Lecture 3 — Types, Literals, and Operators

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Variables, types, and operators

- We learned about *variables* and their *types* (e.g., int x;)
- The assignment operator (e.g., x=10;)
- Arithmetic operators (e.g., +, -, *, /, %)
- Relational operators (e.g., ==, !=, <, > <=, >=)
- Let's look at these in more detail

Types

- We have looked at the int, double, and String types
- What other types exist in Java?
- Types are either primitive or non-primitive
- Primitive types are built into Java (e.g., int)
- They are usually stored directly and are efficient
- Non-primitive types are defined by code in a class (e.g., Scanner from Lecture 2)
- They are stored as *objects*

Primitive Types

```
32-bit Integer Values ([-2^{31}, 2^{31} - 1])
int
           64-bit Integer Values ([-2^{64}, 2^{64} - 1])
long
           8-bit Integer Values ([-2^8, 2^8 - 1])
bvte
            16-bit Integer Values ([-2^{16}, 2^{16} - 1])
short
            32-bit Floating Point Values
float
           64-bit Floating Point Values
double
            Either true or false
boolean
           A single character (e.g., a letter)
char
```

- Notice that all primitive type names are lowercase
- First 4 all store integers, int is most commonly used
- Next 2 store floating point numbers, double is most common
- boolean is often seen in the context of relational operators like <
- char is often seen in the context of String (more later)

Literals

- Literals are values (not variables) that appear in code
- Often said to be constant
- int x = -10;
- This is an integer literal
- Literals are (almost) always primitive types

- We've already seen some integer literals
- e.g., 10, -10, 100, 324928, -328347, 0
- Any integer value
- By default, they are of type int (32-bit)
- Sometimes, we want numbers too big to fit into 32-bits
- We can write a long literal: long bigValue = 1234567891011L;
- See the L suffix

- Integers support the following arithmetic operators
- Increment and decrement can be used prefix (++i) or postfix (i++)

```
+ Addition 5+3 (=8)
- Subtraction 5-3 (=2)
* Multiplication 5*3 (=15)
/ Division 5/3 (=1), 6/3 (=2)
% Modulus 5%3 (=2), 6%3 (=0)
++ Increment i++ (=i+1)
-- Decrement i-- (=i-1)
```

- You can use _ to make integer literals easier to read
- e.g., 100_000, -89_111, 12_34_56_78
- The _ can be inserted anywhere

```
public class IntTypes {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       int a = 1_000_000_000_000; // error: integer number too large
       /*
       error: incompatible types: possible lossy conversion from long to int
       Note: need to remove the other errors before we see this one.
       Also note: this is a multiline comment!
       */
       int b = 1 000 000 000 000L:
       long c = 1_000_000_000_000; // error: integer number too large
       long d = 1_000_000_000_000L;
```

```
public class IntLiterals {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       int a = 1_000_000; // Decimal
       int b = 0b101; // 0 or 1. 1*2^2 + 0*2^1 + 1*2^0
       int c = 0x1_F; // 0-9, A-F. 1*16^1 + 15*16^0
       int d = 0172; // 0-7. 1*8^2 + 7*8^1 + 2*8^0
       System.out.println(a):
       System.out.println(b);
       System.out.println(c):
       System.out.println(d):
```

- You do not need to write integer literals in base-10
- Binary (base-2, very useful), Hexadecimal (base-16, occasionally useful), Octal (base-8, I've never used it)

You can combine theses notations with longs

Float Types and Literals

```
+ Addition 5.0+3.5 (=8.5)

- Subtraction 5.0-3.5 (=1.5)

* Multiplication 5.0*3.5 (=17.5)

/ Division 5.0/3.5 (\approx1.4285)

% Modulus 5.0\%3.5 (=1.5)

++ Increment i++ (=i+1.0)

-- Decrement i-- (=i-1.0)
```

- Floating point numbers are those with a decimal place
- float, and double
- They support the same arithmetic operators as integers but with different results

Float Types and Literals

```
public class Floats {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      float f = 1.1f;
      double d = 1.0;
      ++f;
      d = (d / 7.0)*1000000.0;
      System.out.println(f);
      System.out.println(d);
   }
}
```

- All literals are double by default
- The f suffix is tells Java this is a float literal
- Scientific notation is also allowed: double x = 2.3e8;
- Did you notice that the value of d is slightly wrong? (see next slide)

Float Types and Literals

- Floating point numbers are (often) approximate
- They are stored in binary, and must use a fixed number of bits
- Try representing $\frac{1}{3}$ in decimal: 0.333333...
- The same thing happens in binary: 0.01010101...

Characters

- The character (char) type in Java represents a "letter"
- Specifically, "letters" are unicode (UTF-16) symbols
- https://www.ssec.wisc.edu/~tomw/java/unicode.html
- Represented like an int, but Java knows which number corresponds to which symbol

Characters

```
public class Chars {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      char a = 'a'+1;
      char b = 'b';
      System.out.println(a);
      System.out.println(b);
   }
}
```

- Character literals use 'single quotes': 'x'
- Dynamic initialisation: char a = 'a'+1;
- Notice that these print out the same value

```
public class Strings {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String hello = "Hello";
        String world = "World";
        System.out.println(hello + " " + world);
    }
}
```

- Strings are a sequence of 0 or more chars
- String literals use "double quotes": "Hello, CITS"
- They support the concatenation + operator

```
public class StringConcat {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
     int a = 10;
     int b = 20;
     String s1 = a+b+"";
     String s2 = ""+a+b;
     System.out.println(s1);
     System.out.println(s2);
   }
}
```

- String concatenation can be used with different types
- It is executed left-to-right
- This sometimes has unexpected consequences

```
public class SpecialCharacters {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      char tab = '\t';
      // Concatenation of a char
      System.out.println("Hello" + tab + "World");
      String s = "backslash: \\, double quote: \", single quote: \'";
      System.out.println(s+"\n"+"another line!");
   }
}
```

- There are some special characters for those you cannot easily type
- These are achieved using an escape sequence starting with a backslash
- https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/data/characters.html

- Are Strings primitives?
- There are String literals like other primitives: "literal"
- But their name is not lowercase: String vs char
- Some say String is a primitive type, others say it is not (including our textbook)
- It shares elements of both
- It is built-in and there are String literals, but Strings are objects

Booleans

```
public class Booleans {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      boolean a = true;
      boolean b = false;
      if (a)
            System.out.println("a");
      if (b)
            System.out.println("b");
    }
}
```

- boolean only has two values: true or false
- These are the only two literals
- We saw some boolean logic in if statements
- if (something_that_is_boolean) statement;

Booleans

- The result of relational or logical operators are boolean
- For example, x < y is true if x is less than y, and false otherwise
- Also, x && y is true if both x and y are true

Booleans

```
public class BooleanOperators {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      int x = 5;
      if (x >= 1 && x <= 10)
            System.out.println("x is between 1 and 10");
      else if (x >= 11 && x <= 20)
            System.out.println("x is between 11 and 20");
    }
}</pre>
```

- How does java know to execute <= before &&?
- This is called operator precedence, <= has higher precedence

Relational Operators

```
== Equal to 2==3 (false)
!= Not equal 2!=3 (true)
< Less than 2<3 (true)
> Greater than 2>3 (false)
<= Less than or equal 2<=3 (true)
>= Greater than or equal 2>=3 (false)
```

- Relational operators work on numeric types (e.g., int, double) including char
- The == and != operators work on booleans too

Relational Operators

```
public class RelationalOperators {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      boolean x = 1 < 2;
      boolean y = 7 != 7;
      boolean z = x == y;
      if (z != true)
            System.out.println("z is false");
   }
}</pre>
```

• Does the println happen? Why or why not?

Logical Operators

```
& AND
| OR
^ XOR
&& AND (short-circuit)
|| OR (short-circuit)
! NOT
```

- More about (some of) these in the first lab
- Also about operator precedence
- We will assume you know it later, so please make sure to do the lab this week!
- For now, let's end with a puzzle

Logical Operators

```
public class LogicalOperators {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      boolean mystery = (1<3) || (3>2) && !(3<4);
      if (mystery)
            System.out.println("mystery is true");
      else
            System.out.println("mystery is false");
   }
}</pre>
```

What is mystery?