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String data = "Durga Software Solutions";
    System.out.println(data);
    byte[] bytes = data.getBytes();
    for (byte b : bytes) {
        System.out.println(b+"---->"+(char)b);
    }
  }
}
```

Output (ASCII values):

```
Durga Software Solutions
68---->D
117---->u
114---->r
103---->g
97---->a
32--->
83---->S
111---->0
102---->f
116---->t
119---->w
97---->a
114---->r
101---->e
32--->
83---->S
111---->0
```

```
108---->1
117---->u
116---->t
105---->i
111---->n
115---->s
```

17. public char[] toCharArray(): Converts the String data into a char[].

o Example:

```
Java
```

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet

public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      String data = "Durga Software Solutions";
      System.out.println(data);
      char[] chars = data.toCharArray();
      for (char c : chars) {
            System.out.print(c+" ");
      }
    }
}
```

Output:

```
Durga Software Solutions
Durga Soft ware Solution
ons
```

- 18. public String[] split(String delimiter): Splits the string into an array of strings (String[]) based on the provided delimiter.
 - o Example:

Java

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String data = "Durga Software Solutions";
    System.out.println(data);
    String[] str = data.split(" "); // Split by space
    for(String s : str) {
        System.out.println(s);
    }
  }
}
```

Output:

```
Durga Software Solutions
Durga
Software
Solutions
```

- 19. public String toLowerCase(): Converts all uppercase letters in the string to lowercase.
- 20. public String toUpperCase(): Converts all lowercase letters in the string to uppercase.
 - o Example:

```
Java
```

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String data = "Durga Software Solutions";
    System.out.println(data);
    System.out.println(data.toLowerCase());
    System.out.println(data.toUpperCase());
}
```

Output:

```
Durga Software Solutions
durga software solutions
DURGA SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS
```

21. public String trim(): Removes leading and trailing whitespace from the string.

o Example:

```
Java
```

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet

public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    String data = " Durga Software Solutions ";
    System.out.println(data);
    System.out.println(data.trim());
  }
}
```

Output:

```
Durga Software Solutions
Durga Software Solutions
```

Note on Immutability and Object Creation: In the string class, if operations like concat, trim, etc., do not result in a change to the string's data, JVM will not create a new object. A new object is created only if the data is actually modified.

• Example:

```
Java
```

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
```

```
public class Main {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
      String str1 = new String("abc");
      String str2 = str1.concat(" "); // Data changed, new object
     String str3 = str1.concat("");  // Data not changed, same
object
      System.out.println(str1 == str2);// false
      System.out.println(str1 == str3);// true
      String str4 =new String("abc");
      String str5 = str4.trim();
                                     // Data not changed (no
leading/trailing spaces), same object
     System.out.println(str4 == str5); // true
     String str6 = new String(" abc");
     String str7 = str6.trim();  // Data changed, new object
     System.out.println(str6 == str7); // false
  }
}
```

StringBuffer Class Library

Constructors:

- 1. public StringBuffer():
 - o Provides an empty StringBuffer object with an initial capacity of 16 elements.
 - o EX:

Java

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
     StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer();
     System.out.println(sb.capacity());
  }
}
```

Output:

16

- 2. public StringBuffer(int capacity):
 - o Creates an empty StringBuffer object with the specified capacity value.
 - o EX:

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
```

```
public class Main {
           public static void main(String[] args) {
                StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer(20);
               System.out.println(sb.capacity());
         }
         Output:
         20
3. public StringBuffer(String data):
      o Creates a StringBuffer object with the provided data.
      o Note: This constructor converts data from String to StringBuffer. The
         capacity will be InitialDefaultCapacity + data.length() (i.e., 16 +
         data.length()).
        EX:
         Java
         // import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
         public class Main {
           public static void main(String[] args){
               StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("abc");
               System.out.println(sb);
               System.out.println(sb.capacity());//
         InitialCapacity+dataLength
         }
```

Output:

abc 19

Methods:

1. public String toString():

- o Converts the data from StringBuffer to String.
- o EX:

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Durga Software
Solutions");
    System.out.println(sb);
    String str = sb.toString();
    System.out.println(str);
}
Output:
Durga Software Solutions
Durga Software Solutions
```

2. public int capacity():

- o Returns the current capacity of the StringBuffer object.
- \circ EX:

```
Java
```

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    StringBuffer sb1 = new StringBuffer();
    System.out.println(sb1+" ----> "+sb1.capacity());

    StringBuffer sb2 = new StringBuffer("abc");
    System.out.println(sb2+" ----> "+sb2.capacity());
}
```

Output:

```
----> 16 abc ----> 19
```

3. public StringBuffer append(String data):

- o Appends the provided data to the StringBuffer object's content. This is a mutable operation; the original StringBuffer object is modified.
- o The method returns a reference to the same StringBuffer object.
- o EX:

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {

    StringBuffer sb1 = new StringBuffer("Durga ");
    System.out.println(sb1);// Durga
    StringBuffer sb2 = sb1.append("Software ");
    System.out.println(sb1);// Durga Software
```

```
StringBuffer sb3 = sb2.append("Solutions");
                System.out.println(sb1);//Durga Software Solutions
                System.out.println();
                System.out.println(sb1 == sb2);// true
                System.out.println(sb2 == sb3);// true
                System.out.println(sb3 == sb1);// true
                System.out.println();
                \label{lem:system:out:println(sb1);// Durga Software Solutions} System.out.println(sb2);// Durga Software Solutions
                System.out.println(sb3);// Durga Software Solutions
             }
          Output:
         Durga
         Durga Software
         Durga Software Solutions
         true
         true
          true
         Durga Software Solutions
          Durga Software Solutions
         Durga Software Solutions
4. public StringBuffer reverse():
      o Reverses the content of the StringBuffer object. This is a mutable operation.
         EX:
         Java
          // import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
         public class Main {
            public static void main(String[] args) {
                StringBuffer sb1 = new StringBuffer("DURGA SOFTWARE
          SOLUTIONS");
```

Output:

}

DURGA SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS SNOITULOS ERAWTFOS AGRUD

System.out.println(sb1);

System.out.println(sb1.reverse());

o EX (Palindrome Check):

```
Java
            // import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
            public class Main {
              public static void main(String[] args) {
                  String str1 = "LEVEL";
                  StringBuffer sb1 = new StringBuffer(str1);
                  System.out.println(str1);
                  StringBuffer sb2 = sb1.reverse(); // sb1 is also reversed
                  String str2 = sb2.toString();
                  System.out.println(str2);
                  if(str1.equals(str2)){
                      System.out.println(str1+" Is Palindrome String");
                   }else{
                      System.out.println(str1+" Is Not Palindrome String");
              }
            Output:
            T.E.VE.T.
            T.E.VE.T.
            LEVEL Is Palindrome String
EX on Palindrome String:
Java
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      String str1 = "LEVEL";
      boolean flag = true;
      int length = strl.length();
      for(int index = 0; index < length / 2; index++){ // Optimized loop</pre>
condition
          if(str1.charAt(index) != str1.charAt(length- 1 - index)){
              flag = false;
              break;
      if(flag == true){
          System.out.println(str1+" is Palindrome String ");
      }else{
          System.out.println(str1+" is not Palindrome String ");
```

```
}
```

Output:

LEVEL is Palindrome String

- 5. public StringBuffer insert(int index, String data):
 - o Inserts the provided data into the StringBuffer object at the specified index.
 - o EX:

Java

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet

public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Durga Solutions"); //
Note: Original had a non-breaking space, using regular space here
        System.out.println(sb);
        System.out.println(sb.insert(6, "Software ")); // Added space for clarity
   }
}
```

Output:

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Durga Software Solutions

- 6. public StringBuffer delete(int startIndex, int endIndex):
 - o Deletes the portion of the string from the StringBuffer object starting at startIndex up to (but not including) endIndex.
 - o EX:

Java

```
// import java.util.Scanner; // Not used in this snippet

public class Main {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Durga Software

Solutions");
        System.out.println(sb);
        System.out.println(sb.delete(6,15)); // Deletes "Software"
   (index 15 is exclusive)
   }
}
```

Output:

Durga Software Solutions

Durga Solutions