Tinker Academy

AP Computer Science Prep (Java Programming)

Lecture 4 - Java Fundamentals 2 (Literals)

Compilation Process

- Java source code split into "token" sequence
- Tokens are either
 - numbers,characters, seq of characters (strings)special literals
 - operators
 - language keywords
 - identifiers
 - punctuation, comments, whitespace

Literals

Java Program

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* HelloWorld is a Java Class
* The entire code for HelloWorld is contained in this file "HelloWorld.java"
*/
public class HelloWorld {
   // main is a Java Method. Other programs can send messages to the main method
   public static void main(String[] args) {
        String message = "Hello World";
        System.out.println(message); // prints Hello World to the console
        char c = 'A'
        System.out.println(c); // prints A onto the console
        int a = 2048;
        System.out.println(a); // prints 2048 onto the console
```

HelloWorld.java

Common Literals

- Strings (within double quotes "")
- chars (within single quotes ")
- integers (no quotes)
- numbers (no quotes)

Number Literals

Number Token	Treated as	# Locations for Storage
-1	Integer	4
0	Integer	4
1	Integer	4
1L	Long Integer	8
-1001	Long Integer	8
3.141592	Double Precision Number	8
3.141592f	Single Precision Number	4
-2E3	Double Precision Number (-2000)	8

Compilation Process (Number Tokens)

- Numbers can be
 - o integers (...-1,-2,0,1,2...)
 - o decimals (3.14159265...)
- Numbers are stored in memory
- integers occupy 4 locations (32 bits)
- decimals occupy 8 locations (64 bits)

Character Literals

Character Token	Number Code	Treated as	# Locations for Storage
'c'	99	Character (char)	1
,C,	67	Character (char)	1
'1'	49	Character (char)	1

chars use single quotes

Character Sequence Token	Number Codes	Treated as	# Locations for Storage
"Hello World"	72,101,108,108,111,32,87,111,114,108,100	String	1

Strings use double quotes Number codes are based on ASCII

Compilation Process (Character Tokens)

- Upto 65,536 different characters (called chars)
- Upper case is different from lower case
- Each character has a number code
- Sequence of characters is called a String
- length of Strings is the number of characters

Special Literals

Special Literal	Means
true	Boolean value of TRUE
false	Boolean value of FALSE
null	A value that does not refer to any object
0	Used when constructing an array*

^{*}arrays will be covered in a future lecture