# 2. Data and Expressions

- Objectives when we have completed this chapter, you should be familiar with:
  - character strings and escape sequences
  - variables and assignment
  - primitive data
  - if and if-else statements
  - expressions and operator precedence
  - Accepting standard input from the user
  - data conversions

# **Character Strings**

- A string of characters can be represented as a string literal by putting double quotes around the text:
- Examples:

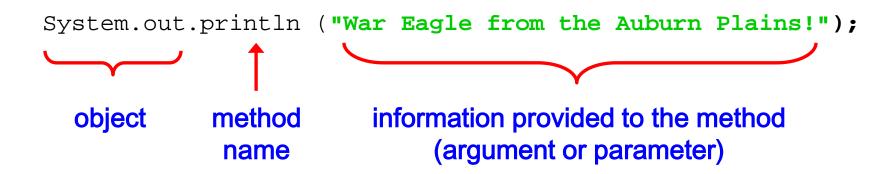
```
"This is a string literal."
"Pat Doe, 123 Main Street"
"7"
```

- When your program is running, a 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

- Recall that the println method prints a character string and then advances to the next line
- The System.out object is an output stream corresponding to a display destination (the monitor screen)



# The print Method

- The print method for the system.out object is similar to the println method, except that it does not advance to the next line after it prints
- Therefore anything printed after a print statement will appear on the same line
- See <u>CountOff.java</u>

# **String Concatenation**

 The string concatenation operator (+) appends one string to the end of another

```
"Peanut butter " + "and jelly"
```

- It can also append a number to a string
- A string literal cannot be broken across two lines in a program
- See <u>ConcatenationExample1</u>

# **String Concatenation**

 The + operator is a binary operator (i.e., takes two operands); if at least one the operands is a String then string concatenation is done

The + operator also used for arithmetic addition if both operands are numeric
 5 + 10 results in 15

- The + operator is evaluated left to right, but parentheses can be used to force the order
- See <u>ConcatenationExample2</u> (Experiment with String expressions in the interactions pane in jGRASP)

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# **Escape Sequences**

- What if we wanted to print a quote character?
- The following line would cause a compile-time error - it would interpret the second quote as the end of the string

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



- An escape sequence represents a special character
- An escape sequence begins with a backslash character (\)

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



# **Escape Sequences**

Some Java escape sequences:

Escape Sequence	<u>Meaning</u>
\t	tab
\n	newline
\r	carriage return
<b>\ II</b>	double quote
\ '	single quote
\\	backslash

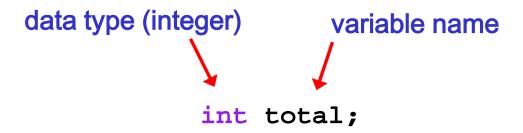
- \r\n are used together by println in Windows to move to the next line
- See <u>EscapeSeq.java</u>

## **Variables**

- A variable is a name for a "location" in memory that holds program data
- There are many types of data...
  - integers values (e.g., -60, 0, 1, 7, 23)
  - floating point values (e.g., -5.6, 0.0, 2.4, 35.2)
  - Characters values (e.g., 'j', 'P', '5')
  - boolean values (true, false)
- We'll focus on int types (integer values) for now and then examine the other types later

#### **Variables**

 A variable must be declared with the type of information that it will hold



Multiple variables can be created in one declaration

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

## Variable Initialization

A variable can be "initialized" to a particular value

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

 When a variable is referenced in a program, its current value is used

```
System.out.println("base is " + base);
    would print...
base is 32
```

# Assignment

- An assignment statement changes value of variable
   total = 55;
- The assignment operator =
- How does it work?
  - Evaluate the right-hand side
  - Store the result in the variable on the left (previous value is overwritten)
- Java is strongly typed: variable type and expression type must be compatible!
- See <u>VariablesExample.java</u>

#### **Primitive Data**

- There are 8 primitive data types in Java
- Integer types:
  - byte, short, int, long
- **int** age = 19;

- Floating point types:
  - float, double

double avg = 94.8;

- Character type:
  - char

char letter = 'A';

- Boolean type:
  - boolean

boolean isCold = false;

# **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 operand is floating point, then the result is a floating point

## **Division and Remainder**

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

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

RemainderCheck.java

# **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)

## Increment and Decrement

- The increment and decrement operators use only one operand
- The increment operator (++) adds one to its operand
- The decrement operator (--) subtracts one from its operand
- The statement

```
count++;
```

is functionally equivalent to

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

# **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;

## Characters

- A char variable stores a single character
- Character literals are in single quotes:

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

• Example declarations:

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

 A primitive character variable holds only one character, while a String object holds multiple characters

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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

# Relational Operators

Boolean values can be calculated using relational operators

Operator	Meaning
==	Equal
! =	Not equal
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal

• Example:

```
boolean greater = 89 > 50; // greater set to true
int temp = 99;
boolean isCold = temp < 50; // isCold set to false</pre>
```

## If Statments

 Allows a program perform a statement only under certain conditions:

```
int temp = 39;
if (temp < 50) {
    System.out.println("It's cold!");
}
System.out.println("Temp = " + temp);</pre>
```

## If Statments

You can also use a boolean variable:

```
int temp = 39;
boolean isCold = temp < 50;
if (isCold) {
    System.out.println("It's cold!");
}
System.out.println("Temp = " + temp);</pre>
```

## if-else Statments

 What if you wanted to perform one statement for true condition and a different statement for a false condition?

```
int num1 = 9, num2 = 7;
if (num1 < num2) {
    System.out.println(num1 + " is < " + num2);
}
else {
    System.out.println(num1 + " is >= " + num2);
}
System.out.println("Done!");
```

- What is the output?
- What if num1 and num2 both hold value 10?

# Interactive Programs Using Standard Input

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

# Numerical Input Example

 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 get user input. For example, nextInt retrieves an integer value:

```
int numberItems = scan.nextInt();
```

• See <u>Difference.java</u>

## Part 2

- More on primitive types
- Character sets
- Operator precedence
- Increment and Decrement: prefix and postfix form
- Data conversion
- Reading user input

## **Numeric Primitive Data**

 Why have multiple types for integer and floating point values? They are different sizes in memory, which dictate the range of possible values

<u>Type</u>	<b>Storage</b>	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	+/- 3.4 x 10 <sup>38</sup> with 7 significant digits		
double	64 bits	+/- 1.7 x 10 <sup>308</sup> with 15 significant digits		

## **Numeric Primitive Data**

- Suppose you want to declare a variable to hold an integer value
- You could use a byte value...

```
byte scheduledCourses;
```

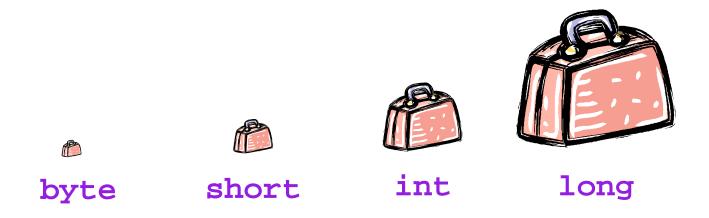
- Takes up only a small space (8 bits)
- However, it can only be between -127 and 127
- Or an int value

```
int storeInventory;
```

- Now you can go all the way to 2,147,483,647!
- However, reserves much more space (32 bits)

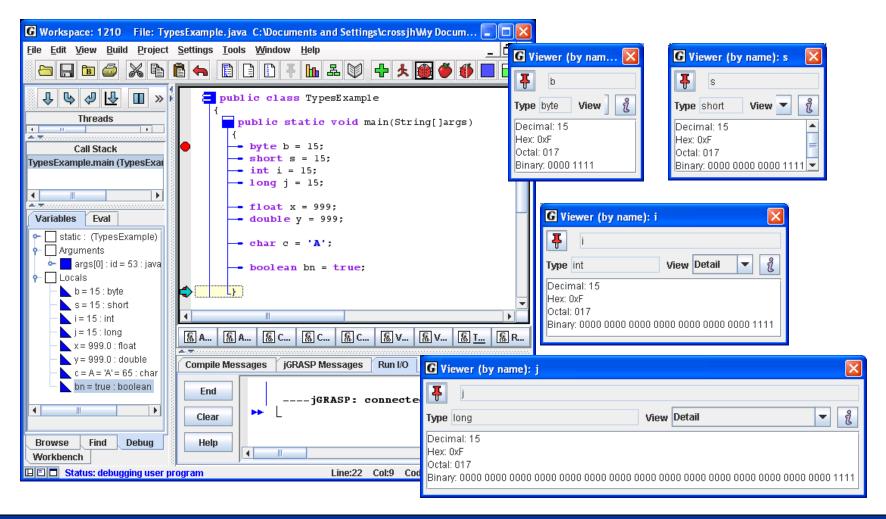
## **Numeric Primitive Data**

 Think of it as picking out a suitcase. How much space do you have? How much do you want to be able to carry?



 Your computer / phone / etc has plenty of space, so use <u>int</u> and <u>double</u> values "just in case"

# jGRASP Viewers for byte, short, int, long



## **Character Sets**

- A character set is an ordered list of characters, and character represents 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
- Experiment with String expressions in the interactions pane in jGRASP

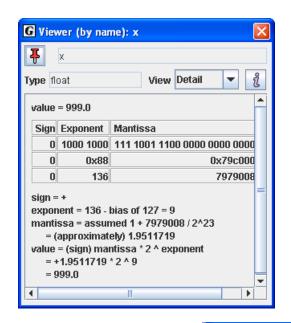
## **Character Sets**

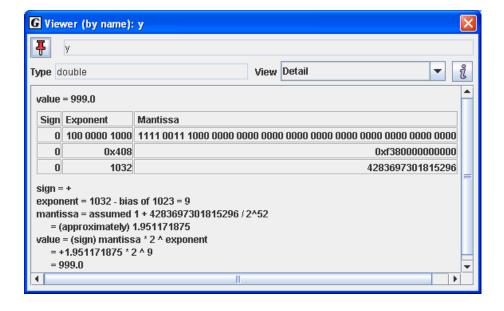
- The ASCII character set is older and smaller than Unicode, but is still quite popular
- The ASCII characters are a subset of the Unicode character set, including:

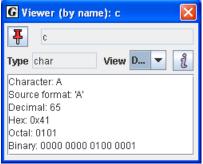
uppercase letters
lowercase letters
punctuation
digits
special symbols
control characters

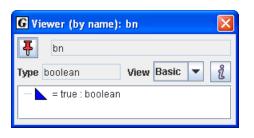
```
A, B, C, ...
a, b, c, ...
period, semi-colon, ...
0, 1, 2, ...
&, |, \, ...
carriage return, tab, ...
```

# jGRSAP Viewers for float, double, char, boolean









## **Operator Precedence**



Operators can be combined into complex expressions

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

- Operators have a 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

# **Operator Precedence**

 What is the order of evaluation in the following expressions?

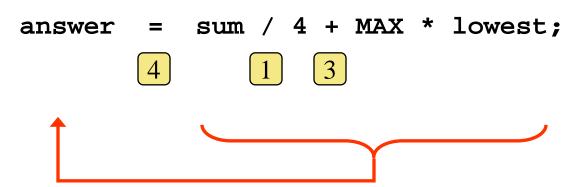
$$a + b + c + d + e$$
1 2 3 4



## **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



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

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#### Increment and Decrement

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

count++ uses old value in the expression,
then increments

• or *prefix form*:

++count increments then uses new value in the expression

- When used as part of a larger expression, the two forms can have different effects
  - Use the increment and decrement operators with care

<u>IncrementOperatorExample</u>

## **Assignment Operators**

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

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

## **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);
```

#### **Data Conversion**

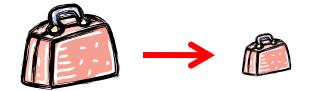
- Sometimes it is convenient to convert data from one type to another
- For example, we may want to treat an integer as a floating point value
- Conversions must be handled carefully to avoid losing information

#### **Data Conversion**

- Narrowing conversions go from a large data type to a smaller one
  - If the an int value was 700 (larger than the max byte value of 127), information would be lost when converted to an byte
  - If your grade of 89.8 (a double) was converted to an int type, the new value would be 89 (a 'B'!) ⊗
- Widening conversions go from a smaller to larger data type
  - If a 'byte' with value 95 was converted to an 'int' type, the new value would still be 95 (your new grade could now go to 2,147,483,647!) ☺

#### **Data Conversion**

- Think about the suitcase example...
  - Narrowing conversion : you may lose data going from a larger data type to a smaller data type



Not ok if the larger one was full!

- In Java, data conversions can occur in three ways:
  - assignment conversion
  - promotion
  - casting



## **Assignment Conversion**

- Assignment conversion: a value of one type is assigned to a variable of another; example:
  - Variable money is a double type. Variable dollars is an int type.
  - The assignment below converts the <u>value</u> in dollars to a <u>double</u>

```
money = dollars;
```

- Only allows widening conversions
- The value or type of dollars did not change

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#### **Data Conversion**

- Promotion happens when operators in expressions convert their operands
- For example:

```
sum is a double (as is result)
```

The value of count is converted to a floating point value to perform the following calculation:

```
result = sum / count;
```

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# Casting

- Casting allows narrowing conversions and widening conversions, so be careful!
- It is also easy to detect in code
- To cast, the type is in parentheses <u>in front of</u> the value being converted
- For example, if total and count are integers, the value of total would be converted to a floating point to avoid integer division:

```
result = (double) total / count;
```

#### **Constants**

- A constant is similar to a variable, but its initial value cannot be changed
- In Java, we use the final modifier to prevent the initial value from changing:

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

 The compiler will issue an error if you try to change the value of a constant

#### Constants

- Constants are useful for three important reasons...
- 1. Constants improve code readability
  - For example, MAX\_LOAD means more than the literal 250
- 2. Second, they facilitate program maintenance
  - If a constant is used in multiple places, its value need only be updated in one place
- Third, they prevent a value from changing, avoiding inadvertent errors by other programmers
- Constants will be revisited in Chapter 4

## Reading Input

 The Scanner class is part of the java.util class library, and must be imported into a program to be used:

import java.util.Scanner;

- See <u>ReadLineExample</u>
- The nextLine method reads all of the input until the end of the line is found
- Object creation and class libraries are discussed further in Chapter 3

### 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 <u>DinnerForGroup</u>



# Scanning a String

- A Scanner object can be created to scan any String, breaking it into tokens
- Suppose we want to separate a phrase into words and print each word on a separate line

```
Scanner scan = new Scanner("this is a test");
System.out.println(scan.next());
System.out.println(scan.next());
. . .
```

StringScan.java