

Strings and String Builder

String

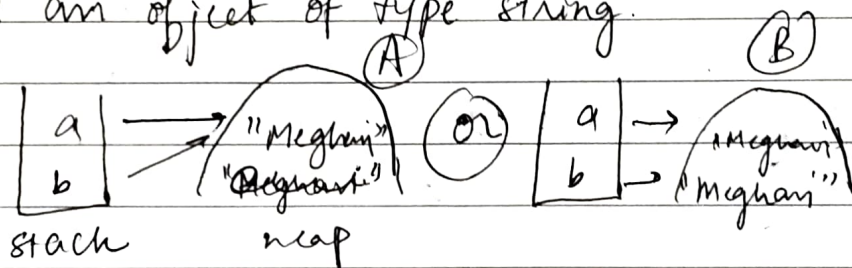
As the name suggests it is a collection or sequence of characters.

"Meghavi" → This is a string and it is of a String Datatype

String name = "Meghavi Jadav"
↳ class of java ↳ object
Datatype reference variable

Every string you create is an object of type String.

String a = "Meghavi"
String b = "Meghavi"



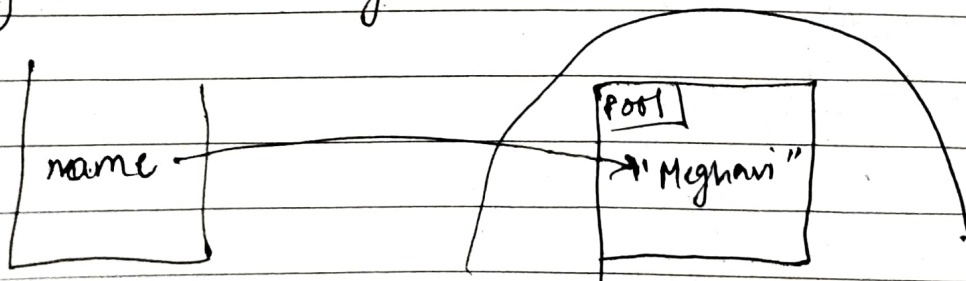
To understand this we need to learn two concepts

1. String Pool
2. Immutability

String Pool

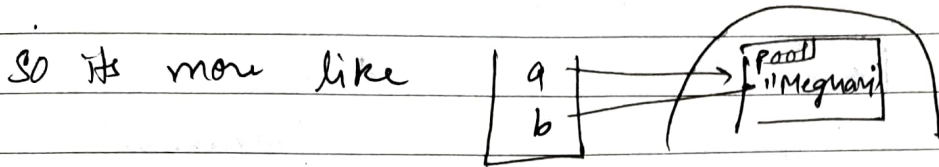
It is a separate memory structure inside the heap.

String name = "Meghavi"



What is the use case? Why separate pool?

→ All the similar values are not recreated in the pool



Benefits - Makes the program more optimised usually

Now, if change in "Meghavi" is made using ref. variable 'a' then it will reflect in 'b' as well.

↳ But this won't happen because of Immutability.

Strings are immutable in Java

↳ Why so? Because of security

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String a = "Meghavi";
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String b = "Meghavi";
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System.out.println(a);
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a = "Jadav"
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```
System.out.println(a);
```

```
System.out.println(b);
```

you have not changed but created a new object

Output =

```
Meghavi
Jadav
Meghavi
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Even when you change 'a', 'b' shall remain the same

Why for security reasons you can't change?

If 4 people are named 'Meghavi' and ~~one~~ person tries to change their name to 'Vedanti' then all the names ~~of~~ of the rest 3 people shall change to "Vedant" WHICH WE DO NOT WANT

Comparison of Strings

1. == method

false
a → "Meghari"
b → "Meghari"

true
a → "Meghari"
b → "Meghari"

How to create a new object with ~~diff~~ the same name
String a = new String("Meghari");
String b = new String("Meghari");

↳ created outside the pool in the heap.

2. equals method

This will check if the values are same or not?
irrespective of whether there are two strings
with the same object.