

# CEN 419

## Introduction to Java Programming

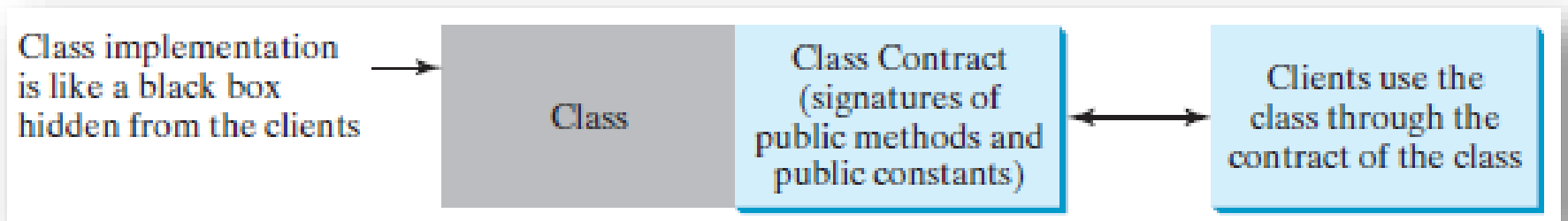


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# Class Abstraction and Encapsulation

- **Class abstraction** means to separate class implementation from the use of the class.
- The creator of the class provides a description of the class and let the user know how the class can be used (**class's contract**). The user of the class does not need to know how the class is implemented.
- The details of implementation are encapsulated and hidden from the user. This is called **class encapsulation**.



# Designing the Loan Class

The **Loan** class models the properties and behaviors of loans.

Remember that a class user can use the class without knowing how the class is implemented.

Loan	
<pre>-annualInterestRate: double -numberOfYears: int -loanAmount: double -loanDate: java.util.Date</pre>	<p>The annual interest rate of the loan (default: 2.5). The number of years for the loan (default: 1). The loan amount (default: 1000). The date this loan was created.</p>
<pre>+Loan() +Loan(annualInterestRate: double,       numberOfYears: int, loanAmount: double) +getAnnualInterestRate(): double +getNumberOfYears(): int +getLoanAmount(): double +getLoanDate(): java.util.Date +setAnnualInterestRate(annualInterestRate: double): void +setNumberOfYears(numberOfYears: int): void +setLoanAmount(loanAmount: double): void +getMonthlyPayment(): double +getTotalPayment(): double</pre>	<p>Constructs a default Loan object. Constructs a loan with specified interest rate, years, and loan amount.</p> <p>Returns the annual interest rate of this loan. Returns the number of the years of this loan. Returns the amount of this loan. Returns the date of the creation of this loan. Sets a new annual interest rate for this loan.</p> <p>Sets a new number of years for this loan.</p> <p>Sets a new amount for this loan.</p> <p>Returns the monthly payment for this loan. Returns the total payment for this loan.</p>

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# Thinking in Objects

- A program for computing body mass index.

## A BMI Program

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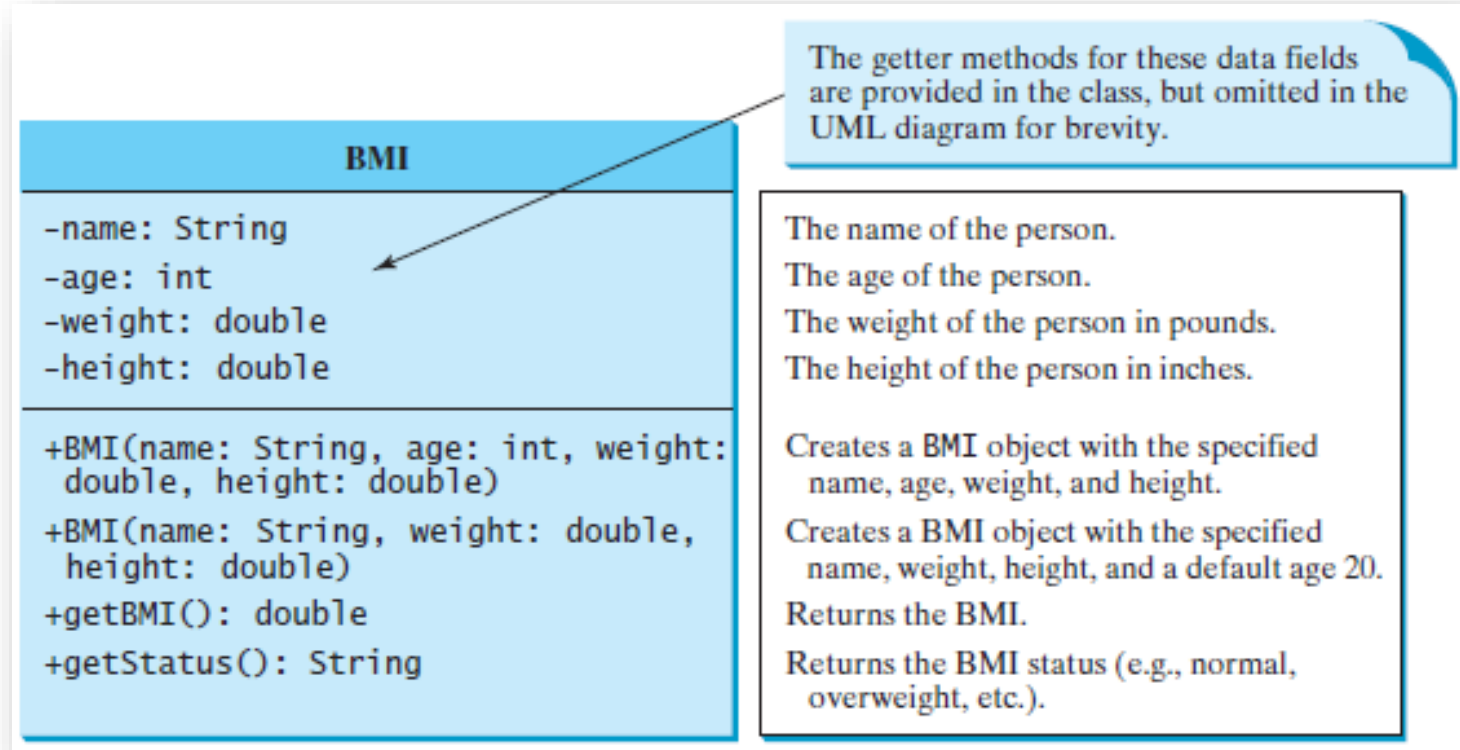
- The code cannot be reused in other programs, because the code is in the **main** method. To make it reusable, define a static method to compute body mass index as follows:

```
public static double getBMI(double weight, double height)
```

- This method is useful for computing body mass index for a specified weight and height. However, it has limitations.
- Suppose you need to associate the weight and height with a person's name and birth date. You could declare separate variables to store these values, but these values would not be tightly coupled. The ideal way to couple them is to create an object that contains them all.

# The BMI Class

Classes provide more flexibility and modularity for building reusable software.



**BMI Class**

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# Class Relationships

- To design classes, you need to explore the relationships among classes.
- The common relationships among classes are:
  - ☑ Association
  - ☑ Aggregation
  - ☑ Composition
  - ☑ Inheritance

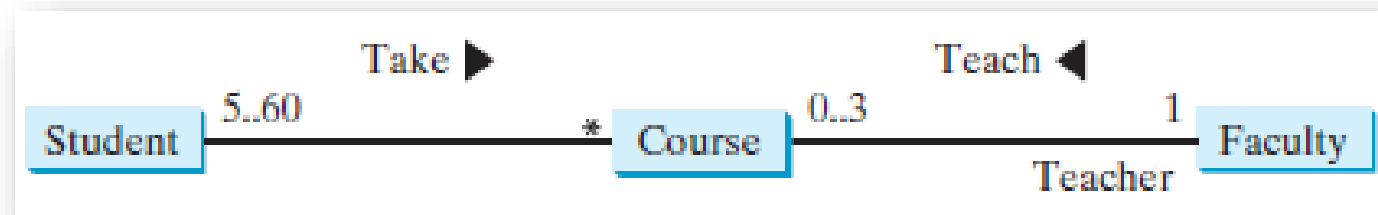
# Association

- **Association** is a general binary relationship that describes an activity between two classes.
- For example, a student taking a course is an association between the **Student** class and the **Course** class, and a faculty member teaching a course is an association between the **Faculty** class and the **Course** class.

# UML Graphical Notation of Association

- An association is illustrated by a *solid line* between two classes with an optional label (e.g. Take, Teach) that describes the relationship.
- Each class involved in an association may specify a *multiplicity*, which is placed at the side of the class to specify how many of the class's objects are involved in the relationship (i.e. \*, m..n)

0	No instances (rare)
0..1	No instances, or one instance
1	Exactly one instance
1..1	Exactly one instance
0..*	Zero or more instances
*	Zero or more instances
1..*	One or more instances





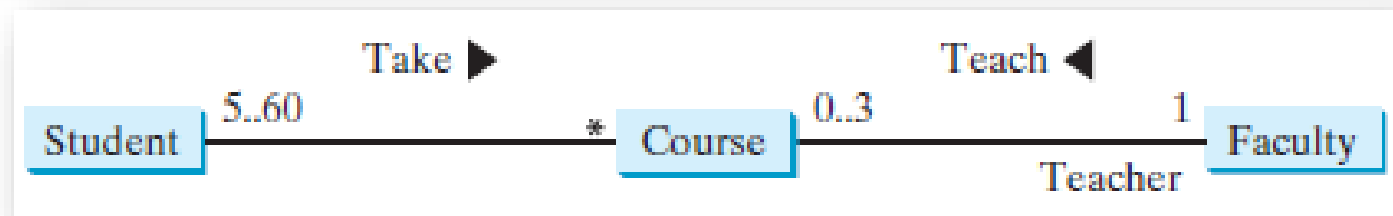
# Class Representation of Association

- The association relations are implemented using data fields and methods in classes.

```
public class Student {  
    private Course[]  
        courseList;  
  
    public void addCourse(  
        Course s) { ... }  
}
```

```
public class Course {  
    private Student[]  
        classList;  
    private Faculty faculty;  
  
    public void addStudent(  
        Student s) { ... }  
  
    public void setFaculty(  
        Faculty faculty) { ... }  
}
```

```
public class Faculty {  
    private Course[]  
        courseList;  
  
    public void addCourse(  
        Course c) { ... }  
}
```



# Aggregation and Composition

- **Aggregation** models has-a relationships and represents an ownership relationship between two objects.
- The owner object is called an aggregating object and its class an aggregating class. The subject object is called an aggregated object and its class an aggregated class.
- **Composition** is actually a special case of the aggregation relationship.

# Aggregation and Composition

- Composition and Aggregation are types of associations. They are very closely related and in terms of programming there does not appear much difference.
- Aggregation: the object exists outside the other, is created outside, so it is passed as an argument to the constructor. Ex: People – car. The car is created in a different context and then becomes a person property.
- Composition: the object only exists, or only makes sense inside the other, as a part of the other. Ex: People – heart. You don't create a heart and then pass it to a person.

## Code Example

- WebServer is **aggregated** of a HttpListener and a RequestProcessor

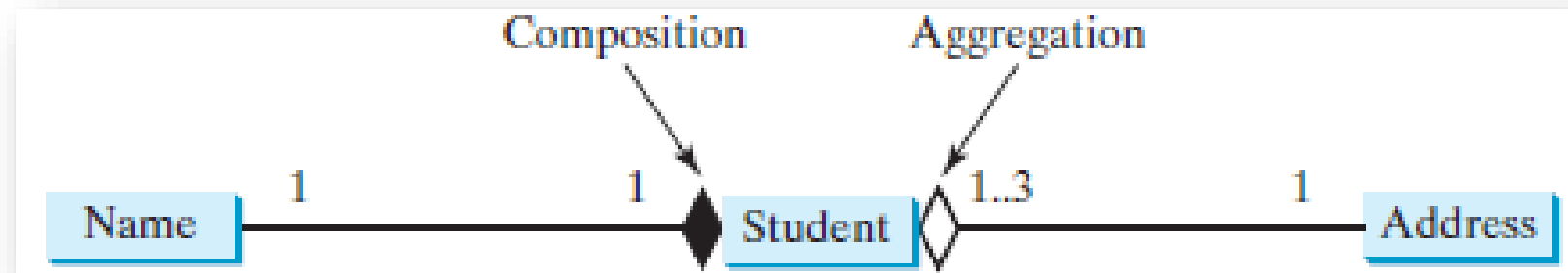
```
public class WebServer {  
    private HttpListener listener;  
    private RequestProcessor processor;  
    public WebServer(HttpListener listener, RequestProcessor processor) {  
        this.listener = listener;  
        this.processor = processor;  
    }  
}
```

- WebServer is a **composition** of HttpListener and RequestProcessor and controls their lifecycle

```
public class WebServer {  
    private HttpListener listener;  
    private RequestProcessor processor;  
    public WebServer() {  
        this.listener = new HttpListener(80);  
        this.processor = new RequestProcessor("/www/root");  
    }  
}
```

# Class Representation

An aggregation relationship is usually represented as a data field in the aggregating class.



```
public class Name {  
    ...  
}
```

Aggregated class

```
public class Student {  
    private Name name;  
    private Address address;  
    ...  
}
```

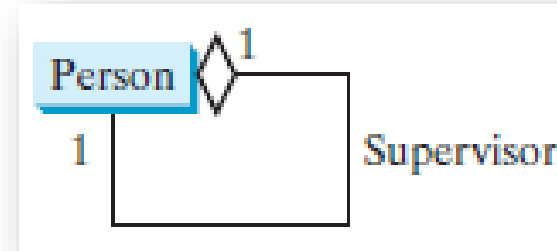
Aggregating class

```
public class Address {  
    ...  
}
```

Aggregated class

# Aggregation Between Same Class

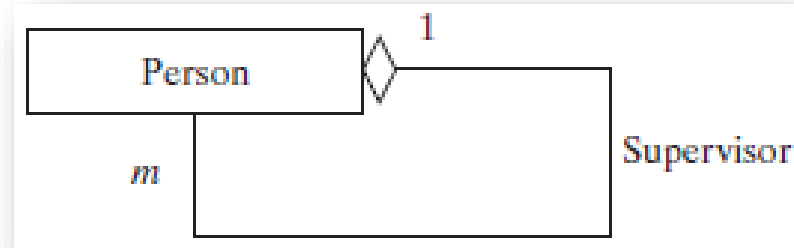
Aggregation may exist between objects of the same class. For example, a person may have a supervisor.



```
public class Person {  
    // The type for the data is the class itself  
    private Person supervisor;  
  
    ...  
}
```

# Aggregation Between Same Class

What happens if a person has several supervisors?



```
public class Person {  
    ...  
    private Person[] supervisors;  
}
```

- You may use an array to store supervisors

# Example: The Course Class

Course	
<pre>-courseName: String -students: String[] -numberOfStudents: int</pre>	<p>The name of the course.</p> <p>An array to store the students for the course.</p> <p>The number of students (default: 0).</p>
<pre>+Course(courseName: String) +getCourseName(): String +addStudent(student: String): void +dropStudent(student: String): void +getStudents(): String[] +getNumberOfStudents(): int</pre>	<p>Creates a course with the specified name.</p> <p>Returns the course name.</p> <p>Adds a new student to the course.</p> <p>Drops a student from the course.</p> <p>Returns the students for the course.</p> <p>Returns the number of students for the course.</p>

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# Example: The StackOfIntegers Class

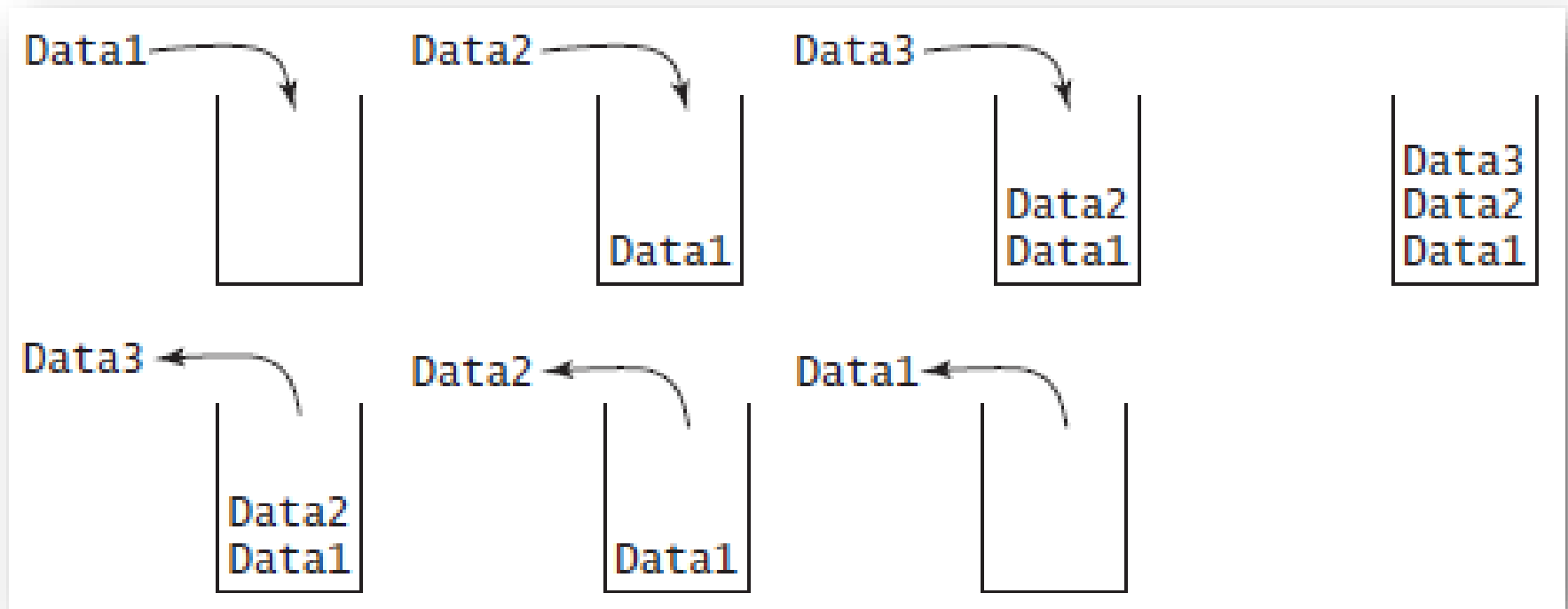
StackOfIntegers	
<code>-elements: int[]</code> <code>-size: int</code>	<code>An array to store integers in the stack.</code> <code>The number of integers in the stack.</code>
<code>+StackOfIntegers()</code> <code>+StackOfIntegers(capacity: int)</code> <code>+empty(): boolean</code> <code>+peek(): int</code>  <code>+push(value: int): void</code> <code>+pop(): int</code> <code>+getSize(): int</code>	<code>Constructs an empty stack with a default capacity of 16.</code> <code>Constructs an empty stack with a specified capacity.</code> <code>Returns true if the stack is empty.</code> <code>Returns the integer at the top of the stack without removing it from the stack.</code> <code>Stores an integer into the top of the stack.</code> <code>Removes the integer at the top of the stack and returns it.</code> <code>Returns the number of elements in the stack.</code>

## Test Class

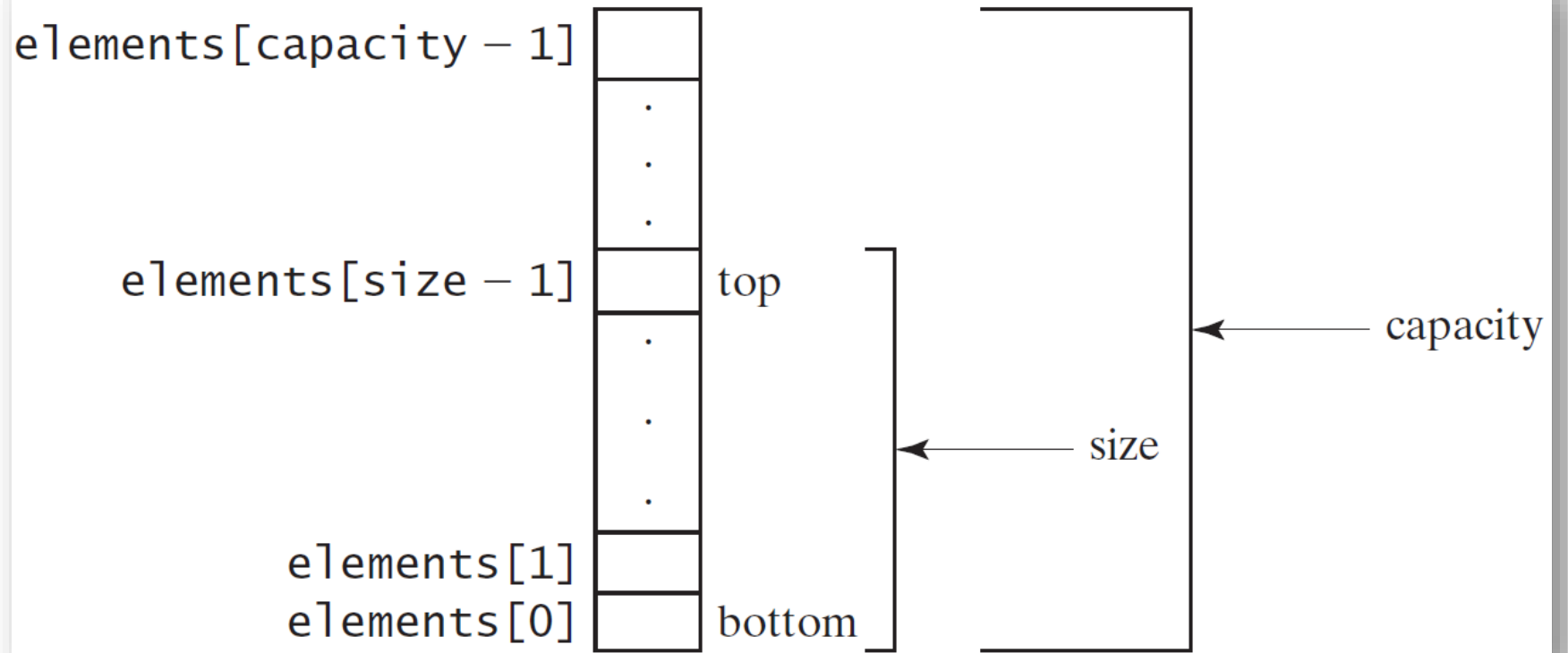
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Recall that a *stack* is a data structure that holds data in a last-in, first-out fashion,

## Designing The StackOfIntegers Class



# Implementing The StackOfIntegers Class



## StackOfIntegers Class

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# Wrapper Classes

A primitive type value is not an object, but it can be wrapped in an object using a wrapper class in the Java API. The below wrapper classes are in the java.lang package.

☐ Boolean

☐ Byte

☐ Float

☐ Character

☐ Integer

☐ Double

☐ Short

☐ Long

## NOTE:

- (1) Most wrapper class names for a primitive type are the same as the primitive data type name with the first letter capitalized. The exceptions are Integer and Character.
- (2) The wrapper classes do not have no-arg constructors.
- (3) The instances of all wrapper classes are immutable, i.e., their internal values cannot be changed once the objects are created.

# The Integer and Double Classes

## java.lang.Integer

```
-value: int
+MAX_VALUE: int
+MIN_VALUE: int

+Integer(value: int)
+Integer(s: String)
+byteValue(): byte
+shortValue(): short
+intValue(): int
+longValue(): long
+floatValue(): float
+doubleValue(): double
+compareTo(o: Integer): int
+toString(): String
+valueOf(s: String): Integer
+valueOf(s: String, radix: int): Integer
+parseInt(s: String): int
+parseInt(s: String, radix: int): int
```

## java.lang.Double

```
-value: double
+MAX_VALUE: double
+MIN_VALUE: double

+Double(value: double)
+Double(s: String)
+byteValue(): byte
+shortValue(): short
+intValue(): int
+longValue(): long
+floatValue(): float
+doubleValue(): double
+compareTo(o: Double): int
+toString(): String
+valueOf(s: String): Double
+valueOf(s: String, radix: int): Double
+parseDouble(s: String): double
+parseDouble(s: String, radix: int): double
```

# The Integer Class and the Double Class

- ❑ Constructors

- ❑ Class Constants:

  - ✓ MAX\_VALUE

  - ✓ MIN\_VALUE

- ❑ Conversion Methods

# Numeric Wrapper Class Constructors

You can construct a wrapper object either *from a primitive data type value* or *from a string representing the numeric value*. The constructors for Integer and Double are:

Constructor	Usage
<code>public Integer(int value)</code>	<code>new Integer(5)</code>
<code>public Integer(String s)</code>	<code>new Integer("5")</code>
<code>public Double(double value)</code>	<code>new Double(5.0)</code>
<code>public Double(String s)</code>	<code>new Double("5.0")</code>

# Numeric Wrapper Class Constants

- Each numerical wrapper class has the constants `MAX_VALUE` and `MIN_VALUE`.
- `MAX_VALUE` represents the maximum value of the corresponding primitive data type.
- For `Byte`, `Short`, `Integer`, and `Long` `MIN_VALUE` represents the minimum byte, short, int, and long values. For `Float` and `Double`, `MIN_VALUE` represents the minimum *positive* float and double values.

`Integer.MAX_VALUE` -> 2,147,483,647

`Float.MIN_VALUE` -> 1.4E-45

`Double.MAX_VALUE` -> 1.79769313486231570e + 308d



# Numeric Wrapper Class Conversion Methods

- Each numeric wrapper class contains the methods: *doubleValue*, *floatValue*, *intValue*, *longValue*, and *shortValue*.
- These methods “convert” objects into primitive type values.

`new Double(12.4).intValue()` returns 12;

`new Integer(12).doubleValue()` returns 12.0;

# Numeric Wrapper Class `compareTo` Method

- Recall that the **String** class contains the **compareTo** method for comparing two strings.
- The numeric wrapper classes contain the **compareTo** method for comparing two numbers and returns **1**, **0**, or **-1**, if this number is greater than, equal to, or less than the other number.

```
new Double(12.4).compareTo(new Double(12.3)) returns 1;  
new Double(12.3).compareTo(new Double(12.3)) returns 0;  
new Double(12.3).compareTo(new Double(12.51)) returns -1;
```

# Numeric Wrapper Class

## The Static valueOf Methods

- The numeric wrapper classes have a useful class method, `valueOf(String s)`.
- This method creates a new object initialized to the value represented by the specified string.
- For example:

```
Double doubleObject = Double.valueOf("12.4");
```

```
Integer integerObject = Integer.valueOf("12");
```

# The Methods for Parsing Strings into Numbers

- You have used the `parseInt` method in the `Integer` class to **parse a numeric string** into an **int value** and the `parseDouble` method in the `Double` class to **parse a numeric string** into a **double value**.
- Each numeric wrapper class has two overloaded parsing methods to parse a numeric string into an appropriate numeric value.

# The Methods for Parsing Strings into Numbers

- For example these two methods are in the Integer class:

```
public static int parseInt(String s)
public static int parseInt(String s, int
radix)
```

`Integer.parseInt("11", 2)` returns 3;

`Integer.parseInt("12", 8)` returns 10;

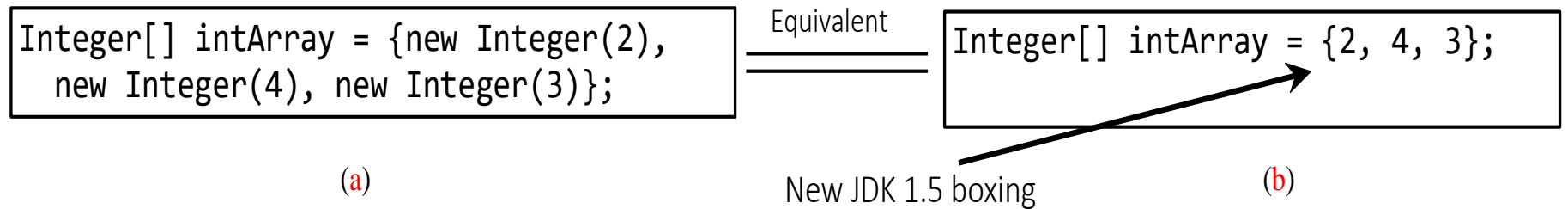
`Integer.parseInt("13", 10)` returns 13;

`Integer.parseInt("1A", 16)` returns 26;

- `Integer.parseInt("12", 2)` would raise a runtime exception because **12** is not a binary number.

# Automatic Conversion Between Primitive Types and Wrapper Class Types

- JDK 1.5 allows primitive type and wrapper classes to be converted automatically. For example, the following statement in (a) can be simplified as in (b):



`Integer[] intArray = {1, 2, 3};`  
`System.out.println(intArray[0] + intArray[1] + intArray[2]);`

Unboxing

Three red arrows originate from the word "Unboxing" and point to the elements `1`, `2`, and `3` in the array initialization `{1, 2, 3}` of the code snippet above.

# BigInteger and BigDecimal

- If you need to compute with very large integers or high precision floating-point values, you can use the **BigInteger** and **BigDecimal** classes in the java.math package.

```
BigInteger a = new BigInteger("9223372036854775807");  
BigInteger b = new BigInteger("2");  
BigInteger c = a.multiply(b); // 9223372036854775807 * 2  
System.out.println(c);
```

# The String Class

- A **String** object is immutable: Its content cannot be changed once the string is created.
- Before we have used :
  - **charAt(index)** method to obtain a character at the specified index from a string,
  - The **length()** method to return the size of a string,
  - The **substring** method to return a substring in a string,
  - The **indexOf** and **lastIndexOf** methods to return the first or last index of a matching character or a substring.



# Constructing Strings

- You can create a string object from a string literal or from an array of characters.

```
String newString = new String(stringLiteral);
```

- The argument **stringLiteral** is a sequence of characters enclosed inside double quotes:

```
String message = new String("Welcome to Java");
```

- String literals are treated as **String** objects. Thus, the following statement is valid:

```
String message = "Welcome to Java";
```

# Constructing Strings

- You can also create a string from an array of characters.
- For example, the following statements create the string "**Good Day**":

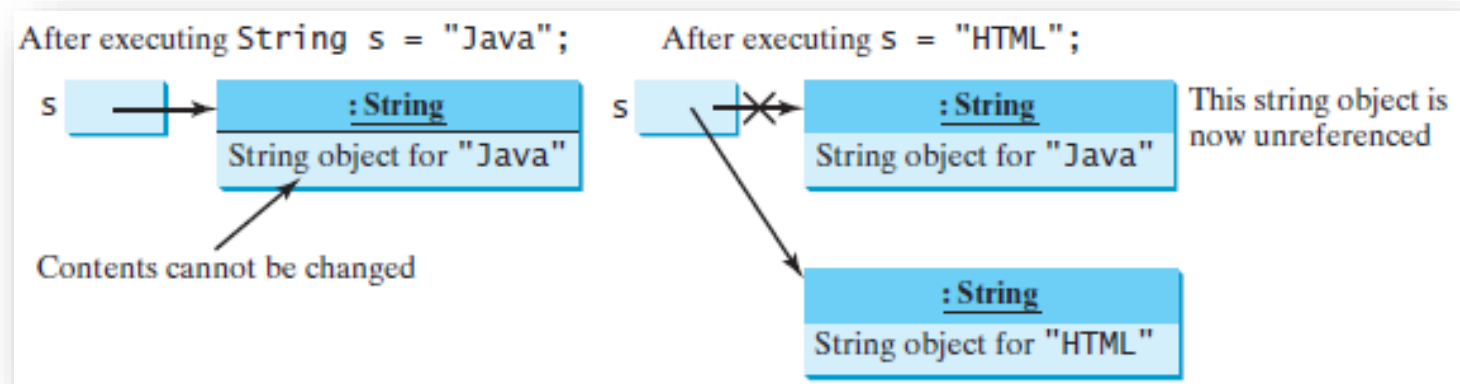
```
char[] charArray = {'G', 'o', 'o', 'd', ' ', 'D', 'a', 'y'};  
String message = new String(charArray);
```

# Strings Are Immutable

- A String object is immutable; its contents cannot be changed. Does the following code change the contents of the string?

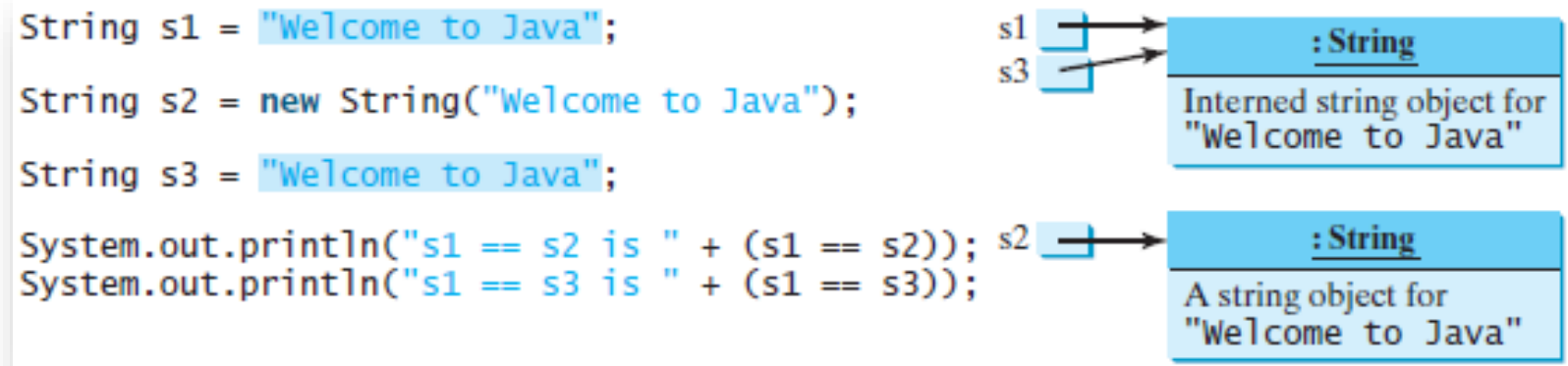
```
String s = "Java";  
s = "HTML";
```

The answer is no. The first statement creates a **String** object with the content **"Java"** and assigns its reference to **s**. The second statement creates a new **String** object with the content **"HTML"** and assigns its reference to **s**. The first **String** object still exists after the assignment, but it can no longer be accessed, because variable **s** now points to the new object, as:



# Interned Strings

- Since strings are immutable and are frequently used, to improve efficiency and save memory, the JVM uses a unique instance for string literals with the same character sequence. Such an instance is called *an interned string*. For example, the following statements:



- A new object is created if you use the new operator.
- If you use the string initializer, no new object is created if the interned object is already created.
- So you will display: `s1 == s2 is false`  
`s1 == s3 is true`

# Replacing and Splitting Strings

- The methods **replace**, **replaceFirst**, and **replaceAll** return a new string derived from the original string (without changing the original string!).

java.lang.String	
+replace(oldChar: char, newChar: char): String	Returns a new string that replaces all matching characters in this string with the new character.
+replaceFirst(oldString: String, newString: String): String	Returns a new string that replaces the first matching substring in this string with the new substring.
+replaceAll(oldString: String, newString: String): String	Returns a new string that replaces all matching substrings in this string with the new substring.
+split(delimiter: String): String[]	Returns an array of strings consisting of the substrings split by the delimiter.

- The **split** method returns an array of strings.

# Replacing Strings

- Several versions of the **replace** methods are provided to replace a character or a substring in the string with a new character or a new substring.

`"Welcome".replace('e', 'A')` returns a new string, `WAlcomA`.

`"Welcome".replaceFirst("e", "AB")` returns a new string, `WABlcome`.

`"Welcome".replace("e", "AB")` returns a new string, `WABlcomAB`.

`"Welcome".replace("el", "AB")` returns a new string, `WABcome`.

# Splitting a String

- The **split** method can be used to extract tokens from a string with the specified delimiters.

```
String[] tokens = "Java#HTML#Perl".split("#");  
for (int i = 0; i < tokens.length; i++)  
    System.out.print(tokens[i] + " ");
```

Displays:

Java HTML Perl

# Matching, Replacing and Splitting by Patterns

- You can match, replace, or split a string by specifying a pattern.
- This is an extremely useful and powerful feature, commonly known as *regular expression*. Regular expression is complex to beginning students. For this reason, two simple patterns are used here.
- The below two statements give the same result:  

```
"Java".matches("Java");  
"Java".equals("Java");
```
- The matches method is more powerful than equals method:  

```
"Java is fun".matches("Java.*");  
"Java is cool".matches("Java.*");
```



## Matching, Replacing and Splitting by Patterns

- The `replaceAll`, `replaceFirst`, and `split` methods can be used with a regular expression.
- For example, the following statement returns a new string that replaces `$`, `+`, or `#` in `"a+b$#c"` by the string `NNN`.

```
String s = "a+b$#c".replaceAll("[$+#]", "NNN");  
System.out.println(s);
```

Here the regular expression `[$+#]` specifies a pattern that matches `$`, `+`, or `#`.

So, the output is `aNNNbNNNNNNc`.

## Matching, Replacing and Splitting by Patterns

- The following statement splits the string into an array of strings delimited by some punctuation marks.

```
String[] tokens = "Java,C?C#,C++".split("[.,:;?]");  
  
for (int i = 0; i < tokens.length; i++)  
    System.out.println(tokens[i]);
```

Thus, the string is split into **Java**, **C**, **C#**, and **C++**, which are stored in array **tokens**.

# Conversion between Strings and Arrays

- Strings are not arrays, but a string can be converted into an array, and vice versa.
- To convert a string into an array of characters, use the **toCharArray** method.

```
char[] chars = "Java".toCharArray();
```

- To convert an array of characters into a string, use the **String(char[])** constructor or the **valueOf(char[])** method of String class.

```
String str = new String(new char[]{'J', 'a', 'v', 'a'});
```

```
String str = String.valueOf(new char[]{'J', 'a', 'v', 'a'});
```

# Convert Character and Numbers to Strings

- The String class provides several static **valueOf** methods for converting a character, an array of characters, and numeric values to strings.
- These methods have the same name **valueOf** with different argument types **char**, **char[]**, **double**, **long**, **int**, and **float**.

# Convert Character and Numbers to Strings

- For example, to convert a double value to a string, use `String.valueOf(5.44)`.
- The return value is a string consists of characters '5', '.', '4', and '4'.

## `java.lang.String`

```
+valueOf(c: char): String  
+valueOf(data: char[]): String  
+valueOf(d: double): String  
+valueOf(f: float): String  
+valueOf(i: int): String  
+valueOf(l: long): String  
+valueOf(b: boolean): String
```

Returns a string consisting of the character `c`.

Returns a string consisting of the characters in the array.

Returns a string representing the `double` value.

Returns a string representing the `float` value.

Returns a string representing the `int` value.

Returns a string representing the `long` value.

Returns a string representing the `boolean` value.

# Formating Strings

- The **String** class contains the static **format** method to return a formatted string.

```
String.format(format, item1, item2, ..., itemk)
```

- For example:

```
String s = String.format("%7.2f%6d%-4s", 45.556, 14, "AB");  
System.out.println(s);
```

Displays

45.56 14AB

## StringBuilder and StringBuffer

- The **StringBuilder/StringBuffer** class is an alternative to the **String** class.
- In general, a **StringBuilder/StringBuffer** can be used wherever a string is used.
- StringBuilder/StringBuffer** is more flexible than **String**.
- You can add, insert, or append new contents into **StringBuilder** and **StringBuffer** objects, whereas the value of a **String** object is fixed once the string is created.

# StringBuilder Constructors

- The StringBuilder class has three constructors and more than 30 methods for managing the builder and modifying strings in the builder.
- You can create an empty string builder or a string builder from a string using the constructors

## java.lang.StringBuilder

```
+StringBuilder()  
+StringBuilder(capacity: int)  
+StringBuilder(s: String)
```

Constructs an empty string builder with capacity 16.  
Constructs a string builder with the specified capacity.  
Constructs a string builder with the specified string.



# Modifying Strings in the Builder

## java.lang.StringBuilder

```
+append(data: char[]): StringBuilder
+append(data: char[], offset: int, len: int):
  StringBuilder
+append(v: aPrimitiveType): StringBuilder

+append(s: String): StringBuilder
+delete(startIndex: int, endIndex: int):
  StringBuilder
+deleteCharAt(index: int): StringBuilder
+insert(index: int, data: char[], offset: int,
  len: int): StringBuilder
+insert(offset: int, data: char[]):
  StringBuilder
+insert(offset: int, b: aPrimitiveType):
  StringBuilder
+insert(offset: int, s: String): StringBuilder
+replace(startIndex: int, endIndex: int, s:
  String): StringBuilder
+reverse(): StringBuilder
+setCharAt(index: int, ch: char): void
```

Appends a `char` array into this string builder.

Appends a subarray in `data` into this string builder.

Appends a primitive type value as a string to this builder.

Appends a string to this string builder.

Deletes characters from `startIndex` to `endIndex-1`.

Deletes a character at the specified index.

Inserts a subarray of the data in the array into the builder at the specified index.

Inserts data into this builder at the position offset.

Inserts a value converted to a string into this builder.

Inserts a string into this builder at the position offset.

Replaces the characters in this builder from `startIndex` to `endIndex-1` with the specified string.

Reverses the characters in the builder.

Sets a new character at the specified index in this builder.

# StringBuilder Examples

```
StringBuilder stringBuilder = new StringBuilder();
stringBuilder.append("Welcome");
stringBuilder.append(' ');
stringBuilder.append("to");
stringBuilder.append(' ');
stringBuilder.append("Java");
stringBuilder.insert(11, "HTML and "); changes the builder to
                                         Welcome to HTML and Java
stringBuilder.delete(8, 11) changes the builder to Welcome Java.
stringBuilder.deleteCharAt(8) changes the builder to Welcome o Java.
stringBuilder.reverse() changes the builder to avaJ ot emocleW.
stringBuilder.replace(11, 15, "HTML") changes the builder to Welcome to HTML.
stringBuilder.setCharAt(0, 'w') sets the builder to welcome to Java.
```

# Modifying Strings in the Builder

- All these modification methods except **setCharAt** do two things:
  - Change the contents of the string builder
  - Return the reference of the string builder
- Recall that a value-returning method can be invoked as a statement, if you are not interested in the return value of the method. In this case, the return value is simply ignored:

```
StringBuilder stringBuilder1 = stringBuilder.reverse();  
stringBuilder.reverse();
```

# The toString, capacity, length, setLength, and charAt Methods

## java.lang.StringBuilder

```
+toString(): String  
+capacity(): int  
+charAt(index: int): char  
+length(): int  
+setLength(newLength: int): void  
+substring(startIndex: int): String  
+substring(startIndex: int, endIndex: int): String  
+trimToSize(): void
```

Returns a string object from the string builder.  
Returns the capacity of this string builder.  
Returns the character at the specified index.  
Returns the number of characters in this builder.  
Sets a new length in this builder.  
Returns a substring starting at `startIndex`.  
Returns a substring from `startIndex` to `endIndex-1`.  
Reduces the storage size used for the string builder.

Note:

- (1) The capacity is the number of characters the string builder is able to store without having to increase its size.
- (2) The **length()** method returns the number of characters actually stored in the string builder.
- (3) The **setLength(newLength)** method sets the length of the string builder.
- (4) If the builder's capacity is exceeded, capacity is automatically increased:  **$2 * (\text{the previous capacity} + 1)$**

Problem:  
Checking  
Palindromes  
Ignoring Non-  
alphanumeric  
Characters

This example gives a program that counts the number of occurrence of each letter in a string. Assume the letters are not case-sensitive.

**Palindrome Check**

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