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# Java cheatsheet

This cheat sheet is a crash course for Java beginners and help review the basic syntax of the Java language.



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## # Getting Started

**Hello.java**

```
public class Hello {
    // main method
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Output: Hello, world!
        System.out.println("Hello, world!");
    }
}
```

Compiling and running

```
$ javac Hello.java
$ java Hello
Hello, world!
```

**Variables**

```
int num = 5;
float floatValue = 5.99f;
char letter = 'D';
boolean bool = true;
String site = "quickref.me";
```

See: Strings

**Primitive Data Types**

| Data Type | Size   | Default | Range                                  |
|-----------|--------|---------|--|
| byte      | 1 byte | 0       | -128 to 127                            |
| short     | 2 byte | 0       | -2 <sup>15</sup> to 2 <sup>15</sup> -1 |
| int       | 4 byte | 0       | -2 <sup>31</sup> to 2 <sup>31</sup> -1 |
| long      | 8 byte | 0       | -2 <sup>63</sup> to 2 <sup>63</sup> -1 |
| float     | 4 byte | 0.0f    | N/A                                    |
| double    | 8 byte | 0.0d    | N/A                                    |
| char      | 2 byte | \u0000  | 0 to 65535                             |
| boolean   | N/A    | false   | true / false                           |

**Loops**

```
String word = "QuickRef";
for (char c: word.toCharArray()) {
    System.out.print(c + "-");
}
// Outputs: Q-u-i-c-k-R-e-f-
```

See: Loops

**Arrays**

```
char[] chars = new char[10];
chars[0] = 'a';
chars[1] = 'b';

String[] letters = {"A", "B", "C"};
int[] mylist = {100, 200};
boolean[] answers = {true, false};
```

See: Arrays

**Swap**

```
int a = 1;
int b = 2;
System.out.println(a + " * " + b); // 1 2

a = b;
b = temp;
System.out.println(a + " * " + b); // 2 1
```

**Type Casting**

```
// Widening
byte<short<int<long<float<double
int i = 10;
long l = i; // 10

// Narrowing
double d = 10.02;
long l = (long)d; // 10

String.valueOf(10); // "10"
Integer.parseInt("10"); // 10
Double.parseDouble("10"); // 10.0
```

**Conditionals**

```
int j = 10;

if (j == 10) {
    System.out.println("I get printed");
} else if (j > 10) {
    System.out.println("I don't");
} else {
    System.out.println("I also don't");
}
```

See: Conditionals

**User Input**

```
Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
String str = in.nextLine();
System.out.println(str);

int num = in.nextInt();
System.out.println(num);
```

## # Java Strings

**Basic**

```
String str1 = "value";
String str2 = new String("value");
String str3 = String.valueOf(123);
```

**Concatenation**

```
String s = 3 + "str" + 3; // 3str3
String s = "3" + 3 + "str"; // 33str
String s = "3" + "3" + "23"; // 3323
String s = "" + 3 + 3 + "23"; // 3323
String s = 3 + 3 + 23; // 29
```

**String Builder**

```
StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder(10);

sb.append("QuickRef!");

sb.delete(5, 9);

sb.insert(0, "My ");

sb.append("!");
```

**Comparison**

```
String s1 = new String("QuickRef");
String s2 = new String("QuickRef");

s1 == s2 // false
s1.equals(s2) // true

"AB".equalsIgnoreCase("ab") // true
```

**Manipulation**

```
String str = "Abcd";

str.toUpperCase(); // ABCD
str.toLowerCase(); // abcd
str.concat("#"); // Abcd#
str.replace("b", "x"); // A-x-d

" abc ".trim(); // abc
"ab".toCharArray(); // {'a', 'b'}
```

**Information**

```
String str = "abcd";

str.charAt(2); // c
str.indexOf("a"); // 0
str.indexOf("z"); // -1
str.length(); // 4
str.toString(); // abcd
str.substring(2); // cd
str.substring(2,3); // c
str.contains("c"); // true
str.endsWith("d"); // true
str.startsWith("a"); // true
str.isEmpty(); // false
```

**Immutable**

```
String str = "hello";
str.concat("world");

// Outputs: hello
System.out.println(str);

String str = "hello";
String concat = str.concat("world");

// Outputs: helloworld
System.out.println(concat);

Once created cannot be modified, any modification creates a new String
```

## # Java Arrays

**Declare**

```
int[] a1;
int[] a2 = {1, 2, 3};
int[] a3 = new int[]{1, 2, 3};

int[] a4 = new int[3];
a4[0] = 1;
a4[2] = 2;
a4[3] = 3;
```

**Modify**

```
int[] a = {1, 2, 3};
System.out.println(a[0]); // 1

a[0] = 9;
System.out.println(a[0]); // 9

System.out.println(a.length); // 3
```

**Loop (Read & Modify)**

```
int[] arr = {1, 2, 3};
for (int i=0; i < arr.length; i++) {
    arr[i] = arr[i] * 2;
    System.out.print(arr[i] + " ");
}
// Outputs: 2 4 6
```

**Loop (Read)**

```
String[] arr = {"a", "b", "c"};
for (int a: arr) {
    System.out.print(a + " ");
}
// Outputs: a b c
```

**Multidimensional Arrays**

```
int[][] matrix = { {1, 2, 3}, {4, 5} };

int x = matrix[1][0]; // 4
// [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5]]
Arrays.deepToString(matrix)

for (int i = 0; i < a.length; ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j < a[i].length; ++j) {
        System.out.println(a[i][j]);
    }
}
// Outputs: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

**Sort**

```
char[] chars = {'b', 'a', 'c'};
Arrays.sort(chars);

// [a, b, c]
Arrays.toString(chars);
```

## # Java Conditionals

**Operators**

|            |    |    |     |
|------------|----|----|-----|
| +          | -  | *  | /   |
| %          | =  | ++ | --  |
| !          |    |    |     |
| ==         | != | >  | >=  |
| <          | <= |    |     |
| &&         |    | ?: |     |
| instanceof |    |    |     |
| =          | << | >> | >>> |
| &          | ^  | !  |     |

**If else**

```
int k = 15;
if (k > 20) {
    System.out.println(1);
} else if (k > 10) {
    System.out.println(2);
} else {
    System.out.println(3);
}
```

**Switch**

```
int month = 3;
String str;
switch (month) {
    case 1:
        str = "January";
        break;
    case 2:
        str = "February";
        break;
    case 3:
        str = "March";
        break;
    default:
        str = "Some other month";
        break;
}

// Outputs: Result March
System.out.println("Result " + str);
```

**Ternary operator**

```
int a = 10;
int b = 20;
int max = (a > b) ? a : b;

// Outputs: 20
System.out.println(max);
```

**Break Statement**

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    System.out.print(i);
    if (i == 3) {
        break;
    }
}
// Outputs: 0123
```

## # Java Loops

**For Loop**

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    System.out.print(i);
}
// Outputs: 0123456789

for (int i = 0, j = 0; i < 3; i++, j--) {
    System.out.print(j + "+" + i + " ");
}
// Outputs: 0|0 -1|1 -2|2
```

**Enhanced For Loop**

```
int[] numbers = {1,2,3,4,5};

for (int number: numbers) {
    System.out.print(number);
}
// Outputs: 12345

Used to loop around array's or List's
```

**While Loop**

```
int count = 0;

while (count < 5) {
    System.out.print(count);
    count++;
}
// Outputs: 01234
```

**Do While Loop**

```
int count = 0;

do {
    System.out.print(count);
    count++;
} while (count < 5);
// Outputs: 01234
```

**Continue Statement**

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    if (i == 0) {
        continue;
    }
    System.out.print(i);
}
// Outputs: 01245
```

**Break Statement**

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    System.out.print(i);
    if (i == 3) {
        break;
    }
}
// Outputs: 0123
```

## # Java Collections Framework

**Java Collections**

| Collection            | Interface   | Ordered | Sorted | Thread safe | Duplicate | Nullable       |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| ArrayList             | List        | Y       | N      | N           | Y         | Y              |
| Vector                | List        | Y       | N      | Y           | Y         | Y              |
| LinkedList            | List, Deque | Y       | N      | N           | Y         | Y              |
| CopyOnWriteArrayList  | List        | Y       | N      | Y           | Y         | Y              |
| HashSet               | Set         | N       | N      | N           | N         | One null       |
| LinkedHashSet         | Set         | Y       | N      | N           | N         | One null       |
| TreeSet               | Set         | Y       | Y      | N           | N         | N              |
| CopyOnWriteArraySet   | Set         | Y       | N      | Y           | N         | One null       |
| ConcurrentSkipListSet | Set         | Y       | Y      | Y           | N         | N              |
| HashMap               | Map         | N       | N      | N           | N (key)   | One null (key) |
| HashTable             | Map         | N       | N      | Y           | N (key)   | N (key)        |
| LinkedHashMap         | Map         | Y       | N      | N           | N (key)   | One null (key) |
| TreeMap               | Map         | Y       | Y      | N           | N (key)   | N (key)        |
| ConcurrentHashMap     | Map         | N       | N      | Y           | N (key)   | N              |
| ConcurrentSkipListMap | Map         | Y       | Y      | Y           | N (key)   | N              |
| ArrayDeque            | Deque       | Y       | N      | N           | Y         | N              |
| PriorityQueue         | Queue       | Y       | N      | N           | Y         | N              |
| ConcurrentLinkedQueue | Queue       | Y       | N      | Y           | Y         | N              |
| ConcurrentLinkedDeque | Deque       | Y       | N      | Y           | Y         | N              |
| ArrayBlockingQueue    | Queue       | Y       | N      | Y           | Y         | N              |
| LinkedBlockingQueue   | Queue       | Y       | N      | Y           | Y         | N              |
| PriorityBlockingQueue | Queue       | Y       | N      | Y           | Y         | N              |

**ArrayList**

```
List<Integer> nums = new ArrayList<>();

// Adding
nums.add();
nums.add();
nums.add();

// Retrieving
System.out.println(nums.get(0));

// Indexed for loop iteration
for (int i = 0; i < nums.size(); i++) {
    System.out.println(nums.get(i));
}

nums.remove(nums.size() - 1);
nums.remove(0); // VERY slow

for (Integer value : nums) {
    System.out.println(value);
}
```

**HashMap**

```
Map<Integer, String> m = new HashMap<>();
m.put(5, "Five");
m.put(8, "Eight");
m.put(6, "Six");
m.put(4, "Four");
m.put(2, "Two");

// Retrieving
System.out.println(m.get(6));

// Lambda forEach
m.forEach((key, value) -> {
    String msg = key + ": " + value;
    System.out.println(msg);
});
```

**HashSet**

```
Set<String> set = new HashSet<>();
if (set.isEmpty()) {
    System.out.println("Empty!");
}

set.add("dog");
set.add("cat");
set.add("snake");
set.add("bear");

if (set.contains("cat")) {
    System.out.println("Contains cat");
}

set.remove("cat");
for (String element : set) {
    System.out.println(element);
}
```

**ArrayDeque**

```
Deque<String> a = new ArrayDeque<>();

// Using add()
a.add("Dog");

// Using addFirst()
a.addFirst("Cat");

// Using addLast()
a.addLast("Horse");

// [Cat, Dog, Horse]
System.out.println(a);

// Access element
System.out.println(a.peek());

// Remove element
System.out.println(a.pop());
```

## # Misc

**Access Modifiers**

| Modifier    | Class | Package | Subclass | World |
|-------------|-------|---------|----------|-------|
| public      | Y     | Y       | Y        | Y     |
| protected   | Y     | Y       | Y        | N     |
| no modifier | Y     | Y       | N        | N     |
| private     | Y     | N       | N        | N     |

**Regular expressions**

```
String text = "I am learning Java";
// Removing All Whitespace
text.replaceAll("\\s+", "");

// Splitting a String
text.split("\\|");
text.split(Pattern.quote("|"));

See: Regex in java
```

**Comment**

```
// I am a single line comment!

/*
And I am a
multi-line comment!
*/

/**
 * This
 * is
 * documentation
 * comment
 */
```

**Keywords**

|           |           |          |              |         |            |
|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------|------------|
| abstract  | continue  | for      | new          | switch  | assert     |
| default   | goto      | package  | synchronized | boolean | do         |
| if        | private   | this     | break        | double  | implements |
| protected | throw     | byte     | else         | import  | public     |
| throws    | case      | enum     | instanceof   | return  | transient  |
| catch     | extends   | int      | short        | try     | char       |
| final     | interface | static   | void         | class   | finally    |
| long      | strictfp  | volatile | const        | float   | native     |
| super     | while     |          |              |         |            |

**Math methods**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Math.max(a,b)       | Maximum of a and b     |
| Math.min(a,b)       | Minimum of a and b     |
| Math.abs(a)         | Absolute value a       |
| Math.sqrt(a)        | Square-root of a       |
| Math.pow(a,b)       | Power of b             |
| Math.round(a)       | Closest integer        |
| Math.sin(ang)       | Sine of ang            |
| Math.cos(ang)       | Cosine of ang          |
| Math.tan(ang)       | Tangent of ang         |
| Math.asin(ang)      | Inverse sine of ang    |
| Math.log(a)         | Natural logarithm of a |
| Math.toDegrees(rad) | Angle rad in degrees   |
| Math.toRadians(deg) | Angle deg in radians   |

**Try/Catch/Finally**

```
try {
    // something
} catch (Exception e) {
    e.printStackTrace();
} finally {
    System.out.println("always printed");
}
```

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