# GCIS-124 Software Development & Problem Solving

1: Python to Java



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# 1.0 Accept the Assignment

You will create a new repository at the beginning of every new unit in this course. Accept the GitHub Classroom assignment for this unit and clone the new repository to your computer.



- Your instructor will provide you with a new GitHub classroom invitation for this unit.
- Upon accepting the invitation, you will be provided with the URL to your new repository, click it to verify that your repository has been created.
- You should create a SoftDevII directory if you have not done so already.
  - Navigate to your SoftDevII directory and clone the new repository there.
- Open your repository in VSCode and make sure that you have a terminal open with the PROBLEMS tab visible.

# Asking for Help

#### Could be Improved

I don't understand part 4.c. on the homework.

You have all the resources that you need to solve the problems that have been given to you, but sometimes you may not be able to find the answers to the problems that you encounter.

Asking for help in this course is both **expected** and **encouraged**.

Spending time trying to solve the problem yourself will be a more valuable learning experience in the long run.

If you **do** ask for help, try to be as detailed as possible to make it easier for others to help you by providing as much detail as you can.



#### **MUCH Better**

Part 4.c. on homework 2.2 asks us to write a function that prompts the user to enter two floating point values and to print the product.

I reviewed slides 17-18 in the lecture, and I finished the practice activity. That all works fine.

But when I try to use the values entered by the user, I am getting an "input mismatch" error. Does anyone have a suggestion?

- 1. Begin by reviewing the lecture slides related to the problem that you are trying to solve
- 2. Try to solve the related class activities without looking at the answer
- When asking for help, try to be as specific as possible about the problem you are having

# Python to Java

This unit will mostly focus on showing how to use Java to do things that you already know how to do in Python. This mostly involves learning *Java syntax*.



As we move further into the semester, we will more deeply explore *object-oriented programming*, and advanced topics such as *threading* and *networking*.

- In GCIS-123 we wrote software exclusively in the Python programming language.
  - For most of the course we used procedural programming, which is a term for programs that use functions to implement most of the program requirements.
  - Towards the end of the course, we introduced object-oriented programming.
- In GCIS-124 we will be using the Java Programming Language, a fully object-oriented language.
  - Unlike Python, in Java all code must be inside of a class.
- During this unit we will focus on learning how to use Java to implement many of the programs that you already know how to write in Python.
  - Types & Variables
  - Methods, Parameters, Arguments & Return Values
  - Boolean Expressions, Conditionals & Loops
  - Unit Testing with JUnit
  - Exceptions & File I/O
- We will begin by focusing on procedural programming in Java.

- Python is an incredibly powerful and flexible language.
  - It is also one of the most popular languages used today according to <u>GitHub</u> and <u>Stack Overflow</u>.
- It is also a great learning language for inexperienced programmers because, while it is very powerful, it is also relatively quick and easy to pick up the basics.
  - o "Hello, World!" is just print ("Hello, World!")
- However, while Python supports classes and objects, it is not a great object-oriented language.
  - OO concepts like encapsulation, inheritance, overriding, and overloading are all very oddly implemented in Python when compared to other languages.
- There are also significant benefits to learning a new programming language.
  - Not only is it great for your resume, but the more languages that you learn, the more easily you will pick up the syntax of new languages.

### Why Another Language?

I see that you know *two* languages. I'm sorry, but we only hire people who are irrationally attached to *one* language and unwilling to learn anything new.

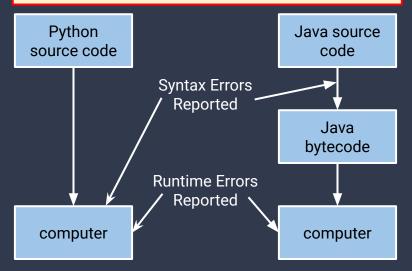


Said no one, ever.

It's great to have a favorite language that is your "go to" for personal projects, but be careful not to get stuck in a professional rut.

#### Java

Python is *implicitly compiled* and executed in a single step. Both *syntax* and *runtime errors* are reported at the same time.



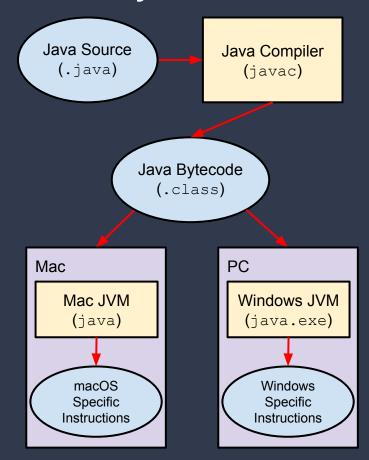
Java is **explicitly compiled** into **bytecode** first, at which time **syntax errors** are reported.

Once compiled, a Java program is executed as a separate step, at which time *runtime errors* are reported.

- Java is a *fully* object-oriented programming language.
  - This means that all code must be inside the body of a class.
- Python is an *interpreted* language, meaning that code written in a Python program is interpreted at the time of execution.
  - This means that any **syntax** or **runtime errors** are reported at the same time.
- Java, on the other hand, is a **compiled** language.
  - Java programs are text files saved with a .java extension, e.g. Helloworld.java.
  - Each must be explicitly compiled into bytecode using javac before it can be executed.
  - Any syntax errors are reported at this time.
  - The bytecode is saved in a .class file with the same name, e.g. HelloWorld.class.
- Once a Java program is compiled, it can be executed using java.
  - The program must include a main method with a specific signature to be executed.
  - Any runtime errors are reported at this time.

- High-level languages like Python and Java are meant for humans to understand.
  - A higher-level language has syntax that is closer to written or spoken language.
  - Python is a (slightly) higher-level language than Java.
  - On the other hand, assembly is a very low-level language.
- Machine code is very low-level code that can be executed directly on a computer.
  - Different computers understand different dialects of machine code.
- **Bytecode** is somewhere in the middle.
  - Lower-level than Python or Java source code.
  - Higher-level than machine code.
- Bytecode is much faster/easier to interpret (translate) into machine instructions than source code is.
- A virtual machine (VM) interprets bytecode into machine code at runtime.
  - In this way, bytecode is like machine code for the virtual machine.
  - The compiled bytecode never needs to change, but a different VM is needed for each operating system and/or processor to translate it properly.

# Java Bytecode



# 1.1 Verify Your Java Version

Before we can do anything else, you will need to make sure that the correct version of Java has been installed on your computer. Take a moment to verify that both Java and the Java Compiler have been installed and configured correctly.



- Open the terminal in VSCode (CTRL-`) and run javac -version to verify the version of the Java Compiler that you have installed.
  - This is the executable that you will use to compile your Java programs.
- Next, run the java -version command to display the version of the Java Development Kit (JDK) that you have installed.
  - This is the executable that you will use to run your Java programs.
- Both executables should have the same version number.

```
dick@batcomputer MINGW64 ~/SoftDevII/unit01-nightw (main)
$ javac -version
javac 19.0.1
dick@batcomputer MINGW64 ~/SoftDevII/unit01-nightw (main)
$ java -version
java version "19.0.1" 2020-10-20
Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 15.0.1+9-18)
Java HotSpot(TM) 64-Bit Server VM (build 15.0.1+9-18, mixed mode, sharing)
```

# Scaffolding

- Unlike Python, Java requires quite a bit of scaffolding to write even the most basic programs.
  - Part of the reason for this is that all code in Java must be in the body of a class, and so at a minimum a class must be declared.
- Java has a C-like syntax meaning:
  - Whitespace is not significant beyond improving readability for humans. This includes newlines.
  - Statements are terminated by a semi-colon (;) and may be written on multiple lines.
  - Curly braces ({}) are used to indicate a block of statements, e.g. the body of a method or a class.
- In Java, the static keyword marks a method or field as belonging to the class.
  - The method or field can be accessed through the class without first creating an object.
  - All of the methods we write in this unit will be static.

**All** Java code **must** be inside the body of a class, meaning that every program starts with a class declaration. The class name must match the filename, e.g. Example. java Curly braces ({}) are used to indicate scope. Whitespace is not significant. public class Example { public static void main(String[] args) { System.out.println("testing"); A Java class is only **executable** if it includes a main method with a very specific signature. The System.out.println() method is used to print to standard output.

## A Closer Look (or "Why we don't use Java in 123.")

In Java, using the public access modifier makes things (classes, methods, fields) accessible from anywhere outside of the class. In this unit we will make all classes and methods public.

A Java *class* is declared using the class keyword, just like in Python. The name of the class must *exactly match* the name of the file (including case), e.g. the Example class must be in a file named Example.java.

The static keyword indicates that the method belongs to the class and can be called without creating an object.

```
public class Example {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
     System.out.println("testing");
   }
}
```

Whitespace is *insignificant* in Java. Instead, *curly braces* ({}) define blocks of code. Indents are used for *readability only*.

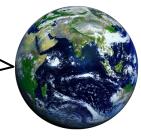
In Java, System.out refers to **standard output**. The print and println methods can be used to print virtually **any** type including strings, integers, and so on.

Java strings *must* be enclosed in *double-quotes* (""). You *do not* have the option of using single-quotes or triple-quotes of any kind.

# 1.2 Hello, World!

"Hello, World!" is often the first program written when learning the syntax of a new programming language. Let's start learning Java syntax by implementing it now.

Hello, again.



```
public class Example {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("testing");
}

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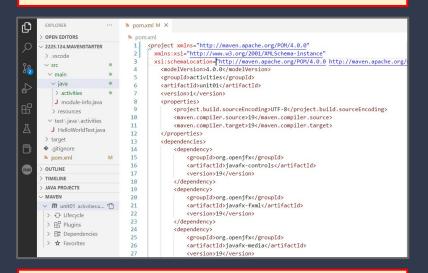
javac Example.java
damian@batcomputer ~/SoftDevII/unit01

java Example
testing
```

- Create a new Java class in a file named "Helloworld.java" in the root folder of your project.
  - Define a main method with the appropriate signature and print "Hello, World!" to standard output.
- Open the terminal in VSCode (CTRL-`) and use the Java Compiler to compile your new class.
  - o e.g. javac HelloWorld.java
  - If there are any syntax errors, correct them in the editor and try to compile your class again.
  - List the files in the directory to verify that your .class file has been created.
- Once you have successfully compiled the class, run it using java.
  - o e.g. java HelloWorld
  - **Do not include the .**class **extension**.

#### Maven

Maven projects must be organized in a very specific way so that Maven can find your Java code to compile and run it.



Everything that Maven needs to know about your project is in a file named "pom.xml". You can feel free to look inside this file, but **do not modify it!** 

- Java projects can quickly become very large and complex.
  - You will write programs this semester that include hundreds of lines of code in dozens of different Java class files.
- It is also common that Java projects rely on third party libraries for functionality that is not included in the JDK, including some that we will be using this semester:
  - <u>JUnit</u> is a testing library similar to pytest that is used to write unit tests.
  - <u>JavaFX</u> is a set of libraries used to write Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs).
- Apache Maven is a build tool that is commonly used by software engineers in industry.
  - It is used to organize, compile, and run Java code.
  - It also manages third-party dependencies by automatically downloading them from the Internet.
- Maven projects must be organized in a specific way.
  - Your starter projects this semester will be configured to use Maven by default.

# 1.3 Verify Your Maven Version

Apache Maven is a build tool that is commonly used in industry to organize, compile, and run projects written in the Java programming language. Hopefully you <u>downloaded</u> and installed Maven by following the instructions for your operating system. Let's verify that now!



As you will see this semester, Java projects can get quite large and complex and have lots of dependencies on things like JUnit and JavaFX.

Maven makes building, compiling, and running Java projects with lots of dependencies relatively easy.

- If necessary, open the terminal in VSCode and run the following command:
  - o mvn -version
- You should see output similar to the example below.
  - Make sure that Maven is using the correct version of Java to compile and run your code!

```
nightw@GypsyAvenger MINGW64 ~/SoftDevII/unit1-nightw (main) $ mvn -version

Apache Maven 3.8.6 (84538c9988a25aec085021c365c560670ad80f63)

Maven home: C:\Program Files\apache-maven-3.8.6

Java version: 19.0.1, vendor: Oracle Corporation, runtime:
C:\Program Files\Java\jdk-19

Default locale: en_US, platform encoding: UTF-8

OS name: "windows 11", version: "10.0", arch: "amd64", family: "windows"
```

# **1.4** Organizing Your Code



As mentioned previously, your project must be organized in a very specific way so that Maven can find, compile, and run your code - your Java code must be located inside of the "src/main/java/unit01" folder in your project. Let's move the code that we have written so far so that it is in the right place for Maven to find it.

**Packages** are a way to organize Java code by placing related classes in the same folder.

You must use a package statement that matches the name of the folder!

```
package unit01;

public class HelloWorld {
}
```

- Expand the "src/main/java/unit01" folder in your project.
- Move the "HelloWorld.java" class into the folder by clicking and dragging it.
  - If VSCode does not automatically add "package unit01; " to the top of your file, you will need to add it manually.
  - Java packages are a way of organizing your code. We will discuss Java packages in more detail in the near future.
- Open the PROBLEMS tab in VSCode and make sure that you do not have any errors.
  - If there is an error that you cannot solve on your own, please raise your hand!
  - You may need to close and reopen the file for the errors to go away.
  - o If all else fails, restart VSCode!

- Java is a statically typed language, meaning that the type of a variable must be specified when it is declared.
  - Once declared, only **compatible** values may be assigned to the variable.
- Unlike Python, a Java variable may be declared without immediately assigning a value.
  - o e.g. int radius;
  - Variables may also be declared and initialized at the same time, e.g. double pi = 3.14159;
- Like Python, Java includes two basic kinds of types.
  - Primitive types include integers, floating point values, characters, and booleans.
    - Primitive types are very similar to Python's value types.
    - Java includes a character type, a single character enclosed in single-quotes, e.g. char c = 'c';
  - Reference types are, well, everything else including strings, arrays, and other objects.
    - Reference types work the same in Java as they do in Python.

#### Variables & Assignment

Туре	Description	Example
byte	8-bit signed integer, -128 to 127.	123
short	16-bit signed integer.	12345
int	32-bit signed integer.	1234567
long	64-bit signed integer.	1234567 <mark>1</mark>
char	16-bit unsigned integer (Unicode).	'a'
float	32-bit signed floating point value.	3.14159f
double	64-bit signed floating point value.	-0.1234
boolean	Boolean value; true or false.	true

Java assumes that *literal numbers* are int or double, and so a suffix of 1 (lowercase L) is needed for a long literal (e.g. 30987653411), and f for a float literal (e.g. 1.3f).

## Variables in Java

```
public static void variables() {
    double weight = 65.5;

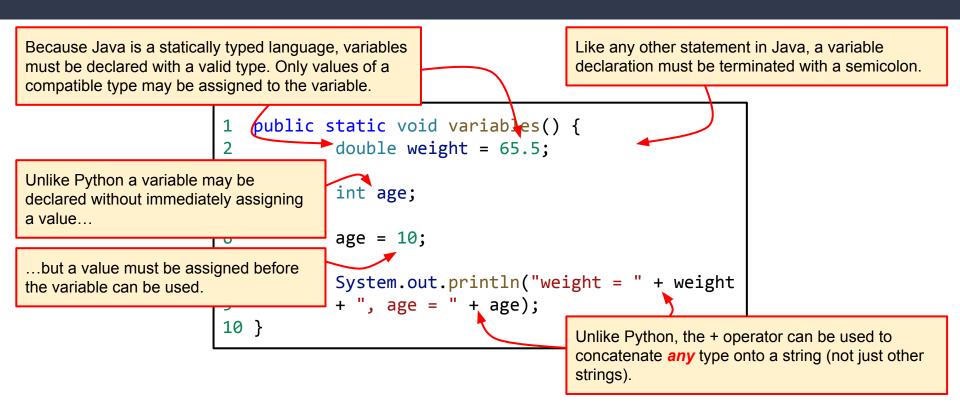
    int age;

    age = 10;

    System.out.println("weight = " + weight + ", age = " + age);

10 }
```

## Variables in Java



# 1.5 Primitive Types

Primitive types in Java include integers (byte, short, int, long), floating point values (float, double), characters (char), and boolean values. Practice declaring a few variables using different primitive types and printing them to standard output.



- Create a new Java class in a file named

  "Primitives.java" in the "src/main/java/unit01"

  folder.
- Define a main method with the appropriate signature.
  - Declare variables of at least four different primitive types and print the name, type, and value to standard output.
  - $\circ$  e.g. int x = 5;
  - Hint: unlike Python, you can concatenate a value of any Java type onto a string using the + operator, e.g.

```
System.out.println("four = " + 4);
```

Use the "play" button in VSCode to run your class.

- Java supports most of the same basic arithmetic operators that Python does with a couple of notable exceptions.
  - There is no power (\*\*) operator in Java, but the Math.pow() method may be used instead, e.g. Math.pow(2, 7) will return 2<sup>7</sup> = 128.
  - There is no integer division operator (//) in Java, but using standard division with two integer values has the same result.
- The other basic operators all work the same with some possible caveats.
- Applying an operator to two values of the same type will produce a value of that type.
  - For example, 10 / 3 will perform integer division. In this case, the expression would evaluate to an int (3).
- If values of different types are mixed in the same expression, the result is "promoted" to the most complex type.
  - For example 2.5 \* 3 would evaluate to a double
     (7.5).

#### Arithmetic Operators

Operator	Description	Example
+	Addition	double $x = 5.1 + 3;$
-	Subtraction	double $z = 5.1 - 3;$
*	Multiplication	int x = 3 * 4;
/	Division	double $x = 5.1 / 3;$
/ (integers)	Integer Division	int $x = 5 / 2;$
Math.pow(x, y)	Power: X <sup>Y</sup>	<pre>double z; z = Math.pow(x, y);</pre>
%	Modulo	m = 10 % 3

The + operator also works for string concatenation, just as it does in Python. A notable difference is that any type can be concatenated onto a string without using a function like str(), so "abc" + 123 is valid.

### 1.6 Arithmetic

Arithmetic operators in Java work very similarly to those in Python, including the order of operations and the way that they behave when combining integer and floating point values. Practice using the Java operators now.

Operator	Description	Example
+	Addition	double $x = 5.1 + 3;$
-	Subtraction	double z = 5.1 - 3;
*	Multiplication	int x = 3 * 4;
/	Division	double $x = 5.1 / 3;$
/ (integers)	Integer Division	int $x = 5 / 2;$
Math.pow(x, y)	Power: X <sup>Y</sup>	<pre>double z; z = Math.pow(x, y);</pre>
%	Modulo	m = 10 % 3

- Create a new Java class in the "src/main/java/unit01" folder in a file called "Arithmetic.java" and define a main method with the appropriate signature.
  - Use System.out.println to print the results of using arithmetic operators with combinations of different types, e.g.:
    - int and int
    - int and double
    - double and double

  - There is no need to declare variables, but remember that Java will consider a *literal integer* to be an int (32-bit) and a literal *floating* point value to be a double (64-bit).
- Use the VSCode run button to run the class.

## Strings & Characters

String is the type used for Java strings. **String literals** must be enclosed in **double-quotes** ("").

```
String aString = "Jason";
char first = aString.charAt(0);
char last = aString.charAt(4);

System.out.println(first);
System.out.println(last);
```

Java strings do not support the use of square brackets ([]), but the charAt(int index)
method will return the char at a specific index.

As with Python, *valid indexes* range from *0* to *length-1*. Java *does not* support negative indexes.

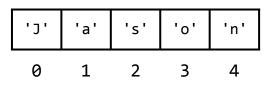
- Java strings have a lot in common with Python strings.
  - They comprise characters.
  - Literal strings are enclosed in double-quotes ("").
  - Strings are *immutable*.
  - The + **operator** can be used to create a new string by **concatenating** two strings together.
  - Strings are **reference types**.
- There are some key differences as well.
  - Literal strings **cannot** use single-quotes ('') or triple-quotes of either type.
  - Java includes a char type that represents a single character. Single quotes are used for char *literals*, e.g. 'a', '1', '&'.
  - The + **operator** can concatenate strings together with **any** other Java type.
  - Java strings do not work with square brackets ([]).
     Instead the charAt (int index) method is called on the string to get the char at a specific index.
  - Strings are not *iterable*.
- Also like Python, Java makes use of a string literal pool.
  - If the same string literal is used in more than one place, a single copy of the string is stored and reused.

# 1.7 Java Strings

Making the transition from Python strings to Java strings can take some getting used to, especially because you can't access individual characters in a Java string using []. Start getting used to using the s.charAt(index) to access the individual characters in Java strings.

```
String aString = "Jason";
char first = aString.charAt(0);
char last = aString.charAt(4);

System.out.println(first);
System.out.println(last);
```



Java strings are built on top of an *array* of characters, each of which is accessible via its index using charAt (int index).

- Create a new Java class in the "unit01" folder in a file called "Strings.java" and declare a main method with the appropriate signature.
  - Create a String variable containing at least 5
     characters using the literal of your choice.
  - Use the charAt (int index) method to print the first and last characters in the string.
  - Print at least 3 of the remaining characters.
- Use the VSCode run button to run the class.

#### Methods & Parameters

All of the methods that we write in this unit will be public (visible to **all** parts of the program) and static (called on the **class**, **not** an object).

**All** Java methods must declare a **return type**. A **void** return type indicates that the method does not return a value.

**Parameters** must declare a **type** as well as a **name**. When the method is invoked, a **compatible** argument **must** be provided for each parameter.

- You should recall that a function that belongs to a class is called a method. All code in Java must be within the body of a class, therefore all functions in Java are methods.
  - Java methods must be declared between the curly braces ({ . . . }) that define the body of a class.
- There are some key differences between Python and Java.
  - There is no self parameter.
  - Like any other Java variable, parameters *must* be declared with a *type* as well as a *name*.
  - All methods must declare a return type. A method that does not return anything declares a void return type.
  - An access modifier <u>may</u> be used to set the visibility of the method outside of the class. In this unit, all of the methods that we write will be public.
- In Python, a method that does not explicitly return a value returns None by default. In Java, a method with a void return type does not return anything at all.
  - Trying to assign the return value of a void method to a variable is a compiler error.

# 1.8 Hello, Methods!

Java methods must declare types for any parameters *and* the type that will be returned by the method (or void if nothing is returned). Practice now by writing a Java method and calling it from main.

Hi. Again, again.



- Open the HelloWorld class that you wrote previously and define a method called "helloName" that declares String parameters for a first and last name.
  - Don't forget to make the method public and static.
  - Print a message in the format "Hello, <first> <last>!" to standard output.
- Call your method from main.
- Run the class.

- All Java methods must declare a return type, even
  if no value is returned.
  - The return type is declared as part of the method signature.
- Unlike Python, there is no default return type in Java. The void return type indicates that a method does not return a value of any type.
  - A void method cannot be assigned to a variable, and trying to do so will cause a compiler error, e.g. int x = someVoidMethod();
  - A void method cannot return a value, though it may use an empty return statement, e.g. return;
- If a method declares a return type of anything
   other than void, then a value of that type must be
   returned by the method using a return
   statement, e.g. return 5;
  - This also means that, if there are *multiple branching* paths through the method, each and every branch must terminate in a return statement.
  - A method that does not return a value of the declared type will not compile.

#### Return Values

A method that declares a void **return type** does not return a value of any type, though a return statement can be used without a value.

```
public static void someVoidMethod() {
   System.out.println("no return");
   return;

public int intReturn() {
   return 5;
}
```

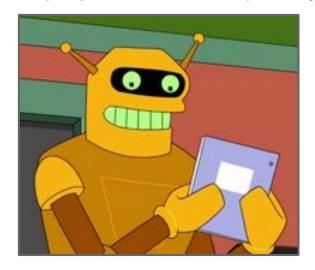
A method that declares a return type of any other type *must* return a value of a *compatible type*. If not, the method will *not compile*.

Assigning a method with a void return type to a variable of any type will cause a **compiler error**.

```
int x = someVoidMethod();
```

# 1.9 Calculon

In Python, all methods return a value (even if that value is None). In Java, a method must declare its return type - if the return type is not void, the method must return a value of the correct type or the program will not compile. Try writing a few methods that return values.



```
public int intReturn() {
    return 5;
}
```

- Create a new Java class in the "unit01" folder in a file called "Calculon.java".
- Define a method for each of the four basic arithmetic operations, each of which declares two floating point parameters and returns a floating point result.
  - o add
  - o subtract
  - o multiply
  - o divide
- Test your methods by calling them from main and printing the results to standard output.
- Run the class.

#### Conditionals

Python	Java	Example
not	!	!a, !(a    b)
or		a    b
and	&&	a && b
^	^	a ^ b
is, is not	==, !=	a == b, a != b
==	<pre>== (primitives) equals(Object)</pre>	x == 5 a.equals(b)
<, <=	<, <=	a < b, a <= b
>, >=	>, >=	a > b, a >= b

A side-by-side comparison of *logical* and *comparison operators* in Python and the equivalent operators in Java.

- Recall that a boolean expression is one that, when evaluated, results in a boolean value, i.e. true or false.
- Just like Python, logical and comparison operators
  can be combined to create complex boolean
  expressions in Java.
- Also like Python, Java supports conditional statements that work very much the same.
  - o if (expression) {...} executes the statements in the body if the expression is true.
  - else {...} executes the statements in the body if all of the *preceding conditions* are false.
- The most notable difference is that Java does not include an elif statement.
  - Instead, else if (expression) {...} is used.

```
1 if(a && b) {
2    System.out.println("foo");
3 } else if(b ^ c) {
4    System.out.println("bar");
5 } else {
6    System.out.println("foobar");
7 }
```

# 1.10 Conditioning

Python	Java	Example
not	!	!a, !(a    b)
or	П	a    b
and	&&	a && b
^	۸	a ^ b
is, is not	==, !=	a == b, a != b
==	<pre>== (primitives) equals(Object)</pre>	x == 5 a.equals(b)
<, <=	<, <=	a < b, a <= b
>, >=	>, >=	a > b, a >= b

```
if(a && b) {
    System.out.println("foo");
} else if(b ^ c) {
    System.out.println("bar");
} else {
    System.out.println("foobar");
}
```

By now you have lots of experience using conditionals in Python. Conditionals in Java work exactly the same way, but use a different syntax. Practice the Java syntax by writing a method that prints a different message depending on whether or not a number is divisible by 2, 3, or 5.

- Create a new Java class in a file named "Conditional.java" and define a method named "evenlyDivisible" that declares a parameter for an integer n.
  - Print exactly one of the following messages depending on the value of n:
    - The number is **even**
    - The number is **divisible by 3**
    - The number is **divisible by 5**
    - The number is **odd but not divisible by 3 or 5**
- Call your method from main with several values of n.
- Run the class.

#### while Loops

- Java while loops work exactly the same way as while loops in Python with a few small syntactic differences.
  - The boolean expression that controls the loop must be enclosed in parentheses (()).
  - If the body of the loop contains more than one statement, it must be enclosed in curly braces ({}).
- Java also supports statements for more finely grained control of a while loop.
  - The break statement will terminate a loop immediately, regardless of the boolean expression.
  - The continue statement will stop the current iteration. The boolean expression will be evaluated to determine whether or not the next iteration should be executed.

A while loop will execute **zero or more** iterations depending on whether the boolean expression is true the very first time it is evaluated.

```
1  int i = 1048576;
2  while(i != 2) {
3    System.out.println(i);
4    i = i / 2;
5  }
```

The loop will continue iterating until the boolean expression evaluates to false.

The break and continue statements work the same as they do in Python and can be used for more finely grained control of the iteration.

# 1.11 Counting Up with while

The while loop in Java works just like Python's while loop, but uses a different syntax (you may be sensing a theme here). Practice Java's while loop syntax by implementing a method that uses a while loop to print a count up from 0 to n.

In Java, the boolean expression used by a while *loop* must be enclosed in *parentheses*...

```
1  int i = 128;
2  while(i != 2) {
3    System.out.println(i);
4    i = i / 2;
5  }
```

...and the statements in the **body** of the loop must be enclosed in **curly braces** ({}).

- Create a new Java class in a file named
   "CountUp.java" and define a method named
   "countWhile" that declares a parameter for an integer n.
  - Use a while **loop** to print a count from 0 **to** n.
  - Return the **sum** of the numbers that are counted.
- Call your method from main and print the sum.
- Run the class.

# "Classic" for Loops

- Java's "classic" for loop is a more syntactically compact version of the counting while loop.
- The *loop declaration* includes three statements separated by *semicolons* (;).
  - The *initialization statement* initializes the counting variable and is executed *exactly once* before the first iteration, e.g. int i=1048576;
  - The boolean expression that controls the loop. It is evaluated before each iteration of the loop,
     e.g. i!=2;
  - The modification statement that is executed after each iteration of the loop, e.g. i=i/2;
- All three statements are optional.
  - o If omitted, the boolean expression is **always** true.
- Java also includes a for each loop similar to Python's that works with iterable types.
  - We'll take a look at it later in this unit.

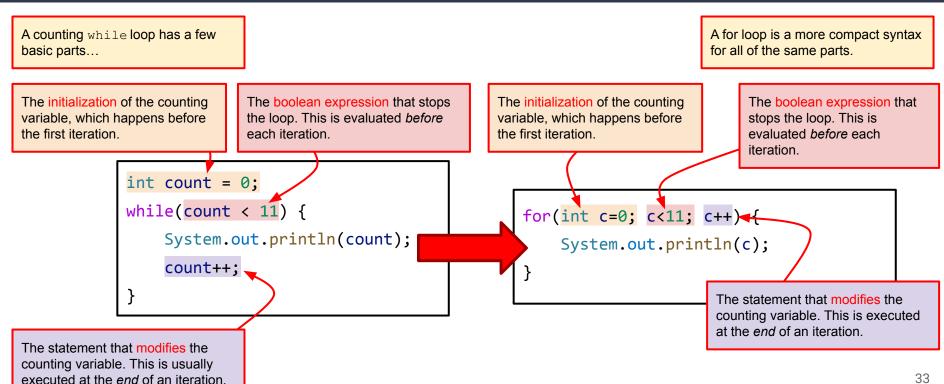
The "classic" for loop uses a C-like syntax to make a more syntactically compact version of a counting while loop.

```
1 for(int i=1048576; i != 2; i=i/2) {
2    System.out.println(i);
3 }

1    int i = 1048576;
2    while(i != 2) {
3       System.out.println(i);
4    i = i / 2;
5    }
```

The *initialization statement*, *boolean expression*, and *modification statement* are all included in the loop declaration.

# A Closer Look at "Classic" for Loops



# 1.12 Counting up with for

Python does not have a loop like Java's "classic" or "C-Style" for loop. However, it works just like a counting while loop with a more compact syntax. Practice the syntax now by implementing a second method that counts from 0 to n using a for loop.

Java's for *loop* is a *syntactic shortcut* for a counting while loop.

The **counting variable** is initialized in the loop **header**. The **boolean expression** is evaluated **before** each iteration.

```
for(int i=1024; i != 2; i=i/2) {
    System.out.println(i);
}
```

The *modification statement* is executed *after* each iteration.

- Open your CountUp class and define a method called "countFor" that declares a parameter for an integer n.
  - Use a for **loop** to print a count from 0 **to** n.
  - Return the **sum** of the numbers that are counted.
- Call your method from main and print the sum.
- Run the class.

# 1.13 Java Basics

Up to this point you have only written a small amount of Java code, so let's do a quick practice exercise so that you can continue to reinforce Java syntax. Write a new class that includes a main method that uses a loop to print the integers between 1 and 100 that are multiples of 3 or 7.



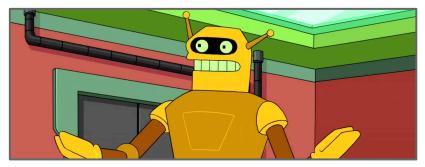
Java programs require a lot of scaffolding, even for something as simple as "Hello, World!"

- Create a new Java class in a file called "Basics.java" and define a main **method** with the appropriate signature.
  - Use a loop to print all of the integers that are multiples of 3 or 7 between 1 and 100.
  - **Challenge**: **Do not** print numbers that are multiples of **both** 3 and 7.
- Run the class.

```
public class MyClass {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int x;
  double pi = 3.14159;
    System.out.println("Hello, GCIS-124!");
}
```

# 1.14 Calculon++

In the last class, you wrote a four-function calculator in a class named Calculon. Let's practice writing methods by adding a fifth function; a raise method that uses a loop to compute and return an exponent.



```
public static int factorial(int n) {
   int result = 1;
   while(n > 1) {
      result = result * n;
      n = n - 1;
   }
   return result;
}
```

- Open your Calculon class and define a new method named "raise" that declares parameters for a floating point base and an integer exponent.
  - Use a loop to compute the result of raising the base to the power of the exponent.
- Call your new method from main.
- Run the class.

 In Python, type conversions are handled using the constructor of the desired type, e.g.

```
a_string = str(123)
a_list = list("abcdef")
```

 In Java, converting a less complex type to a more complex type is considered safe because there is no risk of data loss. Such conversions may happen automatically, e.g.

```
o long x = 123; // int to long
o double y = 12.34f; // float to double
```

 However, converting from a more complex type to a less complex type risks data loss and is considered to be unsafe. Attempting to do so will cause a compiler error (incompatible types), e.g.

```
o int x = 32461234561; // long to int long y = 1234.567; // double to float
```

 You may force the conversion by casting, wherein the desired type is specified in parentheses on the right side of the assignment statement, e.g.

```
o int x = (int) 32461234561;
o long y = (long) 1234.567;
```

 This is a signal to the compiler that it is OK if there will be some data loss, e.g. the fractional part of a decimal.

#### Casting Numbers

Safe Type Conversions (automatic)	Example	
smaller integer → larger integer	int x = 1234; long y = x;	
integer → floating point	int x = 1234; double y = x;	

<i>Unsafe</i> Type Conversions ( <u>requires</u> casting)	Example		
larger integer →smaller integer	long x = 12341; int y = (int)x;		
floating point → integer	float x = 12.34f; int y = (int)x;		

Conversions between *incompatible types*, e.g. boolean and int, will result in a *compilation error* under any circumstances (even with a cast).

### 1.15 Casting

Casting is only necessary when assigning a value of a more complex type to a variable of a less complex type, e.g. a double value to an int variable. Try it out now to see what happens when you cast values of different types.

Sometimes casting can have... *unintended consequences*.



```
double x = 47.2;
int y = (int)x; // cast needed
```

When casting, the type to cast into is specified in parentheses next to the value being cast.

- Create a new Java class in a file called "Casting.java" and define a main method with the appropriate signature.
  - Experiment with casting by creating variables different types and trying to cast them into variables of another type. Print the values before and after casting. Try at least two of the suggestions below:
    - int to long
    - long >3 Billion to int
    - chartoint
    - int in the range  $33 \le i \le 126$  to char
    - booleanto int.
- Run the class.

#### Standard Input

The Scanner class is in the java.util package, and so must be *imported*. Imports are done at the top of the class file.

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

The new keyword will create a new Scanner by calling its constructor. The Scanner needs to be configured to read from a specific data source, e.g. standard input (System.in).

```
1 Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
2 System.out.print("Enter age: ");
3 int age = scanner.nextInt();
4 int months = age * 12;
5 System.out.println("Age in months: " + months);
6 scanner.close();
```

Methods like next(), nextLine(), and nextInt() will return input typed by the user into the terminal. The Scanner should be closed when it is no longer needed.

- System.out is a reference to standard output and the println and print functions can be used to direct output to the terminal.
- Similarly, System.in is a reference to standard
  input, and it can be used to read user input from the
  terminal, but it's a little unwieldy to use.
- As an alternative to System.in, Java provides the java.util.Scannerclass, which can be used to read data from any input source, e.g. standard input, files, etc.
  - A Scanner needs to be told from where to read by
    passing the input source into its constructor, e.g.
    Scanner s = new Scanner (System.in);
- Scanner provides lots of useful methods:
  - next() returns the next word typed by the user (up to the next whitespace).
  - nextLine() return everything up to the point where the user pressed the enter key.
  - nextInt(), nextLong(), nextFloat(), etc.
     returns the next word as the corresponding type.
- It is considered good programming practice to close
   a Scanner when you are finished using it.

### 1.16 Hello, You!

You may remember that "Hello, You!" is a modified version of the classic "Hello, World!" program that prompts the user to enter their name and prints a customized "Hello!" message to standard output. Practice using Scanner to implement it now.



```
import java.util.Scanner; // import!
```

```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Enter age: ");
int age = scanner.nextInt();
int months = age * 12;
System.out.println("Age in months: " + months);
scanner.close();
```

- Create a new Java class in a file named "Hello.java" and define a new method named "helloYou".
  - o Prompt the user to enter their *name*.
    - Hint: the System.out.print() method will not terminate with a newline, so the user can type on the same line as the prompt.
  - Use a <u>Scanner</u> to read the user's input and store it in a variable.
    - Remember, Scanner is in the java.util package. Don't forget to import it!
  - o Print a message in the format "Hello, <name>!"
- Call your method from main.
- Run the class.

### **1.17** Calculon+++

We'll be using the Scanner a lot to read user input from standard input. Let's practice a little more by making an improvement to the five function calculator by prompting the user to enter the values to add, subtract, multiply, divide, and raise.



```
import java.util.Scanner; // import!
```

```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Enter age: ");
int age = scanner.nextInt();
int months = age * 12;
System.out.println("Age in months: " + months);
scanner.close();
```

- Open your Calculon class and update your main method.
  - Prompt the user to enter two floating point operands.
  - Print the results of calling all five methods on your calculator.
- Run the class.

- JUnit is a unit testing framework that is similar to pytest in Python.
  - You will write a separate JUnit test for each Java class in your program.
  - The unit test is a Java class. By convention, the unit test is named the same as the class under test with "Test" suffix, e.g. "MyClassTest".
  - You will write one or more test methods for each non-trivial method in your Java class.
- JUnit uses Java annotations to find test methods inside of your unit test.
  - @Test annotates each test method.
  - JUnit and/or VSCode will not be able to find the tests if they are not annotated properly.
- JUnit also includes many built in assertions, e.g.

```
o assertEquals(expected, actual)
```

- o assertEquals(float1, float2, delta)
- o assertTrue(actual)
- o assertNotNull(actual)
- o etc.
- Using JUnit with VSCode requires configuring your project to include the JUnit library.
  - You should have downloaded and configured this as part of the pre-semester assignment.

#### JUnit Unit Tests

Each **test method** is marked with the @Test annotation so that JUnit knows which methods to execute.

```
public class EuclidGCDTest {
    public void gcd100() {
           setup
        int a = 100:
        int b = 60;
        int expected = 20;

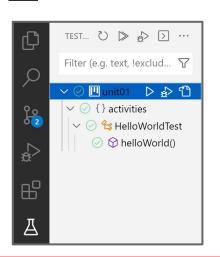
✓/ invoke
        int actual = EuclidGCD.gcd(a, b);
        // analyze
        assertEquals(expected, actual);
```

A good JUnit tests follow the same pattern as pytest: **setup**, **invoke**, and **analyze** using **assertions**.

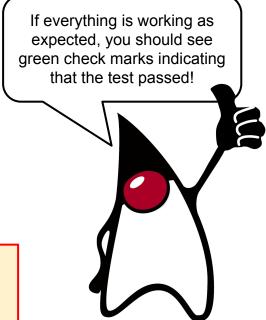
### 1.18 Running Your First JUnit Test

The project that you have been given should already be configured to run JUnit tests, including a "HelloworldTest" that has been provided for you. Make sure that everything is configured properly by using VSCode's Test Runner (因) to run the provided unit test now.

Open the provided HelloWorldTest. You can find it under "test" in your root project folder.



Open the VSCode Test Runner (⚠) and use "Run Test" (▷) to run the provided test.



PROBLEMS

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tab.

If VSCode has identified any problems, try to fix them. If you're not sure how, raise your hand and ask for help!

And remember: it's not about avoiding making mistakes. It's about learning how to fix them as we make them.

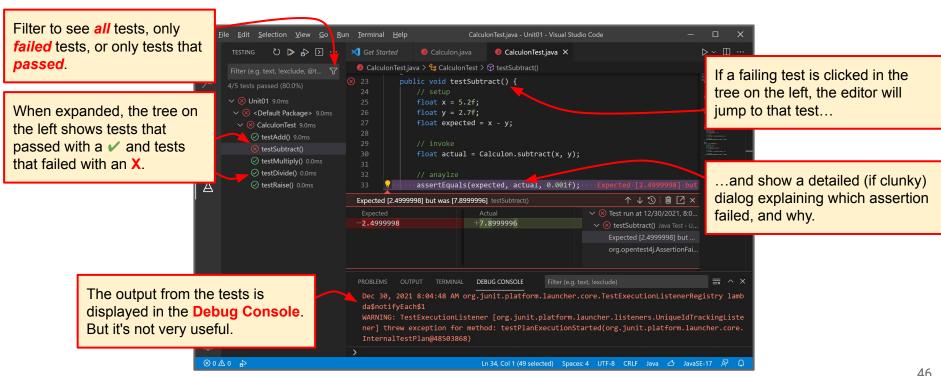
## 1.19 Writing Your First JUnit Test PROBLEMS 🐯

Now that we have verified that we can run JUnit tests and have moved all of our code into the right location in the project, let's write our own unit test. Tests in Java should be set up the same as they are in Python (setup, invoke, analyze) and should be small, fast, and repeatable.



- Create a new JUnit test named "CalculonTest" in the same folder as "HelloWorldTest" and define a test method named "testAdd".
  - Make sure to add the @Test annotation to the method!
  - Call the static add method on your Calculon class and save the result in a new variable, e.g. float actual = Calculon.add(5.1f, 7.2f);
  - Use the JUnit assertEquals method to assert that the actual value matches the expected value.
    - Hint: only type the first few characters of the name, e.g. "assertE", and then use VSCode's autocomplete feature to import the assertEquals method from JUnit.
- Click the flask icon in your VSCode sidebar to open the Java Test Runner.
  - Click the **run all tests button** at the top of the test runner.
  - You will see that VSCode runs each test method in each of your tests, usually from top to bottom.

#### Test Output in VSCode



#### 1.20 More JUnit Tests

We will be writing lots of JUnit tests this semester to verify that our code is working properly. Let's get some more practice by writing tests for some of the other functions for the Calculon five-function calculator. We will want at least one test for each function.



- Open the CalculonTest JUnit test and define at least one test method for each of the remaining methods in your calculator.
  - o subtract
  - o multiply
  - o divide
  - o raise
- After writing each new test, **run** your JUnit test using the **Java Test Runner** to make sure that the test passes.
  - Remember, if you'd like to see why a test *failed*, click on it in the test runner tree and the editor will jump to it and show you why.
- Remember: you can also run your tests using Maven.
  - o mvn clean compile test
  - O What does it look like when a test fails?

#### 1.21 Reverse a String



Let's practice some of the Java basics that we've learned earlier in this unit, including writing methods, returning values, and looping over strings; write a method that returns a reversed copy of a string.

```
int length = string.length();
char c = string.charAt(3);
String cat = "abc" + "def";

for(int i=5; i<11; i++) {
    System.out.println(i);
}</pre>
```

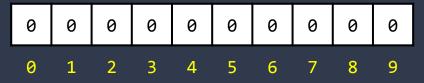
Remember: you can access individual characters in a string using the charAt(index) method inside of a for loop.

- Create a new Java class named "Miscellany" and define a method named "reverseChars" that declares a String parameter.
  - Use a loop to create a copy of the string with the characters reversed.
  - Remember you can use concatenation (the + operator) to concatenate anything onto a string.
  - Return the reversed copy.
- Run the class.

#### Java Arrays

Arrays are allocated as a *contiguous* block of memory that can be efficiently accessed using an *index* that ranges from *0* to *length-1*.

An array can be visualized as a *table* with a single row. The number of columns is determined by the length of the array.



Arrays are created to be a specific size using the new keyword, which tells Java to **allocate memory** and **store** something there.

In the case of an array, the memory allocated is a contiguous block large enough to hold the number of elements specified when the array is created.

- A data structure is a grouping of related elements.
  - In the previous course, we worked with lots of different data structures including lists, sets, dictionaries, stacks, and queues.
- You should recall that an **array** is the most basic kind of data structure, and it has the following properties.
  - Arrays are fixed length; arrays are created to be a non-negative size, and the size never changes.
  - Arrays can store elements of any type.
  - Individual elements are accessed using an index that ranges from 0 to length-1.
- A Java array is declared using any type with square brackets, e.g.
  - o String[] strings;
  - o int[] integers;
- An array is *initialized* using the new keyword and the size of the array in square brackets, e.g.
  - o integers = new int[10];
  - The *length* field can be used to get the length of the array, e.g. integers.length
- Java fills each array with default values appropriate for the type.
  - o **0** for **numeric types** (including char).
  - o false for booleans.
  - null for reference types.

### 1.22 Array of Squares

Like so many other things we have talked about in this unit, arrays in Java are very similar to those that you used in Python. The only real difference is the syntax for creating and using them. Practice now by implementing a method that returns an array of squares.

```
int[] numbers = new int[5];
numbers[0] = 2;
numbers[1] = 3;
numbers[2] = 5;
numbers[3] = 7;
numbers[4] = 11;

for(int i=0; i<numbers.length; i++) {
   System.out.println(numbers[i]);
}

String s = Arrays.toString(numbers);</pre>
```

Creating an array works a little differently in Java, but using one is very similar to the arrays module in Python.

- Open your Miscellany class and define a method named "squares" that declares a parameter for an integer n.
  - Create an **integer array** large enough to hold n elements.
  - Use a loop to set the value at each index to the square of the index
    - i.e. 0<sup>2</sup>, 1<sup>2</sup>, 2<sup>2</sup>, ..., n-1<sup>2</sup>.
  - Return the array.
- Call your squares method from main and print the results.
  - Use the Arrays.toString() method to print your array to standard output (see the example to the left).
- Run the class.

#### 2-Dimensional Arrays

You can depict a **two-dimensional array** with 4 rows and 6 columns as a table...

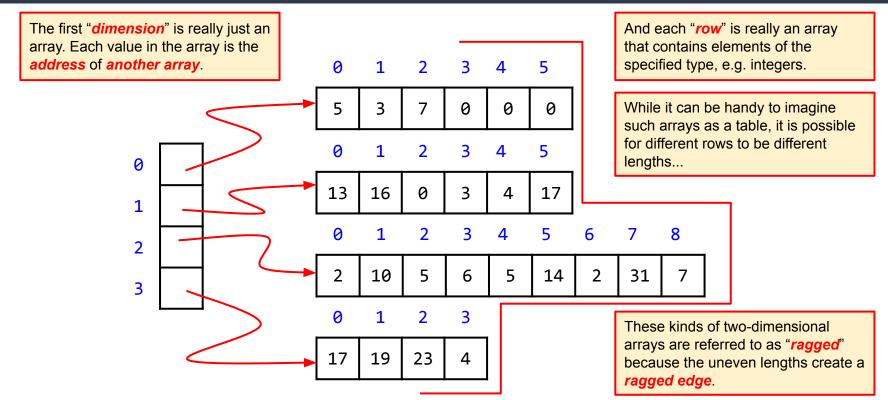
	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	5	3	7	0	0	0
1	13	16	0	3	4	17
2	2	10	5	6	5	14
3	1	18	11	4	3	12

The *table* is really an *array of arrays*. Each *row* is an *array of values*, e.g. row 0 is the array containing the values [5, 3, 7, 0, 0, 0].

Let's take a closer look...

- In Python we experimented with two-dimensional lists. In Java, it is possible to create two-dimensional arrays.
  - A 2D array is an array of arrays.
  - Like any other array, a two-dimensional array must be declared with a type, and can only be used to store values of that type.
  - Two-dimensional arrays are declared using two sets of square brackets, e.g. int[][] table;
  - 2D arrays are initialized with two sizes, which you can think of as the number of rows and columns in the array, e.g. table = new int[4][6];
- The values in a two dimensional array are accessed using two indexes.
  - You can think of these as the index of the row and column of the data that you are looking for.
  - For example: int value = table[4][5] will retrieve the value from row 4, column 5 in the 2D array.
- You can also fetch the array for an entire row all at once by using only one index.
  - For example: int[] row = table[3] will grab the array that contains the values in the row 3.

#### A Closer Look at Two-Dimensional Arrays



### 1.23 Multiplication Tables

You may remember using 2D-lists in Python to create multiplication tables. Let's try the same thing in Java using a two dimensional array instead.

```
// 5 rows, 4 columns
int[][] table = new int[5][4];
// row 1
int[] entireRow = table[1];
// the value at row 3 column 2
int individualValue = table[3][2];
for(int row=0; row<table.length; row++) {</pre>
  for(int col=0; col < table[row].length; col++) {</pre>
    System.out.println(table[row][col]);
```

In a 2D array a single index is used to get an entire row, and two indexes are needed to retrieve an individual value from a row.

- Open your Miscellany class and define a new method named "multiplicationTable" that declares a parameter for rows and columns.
  - Create a two-dimensional array of the specified size.
  - Use loops to set the value at each index to the product of its row and column, starting at 1. Do not include 0s!
- Call your method from main.
  - Use a loop to print each row in the table using the static Arrays.toString() method, e.g. Arrays.toString(table[0]) will print the first row.
- Run the class.

### 1.24 Invalid Input

We wrote many Python programs that expected the user to use standard input to enter numeric values into a prompt. If they entered non-numeric values, the program would crash with a ValueError. What happens if the user enters non-numeric data into your Calculon program?



In Python, trying to convert an invalid string into an integer or float will cause an error.

If the error is not handled using try/except then the program will crash.

- Run the Calculon program.
  - Use standard input to enter non-numeric data for one of the two values.
  - What happens?

#### Java Exceptions

Code that may **throw** an exception will crash your program if the exception is not **handled**.

The code may be enclosed in the body of a try **block**. The try must be followed by a catch that specifies the type of exception it handles.

```
1 Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
2 try {
3   System.out.print("Enter a number: ");
4   int x = scanner.nextInt();
5   } catch(InputMismatchException e) {
6   System.out.println("Invalid integer!");
7  }
```

The code in the catch **block** is executed iff an exception of a matching type is thrown in the try block.

- In Python, we saw lots of different kinds of errors, e.g.
  - Trying to convert a non-numeric string into an integer raises a ValueError.
  - Trying to index into an integer raises a TypeError.
  - Trying to access an invalid index in a list raises an IndexError.
  - Trying to open a file that doesn't exist raises a FileNotFoundError.
- In Java these types of errors are called exceptions.
  - Specifically, trying to read non-numeric input from the user as an integer causes an InputMismatchException.
  - You may have seen other exceptions before, including IndexOutOfBoundsException and NullPointerException.
- Java code that causes an exception is said to throw the exception.
- As with Python, if nothing is done to handle the error, your program will *crash*.
  - o In Python, we used try/except to handle errors that were raised.
  - In Java, try/catch works almost exactly the same way. One notable difference is that the catch must specify the type of exception that it handles.

### 1.25 Using try/catch in Java Programs

Handling errors in Java works a lot like it does in Python. Instead of using try/except, we will use try/catch to handle exceptions that may occur. Try it out by modifying your Calculon class so that it displays an error if the user enters invalid input to either prompt.

```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
try {
   System.out.print("Enter a number: ");
   int x = scanner.nextInt();
} catch(InputMismatchException e) {
   System.out.println("Invalid integer!");
}
```

- Open the Calculon class and navigate to the main method.
  - Use a try/catch to handle the exception that occurs if the user types invalid input.
  - Print an error message and exit gracefully.
- Run your updated class and enter non-numeric data.
  - What happens?

- The <u>java.io.File</u> class represents a *file* or directory in the computer's file system.
  - Importing the class will allow your program to use it without specifying the full class name.
- A *file object* is created by calling the File class constructor with the path to the file.
  - o An **absolute path** may be used.
  - A relative path may also be used; such paths are relative to the directory from which the program is executed.
  - o e.g. File f = new File("a file.txt");
- An instance of the File class cannot be used to read from or write to the specified file, but does provide many methods that can be used to get information about the file.
  - exists() returns true if a file with the specified path exists in the file system, and false otherwise.
  - isDirectory() returns true if the file is a directory, and false otherwise.
  - getAbsolutePath() returns the absolute path to the file as a String.
  - length() returns the number of bytes of data in the file as a long.

#### Java Files

An *instance* of the java.io.File class can be created with an *absolute* or *relative* path to a file in the file system.

A *relative path* is relative to the directory in which the program was executed. For example, "data/file.txt" refers to a file named "file.txt" in the "data" subdirectory.

```
1 File file = new File("a_file.txt");
2 String path = file.getAbsolutePath();
3 long size = file.length();
4 boolean dir = file.isDirectory();
```

Once created, a file object can be used to get information about the file including its *absolute path*, *length*, and whether or not it is a *directory*.

### 1.26 Getting File Info

In Java, File objects can be used to get lots of different information about files and directories. Try it out now by implementing a method that uses a File object to print detailed information about any file.

A File object is created with string specifying a filename or a path to a file.

```
File file = new File("some_file.txt");
String name = file.getName();
boolean exists = file.exists();
```

Once you have created a file object, you can call methods on it to get information about the file.

Try using VSCode's autocomplete feature to see which methods are available.

- Create a new Java class named "Files" and define a method named "info" that declares a parameter for a filename.
  - Create a File using the filename\* and print the following:
    - The name of the file.
    - The **absolute path** to the file.
    - Whether or not the file exists.
    - If the file exists, print its length in bytes.
- Call your function from main with several different filenames.
  - Hint: use the names of files in your repository.
- Run the class.

- A <u>java.io.FileReader</u>can be used to read character data (text) from a file.
  - A FileReader can be created by passing an absolute or relative path into its constructor.
  - e.g. new FileReader("a\_file.txt")
- Once created, a FileReader provides several methods for reading text.
  - o read() returns the next character of data.
  - read(char[] buffer) reads up to
    buffer.length characters into the given buffer.
- A FileReader is a little hard to use because it only supports reading characters (one at a time or in chunks). A <a href="mailto:java.io.BufferedReader">java.io.BufferedReader</a> can be constructed with a FileReader and provides a readLine () method that reads up to the next newline from the file and returns it as a String.
  - o e.g. String s = reader.readLine();
  - The method returns null when the end of the file has been reached.
- The FileReader and/or BufferedReader should be closed when no longer needed.

### Reading Text Files

A java.io.FileReader can be used to read characters (one at a time or in chunks) from the file with the specified path.

```
1 FileReader fileReader =
2    new FileReader("a_file.txt");
3 BufferedReader reader =
4    new BufferedReader(fileReader);
5 String line = reader.readLine();
6 reader.close();
7 fileReader.close();
```

A java.io.BufferedReader can be created with a FileReader. Its readLine() method can be used to read one line of text at a time.

Opened files should always be *closed* when no longer needed to avoid locking the file (and preventing other processes from using it).

#### 1.27 Reading Text Files



Unfortunately, reading text files in Java is a lot more complicated than it is in Python. There is a lot more setup *and* you can't just iterate through the lines in the file exactly. Let's practice a little now.



```
FileReader fileReader =
   new FileReader("a_file.txt");
BufferedReader reader =
   new BufferedReader(fileReader);
String line = reader.readLine();
reader.close();
fileReader.close();
```

- Open your Files class and define a method named "printFile" that declares a parameter for a filename.
  - Create a FileReader using the filename.
  - O Create a BufferedReader using the FileReader.
  - Use a loop to print the lines in the file one at a time.
    - Use the readLine () method on the BufferedReader.
    - If readLine() returns null, you have reached the end of the file
    - Don't forget to close the FileReader and BufferedReader when you are done!
- Call your method from main using one of the provided files in the data directory in your repository.
  - e.g. "data/alice.txt"
- What do you notice in VSCode?
- What happens when you try to run your code?

#### Checked Exceptions

Because IOException is a *checked exception*, it must be explicitly handled using a try/catch or by *rethrowing* the exception.

**Many** of the methods on the various I/O classes throw IOException (including the **constructors**).

A throws **declaration** is added to the method signature. In the event that the specified type of exception occurs, it is automatically **rethrown**.

- Up until this point, we have had to deal with unchecked exceptions like InputMismatchException
  - You are **not** explicitly required to handle an unchecked exception in any way.
  - Of course, in the event that an unchecked exception is thrown, it will crash your program if it is not handled.
- Java also includes checked exceptions.
  - If a program calls a method that throws a checked exception, the programmer *must* handle the exception in some way.
  - Failure to handle a checked exception will cause a compiler error.
  - In a way, this can be very good checked exceptions do not "sneak through" and crash your program like unchecked exceptions can sometimes do.
- A checked exception can be handled in two ways.
  - Using a try/catch in the same way as we did previously with unchecked exceptions.
  - Rethrowing the exception by adding a throws declaration to the method, e.g.
    - void method() throws IOException
- Nearly every method used to read data from files can throw a <u>java.io.IOException</u>
  - o IOException is checked, and so must be handled.

### 1.28 Handling Checked Exceptions



One way to handle a checked exception is to *rethrow it*.

```
public static void doSomething()
  throws AnException {
  int x = aMethod();
}
```

Another is to try/catch it.

```
public static void doSomething() {
   try {
     doSomething();
   } catch(RuntimeException e) {
     doSomethingElse();
   }
}
```

Nearly every Java I/O operation may throw an IOException if something goes wrong. IOException is checked, and so must be handled in some way. Update your Files class to better handle checked exceptions if and when they occur.

- Open your Files class and navigate to the printFile method.
  - Update the method signature to declare that it throws IOException.
- Use a try/catch in your main method to handle the exception.
  - If an IOException occurs, print an error message and exit.
- Run the class.

- The <u>java.io.FileWriter</u> class provides methods for writing **character data** to a file.
  - o write (char c) writes a single character.
  - write(char[] buffer) writes an entire array of characters all at once.
  - flush() forces any data that has been buffered in memory to be written to the file. If you do not flush before closing the file, your data may not be written!
- A FileWriter is a little hard to use because it only supports writing characters. The java.io.PrintWriterclass can be constructed with a FileWriter and provides methods that are easier to use. Anything printed to the PrintWriter is written out to the FileWriter.
  - o print (String s) writes the string to the FileWriter.
  - println (String s) writes the string followed by a newline.
  - print(int i) prints the integer as a string, e.g.
     "123". There is a similar methods for each primitive type.
  - flush() flushes any buffered data out to the file.
     Again, data that is not flushed may not be written!

#### Writing Text Files

A FileWriter can be created with a *filename* to write *character data* out to the file, but a FileWriter can be a little *clunky* to use.

A PrintWriter can be created with a FileWriter.

```
FileWriter fw = new FileWriter("a_file.txt");
PrintWriter writer = new PrintWriter(fw);
writer.print("Your age is: ");
writer.print(18);
writer.println(" years old.");
writer.flush();
writer.close();
```

A PrintWriter provides many convenience methods for printing data. Anything printed using the PrintWriter is written to the FileWriter as character data.

Data should be *flushed* and the PrintWriter should be *closed*.

### 1.29 Writing Text Files

Using Java to write to text files is just as complicated as reading files. It will take lots of practice for you to get used to it. Using the code examples below and the code you wrote for previous activities in this unit, write a command-line text editing tool that saves text that the user types to a file.

```
1 FileWriter fw =
2    new FileWriter("a_file.txt");
3 PrintWriter writer =
4    new PrintWriter(fw);
5 writer.print("Your age is: ");
6 writer.print(18);
7 writer.println(" years old.");
8 writer.flush();
9 writer.close();
```

A FileWriter and PrintWriter can be used in conjunction to make writing text fairly easy.

- Create a new Java class named "TextEdit" and define a main method with the appropriate signature.
  - Prompt the user to enter a *filename* and use it to create a
     FileWriter.
  - Use the FileWriter to create a PrintWriter that you will use to print lines to the file.
  - Use a Scanner and a loop to allow the user to enter text into standard input. Use the PrintWriter to write each line of text to the file. Stop if the user enters a blank line.
  - Don't forget to close your Scanner and FileReader!
  - Use a try/catch to handle any exceptions and exit gracefully.
- Run the class.

#### try-with-resources

When using try-with-resources, resources are allocated in a **semicolon-delimited list** inside parentheses (shown in **orange** for emphasis).

```
1 try(FileWriter out =
2    new FileWriter(name);
3    PrintWriter writer =
4     new PrintWriter(out)) {
5
6    writer.println("Hello, File!");
7    writer.flush();
8 }
```

The **scope** of any resources that are opened is the try **block** - they can be used normally anywhere between the curly braces.

The resources are **automatically closed** when execution exits the try block, even if an exception is thrown in the block.

- A process that opens a file maintains a lock on that file until it is closed.
  - This lock will prevent other processes from interacting with the file.
- However, properly closing a file can be challenging under some circumstances.
  - What if there is an exception?
  - What if the file fails to open at all?
  - What if closing the file throws an exception?!
- You should remember that Python includes a with-as statement that insures that a file is always closed, regardless of whether an error is raised.
- Java includes a similar feature: try-with-resources.
  - Resources like FileInputStream or PrintWriter are initialized in parentheses after the try.
  - Any such resources are automatically closed when the body of the try exits (after the closing curly brace).
- A try-with-resources does not need to be followed by a catch block.
  - If a catch block is used, the resources will be closed after it is executed.
  - o If you **do** omit the catch block, a checked exception (like IOException) will need to be **rethrown**.

### 1.30 Using try-with-resources in Java

In Python we used with-as to open files and make sure that the file was closed (even if an error occurred). Using try-with-resources in Java works exactly the same way. Practice using it by updating your TextEdit class to use try-with-resources to insure that the output file is closed.

```
1 try(FileWriter out =
2    new FileWriter(name);
3    PrintWriter writer =
4    new PrintWriter(out)) {
5
6    writer.println("Hello, File!");
7    writer.flush();
8 }
```

Any resources opened between the parentheses after the try-with-resources are *automatically closed* when the try block exits.

- Open your TextEdit class and navigate to the main method.
  - Modify your implementation so that it uses
     try-with-resources to open both the FileWriter
     and the PrintWriter.
  - You may delete the explicit calls to close both.
  - You will still need to make sure that the Scanner is closed.
- Run the class.

# Summary & Reflection

