Unit 1 The Basics of a Java Program



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Did you know?

Java is used by many large companies, including Amazon, Google, and Netflix, to develop their software systems.

1.

My First Java Program



Program Source Code

 It is a programming statement that is created by a programmer with a text editor or a visual programming tool and then saved in a file.

Types of Errors

Syntax Errors: are errors in form. These are encountered if a programmer inadvertently committed an error in typing the source code.

```
/* My first Java Program */

Capital letter P on keyword public

Public class Hello{

public static void main(String[] args)

//prints the string hello world on the screen
System.out.println("Hello World!")

}

Omission of semicolon (;) at the end of the statement
}
```

Types of Errors

Run-time error: Run-time errors are errors in meaning (semantic). These are sometimes referred to as logical errors.

2.

The Java Program Structure



Comment/Remark

 A comment is used to document a part of the code. It is not part of the program itself and is only used for documentation to make it more readable.

```
/* My first Java Program */
public class Hello
{
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        //prints the string hello world on the screen
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
```

Java Statement and Blocks

1.1. Java Identifiers

The statement or an instruction is one or more lines of code terminated by a semicolon.

A block is one or more statements bounded by open and closed curly braces that group the statements as one unit.

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

System.out.println("Hello");

System.out.println("World!");
}
Block
```

Java Identifiers

 Identifiers are tokens. These are usually user-defined names that represent labels of variables, methods, and classes to name a few.

1. The identifier should contain only

```
Letters [ ( a to z) and (A to Z) ]
Digits (0 to 9)
Special characters (only $ or _ )
```

2. Identifiers should not start with a digit.

But a digit can be used from the second character onwards.

```
1number // invalid
n1 // valid
num1 // valid
temp122 // valid
```

3. Java identifiers should not contain any special character except '\$' and '_'.

For example:- num\$, number_one, num\$_ are valid Java identifiers but num@, #num\$_ are illegal Java identifiers.

4. Java identifiers should not contain any space.

First Number // invalid First_Number // valid First\$Number // valid

5. Java identifiers are case sensitive.

The lowercase is different from the upper case.

```
int number = 10;
int NuMber = 20;
System.out.println(number); // 10
System.out.println(NuMber); // 20
```

Java Coding Convention

- 1. For names of classes, capitalize the first letter of the class name.
- 2. The word's first letter should start with a small letter for method and variable names.
- 3. For multi-word identifiers, capitalize the first letter of each word except the first word.

Valid Identifiers

a
A
age
num1
xyz

final_grade

employee33
id_Number
firstName
sum
aReA5b3h1

Invalid Identifiers

- 6 Must start with a letter
- 7 1st Name Must start with a letter
- 8 u&me & symbol is not a letter or number
- 9 percent% % symbol is not a letter of a number
- last name Space is not a letter or number

Java Keywords

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abstract	continue	for	new	switch
assert	default	goto	package	synchronized
boolean	do	if	private	this
break	double	implements	protected	throw
byte	else	import	public	throws
case	enum	instanceof	return	transient
catch	extends	int	short	try
char	final	interface	static	void
class	finally	long	strictfp	volatile
const	float	native	super	while

Literals: Literals in Java are a synthetic representation of boolean, character, numeric, or string data

Integral Literals: a numeric value(associated with numbers)
 without any fractional or exponential part

```
Decimal (base 10) //12
Hexadecimal (base 16) //0xC
Octal (base) //014
```

2. Floating Point Literals: Represent decimals with fractional parts that can be expressed instandard or scientific notations.

Example:

3.1416 54.567 5.8234e2 10.2000e4

3. Boolean Literals

Boolean literals have only two (2) values. It is either "True" or "False".

4. Character Literals

Characters represent a single Unicode character.

```
Example:
    'a'    Letter a
    'Z'    Letter Z
    '\n'    New line character
    '\b'    Carriage return character
```

5. String Literals

Represents multiple characters and are enclosed by double quotes.

Example:

"Hello World"

"Java Programming"

Primitive Data Type

 a primitive data type is a basic data type that is provided by the programming language and is not derived from any other type.

There are eight primitive data types in Java

- byte: A byte is an 8-bit signed integer.
- short: A short is a 16-bit signed integer.
- int: An int is a 32-bit signed integer.
- long: A long is a 64-bit signed integer.
- float: A float is a 32-bit floating-point number.
- double: A double is a 64-bit floating-point number.
- boolean: A boolean can have two possible values: true or false.
- char: A char is a 16-bit Unicode character.

Program Variables

- Variables are entities where data can be stored into it.
- Values stored in the variable can be changed anytime.
 It is an abstraction of the computer memory cell or collection of cells

Let's try!

In your Java workbook, kindly practice and do the

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