

# COMP250

## JAVA

### Syntax

Operators:

NOT !, AND &&, OR ||, +=, -=, \*=, /=, x++, --x

Order of Operations:

Parenthesis, !, Typecasting, Arithmetic(+,-,etc.),  
→ Comparison(1.Relational: <,>,<=,>= 2.Equality:  
→ ==, !=), Boolean (&&, ||).

Primitive Data types:

Integers: byte (8), short (16), int (32), long (64)  
Reals: float (32), double (64)  
Other; boolean(1), char (16)  
With n bits, you can represent 2 raised to n values.  
Overflow is when the number you are trying to represent  
→ needs more bits than its data type has.  
Java automatically converts one type to the other if  
→ need be and no info is lost.

Typecasting

Explicit typecasting is necessary only if going to a  
→ narrower type. O.W. done automatically.  
(wide) db. , fl., lg., int, ch., sh., by. (narrow)

Strings:

String is a class and its instances are objects.  
someString.equals(Obj obj) compares the string to the  
→ object, returns a boolean.  
s.length(), s.charAt(i), s.toLowerCase().  
Convert int to string: String s = "" + 4;  
Convert String to int: int x = Integer.parseInt("54")

Arrays:

Contains a fixed number of values of the same type.  
int[] arrayName = {1,2,3,4};  
String[] arrayName = new String[7];  
Default values when creating array with second method  
→ are num:0, Str/reference:null, char:0, bool:  
→ false.  
a.length gives the length of the array a.  
import java.util.Arrays;  
Arrays.equals(x,y); Arrays.toString(x); Arrays.sort(x);

Random:

import java.util.random;  
Random robj = new Random(seed); int diceRoll = robj.  
→ nextInt(6);

While Loop:

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while (some condition) { // some code }  
The block of code is repeated as long as the condition  
→ evaluates to true.
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For Loop:

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for (initializer; boolean expression; update) { // some  
→ code }  
Any statement can be left out, semi colons must be  
→ there.  
Initializer executes once before, boolean exp. and  
→ update executed before each loop.
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For each loop:

```
for(int num: someArray){ // do sum }
```

Error and Exceptions:

Compile time errors: something is wrong with the Syntax  
Runtime errors: array out-of-bounds, null pointer,  
→ division by zero, etc. program would compile  
→ complain at runtime.  
Throwing an exception;  
throw new [nameOfException]("message")  
Try-catch block:  
try{\\code that may be problematic}  
catch(SomeException e){\\what to do in this case}  
finally{\\this code will always run no matter what}  
To display info about exception e: e.printStackTrace();

Scope of a variable:

A variable only exists in the block where it is  
→ declared.

Overloading:

Having more than one method with the same name, but  
→ different outputs.

## OOP

Keywords:

new: creates an object and allocates memory for it.  
null: points to nowhere in the memory.  
package: group of classes, you have access to all  
→ methods within the package. If method is from  
→ another package:  
animals.Dog myDog = new animals.Dog(); import  
→ animals.Dogs; import animals.\*;  
this: refers to the object on which the method has been  
→ called.

Modifiers:

CLASSES:

public: accessible by any other class  
default (package-private): accessible only in the  
→ same package  
final: class cannot be inherited, i.e. no  
→ subclasses  
abstract: cannot be used to create objects.  
ATTRIBUTES and METHODS:  
public: accessible from all other classes  
private: only accessible within the class  
default: only accessible within same package  
protected: accessible in same package and  
→ subclasses.  
final: Method cannot be overridden by subclasses,  
→ final attribute can only be initialized  
→ once. If the object the attribute refers to  
→ is mutable, we can change it freely, but  
→ it must stay the same obj. A final non-  
→ static field must be initialized in every  
→ constructor. A final static field must be  
→ initialized on the same line of the  
→ declaration.  
abstract: Can only be used in an abstract class,  
→ and can only be used on methods, does not  
→ have a body and must be overridden in  
→ subclass.  
static: Attributes and methods belongs to the class  
→ , rather than an object. Static methods are  
→ used to perform operations that are not  
→ dependent upon instance creation  
ClassName.methodName() or ClassName.varName

Constructor:

Name must be the same as the class name, no return type  
→ and non-static. The default constructor takes  
→ no argument and has an empty body, you lose  
→ access to it as soon as you declare your own  
→ constructor.

Getters and Setters:

Getters: in general, all fields should be declared  
→ private and be accessed with a getter:  
public <type> getField(){  
return this.field;}  
Setters (Mutators): Allow you to modify the value of a  
→ non-static field.  
public void setField(<type> value){  
this.field = value;}

toString():

This is the method that will be called when we use  
→ println().  
public String toString(){  
//returns a value of type String.}

Immutable:

If all fields in a class are private and there are no  
→ mutator methods, then the type is immutable.

Some guidelines:

Constructors that initialize mutable reference types  
→ should make a copy first.  
Get/set methods that access/mutate a mutable reference  
→ type should make a copy first.

Inheritance:

Class can extend another if latter is visible from  
→ where former is, it inherits all public and  
→ protected methods and fields from superclass.  
Syntax: public class Dog extends Animal {}  
Hiding a field: A field with the same name as one in  
→ the superclass is hiding the inherited field.  
Hiding a method: A STATIC method with the same name,  
→ signature and return type as the one from the  
→ superclass.  
Overriding a method: A NON-STATIC method with the same  
→ name, signature and return type as the one from  
→ the superclass.  
Constructor: The constructor is not inherited, can  
→ invoke a constructor from superclass using the  
→ keyword super. If no constructor is invoked,  
→ the no-argument constructor is called, if it  
→ does not exist, compile time error.  
super keyword: Can be used in a similar way as this,  
→ referring to the instance of the superclass on  
→ which a non-static method was called. Useful if  
→ the method we want to access was overridden in  
→ the subclass.  
super(parameters); can be placed in the subclass to  
→ invoke the superclass constructor.

Object Class:

The only class with no superclass, some methods:  
hashCode(): Returns a 32 bit integer associated to the  
→ object. a.equals(b) is true implies a.hashCode  
→ () == b.hashCode(), the converse is false.  
toString(): Returns a string representation of the  
→ object. It is of the form <classOfObj>@Obj.  
→ hashCode().  
equals(): returns true IFF a == b is true.

Type Casting reference types:

Implicit upcasting: Animal myPet = new Dog(); is  
→ allowed because Dog is a subclass of Animal.  
Explicit downcasting: Dog myDog = myPet; will cause  
→ compile time error, must do Dog myDog = (Dog)  
→ myPet; will cause a runtime error if myPet  
→ turned out to not be a Dog.  
IMPORTANT: Casting does not change the type of the  
→ object, only labels it differently.

instanceof operator:

Returns a boolean, if applied on a null value, returns  
→ false.  
Useful to make sure that explicitly downcasting will  
→ not cause an error e.g. when overriding equals.

Abstract:

An abstract method is one that is declared without  
→ implementation:  
public abstract double getArea();  
Used when you want a class to have a certain method,  
→ but want the implementation to be specified by  
→ the subclass (e.g. area of triangle vs circle).  
Abstract class: If a class contains an abstract method,  
→ it must also be declared abstract, converse is  
→ false. It can declare both abstract and  
→ concrete methods. A subclass derived from an  
→ abstract class must either implement all the  
→ abstract methods or be abstract itself. Can  
→ contain a constructor, cannot be instantiated.

Wrapper Classes:

Integer, Double, Character are wrapper classes,  
→ conversion is done automatically, these classes  
→ enable us to call methods on primitive types  
→ such as Integer.MAX\_VALUE.  
Autoboxing: converting to wrapper class  
Unboxing: converting to primitive

## Lists

Array Lists:

A list which keeps track of the number of elements it  
→ contains, creates a new array double its size  
→ and copies each element to it each time it  
→ reaches its limit. Cannot store primitive types  
→ , must use wrapper.  
Double length  $k = \log_2(N)$  times for final length of  $N$ .  
# of copy operations to add  $N$  elements to list:  $N-1$ .  
ArrayList<Integer> sum = new ArrayList<Integer>();

Singly Linked lists:

```
public class SLinkedList{
    private SNode head; private SNode tail;
    private int size;
    private class SNode{
        Object element; Object next;}}
Nodes have one pointer to the next element and one to  
→ the object they contain.
```

Doubly Linked Lists:

Nodes have a pointer to the previous, next node, and to  
→ the object they contain.  
Avoid edge cases with dummy nodes:

```
public class DLinkedList {
    private DNode dummyHead; private DNode dummyTail;
    private int size;
    public DLinkedList(){
        dummyHead = new DNode(); dummyTail = new DNode();
        dummyHead.next = dummyTail;
        dummyTail.prev = dummyHead; size =0;}}
Speed up getNode(i): start from head if  $i < \text{size}/2$ , and  
→ from tail o.w.
```

Time complexity of arraylist, Slinked, Dlinked

add/remove first:  $O(N)$ ,  $O(1)$ ,  $O(1)$   
add Last:  $O(1)$ ,  $O(1)$ ,  $O(1)$   
remove Last:  $O(1)$ ,  $O(N)$ ,  $O(1)$

Bubble sort:

Repeatedly iterate through the list and swap adjacent  
→ items if they are in the wrong order.  
After one iteration, we know the largest item is at the  
→ end, so at each iteration we can stop  
→ comparing items one step earlier.  
Stop the algorithm when no change is made in the list.  
sorted = false; i = 0;  
while (!sorted) { sorted = true;  
 for j from 0 to list.length - i -2 {  
 if(list[j] > list[j+1]) {  
 swap(list[j], list[j+1]);  
 sorted = false;}}i++;}

Selection sort:

Iterate through the list, find the minimum value, swap  
→ it with the first element of the unsorted list,  
→ start again, but one index further in the list  
for(int i = 0; i<array.length-1; i++){ int min = i;  
 for(int j = i +1; j<array.length; j++){  
 if(array[min] > array[j]) { min = j}  
 int temp = array[i]; array[i] = array[min];  
 array[min] = temp;}  
Inner Loop iterates  $N(N-1)/2$  times.

Insertion Sort:

Select first element x of unsorted part of the list.  
Insert x into correct position in sorted part of list.  
Change where you divide the array sorted/unsorted part.  
for(int i=1; i<array.length;i++){int temp=array[i];  
 int j = i-1; while(j>=0 && array[j]>temp) {  
 array[j + 1]=array[j];j--;}array[j+1]=temp;}

Conclusion

All three sorting algorithms have an average sorting  
→ time  $O(\text{pow}(n,2))$   
Insertion and bubble best case is  $O(n)$ , selection  $O(\text{pow}(n,2))$ .