

Re: trim(string) vs string.trim

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Yes, after all the input, I have decided to leave it as `String=Trim(String)`

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Terry Olsen wrote:

I have an app that makes decisions based on string content. I need to make sure that a string does not contain only spaces or newlines. I am using the syntax `Trim(String)` and it works fine. I thought I'd change it to the VB .NET method `"String.Trim"` but that throws an object exception.

Which brings the question: is it compliant to use `Trim(String)`, or is it more within etiquette to use `If Not String Is Nothing Then String.Trim?`

The advantage of using `Trim` instead of `String.Trim` is exactly that `Trim` will recognize when a `String` is `Nothing` and return `""` as a result. If this is the logic of your application, then instead of doing:

```
If SomeStr Is Nothing then
Value = ""
'I personally prefer Value = String.Empty
Else
Value = String.Trim
End If
```

you could spare the effort and just use `Value = Trim(SomeStr)`

On the other hand, if you must know when a passed string is invalid (`Nothing`) then probably checking for `Nothing` before calling `String.Trim` is the way to go.

Regards,

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Branco.