### JAVA FUNDAMENTALS

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# **HISTORY OF JAVA**

- James Gosling, Mike Sheridan, and Patrick Naughton initiated the Java language project
- The small team of sun engineers called Green Team
- Firstly, it was called "Greentalk" and file extension was .gt
- After that, it was called Oak and was developed as a part of the Green project

- Suns's Green Team creates interactive, handheld home-entertainment device that provides first glimpse of the potential for processor-independent programming language
- But it was too advanced for the digital cable television industry at the time
- It also featured a smart agent called "Duke," who would later go on to become the mascot of Java

- Sun's Green Project becomes FirstPerson, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Microsystems that focuses on building technology for highly interactive devices
- The group is later rolled back into Sun and engineers change their focus from embedded systems in electronic appliances like set-top boxes to online services

- After brainstorming, the team refocused the platform on the WWW, and figured that the Internet could evolve into the same highly interactive medium that they had envisioned for cable TV
- Patrick Naughton and Jonathan Payne used the Oak to write WebRunner (an homage to the movie Blade Runner) later named HotJava
- Sun changed the name of the Oak language to Java (from Java coffee), after a trademark dispute from Oak Technology

- Sun Microsystems released the first public implementation as JDK Alpha and Beta
- It promised "Write Once, Run Anywhere" (WORA), providing no-cost run-times on popular platforms
- Fairly secure and featuring configurable security, it allowed network- and file-access restrictions

- The first version was released on January 23
- At the first-ever JavaOne developer conference, more than 6,000 attendees gather to learn more about Java technology
- Sun licenses java to operating systems vendors, including Microsoft, Apple, IBM, and others

- Enterprise JavaBean (EJB) and Java Fundation Classes (JFC) are announced
- JDK 1.1 is released; it includes JavaBeans API and Java Database Connectivity (JDBC)
- Also extensive retooling of the AWT event model and "inner classes" added to the language

- JDK 1.1 tops 2 million downloads
- JDK 1.2 is released and branded Java 2, and the version name changed do J2SE (Java 2 Standard Edition)
- Swing 1.0 and EJB 1.0 are released

- Sun announces a redefined architecture for the Java platform
- HotSpot 1.0 is released and becomes the default Sun JVM in Java 1.3
- Sun announces
  - Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition (J2SE)
  - Java 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE)
  - Java 2 Platform, Micro Edition (J2ME)

- J2SE 1.3, codename: Kestrel bundled with HotSpot JVM, Java Sound, Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI), and Java Platform Debugger Architecture (JPDA)
- Sun unveils Java Web Start, which enables Java applications to be launched through a Web browser by simply clicking on a link to download and run the application
- Netbeans.org launches

- JDK 1.4 (Merlin) is released
- Major changes included
  - Assertion
  - Regular Expression
  - XML processing
  - Cryptography and Secure Socket Layer (SSL)
  - Non-blocking I/O (NIO)
  - Logging

- Java.net community and site is launched
- Java's new cofee cup logo debuts
- J2EE 1.4 is released

- Java 2 Platform, Standard Edition 5.0 (Project Tiger) is released
- New features
  - Generics
  - Autoboxing/unboxing
  - Enhanced for
  - Static imports
  - Annotation/Metadata
- Java is verified for mobility

- Java celebrates its tenth anniversary with huge celebrations at JavaOne
- The Java Champions program is launched to recognize leaders in the Java developer community
- Sun launches the GlassFish Project an application server project for the Java EE platform

- Java SE 6 (Mustang) is released. Replaced the name from J2SE to Java SE and dropped the .0 from the version number
- Main features
  - Web Services
  - Scripting
  - Security & Monitoring and Management
  - Compiler Access
  - Pluggable Annotations
- Java is Open Sourced

- Project Coin is launched to enhence the Java programming language with an assortment of small changes
- The Java EE 6 is released with simplified development and deployment model, RESTful Web services, and the Java EE Web Profile
- The NetBeans IDE is developer.com's Product of the Year

- The JCP approves Java 7 and Java 8 roadmaps
  - JSR-336 for Java 7
  - JSR-337 for Java 8
- The Java standard will progress through the JCP while the open source reference implementation will be delivered through the OpenJDK project

- Java SE 7 (Dolphin) is released
- Feature additions for Java 7 include
  - JVM support for dynamic languages
  - Small language changes (Project Coin)
  - Concurrency utilities under JSR 166
  - New file I/O library to enhance platform independence
  - Fork/Join
- Lambda, Jigsaw, and part of Coin were dropped from Java 7

- The most significant top-to-bottom changes to the Java language appear in Java SE 8 (Spider)
- New features
  - Language-level support for lambda expressions
  - Project Nashorn, a JavaScript runtime
  - Date and Time API
  - Streams

- JDK 9 is released
- Designing and implementing a standard module system for the Java SE platform
- jshell the Java Shell (a Java REPL)
- Reactive Streams

## DESIGN GOALS OF THE JAVA

#### **DESIGN GOALS OF THE JAVA**

- 1. Simple, Object Oriented, and Familiar
- 2. Robust and Secure
- 3. Architecture Neutral and Portable
- 4. High Performance
- 5. Interpreted, Threaded, and Dynamic

Source: http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/intro-141325.html

# BASIC ASSUMPTIONS OF LANGUAGE

- 1. Architecture neutral
- 2. Distributed
- 3. Dynamic
- 4. High Performance
- 5. Interpreted
- 6. Multithreaded

- 7. Object-Oriented
- 8. Platform independent
- 9. Portable
- 10. Robust
- 11. Secured
- 12. Simple

#### ARCHITECTURE NEUTRAL

- The compiler will generate an architecture-neutral object file meaning that compiled Java code (bytecode) can run on many processors given the presence of a Java runtime
- It's no need to recompile Java source code for 32-bit or 64-bit

#### DISTRIBUTED

- It is possible to create distributed applications in Java
- Programs can be design to run on computer networks
- Support for TCP, UDP, and basic Socket communication is excellent and getting better
- Also RMI and EJB are used for creating distributed applications

#### **DYNAMIC**

- Compiler doesn't understand which method to called in advance
- JVM decide which method to called at run time
- All Java objects are dynamically allocated

#### HIGH PERFORMANCE

- Java is faster than traditional interpretation since byte code is "close" to native code
- Java uses Just-In-Time compiler a computer program that turns Java byte codes into instructions that can directly be sent to compilers

#### INTERPRETED

- Java is a compiled programming Language which compiles the Java program into Java byte codes
- This JVM is then interpreted to run the program

#### **MULTITHREADED**

- A thread in Java refers to an independent program, executing concurrently
- We can write Java programs that deal with many tasks at once by defining multiple threads
- The main advantage of multi-threading is that it doesn't occupy memory for each thread. It shares a common memory area

#### **OBJECT-ORIENTED**

- The code is organized as a combination of different types of objects which have data and behaviour
- Basic concepts of OOP: class, object, abstraction, encapsulation, inheritence, polimorphism

#### PLATFORM INDEPENDENT

- Java code can be run on multiple platforms (Windows, Linux, Mac/OS etc)
- When we compile Java code then .class file is generated by javac compiler
- These codes are readable by JVM and every operating system have its own JVM
- So, Java is platform independent but JVM is platform dependent

#### **PORTABLE**

- Output of a Java compiler is Non Executable Code i.e Bytecode
- Bytecode is executed by Java run-time system Java Virtual Machine (JVM)

#### **ROBUST**

- Java uses strong memory management
- There are lack of pointers that avoids security problem
- There is exception handling and type checking mechanism
- There is automatic garbage collection

## **SECURED**

- Java program is executed by the JVM
- The JVM prevent java code from generating side effects outside of the system
- Classloader: adds security by separating the package for the classes of the local file system from those that are imported from network sources
- Bytecode Verifier: checks the code fragments for illegal code that can violate access right to objects
- Security Manager: determines what resources a class can access such as reading and writing to the local disk

## **SIMPLE**

- There is no confusing rarely used features: explicit pointers, operator overloading, multiple inheritance etc
- Syntax is based on C++
- Garbage Collection no need to remove unreferenced objects

# **JAVA ENVIRONMENT**

- JDK (Java Development Kit) the software for programmers who want to write Java programs
- JRE (Java Runtime Environment) the software for consumers who want to run Java programs
- IDE (Integrated Development Environment) a software application which enables users to more easily write and debug Java programs

# FIRST JAVA PROGRAM

**HELLO, WORLD!** 

# **HELLO, WORLD!**

```
public class Application {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");
    }
}
```

```
$ javac Application.java
```

```
$ java Application
Hello, World!
```

# **DATA TYPES**

#### **DATA TYPES**

- Java is strongly typed language
- Every variable must have a declared type
- There are eight primitive types
  - four are integer types
  - two are floating-point number types
  - one is character type char for individual characters
  - one is a boolean type for truth values

# **DATA TYPES - EXAMPLE**

- 56 int literal
- 523342.5432 double literal
- 'g' char literal
- true boolean literal

## **INTEGER TYPES**

- The integer types are for numbers without fractional parts
- Negative values are allowed
- Literal integers are implicitly ints
- In most situations, the int type is the most practical
- Integer expressions always result in an int-sized result

# **INTEGER TYPES**

type	size	range	wrapper
byte	1 byte	-128 to 127	Byte
short	2 bytes	-2 <sup>15</sup> to 2 <sup>15</sup> -1	Short
int	4 bytes	-2 <sup>31</sup> to 2 <sup>31</sup> -1	Integer
long	8 bytes	$-2^{63}$ to $2^{63}$ -1	Long

# **INTEGER LITERALS**

- Decimal (base 10)
- Octal (base 8)
- Hexadecimal (base 16)
- Binary (base 2)

# **DECIMAL LITERALS - EXAMPLE**

- 343
- -4533
- 1000000
- 1\_000\_000

#### **OCTAL LITERALS - EXAMPLE**

Octal integers use only the digits 0 to 7. Octal form needs placing a zero in front of the number.

- 07 (decimal 7)
- 010 (decimal 8)
- -045 (decimal -37)
- 011000 (decimal 4608)
- 011\_000 (decimal 4608)

# **HEXADECIMAL LITERALS - EXAMPLE**

Hexadecimal (hex) numbers are constructed using 16 distinct symbols: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f. Letters can be uppercase or lowercase. Hex form needs to be started by 0x or 0X.

- 0X0001 (decimal 1)
- -0x0101 (decimal -257)
- 0x7ffffff decimal 2147483647)
- 0xCAFEBABE
- 0xDEAD\_CODE

#### **BINARY LITERALS - EXAMPLE**

Binary literals can use only the digits 0 and 1. Binary literals must start with either 0B or 0b

- 0b10101010 (decimal 170)
- 0B00000011 (decimal 3)
- 0b11111111 (decimal 255)
- -0b11111111 (decimal -255)
- 0B1100\_0000 (decimal 192)

## **FLOATING-POINT TYPES**

- The floating-point types denote numbers with fractional parts
- Negative values are allowed
- Floating-point numbers are implicitly doubles
- The name double refers to the fact that these numbers have twice the precision of the float type
- Floating-point numbers are not suitable for financial calculations in which roundoff errors cannot be tolerated

# **FLOATING-POINT TYPES**

type	size	range	wrapper
float	4 bytes	IEEE754	Float
double	8 bytes	IEEE754	Double

# FLOATING-POINT LITERALS - EXAMPLE

A floating-point literal is of type float if it ends with the letter F or f; otherwise its type is double and it can optionally end with the letter D or d. The floating point types can also be expressed using E or e (for scientific notation)

- 123.4
- 1.234e2
- -34.623F
- 3.14\_15F
- 3.14d (d is optional)

# **CHAR TYPE**

- A char literal is represented by a single character in single quotes
- You can also type in the Unicode value of the character, using the Unicode notation of prefixing the value with \u
- Unicode code units can be expressed as hexadecimal values that run from \u00000 to \uFFFF
- Characters are just 16-bit unsigned integers under the hood

# **CHAR TYPE**

type	size	range	wrapper
char	2 bytes	\u0000 to \uFFFF	Character

# **CHAR TYPE - EXAMPLE**

- 'a'
- 'A'
- '\u004E' (letter 'N')
- '\u005D' (sign ']')

# **SPECIAL CHARACTERS**

escape sequence	name	unicode value
\b	backspace	\u0008
\t	tab	\u0009
\n	linefeed	\u000a
\r	carriage return	\u000d
\"	double quote	\u0022
\'	single quote	\u0027
	backslash	\u005c

## **BOOLEAN TYPE**

- A boolean value can be defined only as true or false
- It is used for evaluating logical conditions
- Wrapper class for boolean values is Boolean

# **DATA TYPES - EXERCISES**

- integer types
- float-pointing types
- characters
- booleans

# **DATA TYPES**

# WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT NUMERAL DATA TYPES

- Java is a strongly typed language
- Every variable must have a declared type
- There are eight primitive types, like
  - four integers
  - two floating-points
  - one character
  - one boolean

- Integers
  - byte, short, int, long
- Floating-points
  - float, double
- Integer literals representation
  - Decimal, Octal, Hexadecimal, Binary

- A variable is a storage location in a computer program
- Each variable has a name and holds a value
- In Java, every variable has a type
- Good practice use a short, descriptive, meaningful variable name!
- There are four types of variables in java
  - block
  - local
  - instance
  - static

# **Declaration**

```
int width;
boolean done;
double factor;
```

# Declaration with initialization

```
int width = 1920;
done = false;
double factor = 4.127;
```

- A variable name must begin with a letter and must be a sequence of letters or digits
- A letter is defined as 'A'-'Z', 'a'-'z', '\_', '\$', or any Unicode character that denotes a letter in a language
- Similarly, digits are '0'-'9' and any Unicode characters that denote a digit in a language
- The first letter should be lowercase, and then normal CamelCase rules should be used
- All characters in the name of a variable are significant and case is also significant

# **JAVA KEYWORDS**

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

# **VARIABLES - EXERCISES**

- declarations
- initializations

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT VARIABLES

- A variable is a storage location in a computer program
- Each variable has a name, a type and holds a value
- There are four types of variables in java
  - block, local, instance, static
- All characters in the name of a variable are significant and case-sensitive
- You cannot use java keywords as names for variables (or as any other identifiers)

# **OPERATORS**

### **OPERATORS**

- Data in Java is manipulated using operators
- Java operators produce new values from one or more operands
- Operands are the things on the right or left side of the operator
- The result of most operations is either a boolean or numeric value

# **ASSIGNMENT OPERATORS**

### RELATIONAL OPERATORS

# **ARITHMETIC OPERATORS**

# **LOGICAL OPERATORS**

# **BITWISE OPERATORS**

### **BIT-SHIFTING OPERATORS**

# **CONDITIONAL OPERATOR**

?:

### **INSTANCEOF OPERATOR**

instanceof

### **OPERATORS - EXERCISES**

- Assignment Operators
- Relational Operators
- Arithmetic Operators
- Logical Operators
- Bitwise Operators
- Bit-Shifting Operators
- Conditional Operator
- instanceof Operator

# **OPERATORS**

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT OPERATORS

- Relational operators always result in a boolean value (true or false)
- When comparing reference variables, == returns true only if both references refer to the same object.
- instanceof is for reference variables only; it checks whether the object is of a particular type

- The instanceof operator can be used only to test objects (or null) against class types that are in the same class hierarchy
- Expressions are evaluated from left to right, unless you add parentheses, or unless some operators in the expression have higher precedence than others

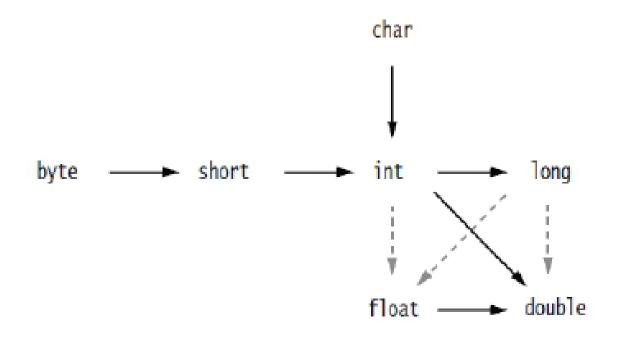
- If either operand is a String, the + operator concatenates the operands
- If both operands are numeric, the + operator adds the operands
- Logical operators work with two expressions (except for !) that must resolve to boolean values

- Numeric conversions are possible in Java
- Conversions in which loss of information is possible are done by means of casts
- The syntax for casting is to give the target type in parentheses, followed by the variable name

```
double y = 89.832;
int x = (int) y;
```

primitive type	reference type
byte	Byte
short	Short
int	Integer
long	Long
float	Float
double	Double
boolean	Boolean
char	Character
void	Void

# Legal conversions between numeric types



## **OPERATOR - PRECEDENCE**

- Operator precedence defines how an expression evaluates when several operators are present
- Multiplication and division happen before addition and subtraction
- Use parentheses to make the order of evaluation explicit
- If no parentheses are used, operations are performed in the hierarchical order indicated
- Operators on the same level are processed from left to right, except for those that are right-associative

# **OPERATOR - PRECEDENCE**

operators	associativity
[], ., () (method call)	left to right
!, ~, ++,, + (unary), - (unary), () (cast), new	right to left
+, -, *, /, %, <<, >>, <, <=, >, >=	left to right
==, !=, instanceof, &, ^,  , &&,	left to right
?:, =, +=, -+, *=, /=, %=, &=,  =, ^=, <<=, >>=	right to left

# **CASTS - EXERCISES**

- casts
- precedence

# WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT CASTS

- Numeric conversions are possible in Java
- Conversions in which loss of information is possible are done by means of casts
- Boxing, unboxing
- Legal conversions between numeric types
- Operators precedence

- A string is a sequence of characters
- Java strings are sequences of Unicode characters
- Java does not have a built-in string type, strings are objects
- The standard library contains a predefined class called String
- Strings are immutable objects!

```
String a = "abc";
String b = new String("abc");
```

# equality

### STRINGS OPERATIONS - SUBSTRINGS

```
String text = "Hello, World!";
String s = text.substring(0, 5);
```

creates a new string consisting of the characters
"Hello"

```
String t = text.substring(7);
```

creates a new string consisting of the characters "World!"

# STRINGS OPERATIONS - CONCATENATION

```
String h = "Hello";
String w = "World!";
String text = h + ", " + w;
```

creates a new string consisting of the characters "Hello, World!"

## **USEFUL METHODS FROM API**

- char charAt(int index)
- int compareTo(String other)
- boolean endsWith(String suffix)
- boolean equals(Object other)
- boolean equalsIgnoreCase(String other)
- int indexOf(String str)
- int lastIndexOf(String str)

# **USEFUL METHODS FROM API**

- int length()
- String replace(CharSequence oldString, CharSequence newString)
- boolean startsWith(String prefix)
- String substring(int beginIndex)
- String toLowerCase()
- String to Upper Case()
- String trim()

# **STRINGBUILDER**

- Should be used when you have to make a lot of modifications to strings of characters
- Every time you concatenate strings, a new String object is constructed
- This is time-consuming and wastes memory use StringBuilder class to avoid this problem
- Prefer StringBuilder to StringBuffer

# **STRINGS - EXERCISES**

- operations
- useful methods
- StringBuilder

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT STRINGS

- A Java string is a sequence of Unicode characters
- Strings are immutable objects!
- String equality (== vs equals)
- String operations
- String API
- StringBuilder

# **LOOPS**

## **LOOPS**

Loops let repeat a block of code as long as some condition is true, or for a specific number of iterations.

- while loop
- do while loop
- for loop
- enhanced for loop

## WHILE LOOP

- The while loop executes a block or statement as long as some condition is true
- Loop will never execute if the condition is false at the outset

```
while (expression) {
    // statement or block of code
}
```

# WHILE LOOP - EXAMPLE

```
int x = 3;
while (x > 1) {
    System.out.println(x);
    x--;
}
```

```
while (true) {
    System.out.println("Endless loop...");
}
```

### DO WHILE LOOP

- The do while loop is quite similar to the while loop
- The code in a do loop is guaranteed to execute at least once
- The expression is not evaluated until after the do loop's code is executed

```
do {
   // statement or block of code
} while (expression);
```

## DO WHILE LOOP - EXAMPLE

```
do {
   System.out.println("Greetings from do while loop!");
} while (false);

do {
   System.out.println("Endless loop...");
} while (true);
```

### **FOR LOOP**

- Is especially useful for flow control when you already know how many times you need to execute the statements in the loop's block
- Has three main parts
  - Declaration and initialization of variables
  - The boolean expression (conditional test)
  - The iteration expression

```
for (initialization; condition; iteration) {
    // statement or block of code
}
```

# FOR LOOP - EXAMPLE

```
for (int x = 0; x < 10; x++) {
        System.out.println("x is " + x);
}

for (;;) {
        System.out.println("Endless loop...");
}</pre>
```

#### **ENHANCED FOR LOOP**

- The enhanced for loop is a specialized for loop that simplifies looping through an array or a collection
- Has two main parts
  - Declaration the newly declared block variable
  - Expression must evaluate to the array or collection (instance of java.lang.Iterable)

```
for (declaration : expression) {
    // statement or block of code
}
```

#### **ENHANCED FOR LOOP - EXAMPLE**

```
for (Animal a : animals) {
    System.out.println(a);
}

int[] arrayOfInts = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6};
for (int n : arrayOfInts) {
    System.out.println(n);
}
```

#### **LOOP CONTROL FLOW**

code in loop	behaviour
break	execution jumps immediately to the first statement after the loop
continue	stops just the current iteration
return	execution jumps immediately back to the calling method
System.exit()	all program execution stops; the VM shuts down

#### **LOOPS - EXERCISES**

- while loop
- do while loop
- for loop
- enhanced for loop
- loop control flow
- nested loops

## **LOOPS**

#### WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT LOOPS

- Loops let repeat a block of code as long as we want
- There are four types of loops
  - while, do while, for, enhanced for
- Loop control flow
  - break, continue, return, System.exit()
- Loop in loop nested loops

## **CONTROL FLOW**

#### IF STATEMENT

- The if statement is commonly referred to as decision statements
- Rules for using else and else if
  - You can have zero or one else for a given if, and it must come after any else ifs.
  - You can have zero to many else ifs for a given if and they must come before the (optional) else
  - Once an else if succeeds, none of the remaining else ifs nor the else will be tested

#### IF STATEMENT

```
if (booleanExpression) {
    // statement or block of code
if (booleanExpression) {
    // statement or block of code
} else {
    // statement or block of code
if (booleanExpression) {
    // statement or block of code
} else if (booleanExpression) {
    // statement or block of code
} else {
    // statement or block of code
```

#### IF STATEMENT - EXAMPLE

```
if (points >= 100) {
    System.out.println("You win!");
}
```

```
if (age < 18) {
    System.out.println("You are teenager!");
} else {
    System.out.println("You are adult!");
}</pre>
```

```
if (age < 18) {
    System.out.println("You are teenager!");
} else if (age > 100) {
    System.out.println("You are very old!");
} else {
    System.out.println("You are adult!");
}
```

#### **SWITCH STATEMENT**

- The if/else construct can be cumbersome when you have to deal with multiple selections with many alternatives
- The switch statement provides a cleaner way to handle complex decision logic

#### **SWITCH STATEMENT - EXAMPLE**

```
switch (direction) {
   case 'n':
        System.out.println("You are going North");
        break;
   case 's':
        System.out.println("You are going South");
        break;
   case 'e':
        System.out.println("You are going East");
        break;
   case 'w':
        System.out.println("You are going West");
        break;
   default:
        System.out.println("Bad direction!");
```

#### **SWITCH STATEMENT**

- A switch's expression must evaluate to a char, byte, short, int, an enum, and a String
- You won't be able to compile if you use types of long, float, and double
- A case constant must evaluate to the same type that the switch expression can use
- A case constant must be a compile-time constant!
- The default keyword should be used in a switch statement if you want to run some code when none of the case values match the conditional value

#### **CONTROL FLOW - EXERCISES**

- if statement
- switch statement

### **CONTROL FLOW**

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT CONTROL FLOW

- The only legal expression in an if statement is a boolean expression
- switch statements can evaluate only to enums or the byte, short, int, char, and String data types
- The default keyword should be used in a switch statement if you want to run some code when none of the case values match the conditional value

## **ARRAYS**

#### **ARRAYS**

- Arrays are the fundamental mechanism in Java for collecting multiple values
- Arrays can hold primitives or objects, but the array itself is always an object
- You access each individual value through an integer index
- Arrays are indexed beginning with zero
- An ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException occurs if you use a bad index value
- Arrays have a length attribute whose value is the number of array elements

#### declaration

```
dataType[] array; // recommended
dataType []array;
dataType array[];

int[] arrayOfInts;
String[] arrayOfStrings;
```

#### declaration and instantiation

```
dataType[] array = new dataType[size]; // recommended
dataType []array = new dataType[size];
dataType array[] = new dataType[size];
```

```
int[] arrayOfInts = new int[5];
// initialization
arrayOfInts[0] = 10;
arrayOfInts[1] = 15;
arrayOfInts[2] = 20;
arrayOfInts[3] = 25;
arrayOfInts[4] = 30;

String[] arrayOfStrings = new String[2];
// initialization
arrayOfStrings[0] = "Tree";
arrayOfStrings[1] = "Forest";
```

#### declaration, instantiation and initialization

```
dataType[] array = new dataType[]{el<sub>1</sub>, el<sub>2</sub>, ..., el<sub>n</sub>}; dataType[] array = {el<sub>1</sub>, el<sub>2</sub>, ..., el<sub>n</sub>}; int[] arrayOfInts = new int[]{10, 15, 20, 25, 30}; int[] arrayOfInts = {10, 15, 20, 25, 30};
```

String[] arrayOfStrings = new String[]{"Tree", "Forest"};

String[] arrayOfStrings = {"Tree", "Forest"}

#### accessing

```
int[] arrayOfInts = {10, 15, 20, 25, 30};
System.out.println(arrayOfInts[0]); // print 10
System.out.println(arrayOfInts[4]);  // print 30
for (int i = 0; i < arrayOfInts.length; i++) {</pre>
   System.out.print(arrayOfInts[i] + " ");
// print 10 15 20 25 30
for (int i : arrayOfInts) {
   System.out.print(i + " ");
  print 10 15 20 25 30
```

#### **ARRAYS - EXERCISES**

- declaration
- instantation
- initialization
- accessing
- multidimensional arrays

### **ARRAYS**

#### WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT ARRAYS

- Arrays can hold primitives or objects, but the array itself is always an object
- When you declare an array, the brackets can be to the left or to the right of the variable name
- It is never legal to include the size of an array in the declaration
- An array of objects can hold any object that passes the IS-A (or instanceof) test for the declared type of the array.

# OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

#### **CLASS**

A class is the template or blueprint from which objects are made. Describes the behavior/state that the object of its type support.

#### **OBJECT**

Objects have states and behaviors.

Example: A dog has states - color, name, breed as well as behaviors – wagging the tail, barking, eating.

An object is an instance of a class.

#### **OBJECT'S STATE**

How does the object react when you invoke those methods?

#### **OBJECT'S BEHAVIOR**

What can you do with this object, or what methods can you apply to it?

#### **OBJECT'S IDENTITY**

How is the object distinguished from others that may have the same behavior and state?

#### **CLASS DECLARATION**

Class declarations can include these components, in order:

- 1. Modifiers such as *public*, *private* (if any), and a number of others that you will encounter later.
- 2. The class name, with the initial letter capitalized by convention.
- 3. The class body, surrounded by braces, {}.

#### **CLASS DECLARATION - EXAMPLE**

```
class Bicycle {
    // class body
}
```

or

```
public class Bicycle {
    // class body
}
```

or

```
private class Bicycle {
    // class body
}
```

# OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

- Class vs Object
- State, behavior, identity
- Class declaration

## FIELDS, METHODS, CONSTRUCTORS, PACKAGES, IMPORTS

#### **ACCESS MODIFIERS**

There are four *access controls* (levels of access) but only three *access modifiers*.

- public visible to the world
- protected visible to the package and all subclasses
- default visible to the package
- private visible to the class only

#### **VARIABLE SCOPE**

The scope of a variable is the part of the code in which you can access it. There are four basic variable scopes

- static they are created when the class is loaded, and they survive as long as the class stays loaded in the JVM
- instance they are created when a new instance is created, and they live until the instance is removed
- local they live as long as their method remains on the stack
- block live only as long as the code block is executing

#### MEMBER VARIABLES

There are several kinds of variables:

- Member variables in a class called fields.
- Variables in a method or block of code called local variables.
- Variables in method declarations called parameters.

#### **FIELDS**

The Bicycle class uses the following lines of code to define its fields:

```
public class Bicycle {
    private int cadence;
    private int gear;
    private int speed;
}
```

#### **FIELDS**

```
public class Bicycle {
    private int cadence;
    private int gear;
    private int speed;
}
```

Field declarations are composed of three components, in order:

- 1. Zero or more modifiers.
- 2. The field's type.
- 3. The field's name.

#### **FIELDS**

- You can use any access modifier, but it is good practice to use private for fields
- All variables must have a type. You can use primitive types such as int, float, boolean, etc. Or you can use reference types, such as strings, arrays, or objects.
- All variables should have meaningful names.

#### **CONSTRUCTORS**

Every class has a constructor. If we do not explicitly write a constructor for a class, the Java compiler builds a default constructor for that class.

Each time a new object is created, at least one constructor will be invoked. The main rule of constructors is that they should have the same name as the class. A class can have more than one constructor.

#### **CONSTRUCTORS - EXAMPLE**

```
public class Bicycle {
    private int cadence;
    private int gear;
    private int speed;

    public Bicycle(int cadence, int gear, int speed) {
        this.cadence = cadence;
        this.gear = gear;
        this.speed = speed;
    }
}
```

#### **INSTANTIATING A CLASS**

The new operator instantiates a class by allocating memory for a new object and returning a reference to that memory.

The new operator also invokes the object constructor.

"instantiating a class" means the same thing as "creating an object."

#### **INSTANTIATING A CLASS**

The new operator requires a single, postfix argument: a call to a constructor. The name of the constructor provides the name of the class to instantiate.

The new operator returns a reference to the object it created. This reference is usually assigned to a variable of the appropriate type

#### **INSTANTIATING A CLASS - EXAMPLE**

```
Bicycle bike = new Bicycle(75, 2, 20);
```

or

```
Cat garfield = new Cat("Gerfield");
```

or

```
Integer age = new Integer(34);
```

#### **METHODS**

Methods are fundamental building blocks of Java programs. Each Java method is a collection of statements that are grouped together to perform an operation.

#### METHODS DECLARATION

Method declarations have six components, in order:

- 1. Modifier it defines the access type of the method and it is optional to use.
- 2. Return type method may return a value.
- 3. Method name.
- 4. Parameter list in parenthesis it is the type, order, and number of parameters of a method.
- 5. Method body defines what the method does with the statements.

#### **METHODS DECLARATION - EXAMPLE**

```
public int sum(int a, int b) {
    // return a + b;
}

void draw(String s) {
    // perform some draw functions
}

private boolean isNew() {
    // return true or false according to some rules
}
```

#### **METHODS CALLING - EXAMPLE**

#### Consider

```
public class Bicycle {
   private int cadence;
   private int gear;
   private int speed;
   public Bicycle(int cadence, int gear, int speed) {
        this.cadence = cadence;
        this.gear = gear;
        this.speed = speed;
   public int getCadence() {
        return cadence;
```

#### **METHODS CALLING - EXAMPLE**

#### **PACKAGES**

### Packages are used in Java in order

- to prevent naming conflicts
- to control access
- to make searching/locating and usage of classes, interfaces, enumerations and annotations easier, etc.

#### **PACKAGES**

Some of the existing packages in Java are

- java.lang bundles the fundamental classes
- java.io classes for reading and writing (input and output)
- java.util contains the collections framework, date and time facilities, internationalization, and miscellaneous utility classes

#### PACKAGES CREATING

While creating a package, you should choose a name for the package and include a package statement along with that name at the top of every source file that contains types that you want to include in the package.

#### PACKAGES CREATING - EXAMPLE

```
package vehicle;

public class Bicycle {
    // class body
}
```

or

```
package ro.sdacademy.animals.mammals;

public class Cat {
    // class body
}
```

#### **IMPORTS**

If you want to use a class from a package, you can refer to it by its full name (package name plus class name). For example, java.util.Scanner refers to the Scanner class in the java.util package:

```
java.util.Scanner in = new java.util.Scanner(System.in);
```

#### **IMPORTS - EXAMPLE**

Instead, you can import a name with an import statement:

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

or import all classes from the java.util package

```
import java.util.*;
```

and then you can write:

```
Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
```

#### **IMPORTS**

An automatic import java.lang.\*; statement has been placed into every source file.

You don't need to import other classes in the same package.

- There can be only one public class per source code file.
- If there is a public class in a file, the name of the file must match the name of the public class. For example, a class declared as

```
public class Cat { }
```

- must be in a source code file named Cat.java.
- A file can have more than one nonpublic class.

- Comments can appear at the beginning or end of any line in the source code file; they are independent of any of the positioning rules discussed here.
- If the class is part of a package, the package statement must be the first line in the source code file, before any import statements that may be present.

- If there are import statements, they must go between the package statement (if there is one) and the class declaration. If there isn't a package statement, then the import statement(s) must be the first line(s) in the source code file.
- If there are no package or import statements, the class declaration must be the first line in the source code file.

- import and package statements apply to all classes within a source code file. In other words, there's no way to declare multiple classes in a file and have them in different packages or use different imports.
- Files with no public classes can have a name that does not match any of the classes in the file.

## FIELDS, METHODS, CONSTRUCTORS, PACKAGES, IMPORTS

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT FIELDS, METHODS, CONSTRUCTORS, PACKAGES, IMPORTS

- Levels of access vs access modifiers
- Variable scope
- Fields, constructor, method
- Packages & imports
- Source file declaration rules

# STATIC FIELDS, METHODS AND IMPORTS

#### STATIC FIELDS AND METHODS

The keyword static indicates that the particular member belongs to a type itself, rather than to an instance of that type.

This means that only one instance of that static member is created which is shared across all instances of the class.

#### STATIC FIELDS

- Static variable in Java is variable which belongs to the class and initialized only once at the start of the execution
- It is a variable which belongs to the class and not to object (instance)
- A single copy to be shared by all instances of the class
- A static variable can be accessed directly by the class name and doesn't need any object

#### STATIC FIELDS - DECLARATION

```
public class Bicycle {
    private int cadence;
    private int gear;
   private int speed;
    static int count = 0;
    public Bicycle(int cadence, int gear, int speed) {
        this.cadence = cadence;
        this.gear = gear;
        this.speed = speed;
        count++;
```

#### STATIC FIELDS - ACCESS

```
Bicycle bike = new Bicycle(75, 2, 20);
System.out.println(Bicycle.count);  // should print 1

Bicycle anotherBike = new Bicycle(80, 4, 25);
System.out.println(Bicycle.count);  // should print 2

// should prints true in both cases
System.out.println(Bicycle.count == bike.count);
System.out.println(bike.count == anotherBike.count);
```

#### STATIC FIELDS CONSTANTS

- Java constants are created by marking variables static and final
- They should be named using uppercase letters with underscore characters as separators

```
static final double PI = 3.141592653589793;
```

- The variable is marked final means that once initialized - it can never change
- The variable is marked static so that it doesn't need an instance of class

#### STATIC METHODS

- It is a method which belongs to the class and not to the object (instance)
- A static method can access only static data. It can not access non-static data (instance variables)
- A static method can call only other static methods and can not call a non-static method from it.
- A static method can be accessed directly by the class name and doesn't need any object

#### STATIC METHODS - DECLARATION

```
public class Bicycle {
    private int cadence;
    private int gear;
    private int speed;
    private static int count = 0;
    public Bicycle(int cadence, int gear, int speed) {
        // fields assignment omitted for brevity
        count++;
    public static int getCount() {
        return count;
```

#### STATIC METHODS - ACCESS

```
Bicycle bike = new Bicycle(75, 2, 20);
System.out.println(Bicycle.getCount());  // should print 1

Bicycle anotherBike = new Bicycle(80, 4, 25);
System.out.println(Bicycle.getCount());  // should print 2

// should prints true in both cases
System.out.println(Bicycle.getCount() == bike.getCount());
System.out.println(bike.getCount() == anotherBike.getCount());
```

#### **SPECIAL METHOD**

#### Used to start a Java application

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
}
```

or

```
public static void main(String... args) {
}
```

#### **COMMAND-LINE PARAMETERS**

It is possible to pass some information into a program when run it. This is accomplished by passing command-line arguments to main() method.

A command-line argument is the information that directly follows the program's name on the command line when it is executed. To access the command-line arguments inside a Java program is quite easy. They are stored as strings in the String array passed to main() method.

#### **COMMAND-LINE PARAMETERS**

The following program displays all of the commandline arguments

```
public class CommandLine {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        for (int i=0; i<args.length; i++) {
            System.out.println("args[" + i + "]: " + args[i]);
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

#### **COMMAND-LINE PARAMETERS**

When we execute this program as below

```
$java CommandLine 1 2 Tom Java
```

#### This will produce the following output

```
args[0]: 1
args[1]: 2
args[2]: Tom
args[3]: Java
```

#### STATIC IMPORTS

- The static import declaration is analogous to the normal import declaration
- Where the normal import declaration imports classes from packages, allowing them to be used without package qualification, the static import declaration imports static members from classes, allowing them to be used without class qualification

#### **STATIC IMPORTS**

- So when should you use static import? Very sparingly!
- use it when you require frequent access to static members from one or two classes.

#### STATIC IMPORTS - EXAMPLE

```
import static java.lang.System.*;
import static java.lang.Math.PI;

public class Application {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        out.println("Hello"); // Now no need of System.out
        out.println("PI: " + PI);// No need Math.PI
    }
}
```

# STATIC FIELDS, METHODS AND IMPORTS

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT STATIC FIELDS,
METHODS AND IMPORTS

- The static indicates that the particular member belongs to a type itself
- A static variable can be accessed directly by the class name and doesn't need any object
- Java constants are created by marking variables static and final
- static method belongs to the class, not to the object (instance)

- Command-line parameters
  - public static void main(String[]
    args)
- the static import declaration imports static members from classes

### **VARARGS**

#### **ARGUMENTS VS PARAMETERS**

 arguments - things you specify between the parentheses when you're invoking a method

```
go("abc", 12); // "abc" and 12 are arguments
```

 parameters - things in the method's signature that indicate what the method must receive when it's invoked

```
void go(String s, int n) {} // s and n are parameters
```

#### **VARARGS**

- Varargs allows the method to accept zero or muliple arguments
- There can be only one variable argument in a method
- Variable argument (varargs) must be the last argument

#### **VARARGS**

- We use three dots (...) in the method signature to make it accept variable arguments
- We don't have to provide overloaded methods so less code
- In fact varargs parameter behaves like an array of the specified type

#### **VARARGS - EXAMPLE**

```
int sum(int... elements) {
    int result = 0;
    for (int i : e) {
        result += i;
    }
    return result;
}

System.out.println(sum(1, 2, 3, 4); // 10
System.out.println(sum(1); // 1
System.out.println(sum(1); // 0
```

#### **VARARGS - EXERCISES**

### **VARARGS**

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT VARARGS

- Methods can declare a parameter that accepts from zero to many arguments
- A var-arg parameter is declared with the syntax type... name
- A var-arg method can have only one var-arg parameter
- In methods with normal parameters and a var-arg, the var-arg must come last

# DATE, TIME

#### DATE, TIME

- There are two basic ways to represent time
  - represents time in human terms/human time, such as year, month, day, hour, minute and second
  - machine time, measures time continuously along a timeline from an origin, called the epoch, in nanosecond resolution
- Some classes in the Date-Time API are intended to represent machine time, and others are more suited to representing human time

#### DATE, TIME - LEGACY WAY

• java.util.Date - represents a specific instance in time, with millisecond precision

#### DATE, TIME - LEGACY WAY

• java.util.Calendar - is an abstract class that provides methods for converting between a specific instant in time and for manipulating the calendar fields. An instant in time can be represented by a millisecond value that is an offset from the Epoch, January 1, 1970 00:00:00.000 GMT (Gregorian)

#### DATE, TIME - LEGACY WAY

• java.util.TimeZone - represents a time zone offset, and also figures out daylight savings

#### DATE, TIME - LEGACY WAY - EXAMPLE

```
Date now = new Date();
// or
long millis = System.currentTimeMillis();
Date now = new Date(millis);
System.out.println(now); // Sun Dec 31 21:31:49 CET 2017
Calendar cal = Calendar.getInstance();
Date date = cal.getTime(); // convert Calendar to Date
System.out.println(date); // Sun Dec 31 21:31:49 CET 2017
cal.setTime(now); // convert Date to Calendar
System.out.println(cal.get(Calendar.YEAR));
                                              // 2017
System.out.println(cal.get(Calendar.DAY OF YEAR)); // 365
System.out.println(cal.get(Calendar.WEEK OF YEAR)); // 52
```

#### JAVA.TIME.LOCALDATE

Represents a date in ISO format (yyyy-MM-dd) without time

```
LocalDate localDate = LocalDate.now();
LocalDate.of(2017, 12, 31);
LocalDate.parse("2017-12-31");
LocalDate tomorrow = LocalDate.now().plusDays(1);
LocalDate previousMonthSameDay = LocalDate.now()
    .minus(1, ChronoUnit.MONTHS);
DayOfWeek sunday = LocalDate.parse("2017-12-31")
    .getDayOfWeek();
boolean leapYear = LocalDate.now().isLeapYear();
boolean isAfter = LocalDate.parse("2016-06-12")
    .isAfter(LocalDate.parse("2014-06-21"));
```

#### JAVA.TIME.LOCALTIME

#### Represents time without a date

#### JAVA.TIME.LOCALDATETIME

#### Represent a combination of date and time

```
LocalDateTime now = LocalDateTime.now();
LocalDateTime.of(2015, Month.FEBRUARY, 20, 06, 30);
LocalDateTime.parse("2015-02-20T06:30:00");
localDateTime.plusDays(1);
localDateTime.minusHours(2);
localDateTime.getMonth();
```

#### JAVA.TIME.ZONEDDATETIME

The Zoneld is an identifier used to represent different zones. There are about 40 different time zones

```
ZoneId zoneId = ZoneId.of("Europe/Paris");
Set<String> allZoneIds = ZoneId.getAvailableZoneIds();
ZonedDateTime zonedDateTime =
    ZonedDateTime.of(localDateTime, zoneId);
ZonedDateTime.parse("2015-05-03T10:15:30+01:00[Europe/Paris]")
```

#### JAVA.TIME.PERIOD

# Represents a quantity of time in terms of years, months and days

```
LocalDate initialDate = LocalDate.parse("2007-05-10");
LocalDate finalDate = initialDate.plus(Period.ofDays(5));
int five = Period.between(finalDate, initialDate).getDays();
int five = ChronoUnit.DAYS.between(initialDate, initialDate);
```

#### **JAVA.TIME.DURATION**

# Represents a quantity of time in terms of seconds and nano seconds

```
LocalTime initialTime = LocalTime.of(6, 30, 0);
LocalTime finalTime = initialTime.plus(Duration.ofSeconds(30))
int thirty = Duration
    .between(finalTime, initialTime).getSeconds();
int thirty = ChronoUnit.SECONDS
    .between(finalTime, initialTime);
```

#### JAVA.TIME.INSTANT

Is used to work with machine readable time format, it stores date time in unix timestamp

```
Instant now = Instant.now();
Instant fromUnixTimestamp = Instant.ofEpochSecond(1262347200);
Instant fromEpochMilli = Instant.ofEpochMilli(12623472000001);
Instant fromIso8601 = Instant.parse("2010-01-01T12:00:00Z");
long toUnixTimestamp = now.getEpochSecond();
long toEpochMillis = now.toEpochMilli();
Instant nowPlusTenSeconds = now.plusSeconds(10);
```

#### DATE, TIME - SUMMARIZE

Class	Year	Month	Day	Hour	Minute	Second	Zone Offset	Zone ID
Instant						Χ		
LocalDate	X	Х	X					
LocalDateTime	X	Х	X	X	Х	Х		
ZonedDateTime	Х	X	Χ	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ
LocalTime				Χ	Х	Χ		
MonthDay		Χ	X					
Year	Χ							
YearMonth	Χ	X						
Month		Χ						
OffsetDateTime	Χ	X	X	Χ	Х	Χ	Х	
OffsetTime				Χ	X	Χ	Х	
Duration						Χ		
Period	Χ	Χ	Χ					

#### DATE, TIME - EXERCISES

- Date, Calendar, TimeZone
- LocalDate
- LocalTime
- LocalDateTime
- ZonedDateTime
- Period, Duration
- Instant

## DATE, TIME

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT DATE, TIME

- Date, Time legacy
  - java.util.Date, java.util.Calendar
- java.time package
  - LocalDate, LocalTime, LocalDateTime
  - Period, Duration, Instant
  - Year, YearMonth, Month

- A regular expression defines a search pattern for strings
- The search pattern can be anything from a simple character, a fixed string or a complex expression containing special characters describing the pattern
- The pattern defined by the regex may match one or several times or not at all for a given string
- Regular expressions can be used to search, edit and manipulate text

Source: https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/essential/regex/index.html

#### **JAVA REGEX API**

Java Regex API provides an interface and three classes in java.util.regex package

- MatchResult interface
- Matcher class
- Pattern class
- PatternSyntaxException class

#### **MATCHER**

It implements MatchResult interface. Is the engine that interprets the pattern and performs match operations against an input string

boolean matches()	test whether the regular expression matches the pattern
boolean find()	finds the next expression that matches the pattern
boolean find(int start) finds the next expression that matches the pattern fro	
String group()	returns the matched subsequence.
int start()	returns the starting index of the matched subsequence
int end()	returns the ending index of the matched subsequence
int groupCount()	returns the total number of the matched subsequence

#### **PATTERN**

## Is a compiled representation of a regular expression

static Pattern compile(String regex)	compiles the given regex and return the instance of pattern		
Matcher matcher(CharSequence input)	creates a matcher that matches the given input with pattern		
static boolean matches(String regex, CharSequence input)	It works as the combination of compile and matcher methods. It compiles the regular expression and matches the given input with the pattern		
String[] split(CharSequence input)	splits the given input string around matches of given pattern		
String pattern()	returns the regex pattern		

#### PATTERN AND MATCHER - EXAMPLE

```
System.out.println(Pattern.matches(".s", "as"));  // true
System.out.println(Pattern.matches(".t", "dt"));  // false
System.out.println(Pattern.matches(".d", "odt"));  // false
System.out.println(Pattern.matches(".d", "oodt"));  // false
System.out.println(Pattern.matches("..t", "odt"));  // true
```

```
Pattern p = Pattern.compile("a*b");
Matcher m = p.matcher("aaaaab");
System.out.println(m.matches()); // true
```

#### characters

X	The character x
\\	The backslash character
\t	The tab character
\n	The newline (line feed) character
\r	The carriage-return character
\f	The form-feed character

#### character classes

[abc]	a, b, or c (simple class)		
[^abc]	Any character except a, b, or c (negation)		
[a-zA-Z] a through z or A through Z, inclusive (range)			
[a-d[m-p]] a through d, or m through p: [a-dm-p] (union)			
[a-z&&[def]]	[a-z&&[def]] d, e, or f (intersection)		
[a-z&&[^bc]] a through z, except for b and c: [ad-z] (subtraction)			
[a-z&&[^m-p]]	a through z, and not m through p: [a-lq-z](subtraction)		

### predefined character classes

```
Any character
A digit: [0-9]
A non-digit: [^0-9]
A whitespace character: [\t\n\x0B\f\r]
A non-whitespace character: [^\s]
A word character: [a-zA-Z_0-9]
A non-word character: [^\w]
```

## boundary matches

٨	The beginning of a line	
\$	The end of a line	
/b	A word boundary	
\B	A non-word boundary	
\A	The beginning of the input	
\G	The end of the previous match	
$\backslash Z$	The end of the input but for the final terminator, if any	
\Z	The end of the input	

# quantifiers

greedy	reluctant	possessive	meaning
X?	X??	X?+	X, once or not at all
Χ*	X*?	Χ*+	X, zero or more times
χ+	X+?	X++	X, one or more times
X{n}	X{n}?	X{n}+	X, exactly n times
X{n,}	X{n,}?	X{n,}+	X, at least n times
X{n,m}	X{n,m}?	X{n,m}+	X, at least n but not more than m times

#### **REGULAR EXPRESSIONS - EXERCISES**

# WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED ABOUT REGULAR EXPRESSIONS

- Regex is short for regular expressions, which are the patterns used to search for data within large data sources
- The Pattern and Matcher classes have Java's most powerful regex capabilities