**Part 59 - C# Tutorial - Difference between Convert.ToString() and ToString()**

To understand the difference consider the example below. The **ToString**() method, expects the instance on which you are invoking to be **NOT NULL**. If the object is NULL, you get a NULL Reference exception.  
using System;  
public class MainClass  
{  
    public static void Main()  
    {  
        Customer C1 = null;  
        Console.WriteLine(C1.ToString());  
    }  
}  
public class Customer  
{  
    public string Name { get; set; }  
}

On the other hand, Convert.ToString() returns an empty string if the object is NULL.  
using System;  
public class MainClass  
{  
    public static void Main()  
    {  
        Customer C1 = null;  
        Console.WriteLine(Convert.ToString(C1));  
    }  
}  
public class Customer  
{  
    public string Name { get; set; }  
}  
  
  
**So in summary, Convert.ToString() handles null, while ToString() doesn't, and throws a NULL Reference exception. Depending on the type of the application, architecture and what you are trying to achieve, you choose one over the other.**