

Strings

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	.	.	4 th to Last	3 rd to Last	2 nd to Last	Last	END	str.substring(0, 3) → “abc” str.substring(1, 3) → “bc” str.substring(str.length()-2) → “yz” str.substring(str.length()-4, str.length()-1) → “wxy”
String str	a	b	c	d	.	.	w	x	y	z		
Index (position)	0	1	2	3	.	.	str.length()-4	str.length()-3	str.length()-2	str.length()-1	str.length()	

EVEN	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5th	6 th	7 th	8 th	END	int mid = str.length() / 2; // 8/2 = 4 For even-length strings, there is <u>NO MIDDLE CHARACTER</u> . The character at index mid will be the first character in the right-half of the string. str.substring(mid-1, mid+1) gives the middle 2 characters.
String str	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h		
Index (position)	0	1	2	3 mid-1	4 mid	5 mid+1	6	7	str.length()	

ODD	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	END	int mid = str.length() / 2; // 9/2 = 4 For odd-length strings, mid gives the value of the index of the middle character. str.substring(mid-1, mid+2) gives the middle 3 characters.
String str	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i		
Index (position)	0	1	2	3 mid-1	4 mid	5 mid+1	6 mid+2	7	8	str.length()	

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String Methods: These methods are called using **DOT** syntax using a String object, e.g.:

String + **DOT** + Method: word.length() “abcde”.substring(0,1)

Method	Input Parameters	Description	Return Type
length()	No Parameters	Returns the number of characters in the String.	int (NUMBER)
substring (int <i>startIdx</i> , int <i>stopIdx</i>)	<i>startIdx</i> : Index of the 1 st character in the new string <i>stopIdx</i> : Stopping index; the character at this index is NOT included. <i>startIdx</i> and <i>stopIdx</i> must satisfy the 3 conditions below: (a) 0 <= startIdx <= str.length() (b) 0 <= stopIdx <= str.length() (c) startIdx <= stopIdx	Returns a NEW string containing (<i>stopIdx</i> - <i>startIdx</i>) # of characters. The 1 st character of the new String is the character at position <i>startIdx</i> . Characters are added up to, but do not include the character at index <i>stopIdx</i> .	String (TEXT)
substring (<i>startIdx</i>)	<i>startIdx</i> : Index of the 1 st character in the new string. <i>startIdx</i> must satisfy the following condition: 0 <= startIdx <= str.length()	Returns a NEW string containing <i>length()-startIdx</i> # of characters. The new String includes all characters in the original string starting with the character at <i>startIdx</i> and continuing to the end.	String (TEXT)
equals (String <i>strTest</i>)	<i>strTest</i> : The String used to compare the String object to.	Returns true if <i>strTest</i> matches the object String “abc” matches “abc” “abc” does NOT match “Abc”	Boolean (true/false)
equalsIgnoreCase (String <i>strTest</i>)	<i>strTest</i> : The String used to compare the String object to. Matches strings regardless of uppercase or lowercase letters	Returns true if <i>strTest</i> matches the object String regardless of uppercase or lowercase, i.e. treats uppercase and lowercase letters as if they are the same. “abc” matches “abc” “abc” matches “ABC”	Boolean (true/false)
endsWith (String <i>suffix</i>)	<i>suffix</i> : The String you want to match at the end of the String object.	Returns true if the String object ends with <i>suffix</i> .	Boolean (true/false)
startsWith (String <i>prefix</i>)	<i>prefix</i> : Does the object String start with <i>prefix</i> ?	Returns true if the String object begins with <i>prefix</i> .	Boolean (true/false)
startsWith (String <i>prefix</i> , int <i>offsetIdx</i>)	<i>prefix</i> : Imagine that this creates a substring starting at position <i>offsetIdx</i> . Does that substring start with <i>prefix</i> ?	Returns true if the imagined substring begins with <i>prefix</i> .	Boolean (true/false)
isEmpty ()	No Parameters	Returns true if the String object has no characters. This is the same thing as return str.length() == 0;	Boolean (true/false)