

String manipulation with reflection

exercises and hints

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TODO 0: import the file

- ▶ Eclipse or your favorite IDE
- ▶ (recommended) new Java project
- ▶ drag-and-drop StringManipulator.java
- ▶ or create a new StringManipulator class and paste the code

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 - ▶ in our case, the name of the internal field is "value"
- ▶ get the actual content of the "value" field of the `String`
 - ▶ use the `Field` object
- ▶ set the character in the char array

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- ▶ create a new (longer) char array, copy the contents and the new char
- ▶ set the content of the "value" field of your String
 - ▶ use the `Field` object