

# JAVA - STRING STARTSWITH() METHOD

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## Description:

This method has two variants and tests if a string starts with the specified prefix beginning a specified index or by default at the beginning.

## Syntax:

Here is the syntax of this method:

```
public boolean startsWith(String prefix, int toffset)

or

public boolean startsWith(String prefix)
```

## Parameters:

Here is the detail of parameters:

- **prefix** -- the prefix to be matched.
- **toffset** -- where to begin looking in the string.

## Return Value:

- It returns true if the character sequence represented by the argument is a prefix of the character sequence represented by this string; false otherwise.

## Example:

```
import java.io.*;

public class Test{
    public static void main(String args[]){
        String Str = new String("Welcome to Tutorialspoint.com");

        System.out.print("Return Value :" );
        System.out.println(Str.startsWith("Welcome") );

        System.out.print("Return Value :" );
        System.out.println(Str.startsWith("Tutorials") );

        System.out.print("Return Value :" );
        System.out.println(Str.startsWith("Tutorials", 11) );
    }
}
```

This produces the following result:

```
Return Value :true
Return Value :false
Return Value :true
```