

Javadoc Tutorial

How to access and use the documentation for the Java SE Development Kit, or JDK - Versions 9 and later – for this tutorial, we will use JDK Version 15

Topic	Details
Overview	In this tutorial, you will become familiar with the basic features of the documentation for the JAVA SE Development Kit, or JDK.
Key Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access the Javadocs API• Explore Modules• Explore Packages, Classes, Constructors, and Methods• Utilize the Search feature of Javadocs
Difficulty	Beginner – This tutorial is appropriate for someone learning Java
Duration	30 minutes
Notes	This tutorial was built using JDK Version 15

1. Access and [bookmark](https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/15/docs/api/index.html) this link:
 - a. **Java Platform, Standard Edition & JDK Version 15 API Specification:**
<https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/15/docs/api/index.html>
2. The documentation we will use in this course is under **Java SE** – Select the **Java SE** tab

- The classes are grouped by module - in this course, you will be working with classes in the **java.base** module – Select the **java.base** link

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https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/15/docs/api/

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Java® Platform, Standard Edition & Java Development Kit Version 15 API Specification

This document is divided into two sections:

Java SE

The Java Platform, Standard Edition (Java SE) APIs define the core Java platform for general-purpose computing. These APIs are in modules whose names start with java.

JDK

The Java Development Kit (JDK) APIs are specific to the JDK and will not necessarily be available in all implementations of the Java SE Platform. These APIs are in modules whose names start with jdk.

All Modules	Java SE	JDK	Other Modules
Module	Description		
java.base	Defines the foundational APIs of the Java SE Platform.		
java.compiler	Defines the Language Model, Annotation Processing, and Java Compiler APIs.		
java.datatransfer	Defines the API for transferring data between and within applications.		
java.desktop	Defines the AWT and Swing user interface toolkits, plus APIs for accessibility, audio, imaging, printing, and JavaBeans.		
java.instrument	Defines services that allow agents to instrument programs running on the JVM.		
java.logging	Defines the Java Logging API.		
java.management	Defines the Java Management Extensions (JMX) API.		
java.management.rmi	Defines the RMI connector for the Java Management Extensions (JMX) Remote API.		
java.naming	Defines the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) API.		
java.net.http	Defines the HTTP Client and WebSocket APIs.		
java.pre.f	Defines the Preferences API.		
java.rmi	Defines the Remote Method Invocation (RMI) API.		
java.scripting	Defines the Scripting API.		
java.se	Defines the API of the Java SE Platform.		
java.security.jgss	Defines the Java binding of the IETF Generic Security Services API (GSS-API).		
java.security.sasl	Defines Java support for the IETF Simple Authentication and Security Layer (SASL).		
java.sql	Defines the JDBC API.		

- Within the **java.base** module is a list of packages, most of which begin with “java.”
- For example, note **java.io** that contains the classes that you use for Input and Output tasks - No need to select this

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https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/15/docs/api/java.base/module-summary.html

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Module java.base

Defines the foundational APIs of the Java SE Platform.

Providers:

The JDK implementation of this module provides an implementation of the Jrt file system provider to enumerate and read the class and resource files in a run-time image. The Jrt file system can be created by calling `FileSystems.newFileSystem(URI.create("jrt:/"))`.

Module Graph:

java.base

Tool Guides:

Java launcher, keytool

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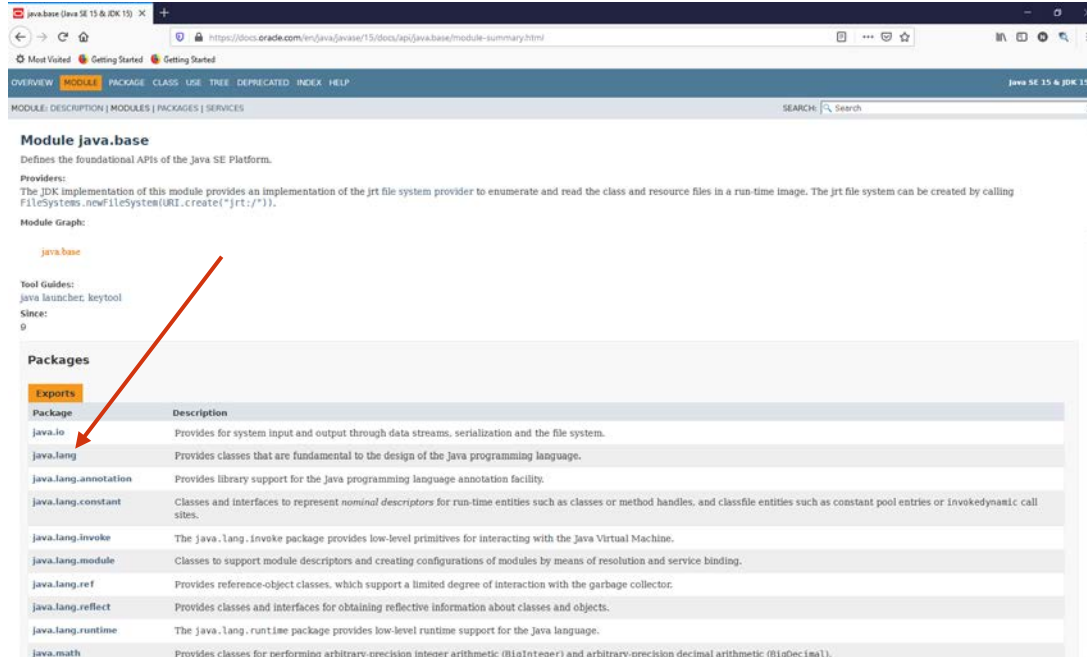
Packages

Exports

Package	Description
java.io	Provides for system input and output through data streams, serialization and the file system.
java.lang	Provides classes that are fundamental to the design of the Java programming language.
java.lang.annotation	Provides library support for the Java programming language annotation facility.
java.lang.constant	Classes and interfaces to represent nominal descriptors for run-time entities such as classes or method handles, and classfile entities such as constant pool entries or invokedynamic call sites.
java.lang.invoke	The java.lang.invoke package provides low-level primitives for interacting with the Java Virtual Machine.
java.lang.module	Classes to support module descriptors and creating configurations of modules by means of resolution and service binding.
java.lang.ref	Provides reference-object classes, which support a limited degree of interaction with the garbage collector.
java.lang.reflect	Provides classes and interfaces for obtaining reflective information about classes and objects.
java.lang.runtime	The java.lang.runtime package provides low-level runtime support for the Java language.
java.math	Provides classes for performing arbitrary-precision integer arithmetic (<code>BigInteger</code>) and arbitrary-precision decimal arithmetic (<code>BigDecimal</code>).

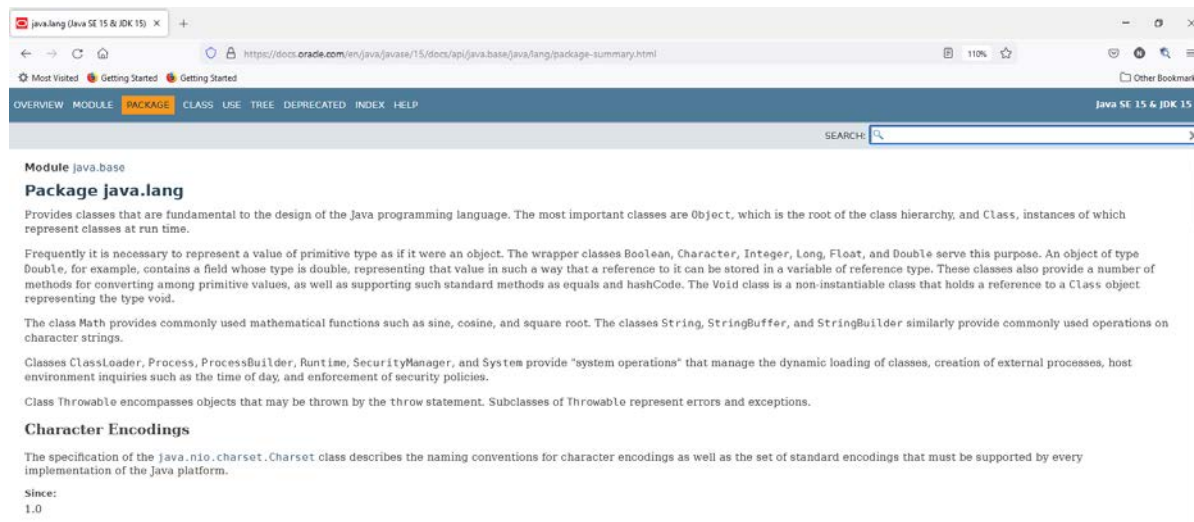
6. The **java.lang** package contains the classes that are fundamental to the Java language, and you will use these often

a. Classes include **Boolean**, **Integer**, **Object**, and **String**



7. Select the **java.lang** package

8. The **Javadoc** for a package begins with a description of the package



9. This is followed by the **Interface Summary** for Interfaces that are included in the package

Interface Summary	
Interface	Description
Appendable	An object to which char sequences and values can be appended.
AutoCloseable	An object that may hold resources (such as file or socket handles) until it is closed.
CharSequence	A CharSequence is a readable sequence of char values.
Cloneable	A class implements the Cloneable interface to indicate to the Object.clone() method that it is legal for that method to make a field-for-field copy of instances of that class.
Comparable<T>	This interface imposes a total ordering on the objects of each class that implements it.
Iterable<T>	Implementing this interface allows an object to be the target of the enhanced for statement (sometimes called the "for-each loop" statement).
ProcessHandle	ProcessHandle identifies and provides control of native processes.
ProcessHandle.Info	Information snapshot about the process.
Readable	A Readable is a source of characters.
Runnable	The Runnable interface should be implemented by any class whose instances are intended to be executed by a thread.
StackWalker.StackFrame	A StackFrame object represents a method invocation returned by StackWalker.
System.Logger	System.Logger instances log messages that will be routed to the underlying logging framework the LoggerFinder uses.
Thread.UncaughtExceptionHandler	Interface for handlers invoked when a Thread abruptly terminates due to an uncaught exception.

10. This is followed by the **Class Summary** – a list of classes that are included in the package

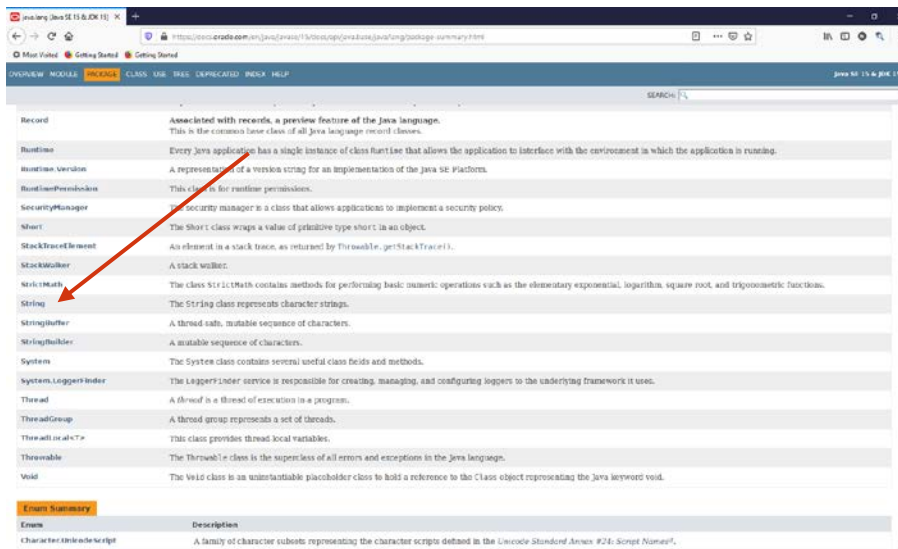
Class Summary	
Class	Description
Boolean	The Boolean class wraps a value of the primitive type boolean in an object.
Byte	The Byte class wraps a value of primitive type byte in an object.
Character	The Character class wraps a value of the primitive type char in an object.
Character.Subset	Instances of this class represent particular subsets of the Unicode character set.
Character.UnicodeBlock	A family of character subsets representing the character blocks in the Unicode specification.
Class<T>	Instances of the class Class represent classes and interfaces in a running Java application.
ClassLoader	A class loader is an object that is responsible for loading classes.
ClassValue<T>	Lazily associate a computed value with (potentially) every type.
Compiler	Deprecated, for removal: This API element is subject to removal in a future version. <i>JIT compilers and their technologies vary too widely to be controlled effectively by a standardized interface.</i>
Double	The Double class wraps a value of the primitive type double in an object.
Enum<E extends Enum<E>>	This is the common base class of all Java language enumeration types.
Enum.EnumBuilder<E extends Enum<E>>	A nominal descriptor for an enum constant.

11. Finally followed by enumerations, and exceptions that are included in the package (You will learn about these later in the course)

Enum Summary	
Enum	Description
Character.UnicodeScript	A family of character subsets representing the character scripts defined in the <i>Unicode Standard Annex #24: Script Names</i> .
ProcessBuilder.Redirect.Type	The type of a ProcessBuilder.Redirect.
StackWalker.Option	Stack walker option to configure the stack frame information obtained by a StackWalker.
System.Logger.Level	System loggers levels.
Thread.State	A thread state.

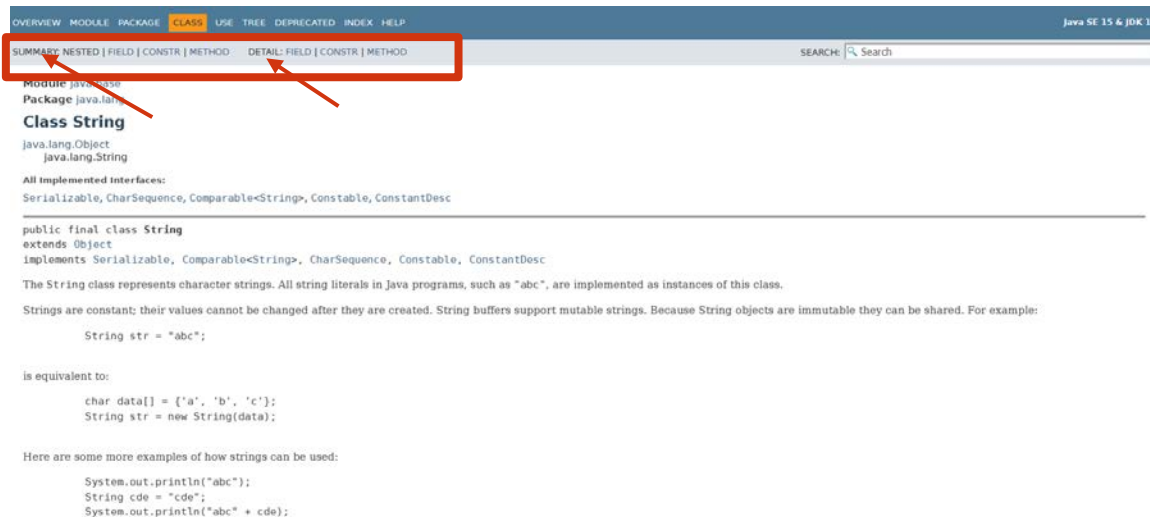
Exception Summary	
Exception	Description
ArithmeticException	Thrown when an exceptional arithmetic condition has occurred.
ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException	Thrown to indicate that an array has been accessed with an illegal index.
ArrayStoreException	Thrown to indicate that an attempt has been made to store the wrong type of object into an array of objects.
ClassCastException	Thrown to indicate that the code has attempted to cast an object to a subclass of which it is not an instance.
ClassNotFoundException	Thrown when an application tries to load in a class through its string name using: The forName method in class Class.
CloneNotSupportedException	Thrown to indicate that the clone method in class Object has been called to clone an object, but that the object's class does not implement the Cloneable interface.

12. Under the Class Summary, select the **String** class

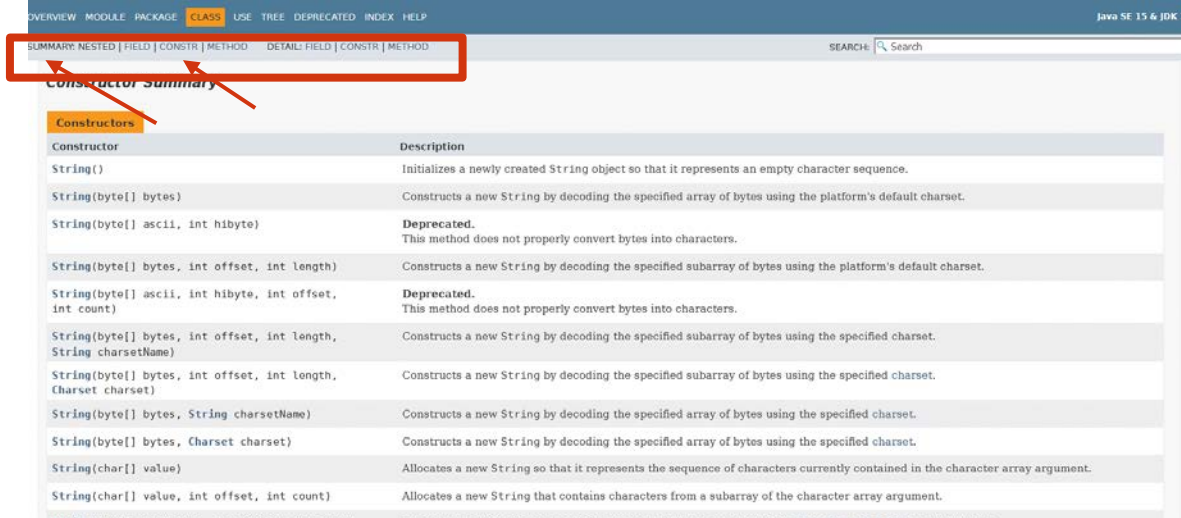


13. Let's look at the features that you will work with the most often

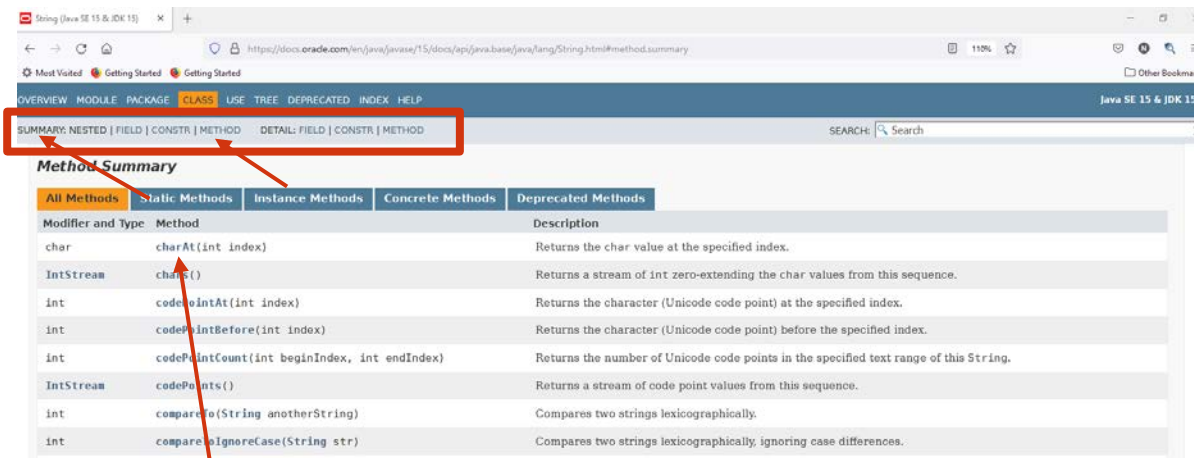
14. In the blue ribbon at the top of the page you see **SUMMARY** and **DETAIL** – these links provide simpler navigation for a class



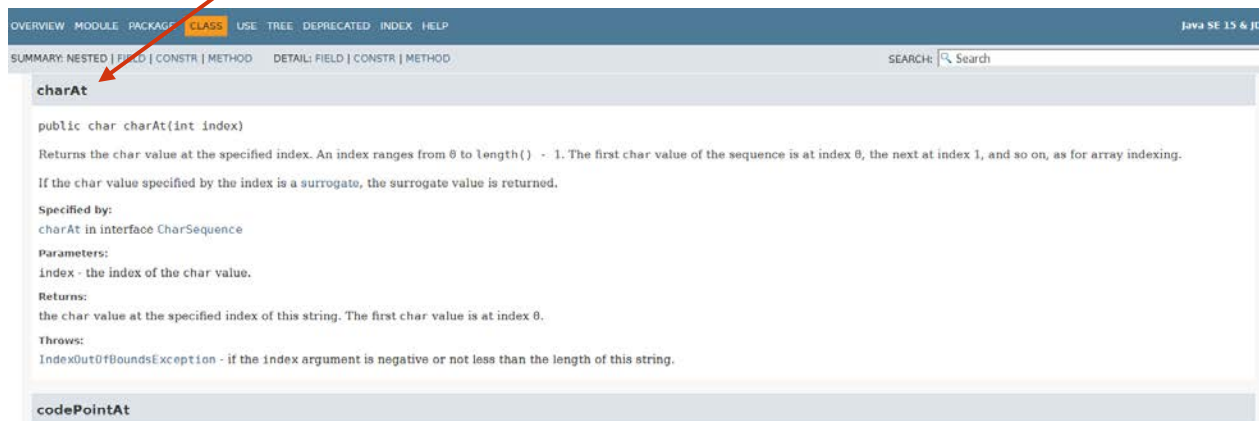
15. To view a **Summary** of the **String** class constructors, click the **CONSTR** link next to **SUMMARY**



16. Constructors are used to create objects, and this list shows many ways that you can construct a **String**
17. You will learn more about constructors later in the course
18. To see a summary of the String class's methods, click the **METHOD** link next to **SUMMARY**

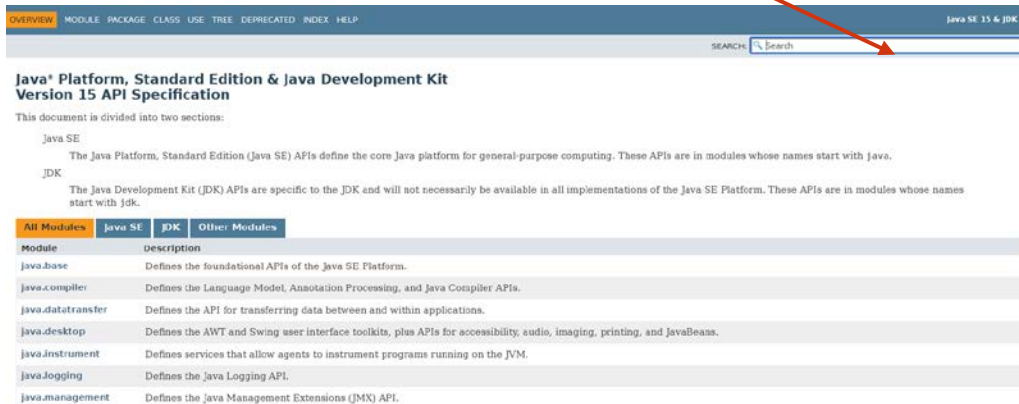


19. Click on a method in the **Method Summary** to see that method's details, including a description of the method, its parameters, its return value, and so on (You can also select the **METHOD** link next to the **DETAIL** to view the method's details)



20. Methods are how you tell the object to do something, and you will learn how to use them later in the course
21. For now, just start to familiarize yourself with what is in the documentation
22. But what if you know the name of a class, but do not know what module or package that it is in??

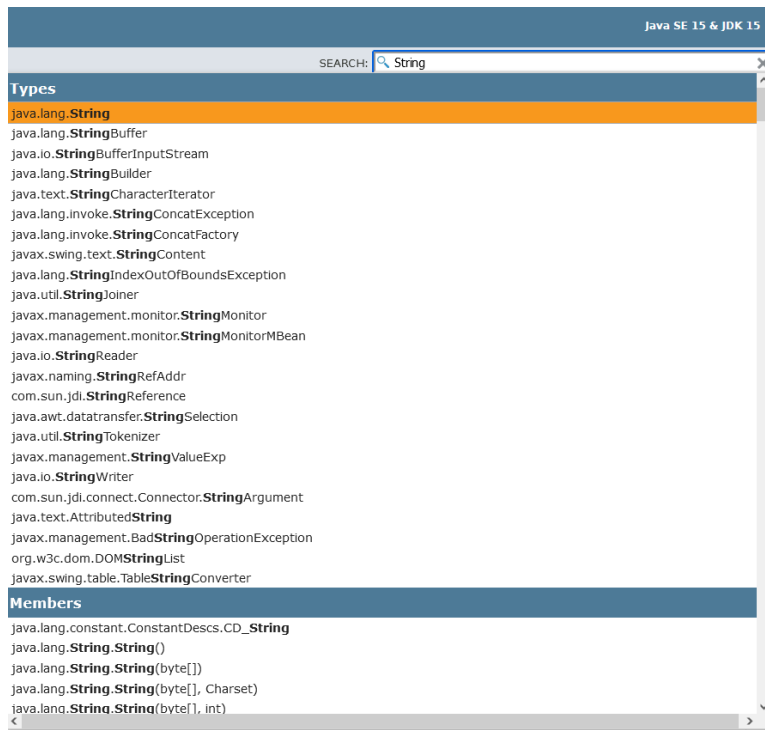
23. You can use the **Search** feature to find the class in the hierarchy



The screenshot shows the top of the Java SE 15 API Specification page. A red arrow points to the search bar in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Java® Platform, Standard Edition & Java Development Kit Version 15 API Specification". The page is divided into two sections: "Java SE" and "JDK". Below these sections, there is a table with tabs for "All Modules", "Java SE", "JDK", and "Other Modules". The table lists various modules and their descriptions.

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24. Try this for the **String** class – note that there are MANY entries that include the word **String** - this is common for search results – you will learn as you become more familiar with the **Java API** which classes you require for your programming projects



The screenshot shows the search results for the "String" class in the Java SE 15 API Specification. The search bar at the top contains the text "String". Below the search bar, there is a list of "Types" and a section for "Members".

Types

- java.lang.String
- java.lang.StringBuffer
- java.io.StringBufferInputStream
- java.lang.StringBuilder
- java.text.StringCharacterIterator
- java.lang.invoke.StringConcatException
- java.lang.invoke.StringConcatFactory
- javax.swing.text.StringContent
- java.lang.StringIndexOutOfBoundsException
- java.util.StringJoiner
- javax.management.monitor.StringMonitor
- javax.management.monitor.StringMonitorMBean
- java.io.StringReader
- javax.naming.StringRefAddr
- com.sun.jdi.StringReference
- java.awt.datatransfer.StringSelection
- java.util.StringTokenizer
- javax.management.StringValueExp
- java.io.StringWriter
- com.sun.jdi.connect.Connector.StringArgument
- java.text.AttributedString
- javax.management.BadStringOperationException
- org.w3c.dom.DOMStringList
- javax.swing.table.TableStringConverter

Members

- java.lang.constant.ConstantDescs.CD_String
- java.lang.String.String()
- java.lang.String.String(byte[])
- java.lang.String.String(byte[], Charset)
- java.lang.String.String(byte[], int)

25. As a Java programmer, the **JavaDoc** is an incredibly important tool to have in your toolbox - You will find yourself referring to the **Javadoc** again and again!

26. Again, be sure to bookmark the main documentation page!