CS 112 - Introduction to Computing II

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Today: Java basics:

Compilation vs Interpretation

Values

Variables

Types

Operators and Expressions

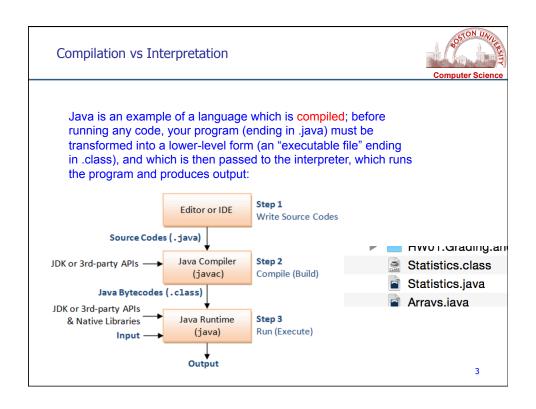
Next Time: Java Statements, conditionals, and loops Reading assignments are posted on the web site!

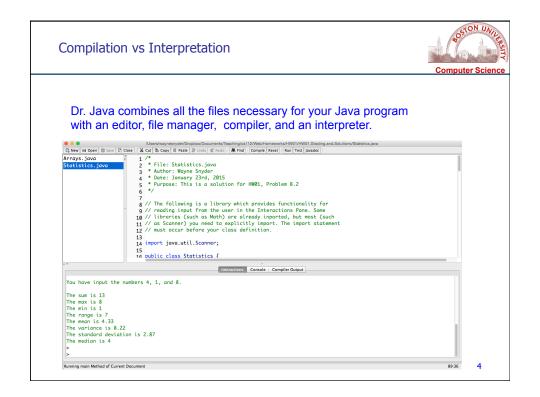


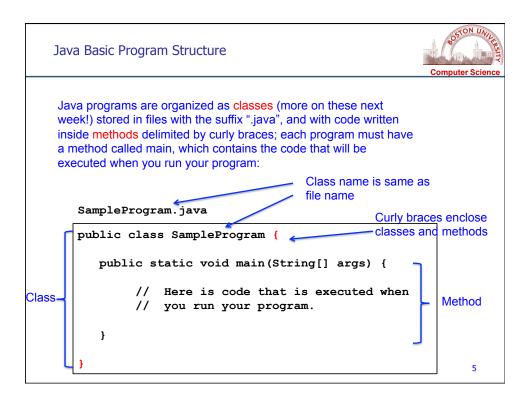
Compilation vs Interpretation



Python is an example of an interpreted language; the primary workflow is to interact with the interpreter as a fancy calculator with lots of features:







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Java Comments
  Java has comments, exactly like Python, but with a different syntax:
  Python:
                                   Java:
                                    /* .... */ and //
      and #
.....
                                    File: Statistics.java
File: Lab05.py
Author: Wayne Snyder
                                    Author: Wayne Snyder
Purpose: This collects together
                                    Date: January 23rd, 2015
discrete distributions.
                                    Purpose: This is a solution for
.....
                                 // The following is a library which
# Import statements
                                 // reading input from the user in
                                 // libraries (such as Math) are al
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib.mlab as mlab
                                 // as Scanner) you need to explici-
import numpy as np
                                 // must occur before your class de
import math
```



Java is a strongly-typed language supporting the following types of values:

Java Primitive Data Types					
Туре	Values	Default	Size	Range	
byte	signed integers	0	8 bits	-128 to 127	
short	signed integers	0	16 bits	-32768 to 32767	
int	signed integers	0	32 bits	-2147483648 to 2147483647	
long	signed integers	0	64 bits	-9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807	
float	IEEE 754 floating point	0.0	32 bits	+/-1 4E-45 to +/-3 4028235E+38, +/-infinity, +/-0, NAN	
double	IEEE 754 floating point	Q.O	64 hits	+/-4.9E-324 to +/-1.7976931348623157E+308, +/-infinity,+/-0,NaN	
char	Unicode character	\u0000	16 bits	\u0000 to \uFFFF	
boolean	true, false	false	l bit used in 32 bit integer	NA	

Java Values and Types

String



Literal values are similar to Python:

"hi there"

int 4 -5

double 3.4 -2.34e10

char 'a' '\n' '\t' // single quotes for chars

boolean true false // note lower case

String "hi there" // must use double quotes

Note that String is capitalized



Python is "weakly typed": values have types but variables do not; variables are just names for any value you want and can be reused for any values; the only errors occur when variables have not yet been assigned values:

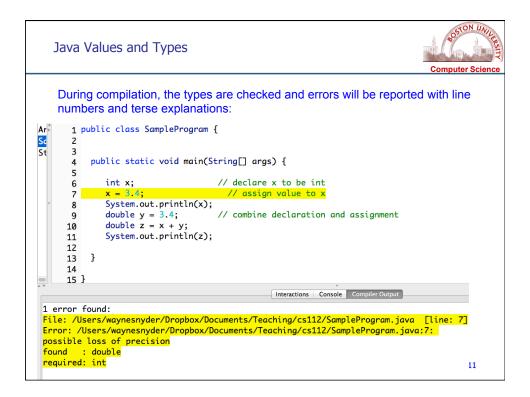
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In [123]: X = 5
In [124]: X
Out[124]: 5
In [125]: X = 4.5
In [126]: X = "hi"
In [127]: X
Out[127]: 'hi'
In [128]: Z
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "<ipython-input-128-41ff0912a07f>", line 1, in <module>
    Z
NameError: name 'Z' is not defined
```

Java Values and Types



Java is strongly-typed in that

All variables must be declared with a type before being used and can only be used for that type of value:





This might seem unduly rigid, but the philosophy of strongly-typed languages is that specifying types makes programmers more careful about variables, and bugs and errors can be found during compilation, not when the program is running.

Values can be converted from one type to another implicitly or explicitly:

Widening Conversions (implicit):

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Example: int \longrightarrow double double x; x = 4; // 4 is widened to 4.0 and then assigned
```

No error!



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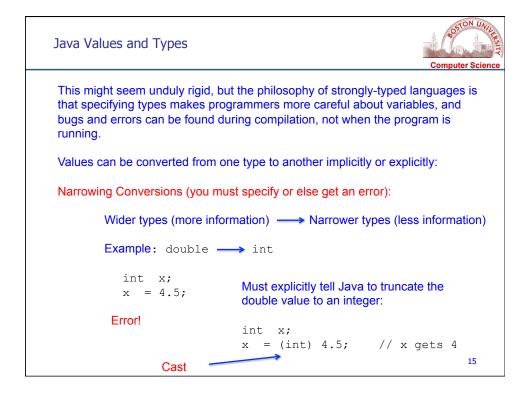
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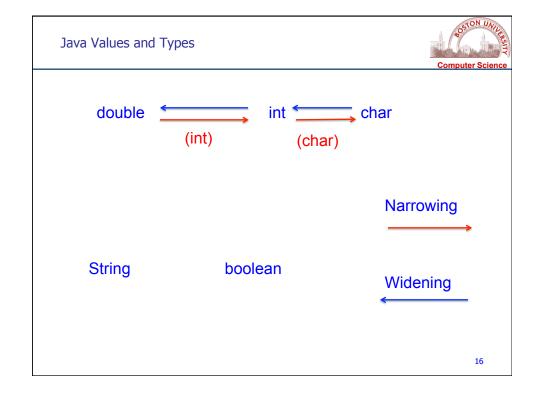
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Narrowing Conversions (you must specify a cast or else get an error):

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Example: double --- int
  int x;
  x = 4.5;
```

Error!





Java Operators



Arithmetic operators are almost exactly the same as in Python:

Same:

- addition subtraction multiplication *= % modulus %=
- == equals != not equal
- < less
- <= less or equal
- greater
- >= greater or equal

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Java Operators



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Arithmetic operators are almost exactly the same as in Python:

BUT some are different:

Python:	Java:
not	1
and	&&
or	

In both languages, and and or are lazy:

```
(false and X) => false (without evaluating X)
(true or X) => true (without evaluating X)
```

Java Operators



Division is significantly different:

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Python: two different division operators:
/ floating-point division /=
// integer division
```

Java: division operator is "overloaded":

/ returns an int if both operands are ints, otherwise returns double:

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5/2 \Rightarrow 2 5.0/2 \Rightarrow 2.5 5.0/2.0 \Rightarrow 2.5 5/(double) 2 \Rightarrow 2.5
```

Java Operators



There is no exponentiation operator in Java:

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Python:
x ** 2 x squared
```

Java: have to use explicit math functions:

```
Math.pow(x,2) => returns double
Math.sqrt(2)
```

Java Operators



Finally, Java has several useful increment and decrement operators which Python lacks:

```
Java:

++x; x++; // same as x = x + 1 or x += 1

--x; x--; // same as x = x - 1 or x -= 1
```

BUT these can be used as arithmetic expressions:

```
++x has the value AFTER adding 1
x++ has the value BEFORE adding 1
```

```
int x = 4; x = 4
int y = ++x; y = 4 x = 5
int z = x++; y = 4 z = 5 x = 6
```