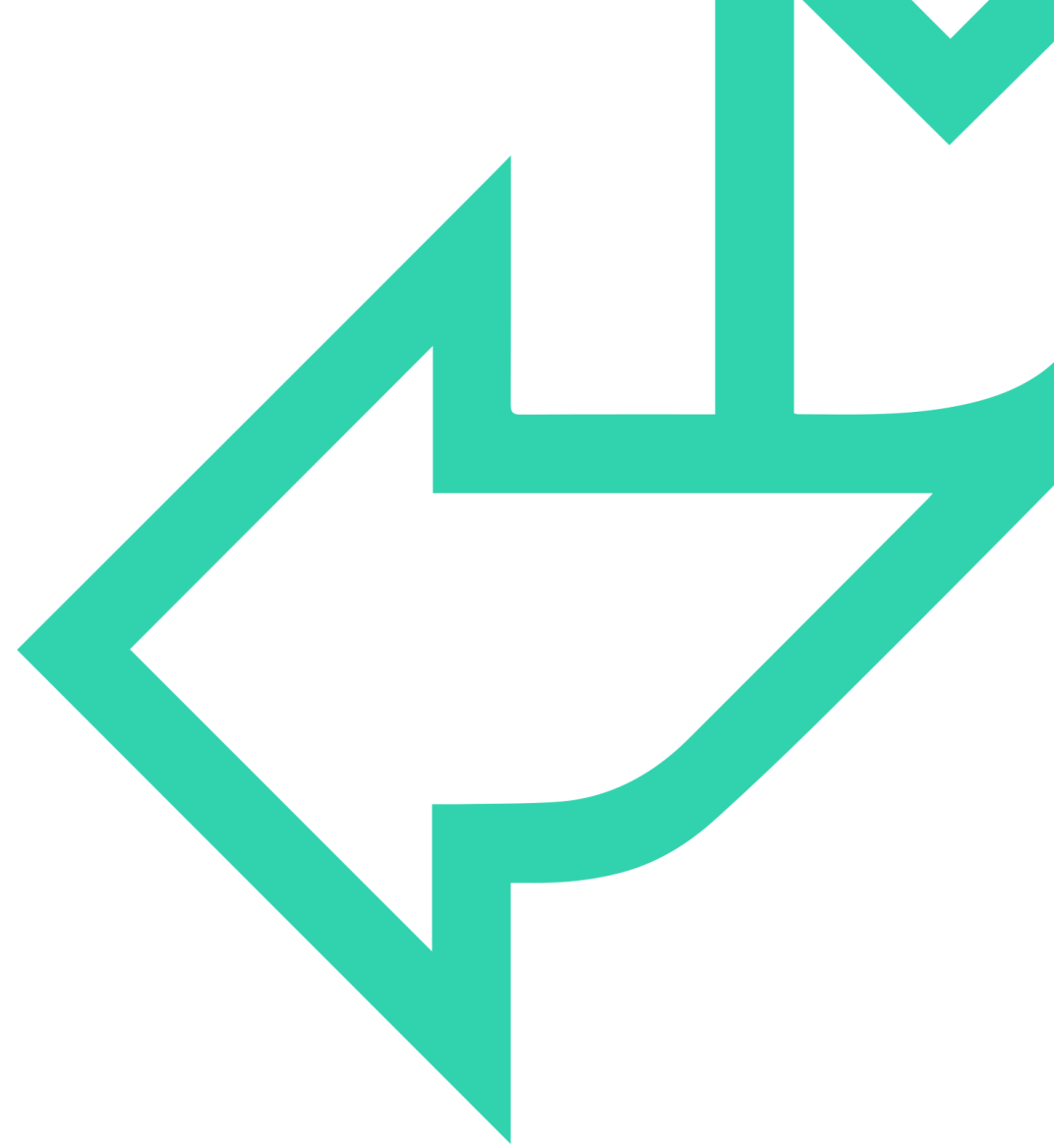




Introduction to the Java Language



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Objectives

To introduce Java technologies
and language

Take a look around Eclipse



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Java's story

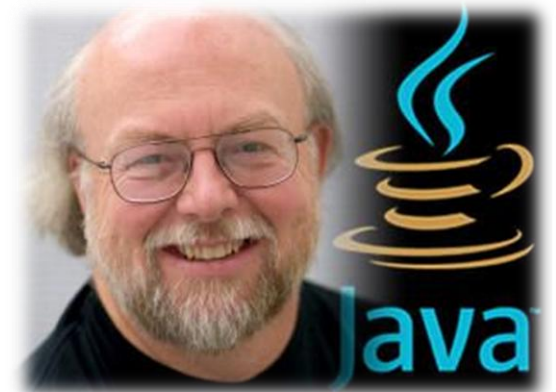
Key framework features

Basic code construction

Your first application

QA What is Java?

- Originally named 'Oak' (1991) by Sun Microsystems
- For enabling devices with different CPUs to share s/w
- Was used for web pages with multi-media components



project lead by **James Gosling**

- **So, what is Java?**

- A programming language
- A development environment

Java Development Kit (JDK)

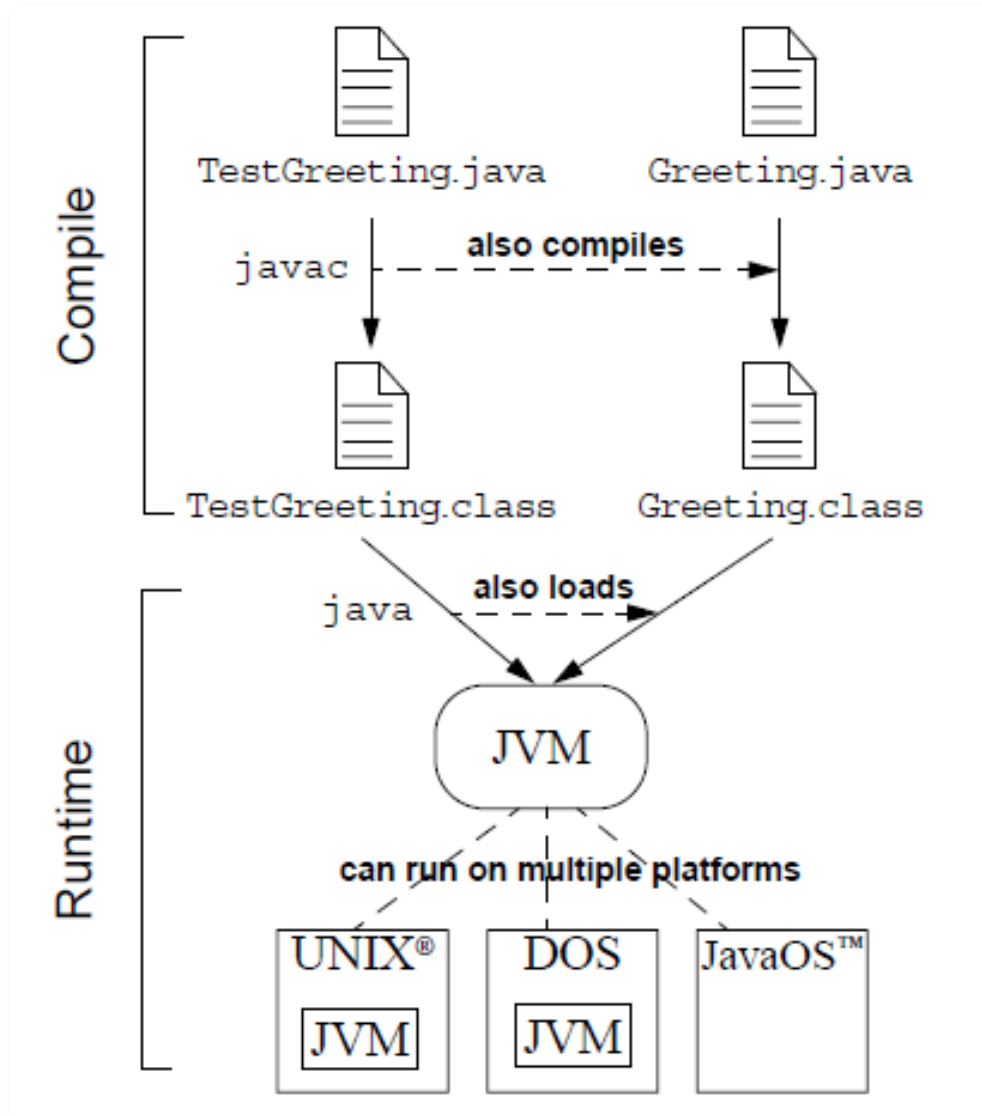
- An application environment

Java runtime Environment (JRE)

- A deployment environment

Java SDK (Software Development Kit)
Java's **F**ramework **C**lass **L**ibrary for all apps

Compiling and running a Java app



```
public class Program {  
    public static void main(String[ ] args) {  
        ...  
        ...  
    } // end of main method  
}
```

Program.class
Byte code

QA Java packages

Used to group types and avoid naming conflicts

→ Affects location of the compiled code

```
package qa.apprentice; ← One of these at top of every file

public class Program {
    public static void main(String[] args ) {
        . . .
    } // end of method Main
}    // end of class Program
```

```
package qa.hr;

public class Timetable {
    // code
}
```

```
package qa.apprentice;

public class Timetable {
    // code
}
```

QA Java packages and import statements

```
package qa.apprentice;

import java.io.*;

public class Program {
    public static void main(String[ ] args)
    {
        TimeTable qaTimetable;

        FileReader fr;

        ... using 'fr' and qaTimeTable ...
    }
}
```



Java language basics

QA Variables (symbolic name for an address in memory)

- Must be declared with a type before use
- Variables in a method must be initialised before use

```
public void main(String[] args) {  
    int myAge;  
    boolean answer = true;  
    String myName = "Samantha";  
    int i = 0, j;  
  
    myAge = 21;  
    System.out.println(i); ✓  
    System.out.println(j); ✗ // not initialised  
}
```


QA Pre-defined in-built primitive data types

byte	eightBit;
short	sixteenBit;
int	thirtyTwoBit;
long	sixtyFourBit;

float	x32;
double	x64;

Float limits	7 digits of precision
Double limits	16 digits of precision

```
Char    initial;    // Unicode character (16 bits)
boolean isActive;   // can be set to true/false

initial = 'M';
isActive = true;
```

Java has a special type for large doubled called **BigDecimal**
Please see <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/7/docs/api/java/math/BigDecimal.html>

QA Standard mathematical operators

```
int x = 4;  
x = x + 5;           // x is 9  
  
double d = 9.0;  
d = d / 2;           // d is 4.5  
  
int y = ( x % 3 );   // y is 1
```

+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
%	modulus division

```
int x = 9;  
x = x / 2;           // x is 4!  
  
double d = 9.0;  
d = d / 2;           // d is 4.5
```

QA Compound operators

- Each mathematical operator can be combined with '='

```
int x = 4, y = 6;  
x = x + y;           // x = 10
```

```
// Can be coded as  
x += y;
```

```
int x = 8;  
x *= 2;              // x = 16
```

```
int x = 8;  
System.out.println(x % 5); // displays 3 but x = 8  
  
x %= 5;              // x = 3
```

QA Pre- and post-fix ++ and -- operators

```
int x = 0;  
x++;           // x = 1  
++x;          // x = 2
```

```
int x = 0;  
int y = ++x;   // x=1, y=1
```

```
int x = 0;  
int y = x++;   // x=1, y=0
```

```
int x = 1;  
System.out.println(x++); // displays 1 and then x=2  
System.out.println(x);   // displays 2
```

QA Casting: Implicit casting

```
int x = 4;
```

```
long no = x;
```



```
double d = x;
```

```
char c = 'A';
```



```
int x = c;
```



65

QA Casting: You can explicitly cast any numeric type to another type

```
double d = 4.5;  
int x = d; ❌
```

```
double d = 4.5;  
int x = (int) d;
```

```
long lng = 5;  
int x = lng; ❌
```

```
long lng = 5;  
int x = (int) lng;
```

```
float f = 4.5; ❌
```

```
float f = (float) 4.5;  
f = 6.75F;
```

```
boolean b = 1; ❌
```

```
boolean b = true;
```

QA Casting strings

- Must use a parse method to cast strings to numeric types



```
String no = "123";  
int x = (int)no;
```

```
String no = "123.45";  
double d = (double)no;
```

```
int x      = Integer.parseInt(no);  
  
double d   = Double.parseDouble(no);  
  
float f    = Float.parseFloat(no);
```





CONDITIONALS

QA Introducing 'if'

```
int age = getAge();  
  
if ( age > 18 )  
{  
    // code for when over 18 years old  
}
```

```
int age = getAge();  
  
if ( age < 18 ) {  
    // code for when under 18 years old  
}  
else {  
    // code for when 18 or over  
}
```

>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to
<	less than
<=	less than or equal to
==	equal to
!=	not equal to

QA Introducing 'else if(s)'

```
int mark; . . .

if ( mark > 80 ){
    System.out.println("Distinction");
}
else if( mark > 70 ) {
    System.out.println("Merit");
}
else if( mark > 60 ) {
    System.out.println("Pass");
}
else {
    System.out.println("Try again!");
}
```

'if' must come first

as many 'else if'(s) as needed

'else'
(if needed) comes last

QA The ternary conditional operator (? :)

- Produces less code for simple if statements resulting in a value
- These two examples produce the same result

```
double salary = getSalary();  
double rate = (salary < 21000) ? 0.2 : 0.4;
```

```
double salary = getSalary();  
  
if(salary < 21000) {  
    rate = 0.2;  
}  
else {  
    rate = 0.4;  
}
```

QA Logical operators AND and OR

```
int var1 = 4, var2 = 2, var3 = 0;
if ((var1 > var2) && (var3 == 0))
{
    System.out.println( "will we see this?" );
}
```

A

&&

AND

||

OR

!

NOT

```
int var1 = 4, var2 = 6, var3 = 0;
if ((var1 > var2) || (var3 == 0))
{
    System.out.println( "will we see this?" );
}
```

B

```
int var1 = 1, var2 = 2, var3 = 3;
if ((var1 == 1) || (var2 == 2) && (var3 == 1))
{
    System.out.println( "will we see this?" );
}
```

C

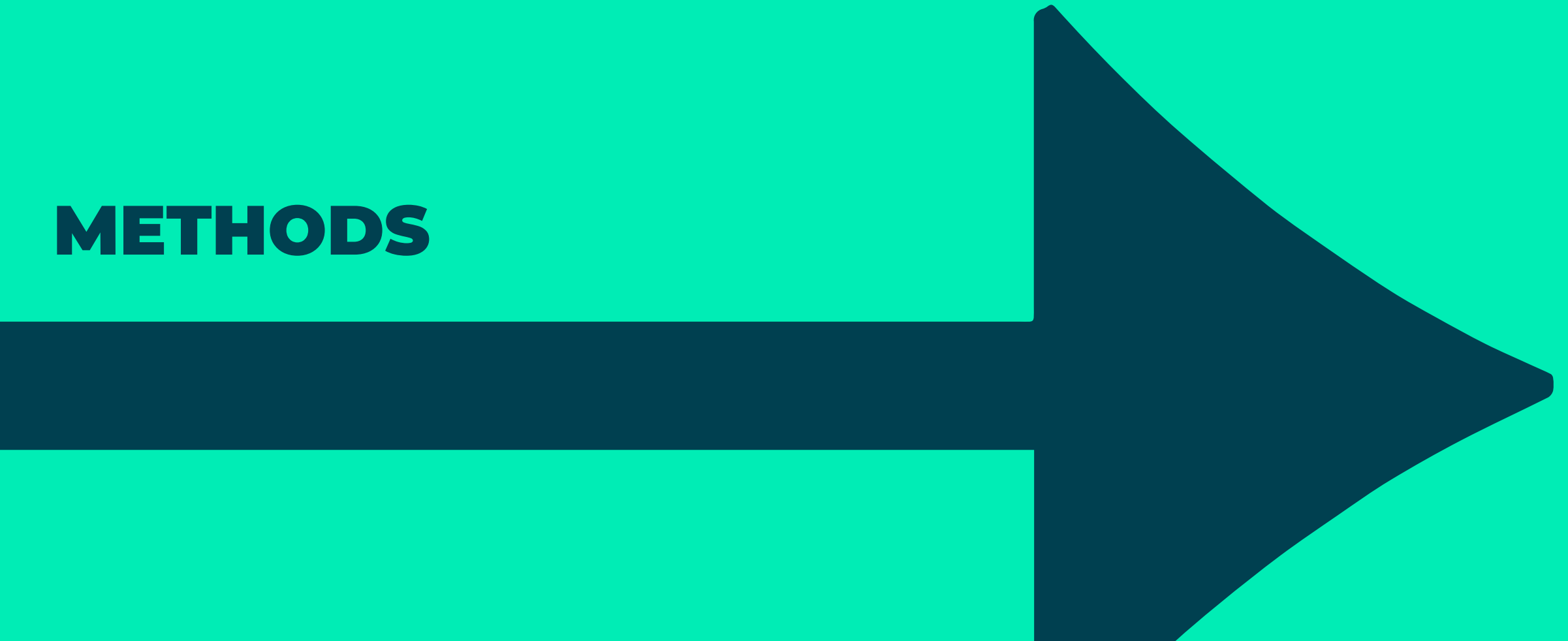
QA The switch statement

- Tests an integer, enum, char or String
- Statements may be in any order
- Often elegant alternative to **if...else if... else**
- **Beware of accidentally dropping through to next section**
→ compiler does not force a 'break' statement

```
int no = 1, res;  
  
switch ( no ) {  
  
    case 0:  
        res = 23;  
        break;  
  
    case 2:  
        res = 8;  
        break;  
  
    case 1: case 2:  
        res = 51;  
        break;  
  
    default:  
        res = -1;  
        break;  
  
}
```



METHODS



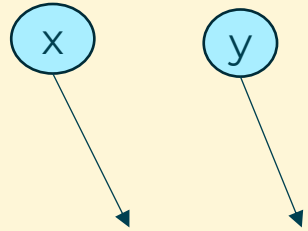
QA Example of a method with no parameter and no returned value

```
public class Program {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        updateAllSalaries();  
    }  
  
    private static void updateAllSalaries() {  
        // Code to update all salaries  
    }  
}
```

The caller calls the method and lets it do its work!

QA Example of a **void** method with two parameters

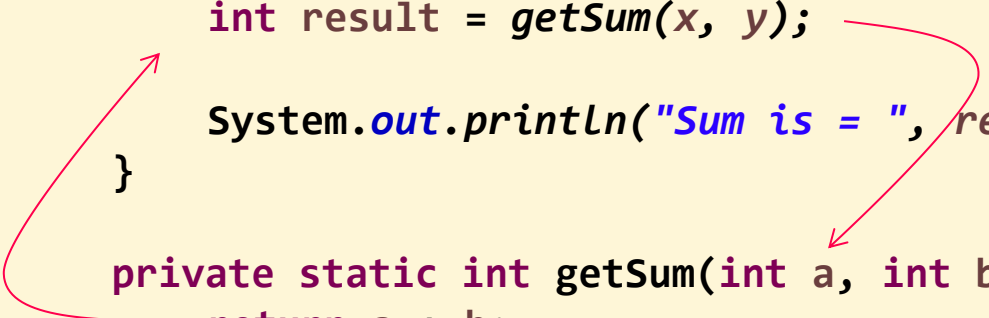
```
public class Program {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int x = 1, y = 2;  
        add(x, y);  
  
        add(3, 7);  
    }  
  
    private static void add(int a, int b) {  
        System.out.println(a + b);  
    }  
}
```



The diagram illustrates the parameter passing mechanism. Two light blue circles, one labeled 'x' and one labeled 'y', are positioned above the `add(x, y);` line in the `main` method. Arrows point from each circle to the corresponding parameter in the `add` method signature: 'x' points to `int a` and 'y' points to `int b`. This visualizes how the values of `x` and `y` are passed to the `add` method.

QA Example of method returning a value

```
public class Program {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int x = 1, y = 2;  
  
        int result = getSum(x, y);  
        System.out.println("Sum is = ", result);  
    }  
  
    private static int getSum(int a, int b) {  
        return a + b;  
    }  
}
```

A diagram with two red arrows. The first arrow starts at the 'return a + b;' line in the 'getSum' method and points to the 'result' variable in the 'main' method. The second arrow starts at the 'result' variable and points to the 'result' parameter in the 'println' statement.

A method can only return one thing
The caller decides what to do with the returned value

QA Method overloading

```
public class Program {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        double result1 = getTax(2000);  
        System.out.println(result1);  
  
        double result2 = getTax(2000, 0.4);  
        System.out.println(result2);  
    }  
  
    private static double getTax(double salary) {  
        return salary * 0.25;  
    }  
  
    private static double getTax(double salary, double rate) {  
        return salary * rate;  
    }  
}
```

Prints **500**

Prints **800**

Same name
different parameters



INTRODUCING A FEW JAVA LIBRARY METHODS

QA Introducing some Java library methods

- Use the `java.util.Scanner` class to input a value

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

System.out.println("what is your name?");
String name = s.nextLine();

System.out.println("what is your age?");
int age = s.nextInt();

System.out.println( "Hi " + name + "\n next year you'll be " + (age + 1));
```

QA Printing formatted output

`System.out.println(...)` is **hugely overloaded**

→ Can build a 'String' via concatenation (using +).
This is onerous and error prone (spacing)

```
int age = 21;  
String name = "Bob";  
System.out.println("Hi " + name + ", next year you will be " + age + 1);
```

Hi Bob, next year you will
be 211

→ Best use **printf()** and **String.format()** for formatting

```
System.out.printf("Hi %s, next year you will be %d", name, age + 1);
```

Format string

QA Examples: printf()

- **%s** used to represent a String

```
String word = "wibble";  
System.out.printf("My favourite word is %s\n", word);
```

%d for an int value

%8d len 8, right justified

%08d with leading zeros

%+8d include sign +/-

%,8d thousand separator

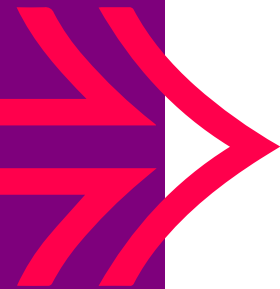
```
int num = 123456;  
System.out.printf("%d\n", num); // --> "123456"  
  
System.out.printf("%08d\n", num); // --> "00123456"  
  
System.out.printf("%+8d\n", num); // --> " +123456"  
  
System.out.printf("%%,8d\n", num); // --> " 123,456"  
  
System.out.printf("%+,8d\n", num); // --> "+123,456"
```



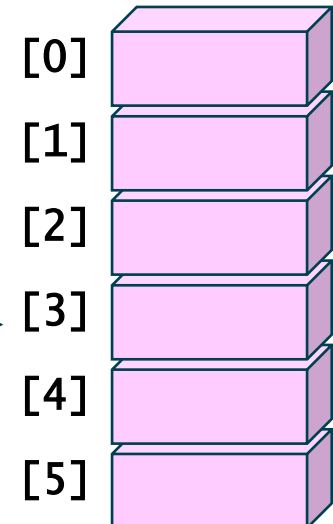
ARRAYS AND LOOPS

WHAT IS AN ARRAY?

- **An array can store a collection of variables all of the same type**
 - Each array element can hold a single item (value / reference type)
 - Array elements are accessed by index number, e.g., `names[3]`
- **Arrays are objects**
 - Must be created before they can be used
 - An array variable (of any type) is a reference type

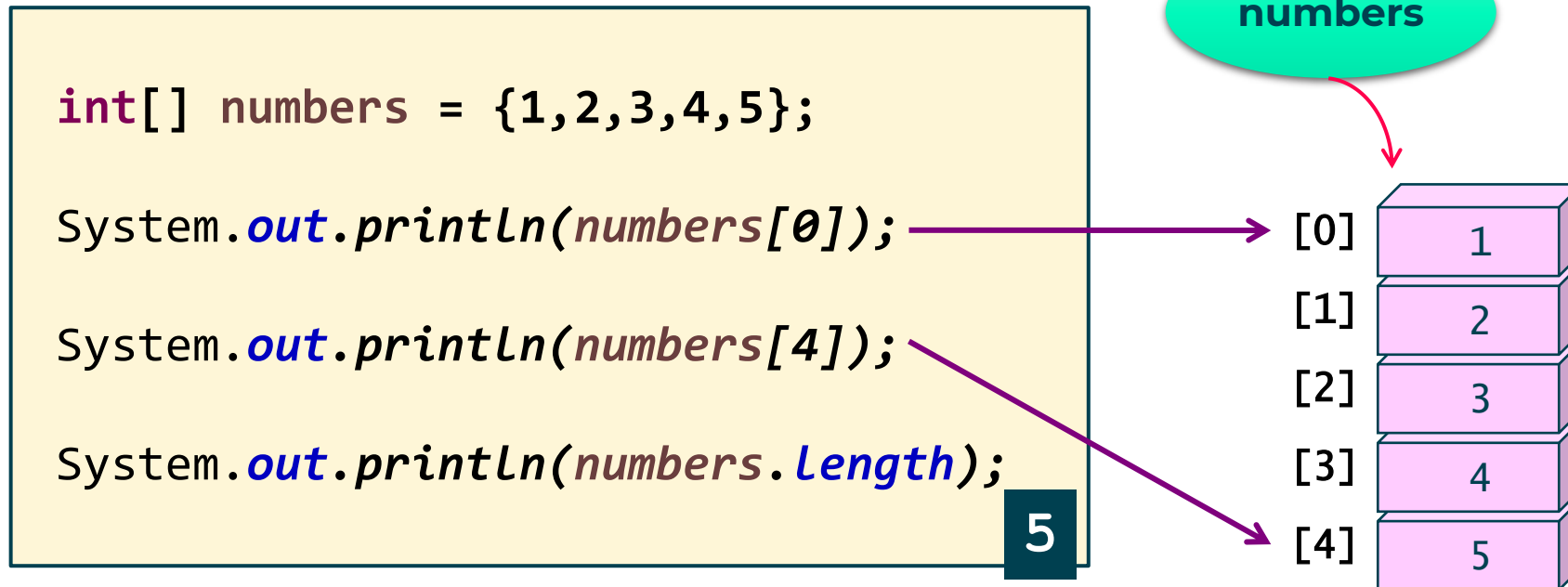


An array of
six values



QA Introduction to arrays

- Array is a fixed-size collection of elements of the same data type



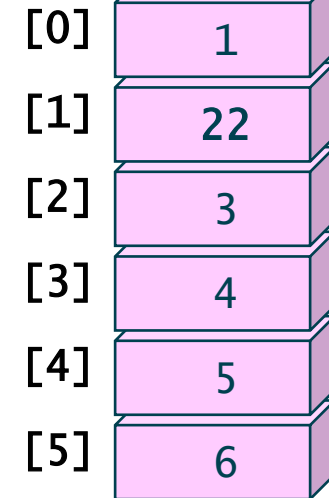
QA Introduction to arrays

- You can change array elements
- Appending, inserting, and removing an element is hard

```
int[] numbers = {1,2,3,4,5};  
  
numbers[1] = 22;  
  
System.out.println(numbers[2]);
```

22

numbers



QA Create an empty array

```
int[] numbers = new int[5];
```

0
0
0
0
0

Initialised to
default values
for int

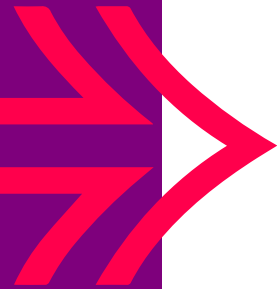
```
String[] names = new String[5];
```

null
null
null
null
null

Initialised to
default values
for String

LOOPS

- **Objectives**
 - To cover Java's looping constructs



QA Iteration using while and for statements

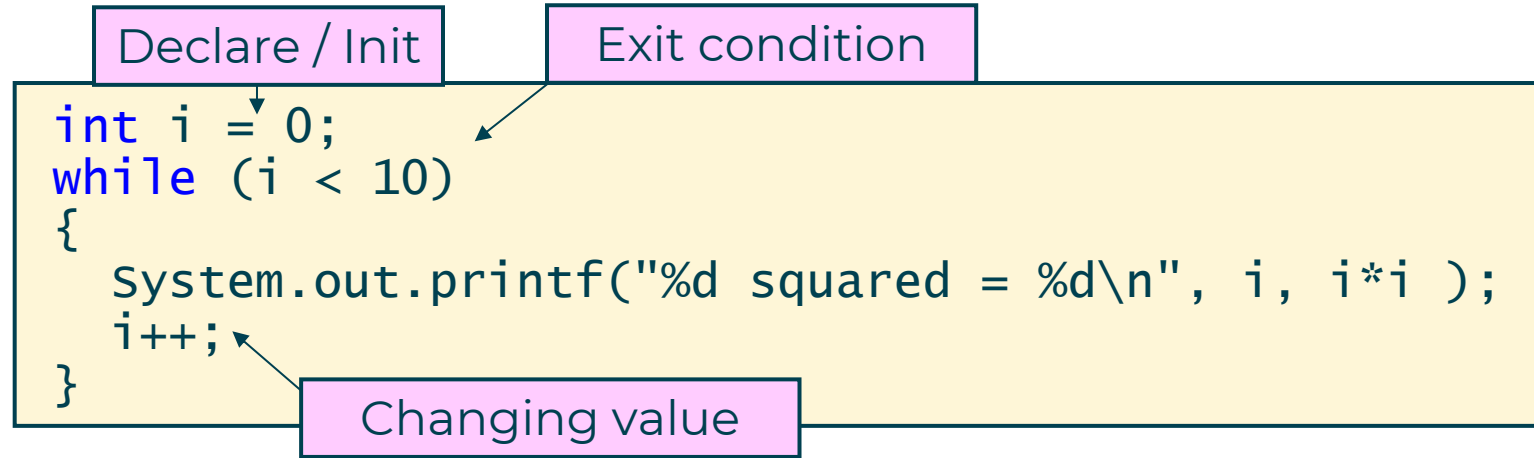
```
while ( boolean_expression ) {  
    statement(s);  
}
```

```
do {  
    statement(s);  
} while ( boolean_expression );
```

```
for ( init_expr; boolean_expr; update_expr ) {  
    statement(s);  
}
```

We'll see iteration using enhanced for loops later

QA Iteration using while loops



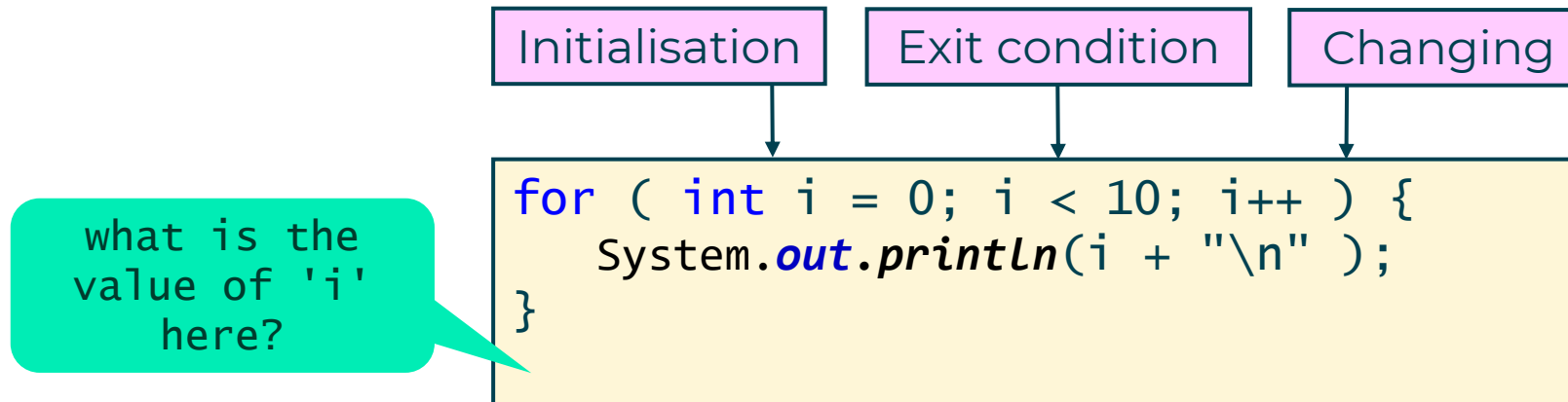
→ or put the test condition at the end of the loop

```
int i = 0;
do
{
    System.out.printf("%d squared = %d\n", i, i*i );
    i++;
} while (i < 10);
```

QA The for loop

Initialisation can include a declaration

→ Declared variable is in scope only inside the loop



Initialisation and update can be a list of ',' separated expressions

```
for( int i = 0, j = 10; i < j; i++, j-- ) {  
    System.out.println( i * j + "\n");  
}
```

QA Using break to exit a any loop

```
double money = 50;           // £ pounds
double interest = 0.06;      // percent

for (int years = 1; money < 1000; years++) {
    money += (money * interest);
    print("Year : "+ years + ": " + money);

    double tax = money * 0.40;
    if (tax > 100) {
        print("Tax is > 100");
        break;
    }
}
```

Break out of the current loop

Java

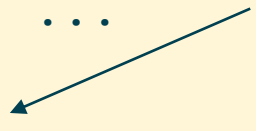
```
outer_loop:
for ( ; ; ) {
    for ( ; ; ) {
        if (...) {
            break outer_loop;
        }
    }
}
..
```

Break out of nested loops

```
Year 1: 53
Year 2: 56
Year 3: 59
Year 4: 63
Year 5: 66
Year 6: 70
Year 7: 75
Year 8: 79
Year 9: 84
Year 10: 89
Year 11: 94
Year 12: 100
Year 13: 106
Year 14: 113
Year 15: 119
Year 16: 127
Year 17: 134
Year 18: 142
Year 19: 151
Year 20: 160
Year 21: 169
Year 22: 180
Year 23: 190
Year 24: 202
Year 25: 214
Year 26: 227
Year 27: 241
Year 28: 255
Tax is > 100
```


QA Continue

```
for ( ; ; )  
{  
    ...  
    ...  
    continue;  
    ...  
}  
...
```



```
for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ ) {  
    if ( i % 4 == 0 ) {  
        // few statements  
        continue;  
    }  
    // many statements  
}
```

```
for ( int i = 0; i < 10; i++ ) {  
    if ( i % 4 == 0 ) {  
        // few statements  
    }  
    else {  
        // many statements  
    }  
    // no code here!!  
}
```

Can be
coded as

QA The enhanced for loop

For iterating over a collection or an array without testing for the bounds

```
public void processNames( String[] names ) {  
    for (String name : names ) {  
        System.out.println( name );  
    }  
}
```

Read as: foreach string
'name' in the 'names'
collection

```
String[] names = {"Bob", "Sasha"};  
for (String name : names) {  
    name += "x";  
}  
System.out.println(names[0]);
```

Bob

The elements are
considered
read-only

QA Which iteration statement?

```
int[] numbers = {1,2,3,4,5};  
  
int i = 0;  
  
While(i < numbers.length) {  
    System.out.println(numbers[i]);  
    i++;  
}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {  
    System.out.println(numbers[i]);  
}
```

```
for(int no : numbers) {  
    System.out.println(no);  
}
```

QA Review

In this chapter we reviewed:

Creating variables

Selection statements

if, else, else if, and switch

Iteration statements

while, do while, for, and enhanced for loops

Creating and using methods



Lab



Practise the basics of the Java language



Duration 1.5 hour

QA Operator precedence

Order	Operators	Comments
1	() . f(x) [] x++ x- new	Primary
2	+ - ! ~ ++x --x (T)x	Unary
3	* / %	Multiplicative
4	+ -	Additive
5	<< >>	Bit Shift
6	< > <= >= instanceof	Relational
7	== !=	Equality
8	&	Bitwise AND
9	^	Bitwise exclusive OR
10		Bitwise inclusive OR
11	&&	Logical AND
12	 	Logical OR
13	?:	Conditional
14	= op=	Assignment

```
vehicle v = ...;  
((Car)v).openSunRoof();
```

Much more later ..

```
int p = x + (y * z);  
int q = (x + y) * z;  
bool b1, b2, b3;  
if (b1 && b2 || b3) {  
    //does this if b3 true  
    //b1 and/or b2 might be  
}
```

```
while((b = getNextByte()) != -1) {...}
```