Manipulating Text

## An Interesting Article

## "How Revolutionary Tools Cracked a 1700s Code"

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/25/science/25code.html












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## Announcements

- Breakout! due this Friday at 3:15PM.
- Stop by the LaIR with questions!
- Gil and I have office hours - please feel free to stop by!
- YEAH hours (assignment review) for Breakout! tonight in Herrin T-175, 7PM 9PM.
- Materials will be posted online.
- Unfortunately, not recorded.



## Midterm Logistics

- Midterm is next Monday, February 11 from 7PM - 10PM (location TBA).
- Open-book, open-note, closed-computer.
- Covers material up through and including Wednesday's lecture.
- Practice exam available now; solutions will be released on Wednesday.
- If you need to take the exam at an alternate time, email Gil (gilsho@stanford.edu) no later than Wednesday at 12:50PM.
- Gil will send out an email about this.

A string is a sequence of characters.


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string. charAt (index)

## The Data Type char

- The primitive type char represents a single character or glyph.
- Some examples:
char letterA = 'A';
char plus = '+'
char zero = '0';


## Escape Sequences

- An escape sequence is a sequence of characters in a program's source code that represents a single logical character.
- Examples:
- \t: Horizontal tab
- \n: Newline
- \': Single quote
- \": Double quote


## Highlights from Character

| static boolean isDigit (char ch) |
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| Determines if the specified character is a digit. |
| static boolean isLetter (char ch) |
| Determines if the specified character is a letter. |
| static boolean isLetterOrDigit (char ch) |
| Determines if the specified character is a letter or a digit. |
| static boolean isLowerCase (char ch) |
| Determines if the specified character is a lowercase letter. |
| static boolean isUpperCase (char ch) |
| Determines if the specified character is an uppercase letter. |
| static boolean isWhitespace (char ch) |
| Determines if the specified character is whitespace (spaces and tabs). |
| static char toLowerCase (char ch) |
| Converts ch to its lowercase equivalent, if any. If not, ch is returned unchanged. |
| static char toUpperCase (char ch) |
| Converts ch to its uppercase equivalent, if any. If not, ch is returned unchanged. |

## Strings are Immutable

- Java strings are immutable: once a string has been created, its contents cannot change.
- To change a string:
- Create a new string holding the new value you want it to have.
- Reassign the String variable to hold the new value.


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## Palindromes

- A palindrome is a string that reads the same forwards and backwards.
- For example:
- Racecar
- Kayak
- Mr. Owl ate my metal worm.
- Go hang a salami! I'm a lasagna hog.

Checking for Palindromes

What Went Wrong?

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## Comparing Strings for Equality

- To determine if two strings are equal, use the .equals() method:

String si = "racecar";
String s2 = reverseString(s1);
if (s1.equals(s2)) \{ /* ... si and s2 are equal ... */
\}


[^0]:    http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/ea/Capra_ibex_nubiana_near_Mitzpe_Ramon_in_summer_2011_\%284\%29.JPG

