

Module 1: Introduction to Java Fundamentals

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- OOP Paradigm and Features of Java
- JVM, Bytecode, Java Program Structure
- Data Types, Variables, Naming Conventions
- Operators, Control and Looping Constructs
- One- and Multi-dimensional Arrays
- Enhanced for-loop
- Strings, StringBuffer, StringBuilder, Math Class
- Wrapper Classes

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- Understand what Java is and how it works internally
- Explain Object-Oriented Programming and Java's features
- Describe the role of JVM and bytecode in Java execution
- Write and understand the basic structure of a Java program
- Use variables, data types, and operators correctly
- Apply control and looping constructs to solve problems
- Work with arrays and strings efficiently
- Understand memory handling using wrapper classes

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- Like different languages used for communication
- Different tools for solving different kinds of problems

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- **Classes** – Blueprints/templates for creating objects
- **Data + Functions together** – represents behavior and properties

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- **Object-Oriented** – Everything is based on classes and objects
- **Platform Independent** – “Write Once, Run Anywhere”
- **Secure** – No direct memory access, built-in security model
- **Robust** – Strong typing + exception handling
- **Multithreaded** – Execute multiple tasks simultaneously
- **Portable** – Works on any OS with JVM
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Conclusion:

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- Java → *Platform-independent bytecode via JVM*

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Note: Bytecode is not human-readable code. It is a set of instructions understood by JVM.

Bytecode vs Machine Code

Feature	Bytecode	Machine Code
Generated by	Java Compiler (javac)	OS / Hardware Compiler
Platform Dependent	No	Yes
Execution	Executed by JVM	Executed directly by CPU
Portability	High	Low
Security Checks	Yes (Bytecode Verifier)	No
Used in	Java	C, C++, Assembly

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Basic components:

- Class declaration
- main() method
- Statements inside main()

Hello World Program in Java

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public class HelloWorld {  
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Hello World: Java vs Python

Python	Java
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No class or main() required	Class and main() are mandatory
Interpreted directly by Python interpreter	Compiled to bytecode and executed via JVM

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