**Java – String startsWith() Method example**

[**STRING HANDLING**](http://beginnersbook.com/category/string-handling/)

The method startsWith() is used for checking prefix of a String. It returns a boolean value true or false based on whether the specified string is prefix of the particular String or not.  
boolean startsWith(String str): It returns true if the str is a prefix of the String.  
boolean startsWith(String str, index fromIndex): It returns true if the String begins with str, it starts looking from the specified index “fromIndex”.

**Example**

public class StartsWithExample{

public static void main(String args[]) {

String str= new String("quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog");

System.out.println("String str starts with quick: "+str.startsWith("quick"));

System.out.println("String str starts with brown: "+str.startsWith("brown"));

System.out.println("substring of str(starting from 6th index) has brown prefix: "

+str.startsWith("brown", 6));

System.out.println("substring of str(starting from 6th index) has quick prefix: "

+str.startsWith("quick", 6));

}

}

Output:

String str starts with quick: true

String str starts with brown: false

substring of str(starting from 6th index) havs brown prefix: true

substring of str(starting from 6th index) havs quick prefix: false