Tutorial 1 : Language Fundamentals

* Identifiers
* Reserve Words
* Data Types
* Literals
* Arrays
* Types of Variables
* Var-args Methods
* Main Methods
* Command Line Arguments
* Java Coding Standards

**IDENTIFIERS**

A name in java programming is called Identifier, which can be used for identification purposes. It can be method name or variable name, class name or label name

class Test

{

public static void main (String [] args)

{ int x;

// System.out.print( “ Hello ”);

}

}

Following are the identifiers in above program

* Test – class name
* Main - method name
* String - class name
* args – variable name (name of array)
* X - variable name

Rules for defining java identifiers:

* a to z
* A to Z
* 0 to 9
* $
* \_

Only allowed characters in java identifiers are above

**Rules**:- for identifiers

* If we are using any other character , we will get compile time error

Total\_number – allowed

Total# - not allowed

* Identifiers can’t starts with numerical values

Total123 – valid

123Total – invalid

* Java identifiers are **case sensitive** of course java languages itself is treated as case sensitive

Programming language

class Test

{

int number = 10;

int Number = 20;

int NUMBER = 30;

}

In this case we can differentiate with respect to case.

* In Java , there is no length limit for java identifiers, but it is not recommended to take too lengthy identifiers

Class Test

{

public static void main (String [] args)

{ int xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx = 10;

// System.out.print( “ Hello ”);

System.out.print(xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx);

}

}

This code is a valid code as java doesn’t have any limit on the length of identifiers,

But it is not a good practice to use a lengthy identifiers.

* We can’t use reserved words as identifiers

Int x = 10 - valid;

Int if = 10 – invalid; (because if is reserved words)

We can’t use reserve words as identifiers

* We can use already defined java class name or interface name as identifiers.

class Test{

public static void main (String [] args)

{

int String = 888;

int Runnable = 999;

System.out.println(String);

System.out.println(Runnable);

}

}

* All predefined class name and interface name we can use as a identifiers, but it is not a good practice to use it.
* Eventhough it is valid but it is not a good programming practice , because it reduces readability and creates confusion

Which of the following are valid java identifiers

* Total\_number - valid
* Total# - not valid
* 123total - not valid
* Total123 - valid
* ca$h - valid
* \_$\_$\_$\_$\_ - valid
* all@hands -not valid
* java2share -valid
* Integer - valid – class name
* Int - valid – not a reserve words
* Int - not valid - reserve words

In java some words are reserved words to represent some meaning or functionality such types of words are called reserved words (53) keywords are in java

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Reserved Words (53) = Keywords (50) + Reserved Literals (3)

Keywords (50) – if the reserved word is assoicated with functionality

Reserved Literals (3) - [true, false, null]

Keyword(50) = used keywords(48) + nounsed keywords(2)



Keywords for dataTypes (8) - bit, short, int, long, float, double, boolean, char

Keywords for flow control (11)- if-else. switch (case, default ), while , do-while, for, break, continue, return

Keywords for modifiers (11) - public, private, protected, static, final, abstract, synchronized, native, strictfp, transient, volatile

keywords for exception handling (6)- try-catch, finally, throw, throws, assert

Keyword related to class (6)- class, interface, extends, implements, package, imports

Object related keywords - new , instanceof, super, this,

in Java return type is mandatory, if method don't written anything we have to return this method with void return type

**Unused keywords:** Goto and const - usage of these reserved words give you compile time error

**Reserved Literals:**  true, false, null

true, false - value for default boolean data types

\*\* null - default value for object reference.

Enum keyword : we can use it to defined a group of named constant

**Common conclusion for Keywords:**

1. all 53 keywords contain lower case alphabet and no numerical

2. in java we have only "new" keyword and there is no delte keyword becuase destruction of useless object is the responsbility of Garbage Collector

3.The following are new keyword in java

strictfp, enum, assert

4. strictfp is not strictFp ,

instanceof but not instanceOf,

synchronized but not synchronize

extends but not extend,

implements but not implements,

import but not imports,

const but not constant

1. Which of the following list contains only java reserved words.

1. new , delete

2. goto, constant

3. break, continue, return, exit

4. final, finally, finalize

5. throw, thorws, thrown

6. notify, notifyAll

7. implements, extends, imports

8. sizeof, instanceof

9. instanceof, strictFp

10. byte, short, Int

11. None of the above - Ans

2. Which of the following is the reserved words

public

static

void

main - name of method

String - name of class

argse - name of variable