COMP 1020 - Java Programming

UNIT 1

Outline

- Using Java: text editors, JDK, running code
- Naming conventions
- Data types and operators
- Java syntax
  - Variables
  - Methods
  - Conditions
  - Loops
  - Arrays

Programming in Java

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    1. Very basic editors (not recommended, but they are always available):
        - Notepad (Windows)
        - nano and pico (Linux)
        - TextEdit (Mac)

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   - TextMate (Mac)
   - emacs, vim, Sublime Text (any platform)

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3. Integrated development environments (IDEs):

- BlueJ (https://bluej.org/)
- Geany (https://www.geany.org/)
- **Visual Studio Code** (https://code.visualstudio.com/)
- IntelliJ (https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/)
- Eclipse (https://www.eclipse.org/)

Visual Studio Code

- Visual Studio Code is the recommended environment
- Visit: https://code.visualstudio.com/docs/languages/java
- Install the ***Coding Pack for Java*** (not the other links)

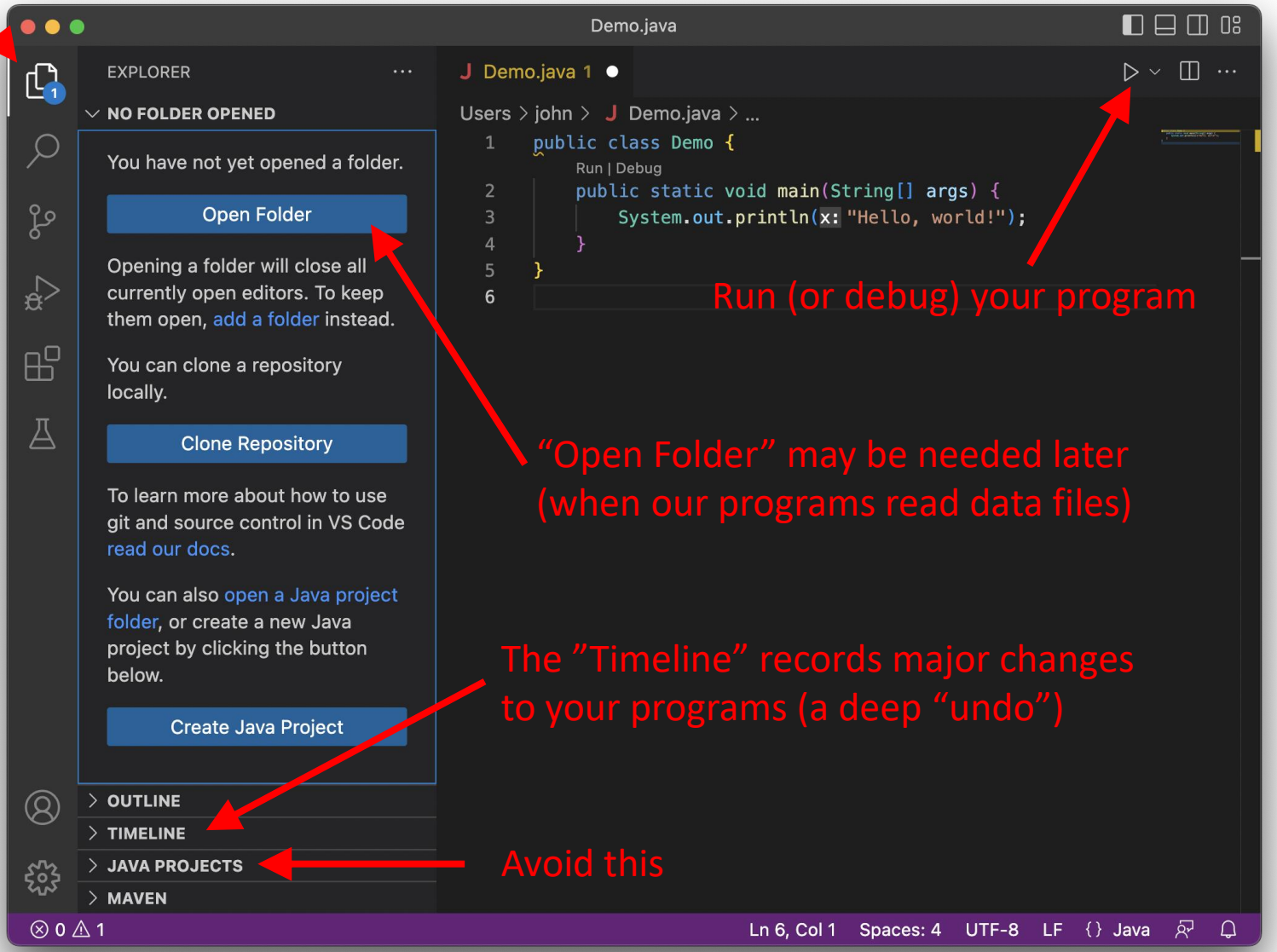
Visual Studio Code ("VS Code")

- The Coding Pack installer will first make sure Java is installed on your system, and allow you to download and install it if it is not. Once Java is installed, it will download and install VS Code.

- When you save a file with the extension `.java` VS Code will recognize it as a Java program and allow you to run it.

- Later in the course, you may want to use "Open Folder" to access related files. **Don't** use "projects".

VS Code



Other Environments

- Some other environments (like the command line / terminal shown on upcoming slides) require that you install a Java Development Kit (JDK).
- The “official” JDK: https://www.oracle.com/javadownload
- OpenJDK (better): https://adoptopenjdk.net
- This is already installed by the VS Coding Pack. If you use VS Code, you probably don’t need to install a JDK separately.

Programming in Java

- To actually run your code, you need the JDK (Java Development Kit)!
- Download and install JDK (not JRE) from https://www.oracle.com/java/technologies/javase-downloads.html
- The latest release of JDK is version SE 14 (July 2020) but…

it's now SE 15 (already)!

- … version 8 (SE 8) is still widely used (this is the version on the departmental servers, probably the one you should get)

Programming in Java

- For Windows users: after installing JDK, it is usually necessary to set the PATH Environment variable

- This allows you to run java anywhere (in a terminal) and also makes it easier for the IDE of your choice to find Java (when installing an IDE, it might also ask you for the location of Java)

- See: https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/technotes/guides/install/windows_jdk_install.html#BABGDJFH

Java execution

- Source code is stored in a file with the .java extension
- .java file is compiled to produce a .class file (which is a sort of generic machine language called Java Byte Code (JBC))
- The .class file is then interpreted by the Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
  - very portable: anyone with a JVM can run it on any platform
  - secure: .class file is unreadable

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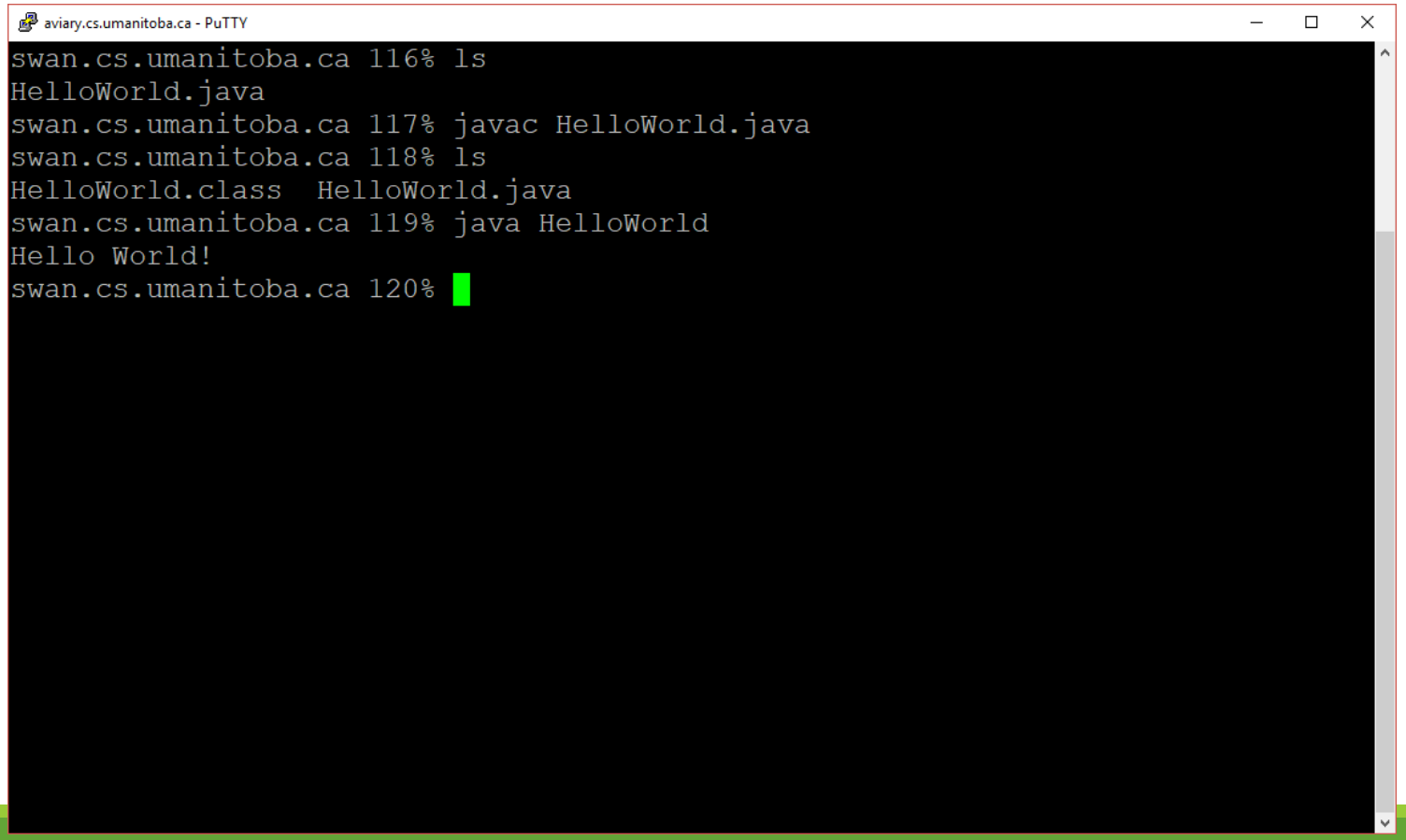
- You can also do everything from the command line in a terminal



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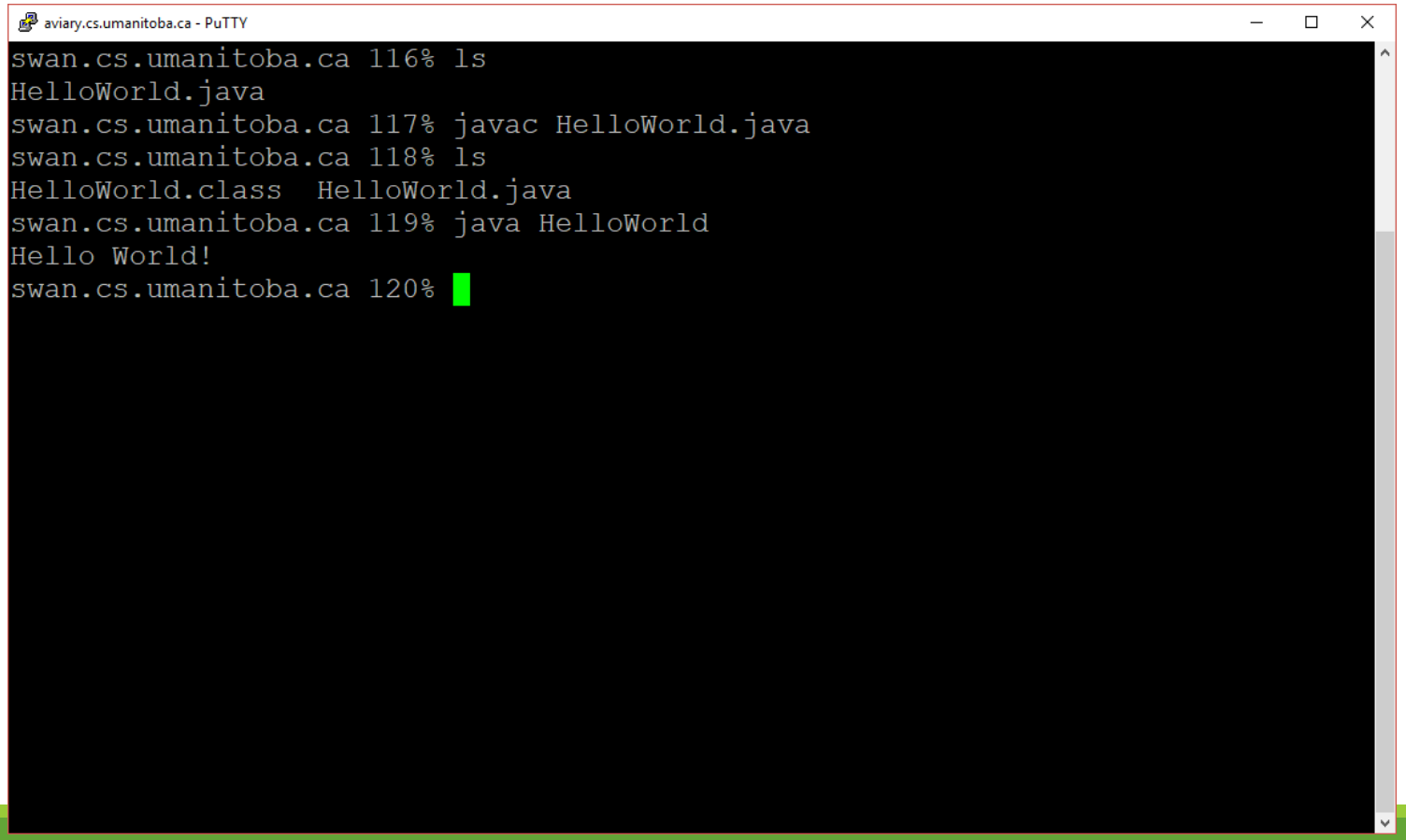

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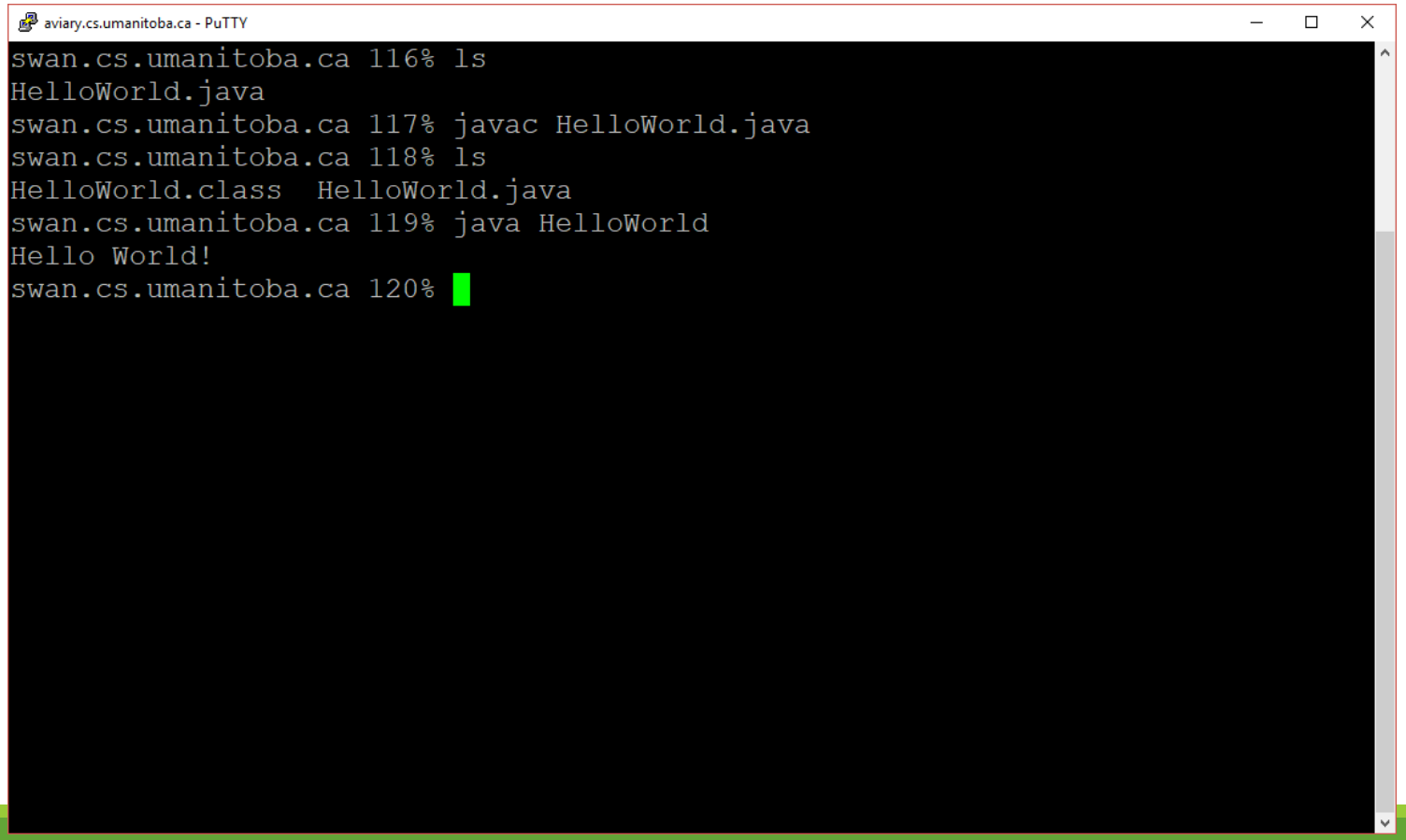

Building a program

- This is very different from Python, but similar to Processing
- A Java program (source code) will usually being with the following line:

```
public class xxxx {
```

and it must be stored in a file named xxxx.java

- After being compiled, you will get a xxxx.class file, which you can then execute

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```

This is a statement that prints a String to the console.

In this case, the String is "Hello World!" and the quotes are there to indicate that this is a String.

System.out.println() prints the String inside the brackets and adds a newline; System.out.print() does not add a newline

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Important: reserved words in Java are case sensitive (e.g. `public` not `Public`) and statements must end with a semicolon (;) unlike Python

Naming conventions

- You shall follow these naming conventions:
  - MyProgram → class name starts with an uppercase letter
  - myVariable → variable name starts with a lowercase letter, then use camel case for the rest
  - MY_CONSTANT → constant name is in all caps

Comments

- Style 1

```
//Everything to the right of // is a comment
```

- Style 2

```
/* Everything
between /* and */
over any number of lines
is a comment
*/
```

Data types

- Java is a strongly typed language → Java requires that every piece of data (every variable) always has a designated type

- Python is very different → it is dynamically typed (variables don't need to have a defined type)

Data types

- Each type has:
  - A name for that type, i.e. a type identifier

    Examples: `String  int  double  boolean`
  - A syntax for *literals* (constant values) of that type

    Examples: `"Hi"  53  4.557  false`
  - Operations that you can do on that type

    Examples: `+  -  *  &&`

The String type

- a String is a collection of characters
- Must use double quotes for literals “ “ (single quotes ‘ ‘ are not allowed for Strings, unlike Python)
- Examples:
  - “Hello World!”
  - “This is an entire sentence.”
  - “T” //You can put only one character in a String
  - “” //or 0 characters! → called null or empty String

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- You cannot break a String literal over two or more lines

  “This is
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"am separating into different Strings over " +
" different lines, and this works!");
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  - 123456789012 is an error – it's too big to be an int
  - 123456789012L is OK – it's a long
  - 12345678901234567890 1L is an error - it's too big to be a long!

Floating-point types

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Important: d at the end gives you a double, f gives you a float. If you don't put d or f at the end of the number, it will default to double

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chars are represented internally by a code, so by adding 1 you get the next char

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- If either side of a + operation is a String, then:
  - + means concatenation automatically
  - if the other operand is not a String, it is first converted to one (any data type in Java can be converted to a String), and then concatenated

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Variable declaration

- You have to declare a variable before you can use it
- Variable declaration is when you define the type of the variable
  - Remember that Java is a strongly typed language: it needs you to *declare* what is the type of each variable that you use
  - This step does not exist in Python

Variable declaration

- When declaring a variable:

  1. you put the type of the variable first
  2. followed by the name you want to give to the variable
  3. optionally, you can initialize the variable at the same time: assign a value to it, using the = operator
  4. end the line with a semicolon (;)

Variable declaration

- Examples

```
int hours;

double price;
```

Declaration only

```
int age = 55;

String name = "John";
```

Declaration + assignment (initialization)

Choosing variable names

These rules will make your code more readable:

1. Choose meaningful names

```
int i;
double num;
```

Could refer to anything! Not meaningful!

```
int height;
double gasPrice;
```

More specific and meaningful! Good!

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2. Use short names

```
//The following name is way too long
int theNumberOfWeeksInTheSemester;

//This is much better
int numWeeks;
```

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3. Use comments to describe the purpose of variables

```
int numWeeks; //number of weeks in the term

double avgGasPrice; //average price of gas in
                    //Manitoba
```

Assignment statement

- The assignment operator is =
- It is a binary operator: it has a **left** and a **right** operand

```
int age = 20;
```

- It assigns what is on its **right** to the variable that is on its **left**

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double > float > long > int > short > byte

bigger  smaller

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Actual Java error message:

incompatible types: possible lossy conversion from double to float

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doubleValue = floatValue; //OK. double is bigger, so float fits
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- There are rules for what types of data you can assign to what types of variables
- Remember to always pay attention to types

  `5`, `5L`, `5.0` and `5.0f` are not the same!

Defining methods

- A method (Processing called them *functions*) is made up of two parts:
  - A signature (which defines a modifier, a return type, the name of the method and a list of parameters)
  - A body (block of statements performed when the method is called)

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Modifier (for now, always use static)

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Return type → always needed, must be void if nothing is returned by the method

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Name of the method (you choose the name, convention is for the first word to be a verb)

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- Example:

List of parameters, separated by commas → each parameter must be declared as a normal variable (type + name)

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The rest is the body, enclosed within { }

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- If your method returns something, you need to define the return type in the signature (instead of using `void`)
- Then the last statement of the body should be a return statement (`return` followed by an expression or variable to be returned, and a semicolon to end the statement)

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- Example with 2 parameters, and a returned value:

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    return subTotal + subTotal * tax;
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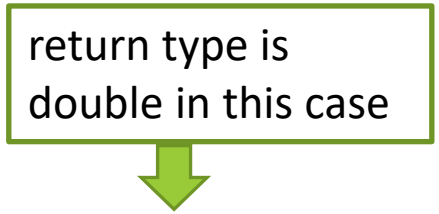


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- A void method does not need a return statement (it will stop when the end of the method is reached)

- A non-void method must have a return statement, and the returned value must be of the same return type (or compatible with the return type) defined in the signature

Where do methods go?

- In the Java file (of course)
- In the class body
- Typically after the main
  - The order of method definitions does not matter to Java, but by convention we usually put the main method first (or last sometimes)
  - Reason: we want to be able to find the main easily → makes the code more readable

Calling methods

- We call a method using its name, followed by parentheses ()
  - If the method does not use parameters, leave the parentheses empty ()
  - If the method requires parameters, put them inside the parentheses, separated by commas, in the same order as they were listed in the signature

Calling methods

- If the method returns a value, the method call can be used as a data item

```
int bigNb = 6 * Math.max(23, 45) + 1;
```

- If the method does not return a value (void), use it as a statement ending with a semicolon ;

```
System.out.println("The big number is " + bigNb);
```

Calling methods

- Example:

```
public class MyTest{
    public static void main (String[] args){




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        printMessage(“The total is $” + total);
    }
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```

Global variables

- Global variables must be declared outside of any method
  - for now be sure to add the static keyword in front (will make sense in a few weeks)

```
public class GlobalExample{
    static int id = 1001;
}
```

Global variables

- Example

```
public class GlobalExample{
    static int id = 1001; //global var is accessible
                          //anywhere in the class
    public static void main (String[] args){
        int local = 55; //local var, exists only in this block
        System.out.println("Id is: " + id);
        System.out.println("local is: " + local);
    }
}
```

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- Naturally, it should be given a value with =

- Convention: use ALL_UPPER_CASE for constants

```
int userInput; //This is a regular variable
final double TAX_RATE = 0.13; //This is a constant
```

Named constants

- You can have a global constant → just add static

```
public class MyProgram{
    static final double TAX_RATE = 0.13; //global constant

    public static void main (String[] args){
        //statements here
    }
}
```

Formatting output

- Instead of print() or println() you can use printf() or format() to control output exactly
  - printf and format are two names for the same method

Formatting output

- Here's how to use them:

```
System.out.printf("Casting %f to int gives %d %n",
                  23.8, (int)23.8  );
```

- The first parameter is a String that indicates exactly how you want the data printed
  - The red codes that start with % are where the data goes
  - Except %n which just gives a newline character
- There can be any number of other parameters
  - These supply the actual data to print (in blue)

Formatting codes

- Commonly used codes:
  - %d – print a decimal integer here (base 10 integer)
  - %6d – use at least 6 characters to do that
  - %f – print a floating-point value here
  - %6f – use at least 6 characters to do that
  - %6.2f – with exactly 2 of them after the decimal point
  - %s – print a String here
  - %n – print a newline (\n character) here

- There must be one additional parameter (after the String) for each code used (except %n), and it must be the correct type

Formatting codes

- Previous style:

  System.out.println(a+" plus "+b+" is "+(a+b)+".\n");

- Formatted style:

  System.out.printf("%d plus %d is %d.%n",a,b,a+b);

- Most useful to
  - Line up decimal points – perhaps use %7.2f
  - Round off a number
    - Use %4.1f to get 98.6 and not 98.5999999999999

Input using Scanner

- Scanner can be used to get input (keyboard input) from the user during the execution of a program
- Very useful if you need to interact/prompt the user for some information

Input using Scanner

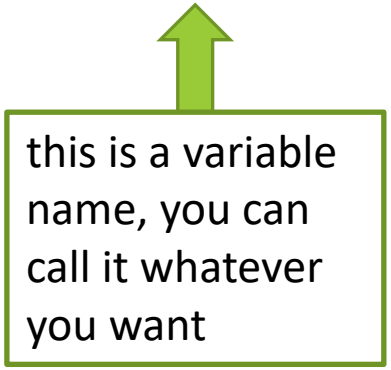
- To use Scanner, you first need to import the class from the library, using this statement at the very top of the file:

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

Input using Scanner

- Then, in your program, use the special declaration statement to create the Scanner object:

```
Scanner keyboardInput = new Scanner(System.in);
```



Input using Scanner

- Now, on this Scanner object that we just created, we can use any of these methods to get input

```
keyboardInput.nextInt()        → int
keyboardInput.nextLong()       → long
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These methods automatically convert the keyboard input to the specified type. You will get an error if the next token entered by the user is not of the expected format.

See H_ScannerTest.java

Type conversions

- We have seen before how to convert a number to a String (using the empty string and concatenation)
- You will often have to do the opposite: from String to number (e.g. from command line arguments)
- “57” is not the same as 57 → you cannot store a String in an int variable

Type conversions

- String to primitive type conversion:

Integer.parseInt(*String*)	→ to int
Long.parseLong(*String*)	→ to long
Double.parseDouble(*String*)	→ to double
Float.parseFloat(*String*)	→ to float
Boolean.parseBoolean(*String*)	→ to boolean

Replace *String* in the above methods by any String you want to convert.
Once again, the String must be convertible to the corresponding type, otherwise you'll get an error.

Type conversions

- Primitive type to String conversion:

  Integer.toString(*int*)
  Long.toString(*long*)
  Double.toString(*double*)
  Float.toString(*float*)
  Boolean.toString(*boolean*)

Replace *int/long/double/float/boolean* in the above methods by the variable of that type you want to convert.

These methods are called automatically by Java when you concatenate these primitive types with a String.

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- Example:

```
double d = 102.3
int i = (int) d;
System.out.println(i);  //102 will be printed, the .3 is dropped
```

Conversion by casting

- When converting a floating-point number to an integer type, all decimals just disappear (equivalent to rounding down)

- Example:

```
double d = 102.999999999
int i = (int) d;
System.out.println(i);  //102 will be printed, it's not rounded to
                        //the nearest integer
```

Conversion by casting

- Type casting is used to go from a “bigger” to a “smaller” numeric type (double → float → long → int)
- Casting can make you lose information (e.g. when going from double to int, you lose the decimals)
- You cannot cast Strings to/from numbers
  - Use the methods shown previously

Operators ++ and --

- They must be used on a variable only
- ++ is the incrementation operator (adds 1 to the value of the variable)

  → equivalent to x = x + 1;

- -- is the decrementation operator (removes 1 to the value of the variable)

  → equivalent to x = x - 1;

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- Example:

```
int x = 5;
System.out.println(x++);  //prints 5
System.out.println(x);  //prints 6
System.out.println(++x);  //prints 7
```

Other ways of incrementing

- ++ only increments by one (same for --, decrements by one)
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x = x / 2 → equivalent to x /= 2
x = x * 10 → equivalent to x *= 10

} Works with other math operators as well!

The boolean type

- Recall that boolean can take 2 values: true or false

```
boolean myBool = true;
myBool = false;
```

- Three operations on boolean:
  - && → and (binary)
  - || → or (binary)
  - ! → not (unary)

Relational operators

- Operators that test a relation between two values and return a boolean

- Six relational operators:
  - == → equal to
  - != → not equal to
  - < → less than
  - <= → less than or equal to
  - > → greater than
  - >= → greater than or equal to

Relational operators

- Special note on ==
  - Do not use on Strings → not appropriate for comparing Strings
  - Use instead:

```
string1.equals(string2)  //returns true or false

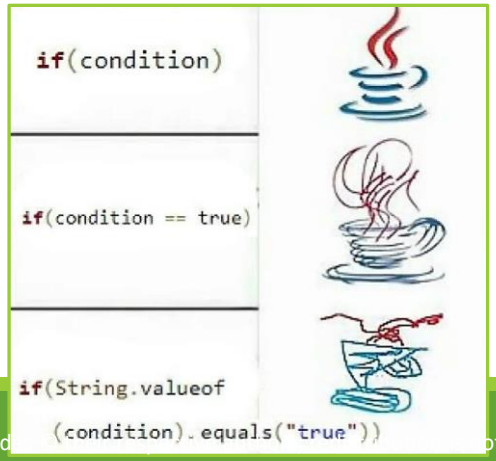
string1.compareTo(string2)  //returns an int (char value difference
                            //between first 2 dissimilar chars) →
                            //returns 0 if Strings are identical
```

Relational operators

- Also, do not use == or != for booleans
  - It's completely redundant and useless

flag == true → equivalent to: flag

flag != true → equivalent to: !flag



Conditions - if, else if, else

- The if, else if and else statements give us choices
- The if and else if statements must be followed by an expression giving a boolean result within parentheses
  - else is not followed by an expression
- Then you open a block (using curly brackets {}) containing the statements to be executed if the expression is true

Conditions - if, else if, else

- Example:

```
int number = -5;

if (number > 0){
    System.out.println(“Positive number”);
}
else if (number == 0)
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    System.out.println(“Negative number”);
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Note that the curly brackets are not necessary if there is only one statement inside the block, but you can still put them anyway.

If there is more than one statement, you absolutely need the curly brackets.

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Unlike Python, the indentation is not required by the compiler, but it is extremely important for readability

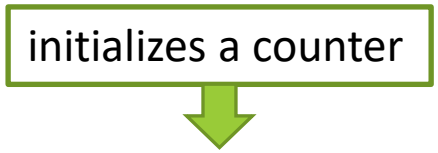
Loops

- There are three different types of loops that you can use:
  - for loops
  - while loops
  - do - while

- You can always get the same end result with any of the three types, but in most cases one specific type of loop will be more appropriate for the task

For loops

- Probably the one we use most often
- Example:

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}
```

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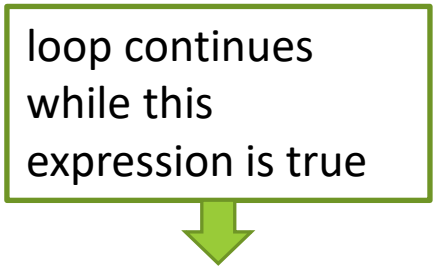


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this determines how to update the counter after each iteration

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Then you open a block and put statements that must be executed at each iteration of the loop

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}
```

Note that the int i variable will exist only inside the for loop → once you exit the for loop, it won't be accessible anymore

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}
```

For COMP 1012 people: this for loop is equivalent, in Python, to for i in range(0,11)

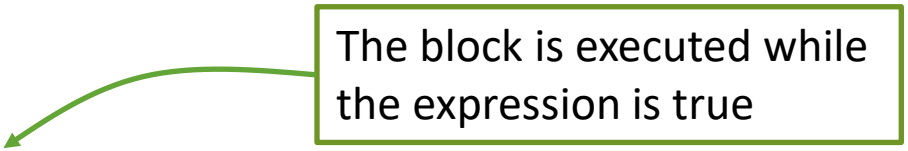
While loops

- While loops only require a boolean expression inside parentheses

- Example:

```
int counter = 0;

while ( counter <= 10 ) {
    System.out.println(counter);
    counter++;
}
```



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}
```

Remember to increment the counter inside the body

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- Example:

```
int counter = 0;

while ( counter <= 10 ) {
    System.out.println(counter);
    counter++;
}
```

This is just an example of how to achieve the same results with a while loop.

Usually, we would use a for loop to do this specific task.

Do - while loops

- Do - while is similar to a while loop, except that it executes the block first, and then checks the boolean expression → guarantees at least 1 execution of block

- Example:

```
int counter = 0;
do {
    System.out.println(counter);
    counter++;
}
while ( counter <= 10 );
```

The block is executed first (at least once for sure), and then it will keep being executed while the expression is true

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```

Note that the do-while loop requires a semicolon (;) at then end of the while(expression);

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- Example:

```
int counter = 11;
do {
    System.out.println(counter);
    counter++;
}
while ( counter <= 10 );
```

In this example, the block (following do) will be executed once, even though the expression is false → that's because the expression in a do-while is only checked after executing the block

Loops - special statements

- Two specific keywords can be used inside any type of loop:
  - break → immediately terminates the inner loop
  - continue → immediately skips to the next iteration of the loop
- **NOTE**: These are shown for informational purposes only. Programming standards in COMP 1020 do not permit the use of break or continue.

Loops - special statements

- Example:

```
for ( int i = 0; i < 5; i++ ) {
    if ( i == 2)
        break;
    System.out.println(i);
}
```

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0

1

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Loops - special statements

- Example 2:

```
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}
```

What is going to be printed?

0
1
3
4

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More on Strings: Escape (\)

- Escape character: \ (backslash)
- It is used to “escape” characters or sequences of characters in a String that otherwise would have a specific meaning in the context of a String literal

Escape (\)

- Imagine you want to put a double quote (“) inside a String → normally it would be recognized by Java as the end of the String → we need to escape it!

- Example:

String myString = “String ending with a double quote \””;

Escape (\)

- Other uses of \
  - \\ → gives a backslash character
  - \n → gives a newline character (enter)
  - \t → gives a tab character

String methods

- You can call methods on Strings
- There are quite a few of them, and they are very useful
- Syntax looks like this:

```
someString.methodName(parameters);
```

String methods

- To check if two Strings are identical: equals()

```
String s = “hello”;
if ( s.equals(“Hello”))
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In this case, it’s false! (because of h != H)

String methods

- To check if two Strings are identical, but ignoring case (lowercase vs uppercase does not matter): equalsIgnoreCase()

```
String s = “hello”;
if ( s.equalsIgnoreCase(“Hello”))
    System.out.println(“Strings are equal, ignoring case”);
```

In this case, it’s true!

String methods

- To get the length of a String (number of characters): length()

```
String s = “hello”;
System.out.println(s.length());  //prints 5
```

String methods

- To get the char at the position i: charAt(i)

```
String s = “hello”;
System.out.println(s.charAt(1));  //prints??
```

String methods

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```
String s = “hello”;
System.out.println(s.charAt(1));  //prints e → first
                                  //position of the String is 0!
```

Math operations

- There is a library for math operations: it's called Math
- You don't need to "import" it, it's always available
- Some constants are also accessible from Math
  - e.g. Math.PI → double value of 3.14159…

Math operations

- double Math.pow(double x, double y)
  - takes x to the power y
- double Math.sqrt(double x)
  - gives the square root of x
- int Math.min(int x, int y)
- int Math.max(int x, int y)
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There are many many more…
You can always visit the online documentation to learn more:
https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/Math.html

Arrays

- An array is an object that stores a group of values of the same type
- An array can contain any number of elements (including 0)
- Once the size of an array is set, it cannot be changed
- *You can store the reference (address) of an array (or any object) in a variable, but not the array itself → more on that in a few weeks

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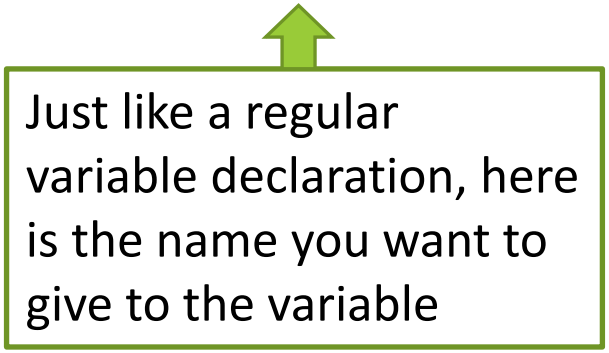

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To create the array, we use the new keyword, followed by the type of values again and within the square brackets you put the size of the array. The size is necessary to allocate the appropriate amount of space in memory.

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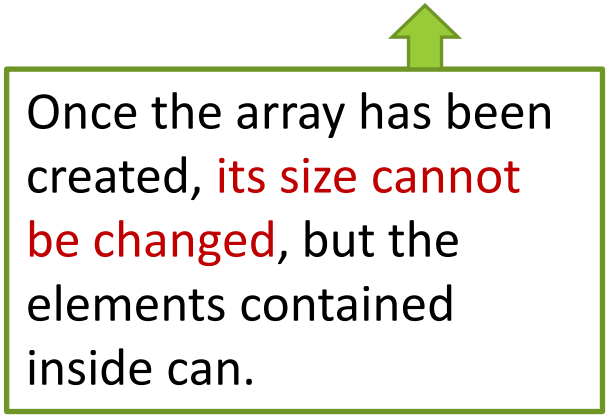

Arrays

- When created as shown previously, the newborn array is filled with default values for each type:
  - int[] → 0
  - double[] → 0.0d
  - float[] → 0.0f
  - boolean[] → false
  - char[] → '\u0000'
  - any object, including String → null

Arrays

- You can create an array in two steps (declaration first, and then creation of the array)

```
String[] myArray;  //after this, the myArray variable is
                   //created but it points to null for now

myArray = new String[50];
```

Creating an initialized array

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

OR

```
int[] data = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};  //OK to omit "new int[ ]", only
                               //if you declare the variable on the same line
```

- This creates an array and initializes the values inside at the same time
- In this example, we'll get this array of size 5:

Accessing arrays

- To access the element stored at a specific position in the array, use [position] after the variable name (of the array)

- Example:

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

System.out.println(arrayOfInts[4]);  //prints??
```

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System.out.println(arrayOfInts[4]);  //prints 5 → first
                                     //position has index 0!
```

Accessing arrays

- To access the element stored at a specific position in the array, use [position] after the variable name (of the array)

- Example:

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Remember: valid indices go from 0 to length - 1

Accessing arrays

- You can always modify what is contained at a specific position, using the same syntax → [position]

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arrayOfInts[0] = 7;
arrayOfInts[1] = arrayOfInts[0] + arrayOfInts[1];

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Accessing arrays

- Getting the length of an array (number of cells) is easy: use myArray.length;

- Example:

```
double[] myArray = new double[]{1.0, 2.5, 3.44};

System.out.println(myArray.length);  //prints??
```

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- Example:

```
double[] myArray = new double[]{1.0, 2.5, 3.44};

System.out.println(myArray.length);  //prints 3
```

Printing an array

- Unlike Python, you cannot just put your array variable in a print statement (it will print the reference…)

- You have to print the array yourself, by traversing the array using a loop:

```
for(int i=0; i < data.length; i++) {
    System.out.print(data[i]+" ");
}
System.out.println( );  //just adding a newline at the end
```

Printing an array

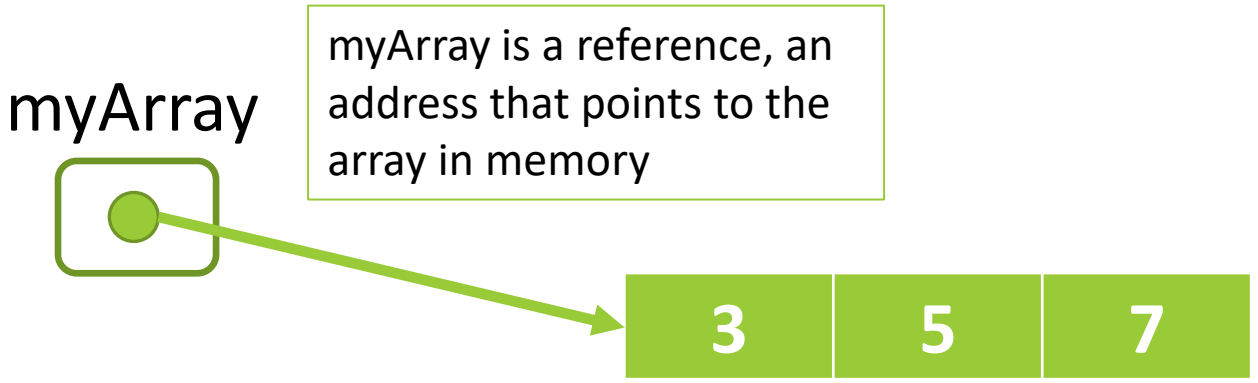
- You could also use the “Arrays” class (needs import statement)

```
import java.util.Arrays;  //at top of file
//
//
//
System.out.println(Arrays.toString(data));  //returns a
                        //String representation of the array
```

Copying an array

- Here's how not to copy an array:

```
int[] myArray = new int[] {3, 5, 7};
```



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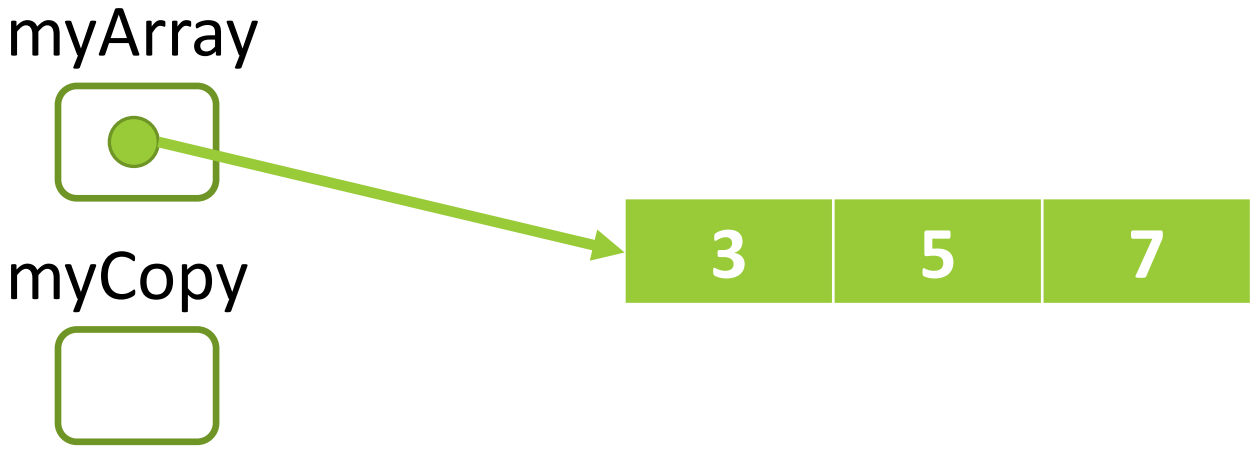

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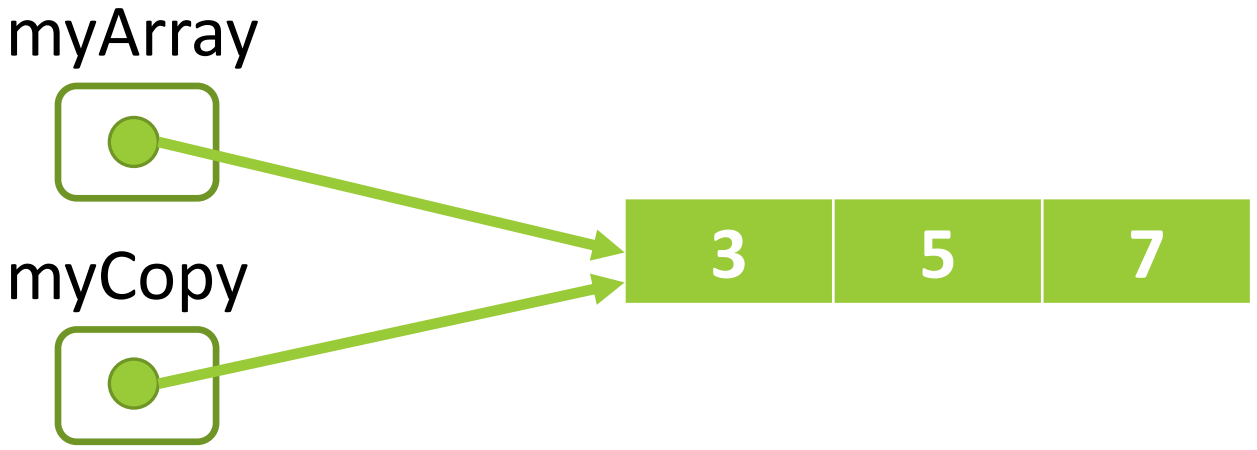

Copying an array

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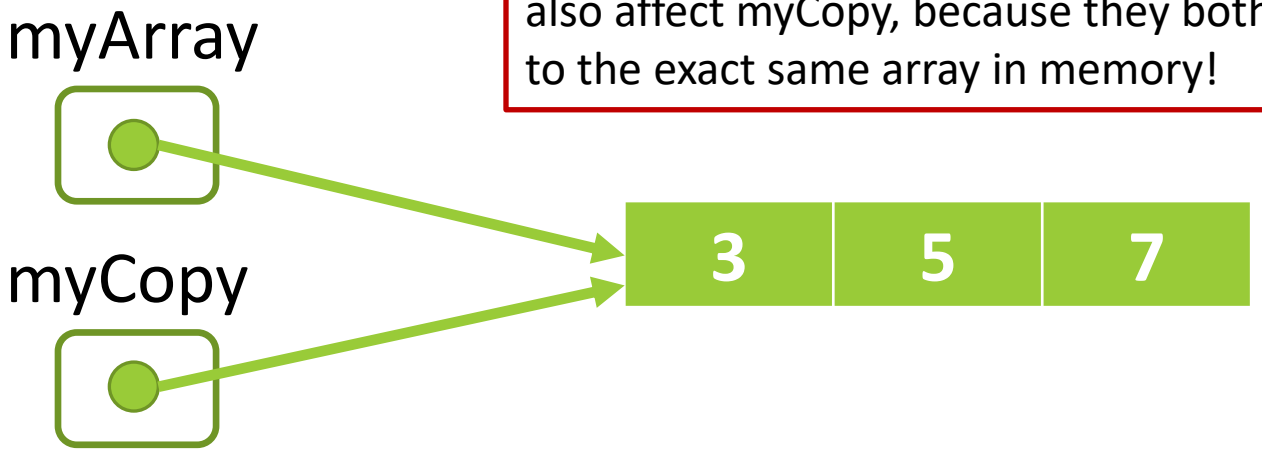
If you do this, you don't get two independent copies of the array, you just get two references to the same location in memory! Modifying myArray's elements will also affect myCopy, because they both point to the exact same array in memory!



Copying an array

- Here's the appropriate way of copying arrays:

```
int[] myArray = new int[] {3, 5, 7};
int[] myCopy = new int[myArray.length];  //set same size

for (int i = 0; i < myArray.length; i++) {
    myCopy[i] = myArray[i];  //copies each element
}
```

- Alternative to using a for loop:

```
System.arraycopy(myArray, 0, myCopy, 0, myArray.length);
```

Syntax shortcut

- There's a syntax shortcut for iterating over all elements in an array

```
for (int i = 0; i < data.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(data[i]);
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At each iteration, element will be one of the elements inside the data array