

# Strings

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Introduction to Java



# See Also

<http://www.docjar.com/html/api/java/lang/String.java.html>

<http://www.javacodegeeks.com/2010/09/string-performance-exact-string.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4l50UaPca7Y>



# Character Array Manager

```
public final class String {
```

```
    private final char value[];  
    private final int offset;  
    private final int count;
```

```
    public String() {  
        this.offset = 0;  
        this.count = 0;  
        this.value = new char[0];  
    }
```

```
    public String(char value[]) {  
        int size = value.length;  
        this.offset = 0;  
        this.count = size;  
        this.value = Arrays.copyOf(value, size);  
    }
```

```
    public int length() {  
        return count;  
    }
```

```
}
```

- String is not a primitive type
- You could write one based on char []
- This code is from the real String class (see the first link in See Also)

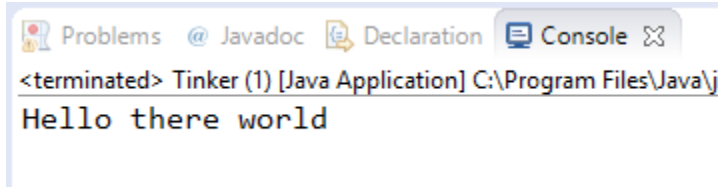
# String Literals

```
public class Tinker {  
  
    public static void main(String [] args) {  
  
        String s = "Hello world";  
  
        String s = constObject22;  
  
        System.out.println(s);  
  
        int i = "Hello world".length();  
        int i = constObject22.length();  
  
    }  
}
```

- String literals become special global-objects
- When you use a literal you are really using one of these special objects that is created when your program runs

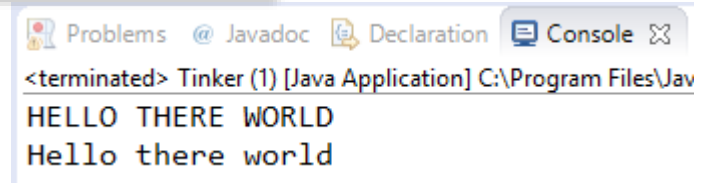
# Changing a String

```
public static void main(String [] args) {  
  
    String s = "Hello there world";  
  
    s.toUpperCase();  
  
    System.out.println(s);  
  
}
```



The screenshot shows an IDE window with tabs for Problems, Javadoc, Declaration, and Console. The Console tab is active, displaying the output of the first code snippet: `<terminated> Tinker (1) [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\j` followed by `Hello there world` on a new line.

```
public static void main(String [] args) {  
  
    String s = "Hello there world";  
  
    String t = s.toUpperCase();  
  
    System.out.println(t);  
  
    System.out.println(s);  
  
    s = s.toUpperCase();  
  
}
```



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- Strings are immutable – the characters can never be changed
- The methods return new string objects

# Adding Strings

```
public static void main(String [] args) {
```

```
    String s = "Hello";  
    String t = "World";
```

```
    String u = s + t;
```

```
    System.out.println(u);
```

```
}
```

```
public static void main(String [] args) {
```

```
    String s = "Hello";  
    String t = "World";
```

```
    String u = s.concat(t);
```

```
    System.out.println(u);
```

```
}
```



# String Equality

```
String s = "Hello";  
String t = "World";  
String u = s + t;
```

```
if(u=="HelloWorld") {  
    System.out.println("Same");  
}
```

```
String x = "Hello";  
if(x==s) {  
    System.out.println("SAME");  
}
```

- The == compares pointer addresses
- Sometimes it works as you expect (with literals)
- Most of the time it doesn't

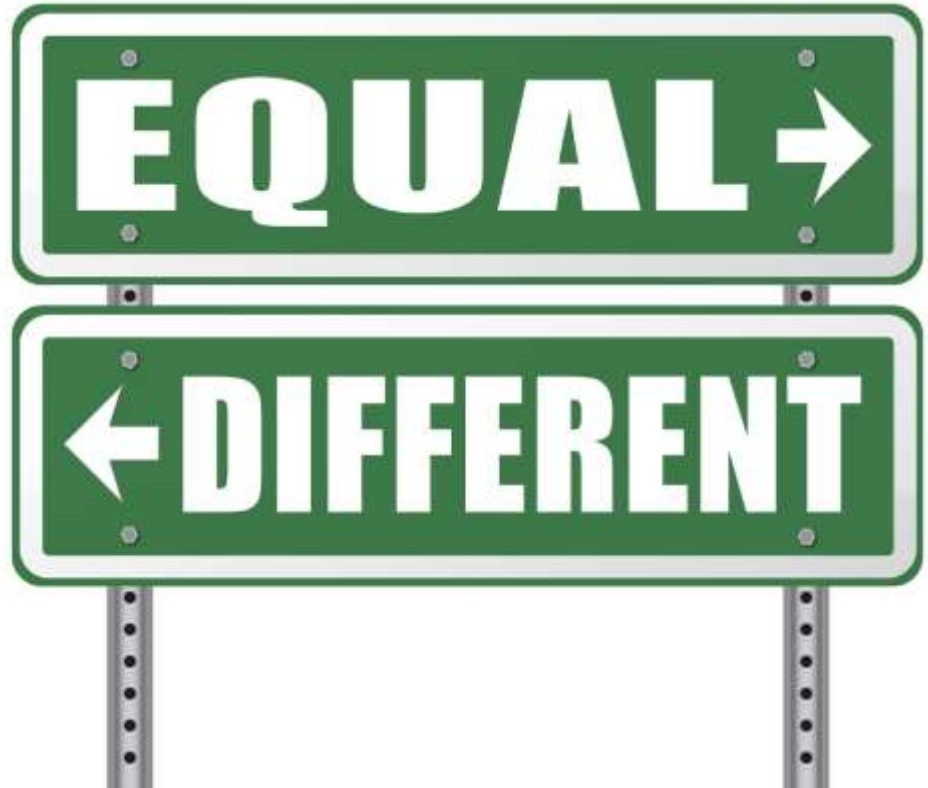
# String Equality

```
String s = "Hello";  
String t = "World";  
String u = s + t;
```

```
if(u.equals("HelloWorld")) {  
    System.out.println("Same");  
}
```

```
String x = "Hello";  
if(x.equals(s)) {  
    System.out.println("SAME");  
}
```

- The equals method compares the strings character by character






# String Operations

```
String s = "Hello There World";  
System.out.println( s.length() );  
System.out.println( s.toUpperCase() );  
System.out.println( s.toLowerCase() );  
System.out.println( s.concat("Earth") );
```

```
s = s + "Other";    // s = s.concat("Other")  
s = "Score: "+25;  // Integer.toString(25)
```

```
s = "Hello  There World";  
String [] a = s.split(" ");  
System.out.println(Arrays.toString(a));  [Hello, , , There, World]
```

```
s = "  Hello  \n\n  \n";  
s = s.trim(); // "Hello"
```

# Index and Substrings

```
//           01234567890123456  
String s = "Hello There World";
```

```
String t = s.substring(2,8); // 2 through 7
```

```
System.out.println(":"+t+":");  :llo Th:
```

```
t = s.substring(4); // 4 to the end
```

```
System.out.println(":"+t+":");  :o There World:
```

# Index and Substrings

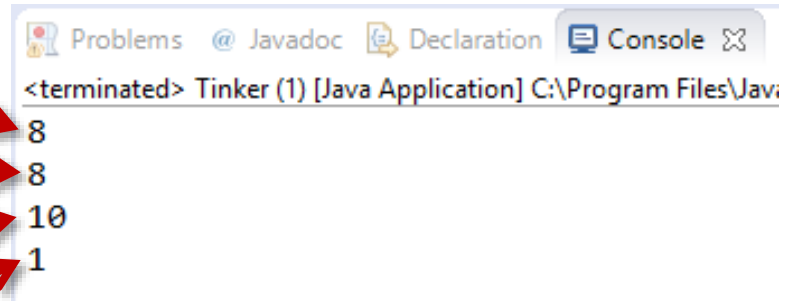
```
//      01234567890123456  
String s = "Hello There World";
```

```
int i = s.indexOf("er");  
System.out.println(i);
```

```
i = s.indexOf("e",4);  
System.out.println(i);
```

```
i = s.lastIndexOf("e");  
System.out.println(i);
```

```
i = s.lastIndexOf("e",6);  
System.out.println(i);
```



# Many More

- equals(Object anObject) : boolean - String - 0.68%
- length() : int - String - 0.41%
- equalsIgnoreCase(String anotherString) : boolean - String - 0.2%
- charAt(int index) : char - String - 0.11%
- indexOf(int ch) : int - String - 0.1%
- hashCode() : int - String - 0.06%
- indexOf(String str) : int - String - used
- indexOf(String str, int fromIndex) : int - String - used
- lastIndexOf(String str) : int - String - used
- lastIndexOf(String str, int fromIndex) : int - String - used
- chars() : IntStream - CharSequence
- codePointAt(int index) : int - String
- codePointBefore(int index) : int - String
- codePointCount(int beginIndex, int endIndex) : int - String
- codePoints() : IntStream - CharSequence
- compareTo(String anotherString) : int - String
- compareToIgnoreCase(String str) : int - String
- concat(String str) : String - String
- contains(CharSequence s) : boolean - String
- contentEquals(CharSequence cs) : boolean - String
- contentEquals(StringBuffer sb) : boolean - String
- endsWith(String suffix) : boolean - String
- getBytes() : byte[] - String
- getBytes(Charset charset) : byte[] - String
- getBytes(String charsetName) : byte[] - String
- getBytes(int srcBegin, int srcEnd, byte[] dst, int dstBegin) : void - String
- getChars(int srcBegin, int srcEnd, char[] dst, int dstBegin) : void - String
- getClass() : Class<?> - Object
- indexOf(int ch, int fromIndex) : int - String
- intern() : String - String
- isEmpty() : boolean - String
- lastIndexOf(int ch) : int - String
- lastIndexOf(int ch, int fromIndex) : int - String
- matches(String regex) : boolean - String
- notify() : void - Object

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- notify() : void - Object
- notifyAll() : void - Object
- offsetByCodePoints(int index, int codePointOffset) : int - String
- regionMatches(int toffset, String other, int offset, int len) : boolean - String
- regionMatches(boolean ignoreCase, int toffset, String other, int offset, int len) : boolean - String
- replace(char oldChar, char newChar) : String - String
- replace(CharSequence target, CharSequence replacement) : String - String
- replaceAll(String regex, String replacement) : String - String
- replaceFirst(String regex, String replacement) : String - String
- split(String regex) : String[] - String
- split(String regex, int limit) : String[] - String
- startsWith(String prefix) : boolean - String
- startsWith(String prefix, int toffset) : boolean - String
- subSequence(int beginIndex, int endIndex) : CharSequence - String
- substring(int beginIndex) : String - String
- substring(int beginIndex, int endIndex) : String - String
- toCharArray() : char[] - String
- toLowerCase() : String - String
- toLowerCase(Locale locale) : String - String
- toString() : String - String
- toUpperCase() : String - String
- toUpperCase(Locale locale) : String - String
- trim() : String - String
- wait() : void - Object
- wait(long timeout) : void - Object
- wait(long timeout, int nanos) : void - Object
- CASE\_INSENSITIVE\_ORDER : Comparator<java.lang.String> - String
- copyValueOf(char[] data) : String - String
- copyValueOf(char[] data, int offset, int count) : String - String
- format(String format, Object... args) : String - String
- format(Locale l, String format, Object... args) : String - String
- join(CharSequence delimiter, CharSequence... elements) : String - String
- join(CharSequence delimiter, Iterable<? extends CharSequence> elements) : String - String
- valueOf(boolean b) : String - String
- valueOf(char c) : String - String
- valueOf(char[] data) : String - String
- valueOf(double d) : String - String
- valueOf(float f) : String - String
- valueOf(int i) : String - String
- valueOf(long l) : String - String
- valueOf(Object obj) : String - String
- valueOf(char[] data, int offset, int count) : String - String

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# String Builder

```
StringBuilder b = new StringBuilder("Hello World");
```

```
b.append("Earth");
```

```
System.out.println(b); // Hello WorldEarth
```

```
b.delete(2, 4);
```

```
System.out.println(b); // Heo WorldEarth
```

```
b.insert(6, 1234);
```

```
System.out.println(b); // Heo Wo1234rldEarth
```

```
b.reverse();
```

```
System.out.println(b); // htraEdlr4321oW oeH
```

# String Algorithms

```
//           0123456789012
String s = "age  =  27";

int i = s.indexOf("="); // 6

String key = s.substring(0,i); // "age  "
key = key.trim(); // "age"

String value = s.substring(i+1).trim();

System.out.println(":"+key+": "+value+":");
```

| key       | value |
|-----------|-------|
| firstName | Bugs  |
| lastName  | Bunny |
| location  | Earth |

```
Age      = 27
Name     = Chris
Height   = 8
```

```
socket: 8080
host: localhost
```

Problems @ Javadoc Declaration Console

<terminated> Tinker (1) [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java  
:age:27:

# String Algorithms

```
public static void main(String [] args) {  
  
    String s = "This AA is AA a test";  
  
    String t = replaceAll(s,"AA","ummm");  
  
    System.out.println(t);  
  
}  
  
    public static String replaceAll(String s, String key, String value) {  
  
        while(true) {  
            int i = s.indexOf(key);  
            if(i<0) {  
                return s;  
            }  
            String bef = s.substring(0,i);  
            String aft = s.substring(i+key.length());  
            s = bef + value + aft;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Tinkering

- Code up the “replaceAll” algorithm and test drive it. Try passing in a string with a match at the very front ... at the very end ... test all cases.
- What if you pass in a replacement that includes the match? How can you make method perform just one pass?

