

# Introduction to Java & IntelliJ IDEA

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PROBLEM SOLVING USING OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

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# Overview

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- ❖ Lab Arrangement
- ❖ Introduction to Java
- ❖ Using IntelliJ IDEA
- ❖ Standard Output

# Lab Arrangement

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- ❖ Discovery Exercises

- ❖ Explore and learn new things!

- ❖ Programming Exercises

- ❖ Apply the things learnt from lectures and discovery exercises

- ❖ Hints will be given in the slides for **harder problems only**

- ❖ **Deadline of Lab Exercise: Next Monday 11:59am**

# Introduction to Java

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# Java

- ❖ Similar to human language, programming language has its own **grammar (syntax)** and **sentence structures (statements)**

## English letter

Dear Java,

I love you because you  
are simple, robust,  
object-oriented, secure  
and portable.

I love you because you  
listen to my  
instructions.

...

## Java source code

```
public class Game{
```

```
    private int status;
```

```
    public static void main  
        (String[] args){
```

```
        MyGame game = new  
                        MyGame();  
        game.start();
```

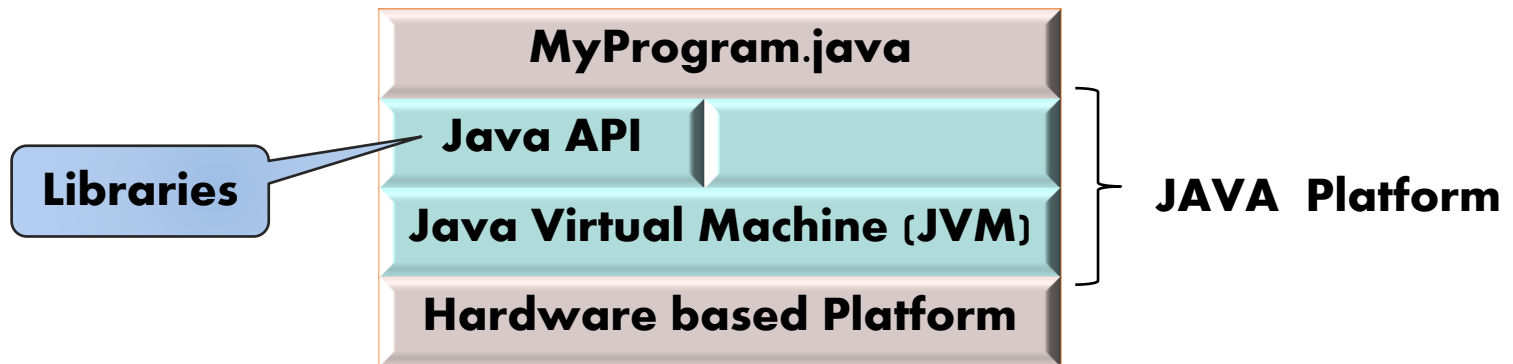
```
    ...
```

**The word “code” or “source code” describes program fragments.  
E.g. “These four lines of codes”**

# Java

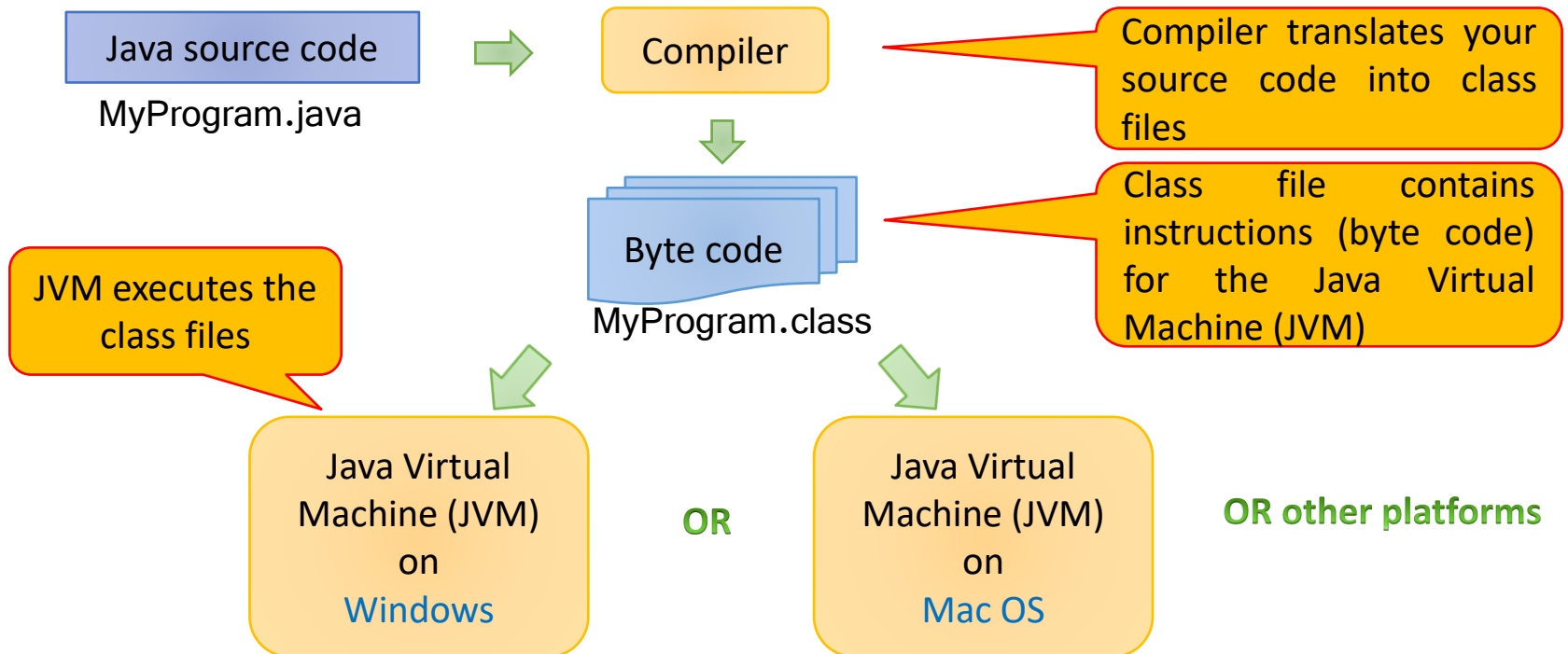
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- ❖ **Java** is not just a programming language; it is an **entire platform** offering a very **large library** and a powerful execution environment



**Java Class Libraries (or Java API) is a collection of pre-existing Java code that provides solutions to common programming problems**

# Java Program running process



**Java is platform-independent**  
**What we need is to install Java Virtual Machine (JVM) on the targeted platform**

# You can understand this code

**Name of the file**  
It must be the same as  
the public class name

**class keyword**  
Every program contains  
at least one class

**Name of this class**  
Java is case-sensitive

Every Java program contains  
a **main method** with this header

**A statement**  
The statements  
inside the main  
method are  
executed when  
the program  
runs

*new Hello().runApp();  
creates a Hello  
object and calls  
the runApp()  
method)*

**Curly braces mark the  
beginning and end of  
the body of a method**

**A method**  
The statements inside this method  
will be executed when the  
method is called

```
Lab01 > src > Hello >  
Project  
Hello.java x  
1 ▶ public class Hello {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        new Hello().runApp();  
    }  
  
    void runApp() {  
        System.out.println("Hello!");  
    }  
}
```



# Printing Statement

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- ❖ In our example program, the runApp() method has a single statement:

```
System.out.println("Hello!");
```

- ❖ It prints a line of text, namely “Hello!”
- ❖ “System.out.println( )” is a method in the Java library (The programmers who wrote the Java library implement it for us)

# Calling a method

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- ❖ Whenever you call a method in Java, you need to specify

```
System.out.println("Hello!");
```

method                      argument

1. The **method** you want to use (in this case, `System.out.println()` )
2. Any **values the method needs** to carry out its task (in this case, `"Hello!"`). The technical term for such a value is an **argument**

# String Literals (Strings)

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- ❖ A sequence of characters enclosed in double quotation marks
- ❖ The followings are valid string literals:
  - ❖ "Hello!"
  - ❖ "It is interesting."
  - ❖ ""
  - ❖ "123"
- ❖ The followings are NOT valid string literals:
  - ❖ 'Bad stuff here'
  - ❖ `you must use double quotation marks`

Let's do it  
together!

# Experiment 1

- ❖ What happens if you make a typing mistake such as

```
System.ou.println("Hello!");
```

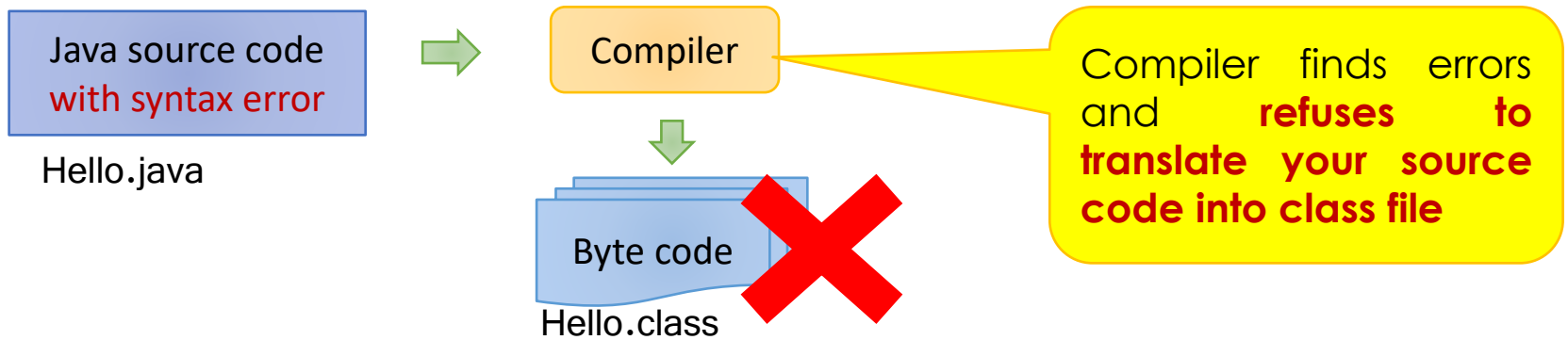
- ❖ After you click the **run** button, **error messages** will be shown at the console

```
! Error:(14, 15) java: cannot find symbol  
    symbol:   variable ou  
    location: class java.lang.System
```

The compiler complains and says it has no clue what you mean by **ou**

# Syntax Error

❖ This is what we called **syntax error**



Fix it  
now!

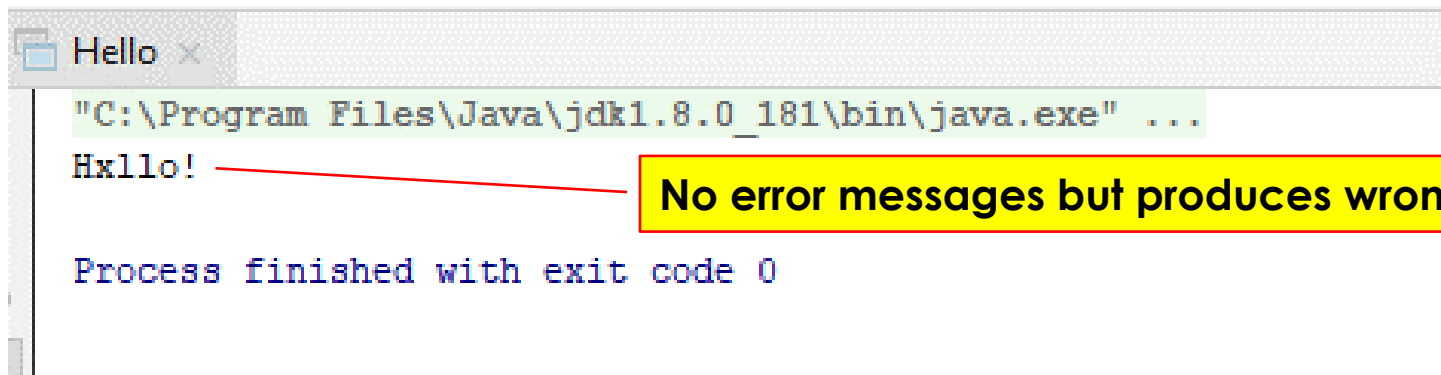
**You must fix the error and compile again**

**A syntax error is a violation of the programming language rules that is detected by the compiler**

Let's do it  
together!

# Experiment 2

- ❖ What happens if you make a typing mistake such as  
`System.out.println("Hxlllo!");`
- ❖ After you click the **run** button, the program will **compile and run**, but the **output** will be **wrong**



```

Hello x
"C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_181\bin\java.exe" ...
Hxlllo!
Process finished with exit code 0

```

**No error messages but produces wrong output**

# Logic Error

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- ❖ This is what we called **logic error**
- ❖ The **program** is **syntactically correct** and does something, but it **doesn't do what it is supposed to do**
- ❖ It is **caused by logical flaws**



Fix it  
now!

- ❖ It is your responsibility to find and fix the logic error

**A logic error causes a program to take an action that the programmer did not intend**

# More about Printing Statement

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❖ You can also **print numerical values**

❖ For example, the statement  
`System.out.println(3+4);`

evaluates the expression `3+4` and displays the number 7

Try it  
out!

Modify the *Hello.java* program to print numerical values

You may use these **operators**:

+	plus
-	minus
*	times
/	divide
%	modulo ( <i>finding remainder</i> )



# Standard Output

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# Standard Output Example

The screenshot displays an IDE with a Java file named `StandardOutputExample.java`. The code defines a class with a `main` method that creates an instance of `StandardOutputExample` and calls `runApp()`. The `runApp` method uses `System.out.print` and `System.out.println` to output text.

```
1 public class StandardOutputExample {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         new StandardOutputExample().runApp();  
4     }  
5  
6  
7     void runApp() {  
8         System.out.print("This ");  
9         System.out.print("is ");  
10        System.out.println("line 1.");  
11        System.out.println("This is line 2.");  
12    }  
13 }
```

Annotations explain the output methods:

- `print()` prints the string
- `println()` prints the string and moves the cursor to a newline

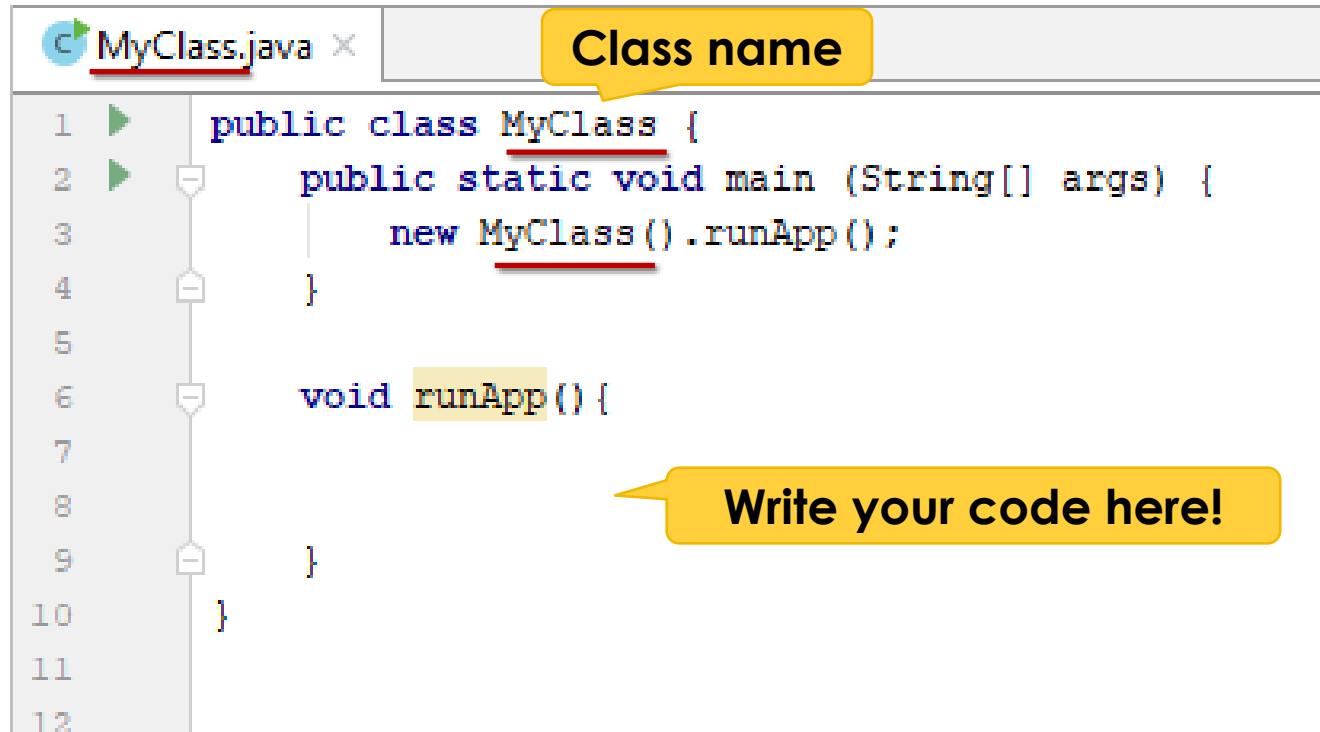
The Run window shows the execution of `StandardOutputExample` using `"C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_181\bin\java.exe"`. The output is:

```
This is line 1.  
This is line 2.  
  
Process finished with exit code 0
```

The bottom status bar indicates the current view is 'Run'.

# How to start?

- ❖ Suppose you are told to write a Java program called MyClass



```
1  public class MyClass {  
2      public static void main (String[] args) {  
3          new MyClass() .runApp() ;  
4      }  
5  
6      void runApp() {  
7  
8  
9      }  
10 }  
11  
12
```

**Class name**

**Write your code here!**

# Lab Exercise Submission

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❖ Submit the following to Moodle

❖ XXXXXXXX\_lab01.docx

\*Replace “XXXXXXX” with your student ID

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