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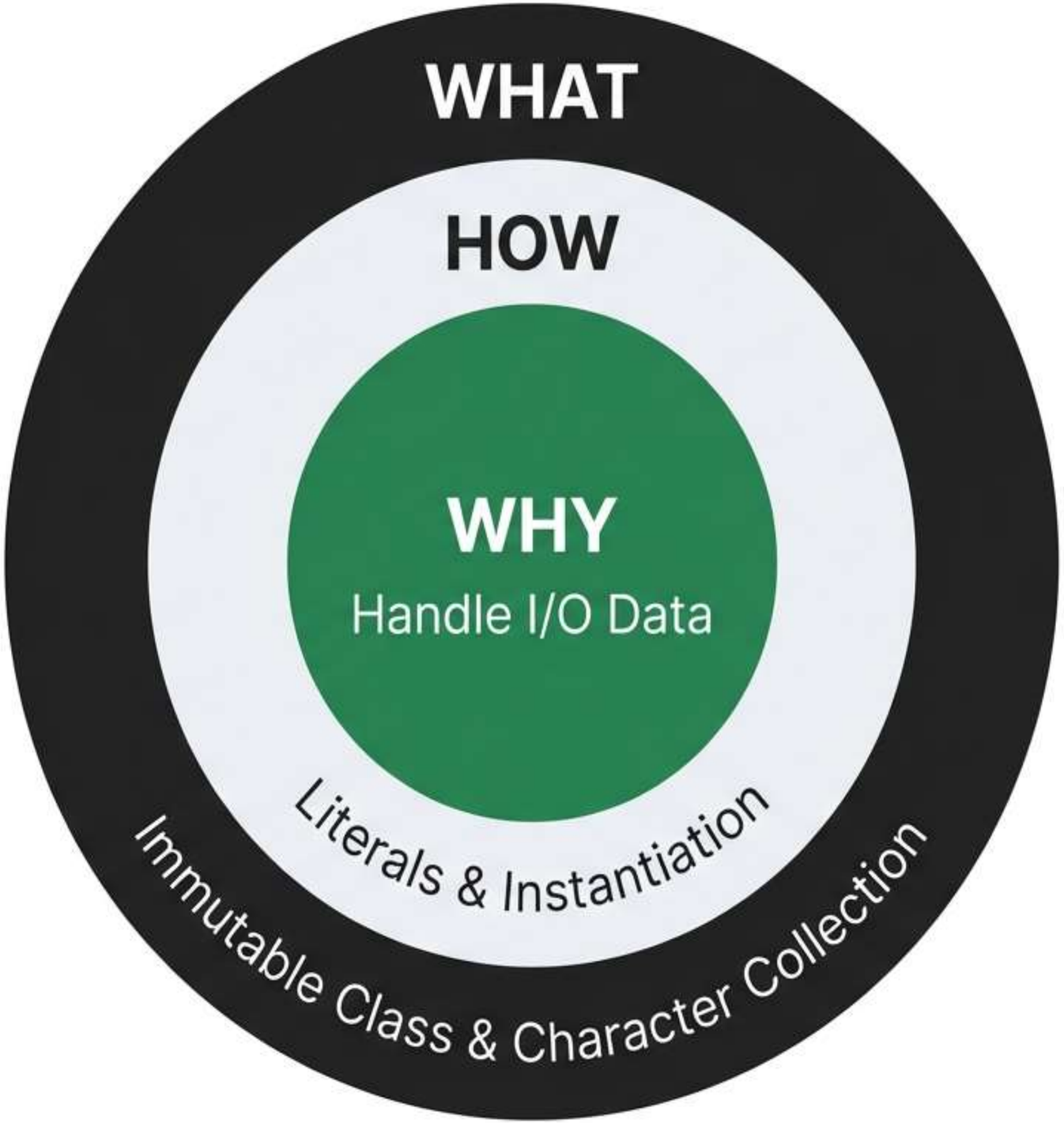
Mastering Java Strings

The Core of Selenium Automation

From Memory Management to Manipulation Logic

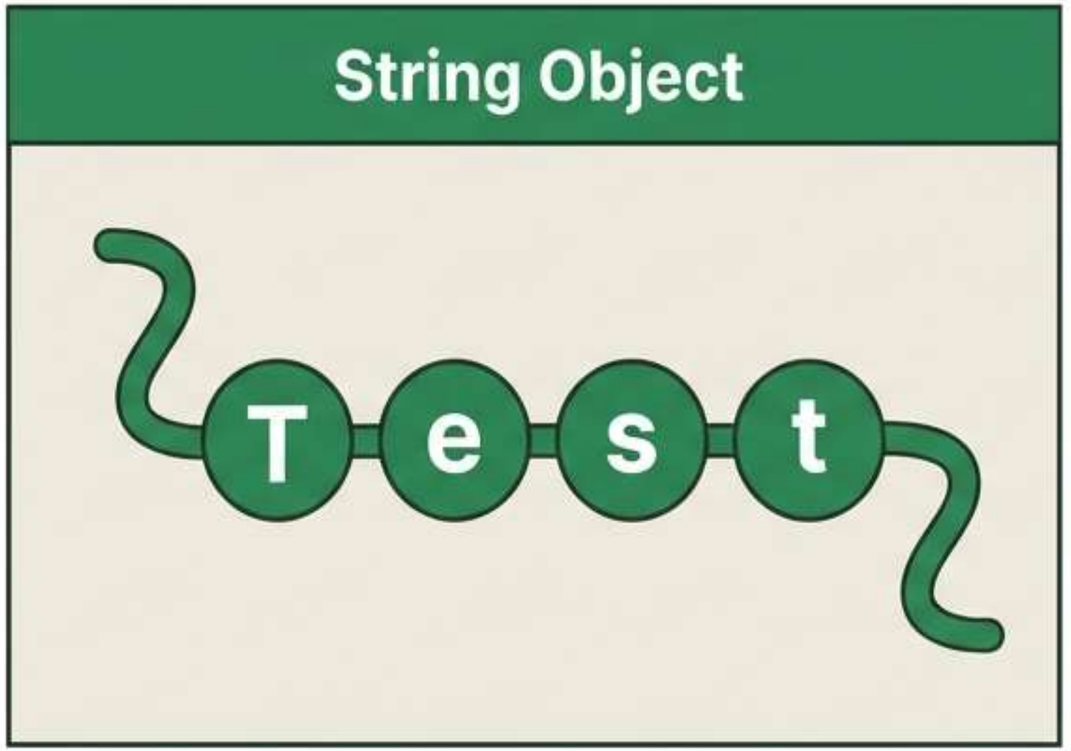
The Golden Circle of Strings



What is a String

A String is a non-primitive datatype and a Class in Java.

Key Property: IMMUTABLE. Once created, it cannot be changed.



Collection of Characters

Two ways to create String

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Path 1: String Literal

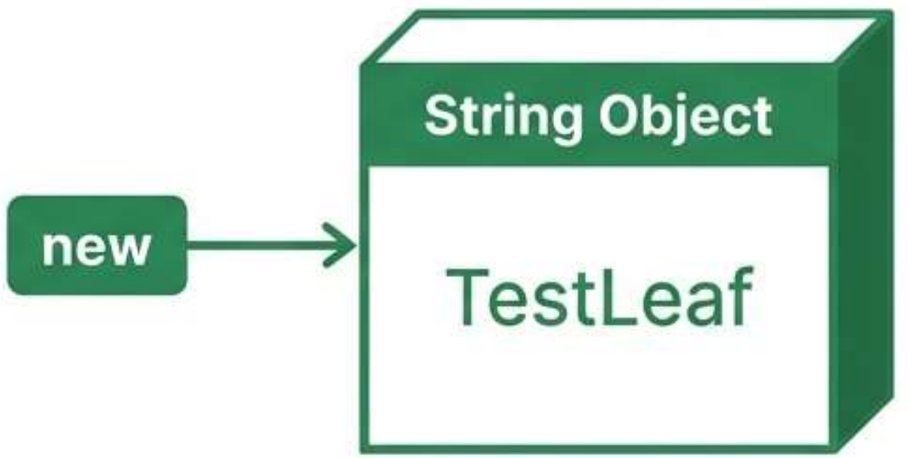
```
String name = "TestLeaf";
```

Uses double quotes.

Path 2: Instantiation

```
String name = new String("TestLeaf");
```

Uses the ‘new’ keyword to force object creation.



The String Constant Pool (Efficiency)

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```
String s1 = "TestLeaf";
String s2 = "TestLeaf";
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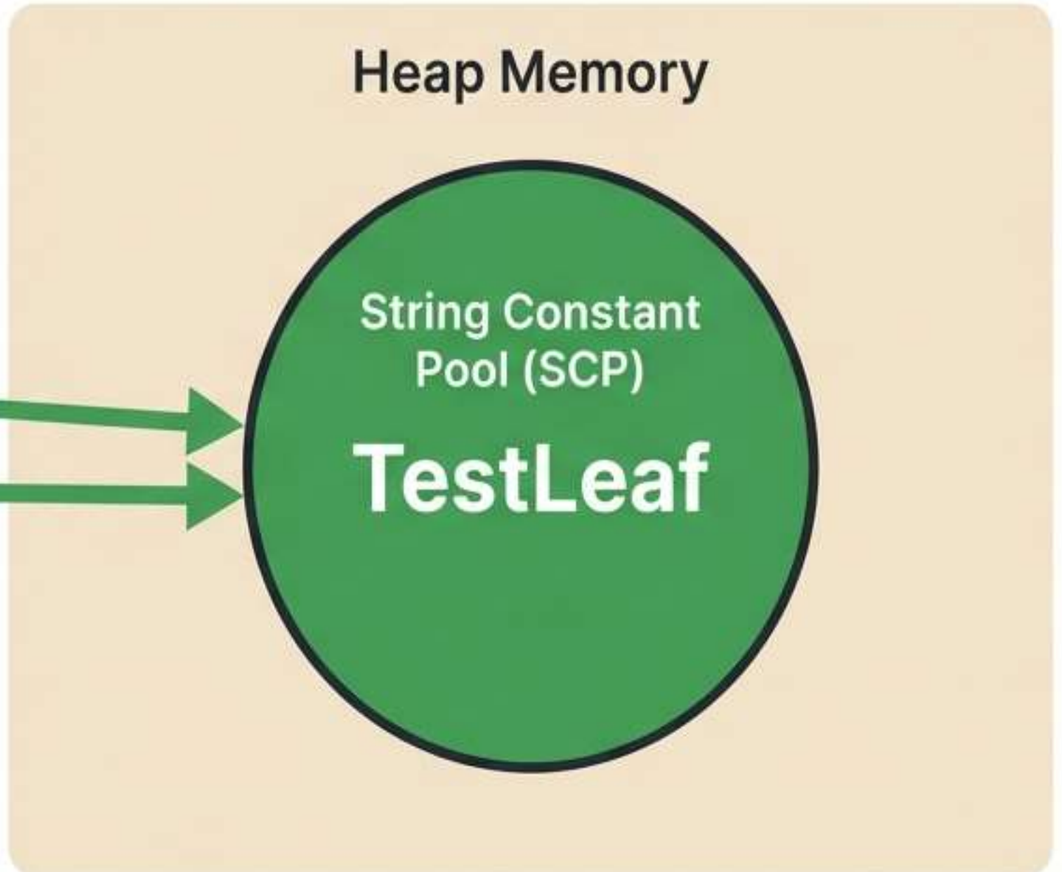

Reused. No new object created.

The Heap Memory (Redundancy)

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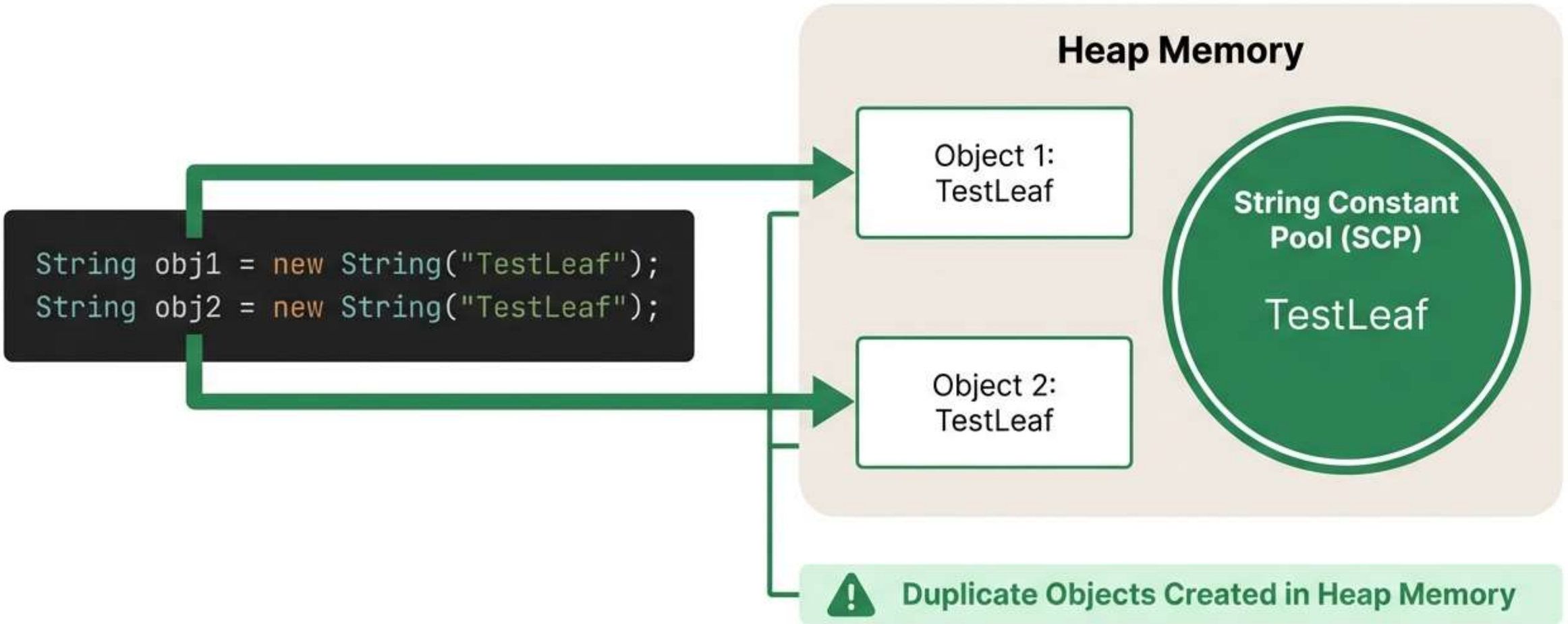

Literal vs. Object: The Memory Showdown

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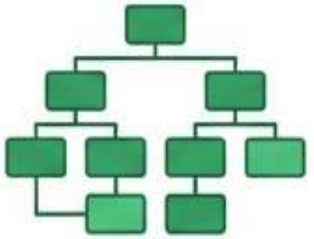
	String Literal	String Object
Syntax	`""`	`new String()`
Storage	String Constant Pool (efficient) 	Heap Memory (redundant) 
Behavior	Reuses existing objects	Always creates new object

"Literal and Object differs based on the memory storage."

The Tester’s Toolkit: Validating Content

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`equals()`

Compares exact content. Case Sensitive.

`equalsIgnoreCase()`

Compares content ignoring case (e.g., 'Pass' vs 'pass').

`contains()`

Checks if a sequence exists within the string.

The Tester's Toolkit: Extracting & Analyzing

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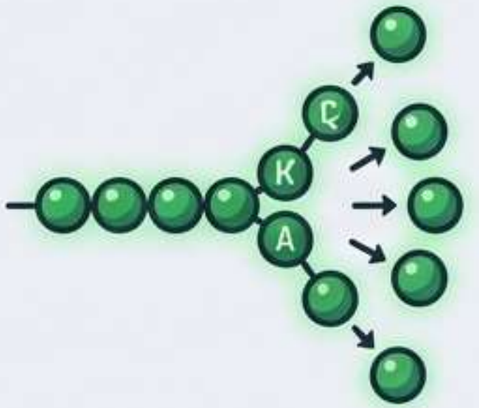
`charAt(index)`

Returns character at specific position.

`subString()`

Retrieves a sequence based on index.

`toCharArray()`



Converts String into an array of characters. Vital for loops.

The Tester's Toolkit: Transforming Data

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toLowerCase()

ABC → abc

Converts all characters to lowercase.

toUpperCase()

abc → ABC

Converts all characters to uppercase.

split()

Splits a string into an array of substrings.

replaceAll()

Price: $99 → Price: 99

Replaces all occurrences of a specified sequence.

The 3-Step Problem Solving Framework

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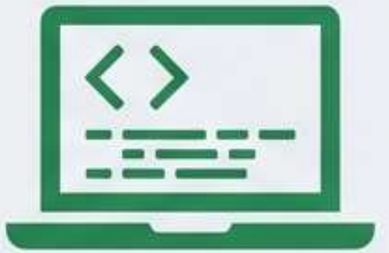
Understand the Problem

Identify Input & Output

Pseudocode

Plain English Logic

Write Code



Java Syntax

Before writing the code – follow the 3 step process

Applied Logic: Reversing a String

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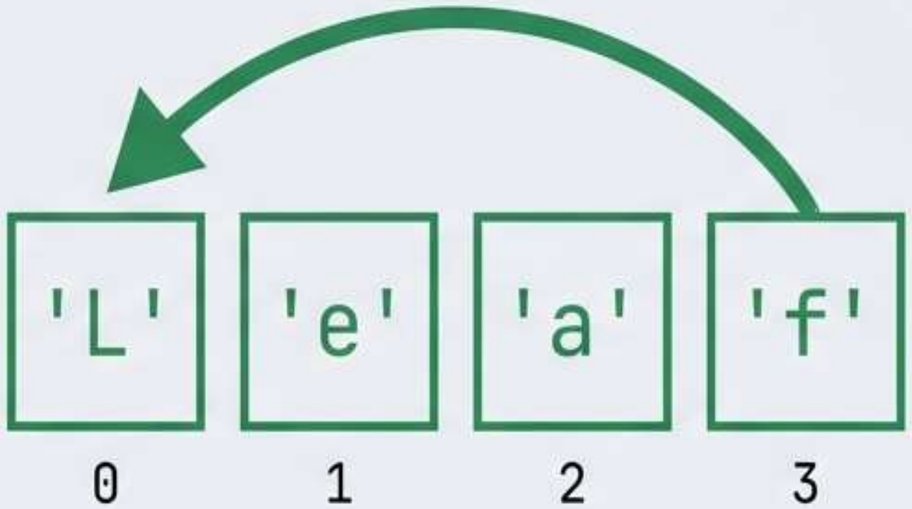
The Problem

- **Goal:** Print characters backwards.

The Logic Visualization



Pseudocode

1. Convert String to Char Array (`toCharArray`)
2. Iterate Loop backwards (from `length-1` to `0`)
3. Print each character

Summary & Best Practices

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- Strings are immutable objects.
- Prefer Literals for memory efficiency (String Constant Pool).
- Master the toolkits: Validation, Extraction, Transformation.
- Always plan logic (Pseudocode) before coding.