

WRAPPER CLASS IN JAVA

- Two concepts are there in the wrapper classes -
 - Autoboxing
 - Unboxing
- Autoboxing : It is an automatic method that converts primitive data type into an object of their corresponding wrapper class.
Eg. int to Integer, double to Double, etc.
- Unboxing : It is just the reverse process of autoboxing. Converts object of a wrapper into its corresponding primitive data type.
Eg. Integer to int, Float to float.

Need of Wrapper Class

- They convert primitive data types into objects. Objects are needed to modify the arguments passed into a method.
- The classes in java.util package handles only objects and hence wrapper classes help in this case also.
- It is useful in Hibernate because it doesn't support primitive data type.
- Data structures in the Collection framework, such as ArrayList and Vector, store only objects and not primitive types.

Primitive Type	Wrapper class
boolean	<u>Boolean</u>
char	<u>Character</u>
byte	<u>Byte</u>
short	<u>Short</u>
int	<u>Integer</u>
long	<u>Long</u>
float	<u>Float</u>
double	<u>Double</u>

Practical code for conversion

- Character ch = 'a';

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    char a = ch;    // unboxing - Character object to  
primitive          conversion
```

- Integer n = 28;

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    int num = arrayList.get(0); // unboxing because  
get                          method returns  
an                           Integer object
```

Strings

- Strings in java are like arrays, they are immutable (cannot grow) and hence for change, an entirely new string is created.
- Syntax : `String name = " ";` (String literal)
`String name = new String(" ");` (dynamic allocation)
- String is created in String constant pool but when it created dynamically through new operator, they are assigned a new memory location in heap.
- `StringBuilder` and `StringBuffer` can be used for mutable sequences as String literals are immutable.

Some String methods

- `.length()`: Returns the number of characters in the String
- `.charAt(i)`: Returns the character at i^{th} index
- `.substring(i)`: Return the substring from the i^{th} index character to end
- `.substring(i,j)`: Returns the substring from i to $j-1$ index.
- `.concat(String)`: Concatenates specified string to the end of this string
- `.indexOf(string)`: Returns the index within the string of the first occurrence of the specified string
- `.lastIndexOf(String)`: Returns the index within the string of the last occurrence of the specified string.

Syntax for String methods

- `String s= "HelloJava"; // or String s=`
`new` `String`
`("HelloJava");`
- `s.length());` `// Returns the number of`
`characters` `in the String.`
- `s.charAt(3));` `// Returns the character at ith index.`
- `s.substring(3));` `// Return the substring`
`from the ith` `index character to end`
`of string`
- `s.substring(2,5));` `// substring from i to j-1 index.`

- `String s1 = "Hello";`
`String s2 = "Java";`
`s1.concat(s2));` // Concatenates string2 to the end of string1.
- `String s4 = "Learn java from";`
`s4.indexOf("GFG"));` // Returns the index within the string of the first occurrence of the specified string.
- `s4.indexOf('a',3));` // Returns the index within the string of the first occurrence of the specified string, starting at the specified index.
- `"Neha".equals("neha");`
`"Neha".equalsIgnoreCase("nEhA ");` // Checking equality of Strings

- `s1.compareTo(s2);` // If ASCII difference is zero
then the two strings are similar
- `String word1 = "HelloMam";`
`word1.toLowerCase());` // Converting cases
- `String word2 = "Java Training";`
`word2.toUpperCase());` // Converting cases
- `String word4 = " Learn Java from Monica Gupta ";`
`word4.trim());` // Trimming the word
- `String str1 = "Hello lava World";`
`str1.replace('l', 'j') ;` // Replacing characters