Lesson 6 – Part II Strings, Tokenization, Characters

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In this Chapter you'll learn:

- To create and manipulate immutable character-string objects of class **String**.
- To create and manipulate mutable character-string objects of class **StringBuilder**.
- To create and manipulate objects of class Character.
- To break a String object into tokens using String method split.
- To use regular expressions to validate **String** data entered into an application.



16.1 Introduction

- This chapter discusses class String, class StringBuilder and class Character from the java.lang package.
- These classes provide the foundation for string and character manipulation in Java.

16.2 Fundamentals of Characters and Strings

- A program may contain character literals.
 - An integer value represented as a character in single quotes.
 - The value of a character literal is the integer value of the character in the Unicode character set.
- String literals (stored in memory as String objects) are written as a sequence of characters in double quotation marks.

16.3 Class String

- Class String is used to represent strings in Java.
- The next several subsections cover many of class String's capabilities.

16.3.1 String Constructors

- No-argument constructor creates a String that contains no characters (i.e., the empty string, which can also be represented as "") and has a length of 0.
- Constructor that takes a String object copies the argument into the new String.
- Constructor that takes a char array creates a String containing a copy of the characters in the array.
- Constructor that takes a char array and two integers creates a String containing the specified portion of the array.

```
// Fig. 16.1: StringConstructors.java
 // String class constructors.
 2
 3
 4
    public class StringConstructors
 5
    {
 6
       public static void main( String[] args )
 7
       {
          char[] charArray = { 'b', 'i', 'r', 't', 'h', ' ', 'd', 'a', 'y' };
 8
          String s = new String( "hello" );
 9
10
11
          // use String constructors
12
          String s1 = new String();
13
          String s2 = new String( s );
          String s3 = new String( charArray );
14
15
          String s4 = new String( charArray, 6, 3 );
16
17
          System.out.printf(
              "s1 = \%s \ s2 = \%s \ s3 = \%s \ s4 = \%s \ ".
18
              s1, s2, s3, s4 ); // display strings
19
       } // end main
20
21
    } // end class StringConstructors
```

Fig. 16.1 | String class constructors. (Part | of 2.)

s1 = s2 = hello s3 = birth day s4 = day

Fig. 16.1 | String class constructors. (Part 2 of 2.)

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Software Engineering Observation 16.1

It's not necessary to copy an existing String object. String objects are *immutable*—their character contents cannot be changed after they are created, because class String does not provide any methods that allow the contents of a String object to be modified.



Common Programming Error 16.1

Accessing a character outside the bounds of a String (i.e., an index less than 0 or an index greater than or equal to the String's length) results in a StringIndexOutOfBoundsException.

16.3.2 String **Methods** length, charAt and getChars

- String method length determines the number of characters in a string.
- String method charAt returns the character at a specific position in the String.
- String method getChars copies the characters of a String into a character array.
 - The first argument is the starting index in the String from which characters are to be copied.
 - The second argument is the index that is one past the last character to be copied from the String.
 - The third argument is the character array into which the characters are to be copied.
 - The last argument is the starting index where the copied characters are placed in the target character array.

```
// Fig. 16.2: StringMiscellaneous.java
 // This application demonstrates the length, charAt and getChars
 2
    // methods of the String class.
 3
 4
 5
    public class StringMiscellaneous
 6
    {
 7
       public static void main( String[] args )
       {
 8
          String s1 = "hello there";
 9
10
          char[] charArray = new char[ 5 ];
11
12
          System.out.printf( "s1: %s", s1 );
13
          // test length method
14
15
          System.out.printf( "\nLength of s1: %d", s1.length() );
16
          // loop through characters in s1 with charAt and display reversed
17
          System.out.print( "\nThe string reversed is: " );
18
19
          for ( int count = s1.length() - 1; count >= 0; count-- )
20
             System.out.printf( "%c ", s1.charAt( count ) );
21
22
```

Fig. 16.2 | String class character-manipulation methods. (Part 1 of 2.)

```
23
          // copy characters from string into charArray
24
          s1.getChars( 0, 5, charArray, 0 );
          System.out.print( "\nThe character array is: " );
25
26
27
          for ( char character : charArray )
             System.out.print( character );
28
29
30
          System.out.println();
       } // end main
31
    } // end class StringMiscellaneous
32
```

s1: hello there Length of s1: 11 The string reversed is: e r e h t o l l e h The character array is: hello

Fig. 16.2 | String class character-manipulation methods. (Part 2 of 2.)

16.3.3 Comparing Strings

- Strings are compared using the numeric codes of the characters in the strings.
- Figure 16.3 demonstrates String methods equals, equalsIgnoreCase, compareTo and regionMatches and using the equality operator == to compare String objects (only compares objects).

```
// Fig. 16.3: StringCompare.java
      // String methods equals, equalsIgnoreCase, compareTo and regionMatches.
      2
      3
      4
                         public class StringCompare
      5
                          {
      6
                                          public static void main( String[] args )
                                            {
      7
                                                           String s1 = new String( "hello" ); // s1 is a copy of "hello"
      8
                                                           String s2 = "goodbye";
      9
                                                           String s3 = "Happy Birthday";
10
                                                           String s4 = "happy birthday";
11
12
13
                                                           System.out.printf(
                                                                              s1 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} -
14
15
16
                                                           // test for equality
                                                           if ( s1.equals( "hello" ) ) // true
17
                                                                             System.out.println( "s1 equals \"hello\"" );
18
                                                           else
19
                                                                             System.out.println( "s1 does not equal \"hello\"" );
20
21
```

Fig. 16.3 | String methods equals, equalsIgnoreCase, compareTo and regionMatches. (Part | of 4.)

```
// test for equality with ==
22
23
          if ( s1 == "hello" ) // false; they are not the same object
             System.out.println( "s1 is the same object as \"hello\"" );
24
          else
25
             System.out.println( "s1 is not the same object as \"hello\"" );
26
27
28
          // test for equality (ignore case)
          if (s3.equalsIgnoreCase(s4)) // true
29
             System.out.printf( "%s equals %s with case ignored\n", s3, s4 );
30
31
          else
             System.out.println( "s3 does not equal s4" );
32
33
34
          // test compareTo
35
          System.out.printf(
             "\ns1.compareTo( s2 ) is %d", s1.compareTo( s2 );
36
37
          System.out.printf(
             "\ns2.compareTo( s1 ) is %d", s2.compareTo( s1 );
38
39
          System.out.printf(
             "\ns1.compareTo( s1 ) is %d", s1.compareTo( s1 );
40
41
          System.out.printf(
             "\ns3.compareTo( s4 ) is %d", s3.compareTo( s4 ) );
42
          System.out.printf(
43
44
             "\ns4.compareTo( s3 ) is %d\n\n", s4.compareTo( s3 );
```

Fig. 16.3 | String methods equals, equalsIgnoreCase, compareTo and regionMatches. (Part 2 of 4.)

```
45
46
          // test regionMatches (case sensitive)
          if (s_3.regionMatches(0, s_4, 0, 5))
47
             System.out.println( "First 5 characters of s3 and s4 match" );
48
          else
49
             System.out.println(
50
51
                "First 5 characters of s3 and s4 do not match" ):
52
53
          // test regionMatches (ignore case)
          if ( s3.regionMatches( true, 0, s4, 0, 5 ) )
54
55
             System.out.println(
                "First 5 characters of s3 and s4 match with case ignored" );
56
57
          else
             System.out.println(
58
                "First 5 characters of s3 and s4 do not match" ):
59
60
       } // end main
    } // end class StringCompare
61
```

Fig. 16.3 | String methods equals, equalsIgnoreCase, compareTo and regionMatches. (Part 3 of 4.)

```
s1 = hello
s2 = goodbye
s3 = Happy Birthday
s4 = happy birthday
s1 equals "hello"
s1 is not the same object as "hello"
Happy Birthday equals happy birthday with case ignored
s1.compareTo( s2 ) is 1
s2.compareTo( s1 ) is -1
s1.compareTo( s1 ) is -1
s1.compareTo( s1 ) is 0
s3.compareTo( s4 ) is -32
s4.compareTo( s3 ) is 32
First 5 characters of s3 and s4 do not match
First 5 characters of s3 and s4 match with case ignored
```

Fig. 16.3 | String methods equals, equalsIgnoreCase, compareTo and regionMatches. (Part 4 of 4.)

16.3.3 Comparing Strings (cont.)

- Method equals tests any two objects for equality
 - The method returns true if the contents of the objects are equal, and false otherwise.
 - Uses a lexicographical comparison.
- When primitive-type values are compared with ==, the result is true if both values are identical.
- When references are compared with ==, the result is true if both references refer to the same object in memory.
- Java treats all string literal objects with the same contents as one String object to which there can be many references.



Common Programming Error 16.2

Comparing references with == can lead to logic errors, because == compares the references to determine whether they refer to the same object, not whether two objects have the same contents. When two identical (but separate) objects are compared with ==, the result will be false. When comparing objects to determine whether they have the same contents, use method equals.

16.3.3 Comparing Strings (cont.)

String methods startsWith and endsWith determine whether strings start with or end with a particular set of characters

```
// Fig. 16.4: StringStartEnd.java
 // String methods startsWith and endsWith.
 2
 3
    public class StringStartEnd
 4
 5
    {
       public static void main( String[] args )
 6
       {
 7
          String[] strings = { "started", "starting", "ended", "ending" };
 8
 9
10
          // test method startsWith
          for ( String string : strings )
11
12
          {
              if ( string.startsWith( "st" ) )
13
                 System.out.printf( "\"%s\" starts with \"st\"\n", string );
14
15
          } // end for
16
          System.out.println();
17
18
```

Fig. 16.4 | String methods startsWith and endsWith. (Part | of 3.)

```
// test method startsWith starting from position 2 of string
19
          for ( String string : strings )
20
21
          {
             if ( string.startsWith( "art", 2 )
22
23
                System.out.printf(
                    "\"%s\" starts with \"art\" at position 2 n, string );
24
25
          } // end for
26
27
          System.out.println();
28
          // test method endsWith
29
30
          for ( String string : strings )
31
          {
             if ( string.endsWith( "ed" ) )
32
                 System.out.printf( "\"%s\" ends with \"ed\"\n", string );
33
          } // end for
34
35
       } // end main
36
    } // end class StringStartEnd
```

Fig. 16.4 | String methods startsWith and endsWith. (Part 2 of 3.)

```
"started" starts with "st"
"starting" starts with "st"
"started" starts with "art" at position 2
"starting" starts with "art" at position 2
"started" ends with "ed"
"ended" ends with "ed"
```

Fig. 16.4 | String methods startsWith and endsWith. (Part 3 of 3.)

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16.3.4 Locating Characters and Substrings in Strings

- Figure 16.5 demonstrates the many versions of String methods indexOf and lastIndexOf that search for a specified character or substring in a String.
- indexOf(String str, int fromIndex)
 Returns the index within this string of the first occurrence of the specified substring, starting at the specified index.
- lastIndexOf (int ch, int fromIndex)
 Returns the index within this string of the last occurrence of the specified character, searching backward starting at the specified index.

```
// Fig. 16.5: StringIndexMethods.java
 // String searching methods indexOf and lastIndexOf.
 2
 3
 4
    public class StringIndexMethods
 5
    {
 6
       public static void main( String[] args )
       {
 7
          String letters = "abcdefghijklmabcdefghijklm";
 8
 9
10
          // test indexOf to locate a character in a string
11
          System.out.printf(
             "'c' is located at index %d\n", letters.indexOf( 'c' );
12
13
          System.out.printf(
             "'a' is located at index %d\n", letters.index0f( 'a', 1 );
14
          System.out.printf(
15
             "'$' is located at index %d\n\n", letters.indexOf( '$' );
16
17
          // test lastIndexOf to find a character in a string
18
          System.out.printf( "Last 'c' is located at index %d\n",
19
             letters.lastIndexOf( 'c' ) );
20
21
          System.out.printf( "Last 'a' is located at index %d\n",
             letters.lastIndexOf( 'a', 25 ) );
22
          System.out.printf( "Last '$' is located at index %d\n\n",
23
             letters.lastIndexOf( '$' ) );
24
```

Fig. 16.5 | String-searching methods indexOf and lastIndexOf. (Part | of 3.)

```
25
          // test indexOf to locate a substring in a string
26
          System.out.printf( "\"def\" is located at index %d\n",
27
             letters.indexOf( "def" ) );
28
          System.out.printf( "\"def\" is located at index %d\n",
29
             letters.indexOf( "def", 7 ) );
30
31
          System.out.printf( "\"hello\" is located at index %d\n\n",
             letters.indexOf( "hello" ) );
32
33
          // test lastIndexOf to find a substring in a string
34
          System.out.printf( "Last \"def\" is located at index %d\n",
35
36
             letters.lastIndexOf( "def" ) );
37
          System.out.printf( "Last \"def\" is located at index %d\n",
             letters.lastIndexOf( "def", 25 ) );
38
39
          System.out.printf( "Last \"hello\" is located at index %d\n",
             letters.lastIndexOf( "hello" ) );
40
       } // end main
41
    } // end class StringIndexMethods
42
```

Fig. 16.5 | String-searching methods indexOf and lastIndexOf. (Part 2 of 3.)

```
'c' is located at index 2
'a' is located at index 13
'$' is located at index -1
Last 'c' is located at index -1
Last 'a' is located at index 13
Last '$' is located at index -1
"def" is located at index 3
"def" is located at index 16
"hello" is located at index -1
Last "def" is located at index 16
Last "def" is located at index 16
Last "def" is located at index 16
Last "hello" is located at index 16
Last "hello" is located at index 16
```

Fig. 16.5 | String-searching methods indexOf and lastIndexOf. (Part 3 of 3.)

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16.3.5 Extracting Substrings from Strings

- Class String provides two substring methods to enable a new String object to be created by copying part of an existing String object. Each method returns a new String object.
- The version that takes one integer argument specifies the starting index in the original String from which characters are to be copied.
- The version that takes two integer arguments receives the starting index from which to copy characters in the original String and the index one beyond the last character to copy.

```
// Fig. 16.6: SubString.java
 // String class substring methods.
 2
 3
 4
    public class SubString
 5
    {
 6
       public static void main( String[] args )
       {
 7
          String letters = "abcdefghijklmabcdefghijklm";
 8
 9
10
          // test substring methods
          System.out.printf( "Substring from index 20 to end is \"%s\"\n",
11
              letters.substring( 20 ) );
12
          System.out.printf( "%s \"%s\"\n",
13
              "Substring from index 3 up to, but not including 6 is",
14
15
             letters.substring( 3, 6 ) );
16
       } // end main
    } // end class SubString
17
```

Substring from index 20 to end is "hijklm" Substring from index 3 up to, but not including 6 is "def"

Fig. 16.6 | String class substring methods.

16.3.6 Concatenating Strings

- String method concat concatenates two String objects and returns a new String object containing the characters from both original Strings.
- The original Strings to which s1 and s2 refer are not modified.

```
// Fig. 16.7: StringConcatenation.java
 // String method concat.
 2
 3
 4
    public class StringConcatenation
 5
    {
 6
       public static void main( String[] args )
 7
       {
          String s1 = "Happy ";
 8
          String s2 = "Birthday";
 9
10
          System.out.printf( "s1 = %s \ln 2 = %s \ln n, s1, s2 );
11
          System.out.printf(
12
              "Result of s1.concat( s2 ) = %s n", s1.concat( s2 );
13
          System.out.printf( "s1 after concatenation = %s\n", s1 );
14
15
       } // end main
16
    } // end class StringConcatenation
```

s1 = Happy s2 = Birthday Result of s1.concat(s2) = Happy Birthday s1 after concatenation = Happy

Fig. 16.7 | String method concat.

16.3.7 Miscellaneous String Methods

- Method replace return a new String object in which every occurrence of the first char argument is replaced with the second.
 - An overloaded version enables you to replace substrings rather than individual characters.
- Method toUpperCase generates a new String with uppercase letters.
- Method toLowerCase returns a new String object with lowercase letters.
- Method trim generates a new String object that removes all whitespace characters that appear at the beginning or end of the String on which trim operates.
- Method toCharArray creates a new character array containing a copy of the characters in the String.

```
// Fig. 16.8: StringMiscellaneous2.java
 // String methods replace, toLowerCase, toUpperCase, trim and toCharArray.
 2
 3
 4
    public class StringMiscellaneous2
 5
    {
       public static void main( String[] args )
 6
        {
 7
          String s1 = "hello";
 8
          String s2 = "GOODBYE";
 9
10
          String s3 = " spaces
                                     11
          System.out.printf( "s1 = %s \ln 2 = %s \ln 3 = %s \ln n", s1, s2, s3 );
12
13
          // test method replace
14
15
          System.out.printf(
16
              "Replace 'l' with 'L' in s1: %s\n\n", <mark>s1.replace( 'l', 'L' )</mark> );
17
          // test toLowerCase and toUpperCase
18
          System.out.printf( "s1.toUpperCase() = %s\n", s1.toUpperCase() );
19
          System.out.printf( "s2.toLowerCase() = %s\n\n", s2.toLowerCase() );
20
21
```

Fig. 16.8 | String methods replace, toLowerCase, toUpperCase, trim and toCharArray. (Part | of 3.)

```
22
          // test trim method
          System.out.printf( "s3 after trim = \"%s\"\n\n", s3.trim() );
23
24
25
          // test toCharArray method
26
          char[] charArray = s1.toCharArray();
          System.out.print( "s1 as a character array = " );
27
28
29
          for ( char character : charArray )
30
             System.out.print( character );
31
          System.out.println();
32
33
       } // end main
    } // end class StringMiscellaneous2
34
```

Fig. 16.8 | String methods replace, toLowerCase, toUpperCase, trim and toCharArray. (Part 2 of 3.)

```
s1 = hello
s2 = GOODBYE
s3 = spaces
Replace 'l' with 'L' in s1: heLLo
s1.toUpperCase() = HELLO
s2.toLowerCase() = goodbye
s3 after trim = "spaces"
s1 as a character array = hello
```

Fig. 16.8 | String methods replace, toLowerCase, toUpperCase, trim and toCharArray. (Part 3 of 3.)

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16.3.8 String Method valueOf

- Class String provides static valueOf methods that take an argument of any type and convert it to a String object.
- Class StringBuilder is used to create and manipulate dynamic string information.
- Every StringBuilder is capable of storing a number of characters specified by its capacity.
- If the capacity of a StringBuilder is exceeded, the capacity expands to accommodate the additional characters.

```
// Fig. 16.9: StringValueOf.java
 // String valueOf methods.
 2
 3
 4
    public class StringValueOf
 5
    {
 6
       public static void main( String[] args )
       {
 7
          char[] charArray = { 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f' };
 8
          boolean booleanValue = true:
 9
          char characterValue = 'Z':
10
          int integerValue = 7;
11
12
          long longValue = 1000000000L; // L suffix indicates long
          float floatValue = 2.5f; // f indicates that 2.5 is a float
13
          double doubleValue = 33.333; // no suffix, double is default
14
15
          Object objectRef = "hello"; // assign string to an Object reference
16
17
          System.out.printf(
             "char array = %s\n", String.valueOf( charArray );
18
          System.out.printf( "part of char array = %s\n",
19
             String.valueOf( charArray, 3, 3 ) );
20
21
          System.out.printf(
             "boolean = %s\n", String.valueOf( booleanValue ) );
22
23
          System.out.printf(
             "char = %s n", String.valueOf( characterValue );
24
```

Fig. 16.9 | String valueOf methods. (Part 1 of 2.)

```
System.out.printf( "int = %s\n", String.valueOf( integerValue ) );
25
          System.out.printf( "long = %s\n", String.valueOf( longValue ) );
26
          System.out.printf( "float = %s\n", String.valueOf( floatValue ) );
27
          System.out.printf(
28
             "double = %s\n", String.valueOf( doubleValue );
29
          System.out.printf( "Object = %s", String.valueOf( objectRef ) );
30
31
       } // end main
32
    } // end class StringValueOf
```

char array = abcdef part of char array = def boolean = true char = Z int = 7 long = 10000000000 float = 2.5 double = 33.333 Object = hello

Fig. 16.9 | String valueOf methods. (Part 2 of 2.)

16.5 Class Character

- Eight type-wrapper classes that enable primitive-type values to be treated as objects:
 - Boolean, Character, Double, Float, Byte, Short, Integer and Long
- Most Character methods are static methods designed for convenience in processing individual char values.

16.5 Class Character (cont.)

- Method isDefined determines whether a character is defined in the Unicode character set.
- Method isDigit determines whether a character is a defined Unicode digit.
- Method isJavaIdentifierStart determines whether a character can be the first character of an identifier in Java—that is, a letter, an underscore (_) or a dollar sign (\$).
- Method isJavaIdentifierPart determine whether a character can be used in an identifier in Java—that is, a digit, a letter, an underscore (_) or a dollar sign (\$).

```
// Fig. 16.15: StaticCharMethods.java
 // Character static methods for testing characters and converting case.
 2
 3
    import java.util.Scanner;
 4
 5
    public class StaticCharMethods
 6
    {
 7
       public static void main( String[] args )
       {
 8
          Scanner scanner = new Scanner( System.in ); // create scanner
 9
          System.out.println( "Enter a character and press Enter" );
10
11
          String input = scanner.next();
          char c = input.charAt( 0 ); // get input character
12
13
          // display character info
14
15
          System.out.printf( "is defined: %b\n", Character.isDefined( c );
          System.out.printf( "is digit: %b\n", Character.isDigit( c );
16
          System.out.printf( "is first character in a Java identifier: %b\n",
17
             Character.isJavaIdentifierStart( c ) );
18
          System.out.printf( "is part of a Java identifier: %b\n",
19
             Character.isJavaIdentifierPart( c ) ):
20
21
          System.out.printf( "is letter: %b\n", Character.isLetter( c ) );
```

Fig. 16.15 | Character static methods for testing characters and converting case. (Part 1 of 5.)

```
System.out.printf(
22
             "is letter or digit: %b\n", Character.isLetterOrDigit( c );
23
          System.out.printf(
24
             "is lower case: %b\n", Character.isLowerCase( c );
25
26
          System.out.printf(
             "is upper case: %b\n", Character.isUpperCase( c );
27
28
          System.out.printf(
             "to upper case: %s\n", Character.toUpperCase( c );
29
30
          System.out.printf(
             "to lower case: %s\n", Character.toLowerCase( c );
31
32
       } // end main
33
    } // end class StaticCharMethods
```

Fig. 16.15 | Character static methods for testing characters and converting case. (Part 2 of 5.)

```
Enter a character and press Enter

A

is defined: true

is digit: false

is first character in a Java identifier: true

is part of a Java identifier: true

is letter: true

is letter or digit: true

is lower case: false

is upper case: true

to upper case: A

to lower case: a
```

Fig. 16.15 | Character static methods for testing characters and converting case. (Part 3 of 5.)

```
Enter a character and press Enter

8

is defined: true

is digit: true

is first character in a Java identifier: false

is part of a Java identifier: true

is letter: false

is letter or digit: true

is lower case: false

is upper case: false

to upper case: 8

to lower case: 8
```

Fig. 16.15 | Character static methods for testing characters and converting case. (Part 4 of 5.)

```
Enter a character and press Enter

$

is defined: true

is digit: false

is first character in a Java identifier: true

is part of a Java identifier: true

is letter: false

is letter or digit: false

is lower case: false

is upper case: false

to upper case: $

to lower case: $
```

Fig. 16.15 | Character static methods for testing characters and converting case. (Part 5 of 5.)

16.5 Class Character (cont.)

- Method isLetter determines whether a character is a letter.
- Method isLetterOrDigit determines whether a character is a letter or a digit.
- Method isLowerCase determines whether a character is a lowercase letter.
- Method isUpperCase determines whether a character is an uppercase letter.
- Method toUpperCase converts a character to its uppercase equivalent.
- Method toLowerCase converts a character to its lowercase equivalent.

16.5 Class Character (cont.)

- Java automatically converts char literals into Character objects when they are assigned to Character variables
 - Process known as autoboxing.
- Method charValue returns the char value stored in the object.
- Method toString returns the String representation of the char value stored in the object.
- Method equals determines if two Characters have the same contents.

```
// Fig. 16.17: OtherCharMethods.java
 // Character class non-static methods.
 2
    public class OtherCharMethods
 3
    {
 4
 5
       public static void main( String[] args )
       {
 6
          Character c1 = 'A';
 7
          Character c2 = 'a';
 8
 9
          System.out.printf(
10
              "c1 = %s\nc2 = %s\n\n", c1.charValue(), c2.toString() );
11
12
          if ( c1.equals( c2 ) )
13
              System.out.println( "c1 and c2 are equal\n" );
14
15
          else
             System.out.println( "c1 and c2 are not equal\n" );
16
       } // end main
17
    } // end class OtherCharMethods
18
```

c1 = A c2 = a c1 and c2 are not equal

Fig. 16.17 | Character class non-static methods.

16.6 Tokenizing Strings

- When you read a sentence, your mind breaks it into tokens—individual words and punctuation marks that convey meaning.
- Compilers also perform tokenization.
- String method split breaks a String into its component tokens and returns an array of Strings.
- Tokens are separated by delimiters
 - Typically white-space characters such as space, tab, newline and carriage return.
 - Other characters can also be used as delimiters to separate tokens.

```
// Fig. 16.18: TokenTest.java
 // StringTokenizer object used to tokenize strings.
 2
    import java.util.Scanner;
 3
    import java.util.StringTokenizer;
 4
 5
 6
    public class TokenTest
 7
    {
       // execute application
 8
       public static void main( String[] args )
 9
10
       {
11
          // get sentence
12
          Scanner scanner = new Scanner( System.in );
13
          System.out.println( "Enter a sentence and press Enter" );
          String sentence = scanner.nextLine();
14
15
16
          // process user sentence
          String[] tokens = sentence.split( " " );
17
          System.out.printf( "Number of elements: %d\nThe tokens are:\n",
18
             tokens.length );
19
20
21
          for ( String token : tokens )
             System.out.println( token );
22
       } // end main
23
    } // end class TokenTest
24
```

Fig. 16.18 | StringTokenizer object used to tokenize strings. (Part | of 2.)

Enter a sentence and press Enter **This is a sentence with seven tokens** Number of elements: 7 The tokens are: This is a sentence with seven tokens

Fig. 16.18 | StringTokenizer object used to tokenize strings. (Part 2 of 2.)

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Lab Session



- Savings Account Class. Create class SavingsAccount.
- Use a static variable annualInterestRate to store the annual interest rate for all account holders. Each object of the class contains a private instance variable savingsBalance indicating the amount the saver currently has on deposit.
- Provide method calculateMonthlyInterest to calculate the monthly interest by multiplying the savingsBalance by annualInterestRate divided by 12 this interest should be added to savings-Balance.
- Provide a static method modifyInterestRate that sets the annualInterestRate to a new value.
- Write a program to test class SavingsAccount.
 - Instantiate two savingsAccount objects, saver1 and saver2, with balances of \$2000.00 and \$3000.00, respectively.
 - Set annualInterestRate to 4%, then calculate the monthly interest for each of 12 months and print the new balances for both savers.
 - Next, set the annualInterestRate to 5%, calculate the next month's interest and print the new balances for both savers.



Lab Session

- Create a class Rectangle with attributes length and width, each of which defaults to 1.
- Provide methods that calculate the rectangle's perimeter and area.
- It has set and get methods for both length and width.
- The set methods should verify that length and width are each floating-point numbers larger than 0.0 and less than 20.0.
- Write a program to test class Rectangle.

End of Class

- Readings part II
 - Chapter 16