
Subject: Re: StringBuffer size [BUG]

Posted by [mirek](#) on Tue, 19 May 2009 05:27:58 GMT

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leidner wrote on Mon, 18 May 2009 22:31Hi,

While it is true that the default text may simplify debugging,

I agree with the poster that this behavior violates developers expectations (I don't know of any other API where you have to call clear() before using an object the first time), and because of that, it makes it more likely that bugs get introduced in the first place.

Would you consider changing this so as to initialize with the empty string?

Best regards
Jochen

But that would defeat the purpose of StringBuffer. You are using the constructor variant with len parameter mostly if you need to "convert" external data to String, for example in LoadFile.

If you want to start with empty string, please do not ask for non-empty one... (just do not put the length into the constructor).

Mirek
