

Java Basics

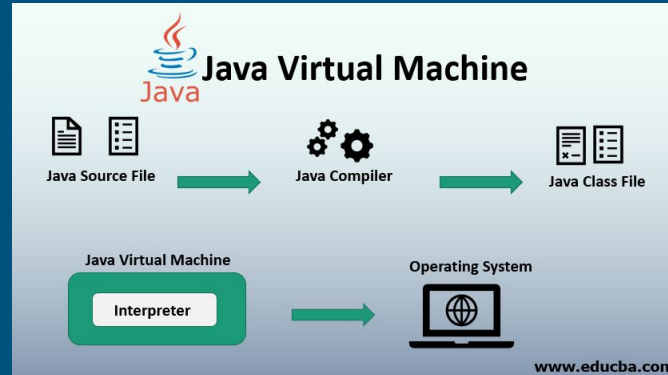
What is Java?

- Java is a programming language that we use to communicate instructions with the computer
- We use Java because of OOP(Object Oriented Programming) and WPILib Support



Text to Code

1. Java source code is written in a text editor and saved with the .java extension
2. Java source code is then compiled into bytecode using a Java compiler
3. Bytecode is interpreted by the Java Virtual Machine(JVM) to run the program



Install Java & VSCode

<https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/java/java-tutorial>

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Creating a Java program

- Java file stores Java code for your computer to read
- Java is CASE SENSITIVE
- Files can be named using
 - a-z(lowercase)
 - A-Z(uppercase)
 - \$, _
 - 0-9(cannot start with digit)
 - No spaces

```
public class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");  
    }  
}
```



Print "Hello, World!"

Data Types

| DATA TYPES | SIZE | DEFAULT | EXPLANATION |
|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| boolean | 1 bit | false | Stores true or false values |
| byte | 1 byte/ 8bits | 0 | Stores whole numbers from -128 to 127 |
| short | 2 bytes/ 16bits | 0 | Stores whole numbers from -32,768 to 32,767 |
| int | 4 bytes/ 32bits | 0 | Stores whole numbers from -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647 |
| long | 8 bytes/ 64bits | 0L | Stores whole numbers from -9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807 |
| float | 4 bytes/ 32bits | 0.0f | Stores fractional numbers. Sufficient for storing 6 to 7 decimal digits |
| double | 8 bytes/ 64bits | 0.0d | Stores fractional numbers. Sufficient for storing 15 decimal digits |
| char | 2 bytes/ 16bits | '\u0000' | Stores a single character/letter or ASCII values |

Basic { Syntax }

- Inside a Class file, the first words are always
 - ``public class FileName``
- ``public static void main(String[] args)`` is the main method
- ``System.out.println();`` allows you to print something

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// Comments!

- Single line comments start with //
- Multi line comments start with /* and end with */
- Comments help other programmers understand your code!

System.out.println();

- Printing is a great way to immediately see and test your code
- When printing strings(we'll discuss this later), always use quotations ""



```
System.out.println("How does this work?");  
System.out.println("We're about to find out!");
```

semicolons;

- Semicolons separate each line of code
- Forgetting it will result in a syntax error

Operators +-*/%

| Operator | Function |
|----------|---------------------|
| + | Addition |
| - | Subtraction |
| * | Multiplication |
| / | Division |
| % | Modulus (remainder) |

Variables

- Similar to algebra, a variable is a holder for a value
- Each variable stores a value of a certain type

```
Int age = 20;
```

Data
Type

Variable_name

Value

Variable Naming Conventions

- As a team we will be using camelCase
- First word lowercase, and all preceding words Uppercase
- Short, concise names are important and will help readability of code

Using variables

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
    char first_name = 'W';  
    char family_name = 'S';  
  
    System.out.println( first_name + " " + family_name);  
}
```

Changing variables

```
int number = 123;  
System.out.println("The value of the variable is " + number);  
  
number = 42;  
System.out.println("The value of the variable is " + number);
```

Kahoot Time!

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Additional Resources

- [`Coding With John` Java Beginner's Playlist](#)
- [`Coding with Mosh` Beginner's Tutorial](#)
- Us!!! Feel free to talk with us, ask a question on Discord, or email us!