# **Java Basics, Strings**

# STRINGS - INTRO, CREATION

### What is a String?

**String**  $\rightarrow$  a sequence of characters

Example of strings:

"The cow jumps over the moon"

"PRESIDENT OBAMA"

"12345"

### What is a String class in Java?

 String class in Java: holds a "sequence of characters"

String greeting = new String("Hello world!");

- Creating new String object
- Contains sequence of chars

#### **String Class**

- Why use String class vs. char array?
- Advantage: provides many useful methods for string manipulation
  - Print length of string str.length()
  - Convert to lowercase str.toLowerCase()
  - Convert to uppercase str.toUpperCase()
  - \* Many others

#### **Creating String Objects**

There are 2 ways to create String objects

Method 1: String greeting1 = new String("Hello World!");

- Variable of type String
- Name of variable is greeting1

- new operator for creating instance of the String class
- Recall: Instance of a class is an object

- String value aka string literal
  - series of characters enclosed in double quotes.

#### **Creating String Objects**

There are 2 ways to create String objects

```
Method 2: String greeting2 = "Hello World Again!";
```

- Shorthand for String creation (most used)
- Behind the scenes: new instance of String class with "Hello World Again!" as the value

#### **Creating String Objects**

greeting2

There are 2 ways to create String objects

Holds a reference

```
Method 1: String greeting1 = new String("Hello World!");

Method 2: String greeting2 = "Hello World Again!";

Local Variable Table String Objects

Holds a reference "Hello World!"
```

"Hello World Again!"

#### **String Constructor**

 Recall: when new object created → the constructor method is always called first

Pass initial arguments or empty object

String class has multiple constructors

#### **String Constructor**

\* few others

```
String str1= new String(); //empty object

String str2= new String("string"); //string input

String str3= new String(char[]); //char array input

String str4= new String(byte[]); //byte array input
```

### Strings: Defining and initializing

#### Simple example

```
String s1 = "Welcome to Java!";
String s2 = new String("Welcome to Java!"); //same as s1
```

#### **Numbers as strings**

```
String s3 = "12345";
String s4 = new String(s3); //s4 will hold same value as s3
```

#### **Char array as strings**

```
char[] helloArray = { 'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '.' };
String s5= new String(helloArray);
```

## Strings: Defining and initializing

#### **Empty Strings**

```
String s5 = "";
String s6 = new String("");
```



String object created; String value is empty ""

#### **Null String**

String **s7** = null;



String variable not pointing to any String object

#### **Understanding String Creation**

```
String greeting1 = "Hello!"
String greeting2 = "Hello!"
```

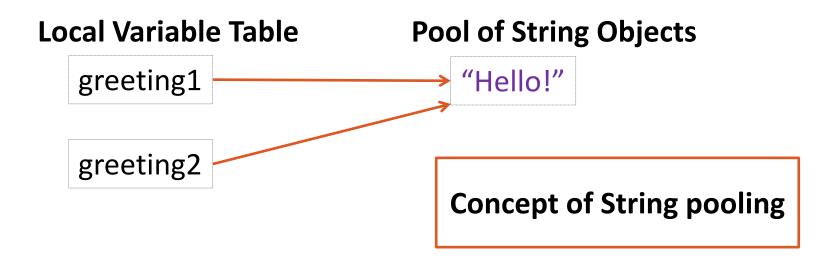
#### Does Java create 2 String objects internally?

Without "new" operator for String creation:

- Java looks into a String pool (collection of String objects)
  - Try to find objects with same string value
- If object exists 
   new variable points to existing object
- If object does not exist new object is created
- Efficiency reasons to limit object creation

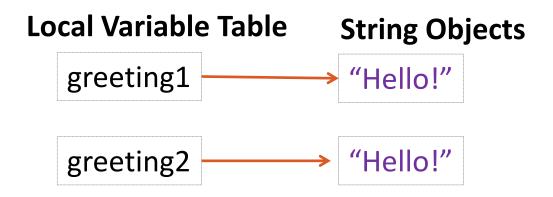
#### **Understanding String Creation**

```
String greeting1 = "Hello!"
String greeting2 = "Hello!"
```



#### **Understanding String Creation**

```
String greeting1 = new String ("Hello!");
String greeting2 = new String ("Hello!");
```



# STRINGS - METHODS, CONCATENATION

### **String Methods**

# Advantage of String class: many built-in methods for String manipulation

```
str.length(); // get length of string
str.toLowerCase() // convert to lower case
str.toUpperCase() // convert to upper case
str.charAt(i) // what is at character i?
str.contains(..) // String contains another string?
str.startsWith(..) // String starts with some prefix?
str.indexOf(..) // what is the position of a character?
....many more
```

#### String Methods - length, charAt

str.length() → Returns the number of chars in String str.charAt(i) → Returns the character at position i

Character positions in strings are numbered starting from 0 – just like arrays

#### String Methods - length, charAt

str.length() → Returns the number of chars in String str.charAt(i) → Returns the character at position i

#### **Returns:**

```
"Utah".length(); ----- 4

"Utah".charAt (2);----- a
```

## String Methods – valueOf(X)

String.valueOf(X) - Returns String representation of X

- X: char, int, char array, double, float, Object
- Useful for converting different data types into String

```
String str1 = String.valueOf(4); //returns "4"

String str2 = String.valueOf('A'); //returns "A"
```

String str3 = String.valueOf(40.02); //returns "40.02"

### String Methods – substring(...)

str.substring(..) → returns a new String by copying characters from an existing String.

- str.substring (i, k)
  - returns substring of chars from pos i to k-1
- str.substring (i);
  - returns substring from the i-th char to the end

## String Methods – substring(...)

#### String Concatenation – Combine Strings

What if we wanted to combine String values?

```
String word1 = "re";

String word2 = "think";

String word3 = "ing";

How to combine and make → "rethinking"?
```

Different ways to concatenate Strings in Java

#### String Concatenation – Combine Strings

```
String word1 = "re";
String word2 = "think";
String word3 = "ing";
Method 1: Plus "+" operator
   String str = word1 + word2;
   — concatenates word1 and word2 → "rethink"
Method 2: Use String's "concat" method
   String str = word1.concat (word2);
   - the same as word1 + word2 \rightarrow "rethink"
```

#### String Concatenation – Combine Strings

```
Now str has value "rethink", how to make "rethinking"?
String word3 = "ing";
Method 1: Plus "+" operator
   str = str + word3; //results in "rethinking"
Method 2: Use String's "concat" method
   str = str.concat(word3); //results in "rethinking"
Method 3: Shorthand
   str += word3; //results in "rethinking" (same as method 1)
```

# String Concatenation: Strings, Numbers & Characters

```
String myWord= "Rethinking";
int myInt=2;
char myChar='!';

Internally: myInt & myChar converted to String objects

Method 1: Plus "+" operator

String result = myWord + myInt + myChar;
//Results in "Rethinking2!"
```

# String Concatenation: Strings, Numbers & Characters

```
String myWord= "Rethinking"; int myInt=2; char myChar='!';
```

#### Method 2: Use String's "concat" method

```
String strMyInt= String.valueOf(myInt);
String strMyChar=String.valueOf(myChar);
String result = myWord.concat(strMyInt).concat(strMyChar);
//Results in "Rethinking2!"
```

#### **STRING IMMUTABILITY**

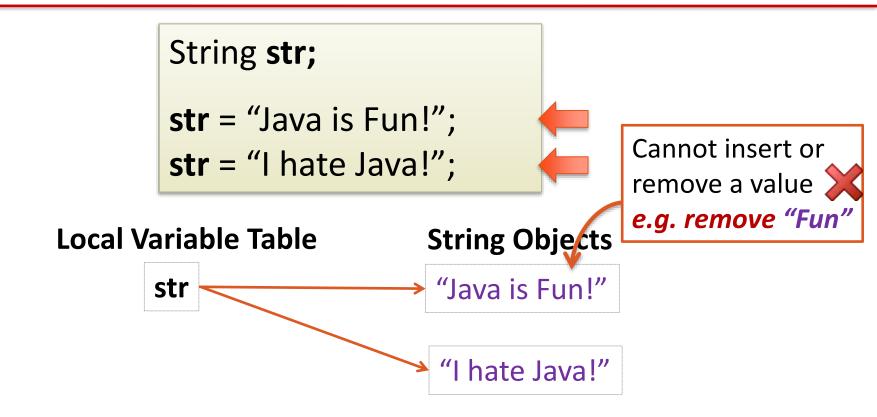
- Strings in Java are immutable
- Meaning: cannot change its value, once created

```
String str;

str = "Java is Fun!";

str = "I hate Java!";

Did we change the value of "Java is Fun!" to "I hate Java!"?
```



```
String object
String str;
                                 Unused objects: "Re",
                                 "Rethink" go to garb. coll.
str = "Re";
str = str + "think"; //Rethink
str = str + "ing"; // Rethinking
Local Variable Table
                              String Objects
                                    "Re"
       str
                                 "Rethink"
                                "Rethinking"
```

**Every concat:** Create new

- Problem: With frequent modifications of Strings
  - Create many new objects uses up memory
  - Destroy many unused ones increase JVM workload
  - Overall: can slow down performance

- Solution for frequently changing Strings:
  - StringBuilder Class instead of String

#### **StringBuilder Class**

StringBuilders used for String concatenation

StringBuilder class is "mutable"
 Meaning: values within StringBuilder can be changed or modified as needed

In contrast to Strings where Strings are immutable

# StringBuilder - "append" method

- append(X) → most used method
  - Appends a value X to end of StringBuilder
  - X: int, char, String, double, object (almost anything)

### StringBuilder for String Construction

```
StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder(); //obj creation
sb.append("Re"); //add "Re" to sb
sb.append("think"); //add "think" to sb
sb.append("ing"); //add "ing" to sb
                                             Only 1 object
String str= sb.toString(); //return String va
                                             All 3 words appended
                                             to same object
       Local Variable Table
                                   StringBuil
                                                 opject
              sb
                                      Rethink ing
      Bottom-line: Use StringBuilder when you
```

have frequent string modification

# **STRING EQUALITY/INEQUALITY**

How to check if two Strings contain same value?

```
if str1
String str1=new String("Hello World!")
                                         referencing same
String str2=new String("Hello World!")
                                          object as str2?
if(str1==str2) { //eval to false
 System.out.println("same");
Local Variable Table
                            String Objects
                            "Hello World!"
     str1
     str2
                            "Hello World!"
```

How to check if two Strings contain same value?

```
String str1=new String("Hello World!");
String str2=new String("Hello World!");
if(str1==str2) { //eval to false
 System.out.println("same")
                                if content of str1 same
                                        as str2?
if(str1.equals(str2)) { //eval to trace
 System.out.println("same");
```

What if "new" operator not used?

```
String str1 = "Hello World!";
                                     if str1 referencing
String str2 = "Hello World!";
                                    same object as str2?
if(str1==str2) { //eval to true
 System.out.println("same");
Local Variable Table
                            String Objects
                             "Hello World!"
      str1
      str2
```

What if "new" operator not used?

```
String str1 = "Hello World!";
String str2 = "Hello World!";
if(str1==str2) { //eval to true
 System.out.println("same");
if(str1.equals(str2)) { //eval to true
 System.out.println("same");
```

- Point to note: String variables are references to String objects (i.e. memory addresses)
- "str1==str2" on String objects compares memory addresses, not the contents

Always use "str1.equals(str2)" to compare contents

#### Java StringBuffer class

- Java StringBuffer class is used to created mutable (modifiable) string. The StringBuffer class in java is same as String class except it is mutable i.e. it can be changed.
- Important Constructors of StringBuffer class
- StringBuffer(): creates an empty string buffer with the initial capacity of 16.
- StringBuffer(String str): creates a string buffer with the specified string.
- StringBuffer(int capacity): creates an empty string buffer with the specified capacity as length.

#### length() and capacity()

- The current length of a StringBuffer can be found via the length() method, while
  the total allocated capacity can be found through the capacity() method. They
  have the following
- general forms:
- int length()
- int capacity()
- Here is an example:
- // StringBuffer length vs. capacity.
- class StringBufferDemo {
- public static void main(String args[]) {
- StringBuffer sb = new StringBuffer("Hello");
- System.out.println("buffer = " + sb);
- System.out.println("length = " + sb.length());A
- System.out.println("capacity = " + sb.capacity());
- •
- •

```
StringBuffer sb=new StringBuffer("Hello");
sb.append("Java");//now original string is changed
System.out.println(sb);//prints Hello Java
sb.insert(1,"J");//now original string is changed
System.out.println(sb);//prints
sb.replace(1,3,"Jav");
System.out.println(sb);
sb.delete(1,3);
System.out.println(sb)
```

# WRAPPER CLASSES (SIDE TOPIC)

#### Wrapper Class in Java

- Java is not a purely object-oriented programming language, the reason being it works on primitive data types.
- These eight primitive data types int, short, byte, long, float, double, char and, boolean are not objects.
- We use wrapper classes to use these data types in the form of objects.
- Wrapper class in Java makes the Java code fully objectoriented.
- For example, converting an int to Integer. Here int is a data type and Integer is the wrapper class of int.

• Eight wrapper classes exist in **java.lang** package that represent 8 data types. Following list gives.

Primitive data type	Wrapper class
byte	Byte
short	Short
int	Integer
long	Long
float	Float
double	Double
char	Character
boolean	Boolean

#### Need for Wrapper class in Java Adv

- Wrapper classes are used to provide a mechanism to 'wrap' or bind the values of primitive data types into an object. This helps primitives types act like objects and do the activities reserved for objects like we can add these converted types to the collections like ArrayList, HashSet, HashMap, etc.
- Wrapper classes are also used to provide a variety of utility functions for primitives data types like converting primitive types to string objects and vice-versa, converting to various bases like binary, octal or <a href="hexadecimal">hexadecimal</a>, or comparing various objects.
- We can not provide null values to Primitive types but wrapper classes can be null. So wrapper classes can be used in such cases we want to assign a null value to primitive data types.

### Converting primitive numbers to Object numbers using constructor methods

Constructor calling	Conversion Action
Integer IntVal = new Integer(i);	Primitive integer to Integer object
Float FloatVal = new Float(f);	Primitive float to Float object
Double DoubleVal = new Double(d);	Primitive double to Double object
Long LongVal = new Long(I);	Primitive long to Long object

#### **Creating wrapper objects**

- The most straightforward way to create a wrapper object is to use its constructor:
- Integer i = new Integer (17); or
- Integer i = 17;
- Double d = new Double (3.14159);
- or Double d = 3.14159;
- Character c = new Character ('b');
- or Character c = 'b';

#### **Extracting the values**

- Java knows how to print wrapper objects, so the easiest way to extract a value is just to print the object or assign it to a primitive data type.
- Integer i = new Integer (17);
- Double d = new Double (3.14159);
   System.out.println (i);
- System.out.println (d);

- You can use the toString method to convert the contents of the wrapper object to a String
- String iStr = i.toString();
- String dStr = d.toString();
- To extract the primitive value from the object, there is an object method in each wrapper class that does the job:
- int iValue = i.intValue(); or
- int iValue = i;
- double dValue = d.doubleValue();
- or double dValue = d;
- There are also methods for converting wrapper classes into different primitive types.

# Java Autoboxing - Primitive Type to Wrapper Object

- In autoboxing, the Java compiler automatically converts primitive types into their corresponding wrapper class objects. For example,
- int a = 56;
- // autoboxing
- Integer aObj = a;
- Autoboxing has a great advantage while working with Java collections.

- Creating Wrapper Objects
- To create a wrapper object, use the wrapper class instead of the primitive type. To get the value, you can just print the object:

```
Example
public class Main {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    Integer myInt = 5;
    Double myDouble = 5.99;
    Character myChar = 'A';
    System.out.println(myInt);
    System.out.println(myDouble);
    System.out.println(myChar);
  }
}
```

# Java Unboxing - Wrapper Objects to Primitive Types

 In unboxing, the Java compiler automatically converts wrapper class objects into their corresponding primitive types. For example,

```
// autoboxing
Integer aObj = 56;
// unboxing
int a = aObj;
```

### Converting Numeric Strings to Primitive numbers using Parsing method

Method calling	Conversion Action
int i = Integer.parseInt(st r);	Converts String str into primitive integer i
long I = Long.parseLong(st r);	Converts String str into primitive long I

#### Ryto

The Byte class encapsulates a byte value. It defines the constants MAX\_VALUE and MIN\_VALUE and provides these constructors:

Byte(byte b)
Byte(String str)

Here, b is a byte value and str is the string equivalent of a byte value.

#### **Creating a Byte object**

```
class A
public static void main(String... ar)
Byte b1 = new Byte((byte)10); //casting the default int
value to byte.
Byte b2 = new Byte("10"); //Passing primitive byte as a
String.
```

Methods	Description	
int compareTo(Byte b)	<ul> <li>Returns a zero if the invoked Byte object contains the same byte value as b.</li> <li>Returns a positive value if the invoked Byte object contains greater value than b.</li> </ul>	
	- Returns a negative value if the invoked Byte object contains smaller value than b.	
boolean equals(Object ob)	Returns a true if the invoked Byte object has same value as referred by ob, else false.	
static byte parseByte(String s)	Returns a primitive byte value if String s could be converted to a valid byte value.	
static Byte valueOf(byte b)	Returns a Byte object after converting it from primitive byte value, b.	
short shortValue()	Returns an primitive short value after converting it from an invoked Byte object.	
byte byteValue()	Returns an byte value after converting it from an invoked Byte object.	
int intValue()	Returns an int value after converting it from an invoked Byte object.	_
long longValue()	Returns an long value after converting it from an invoked Byte object.	

## //Converting Byte to short, int, long, float, double

- public static void main(String... ar)
- {
- Byte y = new Byte("10"); // Converting a String argument to wrapped Integer object
- System.out.println("Value in wrapped object,y "+ y);
- byte b = y.byteValue(); //Returns a primitive byte value out of a wrapped
   Byte object
- short s= y.shortValue(); //Returns a primitive short value out of a wrapped Byte object
- int i = y.intValue(); //Returns a primitive int value out of a wrapped Byte object
- long I = y.longValue(); //Returns a primitive long value out of a wrapped
   Byte object
- float f = y.floatValue(); //Returns a primitive float value out of a wrapped Byte object

- To convert a String to a primitive byte value using parseByte() method.
- Method parseByte(), converts a string value which could be parse to a primitive byte value.
- byte b1 = Byte.parseByte("10");
- byte b2 = Byte.parseByte("100");
- byte b3 = Byte.parseByte("50");
- System.out.println("Primitive byte value in b1: "+ b1);
   System.out.println("Primitive byte value in b2: "+ b2);
   System.out.println("Primitive byte value in b3: "+ b3); }

### **Character Wrapper Class**

Constructor	Description
Character(char c)	Constructor of Character wrapper class only
Character (char c)	takes a primitive <b>char</b> value.

Methods	Description	
static boolean isDigit(char ch)	Returns a true if ch is digit else, false.	
static boolean isLetter(char ch)	Returns a true if ch is a letter, else false.	
static <i>boolean</i> <b>IsLetterOrDigit</b> (char ch)	Returns a true if ch is either a letter or a digit, else false.	
static <i>boolean</i> <b>isLowerCase</b> (char ch)	Returns true if ch is a lowercase letter, else false	
static boolean isUpperCase(char ch)	Returns true if ch is an uppercase letter, else false.	
static <i>boolean</i> <b>iswhite space</b> (char ch)	Returns a true if a ch is a white space character, else false.	
static char toLowerCase(char ch)	returns the lowercase form of ch.	
static char toUpperCase(char ch)	Returns an uppercase form of ch.	

```
import java.util.*;
class A
public static void main(String args[])
      System.out.println("Is char a digit?: " + Character.isDigit('a'));
      System.out.println("Is char a digit?: " + Character.isDigit('1'));
      System.out.println("Is char a letter?: " + Character.isLetter('a'));
      System.out.println("Is char a letter?: " + Character.isLetter('1'));
      System.out.println("Is char a letter or a digit?: " + Character.isLetterOrDigit('-'));
      System.out.println("Is char a letter or a digit?: " + Character.isLetterOrDigit('1'));
      System.out.println("Is char a white space?: " + Character.iswhite space(' '));
Output-
Is char a digit? : false
Is char a digit?: true
Is char a letter? : true
Is char a letter? : false
Is char a letter or a digit? : false
Is char a letter or a digit? : true
Is char a white space? : true
```

#### Constructor of Integer wrapper class

Constructor	Description
Integer(int i)	Constructor of Integer wrapper class takes a primitive int value.
Integer(String str)	Constructor of Integer wrapper class also takes a <b>String</b> equivalent of a primitive int value.

### Creating an Integer object

#### Some important methods of Integer wrapper class

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Methods	Description
int compareTo(Integer b)	Returns a zero if the invoked Integer object contains the same value as b. Returns a positive value if the invoked Integer object contains greater value than b. Returns a negative value if the invoked Integer object contains smaller value than b.
boolean equals(Object ob)	Returns a true if invoked Long object has same value as referred by ob, else false.
static int parseInteger(String s)	Returns a primitive int value if String, s could be converted to a valid int value.
static Integer valueOf(int b)	Returns an Integer object after converting it from a primitive int value, b.
static Integer valueOf(String s)	Returns a Integer object after converting it from a String, s.
short shortValue()	Converts a Integer object to a primitive short value and returns it.
byte byteValue()	Converts an Integer object to a primitive byte value and returns it.

int intValue()	Converts an Integer object to a primitive int value and returns it
long longValue()	Converts an Integer object to a primitive long value and returns it
float floatValue()	Converts an Integer object to a primitive float value and returns it
double doubleValue()	Converts an Integer object to a primitive double value and returns it.

- Using compareTo() method to compare values in two Integer objects.
- Method compareTo(Integer i) takes Integer class type object and
- it -Returns a **zero** if the invoked Integer object contains the value **same as i**.
- Returns 1 if the invoked Integer object contains value larger than i.
- Returns -1 if the invoked Integer object contains value smaller than i.

```
class A
public static void main(String... ar)
Integer i1 = new Integer("10"); //Constructor accepting String value
Integer i2 = new Integer(10); //Constructor accepting primitive int value
System.out.println("Value in i1 = "+ i1);
System.out.println("Value in i2 = "+ i2);
System.out.println("Invoking i1 to compare with i2: "+ i1.compareTo(i2));
Integer i3 = new Integer("11"); //Passing primitive int as a String to Constructor
Integer i4 = new Integer(20); //Passing a primitive int directly to Constructor
System.out.println("Value in i3 = "+i3);
System.out.println("Value in i4 = "+i4);
System.out.println("Invoking i3 to compare with i4: "+ i3.compareTo(i4));
System.out.println("Invoking i4 to compare with i3: "+ i4.compareTo(i3));
```

- //Converting String to primitive int value.
- import java.util.\*; class A public static void main(String... ar) int b1 = Integer.parseInt("20"); int b2 = Integer.parseInt("-200"); System.out.println("Primitive int value in b1: "+ b1); System.out.println("Primitive int value in b2: "+ b2);

#### **Double Wrapper Class**

**Double wrapper class** is used to create an object version of a *primitive double value*.

#### Constructor of Double wrapper class

Constructor	Description
Double(double d)	Constructor of Double wrapper class takes a primitive <b>double</b> value.
Double(String str)	Constructor of Double wrapper class also takes a <b>String</b> equivalent of a primitive double value

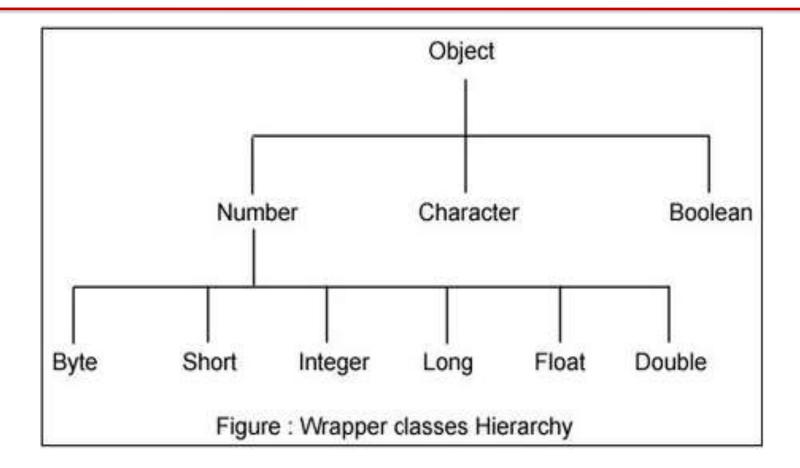
byteValue()	It returns the value of Double as a byte after the conversion.	
compare(double d1, double d2)	It compares the two double values.	
compareTo(Double another Double)	It compares two Double objects numerically.	
doubleValue()	It returns the value of Double as a double after the conversion.	
equals(Object obj)	It compares the object with the specified object.	
floatValue()	It returns the float type value for the given Double object.	
hashCode()	It returns the hash code for the given Double object.	
hashCode(Double value)	It returns the hash code for the given Double value.	
intValue()	It returns the value of Double as an int after the conversion.	

max(double a, double b)	It returns the greater of the two double values.
min(double a, double b)	It returns the smaller of the two double values.
parseDouble(String s)	It returns a new double which is initialized by the value provided by the String.
shortValue()	It returns the value of Double as a short after the conversion.
sum(double a, double b)	It adds the two values as per the + operator.
toHexString(double d)	It returns a hexadecimal string represented by the double argument.
toString()	It returns a string represented by the Double object.
toString(double d)	It returns a string represented by the $^{75}$

```
public class DoubleDemo1
  public static void main(String[] args)
       double a = 46.23;
       System.out.println("toString(a) = " + Double.toString(a));
       double a = 46.10;
      Double obj = new Double(a);
     System.out.println("Double.toHexString(a) = " +
Double.toHexString(a));
```

#### Wrapper Classes

- Recall: primitive data types int, double, long are not objects
- Wrapper classes: convert primitive types into objects
  - int: Integer wrapper class
  - double: Double wrapper class
  - char: Character wrapper class
- 8 Wrapper classes:
  - Boolean, Byte, Character, Double, Float, Integer, Long, Short



#### Wrapper Classes

- Why are they nice to have?
  - Primitives have a limited set of in-built operations
  - Wrapper classes provide many common functions to work with primitives efficiently
- How to convert a String "22" → int?
  - Cannot do this with primitive type int
  - Can use Integer wrapper class; Integer.parseInt(..)

```
String myStr = "22";
int myInt= Integer.parseInt(myStr);
```

#### Wrapper Classes

- Reverse: How to convert int 22 -> String?
  - Cannot do this with primitive int
  - Can use Integer wrapper class; Integer.toString(..)

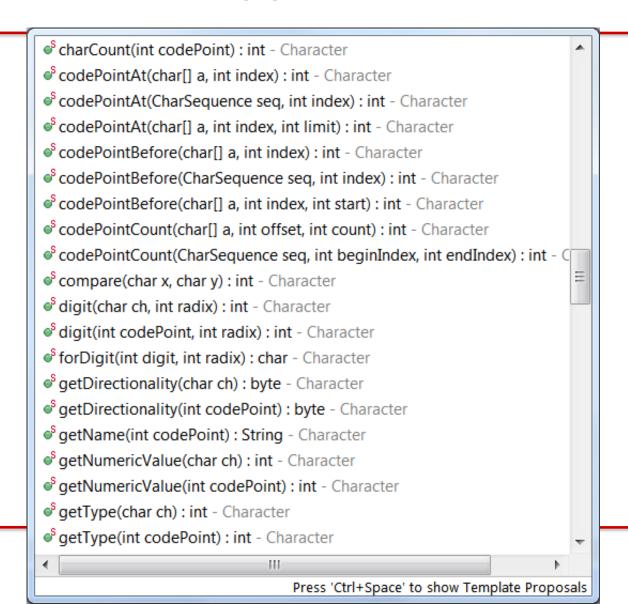
```
int myInt= 22;
String myStr= Integer.toString(myInt); // "22"
String myStr2 = String.valueOf(myInt); // "22"
```

Each Wrapper class has its own set of methods

#### **Integer Wrapper Class Methods**

```
bitCount(int i): int - Integer
Scompare(int x, int y) : int - Integer
decode(String nm): Integer - Integer
getInteger(String nm): Integer - Integer
of getInteger(String nm, int val): Integer - Integer
SgetInteger(String nm, Integer val) : Integer - Integer
highestOneBit(int i): int - Integer
SolowestOneBit(int i): int - Integer
of numberOfLeadingZeros(int i): int - Integer
of numberOfTrailingZeros(int i): int - Integer
SparseInt(String s): int - Integer
parseInt(String s, int radix): int - Integer
reverse(int i) : int - Integer
reverseBytes(int i): int - Integer
rotateLeft(int i, int distance) : int - Integer
rotateRight(int i, int distance): int - Integer
Signum(int i): int - Integer
toBinaryString(int i): String - Integer
toHexString(int i): String - Integer
toOctalString(int i) : String - Integer
toString(int i) : String - Integer
toString(int i, int radix): String - Integer
```

#### **Character Wrapper Class Methods**



#### **Double Wrapper Class Methods**

