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public static void findNeedles(String haystack, String[] needles) {
    if (needles.length > 5) {
        System.err.println("Too many words!");
    } else {
        int[] countArray = new int[needles.length];
        for (int i = 0; i < needles.length; i++) {
            String[] words = haystack.split("[ \\t\\n\\b\\f\\r]", 0);
            for (int j = 0; j < words.length; j++) {
                if (words[j].compareTo(needles[i]) == 0) {
                    countArray[i]++;
                }
            }
        }
        for (int j = 0; j < needles.length; j++) {
            System.out.println(needles[j] + ": " + countArray[j]);
        }
    }
}

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Assignment:

- 1) Write documentation for above code (1 page)
- 2) Write email to author of code.

# Java findNeedles() Method

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**Description:** Checks if up to 5 case-sensitive “needle” strings are located within a “haystack” string. Prints out the needles that are present in the haystack and the number of times they each appear.

*“Most people stop looking when they find the proverbial needle in the haystack. I would continue looking to see if there were other needles.” –Albert Einstein (apocryphal)*

## Syntax

findNeedles(haystack, needles)

## Parameters (Mandatory)

Parameter	Description
haystack	A String to search through (case-sensitive)
needles	An Array of 5 or less strings to search for in haystack (case-sensitive)

## Technical Details

**Delimiters:** `\"'\\t\\n\\b\\f\\r`

### Example

```
String[] Needles={"universal",  
    "stretch", "embroidery", "sharps",  
    "quilting"};  
String haystack = "hay hay  
    universal hay stretch hay  
    embroidery stretchstretch hay hay  
    stretch quiltinghay sharps."  
findNeedles(haystack, Needles);
```

Output:  
universal: 1  
stretch: 2  
embroidery: 1

**Warning:** findNeedles() will not recognize or count a needle if it includes **delimiters** or is not **exactly equal** to the string stored in haystack[i]

<sent with or as a calendar invite>

Hi <name>,

Thank you for sending findNeedles() for documentation. It's very clear, concise, and a bit whimsical :)

I've started writing out the documentation and grabbed an hour to meet and make sure that I am explaining it as well as possible (but please, feel free to change the time). I've attached my main questions below, just in case you'd prefer to respond via email:

- 1) Is there a reason I should give for why the limit of "needles" is 5?
- 2) Could you clarify why you are delimiting specifically with these characters: "[ \\\"'\t\n\b\f\r]" Should I caution users not to include any needles with those characters?
- 3) Unless I'm mistaken, **findNeedles()** does not register a needle if it is inside another word or has a comma, period, etc. after it (i.e. 'cat' in 'catastrophe' or the last word of sentences). Is there a reason I should give for this?
- 4) I noticed that **str.compareTo()** is case-sensitive, should I caution users of this?
- 5) Is there a reason why it prints out the information rather than returning it in an array?
- 6) And forgive my ignorance, but I'm not sure why **String[] words = haystack.split("[ \\\"'\t\n\b\f\r]", 0);** is in the outer loop? Could you clarify?

Thank you again,

Jonathan Cohn  
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P.S. I might also suggest you add a 6th needle in version 2.0 #GameChanger