

# Lecture Summary: Introduction to Programming

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## 1 Introduction

The lecture began with a light-hearted mention of snacks and a Mario Kart tournament planned for the evening. The main focus was on the upcoming tutorials and assignments.

## 2 Tutorials

### 2.1 Schedule and Attendance

Tutorials are set to start next week, and students should check their timetables for their allocated slots. Attendance is mandatory, and students are advised to contact their tutors if they have scheduling conflicts.

### 2.2 Practice Tests

Assignment one practice tests have been released on the learning platform. Students are encouraged to pace themselves as the assignment will cover material that will be taught before the deadline.

## 3 Questions from Last Lecture

The instructor addressed several questions from the previous lecture, including:

### 3.1 Double Arrays

A question about declaring a double array was discussed. The correct syntax involves declaring the type, naming the array, and using the `new` keyword to instantiate it.

### 3.2 Array Length

The `length` property of arrays was explained as a built-in method that returns the size of the array.

### 3.3 Enhanced For Loops

The use of enhanced for loops was clarified, along with the differences between enhanced for loops and the traditional for loop.

## **4 Java Basics**

### **4.1 Arrays**

The concept of arrays was revisited, emphasizing that arrays are a common way to store data in programming. The instructor demonstrated how to create and manipulate arrays in Java.

### **4.2 Two-Dimensional Arrays**

Two-dimensional arrays were introduced, with examples of how to declare and access elements within them. The concept of using arrays to represent table-like data was highlighted.

## **5 Functions and Methods**

### **5.1 Definition and Purpose**

Functions, or static methods in Java, were defined as reusable blocks of code that perform specific tasks. The importance of breaking down complex tasks into simpler methods was emphasized.

### **5.2 Method Structure**

The anatomy of a Java method was discussed, including modifiers, return types, method names, and parameters. The concept of passing arguments to methods was explained.

### **5.3 Pass by Value**

The lecture covered the concept of pass by value in Java, illustrating how method parameters receive copies of the arguments passed to them.

## **6 Practical Examples**

### **6.1 Pocket Money Calculation**

An example involving a pocket money calculation was presented, demonstrating how to refactor repetitive code into methods for better readability and maintainability.

### **6.2 Euclidean Distance**

The lecture concluded with a brief introduction to calculating the Euclidean distance between two points, showcasing how to implement mathematical formulas in Java.

## 7 Conclusion

The instructor encouraged students to practice coding and to utilize the resources available on the learning platform. The importance of maintaining clean and readable code was reiterated.