

# COMP6048001

## Data Structures

Primitive Data Type and Reference Variable  
Week 2

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# Session Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected to be able to:

- LO 1. Describe the use of various data structures
- LO 2. Apply appropriate operations for maintaining common data structures
- LO 3. Apply appropriate data structures and simple algorithms for solving computing problems
- LO 5. Explain the efficiency of some basic algorithms



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# Topics

- Primitive Data Type
- Reference Variable



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# Primitive Data Type and Reference Variable



# Primitive Data Type and Reference Variable

- Java distinguishes between two kinds of entities: primitive types (numbers, characters) and objects.
- Values associated with primitive-type data are stored in primitive-type variables.
- Objects, however, are associated with reference variables, which store an object's address.



# Primitive Data Types

Java Primitive Data Types in Increasing Order of Range

Data Type	Range of Values	Size
<b>byte</b>	-128 through 127	1 byte
<b>short</b>	-32,768 through 32,767	2 bytes
<b>int</b>	-2,147,483,648 through 2,147,483,647	4 bytes
<b>long</b>	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 through 9,223,372,036,854,775,807	8 bytes
<b>float</b>	Approximately $\pm 10^{-38}$ through $\pm 10^{38}$ and 0 with 6 digits precision	4 bytes
<b>double</b>	Approximately $\pm 10^{-308}$ through $\pm 10^{308}$ and 0 with 15 digits precision	8 bytes
<b>char</b>	The Unicode character set	2 bytes
<b>boolean</b>	<b>true, false</b>	1 bit

- The primitive data types for Java represent numbers, characters, and boolean values (true, false).
- Integers are represented by data types byte, short, int, and long; real numbers are represented by float and double.



# Type char

- Type **char** is used in Java to represent characters. Java uses the Unicode character set (two bytes per character), which provides a much richer set of characters than the ASCII character set (one byte per character) used by many earlier languages.
- The table on the next slide shows the first 128 Unicode characters, which correspond to the ASCII characters.





# Tutorial 1 - ASCII

## From the ASCII table...

- Input from user
- Print the ASCII value based on the input

```
Enter a character: f
ASCII value of f is: 102
```

Symbol	Decimal	Binary
A	65	01000001
B	66	01000010
C	67	01000011
D	68	01000100
E	69	01000101
F	70	01000110
G	71	01000111
H	72	01001000
I	73	01001001
J	74	01001010
K	75	01001011
L	76	01001100
M	77	01001101
N	78	01001110
O	79	01001111
P	80	01010000
Q	81	01010001
R	82	01010010
S	83	01010011
T	84	01010100
U	85	01010101
V	86	01010110
W	87	01010111
X	88	01011000
Y	89	01011001
Z	90	01011010

Symbol	Decimal	Binary
a	97	01100001
b	98	01100010
c	99	01100011
d	100	01100100
e	101	01100101
f	102	01100110
g	103	01100111
h	104	01101000
i	105	01101001
j	106	01101010
k	107	01101011
l	108	01101100
m	109	01101101
n	110	01101110
o	111	01101111
p	112	01110000
q	113	01110001
r	114	01110010
s	115	01110011
t	116	01110100
u	117	01110101
v	118	01110110
w	119	01110111
x	120	01111000
y	121	01111001
z	122	01111010



# The First 128 Unicode Symbols

	000	001	002	003	004	005	006	007
0	Null		Space	0	@	P	`	p
1			!	1	A	Q	a	q
2			"	2	B	R	b	r
3			#	3	C	S	c	s
4			\$	4	D	T	d	t
5			%	5	E	U	e	u
6			&	6	F	V	f	v
7	Bell		'	7	G	W	g	w
8	Backspace		(	8	H	X	h	x
9	Tab		)	9	I	Y	I	y
A	Line feed		*	:	J	Z	j	z
B	Escape		+	;	K	[	k	{
C	Form feed		,	<	L	\	l	
D	Return		-	=	M	]	m	}
E			.	>	N	^	n	~
F			/	?	O	_	o	delete



# Tutorial 2 - Unicode

- Print Unicode Symbols

```
Unicode: A_*
```



# Primitive-Type Variables

- Java uses declaration statements to declare and initialize primitive-type variables.

```
int countItems;  
double sum = 0.0;  
char star = '*';  
boolean moreData;
```



# Primitive-Type Constants

- Java programmers usually use all uppercase letters for constant identifiers, with an under- score symbol between words.
- The keywords **static final** identify a constant value that is **static** (more on this later) and **final**—that is, can't be changed.

```
static final int MAX_SCORE = 999;  
static final double G = 3.82;
```



# Operators

- The arithmetic operators (\*, /, +, −) can be used with any of the primitive numeric types or type char, but not with type boolean.
- This is also the case for the Java remainder operator (%) and the increment (++) and decrement (−) operators.

Compound assignment = <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/compound-assignment-operators-java/>  
<https://www.javatpoint.com/operator-shifting>



Operator Precedence

Rank	Operator	Operation	Associativity
1	[]	Array subscript	Left
	()	Method call	
	.	Member access	
	++	Postfix increment	
	--	Postfix decrement	
2	++	Prefix increment	Right
	--	Prefix decrement	
	+ −	Unary plus or minus	
	!	Complement	
	~	Bitwise complement	
	(type)	Type cast	
	new	Object creation	
3	*, /, %	Multiply, divide, remainder	Left
4	+	Addition or string concatenation	Left
	−	Subtraction	
5	<<	Signed bit shift left	Left
	>>	Signed bit shift right	
	>>>	Unsigned bit shift right	
6	<, <=	Less than, less than or equal	Left
	>, >=	Greater than, greater than or equal	
	instanceof	Reference test	
7	==	Equal to	Left
	!=	Not equal to	
8	&	Bitwise and	Left
9	^	Bitwise exclusive or	Left
10		Bitwise or	Left
11	&&	Logical and	Left
12		Logical or	Left
13	?:	Conditional	Left
14	=	Assignment	Right
	*=, /=, %=, +=, −=, <<=, >>=, >>>=, &=,  =	Compound assignment	

# Postfix and Prefix Increment

- In Java you can write statements such as

```
i = i + 1;
```

using the *increment operator*:

```
i++;
```



This form is the *postfix increment*.

You can also use the *prefix increment*

```
++i;
```

The postfix  
increment (or  
decrement) is  
more common.



# Postfix and Prefix Increment

- What is the difference between `i++` and `++i`?





# Postfix and Prefix Increment

- When the postfix form is used in an expression (e.g.,  $x * i++$ ), the variable  $i$  is evaluated and then incremented.

`z = i++;`

$i$  is incremented, but  $z$  gets the value  $i$  had before it was incremented. So if  $i$  is 3 before the assignment statement,  $z$  would be 3 and  $i$  would be 4 after the assignment. In the assignment statement

- When the prefix form is used in an expression (e.g.,  $x * ++i$ ), the variable  $i$  is incremented before it is evaluated.

`z = ++i;`

$i$  is incremented and  $z$  gets its new value, so if  $i$  is 3 before the assignment,  $z$  and  $i$  would both be 4 after the assignment statement.



# Type Compatibility and Conversion

- In operations involving mixed-type operands, the numeric type of the smaller range is converted to the numeric type of the larger range.
- This means that if an operation involves a type `int` and a type **`double`** operand, the type **`int`** operand is automatically converted to type **`double`**.
- This is called a *widening conversion*.



# Type Compatibility and Conversion

- In an assignment operation, a numeric type of a smaller range can be assigned to a numeric type of a larger range; for example, a type **int** expression can be assigned to a type **float** or **double** variable.
- Java performs the widening conversion automatically.

```
int item = . . . ;  
double realItem = item;    // Valid - automatic widening
```

- However, the converse is not true.

```
double y = . . . ;  
int x = y;    // Invalid assignment
```



# Exercise 1

Line	
1	public class Exercise2_1 {
2	public static void main(String[] args)
3	{
4	long a = 6;
5	int i = a;
6	i = i * a;
7	System.out.println(i);
8	}
9	}

I need your help to explore first, before I explain the whole things

1. Use “Exercise2\_1.java” code
2. Please explain why it produced error? (It won't compile)
3. Fix it (please keep `long` and `int` types, do not change them)



# Type Compatibility and Conversion

- Why this code is invalid?

```
double y = . . . ;  
int x = y;    // Invalid assignment
```

Other case & explanation



# Type Compatibility and Conversion

- This statement is invalid because it attempts to store a real value in an integer variable.
- It would cause the syntax error possible loss of precision; double, required: int. This means that a type int expression is required for the assignment.

Other case & explanation



# Type Compatibility and Conversion

- How to fix it?

```
double y = . . . ;  
int x = y;    // Invalid assignment
```

- Hint: explicit *type cast* operations

Other case & explanation



# Type Compatibility and Conversion

- You can use explicit *type cast* operations to perform a *narrowing conversion* and ensure that the assignment statement will be valid.
- In the following statement, the expression (int) instructs the compiler to cast the value of y to type **int** before assigning the integer value to x.

```
int x = (int) y;    // Cast to int before assignment
```

Other case & explanation





# Recall – Print ASCII

- Still remember how to print ASCII?
- You also may write the following code to convert from character to ASCII

```
int a = (int) 'A';  
System.out.println(a);
```



# Referencing Objects

- In Java, you can declare reference variables that can reference objects of specified types.
- For example, the statement

```
String greeting;
```

declares a reference variable named `greeting` that can reference a `String` object.

- The statement

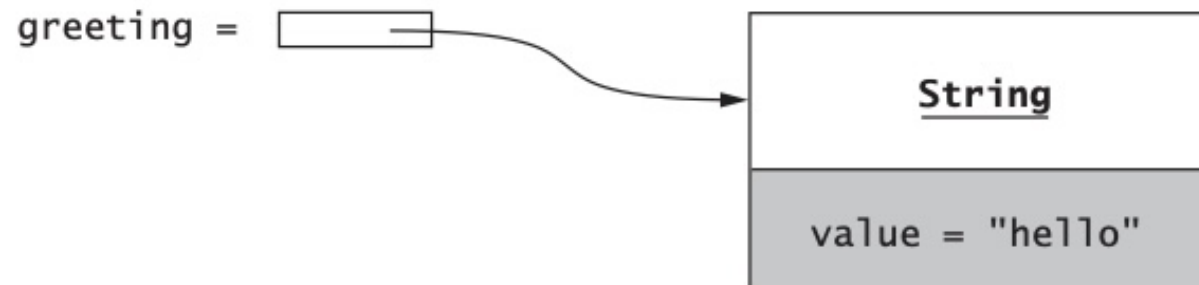
```
greeting = "hello";
```

specifies the particular `String` object to be referenced by `greeting`: the one that contains the characters in the string literal `"hello"`.



# Referencing Objects

- What is actually stored in the memory cell allocated to greeting is the address of the area in memory where this particular object of type String is stored.
- We illustrate this in the following figure by drawing an arrow from variable greeting to the object that it references (type String, value is "hello").





# Creating Objects

- The Java **new operator** can be used to create an instance of a class.

- The expression

```
new String("qwerty")
```

creates a new String instance (object) that stores the character sequence consisting of the first six characters of the top row of letters on the standard keyboard (called a “qwerty” keyboard).

- The expression `new String("qwerty")` invokes a special method for the String class called a **constructor**.



# Creating Objects

- A constructor executes whenever a new object of any type is created; in this case, it initializes the contents of a String object to the character sequence "qwerty".
- The object created by the expression `new String("qwerty")` is an anonymous or unnamed object.
- Normally we want to be able to refer to objects that we create.
- We can declare a reference variable of type String and assign this object to the reference variable:

```
String keyboard = new String("qwerty");
```



FYI

# Tutorial 3 – String Manipulation

- `length()` ;
- `toLowerCase()` ;
- `charAt(...)` ;

Input:

```
String x = "aBCDe";
```

Output:

```
5  
D  
abcde
```



# Exercise 2 - Case

- You work at a private detective office and need to create an application that able to encrypt the text to a secret code.
- The length of the text should be **min. 5 letters**.
- All the text need to be **converted into lowercase** letters.
- The **1<sup>st</sup>** letter is **not encrypted**.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** letters are **swapped**.
- The rest of the letters (4<sup>th</sup> letter until the end) need to be **jump over** some letters depend on the **previous** letter value.
  - The letter need to be re-started from a if reach z
- Example:
  - aBcdA → acbge
  - aBcdE → acbgi
  - Bcbzy → bbcby

FYI

a = 1, b = 2, c = 3, d = 4, e = 5, f = 6, g = 7, h = 8, i = 9, j = 10, and so on  
4<sup>th</sup> letter = 3 (taken from the value of c) + 4 (the value of d) = 7 is g  
5<sup>th</sup> letter = 4 (taken from the value of d) + 1 (the value of A) = 5 is e



# Exercise 2 - Case

- Result

```
Welcome to Detective Encrypt Program
Type something >= 5 chars and press Enter:
asdf
Type something >= 5 chars and press Enter:
goto0ffice
gtoidulo1h
```

1	a	2	b	3	c	4	d	5	e	
6	f	7	g	8	h	9	i	10	j	
11	k	12	l	13	m	14	n	15	o	
16	p	17	q	18	r	19	r	20	t	
21	u	22	v	23	w	24	x	25	y	26 z

## Hint

	Letters	Value		Results
1 <sup>st</sup>	g	7	<i>same</i>	g
2 <sup>nd</sup>	o	15	<i>swap</i>	t
3 <sup>rd</sup>	t	20	<i>swap</i>	o
4 <sup>th</sup>	o	15	20+15=35	i
5 <sup>th</sup>	O	15	15+15=30	d
6 <sup>th</sup>	f	6	15+6=21	u
7 <sup>th</sup>	f	6	6+6=12	l
8 <sup>th</sup>	i	9	6+9=15	o
9 <sup>th</sup>	c	3	9+3=12	l
10 <sup>th</sup>	e	5	3+5=8	h





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Thank you