

Chapter 12 - Packages

Interpreter Vs Compiler

Interpreter translates one statement at a time into machine code.

Compiler scans the entire program and translates whole of it into machine code.

Interpreter



- * One statement at a time
- * Interpreter is needed everytime
- * Partial execution if error
- * Easy for programmers

Compiler



- * Entire program at a time
- * Once compiled it is not needed
- * No execution if an error occurs
- * Usually not as easy as Interpreted ones

Is Java Compiled or Interpreted?

Java is a hybrid language → both compiled as well as interpreted

Java file
Harry.java

Compiled

→
(using javac)

Class file
Harry.class

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bytecode

→ Can be used
by Java interpreter

- A JVM can be used to Interpret this bytecode
- This bytecode can be taken to any platform (win/Mac/Linux) for execution
- Hence Java is platform independent (write once run everywhere)

Before executing the program save all the files. If you make any changes then also save the file after making changes.

Executing a Java Program

javac Harry.java → Compiled
java Harry → Interpacked

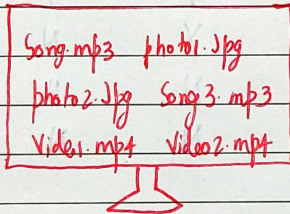
So far the execution of our program was being managed by intelli Idea.
We can download a source code editor like VS Code to compile & execute our Java programs.

Packages in Java

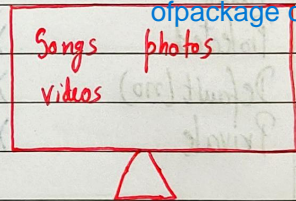
A package is used to group related classes.
Packages help in avoiding name conflicts.
There are two types of packages:

- * Built in packages → Java API
- * User defined packages → Custom packages

package name of package;
for subpackages
package name.name
of package of subpac.



⇒
organized
as folders.



1. class this.java my.mp3 ⇒
Song.java Harry.java organized
as packages

Using a Java package

import java.lang.* → import everything from java.lang
import java.lang.String → import String from java.lang
s = new java.lang.String("Harry") → Use without importing

Similarly you can use java.util package which has classes like Scanner class and random class...

using `javac -d . *.java` we can create all the class files in respective packages.

Creating a package

`javac Harry.java` → creates Harry class

`javac -d . Harry.java` → creates a package folder

↳ We can keep adding classes to a package like this

We can also create inner packages by adding "package.inner" as package name
These packages once created can be used by other classes.

↓
folder

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subfolder

Access Modifiers in Java

Access modifiers determine whether other classes can use a particular field or invoke a particular method
Can be public, private, protected or default (no modifier)

applicable
for all -
classes,
methods,
and attributes

Modifier	Class	Package	(in diff. packages) Subclass	World
Public	Y	Y	Y	Y
Protected	Y	Y	Y	N
Default (no)	Y	Y	N	N
Private	Y	N	N	N

How to use a package:

```
import packagename.classname;
```

```
// Now in main method make the object of the class imported  
// and use can run methods using object.
```