2. Data and Expressions

- Objectives when we have completed this set of notes, you should be familiar with:
 - character strings and escape sequences
 - variables and assignment
 - primitive data
 - if and if-else statements
 - expressions and operator precedence
 - Accepting standard input from the user
 - data conversions

Character Strings

- A string of characters can be represented as a string literal by putting double quotes around the text:
- Examples:

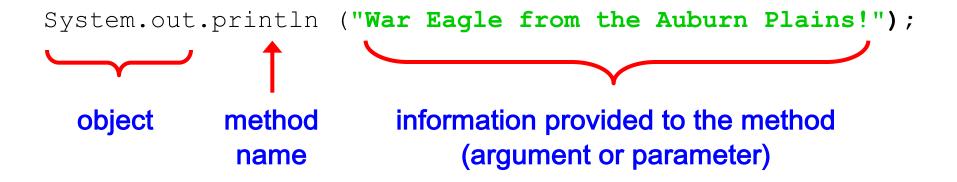
```
"This is a string literal."
"Pat Doe, 123 Main Street"
"7"
```

- When your program is running, a character string is an object in Java, defined by the String class
- Every string literal represents a String object

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The println Method

- Recall that the println method prints a character string and then advances to the next line
- The System.out object is an output stream corresponding to a display destination (the monitor screen)



The print Method

- The print method for the system.out object is similar to the println method, except that it does not advance to the next line after it prints
- Therefore anything printed after a print statement will appear on the same line
- See <u>CountOff.java</u>

String Concatenation

 The string concatenation operator (+) appends one string to the end of another

```
"Peanut butter " + "and jelly"
```

- A string literal cannot be broken across two lines in a program
- It can also append a number to a string
- See <u>ConcatenationExample1</u>

String Concatenation

 The + operator is a binary operator applied to two operands; if at least one the operands is a String then string concatenation is done

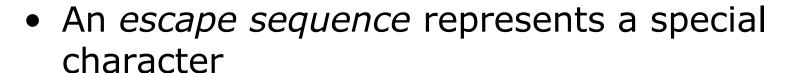
 The + operator also used for addition <u>if both</u> operands are numeric

- The + operator is evaluated left to right, but parentheses can be used to force the order
- See <u>ConcatenationExample2</u> (Experiment with String expressions in the interactions pane in jGRASP)

Escape Sequences

- What if we wanted to print a quotation mark " (a.k.a. double quote)?
- The following line would cause a compile-time error - it would interpret the second quote as the end of the string

```
System.out.println ("I said "Hello" to you.");
```



- An escape sequence begins with a backslash character (\)
 - System.out.println ("I said \"Hello\" to you.");



Escape Sequences

Some Java escape sequences:

Escape Sequence	<u>Meaning</u>
\t	tab
\n	newline
\r	carriage return
\ "	double quote
\ '	single quote
\\	backslash

- \r\n are used together by println in Windows to move to the next line
- See EscapeSeq.java

Variables

- A variable is a name for a "location" in memory that holds a value
- There are many types of values or data...
 - integers values (e.g., -60, 0, 1, 7, 23)
 - floating point values (e.g., -5.6, 0.0, 2.4, 35.2)
 - characters values (e.g., 'j', 'P', '5')
 - boolean values (true, false)
 - references to objects
- We'll focus on int types (integer values) for now and then examine the other types later

Variables

 A variable must be declared with the type of information that it will hold or reference

Multiple variables can be created in one declaration

```
int count, temp, result;
```

Variable Initialization

A variable can be "initialized" to a particular value

```
int sum = 0;
int base = 32, max = 149;
```

 When a variable is referenced in a program, its current value is used

```
System.out.println("base is " + base);
would print...
base is 32
```

Assignment

- An assignment statement changes value of variable
 total = 55;
- The assignment operator =
- How does it work?
 - Evaluate the expression on the right side
 - Store the result in the variable on the left side (previous value is overwritten)
- Java is strongly typed: variable type and expression type must be compatible!
- See <u>VariablesExample.java</u> (Run in Canvas ♠, ♣)

Primitive Data

- There are 8 primitive data types in Java
- Integer types:
 - byte, short, int, long

int age = 19;

- Floating point types:
 - float, double

double avg = 94.8;

- Character type:
 - char

char letter = 'A';

- Boolean type:
 - boolean

boolean isCold = false;

Expressions

 An expression is a construct made up of one or more variables, operators, and method invocations that evaluates to a single value

 Arithmetic expressions compute numeric results and make use of the arithmetic

operators:

Addition +
Subtraction Multiplication *
Division /
Remainder (Modulus) 9

 If either operand is a floating point value, then the result is a floating point value

Division and Remainder

If both operands to the division operator (/)
are integer types, the result is an integer (the
fractional part is discarded)

 The remainder (or mod) operator (%) returns the remainder after dividing the first operand by the second

RemainderCheck.java

Assignment Revisited

 The right and left hand sides of an assignment statement can contain the same variable

First, one is added to the original value of count

```
count = count + 1;
```



Then the result is stored back into count (overwriting the original value)

Increment and Decrement

- The increment and decrement operators use only one operand
- The increment operator (++) adds one to its operand
- The decrement operator (--) subtracts one from its operand
- The statement

```
count++;
```

is functionally equivalent to

```
count = count + 1;
```

Assignment Operators

- Often we perform an operation on a variable, and then store the result back into that variable
- Java provides assignment operators to simplify that process
- For example, the statement

```
num += count;
```

is equivalent to

```
num = num + count;
```

Characters

- A char variable stores a single character
- Character literals are in single quotes:

```
'a' 'X' '7' '$' ',' '\n'
```

Example declarations:

```
char topGrade = 'A';
char terminator = ';', separator = ' ';
```

 A primitive character variable holds only one character, while a String object holds multiple characters

Boolean

- A boolean value represents a true or false condition
- The reserved words true and false are the only valid values for a boolean type

```
boolean done = false;
```

 A boolean variable can also be used to represent any two states, such as a light bulb being on or off

Relational Operators

Boolean values can be calculated using relational operators

Operator	Meaning
==	Equal
! =	Not equal
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal

• Example:

```
boolean greater = 89 > 50; // greater set to true
int temp = 99;
boolean isCold = temp < 50; // isCold set to false</pre>
```

if Statements

 Allows a program to execute a statement or block { } only under certain conditions:

```
int temp = 39;
if (temp < 50) {
    System.out.println("It's cold!");
}
System.out.println("Temp = " + temp);</pre>
```

IfExample.java

if Statements

You can also use a boolean variable:

```
int temp = 39;
boolean isCold = temp < 50;
if (isCold) {
    System.out.println("It's cold!");
}
System.out.println("Temp = " + temp);</pre>
```

IfExample2.java

if-else Statements

 What if you wanted to execute one statement or block { } for a true condition and a different statement or block { } for a false condition?

```
int num1 = 9, num2 = 7;
if (num1 < num2) {
    System.out.println(num1 + " is < " + num2);
}
else {
    System.out.println(num1 + " is >= " + num2);
}
System.out.println("Done!");
```

What is the output?

- IfElseExample.java
- What if num1 and num2 both hold value 10?

Interactive Programs Using Standard Input

- Programs generally need user input
- The Scanner class provides methods for reading input values of various types
- A Scanner object can be set up to read input from various sources (including keyboard input)
- Keyboard input is represented by the System.in object

Numerical Input Example

 The following line creates a Scanner object that reads from the keyboard:

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

- The new operator creates the Scanner object
- Once created, the Scanner object can be used to get user input. For example, nextInt retrieves an integer value:

```
int numberItems = scan.nextInt();
```

• See <u>Difference.java</u> (also Run in Canvas ♥; ▶)

Part 2

- More on primitive types
- Character sets
- Operator precedence
- Increment and Decrement: prefix and postfix form
- Data conversion
- Reading user input

Numeric Primitive Data

 Why have multiple types for integer and floating point values? They are different sizes in memory, which dictate the range of possible values

<u>Type</u>	<u>Storage</u>	Min Value	Max Value	
byte	8 bits	-128	127	
short int	16 bits 32 bits	-32,768 -2,147,483,648	32,767 2,147,483,647	
long	64 bits	$< -9 \times 10^{18}$	$> 9 \times 10^{18}$	
float	32 bits	+/- 3.4 x 10 ³⁸ with 7 significant digits		
double	64 bits	+/- 1.7 x 10 ³⁰⁸ wit	h 15 significant digits	

Numeric Primitive Data

- Suppose you want to declare a variable to hold an integer value
- You could use a byte value...

```
byte scheduledCourses;
```

- Takes up only a small space (8 bits)
- However, it can only be between -127 and 127
- Or an int value

```
int storeInventory;
```

- Now you can go all the way to 2,147,483,647!
- However, reserves much more space (32 bits)

Numeric Primitive Data

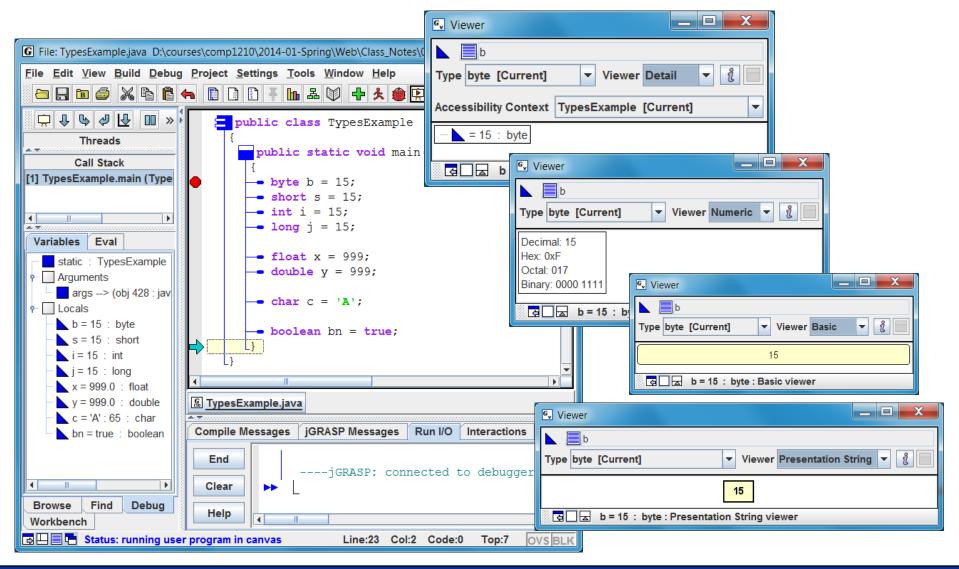
 Think of it as picking out a suitcase. How much space do you have? How much do you want to be able to carry?



 Your computer/phone/etc has plenty of space, so use <u>int</u> and <u>double</u> values "just in case"

<u>TypesExample.java</u> (set breakpoint; Debug ●; single step ↓; open viewers by dragging variables from Debug tab)

jGRASP Viewers for byte



jGRASP Numeric Viewers for Primitive Types (except boolean) in a Canvas Window

byte b

Decimal: 15 Hex: 0xF Octal: 017 Binary: 0000 1111

short s

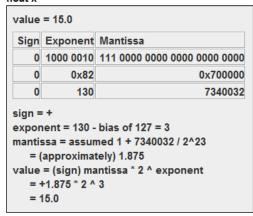
Decimal: 15 Hex: 0xF Octal: 017 Binary: 0000 0000 0000 1111

int i

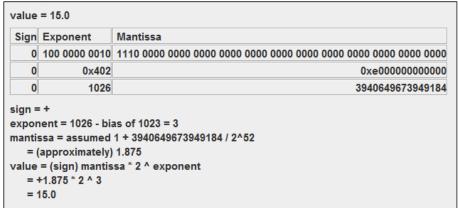
Decimal: 15 Hex: 0xF Octal: 017 Binary: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 1111

long j

float x



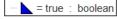
double y



char c

Character: A
Source format: 'A'
Decimal: 65
Hex: 0x41
Octal: 0101
Binary: 0000 0000 0100 0001

boolean bn



Character Sets

- A character set is an ordered list of characters, and character represents a unique number
 - A char variable in Java can store any character from the Unicode character set
 - The Unicode character set uses sixteen bits per character, allowing for 65,536 unique characters
 - It is an international character set, containing symbols and characters from many world languages
- Experiment with String expressions in the interactions pane in jGRASP

Character Sets

- The ASCII character set is older and smaller than Unicode, but is still quite popular
- The ASCII characters are a subset of the Unicode character set, including:

```
uppercase letters
lowercase letters
punctuation
digits
special symbols
control characters
```

```
A, B, C, ...
a, b, c, ...
period, semi-colon, ...
0, 1, 2, ...
&, |, \, ...
carriage return, tab, ...
```

Operator Precedence

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Operators can be combined into complex expressions

```
result = total + count / max - offset;
```

- Operators have a precedence which determines the order in which they are evaluated
- Multiplication, division, and remainder are evaluated before addition, subtraction, and string concatenation
- Arithmetic operators with the same precedence are evaluated from left to right, but parentheses can be used to force the evaluation order

Operator Precedence

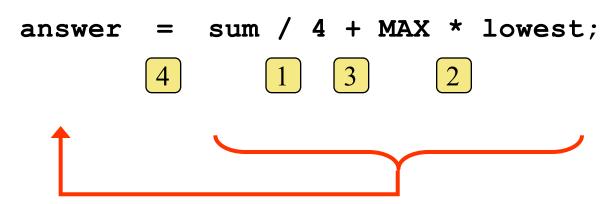
 What is the order of evaluation in the following expressions?

$$a + b + c + d + \epsilon$$
1 2 3 4

Assignment Revisited

 The assignment operator has a lower precedence than the arithmetic operators

First the expression on the right hand side of the = operator is evaluated



Then the result is stored in the variable on the left hand side

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Increment and Decrement

 The increment and decrement operators can be applied in postfix form:

count++ uses old value in the expression, then increments

• or *prefix form*:

++count increments then uses new value in the expression

- When used as part of a larger expression, the two forms can have different effects
 - Use the increment and decrement operators with care

<u>IncrementOperatorExample</u>

Assignment Operators

 There are many assignment operators in Java, including the following:

<u>Operator</u>	<u>Example</u>	<u>Equivalent To</u>
+=	x += y	x = x + y
-=	x -= y	x = x - y
*=	x *= y	x = x * y
/=	x /= y	x = x / y
% =	x %= y	x = x % y

Assignment Operators

- The right hand side of an assignment operator can be a complex expression
- The entire right-hand expression is evaluated first, then the result is combined with the original variable
- Therefore

```
result /= (total-MIN) % num;
```

is equivalent to

```
result = result / ((total-MIN) % num);
```

Data Conversion

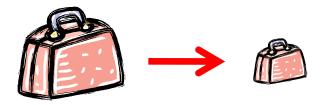
- Sometimes it is necessary to convert data from one type to another
- For example, we may want to treat an integer as a floating point value
- Conversions must be handled carefully to avoid losing information

Data Conversion

- Narrowing conversions go from a large data type to a smaller one <u>or</u> from a floating point type to an integer type which has less detail
 - If the an int value was 700 (larger than the max byte value of 127), information would be lost when converted to an byte
 - If your grade of 89.8 (a double) was converted to an int type, the new value would be 89 (a 'B'!) ⊗
- Widening conversions go from a smaller to larger data type <u>or</u> from an integer type to a floating point type which has more detail
 - If a 'byte' with value 95 was converted to an 'int' type, the new value would still be 95 (your new grade could now go to 2,147,483,647!) ☺

Data Conversion

- Think about the suitcase example...
 - Narrowing conversion: you may lose data going from a larger data type to a smaller data type



Not ok if the larger one was full!

- In Java, data conversions can occur in three ways:
 - assignment conversion
 - promotion
 - casting

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Assignment Conversion

- Assignment conversion: a value of one type is assigned to a variable of another; example:
 - Variable money is a double type. Variable dollars is an int type.
 - The assignment below converts the <u>value</u> in dollars to a <u>double</u> as it assigns it to money

```
money = dollars;
```

- The type and value of dollars did not change
- Allows only widening conversions

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Data Conversion

- Promotion happens when operators in expressions convert their operands
- For example:

```
sum is a double (as is result)
count is an int
```

The value of count is converted to a floating point value to perform the following calculation:

```
result = sum / count;
```

Casting

- Casting allows narrowing conversions and widening conversions, so be careful!
- It is also easy to detect in code
- To cast, the type (in parentheses) is placed <u>in</u> front of the value being converted
- For example, if total and count are integers, the value of total could be converted to a double with a cast to avoid integer division:

```
result = (double) total / count;
```

Constants

- A constant is similar to a variable, but it is placed at the class level (e.g., above the main method), written in all CAPS with underscores, and its initial value cannot be changed
- The static modifier allows it to be shared among all methods in the class; the final modifier prevents the initial value from changing

```
static final int MIN_HEIGHT = 69;
```

 The compiler will issue an error if you try to change the value of a constant

Constants

- Constants are useful for three important reasons...
- 1. Constants improve code readability
 - For example, MAX_LOAD means more than the literal 250 (a.k.a., a magic number)
- 2. Second, they facilitate program maintenance
 - If a constant is used in multiple places, its value need only be updated in one place
- 3. Third, they prevent a value from changing, avoiding inadvertent errors by other programmers
- Constants will be revisited in Chapter 4

Reading Input

 The Scanner class is part of the java.util class library, and must be imported into a program to be used:

import java.util.Scanner;

- See <u>ReadLineExample</u>
- The nextLine method reads all of the input until the end of the line is found
- Object creation and class libraries are discussed further in Chapter 3

Input Tokens

- Unless specified otherwise, white space is used to separate the elements (called tokens) of the input
- White space includes space characters, tabs, new line characters
- The next method of the Scanner class reads the next input token and returns it as a string
- Methods such as nextInt and nextDouble read data of particular types
- See <u>DinnerForGroup</u> (Run in Canvas ♀ ; ►)

Scanning a String

- A Scanner object can be created to scan any String, breaking it into tokens
- Suppose we want to separate a phrase into words and print each word on a separate line

```
Scanner scan = new Scanner("this is a test");
System.out.println(scan.next());
System.out.println(scan.next());
. . .
```

StringScan.java (Run in Canvas ♀; single step ↓)