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The `Character` Class

The `Character` class boxes **char**, just as `Integer` boxes **int**. It contains methods and constants useful for manipulating characters:

- Property methods: `isLetter()`, `isDigit()`, etc.

- Conversion: `toString()` (a single character string!)

Escape sequences are used to represent characters that have a special meaning in Java syntax:

- `\'` , `\"`, `\\`, `\n`, etc.

The `String` Class

The `String` class is provided by Java to store and manipulate strings (by contrast, in C, a string is simply an array of characters).

- Implicit creation from literal:

        String x = "foo";

- Concatenation with "+":

        String y = x + "bar";

- `StringBuilder` class

Operations on Strings

- Get `length` (number of characters):

  `if (x.length() > 3) …`

- Get a character with `charAt()`

- Get a substring with `substring()`

- Others: `split()`, `trim()`, `toLowerCase()`, etc.

- Finding: `indexOf()`, `contains()`, etc.

- Replacing: `replace()`, `replaceAll()`, etc.