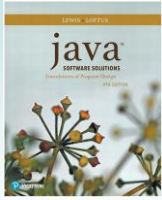


Chapter 2 Data and Expressions



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Data and Expressions

- Let's explore some other fundamental programming concepts
- Chapter 2 focuses on:
 - character strings
 - primitive data
 - the declaration and use of variables
 - expressions and operator precedence
 - data conversions
 - accepting input from the user

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- ➡ **Character Strings**
- Variables and Assignment**
- Primitive Data Types**
- Expressions**
- Data Conversion**
- Interactive Programs**

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Character Strings

- A *string literal* is represented by putting double quotes around the text
- Examples:


```
"This is a string literal."
"123 Main Street"
"x"
```
- Every 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

- In the `Lincoln` program from Chapter 1, we invoked the `println` method to print a character string
- The `System.out` object represents a destination (the monitor screen) to which we can send output

```
System.out.println ("Whatever you are, be a good one.");
```

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The print Method

- The `System.out` object provides another service as well
- The `print` method is similar to the `println` method, except that it does not advance to the next line
- Therefore anything printed after a `print` statement will appear on the same line
- See `Countdown.java`

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String Concatenation

- The *string concatenation operator* (+) is used to append one string to the end of another

```
"Peanut butter " + "and jelly"
```
- It can also be used to append a number to a string
- A string literal cannot be broken across two lines in a program
- See `Facts.java`

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String Concatenation

- The + operator is also used for arithmetic addition
- The function that it performs depends on the type of the information on which it operates
- If both operands are strings, or if one is a string and one is a number, it performs string concatenation
- If both operands are numeric, it adds them
- The + operator is evaluated left to right, but parentheses can be used to force the order
- See `Addition.java`

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Quick Check

What output is produced by the following?

```
System.out.println("X: " + 25);  
System.out.println("Y: " + (15 + 50));  
System.out.println("Z: " + 300 + 50);
```

```
X: 25  
Y: 65  
Z: 30050
```

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Escape Sequences

- What if we wanted to print the quote character?
- The following line would confuse the compiler because it would interpret the second quote as the end of the string


```
System.out.println("I said "Hello" to you.");
```
- An *escape sequence* is a series of characters that represents a special character
- An escape sequence begins with a backslash character (\)

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

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Escape Sequences

- Some Java escape sequences:

Escape Sequence	Meaning
\b	backspace
\t	tab
\n	newline
\r	carriage return
\"	double quote
\'	single quote
\\	backslash

- See `Roses.java`

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Quick Check

Write a single `println` statement that produces the following output:

```
"Thank you all for coming to my home
tonight," he said mysteriously.
```

```
System.out.println("\"Thank you all for " +
    "coming to my home\ntonight,\" he said " +
    "mysteriously.");
```

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Variables

- A *variable* is a name for a location in memory that holds a value
- A *variable declaration* specifies the variable's name and the type of information that it will hold

data type variable name

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

Multiple variables can be created in one declaration

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Variable Initialization

- A variable can be given an initial value in the declaration

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

- When a variable is referenced in a program, its current value is used
- See `PianoKeys.java`

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Assignment

- An *assignment statement* changes the value of a variable
- The assignment operator is the = sign

```
total = 55;
```



- The value that was in `total` is overwritten
- You can only assign a value to a variable that is consistent with the variable's declared type
- See `Geometry.java`

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Constants

- A *constant* is an identifier that is similar to a variable except that it holds the same value during its entire existence
- As the name implies, it is constant, not variable
- The compiler will issue an error if you try to change the value of a constant
- In Java, we use the `final` modifier to declare a constant

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

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Constants

- Constants are useful for three important reasons
- First, they give meaning to otherwise unclear literal values
 - Example: `MAX_LOAD` means more than the literal 250
- Second, they facilitate program maintenance
 - If a constant is used in multiple places, its value need only be set in one place
- Third, they formally establish that a value should not change, avoiding inadvertent errors by other programmers

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Primitive Data

- There are eight primitive data types in Java
- Four of them represent integers:
 - byte, short, int, long
- Two of them represent floating point numbers:
 - float, double
- One of them represents characters:
 - char
- And one of them represents boolean values:
 - boolean

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Numeric Primitive Data

- The difference between the numeric primitive types is their size and the values they can store:

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

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Characters

- A `char` variable stores a single character
- Character literals are delimited by single quotes:

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

- Example declarations:

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

- Note the difference between a primitive character variable, which holds only one character, and a `String` object, which can hold multiple characters

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Character Sets

- A *character set* is an ordered list of characters, with each character corresponding to 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

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Characters

- 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	A, B, C, ...
lowercase letters	a, b, c, ...
punctuation	period, semi-colon, ...
digits	0, 1, 2, ...
special symbols	&, , \, ...
control characters	carriage return, tab, ...

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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

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Expressions

- An *expression* is a combination of one or more operators and operands
- *Arithmetic expressions* compute numeric results and make use of the arithmetic operators:

Addition	+
Subtraction	-
Multiplication	*
Division	/
Remainder	%

- If either or both operands are floating point values, then the result is a floating point value

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Division and Remainder

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

`14 / 3 equals 4`
`8 / 12 equals 0`

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

`14 % 3 equals 2`
`8 % 12 equals 8`

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Quick Check

What are the results of the following expressions?

`12 / 2 = 6`
`12.0 / 2.0 = 6.0`
`10 / 4 = 2`
`10 / 4.0 = 2.5`
`4 / 10 = 0`
`4.0 / 10 = 0.4`
`12 % 3 = 0`
`10 % 3 = 1`
`3 % 10 = 0`

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Operator Precedence

- Operators can be combined into larger expressions

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

- Operators have a well-defined 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

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Quick Check

In what order are the operators evaluated in the following expressions?

$$a + b + c + d + e$$

1 2 3 4

$$a + b * c - d / e$$

3 1 4 2

$$a / (b + c) - d \% e$$

2 1 4 3

$$a / (b * (c + (d - e)))$$

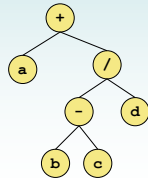
4 3 2 1

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Expression Trees

- The evaluation of a particular expression can be shown using an *expression tree*
- The operators lower in the tree have higher precedence for that expression

$$a + (b - c) / d$$



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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

$$\text{answer} = \text{sum} / 4 + \text{MAX} * \text{lowest};$$

4 1 3 2



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

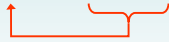
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Assignment Revisited

- 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)

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Increment and Decrement

- The increment (`++`) and decrement (`--`) operators use only one operand
- The statement

```
count++;
```

is functionally equivalent to

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

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Increment and Decrement

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

```
count++
```

- or *prefix form*:

```
++count
```

- When used as part of a larger expression, the two forms can have different effects
- Because of their subtleties, the increment and decrement operators should be used with care

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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;
```

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Assignment Operators

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

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

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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);
```

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Assignment Operators

- The behavior of some assignment operators depends on the types of the operands
- If the operands to the += operator are strings, the assignment operator performs string concatenation
- The behavior of an assignment operator (+=) is always consistent with the behavior of the corresponding operator (+)

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Data Conversion

- Sometimes it is convenient to convert data from one type to another
- For example, in a particular situation we may want to treat an integer as a floating point value
- These conversions do not change the type of a variable or the value that's stored in it – they only convert a value as part of a computation

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Data Conversion

- *Widening conversions* are safest because they tend to go from a small data type to a larger one (such as a `short` to an `int`)
- *Narrowing conversions* can lose information because they tend to go from a large data type to a smaller one (such as an `int` to a `short`)
- In Java, data conversions can occur in three ways:
 - assignment conversion
 - promotion
 - casting

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Data Conversion

Widening Conversions

From	To
byte	short, int, long, float, or double
short	int, long, float, or double
char	int, long, float, or double
int	long, float, or double
long	float or double
float	double

Narrowing Conversions

From	To
byte	char
short	byte or char
char	byte or short
int	byte, short, or char
long	byte, short, char, or int
float	byte, short, char, int, or long
double	byte, short, char, int, long, or float

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Assignment Conversion

- *Assignment conversion* occurs when a value of one type is assigned to a variable of another
- Example:


```
int dollars = 20;
double money = dollars;
```
- Only widening conversions can happen via assignment
- Note that the value or type of `dollars` did not change

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Promotion

- *Promotion* happens automatically when operators in expressions convert their operands
- Example:


```
int count = 12;
double sum = 490.27;
result = sum / count;
```
- The value of `count` is converted to a floating point value to perform the division calculation

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Casting

- *Casting* is the most powerful, and dangerous, technique for conversion
- Both widening and narrowing conversions can be accomplished by explicitly casting a value
- To cast, the type is put in parentheses in front of the value being converted


```
int total = 50;
float result = (float) total / 6;
```
- Without the cast, the fractional part of the answer would be lost

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Interactive Programs

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

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Reading Input

- 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 invoke various input methods, such as:

```
answer = scan.nextLine();
```

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Reading Input

- The `Scanner` class is part of the `java.util` class library, and must be imported into a program to be used
- The `nextLine` method reads all of the input until the end of the line is found
- See `Echo.java`
- The details of object creation and class libraries are discussed further in Chapter 3

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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 `GasMileage.java`

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Summary

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 - expressions and operator precedence
 - data conversions
 - accepting input from the user

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