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null

A term that indicates an object is referring to nothing in the heap

String s1= null; or String s1;
expresses that s1 is referring to nothing or null

Printing the length of the null string will give a null pointer exception

empty

A term that indicates an object is referring to a unique string of length zero in the heap

String s2= ""; expresses that s2 is referring to an empty string

Printing the length of the empty string will give a zero

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