

# AP Computer Science A

Java Programming Essentials [Ver.4.0]

## Unit 1: Using Objects and Methods

CHAPTER 4: APPLICATION  
PROGRAMMING INTERFACE

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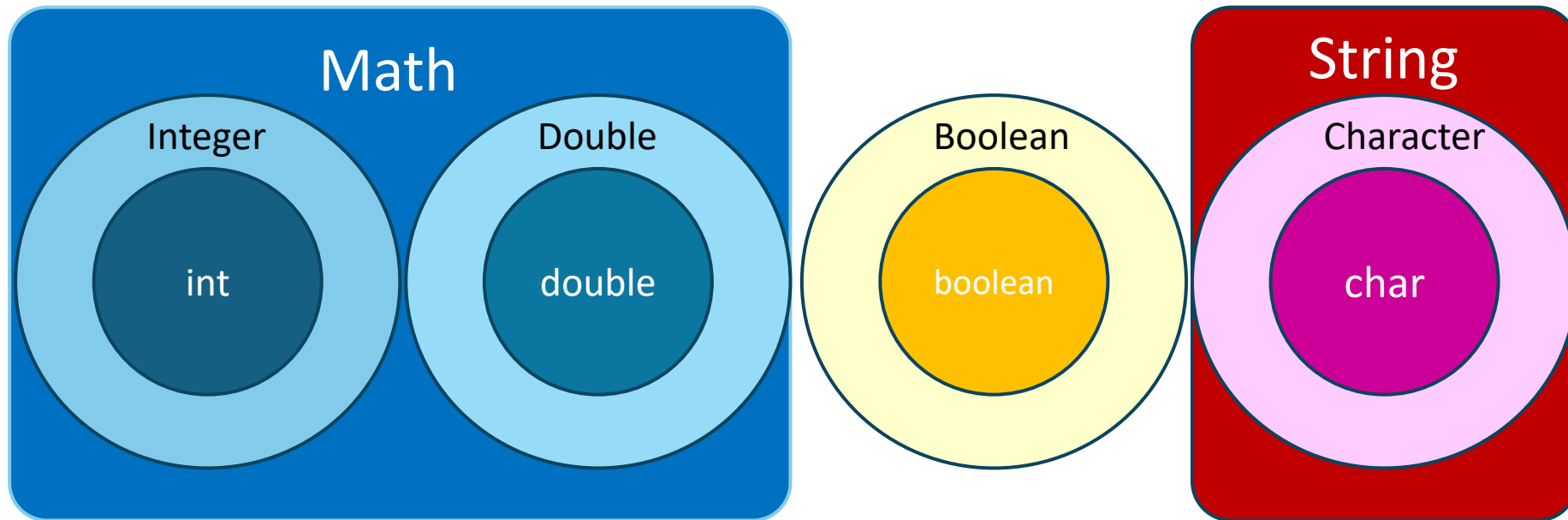
- Boolean Data Type, Logic Operators
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# Boolean Data Type

Lecture 1

# Java API Overview



# Java boolean values boolean constants

- Only two boolean value: **true**, **false**.
- They are also called boolean constants.
- Very useful for use in program conditional code or compilation configurations.

```
private static final boolean YES = true;
```

```
private static final boolean NO = false;
```

```
private static final boolean DEBUG = true;
```

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# Java boolean Expressions

- A basic Boolean expression has this form:

**expression relational-operator expression**

- Java evaluates a Boolean expression by first evaluating the expression on the left, then evaluating the expression on the right, and finally applying the relational operator to determine whether the entire expression evaluates to **true** or **false**.

# The `boolean` Type and Operators

- Often in a program you need to compare two values, such as whether `i` is greater than `j`. Java provides six comparison operators (also known as relational operators) that can be used to compare two values.
- The result of the comparison is a Boolean value: `true` or `false`.

```
boolean b = (1 > 2);
```



# Boolean Data Type

The Boolean data type declares a variable with the value either true or false.

Relational Operators				
Java Operator	Math Symbol	Name	Example	Result
<	<	Less than	radius < 0	false
<=	≤	Less than or Equal to	radius <= 0	false
>	>	Greater than	radius > 0	true
>=	≥	Greater than or equal to	radius >= 0	true
==	=	Equal to	radius == 0	false
!=	≠	Not Equal to	radius != 0	true

Boolean literals: **true** and **false**. These are the only values that will be returned by the Boolean expressions.

# Java boolean Expressions

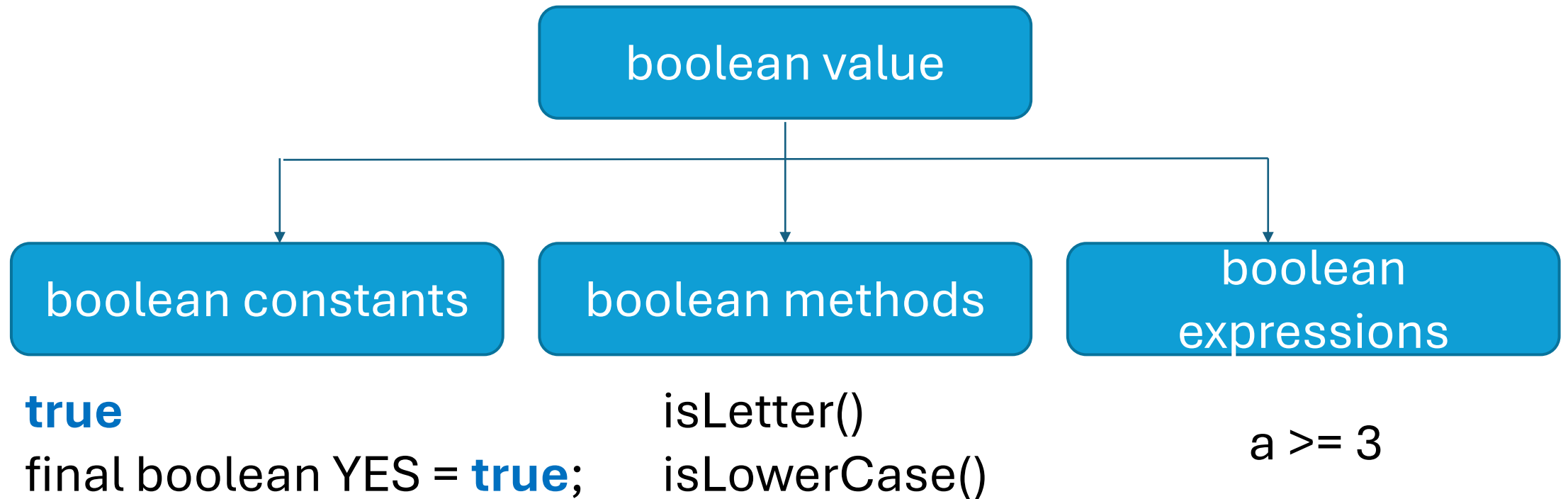
For example, suppose you have declared two variables: `int i = 5;` `int j = 10;`

Expression	Value	Explanation
<code>i == 5</code>	true	The value of <code>i</code> is 5.
<code>i == 10</code>	false	The value of <code>i</code> is not 10.
<code>i == j</code>	false	<code>i</code> is 5, and <code>j</code> is 10, so they are not equal.
<code>i == j - 5</code>	true	<code>i</code> is 5, and <code>j - 5</code> is 5.
<code>i &gt; 1</code>	true	<code>i</code> is 5, which is greater than 1.
<code>j == i * 2</code>	true	<code>j</code> is 10, and <code>i</code> is 5, so <code>i * 2</code> is also 10.

# boolean function (methods)

```
public class Test {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
  
        System.out.println(Character.isLetter('c'));  
  
        System.out.println(Character.isLetter('5'));  
    }  
}
```

# boolean values





# Logic Operators

Lecture 2

# Logical Operators for Implementation of Boolean Logic

Boolean Operators		
Operator	Name	Description
!	not	Logical negation
&&	and	Logical conjunction
	or	Logical disjunction
^	exclusive or	Logical exclusion (non-AP)

<i>a</i>	<i>!a</i>
true	false
false	true

<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a &amp;&amp; b</i>	<i>a    b</i>
false	false	false	false
false	true	false	true
true	false	false	true
true	true	true	true

# Truth Table for Operator !

p	!p	Example (assume age = 24, gender = 'M')
true	false	!(age > 18) is false, because (age > 18) is true.
false	true	!(gender != 'M') is true, because (gender != 'M') is false.



# Truth Table for Operator &&

p1	p2	p1 && p2	Example (assume age = 24, gender = 'F')
false	false	false	<u>(age &gt; 18) &amp;&amp; (gender == 'F')</u> is true, because <u>(age &gt; 18)</u> and <u>(gender == 'F')</u> are both true.
false	true	false	
true	false	false	<u>(age &gt; 18) &amp;&amp; (gender != 'F')</u> is false, because <u>(gender != 'F')</u> is false.
true	true	true	

# Truth Table for Operator ||

p1	p2	p1    p2	Example (assume age = 24, gender = 'F')
false	false	false	<u>(age &gt; 34)    (gender == 'F')</u> is true, because <u>(gender == 'F')</u> is true.
false	true	true	
true	false	true	<u>(age &gt; 34)    (gender == 'M')</u> is false, because <u>(age &gt; 34)</u> and <u>(gender == 'M')</u> are both false.
true	true	true	

# Truth Table for Operator ^

p1	p2	p1 ^ p2	Example (assume age = 24, gender = 'F')
false	false	false	<u>(age &gt; 34) ^ (gender == 'F')</u> is true, because <u>(age &gt; 34)</u> is false but <u>(gender == 'F')</u> is true.
false	true	true	
true	false	true	<u>(age &gt; 34)    (gender == 'M')</u> is false, because <u>(age &gt; 34)</u> and <u>(gender == 'M')</u> are both false.
true	true	false	

# boolean data application

**<condition> if a decision box**

```
boolean wartime = true;
```

```
if (a.gender.isMale() && (a.age <=25 && a.age >= 18)  
    && wartime){  
    armyDraft(a);  
}
```

# Boolean class (non-AP)

(Wrapper Class for boolean)

- The **Boolean** class wraps a value of the primitive type boolean in an object. An object of type Boolean contains a single field whose type is **boolean**.
- In addition, this class provides many methods for converting a boolean to a String and a String to a boolean, as well as other constants and methods useful when dealing with a boolean.



# Character Data Type

Lecture 3

# Character Data Type (char)

- A character data type (1 byte = 8 bits) represents a single character.
- For Java, it is 16bits (2 bytes) to accommodate Unicode. (UTF-16)

<code>char letter = 'A' ;</code>	<code>(ASCII)</code>
<code>char numChar = '4' ;</code>	<code>(ASCII)</code>
<code>char letter = '\u0041' ;</code>	<code>(Unicode)</code>
<code>char numChar = '\u0034' ;</code>	<code>(Unicode)</code>

- char is one primitive data type.
- char is a data type for symbols.
- char is also an unsigned integer type

# String Literal

- A string literal must be enclosed in quotation marks (“ ”). A character literal is a single character enclosed in a single quotations marks (‘ ’). Therefore, “A” is a string, but ‘A’ is a character.
- **NOTE:** The increment and decrement operators can also be used on char variables to get the next or preceding Unicode character. For example, the following statements display character b.

```
char ch = 'a';  
System.out.println(++ch);
```



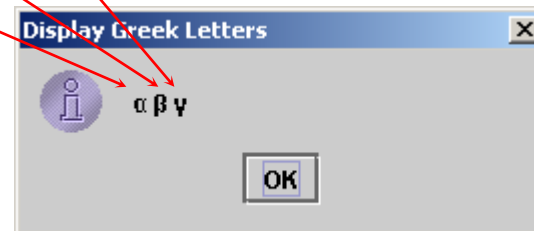
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0	0	Null	NUL	CTRL-@	32	20	Space	64	40	@	96	60	`
1	1	Start of heading	SOH	CTRL-A	33	21	!	65	41	A	97	61	a
2	2	Start of text	STX	CTRL-B	34	22	"	66	42	B	98	62	b
3	3	End of text	ETX	CTRL-C	35	23	#	67	43	C	99	63	c
4	4	End of xmit	EOT	CTRL-D	36	24	\$	68	44	D	100	64	d
5	5	Enquiry	ENQ	CTRL-E	37	25	%	69	45	E	101	65	e
6	6	Acknowledge	ACK	CTRL-F	38	26	&	70	46	F	102	66	f
7	7	Bell	BEL	CTRL-G	39	27	'	71	47	G	103	67	g
8	8	Backspace	BS	CTRL-H	40	28	(	72	48	H	104	68	h
9	9	Horizontal tab	HT	CTRL-I	41	29	)	73	49	I	105	69	i
10	0A	Line feed	LF	CTRL-J	42	2A	*	74	4A	J	106	6A	j
11	0B	Vertical tab	VT	CTRL-K	43	2B	+	75	4B	K	107	6B	k
12	0C	Form feed	FF	CTRL-L	44	2C	,	76	4C	L	108	6C	l
13	0D	Carriage feed	CR	CTRL-M	45	2D	-	77	4D	M	109	6D	m
14	0E	Shift out	SO	CTRL-N	46	2E	.	78	4E	N	110	6E	n
15	0F	Shift in	SI	CTRL-O	47	2F	/	79	4F	O	111	6F	o
16	10	Data line escape	DLE	CTRL-P	48	30	0	80	50	P	112	70	p
17	11	Device control 1	DC1	CTRL-Q	49	31	1	81	51	Q	113	71	q
18	12	Device control 2	DC2	CTRL-R	50	32	2	82	52	R	114	72	r
19	13	Device control 3	DC3	CTRL-S	51	33	3	83	53	S	115	73	s
20	14	Device control 4	DC4	CTRL-T	52	34	4	84	54	T	116	74	t
21	15	Neg acknowledge	NAK	CTRL-U	53	35	5	85	55	U	117	75	u
22	16	Synchronous idle	SYN	CTRL-V	54	36	6	86	56	V	118	76	v
23	17	End of xmit block	ETB	CTRL-W	55	37	7	87	57	W	119	77	w
24	18	Cancel	CAN	CTRL-X	56	38	8	88	58	X	120	78	x
25	19	End of medium	EM	CTRL-Y	57	39	9	89	59	Y	121	79	y
26	1A	Substitute	SUB	CTRL-Z	58	3A	:	90	5A	Z	122	7A	z
27	1B	Escape	ESC	CTRL-[	59	3B	;	91	5B	[	123	7B	{
28	1C	File separator	FS	CTRL-\	60	3C	<	92	5C	\	124	7C	
29	1D	Group separator	GS	CTRL-]	61	3D	=	93	5D	]	125	7D	}
30	1E	Record separator	RS	CTRL-^	62	3E	>	94	5E	^	126	7E	~
31	1F	Unit separator	US	CTRL-~	63	3F	?	95	5F	_	127	7F	DEL

Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char	Dec	Hex	Char
128	80	Ç	160	A0	á	192	C0	Ł	224	E0	α
129	81	ü	161	A1	í	193	C1	ł	225	E1	β
130	82	é	162	A2	ó	194	C2	ŧ	226	E2	Γ
131	83	â	163	A3	ú	195	C3	ţ	227	E3	π
132	84	à	164	A4	ñ	196	C4	—	228	E4	Σ
133	85	á	165	A5	Ñ	197	C5	†	229	E5	σ
134	86	ä	166	A6	ª	198	C6	‡	230	E6	μ
135	87	ç	167	A7	º	199	C7	‡	231	E7	ı
136	88	ê	168	A8	¸	200	C8	£	232	E8	φ
137	89	ë	169	A9	¸	201	C9	₣	233	E9	Θ
138	8A	è	170	AA	ˆ	202	CA	₤	234	EA	Ω
139	8B	ı	171	AB	½	203	CB	₥	235	EB	δ
140	8C	î	172	AC	¼	204	CC	₦	236	EC	∞
141	8D	ì	173	AD	ı	205	CD	₧	237	ED	ψ
142	8E	Ä	174	AE	«	206	CE	₨	238	EE	ε
143	8F	Å	175	AF	»	207	CF	₪	239	EF	∩
144	90	É	176	B0	⋮	208	D0	€	240	F0	≡
145	91	æ	177	B1	⋮	209	D1	₭	241	F1	±
146	92	Æ	178	B2	⋮	210	D2	₮	242	F2	≥
147	93	ø	179	B3	⋮	211	D3	₯	243	F3	≤
148	94	ö	180	B4	⋮	212	D4	Ö	244	F4	[
149	95	ò	181	B5	⋮	213	D5	ƒ	245	F5	
150	96	û	182	B6	⋮	214	D6	₰	246	F6	÷
151	97	ù	183	B7	⋮	215	D7	₱	247	F7	≈
152	98	ý	184	B8	⋮	216	D8	₲	248	F8	≈
153	99	Û	185	B9	⋮	217	D9	₳	249	F9	·
154	9A	Ü	186	BA	⋮	218	DA	₴	250	FA	·
155	9B	φ	187	BB	⋮	219	DB	₵	251	FB	√
156	9C	£	188	BC	⋮	220	DC	₶	252	FC	n
157	9D	¥	189	BD	⋮	221	DD	₷	253	FD	²
158	9E	₣	190	BE	⋮	222	DE	₸	254	FE	■
159	9F	f	191	BF	ˆ	223	DF	₹	255	FF	

# Unicode Format

Java characters use *Unicode*, a 16-bit encoding scheme established by the Unicode Consortium to support the interchange, processing, and display of written texts in the world's diverse languages. Unicode takes two bytes, preceded by `\u`, expressed in four hexadecimal numbers that run from `\u0000` to `\uFFFF`. So, Unicode can represent 65535 + 1 characters.

Unicode `\u03b1` `\u03b2` `\u03b3` for three Greek letters



# Unicode

- International standard for representing written language in computers
- Latest version 5.2 adds 6648 new characters including support for Vedic Sanskrit
- Maintained in sync with ISO 10646
- Three main encodings: UTF-8, UTF-16 and UTF-32
- Address space of 21 bits

# ASCII Code, Unicode, UTF-8, UTF-16, UTF-32

A	Ω	語	𐄀
00000041	000003A9	00008A9E	00010384

UTF-32

A	Ω	語	𐄀
0041	03A9	8A9E	D800 DF84

UTF-16

A	Ω	語	𐄀
41	CE A9	E8 AA 9E	F0 90 8E 84

UTF-8

↑  
ASCII



00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	2A	2B	2C	2D	2E
30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	3A	3B	3C	3D	3E
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	4A	4B	4C	4D	4E
50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	5A	5B	5C	5D	5E
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	6A	6B	6C	6D	6E
70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	7A	7B	7C	7D	7E
80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	8A	8B	8C	8D	8E
90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	9A	9B	9C	9D	9E
A0	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE
B0	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	BA	BB	BC	BD	BE
C0	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	CA	CB	CC	CD	CE
D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	D9	DA	DB	DC	DD	DE
E0	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	EA	EB	EC	ED	EE
F0	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	FA	FB	FC	FD	FE

Unicode  
Basic  
Multilingual  
Plane  
1<sup>st</sup> 2Hexa-digits

\u2EXX to  
\u9FXX

Almost for  
Chinese  
(East Asian  
CJKV)

# The Character Class (Wrapper Class)

java.lang.Character	
+Character(value: char)	
+charValue(): char	
+compareTo(anotherCharacter: Character): int	
+equals(anotherCharacter: Character): boolean	
+ <u>isDigit(ch: char): boolean</u>	
+ <u>isLetter(ch: char): boolean</u>	
+ <u>isLetterOrDigit(ch: char): boolean</u>	
+ <u>isLowerCase(ch: char): boolean</u>	
+ <u>isUpperCase(ch: char): boolean</u>	
+ <u>toLowerCase(ch: char): char</u>	
+ <u>toUpperCase(ch: char): char</u>	

Constructs a character object with char value

Returns the char value from this object

Compares this character with another

Returns true if this character equals to another

Returns true if the specified character is a digit

Returns true if the specified character is a letter

Returns true if the character is a letter or a digit

Returns true if the character is a lowercase letter

Returns true if the character is an uppercase letter

Returns the lowercase of the specified character

Returns the uppercase of the specified character



# Examples

```
Character charObject = new Character('b');
```

```
charObject.compareTo(new Character('a')) returns 1
```

```
charObject.compareTo(new Character('b')) returns 0
```

```
charObject.compareTo(new Character('c')) returns -1
```

```
charObject.compareTo(new Character('d')) returns -2
```

```
charObject.equals(new Character('b')) returns true
```

```
charObject.equals(new Character('d')) returns false
```





# Demonstration Program

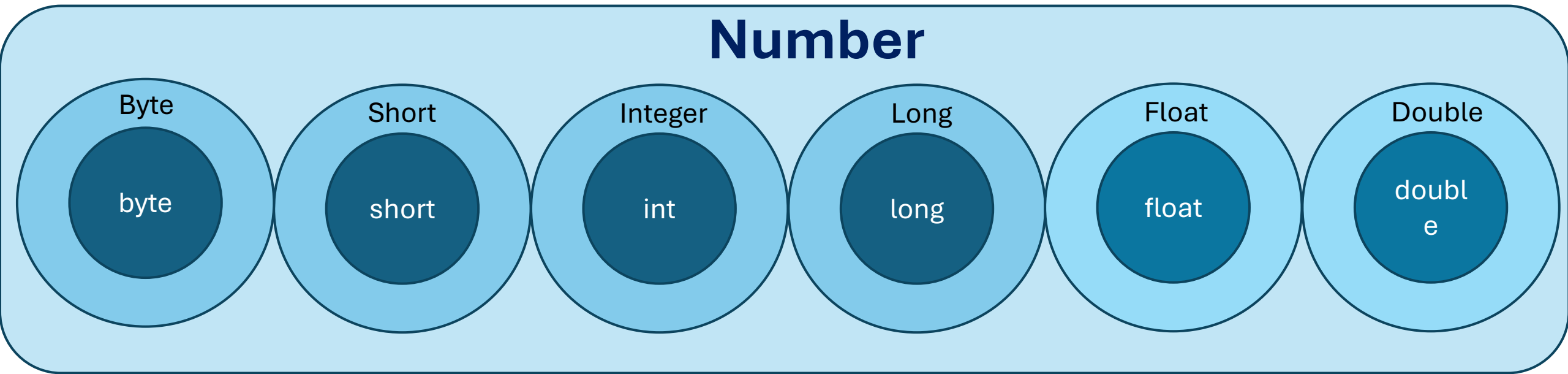
YesNoHappy.java



# Math/Number Classes

Lecture 4

# Number Classes Overview



# Math Class

- The **java.lang.Math** class contains methods for performing basic numeric operations such as the elementary exponential, logarithm, square root, and trigonometric functions.

# Mathematical Methods

- The mathematical Functions are methods in the class Math. Math class is a object class with many methods. The object itself does not seem to represent much of the meaning. We can view this Math class as a library of functions instead.
- The methods can be categorized as [trigonometric methods](#), [exponent methods](#), and [service methods](#).
- Service methods including [rounding](#), [minimum](#), [maximum](#), [absolute](#), and [random](#) methods.

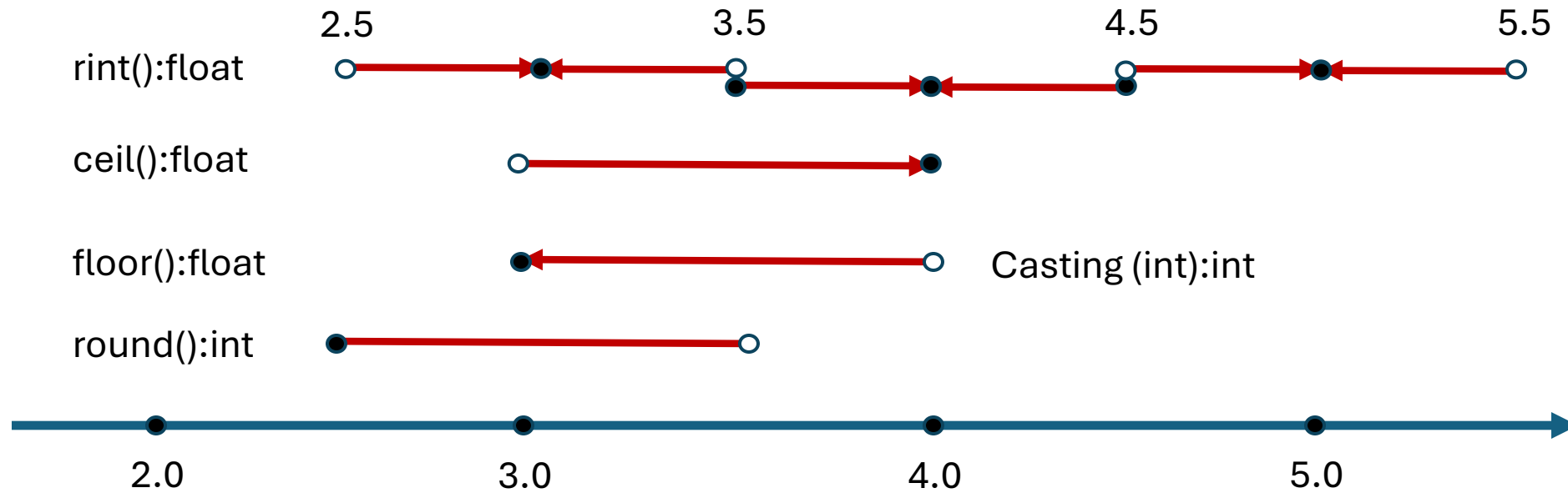
# Mathematical Constants

- In addition to methods, the Math class provides two useful double constants, **PI** and **E** (the base of natural logarithms). You can use these constants as **Math.PI** and **Math.E** in any program.
- **Math.PI** = 3.141592...
- **Math.E** = 2.718...
- **Integer.MIN\_VALUE** = -2147483648
- **Integer.MAX\_VALUE** = 2147483647
- **Double.MIN\_VALUE** = 4.9E-324
- **Double.MAX\_VALUE** = 1.7976931348623157E308
- **Double.POSITIVE\_INFINITY** ( $\infty$ )
- **Double.NEGATIVE\_INFINITY** ( $-\infty$ )
- **Double.NaN** (Not a Number)

# The Service Methods

Rounding Methods	Description
ceil(x)	x is rounded up to its nearest integer. This integer is returned as a double value.
floor(x)	x is rounded down to its nearest integer. This integer is returned as a double value.
rint(x)	x is rounded up to its nearest integer. If x is equally close to two integers, the even one is returned as a double value
round(x)	Returns (int) Math.floor(x+0.5) if x is a float and returns (long) Math.floor(x+0.5) if x is a double.
Min Max Abs Methods	Description
max(x, y)	Return the greater number between x and y.
min(x, y)	Return the less number between x and y
abs(x)	Return the absolute value of x
Random Methods	Description
random()	Return a random number between $0 \leq y < 1$ . (Compared to java.util.Random)

# Rounding Methods





# Math.Random

- **Usage:**

- `final int ELEMENT_COUNT = 10;`
  - `final int STEPS = 2;`
  - `final int BASELINE = 11;`
  - `int randNum = (int) (Math.random()*ELEMENT_COUNT) * STEPS + BASELINE;`
- $(13-11) = 2$
- 
- This generates a random number in SET = [11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29]

# The Exponent Methods

Methods	Description
exp(x)	Returns e raised to power of x ( $e^x$ )
log(x)	Return the natural logarithm of x ( $\ln(x) = \log_e(x)$ ).
log10(x)	Returns the base 10 algorithm of x ( $\log_{10}(x)$ ).
pow(a, b)	Returns a raised to the power of b ( $a^b$ )
sqrt(x)	Returns the square root of x ( $\sqrt{x}$ ) for $x \geq 0$

# Trigonometric Methods

Methods	Description
<code>sin(radians)</code>	Returns the trigonometric sine of an angle in radians
<code>cos(radians)</code>	Returns the trigonometric cosine of an angle in radians
<code>tan(radians)</code>	Returns the trigonometric tan of an angle in radians
<code>toRadians(degree)</code>	Return the angle in radians for the angle in degree.
<code>toDegree(radians)</code>	Return the angle in degrees for the angle in radians.
<code>asin(a)</code>	Return the angle in radians for the inverse of sine.
<code>acos(a)</code>	Return the angle in radians for the inverse of cosine.
<code>atan(a)</code>	Return the angle in radians for the inverse of tangent.

# Case Study Computing Angles of Triangle

Cosine Rule:

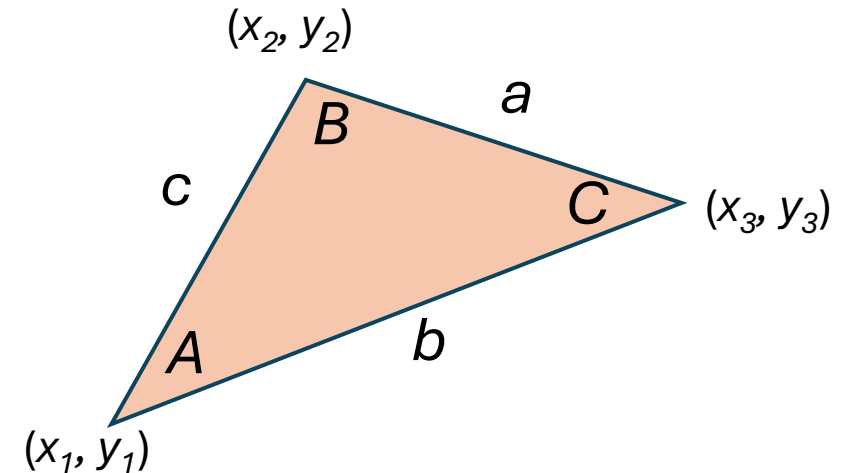
$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2 b c \cos A$$

To find an angle:

$$A = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{-2bc}\right) = \text{acos}\left(\frac{a^2 - b^2 - c^2}{-2bc}\right)$$

$$B = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{b^2 - a^2 - c^2}{-2ac}\right) = \text{acos}\left(\frac{b^2 - a^2 - c^2}{-2ac}\right)$$

$$C = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{c^2 - b^2 - a^2}{-2ab}\right) = \text{acos}\left(\frac{c^2 - b^2 - a^2}{-2ab}\right)$$



Try ComputeAngles.java



# Demonstration Program

ComputeAngle.java



# Random Class (Non-AP)

Lecture 5

# Random class Example

```
import java.util.Random;
/** Generate 10 random integers in the range 0..99. */
public final class RandomInteger {
    public static final void main(String... aArgs){
        log("Generating 10 random integers in range 0..99.");
        //note a single Random object is reused here
        Random randomGenerator = new Random();
        for (int idx = 1; idx <= 10; ++idx){
            int randomInt = randomGenerator.nextInt(100);
            log("Generated : " + randomInt);
        }
        log("Done.");
    }
    private static void log(String aMessage){
        System.out.println(aMessage);
    }
}
```

# Random class Example

## **Example run of this class:**

Generating 10 random integers in range 0..99.

Generated : 44

Generated : 81

Generated : 69

Generated : 31

Generated : 10

Generated : 64

Generated : 74

Generated : 57

Generated : 56

Generated : 93

Done.





# Demonstration Program

RandomInteger.java

# Random Class

- Create a Random input stream:
- `int seed = 1125;`
- `Random randGen = new Random(seed);`
- Get a integer:  
`int a = randGen.nextInt(100);`  
`// 100 is ELEMENT_COUNT equivalent in our previous lecture.`
- Proper **seed** needed.

## Math.random()

- No constructor needed.
- No integer return. Only double return.
- Randomness by System clock. No need to input proper seed.



# Demonstration Program

RandomDemo.java



# Lab

Subtraction Quiz

# Lab: SubtractionQuiz.java

- Write a program to generate two random integers, calculate the difference between the two numbers. Then, ask user to input the answer.
- If the input value equals the difference by calculation, then print out a message to notify user the answer is correct.
- Otherwise, print out a message to notify the user that his answer is wrong and provide the correct answer for the difference.

## Lab: Work on your own.

- 1. Download SubtractionQuiz.java to work on your own.
- 2. After you finish this lab, download SubtractionQuizAnswer.java for your own reference.
- Good Luck !!!



# Project: SubtractionQuiz.java

- Student should work on this project in Class.







# Demonstration Program

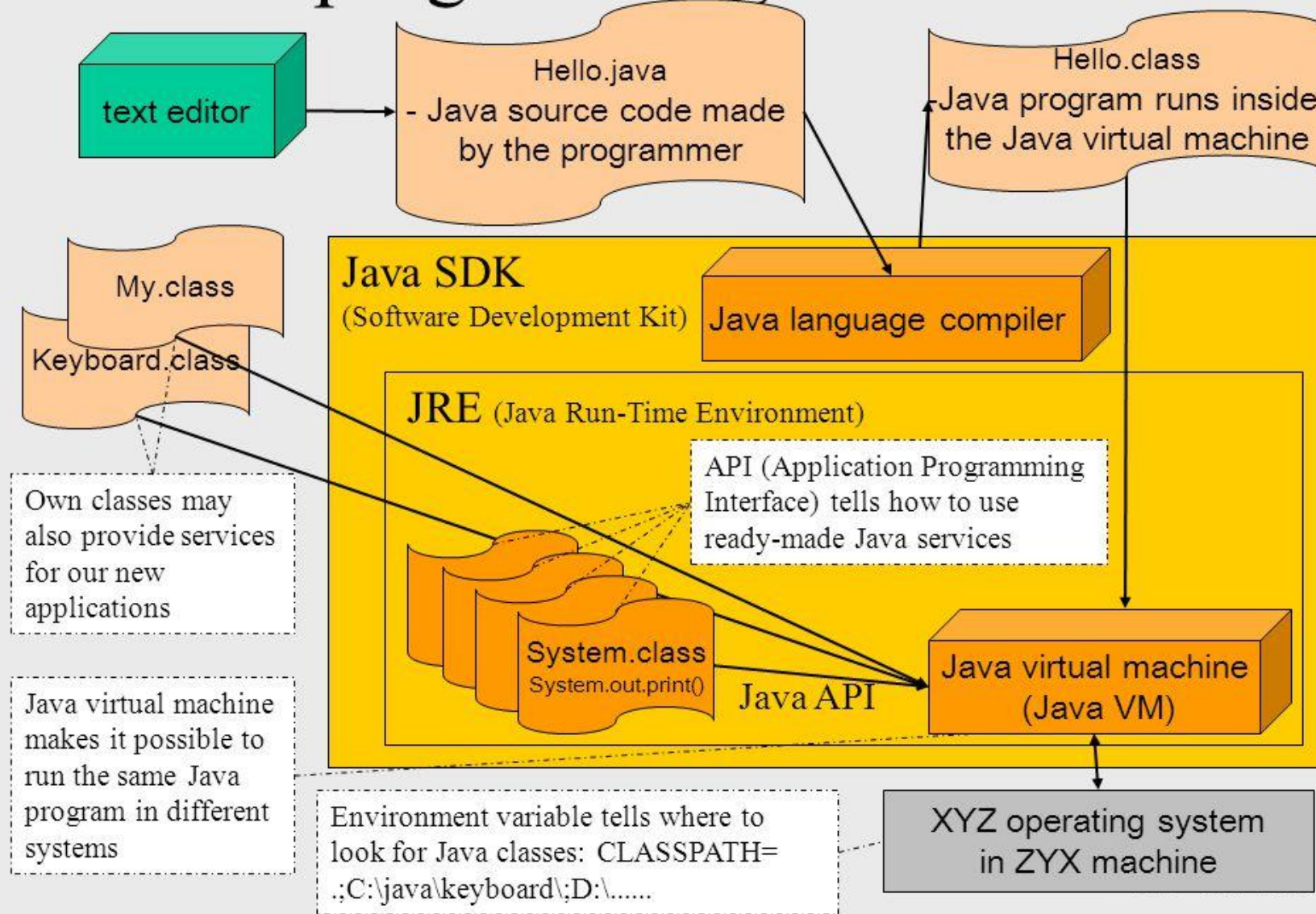
ScannerRandom.java

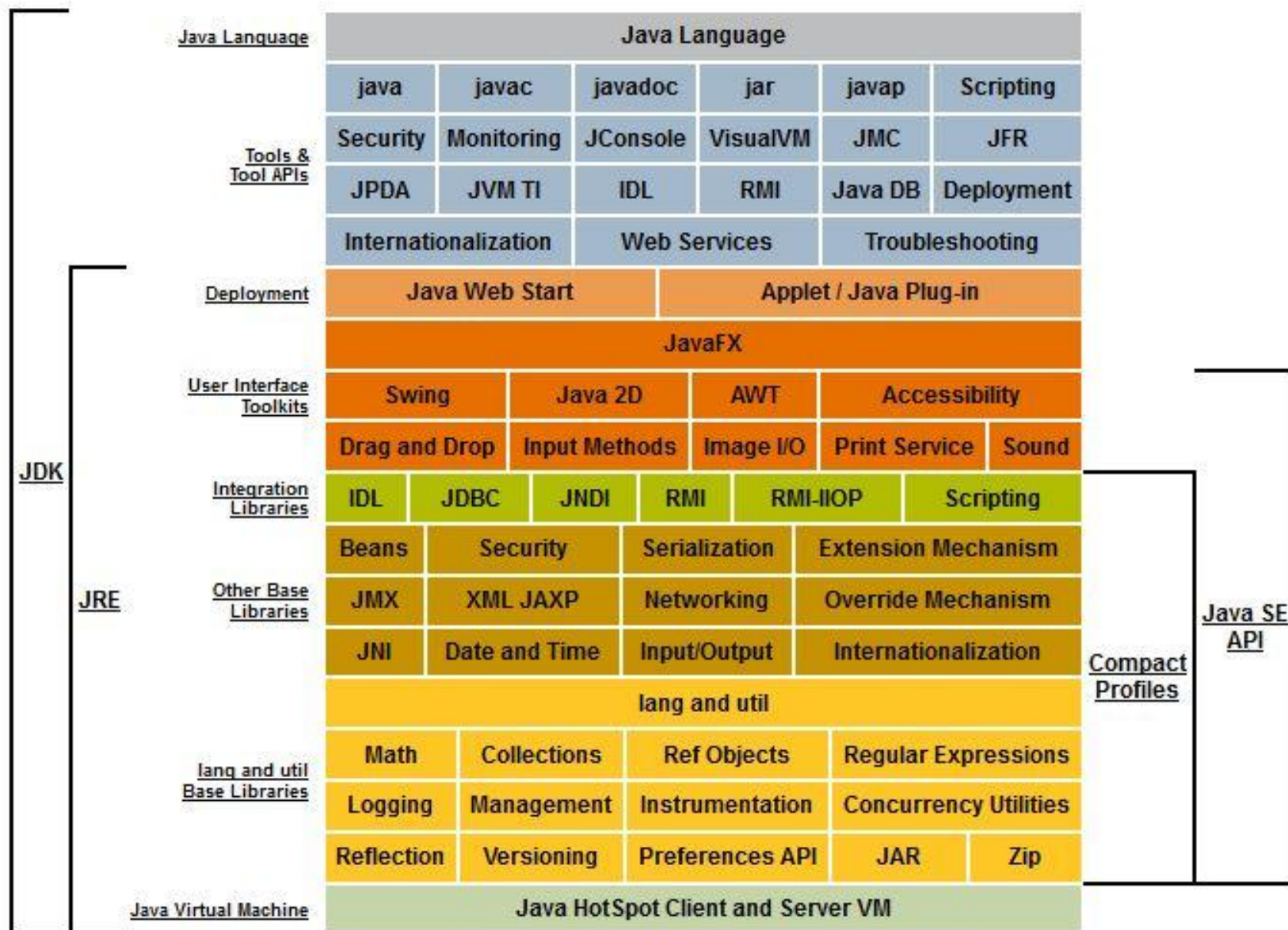


# Basic Java API Overview

Lecture 6

# Java programming environment





`java.lang`

String  
StringBuilder  
StringBuffer  
Math  
Integer  
Double  
System  
Object

`java.util`

Random  
Scanner  
Formatter  
Arrays



# System Class

Lecture 7

# The System class

- We have been using `System.out.println` for a while, but you might not have thought about what it means. `System` is a class that provides methods related to the “system” or environment where programs run. It also provides `System.out`, which is a special value that has additional methods (like `println`) for displaying output.
- In fact, we can use `System.out.println` to display the value of `System.out`:

```
System.out.println(System.out);
```

- The result is:

```
java.io.PrintStream@685d72cd
```

# Package

- This output indicates that `System.out` is a **PrintStream**, which is defined in a package called `java.io`. A **package** is a collection of related classes; `java.io` contains classes for “I/O” which stands for input and output.
- The numbers and letters after the @ sign are the **address** of **System.out**, represented as a hexadecimal (base 16) number. The address of a value is its location in the computer’s memory, which might be different on different computers. In this example the address is **685d72cd**, but if you run the same code you will likely get something else.



# Package

- System is defined in a file called **System.java**, and **PrintStream** is defined in `PrintStream.java`. These files are part of the Java **library**, which is an extensive collection of classes that you can use in your programs. The source code for these classes is usually included with the compiler.

Hello.java

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

System.java

```
public class System {  
    ...  
    public final static PrintStream out;  
    ...  
}
```

PrintStream.java

```
public class PrintStream {  
    ...  
    public void println(String x) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



# Scanner Class

Lecture 8

# The Scanner Class

- The **System** class also provides the special value **System.in**, which is an **InputStream** that has methods for reading input from the keyboard. These methods are not convenient to use, but fortunately Java provides other classes that make it easy to handle common input tasks.
- For example, **Scanner** is a class that provides methods for inputting words, numbers, and other data. **Scanner** is provided by **java.util**, which is a package that contains various “utility classes”. Before you can use **Scanner**, you have to import it like this:

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

# The Scanner Class

- This **import** statement tells the compiler that when you refer to Scanner, you mean the one defined in **java.util**. Using an import statement is necessary because there might be another class named Scanner in another package. Import statements can't be inside a class definition. By convention, they are usually at the beginning of the file.
- Next you have to initialize the **Scanner**. This line declares a Scanner variable named **in** and creates a Scanner that reads input from **System.in**:
- **Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in) ;**

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Echo {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String line;
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.print("Type something: ");
        line = in.nextLine();
        System.out.println("You said: " + line);

        System.out.print("Type something else: ");
        line = in.nextLine();
        System.out.println("You also said: " + line);
    }
}
```



# Demonstration Program

echo.java

# The Scanner Class

- If you omit the import statement at the top of the file, you will get a compiler error saying “cannot find symbol”. That means the compiler doesn’t know where to find the definition for **Scanner**.
- You might wonder why we can use the **System** class without importing it. **System** belongs to the `java.lang` package, which is imported automatically.
- According to the documentation, `java.lang` “provides classes that are fundamental to the design of the Java programming language.” The `String` class is also part of the `java.lang` package