FIT ICT Software Development

Lecture 2

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- Java application
 - A computer program that executes when you use the java command to launch the Java Virtual Machine (JVM).
- Sample program in Fig. 2.1 displays a line of text.

```
// Fig. 2.1: Welcome1.java
// Text-printing program.

public class Welcome1
{
    // main method begins execution of Java application
    public static void main( String[] args )
    {
        System.out.println( "Welcome to Java Programming!" );
        // end method main
        // end class Welcome1
Welcome to Java Programming!
```

Fig. 2.1 | Text-printing program.

Comments

Comments

```
// Fig. 2.1: Welcome1.java
```

- // indicates that the line is a comment.
- Used to document programs and improve their readability.
- Compiler ignores comments.
- A comment that begins with // is an end-of-line comment—it terminates at the end of the line on which it appears.
- Traditional comment, can be spread over several lines as in
 /* This is a traditional comment. It
 can be split over multiple lines */
 - This type of comment begins with /* and ends with */.
 - All text between the delimiters is ignored by the compiler.

White Space

- Blank lines and space characters
 - Make programs easier to read.
 - Blank lines, spaces and tabs are known as white space (or whitespace).
 - White space is ignored by the compiler.

- Class declaration
 - public class Welcome1
 - Every Java program consists of at least one class that you define.
 - class keyword introduces a class declaration and is immediately followed by the class name.
 - Keywords (Appendix C) are reserved for use by Java and are always spelled with all lowercase letters.

Class names

- By convention, begin with a capital letter and capitalize the first letter of each word they include (e.g., SampleClassName).
- A class name is an identifier—a series of characters consisting of letters, digits, underscores (_) and dollar signs (\$) that does not begin with a digit and does not contain spaces.
- Java is case sensitive—uppercase and lowercase letters are distinct—so a1 and A1 are different (but both valid) identifiers.

Braces

- A left brace, {, begins the body of every class declaration.
- A corresponding right brace, }, must end each class declaration.
- Code between braces should be indented.
- This indentation is one of the spacing conventions mentioned earlier.

- Declaring the main Method public static void main(String[] args)
 - Starting point of every Java application.
 - Parentheses after the identifier main indicate that it's a program building block called a method.
 - Java class declarations normally contain one or more methods.
 - main must be defined as shown; otherwise, the JVM will not execute the application.
 - Methods perform tasks and can return information when they complete their tasks.
 - Keyword void indicates that this method will not return any information.

- Body of the method declaration
 - Enclosed in left and right braces.
- Statement

```
System.out.println("Welcome to Java Programming!");
```

- Instructs the computer to perform an action
 - Print the string of characters contained between the double quotation marks.
- A string is sometimes called a character string or a string literal.
- White-space characters in strings are not ignored by the compiler.
- Strings cannot span multiple lines of code.

- System.out object
 - Standard output object.
 - Allows Java applications to display strings in the command window from which the Java application executes.
- System.out.println method
 - Displays (or prints) a line of text in the command window.
 - The string in the parentheses the argument to the method.
 - Positions the output cursor at the beginning of the next line in the command window.

```
// Fig. 2.3: Welcome2.java
    // Printing a line of text with multiple statements.
    public class Welcome2
        // main method begins execution of Java application
        public static void main( String[] args )
                                                                             Prints We I come to and leaves cursor on
                                                                             same line
           System.out.print( "Welcome to " );
           System.out.println( "Java Programming!" );
10
                                                                             Prints Java Programming! starting
11
        } // end method main
                                                                             where the cursor was positioned
    } // end class Welcome2
                                                                             previously, then outputs a newline
                                                                             character
Welcome to Java Programming!
```

Fig. 2.3 | Printing a line of text with multiple statements.

Escape Sequences

- Newline characters indicate to System.out's print and println methods when to position the output cursor at the beginning of the next line in the command window.
- Newline characters are white-space characters.
- The backslash (\) is called an escape character.
 - Indicates a "special character"
- Backslash is combined with the next character to form an escape sequence.
- The escape sequence \n represents the newline character.

Fig. 2.4 | Printing multiple lines of text with a single statement.

Escape seguence	Description	
\n	Newline. Position the screen cursor at the beginning of the next line.	
\t	Horizontal tab. Move the screen cursor to the next tab stop.	
\r	Carriage return. Position the screen cursor at the beginning of the current line—do not advance to the next line. Any characters output after the carriage return overwrite the characters previously output on that line.	
\\	Backslash. Used to print a backslash character.	
\"	Double quote. Used to print a double-quote character. For example, System.out.println("\"in quotes\""); displays "in quotes"	

Fig. 2.5 | Some common escape sequences.

Output in Java - Concatenation

Two strings can be joined together with the plus symbol (+), known as the **concatenation operator**.

```
System.out.println("Hello " + "world");
```

Outputting values on the screen

Values and **expressions** can also be printed on the screen using these output commands.

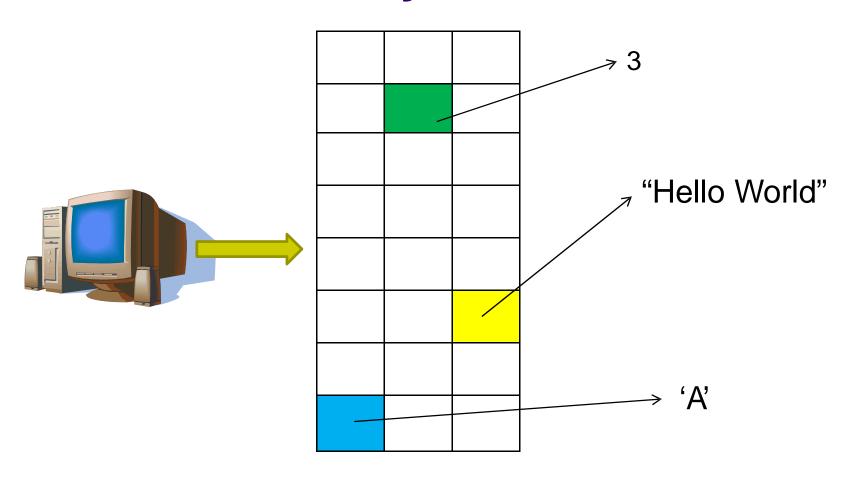
for example

30 people visiting the cinema, each charged an entrance fee of 7.50, the total cost of tickets could be displayed as follows:

```
System.out.println("cost = " + (30*7.5));
```

Declaring Variables

How memory works



Simple data types in Java

The types of value used within a program are referred to as **data types**.

price of a cinema ticket : real number

how many tickets sold : integer

In Java there are a few simple data types that programmers can use.

Often referred to as the **scalar types**

The scaler types of Java

Java type	Allows for	Range of values
byte	very small integers	-128 to 127
short	small integers	-32768 to 32767
int	big integers	-2147483648 to 2147483647
long	very big integers	-9223372036854775808 to
		9223372036854775807
float	real numbers	$+/- 1.4 * 10^{-45} \text{ to } 3.4 * 10^{38}$
double	very big real numbers	$+/-4.9*10^{-324}$ to $1.8*10^{308}$
char	characters	Unicode character set
boolean	true or false	not applicable

Declaring variables in Java

- The procedure of creating named locations in the computer's memory that will contain values while a program is running is known as declaring a variable
- these named locations are called variables because their values are allowed to vary over the life of the program.

To create a variable in your program you must:

- give that variable a name (of your choice);
- decide which data type in the language best reflects the kind of values you wish to store in the variable.

Naming variables

You can choose any name for variables as long as

- the name is not already a reserved word in the Java language (such as class, void);
- the name has no spaces in it;
- the name does not include operators such as + and -;
- the name starts either with a letter, an underscore (_), or a dollar sign (\$).

The convention in Java programs is to begin the name of a variable with a lowercase letter.

Choosing a suitable data type

Four Java types can be used to hold integers (byte, short, int and long).

Two Java types that can be use to hold real numbers (double and float).

The difference among these types is the range of values that they can keep, however

- the **int** type is often chosen to store integers
- the double type often chosen to store real numbers

The data type char is used to hold characters.

Once name and type decided upon, the variable is declared as follows:

dataType variableName;

Declaring a variable: an example

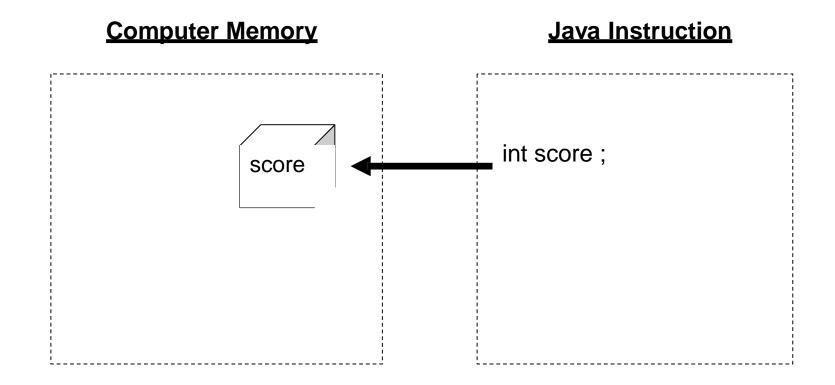
Let's create a variable to keep a player's score in a computer game.

a score will always be a whole number

good meaningful name

int score;

The effect of declaring a variable in Java



Declaring many variables

Assume that the player of a game can choose a difficulty level (A, B, or C).

int score; // to hold score

char level; // to hold difficulty level

Declaring variables of the same type

Several variables can be declared on a single line if they are all of the same type.

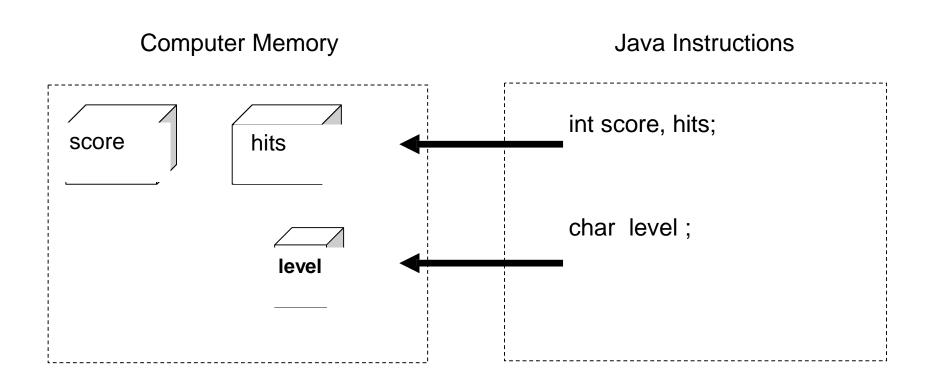
Assume that there are ghosts in the house that hit out at the player; the number of times a player gets hit by a ghost can also be recorded.

int score, hits; // both the same type

char level; // different type



The effect of declaring many variables in Java



Creating Constants

Constants are data items whose values do not change. For example:

- the maximum score in an exam (100);
- the number of hours in a day (24);
- the mathematical value of π (3.1417).

Constants are declared much like variables except

- they are preceded by the keyword final
- they are always initialised to their fixed value.

```
final int HOURS = 24;
```

Activity: data types & assignment

 Explain which, if any, of the following would result in a compiler error:

```
    int x = 75.5;  // ERROR 75.5 is a double ...not an int!!
    char grade = A;  //ERROR the letter A should be //enclosed in single quotes as follows: // char grade = 'A';
```

Reserved Words

High Level Languages, including Java, are usually defined in terms of a set of **reserved** words. The Java programming language is defined in terms of around 40 reserved words, which make up most of the basic command vocabulary of the language. See the full list at the link below:

Reserved words in Java

exit break void main case end system double do else (etc...)

Note:

These reserved words cannot be redefined for other uses: i.e. they may not be used as for variables names.

Assignments in Java

Assignments in Java

Assignments allow values to be put into variables.

Written in Java with the use of the equality symbol (=), known as **the assignment operator**.

Simple assignments take the following form:

variableName = value;

score = 0;

Initialising variables

You may combine the assignment statement with a variable declaration to put an initial value into a variable as follows:

int score
$$= 0$$
;

Note, the following declaration will **not** compile in Java:

int score =
$$2.5$$
;

WHY???? This will not compile because 2.5 is a double value

Putting values into character variables

When assigning a value to a character variable, you must enclose the value in single quotes.

for example

set the initial difficulty level to A

char level = 'A';

Assigning a Variable

Once the declaration is made with a legal name (identifier), operations can be performed on the variable, e.g.

```
int age; age = 21;
System.out.print(age);
```

This command displays the

Integer age to the screen

Re-assigning variables

Remember: you need to declare a variable only once.

You can then assign to it as many times as you like.

```
char level = 'A';
level = 'B';
```

Re-assigning variables

Whenever a value is placed in a memory location, this value replaces the previous value in that location.

The previous value is therefore destroyed!

Memory locations showing the name and value of variables:

```
char level = 'A';
level = 'B';

Starts out as:
```

Then changes to:

level

В

Input from the Keyboard

- Integers
 - Whole numbers, like -22, 7, 0 and 1024)
- Programs remember numbers and other data in the computer's memory and access that data through program elements called variables.
- The program of Fig. 2.7 demonstrates these concepts.

```
// Fig. 2.7: Addition.java
      // Addition program that displays the sum of two numbers.
                                                                              Imports class Scanner for use in this
     import java.util.Scanner; // program uses class Scanner
                                                                              program
      public class Addition
         // main method begins execution of Java application
         public static void main( String[] args )
                                                                                         Creates Scanner for
            // create a Scanner to obtain input from the command window
 10
                                                                                         reading data from the
            Scanner input = new Scanner( System.in ); -
 11
                                                                                          user
 12
            int number1; // first number to add
 13
                                                                              Variables that are declared but not
            int number2; // second number to add
 14
                                                                              initialized
            int sum; // sum of number1 and number2
 15
 16
             System.out.print( "Enter first integer: " ); // prompt
 17
                                                                                          Reads an int value
            number1 = input.nextInt(); // read first number from user
 18
                                                                                          from the user
 19
             System.out.print( "Enter second integer: " ); // prompt
 20
                                                                                          Reads another int
            number2 = input.nextInt(); // read second number from user 
 21
                                                                                          value from the user
 22
            sum = number1 + number2; // add numbers, then store total in sum
 23
                                                                                         Sums the values of
Fig. 2.7
           Addition program that displays the sum of two numbers. (Part 1 of 2.)
                                                                                         number1 and number2
```

Fig. 2.7 | Addition program that displays the sum of two numbers. (Part 2 of 2.)

- import declaration
 - Helps the compiler locate a class that is used in this program.
 - Rich set of predefined classes that you can reuse rather than "reinventing the wheel."
 - Classes are grouped into packages—named groups of related classes—and are collectively referred to as the Java class library, or the Java Application Programming Interface (Java API).
 - You use import declarations to identify the predefined classes used in a Java program.

• Variable declaration statement

Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

• Specifies the name (input) and type (Scanner) of a variable that is used in this program.

Variable

- A location in the computer's memory where a value can be stored for use later in a program.
- Must be declared with a name and a type before they can be used.
- A variable's name enables the program to access the value of the variable in memory.
- The name can be any valid identifier.
- A variable's type specifies what kind of information is stored at that location in memory.

Scanner

- Enables a program to read data for use in a program.
- Data can come from many sources, such as the user at the keyboard or a file on disk.
- Before using a Scanner, you must create it and specify the source of the data.
- The equals sign (=) in a declaration indicates that the variable should be initialised (i.e., prepared for use in the program) with the result of the expression to the right of the equals sign.
- The new keyword creates an object.
- Standard input object, System.in, enables applications to read
- bytes of information typed by the user.
 Scanner object translates these bytes into types that can be used in a program.

• Variable declaration statements

```
int number1; // first number to add
int number2; // second number to add
int sum; // sum of number1 and number2
```

declare that variables number1, number2 and sum hold data of type int

- They can hold integer.
- Range of values for an int is -2,147,483,648 to +2,147,483,647.
- Actual int values may not contain commas.
- Several variables of the same type may be declared in one declaration with the variable names separated by commas.

Scanner class Numeric and String methods

Method	Returns	
int nextInt()	Returns the next token as an int. If the next token is not an integer, InputMismatchException is thrown.	
long nextLong()	Returns the next token as a long. If the next token is not an integer, InputMismatchException is thrown.	
float nextFloat()	Returns the next token as a float. If the next token is not a float or is out of range, InputMismatchException is thrown.	
double nextDouble()	Returns the next token as a long. If the next token is not a float or is out of range, InputMismatchException is thrown.	
String next()	Finds and returns the next complete token from this scanner and returns it as a string; a token is usually ended by whitespace such as a blank or line break. If not token exists, NoSuchElementException is thrown.	
String nextLine()	Returns the rest of the current line, excluding any line separator at the end.	
void close()	Closes the scanner.	

Prompt

- Output statement that directs the user to take a specific action.
- System is a class.
 - Part of package java.lang.
 - Class System is not imported with an import declaration at the beginning of the program.

- Scanner method nextInt
 - number1 = input.nextInt(); // read first number from user
 - Obtains an integer from the user at the keyboard.
 - Program waits for the user to type the number and press the Enter key to submit the number to the program.
- The result of the call to method nextInt is placed in variable number1 by using the assignment operator, =.
 - "number1 gets the value of input.nextInt()."
 - Operator = is called a binary operator—it has two operands.
 - Everything to the right of the assignment operator, =, is always evaluated before the assignment is performed.

Arithmetic

```
sum = number1 + number2; // add numbers
```

- Assignment statement that calculates the sum of the variables number1 and number2 then assigns the result to variable sum by using the assignment operator,
 =.
- "sum gets the value of number1 + number2."
- In general, calculations are performed in assignment statements.
- Portions of statements that contain calculations are called expressions.

- Integer formatted output
 System.out.printf("Sum is %d\n", sum);
 - Format specifier %d is a placeholder for an int value
 - The letter d stands for "decimal integer."

Displaying Text with printf

- System.out.printf method
 - f means "formatted"
 - displays formatted data
- Multiple method arguments are placed in a comma-separated list.
- Java allows large statements to be split over many lines.
 - Cannot split a statement in the middle of an identifier or string.
- Method printf's first argument is a format string
 - May consist of fixed text and format specifiers.
 - Fixed text is output as it would be by print or println.
 - Each format specifier is a placeholder for a value and specifies the type of data to output.
- Format specifiers begin with a percent sign (%) and are followed
- by a character that represents the data type.
 - Format specifier %s is a placeholder for a string.

```
// Fig. 2.6: Welcome4.java
    // Displaying multiple lines with method System.out.printf.
    public class Welcome4
        // main method begins execution of Java application
        public static void main( String[] args )
                                                                            Each %s is a placeholder for a String
                                                                            that comes later in the argument list
           System.out.printf( "%s\n%s\n",
              "Welcome to", "Java Programming!" );
10
                                                                            Statements can be split over multiple
11
        } // end method main
                                                                            lines.
    } // end class Welcome4
Welcome to
Java Programming!
```

Fig. 2.6 Displaying multiple lines with method System.out.printf.

Memory Concepts

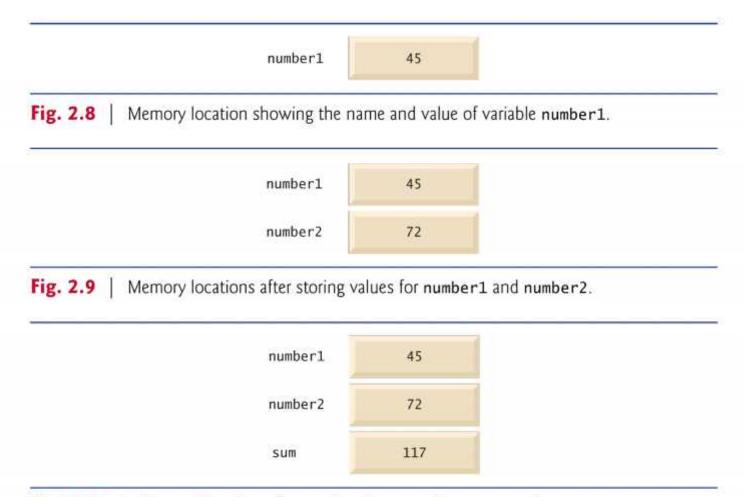


Fig. 2.10 | Memory locations after storing the sum of number1 and number2.

Activity: reading from the keyboard

 Consider the following declaration of a variable to store students examination marks:

```
double mark;
```

- Which one of the following statements allows the user to enter a mark of 70 into this variable while the program is running?
 - a) mark = 70;
 - b) mark = System.out.print("Please enter a mark");
 - c) mark = input.nextDouble();
 - d) mark = input.nextInt();

Arithmetic Operators

Arithmetic Operators

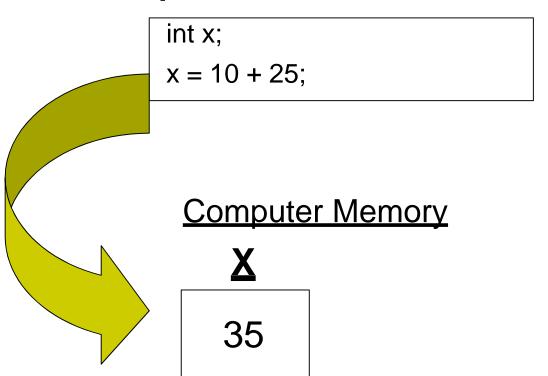
Java has the four familiar arithmetic operators, plus a remainder operator for this purpose.

The arithmetic operators of		
<u>Anteration</u>	Java operator	
addition	+	
subtraction	-	
multiplication	*	
division	/	
remainder	%	

Arithmetic Operators - Example

You can use the arithmetic operators in assignment statements much like you might use a calculator.

For Example



The Modulus operator

The modulus operator (%) returns the remainder after integer division

Examples of the modulus operator in Java			
Expression	Value		
29 % 9	2		
36 % 5	1		
6 % 8	6		
40 % 40	0		
10 % 2	0		

Modulus Operator: an example

A large party of 30 people go to visit the roller coaster rides at a local theme park.

When they reach the end of the queue, they are told that only groups of four can get on!

To calculate how many groups in the party can get on the ride and how many people in the party will have to wait their turn, the **division** and **modulus operators** can be used as follows:

```
int takeTurn, missTurn;
takeTurn = 30/4; //calculates the number of groups
missTurn = 30%4; //calculates the people that wait
```

Modulus operator: an example

After the previous instructions, the value of takeTurn will be 7 (the result of dividing 30 by 4).

The value of missTurn will be 2. (the remainder after dividing 30 by 4).

Arithmetic Expressions

They must be written in a straight -line format to facilitate entering programs into the computer.

- This means that expressions such as "a divided by b" must be written as a / b so that all constants, variables, and operators appear in a straight line.
- Parentheses are used in Java expressions in the same manner as in algebraic expressions.
- For example, to multiply a times b + c we write:

$$a * (b + c)$$

Rules of Operator Precedence

Rules of Operator Precedence

Java applies the operators in arithmetic expressions in a precise sequence determined by the rules of operator precedence.

- Operators in expressions contained within pairs of parentheses are evaluated first.
 - This can therefore be used as a mechanism to force an order or evaluation in your program.
- In cases of nested or embedded parentheses, the operators in the innermost pair are applied first.
- Multiplication, division and modulus operations are applied next, from left to right.
- Addition and subtraction operations are applied last from left to right.

Precedence of Arithmetic Operators

Operator(s)	Operation(s)	Order of evaluation (precedence)
()	Parentheses	Evaluated first. If the parentheses are nested, the expression in the innermost pair is evaluated first If there are several pairs of parentheses "on the same level" (i.e., not nested), they are evaluated left to right.
*, /, or %	Multiplication Division Modulus	Evaluated second. If there are several, they are evaluated left to right.
+ or -	Addition Subtraction	Evaluated last. If there are several, they are evaluated left to right.

Worked Example

Step 1.
$$y = 2 * 5 * 5 + 3 * 5 + 7;$$

Operator Precedence

We stated that:

- · Multiplication, division and modulus operations are applied, from left to right.
 - · Addition and subtraction operations are applied last, from left to right

This often creates confusion:

Multiplication, division and modulus are applied before addition and subtraction.

This is not stating that multiplication happens before division. The sequence is applied from left to right when determining whether to apply items at the same level.

Example a): 8 / 2 * 3 First 8 / 2 which results in 4
Then 4 * 3 which results in 12

Similarly, Example b): 3 - 1 + 2 First subtract 1 from 3 and then add 2

Summary of Operator Precedence

First

Parentheses

followed by

Multiplication, Division and Modulus Left to Right

Then

Addition and Subtraction Left to Right

Expressions

Expressions in Java

Right-hand side of an assignment statement can itself contain variable names.

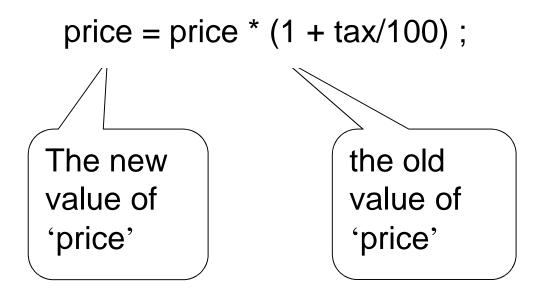
```
double price, tax, cost;
price = 500;
tax = 17.5;
cost = price * (1 + tax/100);

Value is
500

Value is
17.5
```

More expressions

Nothing to stop you using the name of the variable you are assigning to in the expression itself.



Documentation

<u>Documentation</u> is a set of text notes that appear within a program.

These notes include:

- A description of how to use the program (User's Guide).
- The purpose of the program....how it is installed, tested and expected results.
- Other important information to be included is the name of the person(s) who wrote the program and the date on which it was written and any special or user defined methods used

Importance of Documentation

NOTE: The importance of **adequate** documentation cannot be over emphasised.

It is also important not to OVER DOCUMENT!!

Guide to Requirements

Indentation

Programs should be indented consistently;

ie: the number of spacings to the right for each command must be appropriate and the same for each similar section of code.

Note: Algorithms

- Any computing problem can be solved by executing a series of actions in a specific order.
- An algorithm is a procedure for solving a problem in terms of
 - the actions to execute and
 - the order in which these actions execute
- The "rise-and-shine algorithm" followed by one executive for getting out of bed and going to work:
 - (1) Get out of bed; (2) take off pajamas; (3) take a shower; (4) get dressed; (5) eat breakfast; (6) carpool to work.
- Suppose that the same steps are performed in a slightly different order:
 - (1) Get out of bed; (2) take off pajamas; (3) get dressed; (4) take a shower; (5) eat breakfast; (6) carpool to work.
- Specifying the order in which statements (actions) execute in a program is called program control.