

Module 1 - Lecture 2

Variables and Data Types



Yesterday

- File systems
- What is a Shell?
- Git overview



Java Overview

- Java is a modern object-oriented programming language.
- It's portable. Write once, run anywhere.
- First created at Sun Microsystems in 1995, now controlled by Oracle.



Java vs Related Languages

- C/C++
 - Similar syntax
 - Java eliminated undesirable features
- JavaScript
 - Originally developed by Netscape in 1995 as “LiveScript”
 - No technical relationship
- C#
 - Released by Microsoft with .NET platform in 2000
 - Similar features and syntax

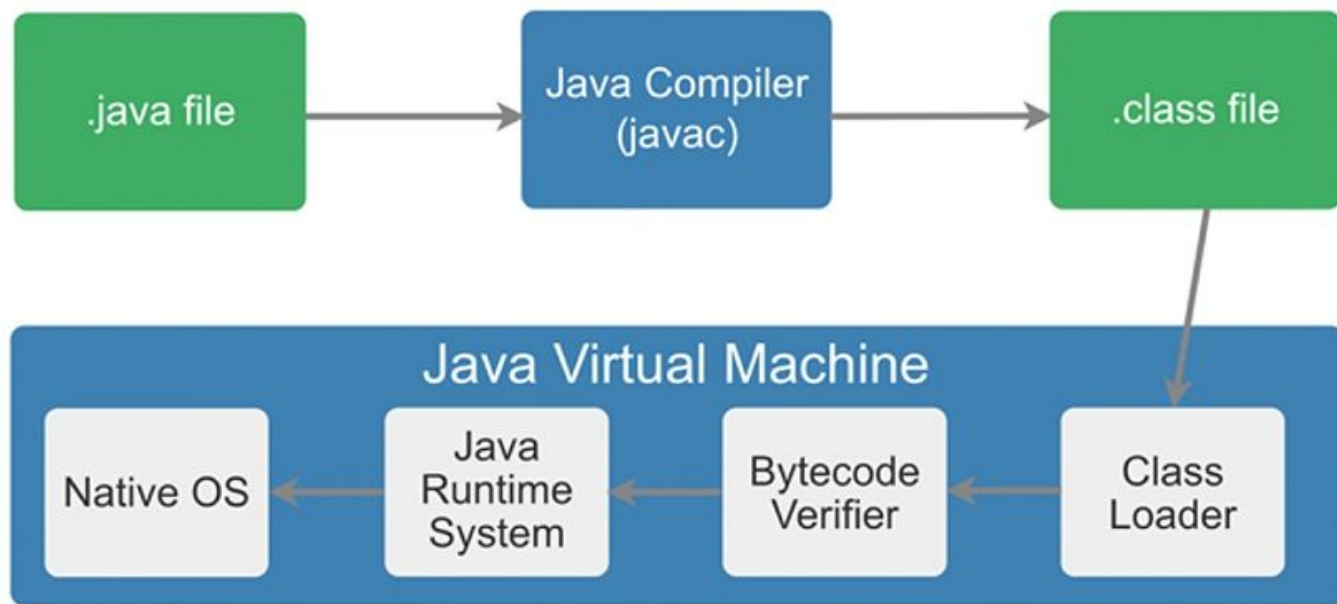


Parts of Java

- Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
 - The JVM interprets the **bytecode** into machine code and executes it.
- Java Runtime Environment (JRE)
 - Contains the tools required to **run** Java programs.
 - Contains the JVM along with Java's built-in libraries/packages
- Java Development Kit (JDK)
 - Contains the tools required to **write** Java programs.
 - Contains a JRE, javac compiler, etc.



What is Java bytecode?



Source: <http://www.techlila.com/write-programs-linux/>



IntelliJ

- IntelliJ is an Integrated Development Environment (IDE).
- It provides features to increase efficiency for software developers.
 - An easy to use user interface
 - Code organization
 - Immediate feedback when errors occur
 - Debugging
 - Syntax highlighting
 - Intellisense



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What is a Program?

A program is made up of two parts, **data** and **behavior**.

Today's focus: **data!**



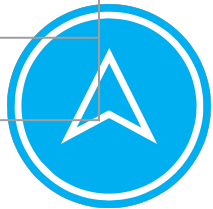
Variables

- A variable is a storage container paired with a symbolic name or identifier.
- Variable names must be unique.
- Variables contain a **value** of a certain **type**.
- Variables come about through **declaration**, and **initialization/assignment**.



Java Primitive Data Types

Type	Contains
boolean	true or false
byte	-128 to 127
char	'a', 'b', 'c', or any Unicode character
int	-2^{31} to $2^{31} - 1$
long	-2^{63} to $2^{63} - 1$
float	-3.4×10^{38} to $3.4 \times 10^{38} - 1$
double	$\pm 5.0 \times 10^{-324}$ to $\pm 1.7 \times 10^{308}$



String

A string represents a sequence of zero or more Unicode characters.

- **Declaring a String**

With `".."`

- **Escape Characters**

Like `\n` and `\t`. Needed because you can't really type a tab or return in a string directly.



Variable Declaration in Java

<data_type> <variable_name>;

int myAge;

String myName;

boolean isInstructor;

Each of the statements above **declare** a variable with a data type and a name.



Variable Initialization in Java

<data_type> <variable_name> = <value>;

int myAge = 50;

String myName = “Billie”;

boolean isInstructor = **true**;

Each of the statements above **initialize** a variable with a data type, a name, and a value.



Variable Assignment in Java

```
<variable_name> = <value>;
```

```
myAge = 50;
```

```
myName = "Billie";
```

```
isInstructor = true;
```

Each of the statements above **assign** a variable with a name to a value.

An assignment statement is only valid if the variable has already been declared or initialized!



Variable Naming

- Follow camel-casing conventions: the first word is lowercase, and subsequent words have the first letter capitalized
- Use pronounceable names for variables
- Use names over single characters
- Avoid creating multiple variables that are variations of the same name, as this creates confusion
- Use names that describe **WHAT** the variable does, not **HOW** it does it
- With booleans, use names that start with is, has, was, and so on; avoid using a double negative

CANNOT

- Start with a number
- Use keywords



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Expressions

An **expression** is statement of code which can be evaluated to produce a result. We use the result to often assign the value to another variable or as the input to another expression.

Today we will focus on **arithmetic expressions**.

Category	Operators
multiplicative	* or / or %
additive	+ or -
assignment	=



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Type Conversion

There are two types of casting that occur.

Widening / Implicit Casting occurs when we convert from one type with less size to a type with more size.

Narrowing occurs when we convert from a type with more size to a type with less size. **Truncation** occurs when you go from larger to smaller and have to lose some of the data in the process.



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Binary

Code Reviews

- **What:** Short sessions to review where you will talk me through a snippet of code.
- **When:** First 3 Friday's in Module 1
- **Why:** This will help me to identify if you are struggling with any concepts.

First one is this Friday! Schedule your time slot.



Reading

- Module 1
 - Logical Branching



QUESTIONS?

