

Unit 2: Using Objects

Topic 7 Lab 2: String Engineering!

Name: _____

Time to kick it up a notch and do some "string engineering"! ☐

1. Open up your U2T7 Partner Challenge Replit.
2. Work with your partner to add the six additional methods described below. These get a little crazy and brain busting! ☐ You will need to have open [the Java API for the String class](#) to write the `yellOrWhisper` method.
3. Test each method using the test cases posted in a separate document in Google Classroom. As software engineers, you will be writing some pretty challenging code and will need to thoroughly test all parts of your code with *many* test cases!

/* BELOW ARE THE 6 NEW METHODS TO ADD TO YOUR CustomStringMethods CLASS! */

/**Client provides two strings, `str1` and `str2`, and method *prints* a message to the user that states whether `str1` comes *before* `str2`, comes *after*, or they are the *same* alphabetically.
This method has no return value (void).

Example: if `str1` is "apple" and `str2` is "banana", this method should *print* a message like:
"apple comes BEFORE banana alphabetically"

Example: if `str1` is "banana" and `str2` is "apple", this method should *print* a message like:
"banana comes AFTER apple alphabetically"

Example: if `str1` and `str2` are both "apple", this method should *print* a message like:
"apple and banana are the SAME string!"

```
*/  
public void alphabetical(String str1, String str2) {  
  
}
```

/**Client provides `myString` and the method returns a `String` that represents `myString` with its halves reversed; for example, for the string: "reverse me!" the method would return "e me!reverS"; strings of **odd length** should have the extra character be a part of the *second* half when initially halved (and appear in the first half in the returned `String`).

```
*/  
public String halvesReversed(String myString) {  
  
}
```

```
// The method below will require the use of String methods toLowerCase() and toUpperCase(),  
// neither of which are required on the AP Exam but both are very useful Java methods to know.  
// Look them up in the Java API docs to see how they work!
```

/**Client provides `myString` and this method should return a `String` with all characters in `myString` in *uppercase* if the *first letter* of `myString` is an *uppercase* letter. If the first letter of `myString` is a *lowercase* letter, this method should return a `String` with all characters in `myString` in lowercase. You can assume `myString` will always begin with a letter (and not a number or some other character).

Example: If myString is "Hello James!", this method returns the String "HELLO JAMES!" because the first letter of myString, "H", is an uppercase letter.

Example: If myString is "hello James!", this method returns the String "hello james!" because the first letter of myString, "h", is a lowercase letter.

```
*/  
public String yellOrWhisper(String myString) {  
  
}
```

/**Client provides myString and the method returns a new String with the last numToCap characters in uppercase, if not already; if myString has less than numToCap characters, uppercase the entire String. *Any punctuation marks at the end should count towards numToCap.*

Example: If myString is "hello" and numToCap is 3, this method returns the String "heLLLO"

Example: If myString is "hello" and numToCap is 6, this method returns the String "HELLO"

Example: If myString is "Gigantic" and numToCap is 3, this method returns the String "GiganTIC"

Example: If myString is "Gigantic!!" and numToCap is 3, this method returns the String "GigantiC!!"

```
*/  
public String endUp(String myString, int numToCap) {  
  
}
```

/**Client provides myString and removeIdx and method returns a new String with the character located at removeIdx in myString removed. If removeIdx is outside the bounds of myString, the method should return myString unchanged.

Example: If myString is "Halloween" and removeIdx is 5, this method should the String "Halloween"

Example: If myString is "Halloween" and removeIdx is 0, this method should the String "alloween"

Example: If myString is "Halloween" and removeIdx is 9 (outside the bounds of myString), this method should return the String "Halloween" (the original myString unchanged).

```
*/  
public String removeCharacter(String myString, int removeIdx) {  
  
}
```

/**Client provides orig, insertText, and searchStr, and the method returns a new String where insertText has been inserted into orig starting *at* the index where searchStr is *first* found in orig, "pushing" all characters that come after insertIdx in orig *behind* insertText. In the event insertText is not found in orig, append insertText onto the end of orig and return that String.

Example: If myString is "ghost", insertText is "BOO!", and searchStr is "o", this method would return the String "ghBOO!ost" (since in orig, searchStr is found at index 2).

Example: If myString is "ghost", insertText is "BOO!", and searchStr is "st", this method would return the String "ghoBOO!st" (since in orig, searchStr is found at index 3).

Example: If myString is "ghost", insertText is "BOO!", and searchStr is "m",

this method would return the String "ghostBOO!" (since searchStr is not found in orig).

```
*/  
public String insertAt(String orig, String insertText, String searchStr) {  
  
}  
}
```

TESTING! Test cases for all 6 methods have been provided in a separate Google Doc posted in Google Classroom (or open it [here](#))

Copy/paste your code below for your 6 (fully tested!) new methods:

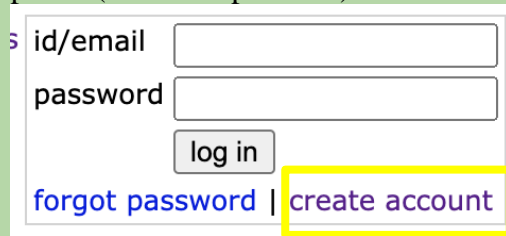
Sample solutions will be posted later during class.

Lab continues on the next page!

CODING BAT!

For these last problems, you will use [CodingBat Java](#) to develop and test your methods, since it has a lot of *built-in* testing for you for each problem. *If you do not already have a CodingBat account*, create one first (use your preferred email) so your progress gets saved. If you already have an account, log in.

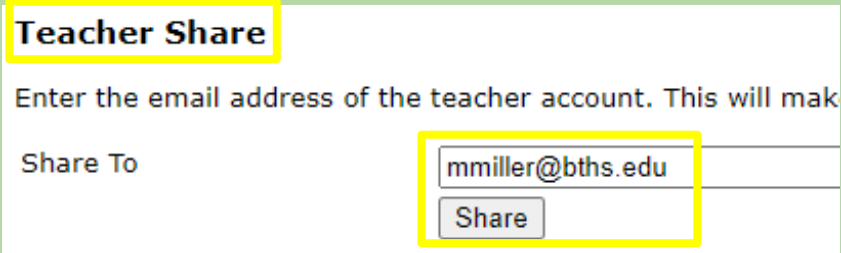
- A. Go to [CodingBat](#) and create an account (or log in if you already have an account); use any email you prefer (school or personal):

A screenshot of the CodingBat login/signup form. It features two input fields: 'id/email' and 'password'. Below the 'password' field is a 'log in' button. At the bottom, there are two links: 'forgot password' and 'create account'. The 'create account' link is highlighted with a yellow box.

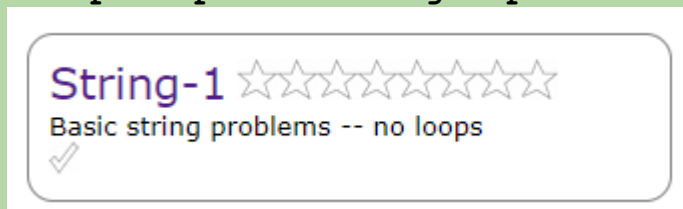
- B. Login, then go to **prefs**:

[about](#) | [help](#) | [code help+videos](#) | [done](#) | [report](#) | **[prefs](#)**

- C. Under **Teacher Share**, enter **mmiller@bths.edu**, then click **share** (this will allow Mr. Miller to see your progress and problem completion status):

A screenshot of the 'Teacher Share' form. The title 'Teacher Share' is highlighted with a yellow box. Below it, the text 'Enter the email address of the teacher account. This will make' is partially visible. There is a 'Share To' label followed by an input field containing 'mmiller@bths.edu'. The input field and the 'Share' button below it are highlighted with a yellow box.

1. Open up the **String-1** problems:

A screenshot of the 'String-1' problem card. It has the title 'String-1' followed by ten empty star icons. Below the title is the subtitle 'Basic string problems -- no loops'. There is a small checkmark icon in the bottom left corner.

2. Find the **endsLy** problem:

✓ **endsLy**

Read the problem, then write and test your method on CodingBat's website. Click "Go" to perform automated testing of your method:

Go

You have a fully valid solution when **ALL AUTOMATED TESTS PASS!**

Expected	Run	
endsLy("oddy") → true	true	OK
endsLy("y") → false	false	OK
endsLy("oddy") → false	false	OK
endsLy("odd") → false	false	OK
endsLy("olydd") → false	false	OK
endsLy("ly") → true	true	OK
endsLy("") → false	false	OK
endsLy("falsey") → false	false	OK
endsLy("evenly") → true	true	OK
other tests		OK



All Correct

Copy and paste your method code that passes *all* CodingBat tests:

```
public boolean endsLy(String str) {
}
```

3. Find and solve the **conCat** problem:



Copy and paste your method code that passes *all* CodingBat tests:

```
public String conCat(String a, String b) {
}
```

You should notice that you now have these two solved:

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|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| ✓ theEnd | ✓ withoutEnd2 | ✓ middleTwo |
| ✓ endsLy | ✓ nTwice | ✓ twoChar |
| ✓ middleThree | ✓ hasBad | ✓ atFirst |
| ✓ lastChars | ✓ conCat | ✓ lastTwo |
| ✓ seeColor | ✓ frontAgain | ✓ minCat |
| ✓ extraFront | ✓ without2 | ✓ deFront |

4. Find and solve one other string problem of your choosing!

Which problem did you choose?

Copy and paste your method code that passes *all* CodingBat tests:

Want to see sample solutions for endsLy and conCat? [click here](#)

Done!

Submit in Google Classroom:

Turn in

Sample solutions ([back](#))

endsLy

```
public boolean endsLy(String str) {
    int length = str.length();
    if (length < 2) {
        return false; // if we get here, immediately return; no code below executes
    }

    String lastTwo = str.substring(length - 2); // get last two characters
    if (lastTwo.equals("ly")) {
        return true;
    } else {
        return false;
    }
}
```

conCat

```
public String conCat(String a, String b) {
    if (a.length() == 0) {
        return b; // return immediately; no other code below executes
    }

    if (b.length() == 0) {
        return a; // return immediately; no other code below executes
    }

    String lastLetterA = a.substring(a.length() - 1);
    String firstLetterB = b.substring(0, 1);

    if (lastLetterA.equals(firstLetterB)) {
        String bWithoutFirstLetter = b.substring(1);
        return a + bWithoutFirstLetter;
    } else {
        return a + b;
    }
}
```