# Introduction to Eclipse

# **Start Eclipse**

Click and then click Eclipse from the menu:

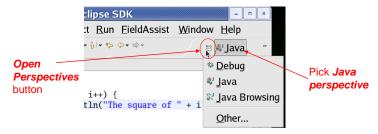


Or open a shell and type eclipse after the prompt.

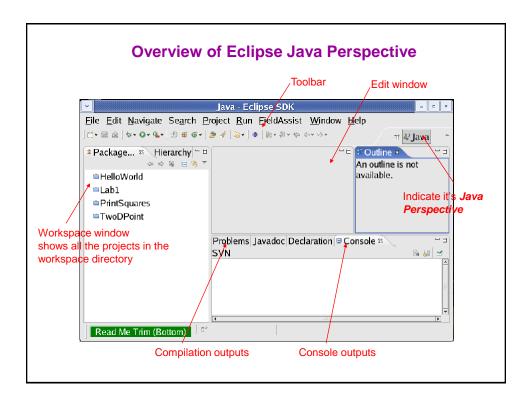
# **Initialize Eclipse**

- Choose a workspace (a directory used by Eclipse to store your programs)
  - When you first start Eclipse, Eclipse will ask you to specify the workspace to use.
  - Accept the default workspace provided by Eclipse or specify an existing directory as the workspace.

- Choose a perspective (the layout of Eclipse user interface).
  - Open Java perspective (an interface for editing java source code): click Open Perspective button > click Java.



Debug Perspective (an interface for debugging the program).



#### **Load an Existing Java Program**

1. Open *Home Folder* and find the Workspace directory you use for Eclipse.



- 2. Create a folder named *PrintSquares* (or any other name you prefer) under the workspace directory.
- 3. Download **PrintSquares.java** from <u>Lab1 Document</u> to **PrintSquares** folder you just created.



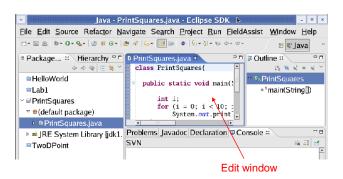
• Click New Java Project button.



 Type PrintSquares as the project name and then click Finish button.

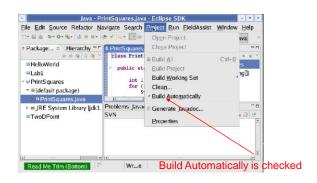


In Workspace window double click *PrintSquares*, then *(default package)*, and then *PrintSquares.java*.
 The source code of *PrintSquares.java* is shown in Edit window.



#### Compile the program

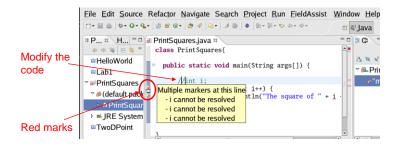
 If Build Automatically is checked, the program will be automatically compiled whenever you save the program.



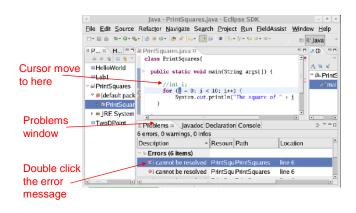
1. Modify "PrintSquares.java" source code as follows:

int i; Change to //int i;

 The red marks on the left side of *Edit* window indicate that there are errors in *PrintSquares.java*. Move the cursor over a red mark to see the error message.



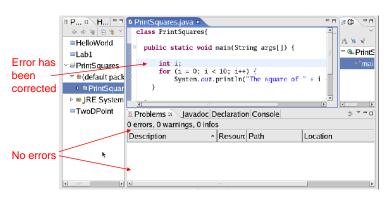
3. Click **Save** button on the **toolbar** to compile the program. **Problems** window shows the errors in the source code. Double click an error message and the cursor in **Edit** window will automatically move to the line in the source code where the error appears.



4. Correct *PrintSquares.java* source code as follows:

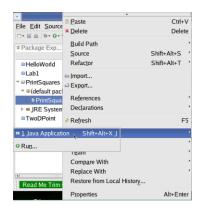
//int i; Change back to → int i;

5. Click Save button to compile the code again.

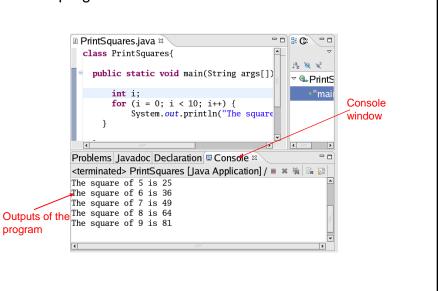


# Run the program

 Right click *PrintSquare.java* in *Workspace* window and select *Run As> Java Application*.

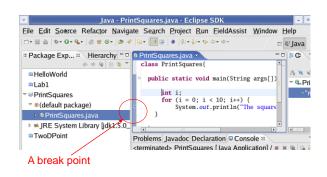


2. **Console** window shows the outputs of the program.

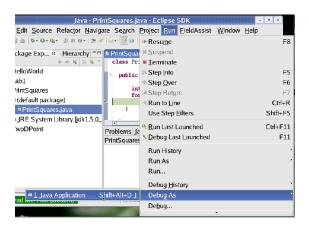


# **Debug a Program**

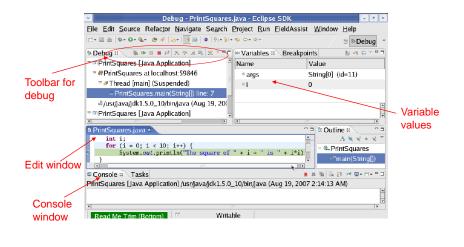
 Add breakpoints: double-click the gray bar on the left of *Edit* window. A blue dot indicates a breakpoint. To remove a break point, double click the breakpoint.



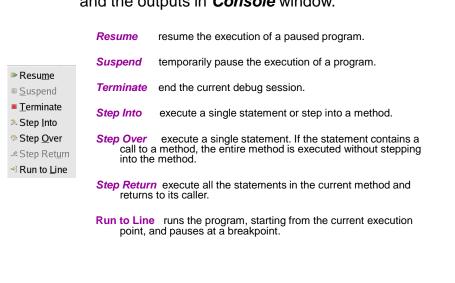
Select Run->Debug as...->Java Application to start the debugger.



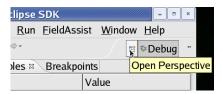
 Click Yes button in Confirm Perspective Switch window to switch Eclipse from Java Perspective to Debug Perspective.



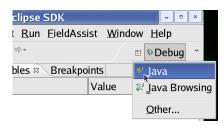
4. Play with the debug commands and watch the change of variable values in *Variable* window and the outputs in *Console* window.



- 5. Switch Eclipse from **Debug Perspective** back to **Java Perspective**.
  - Click Open Perspective button.

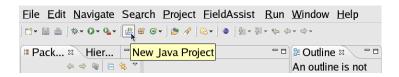


- Then click Java.

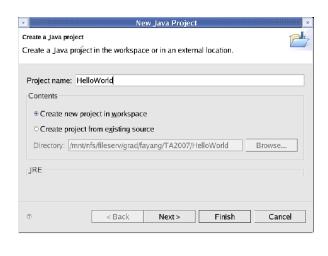


# Create A New Java Application Example: create a HelloWorld java application

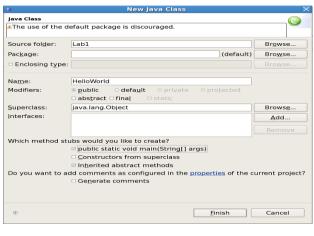
- 1. Create a new project named *HelloWorld*.
  - First click New Java Project button.



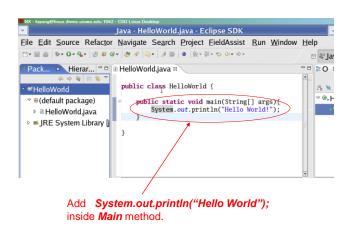
 Then in New Java Project window input the project name as HelloWorld and click Finish button.



- 2. Click **New Java Class** button to create a Java class.
- In New Java Class window, input HelloWorld as the name and check the box "public static void main (String[] args)" if you want a main method.



4. Modify *HelloWorld.java* source code as follows:



**5.** Follow the instructions in the previous slides to compile and run the *HelloWorld* program.