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I. Introducing JAVA

The White Paper for Java was announced in May 1996
 James Gosling , Henry McGilton - Sun engineers

https://www.oracle.com/java/ moved-by-java/

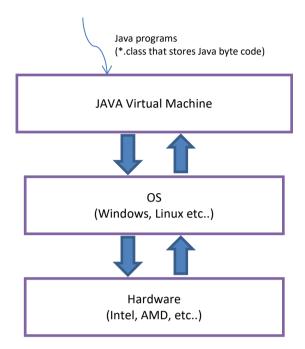
- Java is designed to achieve:
 - Java is partially modeled on C++, but simplified and improved. Simple Java was designed from the start to be object-oriented. Object oriented Java is designed to make distributed computing easy with networking capability. Writing network programs is like sending Distributed and receiving data to and from a file. Multithread programming is smoothly integrated. Multithreaded Designed to adapt to an evolving environment. Libraries can freely add new methods and instance variables without effecting Dynamic clients. Straightforward to find out runtime type information. Architecture neutral, With a Java Virtual Machine (JVM), one program can run on any Portable platform without being recompiled. High performance of interpreted bytecodes, efficient translation of High performance bytecodes to machine code. Robust Java compiler, modified program constructs, runtime exception-handling Security mechanisms to protect against harm caused by stray programs. Secure

https://www.oracle.com/java/techn ologies/language-environment.html

- The Java platform is available as different packages:
 - JRE (Java Runtime Environment) For consumers to run Java programs.
 - JDK (Java Development Kit) For programmers to write Java programs.
 Includes JRE plus tools for developing, debugging, and monitoring Java applications.

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- Once installed, the Java Virtual Machine (Java VM) is launched in the computer.
- During runtime, the Java VM interprets
 Java byte code and translates into OS calls.



Java Versions:

 Version 1.0 (1995)
 Version 1.5 (2004) a. k. a. Java 5

 Version 1.1 (1996)
 Version 1.6 (2006) a. k. a. Java 6

 Version 1.2 (1998)
 Version 1.7 (2011) a. k. a. Java 7

 Version 1.3 (2000)
 ...

 Version 1.4 (2002)
 Version ??

 https://www.oracle.com/java/java-se-support-roadmap.html

- Editions for different development purposes:
 - Java Standard Edition (J2SE)
 J2SE can be used to develop client-side standalone applications or applets.
 - Java Enterprise Edition (J2EE)
 Server-side applications such as Java servlets, Java ServerPages, and Java ServerFaces.
 - Java Micro Edition (J2ME)
 Applications for mobile devices such as cell phones.

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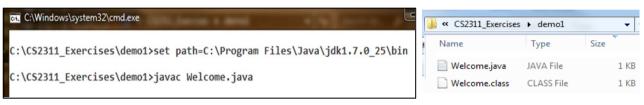
II. Compiling and Launching from Command-Line, IDE, A Simple JAVA Program

With JDK installed, you can compile and run Java programs in this way:

1. Create the source file: Welcome.java



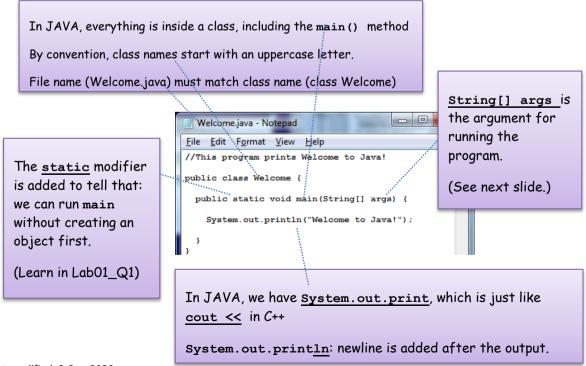
2. At the command prompt, set path to JDK and then compile to give Welcome.class



3. Run it:



Explanation of the program:



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Arguments can be supplied to main() as an array of strings:

Example:

```
Welcome,java - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

//This program prints Welcome to Java!

public class Welcome {

   public static void main(String[] args) {

       System.out.println("Hi " + args[0] + ", Welcome to " + args[1]);

   }

C:\CS2311_Exercises\demo2>java Welcome Helena CityU

Hi Helena, Welcome to CityU
```

Run-time exception:

The program code expects 2 arguments. But the only one is given.

```
C:\CS2311_Exercises\demo2>java Welcome Helena
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 1
at Welcome.main(Welcome.java:7)
```

- Integrated Development Environments (IDE):
 - NetBeans
 - Eclipse
 - repl.it
 - Vs Code

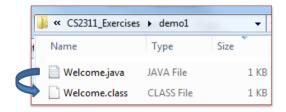
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III. How does JAVA work

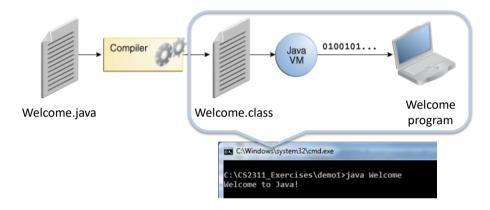
Compiling and Running Programs

■ Source files (.java) are compiled into .class files by the javac compiler.





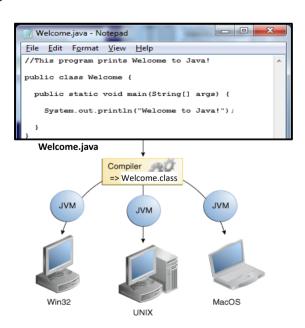
- A .class file does not contain code that is native to the computer;
 It contains bytecodes in machine language of Java Virtual Machine (Java VM).
- The JRE runs .class with an instance of the Java Virtual Machine.



How are JAVA Programs "Architecture neutral", "Portable"?

The role of Java VM

- Java VM is available on many different operating systems.
- Once you install JRE or JDK, Java VM is ready in your computer.
- The same .class file is capable of running on Microsoft Windows, the Solaris™, Linux, or Mac OS.



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IV. Review - Programming Style, Documentation, Syntax error / Runtime error / Logic error

Programming Style and Documentation

- Appropriate Comments
- Naming Conventions
 - Choose meaningful and descriptive names.
- Proper Indentation and Spacing Lines
 - Tabs, tidy spacing
 - Use blank line to separate segments of the code.
- Block Styles

```
public class Day {
  private int year;
  private int month;
  private int day;
  public Day(int y, int m, int d) {
    this.year = y;
    this.month = m;
    this.day = d;
  }
  public String toString() {
    return day + "-" + month + "-" + year;
  }
}

Poor! Hard to read!
  Please add line breaks before methods
```

Three types of programming errors

- Syntax Errors
 - Detected by the compiler
- Runtime Errors
 - Causes the program to abort
- Logic Errors
 - Produces incorrect result

```
public class ShowSyntaxErrors {
  public static main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java);
  }
}
```

```
public class ShowRuntimeErrors {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(1 / 0);
  }
}
```

```
public class ShowLogicErrors {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.print("Five plus six is ");
    System.out.println("5"+"6");
  }
}
```

Debugging

(1) A video on Canvas => CS2312 => https://www.cs.cityu.edu.hk/~helena/cs231220...:

debugger in VS Code (Tracing Lec01 Q12 Fib and Lab01 Q02 Day)

(2) https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/java/java-debugging