

Difference Between String , StringBuilder And StringBuffer Classes

String

String is *immutable* (once created can not be changed)object . The object created as a String is stored in the **Constant String Pool**.

Every immutable object in Java is thread safe ,that implies String is also thread safe . String can not be used by two threads simultaneously.

String once assigned can not be changed.

StringBuffer

StringBuffer is mutable means one can change the value of the object . The object created through StringBuffer is stored in the heap. StringBuffer has the same methods as the StringBuilder , but **each method in StringBuffer is synchronized** that is **StringBuffer is thread safe** .

Due to this it does not allow two threads to simultaneously access the same method . Each method can be accessed by one thread at a time .

But being thread safe has disadvantages too as the performance of the StringBuffer hits due to thread safe property . Thus StringBuilder is faster than the StringBuffer when calling the same methods of each class.

String Buffer can be converted to the string by using toString() method.

```
StringBuffer demo1 = new StringBuffer("Hello") ;  
// The above object stored in heap and its value can be changed .  
demo1=new StringBuffer("Bye");  
// Above statement is right as it modifies the value which is allowed in the StringBuffer
```

StringBuilder

StringBuilder is same as the StringBuffer , that is it stores the object in heap and it can also be modified . The main difference between the StringBuffer and StringBuilder is that **StringBuilder is also not thread safe**.

StringBuilder is fast as it is not thread safe .

```
StringBuilder demo2= new StringBuilder("Hello");  
// The above object too is stored in the heap and its value can be modified  
demo2=new StringBuilder("Bye");  
// Above statement is right as it modifies the value which is allowed in the StringBuilder
```

