

## Chapter 2 Elementary Programming

### 2.1 Introduction

The focus of this chapter is on learning elementary programming techniques to solve problems.

### 2.2 Writing a Simple Program

Writing a program involves designing a strategy for solving the **problem** and then using a programming language to implement that strategy.

Writing a program involves designing algorithms and translating algorithms into programming instructions, or code.

An **algorithm** describes how a problem is solved by listing the actions that need to be taken and the order of their execution. Algorithms can help the programmer plan a program before writing it in a programming language.

Algorithms can be described in natural languages or in **pseudocode** (natural language mixed with some programming code).

It's always good practice to outline your program (or its underlying problem) in the form of an algorithm **before** you begin coding.

#### Variable

Rather than using *x* and *y* as variable names, choose **descriptive names**: in this case, *radius* for *radius*, and *area* for *area*.

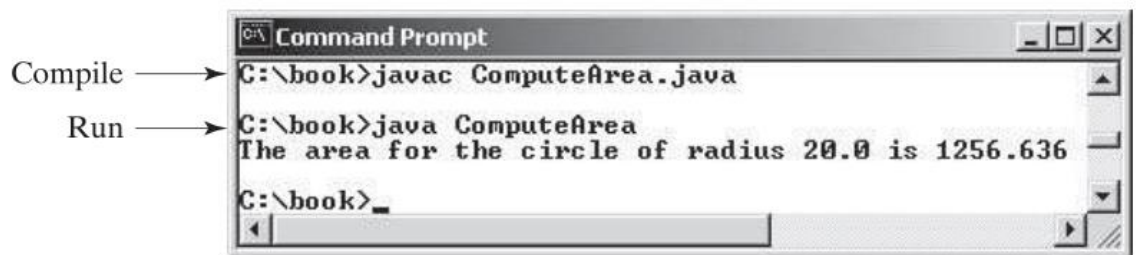
To let the compiler know what *radius* and *area* are, specify their **data types**. That is the kind of data stored in a variable, whether integer, real number, or something else. This is known as **declaring variables**.

**Java** provides simple data types for representing **integers, real numbers, characters, and Boolean** types. These types are known as **primitive data types or fundamental types**.

Real numbers (i.e., numbers with a decimal point) are represented using a method known as **floating-point** in computers. So, the real numbers are also called floating-point numbers. In Java, you can use the keyword **double** to declare a floating-point variable.

## LISTING 2.1 ComputeArea.java

```
1 public class ComputeArea {
2     public static void main(String[] args) {
3         double radius; // Declare radius
4         double area; // Declare area
5
6         // Assign a radius
7         radius = 20; // radius is now 20
8
9         // Compute area
10        area = radius * radius * 3.14159;
11
12        // Display results
13        System.out.println("The area for the circle of radius " +
14            radius + " is " + area);
15    }
16 }
```



**FIGURE 2.1** The program displays the area of a circle.

declare variable

assign value

tracing program

concatenate strings

The plus sign (+) has two meanings: one for addition and the other for concatenating (combining) strings. The plus sign (+) in lines 13–14 is called a string concatenation operator. It combines two strings into one. If a string is combined with a number, the **number is converted into a string** and concatenated with the other string. Therefore, the plus signs (+) in lines 13–14 concatenate strings into a longer string, which is then displayed in the output.

### 2.3 Reading Input from the Console

Reading input from the console enables the program to accept input from the user.

**Scanner** class for console input.

**System.out** to refer to the standard **output** device

**System.in** to the standard **input** device.

default, the output device is the display **monitor** and the input device is the **keyboard**.

console **output**, use the **println** method

Console input is not directly supported in Java, but you can use the **Scanner** class to create an object to read input from System.in

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
```

The syntax new Scanner(System.in) **creates an object** of the Scanner type.

The syntax Scanner input declares that **input is a variable whose type is Scanner**.

The whole line Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in) creates a Scanner object and assigns its reference to the variable input.

An object may invoke its methods. To invoke a method on an object is to ask the object to perform a task. You can invoke the nextDouble() method to read a double value as follows:

```
double radius = input.nextDouble();
```

### LISTING 2.2 ComputeAreaWithConsoleInput.java

```
1 import java.util.Scanner; // Scanner is in the java.util package      import class
2
3 public class ComputeAreaWithConsoleInput {
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         // Create a Scanner object
6         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);                      create a Scanner
7
8         // Prompt the user to enter a radius
9         System.out.print("Enter a number for radius: ");
10        double radius = input.nextDouble();                          read a double
11
12        // Compute area
13        double area = radius * radius * 3.14159;
14
15        // Display results
```

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```
16        System.out.println("The area for the circle of radius " +
17            radius + " is " + area);
18    }
19 }
```

Line 9: **prompt**, because it directs the user to enter an input. Your program should always tell the user what to enter when expecting input from the keyboard.

`println` moves to the beginning of the next line after displaying the string, but `print` does not advance to the next line when completed.

The `Scanner` class is in the `java.util` package.

Two types of `import` statements:

**Specific / Explicit** import

specifies a single class in the import statement.

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

**wildcard / Implicit** import

all the classes in a package by using the asterisk as the wildcard.

```
import java.util.*;
```

**no performance difference** between a specific import and a wildcard import declaration.

### LISTING 2.3 ComputeAverage.java

```
import class      1  import java.util.Scanner; // Scanner is in the java.util package
                  2
                  3  public class ComputeAverage {
                  4      public static void main(String[] args) {
create a Scanner  5          // Create a Scanner object
                  6          Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
                  7
```

## 2.4 Identifiers 39

```
8      // Prompt the user to enter three numbers
9      System.out.print("Enter three numbers: ");
10     double number1 = input.nextDouble();
11     double number2 = input.nextDouble();
12     double number3 = input.nextDouble();
13
14     // Compute average
15     double average = (number1 + number2 + number3) / 3;
16
17     // Display results
18     System.out.println("The average of " + number1 + " " + number2
19         + " " + number3 + " is " + average);
20 }
21 }
```

read a double

```
Enter three numbers: 1 2 3 [Enter]
The average of 1.0 2.0 3.0 is 2.0
```



enter input in one line

```
Enter three numbers: 10.5 [Enter]
11 [Enter]
11.5 [Enter]
The average of 10.5 11.0 11.5 is 11.0
```



enter input in multiple lines

You may enter three numbers separated by **spaces**, then press the Enter key, or enter each number followed by a press of the Enter key

input, process, and output—called **IPO**

## 2.4 Identifiers

**Identifiers** are the names that identify the elements such as classes, methods, and variables in a program.

Ex. ComputeAverage, main, input, number1, number2, number3

All **identifiers** must obey the following **rules**:

An identifier is a sequence of **characters** that consist of letters, digits, underscores (`_`), and dollar signs (`$`).

An identifier must **start** with a letter, an underscore (`_`), or a dollar sign (`$`). It **cannot** start with a **digit**.

An identifier **cannot be a reserved** word. (See Appendix A, “Java Keywords,” for a list of reserved words).

An identifier **cannot** be `true`, `false`, or `null`.

An identifier can be of any **length**.

# Java Keywords

The following fifty keywords are reserved for use by the Java language:

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

The keywords **goto** and **const** are C++ keywords reserved, but not currently used in Java. This enables Java compilers to identify them and to produce better error messages if they appear in Java programs.

The literal values **true**, **false**, and **null** are not keywords, just like literal value **100**. However, you cannot use them as identifiers, just as you cannot use **100** as an identifier.

In the code listing, we use the keyword color for **true**, **false**, and **null** to be consistent with their coloring in Java IDEs.

The **strictfp** keyword is a modifier for a method or class that enables it to use strict floating-point calculations.

Since Java is **case sensitive**, `area`, `Area`, and `AREA` are all **different** identifiers.

**Descriptive identifiers** make programs easy to read. Avoid using abbreviations for identifiers.

Using **complete** words is more descriptive.

For example, numberOfStudents is better than numStuds, numOfStuds, or numOfStudents.

Do not name identifiers with the **\$** character. By convention, the \$ character should be used only in **mechanically** generated source code.

## 2.5 Variables

Variables are used to represent values that may be changed in the program.

The variable declaration tells the compiler to allocate appropriate memory space for the variable based on its data type.

```
int count;           // Declare count to be an integer variable
double radius;       // Declare radius to be a double variable
double interestRate; // Declare interestRate to be a double variable
```

data types **int** and **double**. Later you will be introduced to additional data types, such as **byte**, **short**, **long**, **float**, **char**, and **boolean**.

```
int i, j, k; // Declare i, j, and k as int variables
```

declare a variable and initialize it in one step

```
int i = 1, j = 2;
```

Whenever possible, **declare** a variable and **assign** its initial value in **one** step. This will make the program easy to read and avoid programming errors.

**scope of a variable** is the part of the program where the variable can be referenced.

## 2.6 Assignment Statements and Assignment

Expressions An assignment statement designates a value for a variable.

An assignment statement can be used as an expression in Java.

**assignment operator** equal sign (=)

```
char a;
a = 'A';
expression
```

```
int y = 1;           // Assign 1 to variable y
double radius = 1.0; // Assign 1.0 to variable radius
int x = 5 * (3 / 2);  // Assign the value of the expression to x
x = y + 1;           // Assign the addition of y and 1 to x
double area = radius * radius * 3.14159; // Compute area
```

```
1 = x; // Wrong
```

assignment expression

```
System.out.println(x = 1);
```

which is equivalent to

```
x = 1;  
System.out.println(x);
```

```
i = j = k = 1;
```

which is equivalent to

```
k = 1;  
j = k;  
i = j;
```

You cannot assign a double value (1.0) to an int variable without using **type casting**.

## 2.6 Identify and fix the errors in the following code:

```
1 public class Test {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         int i = j = k = 2;  
4         System.out.println(i + " " + j + " " + k);  
5     }  
6 }
```

## 2.7 Named Constants

A named **constant** is an **identifier** that represents a permanent value.

The value of a variable may change during the execution of a program, but a named constant, or simply constant, represents permanent data that never changes.

```
final datatype CONSTANTNAME = value;
```

```
final double PI = 3.14159;  
final int SIZE = 3;
```

A constant must be **declared and initialized** in the same statement.



The word **final** is a Java keyword for declaring a constant.

**three benefits** of using constants:

- (1) you don't have to **repeatedly** type the same value if it is used multiple times;
- (2) if you have to **change** the constant value (e.g., from 3.14 to 3.14159 for PI), you need to change it only in a single location in the source code; and
- (3) a descriptive name for a constant makes the program **easy** to read.

## 2.8 Naming Conventions

Sticking with the Java naming conventions makes your programs easy to read and avoids errors.

**Variables and method names:**

Use lowercase.

If the name consists of several words, concatenate all in one, use lowercase for the first word, and capitalize the first letter of each subsequent word in the name.

For example, the variables **radius** and **area**, and the method **computeArea**.

**Class names:**

Capitalize the first letter of each word in the name. For example, the class name **ComputeArea**.

**Constants:**

Capitalize all letters in constants, and use underscores to connect words.

For example, the constant **PI** and **MAX\_VALUE**

Do not choose **class** names that are already used in the **Java library**.

For example, since the **System** class is defined in Java, you should not name your class System.

## 2.9 Numeric Data Types and Operations

Java has **six** numeric types for integers and floating-point numbers with operators **+**, **-**, **\***, **/**, **%**.

### 2.9.1 Numeric Types

Every data type has a **range** of values.

The compiler allocates **memory** space for each variable or constant according to its data type.

Java provides **eight** primitive data types for numeric values, characters, and Boolean values.

TABLE 2.1 Numeric Data Types			
<i>Name</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Storage Size</i>	
<b>byte</b>	$-2^7$ to $2^7 - 1$ (−128 to 127)	8-bit signed	byte type
<b>short</b>	$-2^{15}$ to $2^{15} - 1$ (−32768 to 32767)	16-bit signed	short type
<b>int</b>	$-2^{31}$ to $2^{31} - 1$ (−2147483648 to 2147483647)	32-bit signed	int type
<b>long</b>	$-2^{63}$ to $2^{63} - 1$ (i.e., −9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807)	64-bit signed	long type
<b>float</b>	Negative range: $-3.4028235E + 38$ to $-1.4E - 45$ Positive range: $1.4E - 45$ to $3.4028235E + 38$	32-bit IEEE 754	float type
<b>double</b>	Negative range: $-1.7976931348623157E + 308$ to $-4.9E - 324$ Positive range: $4.9E - 324$ to $1.7976931348623157E + 308$	64-bit IEEE 754	double type

four types for integers: **byte**, **short**, **int**, and **long**

Java uses **two** types for floating-point numbers: **float** and **double**.

The double type is twice as big as float, so the **double** is known as **double** precision and **float** as **single** precision.

## 2.9.2 Reading Numbers from the Keyboard

TABLE 2.2 Methods for Scanner Objects	
<i>Method</i>	<i>Description</i>
<b>nextByte()</b>	reads an integer of the <b>byte</b> type.
<b>nextShort()</b>	reads an integer of the <b>short</b> type.
<b>nextInt()</b>	reads an integer of the <b>int</b> type.
<b>nextLong()</b>	reads an integer of the <b>long</b> type.
<b>nextFloat()</b>	reads a number of the <b>float</b> type.
<b>nextDouble()</b>	reads a number of the <b>double</b> type.

If you enter a value with an **incorrect range** or **format**, a runtime error would occur. For example, you enter a value 128 for line 3, an error would occur because 128 is out of range for a byte type integer.

## 2.9.3 Numeric Operators

The **operators** for **numeric data** types include the standard arithmetic operators: addition (+), subtraction (−), multiplication (\*), division (/), and remainder (%)

**TABLE 2.3** Numeric Operators

<i>Name</i>	<i>Meaning</i>	<i>Example</i>	<i>Result</i>
+	Addition	34 + 1	35
-	Subtraction	34.0 - 0.1	33.9
*	Multiplication	300 * 30	9000
/	Division	1.0 / 2.0	0.5
%	Remainder	20 % 3	2

For example,  $5 / 2$  yields 2, not 2.5, and  $-5 / 2$  yields -2, not -2.5.

To perform a float-point division, **one of the operands** must be a floating-point number. For example,  $5.0 / 2$  yields 2.5.

$20 \% 13$  yields 7

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & 1 & \leftarrow \text{Quotient} \\
 \text{Divisor} \rightarrow 13 \overline{) 20} & & \leftarrow \text{Dividend} \\
 \underline{13} & & \\
 7 & & \leftarrow \text{Remainder}
 \end{array}$$

The remainder is negative only if the dividend is negative.

$20 \% -13$  yields 7

$-7 \% 3$  yields -1

$-26 \% -8$  yields -2

The **+** and **-** operators can be both **unary** and **binary**.

A unary operator has only one operand; a binary operator has two.

For example, the **-** operator in  $-5$  is a unary operator to negate number 5, whereas the **-** operator in  $4 - 5$  is a binary operator for subtracting 5 from 4.

## 2.9.4 Exponent Operations

**Math.pow(a, b)** method can be used to compute  $a^b$ .

```

System.out.println(Math.pow(2, 3)); // Displays 8.0
System.out.println(Math.pow(4, 0.5)); // Displays 2.0
System.out.println(Math.pow(2.5, 2)); // Displays 6.25
System.out.println(Math.pow(2.5, -2)); // Displays 0.16

```

## 2.10 Numeric Literals

A **literal** is a constant value that appears directly in a program.

```
int numberOfYears = 34;  
double weight = 0.305;
```

### 2.10.1 Integer Literals

An integer literal can be **assigned** to an integer variable as long as it can **fit** into the variable.

The statement **byte b = 128**, for example, will cause a compile **error**, because 128 cannot be stored in a variable of the byte type. (Note that the range for a byte value is from -128 to 127.)

**int** type, whose value is between  $-2^{31}$  (-2147483648) and  $2^{31} - 1$  (2147483647).

**Long** type, append the letter **L** or **l** to it. For example, to write integer 2147483648 in a Java program, you have to write it as **2147483648L** or **2147483648l**, because 2147483648 exceeds the range for the **int** value. **L** is preferred because **l** (lowercase L) can easily be confused with 1 (the digit one).

By **default**, an integer literal is a **decimal** integer number.

To denote a **binary** integer literal, use a leading **0b** or **0B** (zero B)

denote an **octal** integer literal, use a leading **0** (zero),

denote a **hexadecimal** integer literal, use a leading **0x** or **0X** (zero X).

```
System.out.println(0b1111); // Displays 15  
System.out.println(07777); // Displays 4095  
System.out.println(0xFFFF); // Displays 65535
```

### 2.10.2 Floating-Point Literals

By **default**, a floating-point literal is treated as a **double** type value.

For example, 5.0 is considered a double value, not a float value.

You can make a number a **float** by appending the letter **f** or **F**

you can make a number a **double** by appending the letter **d** or **D**.

For example, you can use **100.2f** or **100.2F** for a float number, and **100.2d** or **100.2D** for a double number.

The **double** type values are **more accurate** than the float type values.

```
System.out.println("1.0 / 3.0 is " + 1.0 / 3.0);
displays 1.0 / 3.0 is 0.3333333333333333
                        16 digits

System.out.println("1.0F / 3.0F is " + 1.0F / 3.0F);
displays 1.0F / 3.0F is 0.33333334
                        8 digits
```

### 2.10.3 Scientific Notation

**Floating**-point literals can be written in scientific notation in the form of  $a * 10^b$ .

123.456 is  $1.23456 * 10^2$  and for 0.0123456 is  $1.23456 * 10^{-2}$ .

1.23456E2 or 1.23456E+2

$1.23456 * 10^{-2}$  as 1.23456E-2. **E (or e)**

The float and double types are used to represent numbers with a decimal point.

**Why are they called floating-point numbers?**

These numbers are stored in scientific notation internally.

When a number such as 50.534 is converted into scientific notation, such as 5.0534E+1, its decimal point is moved (i.e., floated) to a new position.

To improve **readability**, Java allows you to use **underscores** between two digits in a number literal. For example, the following literals are correct.

```
long ssn = 232_45_4519;
long creditCardNumber = 2324_4545_4519_3415L;
```

### 2.11 Evaluating Expressions and Operator Precedence

Java expressions are evaluated in the same way as arithmetic expressions.

Operators contained within pairs of **parentheses** are evaluated **first**.

Parentheses can be **nested**, in which case the expression in the **inner** parentheses is evaluated **first**.

When more than one operator is used in an expression, the following **operator precedence rule** is used to determine the order of evaluation.

**Multiplication, division, and remainder** operators are applied **first**.

If an expression contains **several** multiplication, division, and remainder operators, they are applied from **left to right**.

Addition and subtraction operators are applied last.

If an expression contains several addition and subtraction operators, they are applied from left to right.

### 2.13 Augmented Assignment Operators

The operators +, -, \*, /, and % can be combined with the assignment operator to form augmented operators.

**TABLE 2.4** Augmented Assignment Operators

Operator	Name	Example	Equivalent
<code>+=</code>	Addition assignment	<code>i += 8</code>	<code>i = i + 8</code>
<code>-=</code>	Subtraction assignment	<code>i -= 8</code>	<code>i = i - 8</code>
<code>*=</code>	Multiplication assignment	<code>i *= 8</code>	<code>i = i * 8</code>
<code>/=</code>	Division assignment	<code>i /= 8</code>	<code>i = i / 8</code>
<code>%=</code>	Remainder assignment	<code>i %= 8</code>	<code>i = i % 8</code>

The augmented assignment operator is performed last after all the other operators in the expression are evaluated.

```
x /= 4 + 5.5 * 1.5;
```

is same as

```
x = x / (4 + 5.5 * 1.5);
```

There are no spaces in the augmented assignment operators. For example, += should be +=.

```
x += 2; // Statement  
System.out.println(x += 2); // Expression
```

### 2.14 Increment and Decrement Operators

The increment operator (++) and decrement operator (--) are for incrementing and decrementing a variable by 1.

These operators are known as postfix increment (or postincrement) and postfix decrement (or postdecrement), because the operators ++ and -- are placed after the variable.

```
int i = 3, j = 3;  
i++; // i becomes 4  
j--; // j becomes 2
```

These operators can also be placed before the variable.

```
int i = 3, j = 3;
++i; // i becomes 4
--j; // j becomes 2
```

`++i` increments `i` by 1 and `--j` decrements `j` by 1.

These operators are known as **prefix increment** (or **preincrement**) and **prefix decrement** (or **predecrement**).

**TABLE 2.5** Increment and Decrement Operators

Operator	Name	Description	Example (assume <code>i = 1</code> )
<code>++var</code>	preincrement	Increment <code>var</code> by 1, and use the new <code>var</code> value in the statement	<code>int j = ++i;</code> // <code>j</code> is 2, <code>i</code> is 2
<code>var++</code>	postincrement	Increment <code>var</code> by 1, but use the original <code>var</code> value in the statement	<code>int j = i++;</code> // <code>j</code> is 1, <code>i</code> is 2
<code>--var</code>	predecrement	Decrement <code>var</code> by 1, and use the new <code>var</code> value in the statement	<code>int j = --i;</code> // <code>j</code> is 0, <code>i</code> is 0
<code>var--</code>	postdecrement	Decrement <code>var</code> by 1, and use the original <code>var</code> value in the statement	<code>int j = i--;</code> // <code>j</code> is 1, <code>i</code> is 0

```
int i = 10;
int newNum = 10 * i++;
System.out.print("i is " + i
    + ", newNum is " + newNum);
```

Same effect as

```
int newNum = 10 * i;
i = i + 1;
```

```
i is 11, newNum is 100
```

```
int i = 10;
int newNum = 10 * (++i);
System.out.print("i is " + i
    + ", newNum is " + newNum);
```

Same effect as

```
i = i + 1;
int newNum = 10 * i;
```

```
i is 11, newNum is 110
```

**Avoid** using these operators in expressions that modify multiple variables or the same variable multiple times, such as this one: `int k = ++i + i`.

## 2.15 Numeric Type Conversions

Floating-point numbers can be converted into integers using explicit casting.

Java **automatically** converts the **integer to a floating-point** value.

So,  $3 * 4.5$  is same as  $3.0 * 4.5$ .

You can always assign a value to a numeric variable whose type **supports a larger range** of values; thus, for instance, you can assign a **long** value to a **float** variable.

You **cannot**, however, assign a value to a variable of a type with a **smaller range** unless you use type casting.

**Casting** is an operation that **converts** a value of one data type into a value of another data type.

Casting a type with a **small** range **to** a type with a **larger** range is known as **widening a type**.

Casting a type with a **large** range **to** a type with a **smaller** range is known as **narrowing a type**.

Java will **automatically widen a type**, but you must **narrow** a type **explicitly**.

**syntax** for casting a type is to specify the target type in parentheses, followed by the variable's name or the value to be cast.

```
System.out.println((int)1.7);
```

displays **1**. When a **double** value is cast into an **int** value, the fractional part is truncated. The following statement

```
System.out.println((double)1 / 2);
```

displays **0.5**, because **1** is cast to **1.0** first, then **1.0** is divided by **2**. However, the statement

```
System.out.println(1 / 2);
```

displays **0**, because **1** and **2** are both integers and the resulting value should also be an integer.

Casting is necessary if you are assigning a value to a variable of a smaller type range, such as **assigning a double value to an int variable**. A compile error will occur if casting is not used in situations of this kind. However, be careful when using casting, as **loss of information** might lead to inaccurate results.

Casting does **not change** the variable being cast. For example, **d** is not changed after casting in the following code:

```
double d = 4.5;
int i = (int)d; // i becomes 4, but d is still 4.5
```

```
int sum = 0;
sum += 4.5; // sum becomes 4 after this statement
sum += 4.5 is equivalent to sum = (int)(sum + 4.5).
```

```
int i = 1;
byte b = i; // Error because explicit casting is required
```

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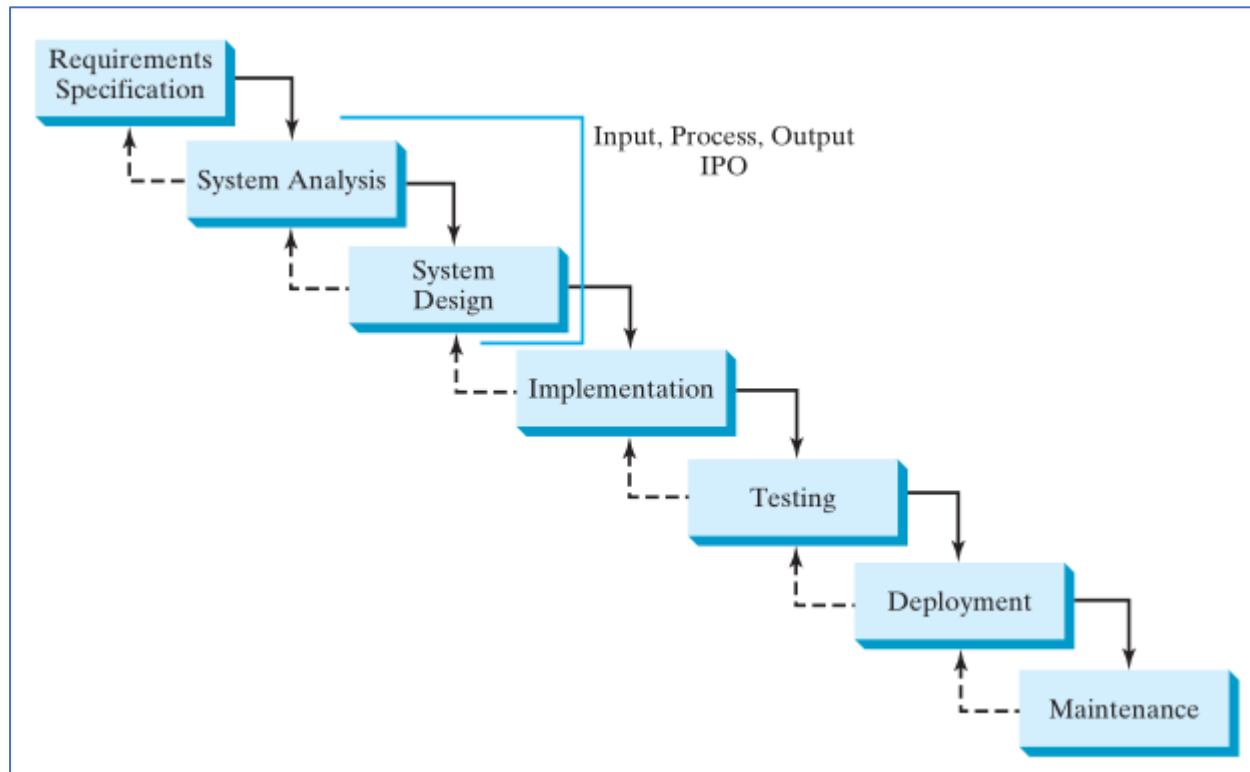


## 2.16 Software Development Process

The software development life cycle is a multistage process that includes requirements specification, analysis, design, implementation, testing, deployment, and maintenance.

Developing a software product is an **engineering process**.

Software products, no matter how large or how small, have the same life cycle.



At any stage of the software development life cycle, it may be necessary to **go back** to a previous stage to correct errors or deal with other issues that might prevent the software from functioning as expected.

**Requirements specification** is a formal process that seeks to **understand the problem** that the software will address and to **document in detail** what the **software system needs to do**.

**System analysis** seeks to analyze the **data flow** and to identify the system's **input** and **output**.

**System design** is to design a **process** for obtaining the output from the input. input, process, and output (IPO).

**Implementation** involves **translating** the system design into **programs**.

**Testing** ensures that the code **meets the requirements** specification and weeds out **bugs**.

**Deployment** makes the software available for **use**.

**Maintenance** is concerned with updating and improving the product.

## 2.18 Common Errors and Pitfalls (Drawbacks, Difficulties)

Common elementary programming errors often involve undeclared variables, uninitialized variables, integer overflow, unintended integer division, and round-off errors.

Common Error 1: **Undeclared/Uninitialized** Variables and **Unused** Variables

Common Error 2: Integer **Overflow**

Numbers are stored with a limited number of digits.

When a variable is assigned a value that is too large (in size) to be stored, it causes **overflow**.

For example, executing the following statement causes overflow, because the **largest** value that can be stored in a variable of the int type is 2147483647. 2147483648 will be too large for an int value.

```
int value = 2147483647 + 1;  
// value will actually be -2147483648
```

When a **floating-point number is too small** (i.e., too close to zero) to be stored, it causes **underflow**. Java approximates it to zero, so normally you don't need to be concerned about underflow.

Common Error 3: **Round-off** Errors

A round-off error, also called a rounding error, is the difference between the calculated approximation of a number and its exact mathematical value.

```
System.out.println(1.0 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1);  
displays 0.5000000000000001, not 0.5, and  
System.out.println(1.0 - 0.9);  
displays 0.09999999999999998, not 0.1. Integers are stored precisely. Therefore, calculations with integers yield a precise integer result.
```

Common Error 4: **Unintended Integer Division**

Java uses the same divide operator, namely /, to perform **both integer** and **floating-point** division.

When two operands are **integers**, the / operator performs an integer division. The result of the operation is an integer. The **fractional** part is **truncated**.

To force two integers to perform a floating-point division, make **one of** the integers into a floating-point number.

```
int number1 = 1;  
int number2 = 2;  
double average = (number1 + number2) / 2;  
System.out.println(average);
```

(a)

(a)Output-1

```
int number1 = 1;
int number2 = 2;
double average = (number1 + number2) / 2.0;
System.out.println(average);
```

(b)

(b) Output- 1.5

Common Pitfall 1: **Redundant** Input Objects

New programmers often write the code to create multiple input objects for each input.

For example, the following code reads an integer and a double value.

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Enter an integer: ");
int v1 = input.nextInt();

Scanner input1 = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Enter a double value: ");
double v2 = input1.nextDouble();
```

**BAD CODE**

The code is **not wrong**, but **inefficient**.

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Enter an integer: ");
int v1 = input.nextInt();
System.out.print("Enter a double value: ");
double v2 = input.nextDouble();
```

**GOOD CODE**

