### The Basic

- Java does not have an explicit pointer type.
- Arrays in Java are class objects.
- Strings in C and C++ are arrays of characters terminated by a null character ('\0'). Strings in Java are objects.
- The memory management in Java is mostly automatic.

- All Java primitive data types (char, int, long and so on) have consistent sizes and behavior across platforms and operating systems.
- Operators precedence and association are the same as in C\C++.

❖ Although the if, while, for and do..while statements in Java are syntactically like in C\C++, in Java the condition expression must return a boolean value. In C\C++ the expressions can return an integer.

- ❖ Passing over command-line arguments in Java doesn't include the application name as in C\C++.
- Java doesn't support the ability to call a method and pass over arguments by reference.

- Unlike C++, the Java programming language doesn't support multi-inheritance.
- Java doesn't allow having variables, methods and code outside the scope of a class definition.
- Unlike C++, the class type variable isn't an object. It merely holds a reference for an object.

### Simple Output commands

```
System.out.println("I have something to say ...");
System.out.print("I have something to say ...");
System.out.println("The value of num1 is " + num1);
```

#### Remarks

#### C style

```
/* This is a great remark.
It is a smiley remark .... */
```

#### ❖ C++ style

```
// This is also a nice remark
```

#### Remarks

#### JavaDoc style

```
/**
* This is a great remark.
* It is a smiley remark */
```

# The Native Data Types

The following table summarize the native data types in Java:

Туре	Values	Number Of Bits	Default Value
boolean	true or false	1	false
byte	integers	8	0
char	Unicode values	16	\x0000

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Туре	Values	Number Of Bits	Default Value
short	integers	16	0
Int	integers	32	0
long	integers	64	0
float	Real numbers	32	0.0
double	Real numbers	64	0.0

# Declaring A Variable

Declaring a variable in Java is the same as in C\C++:

```
type variableName;
```

The following are examples for the various possible variables declarations:

```
int number;
int num, sum, total;
```

### Declaring A Variable

- ❖ Like in C\C++ it is possible declaring more than one variable in the same line and it is also possible to initialize the variable in the same line.
- The following is a small example

int numOfStudents, numOfTeachers=22;

### Identifiers

- Identifiers are the names we give to variables, classes and methods.
- Identifier can start with the dollar sign (\$), a Unicode letter or the underscore sign ('\_').
- The identifiers are case sensitive and they don't have any maximum length.

# Keywords

- The keywords in Java have a special meaning for the Java Compiler.
- They can be either the name of a data type or a program construct.

# **Expressions & Operators**

Mathematic operators:

Logical operators:

Operators that compare between expressions:

### Simple & Compound statements

- ❖ As in C\C++, Java allows writing simple statements as well as compound statements (also known as blocks).
- Each place where a simple statement can be placed, a compound statement can be placed as well.

The if statement syntax:

```
if(boolean expression)
```

statement \ compound statement

The if..else statement syntax:

```
if(boolean expression)
    statement \ compound statement
else
    statement \ compound statement
```

The switch statement syntax:

```
switch( expression 1 )
{
    case constant1:
        statement\s
        break;
    case constant1:
        statement\s
        break;
```

```
case constant3:
        statement\s
        break;
case constant4:
        statement\s
        break;
`default:
        statement\s
```

```
package com.abelski.samples;
public class Demo
        public static void main(String[] args)
                String operator = args[1];
                double numA = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
                double numB = Double.parseDouble(args[2]);
                String result;
                switch (operator)
                case "+":
                         result = numA+"+"+numB+"="+(numA + numB);
                        break:
                case "-":
                         result = numA+"-"+numB+"="+(numA-numB);
                        break;
```

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```

#### The for statement:

```
for(initial exp ; boolean exp ; alter exp )
    statement \ compound statement
```

The while statement:

```
while(boolean expression)
    statement \ compound statement
```

\* The do..while statement:

do

statement \ compound statement
while(boolean exp)

- The 'break' and 'continue' statements:
  - break [label]
  - continue [label]
  - label: *loop statement*

```
public class LabelContinueExample
    public static void main(String args[])
        outerLoop:for (int index=0; index<4; index++)</pre>
             for (int counter=0; counter<12; counter++)</pre>
                 if (index == counter) continue outerLoop;
                 System.out.println(index+","+ counter);
```

```
public class LabelBreakExample
    public static void main(String args[])
        outerLoop:for (int index=0; index<4; index++)</pre>
             for (int counter=0; counter<12; counter++)</pre>
                 if (index==counter) break outerLoop;
                 System.out.println(index+","+ counter);
```

### **Assignment Statements**

- The assignment statement in Java is the same as in C\C++.
- ❖ Java supports short assignment operators as in C\C++:

```
+=, -=, *=, ...
```

### Local Variable Scope

- Local variables are defined inside a method\block.
- Local variables are created when the method\block is executed and destroyed when the method\block ends.
- Local variables must be initialized before they are used. If a local variable isn't initialized a compile time error occurs.

- Using Assertions we can detect errors that otherwise could be undetected and go unnoticed.
- An assertion contains a boolean expression that defines the correct state of our program at specific points in its source code.

A given program executes correctly if given a correct input it terminates with the correct output.

#### Precondition

Precondition is a condition the caller of the code agrees to satisfy.

#### Postcondition

Postcondition is a condition the code promises to fulfill.

#### **Invariant**

Condition that should always be true at a specific point of the program.

Writing code using preconditions, post-conditions and invariants is known as the "Design By Contract" programming model.

The assert statement can have two possible forms:

```
assert booleanExpression;
assert booleanExpression : errorMessage;
```

❖ The assertion facility is disabled by default. In order to enable it during runtime you should use the '-ea' option.

```
java -ea AssertionDemo
```

An assertion in Java language is a boolean expression that if evaluates as false we get an error message.

```
HistoryBook book = null;
book = getHistoryBook();
assert book !=null;
```

If book is null an AssertionError is thrown and all code after the assert statement won't be executed.

```
class AssertionDemo
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        assert args.length==2;
        double num1 = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
        double num2 = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
        double sum = num1 + num2;
        System.out.println(num1+"+"+num2+"="+sum);
    }
}
```

```
class AssertionDemoErrorMessage
{
   public static void main(String args[])
   {
      assert args.length==2:"must send two arguments";
      double num1 = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
      double num2 = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);
      double sum = num1 + num2;
      System.out.println(num1+"+"+num2+"="+sum);
   }
}
```

```
class ClassInvariantDemo
{
  private static double vec[];
  public static boolean inv()
  {
    if(vec!=null && vec.length<100 && vec.length>0)
      return true;
    else
      return false;
  }
```

```
public static void main(String args[])
{
    assert args.length==1:"you must set the array size";
    vec = new double[Integer.parseInt(args[0])];
    assert inv():"class invariant is not true";
}
```

- Many APIs require an additional code (e.g. XML deployment and configuration files, additional standard classes etc..).
- ❖ The Java platform allows adding annotations within the code in order to indirectly instruct the platform to create a required XML file, define additional class or work in a specific way.

- There are many sorts of annotations we can add into the code. The following are few sample possible annotations that have always been supported by the Java platform:
  - + Adding the "@deprecated" javadoc tag will indicate the marked method should no longer be used.
  - + Adding the "transient" modifier indicates the marked field should be ignored during the serialization process.

Since Java 5.0 the Java platform has a general purpose annotation mechanism (AKA "metadata facility") that enables us to define and use our own defined annotation types.

- The syntax used when defining an annotation is very similar to the one we use when defining an interface.
- The '@' sign precedes the "interface" keyword.

```
public @interface MyAnnotation
{
    int id();
    String info();
}
```

```
@MyAnnotation
{
   id = 123123;
   info = "Do Something Good!";
}
```

# Number Systems

We can easily express integral numbers using the binary, the octal and hexadecimal number systems.

```
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### **Underscores in Numeric Literals**

As of Java 7, we can improve the readability of our code by adding underscores in between digits in numerical literals.

```
double num = 1_424_234.532;
```

