

Practice 1: Introduction to Java

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Origin

- **Oak programming language.** Developed at **Sun** by **James Gosling** and **Peter Naughton** to manage small electronic devices.
- Aspects sought: **hardware independence**, **“pure” and robust object-oriented** programming language, **based on C++**.
- Discontinued in Spring 1994 due to lack of profit.
- Relunched in 1995 as Java, taking advantage of the Internet’s hardware independence.
- In 2009, Oracle acquired Sun and it is the proprietary of the language.



James Gosling



Design goals of the Java PL

1 Simple, object-oriented, and familiar

- Simple, easy to learn.
- Pure object orientation.
- Syntax is similar to C++. Familiar to developers.

2 Robust and secure

- Multiple checks at compile time (e.g., non-initialized variables) and at runtime (e.g., out-of-bounds array indexes) to make programs more reliable and promote good programming practices.
- Direct manipulation of pointers is not allowed, as it is a frequent source of errors.
- Includes a *garbage collector* that frees unused memory.
- Designed to work securely in distributed environments.



Design goals of the Java PL

3 Architecture-neutral and portable

- Java applications can be run on multiple hardware/software architectures.
- Java programs are compiled as intermediate *bytecodes*, which are later “interpreted” on each particular platform (“*write once, run everywhere*”).

4 High performance

- Despite being interpreted, Java performs optimizations in order to achieve high performance (*just-in-time* compilers, *HotSpot* technology, native code, etc.)

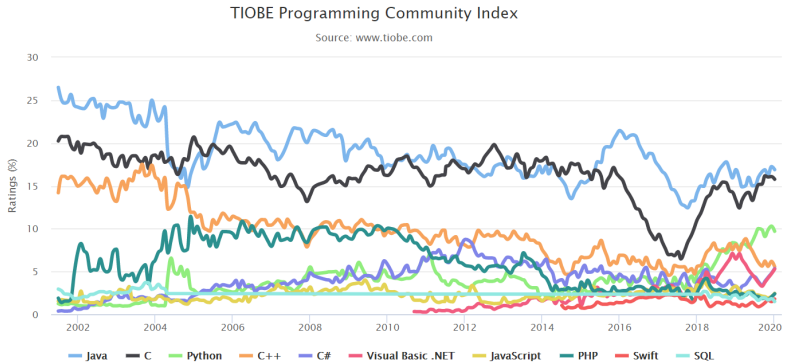
5 Interpreted, threaded and dynamic

- Each platform has its corresponding *Java Virtual Machine (JVM)*, i.e., a virtual software processor that translates bytecodes to the machine code of the target architecture.
- Java supports multi-threaded programming.
- Even though Java is statically-typed, it supports object-oriented functionalities such as dynamic binding.



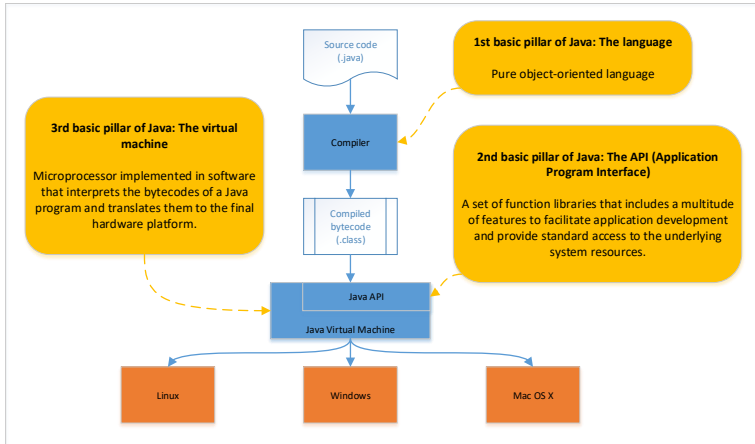
Java's popularity

- According to the TIOBE Index, Java is the most popular programming language from 2001 onwards (sometimes sharing the top spot with C).



Java Platform

- **The Java Platform: Language, API and Virtual Machine.**
- Distributed via a JDK (Java Development Kit).



Downloading the JDK

■ Oracle JDK

- Oracle distributes a version of the JDK under the *Oracle Technology Network (OTN)* license, which is only free for personal or non-profit use.

■ OpenJDK

- OpenJDK is the JDK version released under the GPL license.
- Oracle JDK and OpenJDK are virtually equivalent. The only difference is the support offered by Oracle for its commercial version, which OpenJDK offers through other companies such as IBM.
- **In this course we will use OpenJDK.** The most convenient source for the download is **AdoptOpenJDK**:
<https://adoptopenjdk.net/>
- We will also use **the latest version available**.

OpenJDK



Other PLs with the platform

- The Java Language and the Java Virtual Machine are separate entities.
- You can use other PLs to write code, which will be later interpreted by the Java Virtual Machine:
 - **Kotlin**: A statically typed language and can be also compiled to JavaScript source code.
 - **Groovy**: A scripting language.
 - **Scala**: An OOP language that supports functional programming.
 - **Clojure**: a dialect of the Lisp functional programming language .



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Introduction



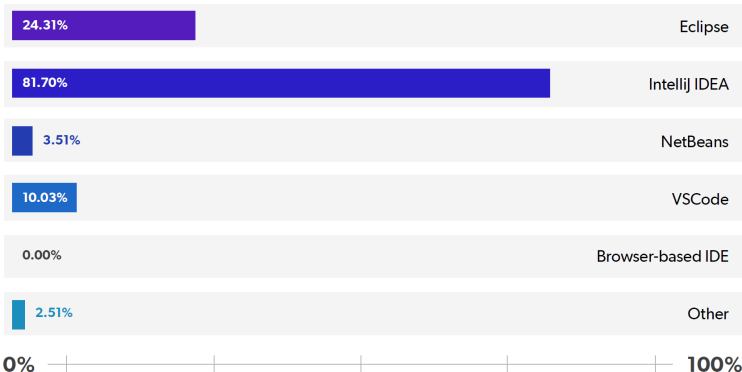
- **IntelliJ IDEA** is an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for Java (and other PLS for the JVM, such as Kotlin, Groovy or Scala). It was created by the JetBrains company.
- IntelliJ IDEA has **two editions**:
 - The **Community** edition is free and open-source (Apache 2.0 license) and is focused on basic projects for the JVM and Android development.
 - The **Ultimate** edition is non-free (although it can be used with an education license) and is focused on web and enterprise development.
- For this course, the **latest Community edition** will suffice. You can download it at:
<https://www.jetbrains.com/es-es/idea/download/>



IntelliJ IDEA

- IntelliJ IDEA is currently the most widely used IDE for Java development¹.

What developer IDE do you use professionally?



¹ Fuente: JR Rebel Java Productivity Report 2020. <https://www.jrebel.com/blog/2020-java-technology-report>



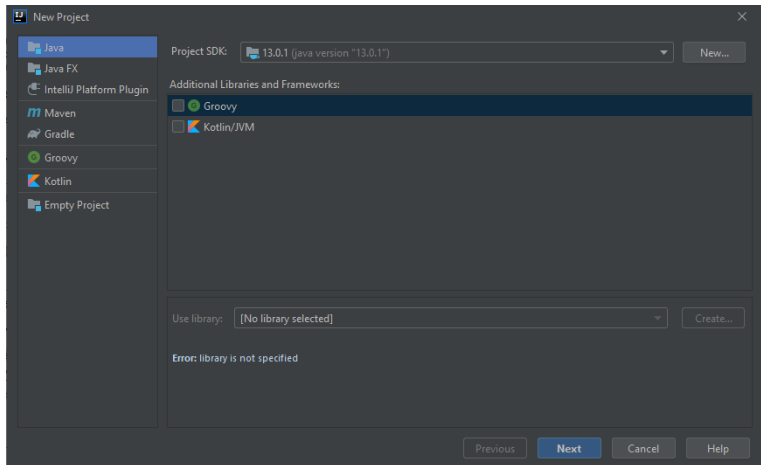
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- The code is managed as projects. The first step is creating a new project.



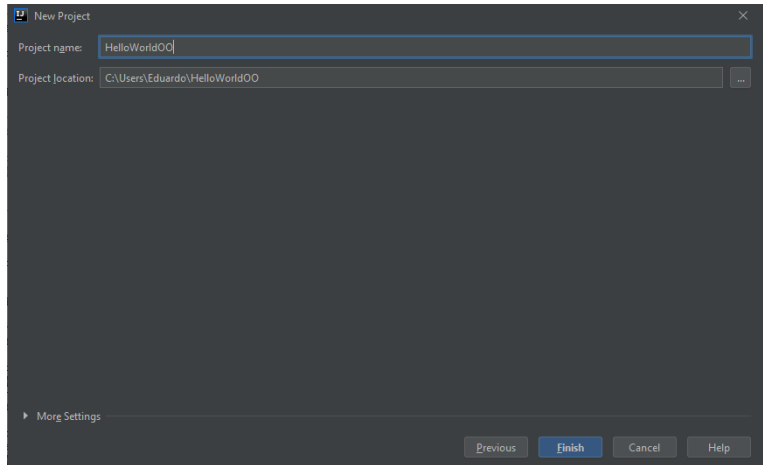
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- We choose creating a "Java" project, specifying the JDK.



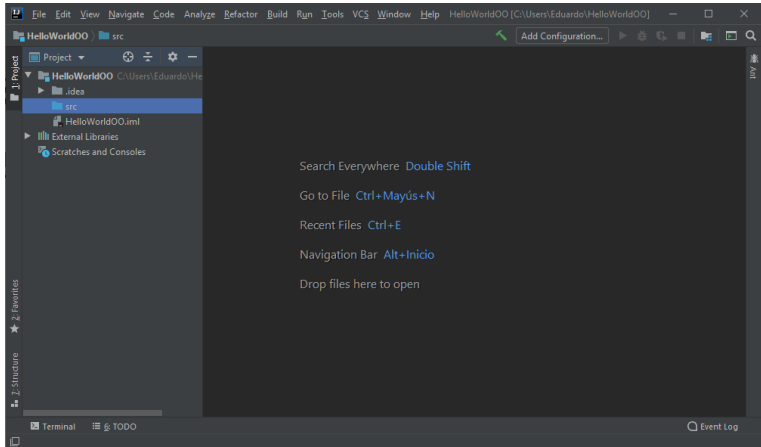
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- We enter the name and the location for the project.



IntelliJ IDEA

- The project is stored in the `.idea` folder, and the `.iml` file contains information about the *module* we are developing.
- The source files are stored in the `src` folder.



"Hello World" in Java

All Java code is inside a class

"Hello World" in Java

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

When we run a class, we run its main method

Prints "Hello World" on the terminal



"Hello, World" in Java

- **Our "Hello, World" code is a bad example of Object Orientation:**
 - A class is defined, but no object is instantiated.
 - Execution is delegated to a static `main` method. Static methods can be called without instantiating objects.
 - The class writes directly to the console.
- **An object-oriented code should include:**
 - Object instantiation.
 - Calls to non-static methods (i.e., methods that manipulate an object's state).
 - Reusable, architecture-independent classes that do not write directly to the console.



Object-Oriented "Hello World"

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```
class HelloWorldOO {  
    private String message = "Hello World";  
    public String returnMessage() {  
        return message;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        HelloWorldOO myHello = new HelloWorldOO();  
        System.out.println(myHello.returnMessage());  
    }  
}
```

getMessage is not static (it needs an object in which it is executed) and returns a String

We create an object of the HelloWorldOO class using the new operator

getMessage returns the message of the myHello object, the println method prints it in the console



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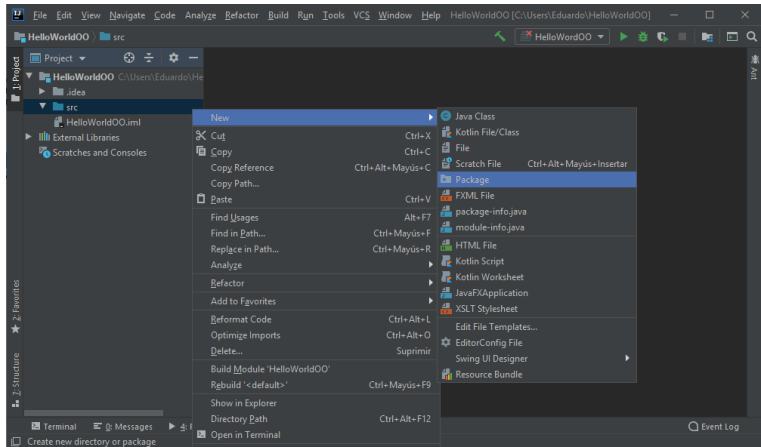
```
public class HelloWorldOO {  
    private String message;  
  
    public HelloWorldOO() {  
        message = "Hello World";  
    }  
  
    public String returnMessage() {  
        return message;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        HelloWorldOO myHello = new HelloWorldOO();  
        System.out.println(myHello.returnMessage());  
    }  
}
```

Initialization can be done in constructor methods, that have the same name as the class and do not declare a return type



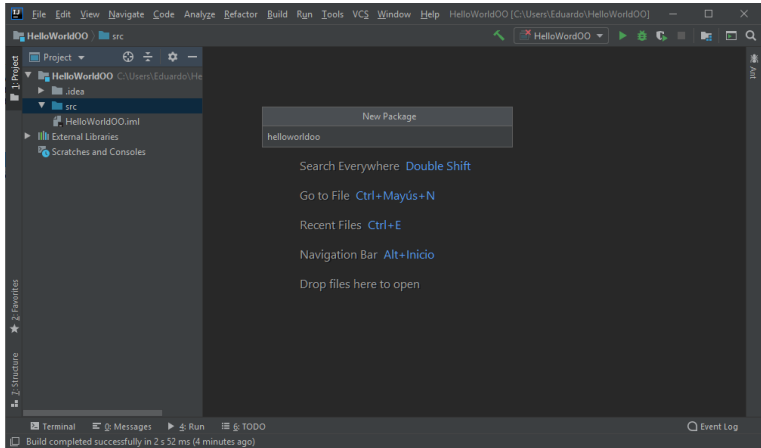
"Hello World" on IntelliJ IDEA

- It is recommended to arrange the source files into packages. Therefore, the first step will be creating one...



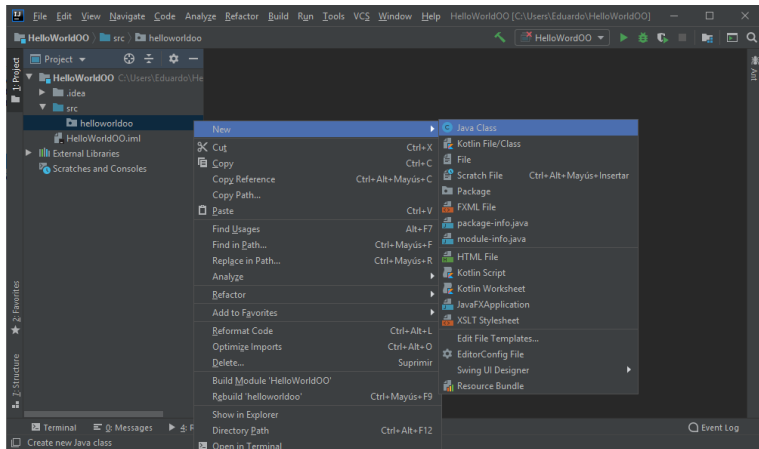
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- ...which we will call helloworldoo.



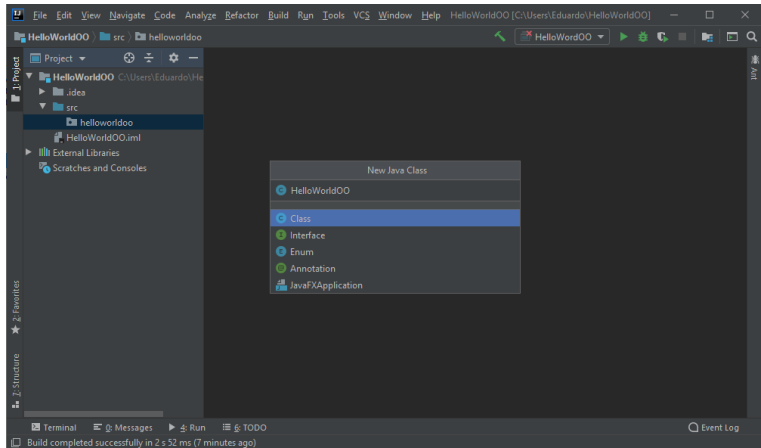
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- Inside the helloworldoo package, we will create a new Java class...



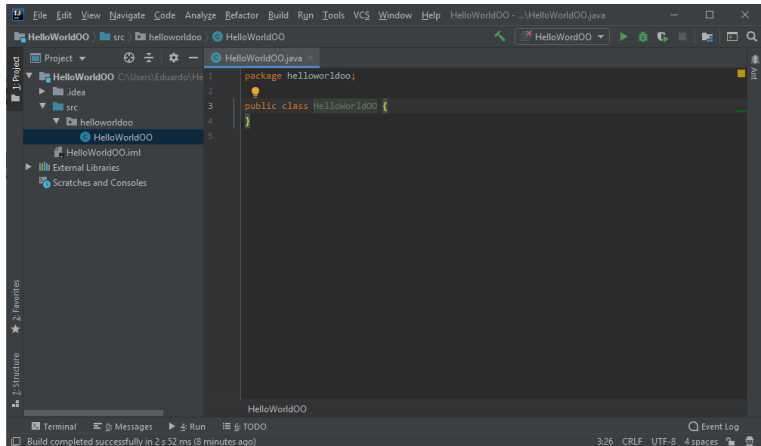
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- ...which we will call HelloWorldOO.



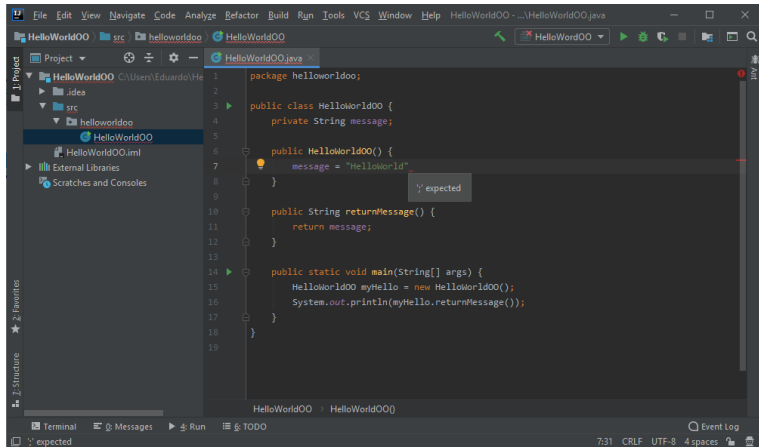
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- The class is saved as the HelloWorldOO.java file.



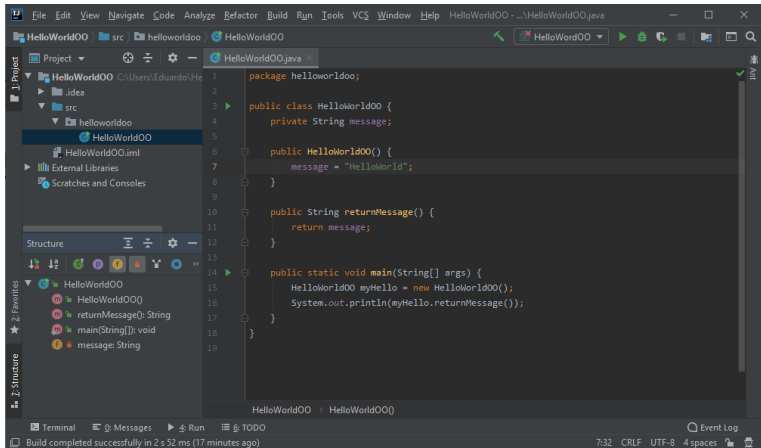
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- The editor highlights in red the compilation errors as you write the code.



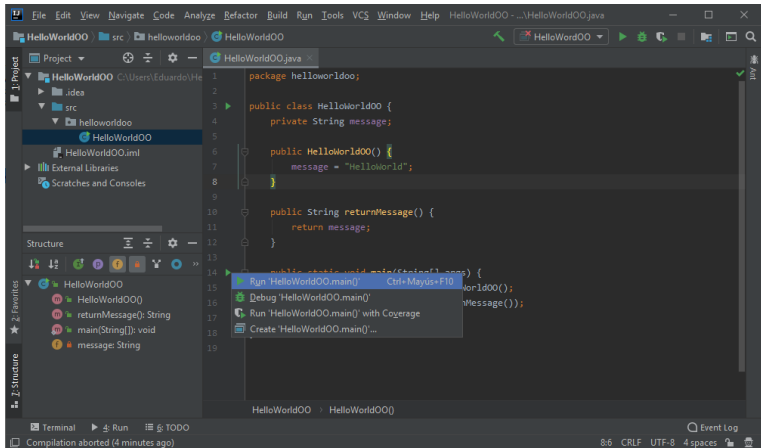
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- The *Structure* window offers quick access to the contents of a class.



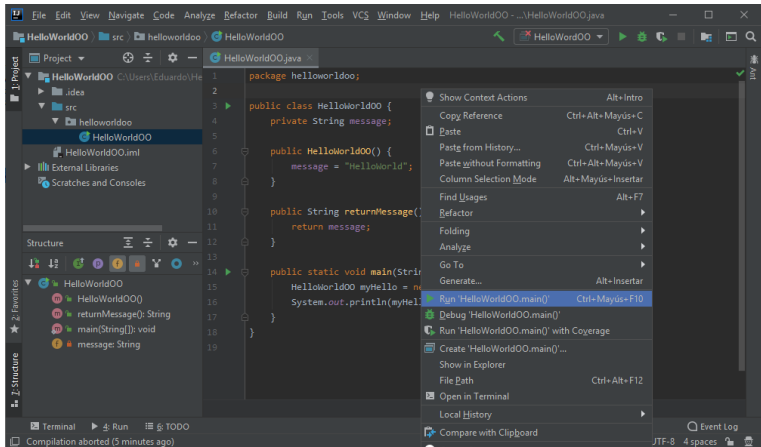
Compiling and running

- The code is being pre-compiled as we write it.
- To run a class with a main method, we can use the green triangle next to the main...



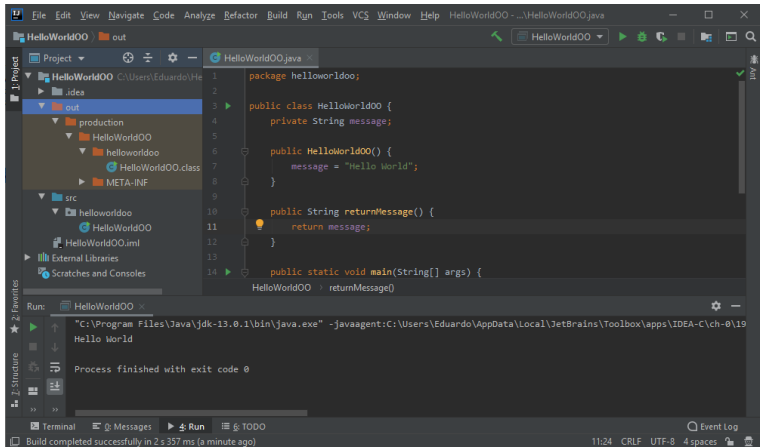
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- ... use the contextual menu when you right-click, or use the Ctrl+Shift+F10 keyboard shortcut.



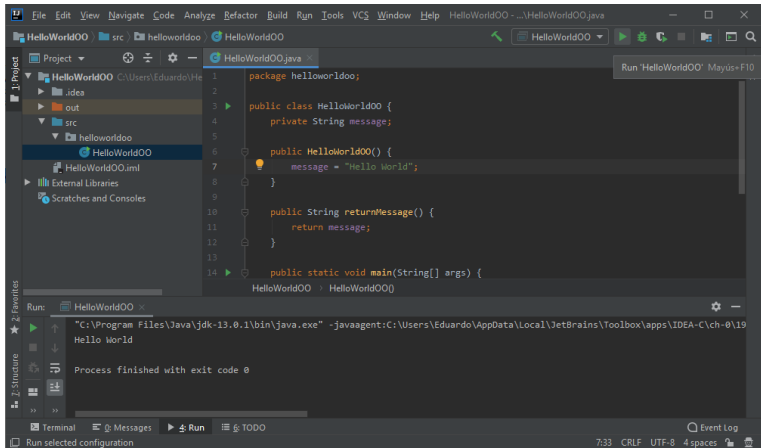
Compiling and running

- Running a project creates an `out` folder with the compiled `.class` files.
- The *Run* window is shown with the result of the execution.



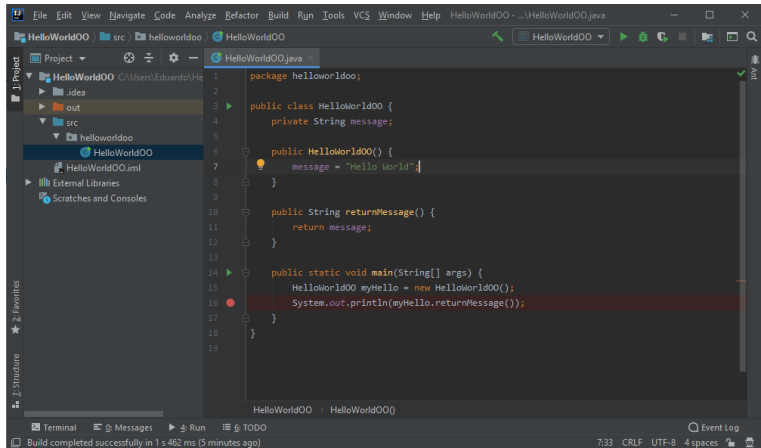
Compiling and running

- The first execution also creates a *"configuration"* that we can further customize or run again with **Mayús+F10** or the green triangle on the upper right corner.



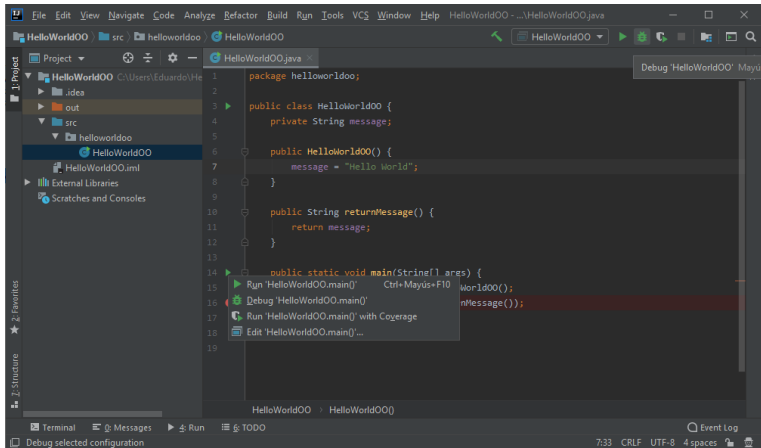
Debugging

- In order to (*debug*) code or execute it step by step, we must set a (*breakpoint*) by clicking next to the line number.



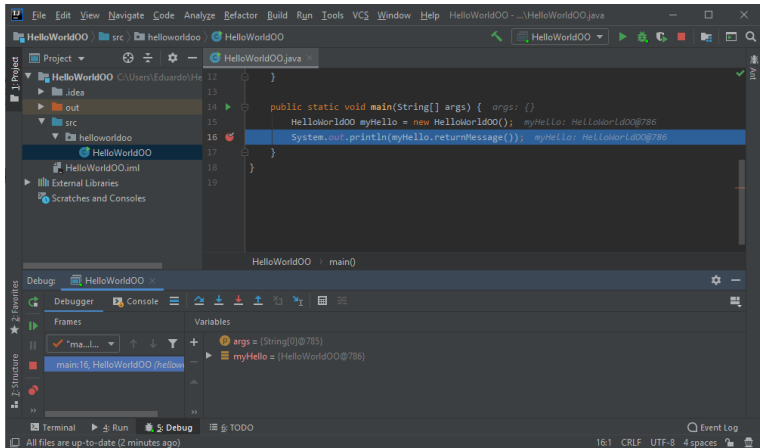
Debugging

- Clicking on the green *bug* icon, we start the debugging session.



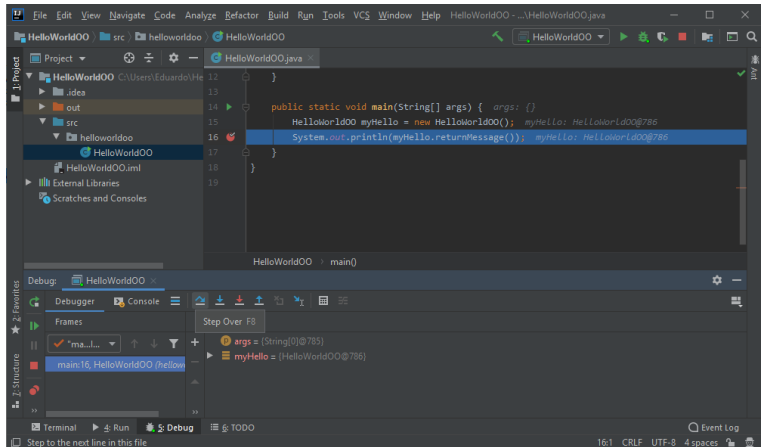
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- Execution stops at the *breakpoint*.
- A *Debug* window is shown, which lets us see the values of the variables and control the execution step by step.



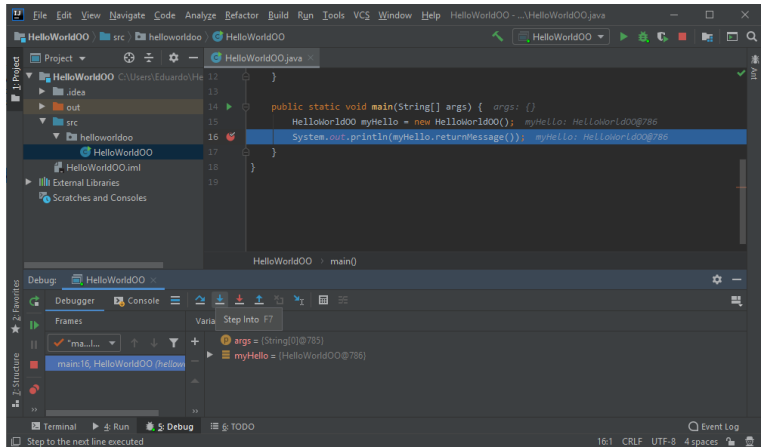
Debugging

- The execution is essentially controlled by the **F8** key or *Step Over*, which runs a method directly (not step by step)...



Debugging

- ... and using the **F7** key or *Step Into*, which executes a method step by step.



Debugging

- Debugging ends when the execution ends, or at any point if we click on the *Stop* button (Ctrl+F2).

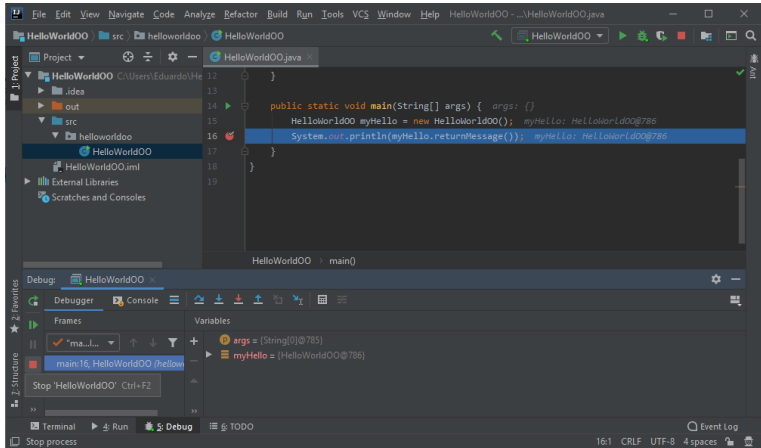


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Naming conventions

- Java is case-sensitive.
- Identifiers typically use the **CamelCase** notation (i.e., no spaces between letters, mixes uppercase and lowercase).
- **Following these conventions is important (failing to do this may be penalized in your grade.).**
- First letter is in uppercase for classes (e.g., `GeometricFigure`), and in lowercase for variables (e.g., `localVariable`).



Naming conventions

Identifier	Rule	Example
Classes and interfaces	Nouns; CamelCase starting with a capital letter	<code>class ImageSprite</code>
Methods	Verbs; CamelCase starting with a lowercase letter	<code>runFast();</code> <code>getBackground();</code>
Variables	Nouns; CamelCase starting with a lowercase letter	<code>int widthFigure;</code> <code>int heightFigure;</code>
Constants	All caps (no CamelCase); underscores for spacing	<code>int MIN_WIDTH=1;</code> <code>int MAX_WIDTH=99</code>
Packages	Lowercase (no CamelCase); short names	<code>java.awt.datatransfer,</code> <code>java.util</code>



Primitive data types

Type	Size	Range	Format	Example
byte	8 bits	-128..127	Two's complement	88
short	16 bits	-32.768..32767	Two's complement	-1578
int	32 bits	$-2^{31}..2^{31} - 1$	Two's complement	423424
long	64 bits	$-2^{63}..2^{63} - 1$	Two's complement	123456L
float	32 bits	$..^2$	IEEE 754	126.5f
double	64 bits	$..$	IEEE 754	126.5d
char	16 bits	0..65.535	Unicode	'a'
boolean	1 bit ³	[true/false]	Binario	false

²Consult <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jls/se14/html/jls-4.html#jls-4.2.3>

³Real size not stated



Arrays

- Arrays are similar to those of C, but with significant differences.
- It is possible to declare an array and assign values immediately (as in C).
- But it is also possible to declare an array of unspecified size and specifying it later using the `new` operator.

Arrays

```
int[] numbers1 = {1, 4, 5, 2, 7}; // as in C

int[] numbers2; // not size declared
numbers2 = {8, 7, 2, 9, 4}; // ERROR: array literals only in declaration
numbers2 = new int[5]; // allocating 5 positions with "0" values
System.out.println(numbers2[2]); // Prints 0
```



Arrays

- Arrays are pointers, so we can dynamically change the address they point to.
- We can use it to make them “grow” copying their data to bigger arrays (costly but useful).
- Accessing an index outside of the dimensions of the *array* causes a runtime error.

Arrays that *grow*

```
int[] numbers1 = {4, 9, 3, 6, 2}; // five positions
int[] numbers2 = new int[10];
for (int i=0; i<numbers1.length; i++) {
    numbers2[i] = numbers1[i]; // copy items
}
numbers1 = numbers2; // numbers1 points to numbers2
System.out.println(numbers1[0]); // 4
System.out.println(numbers1.length); // numbers1 has 10 positions

numbers1[15] = 42; // Throws ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
```



Matrices

- A matrix is actually an array of arrays.

Matrices

```
int[][] matrix = {{1, 2, 3},  
                  {4, 5, 6},  
                  {7, 8, 9}};  
System.out.println(matrix[1][2]); // 6
```

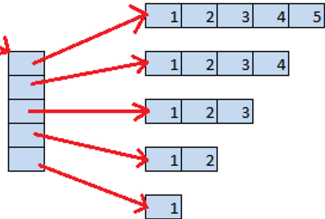
	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2
Row 0	matrix[0][0] 1	matrix[0][1] 2	matrix[0][2] 3
Row 1	matrix[1][0] 4	matrix[1][1] 5	matrix[1][2] 6
Row 2	matrix[2][0] 7	matrix[2][1] 8	matrix[2][2] 9



Matrices

- Unlike C, the rows do not necessarily have the same length.
- This results in *ragged arrays*.

```
int[][] triangleArray = {
    {1, 2, 3, 4, 5},
    {2, 3, 4, 5},
    {3, 4, 5},
    {4, 5},
    {5},
};
```



Strings

- Represents a sequence of characters.
- Can be easily instantiated using *literals*:
`String s = "Hello World";`
- Immutable (once created, they cannot be modified).
- There are functions for obtaining a new String that is a modified version of another String. e.g. `toUpperCase()`.
- The mutable (modifiable) version of a String is represented by the class `StringBuilder`.

String and StringBuilder

```
String s1 = "Hello World"; // String literals
String s2 = s1.toUpperCase(); // s1 is immutable
System.out.println("s1 = " + s1); // s1 = Hello World
System.out.println("s2 = " + s2); // s2 = HELLO WORLD

StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder("Hello");
sb.append(" World"); // StringBuilder is mutable
System.out.println("sb = " + sb); // "sb = HelloWorld";
```



Strings

- Special characters are added to `Strings` using *escape sequences*: tabulation (`\t`), new line (`\n`), double quotes (`\"`), single quotes (`\'`), backslash (`\\`), etc.
- These escape sequences can be avoided by using *text blocks* (Java 15) defined with triple quotation marks (whitespace to the left is ignored).

Escape sequences and text blocks

```
String query1 =  
    "SELECT name, age\n" +  
    "FROM EMP\n" +  
    "WHERE name = \'John\'\n" +  
    "\tAND age > 20";
```

```
String query2 = """  
    SELECT name, age  
    FROM EMP  
    WHERE name = 'John'  
           AND age > 20  
    """;
```



Operators

Type	Operator	Description
Binary arithmetic	+, -, *, /, %	
Unary arithmetic	++, --	Increment, Decrement
Equality	==, !=	Equal, Not equal
Relational	>, >=, <, <=	
Conditional	&&,	Logical AND, Logical OR
Type comparison	instanceof	Whether an object is an instance of the class
Bitwise operation	&, , ^, ~	AND, OR, XOR, NOT
Bit shifting	>>, <<, >>>	Right, Left, Unsigned right
Assignment	=, (operator)=	Basic, Cumulative



Control Structures

- The syntax for control structures is basically identical to that of C, with some later additions.
- If the block has only one instructions, curly brackets are not necessary (but they're recommended to avoid ambiguity and errors).

Conditional structures `if..(then) ..else`

```
// if..(then)
if (isMoving) {
    currentSpeed++;
}

// if..(then) ..else
if (isMoving) {
    currentSpeed++;
} else {
    currentSpeed = 0;
}
```



Control Structures

- The switch statement is similar in C and Java, but it's too error-prone (it's easy to forget the `break`) .

Traditional `switch` statement

```
switch (day) {  
    case MONDAY:  
    case FRIDAY:  
    case SUNDAY:  
        numLetters = 6;  
        break;  
    case TUESDAY:  
        numLetters = 7;  
        break;  
    case THURSDAY:  
    case SATURDAY:  
        numLetters = 8;  
        break;  
    case WEDNESDAY:  
        numLetters = 9;  
        break;  
    default:  
        throw new IllegalStateException("Wat: " + day);  
}
```



Control Structures

- Since Java 14, you can use `switch` statements that let you assign the result of a `switch` to a variable.
- They avoid the controversial `break`.
- They check at compile time if all possibilities are covered, making the `default` clause unnecessary.

Conditional structure with `switch` expressions

```
numLetters = switch (day) {  
    case MONDAY, FRIDAY, SUNDAY -> 6;  
    case TUESDAY                 -> 7;  
    case THURSDAY, SATURDAY      -> 8;  
    case WEDNESDAY               -> 9;  
};
```



Control Structures

- While loops are also similar to those of C.

While loops

```
// while loop
int count = 0;
while (count < 10) {
    count++;
}
System.out.println("count = " + count);

// do..while loop
count = 0;
do {
    count++;
} while (count < 10) ;
System.out.println("count = " + count);
```



Control Structures

- Java has two types of `for` statements. One is analogous to the C `for`.
- The other is called the `for-each` loop and is used to iterate through collections of objects ⇒ **Unit 3**.

For loops

```
// Classic for
for(int i = 0; i<10; i++) {
    System.out.println(i);
}

// For-each loop
int[] data = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
for(int i : data) {
    System.out.println(i); // 0 1 2 3 4 5
}
```



Control Structures

- break and continue are also like in C.

For loops

```
System.out.println("break and continue");  
for(int i = 0; i<10; i++) {  
    if (i == 5)  
        continue;  
    if (i == 8)  
        break;  
    System.out.println(i); // 0 1 2 3 4 6 7  
}
```



Control Structures

- Java also lets you use `break` and `continue` to jump to labeled locations.
- They're a controlled *goto* that jumps to a specified, non-arbitrary place when using nested loops.

For loops

```
int[][] arrayOfInts = {{ 32, 87, 3}, {12, 1076, 2000}, { 622, 127, 77}};  
int i = -1;  
int j = -1;  
int searchFor = 12;  
SEARCH: // LABEL  
for (i = 0; i < arrayOfInts.length; i++) {  
    for (j = 0; j < arrayOfInts[i].length; j++) {  
        if (arrayOfInts[i][j] == searchFor) {  
            break SEARCH; // Break the two loops  
        }  
    }  
}  
System.out.println("Found " + searchFor + " at [" + i + ", " + j + "]);
```



Comments

Comments

```
public class Class {  
    /* Variables */  
    private int x;  
    private int y;  
    /*  
     * Methods  
     * (reading and writing)  
     */  
    public int getX() { return x; }  
  
    /**  
     * Assigns the value i to the attribute x  
     * (if greater than zero)  
     * @param i The value that will be assigned to x  
     */  
    public void setX(int i) {  
        if (i < 0) {  
            x = 0; // Negative values are not allowed  
        } else {  
            x = i; // i is assigned to x  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Block comment, one line

Block comment, multiple lines

Javadoc comment

Line comment

Javadoc comments

- Javadoc comments start with `/**`
- Placed above the corresponding class or method.
- May include standardized tags (e.g., `@param`, `@return`, `@author`, etc.)
- The `javadoc` tool reads these comments and tags and generates HTML-formatted documentation (e.g., the Java API Specification at <https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/javase/11/docs/api/index.html>).
- Integrated Development Environments (IDEs) simplify the task of writing Javadoc comments.
- **Javadoc comments are not mandatory in this course, but we expect regular comments in the code, especially to explain complicated fragments..**



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