Introduction to Computer Science I

String and Random Java Classes

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Divide and Conquer

- Most programs are complex and involved.
- The best way to develop and maintain a large system is to break it down and build it from smaller pieces or modules.
- The divide and conquer technique of solving problems lends itself nicely to modular program development.
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- **Programs** are pieced together from user-written methods and classes and pre-written methods and classes from the Java Application Programming Interface, or Java API.
The Java API (Application Programming Interface) contains many separate packages that can be used to make writing complex programs easier.

Each package focuses on a specific set of tasks and provides pre-written methods:

- `java.applet` - allows creation of web applets
- `java.net` - Java networking package
- `java.text` - Manipulate numbers, dates, etc.
- `java.util` - Utilities (Scanner, Random, etc)
- `javax.swing` - Swing GUI Components (JOptionPane)
- `javax.swing.event` - Enable event handling
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- String class is a part of the java.lang package.
- The classes of java.lang package are automatically available for use, no need to import.
String methods

**charAt()**

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length()

length() function returns the number of characters in a String.

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String str = "Count me";
System.out.println(str.length());
```

Output: 8
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**replace()**

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str2 returns "Thus us really fun"
**String methods**

**substring()**

The `substring()` method returns a part of the string. `substring()` method has two forms,

```java
public String substring(int begin);
public String substring(int begin, int end);
```

The first argument represents the starting point of the substring. If the `substring()` method is called with only one argument, the substring returned, will contain characters from specified starting point to the end of original string.

But, if the call to `substring()` method has two arguments, the second argument specify the end point of substring.

```java
String str = "0123456789";
System.out.println(str.substring(4));
```

Output : 456789
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- `value` returns `value = true`