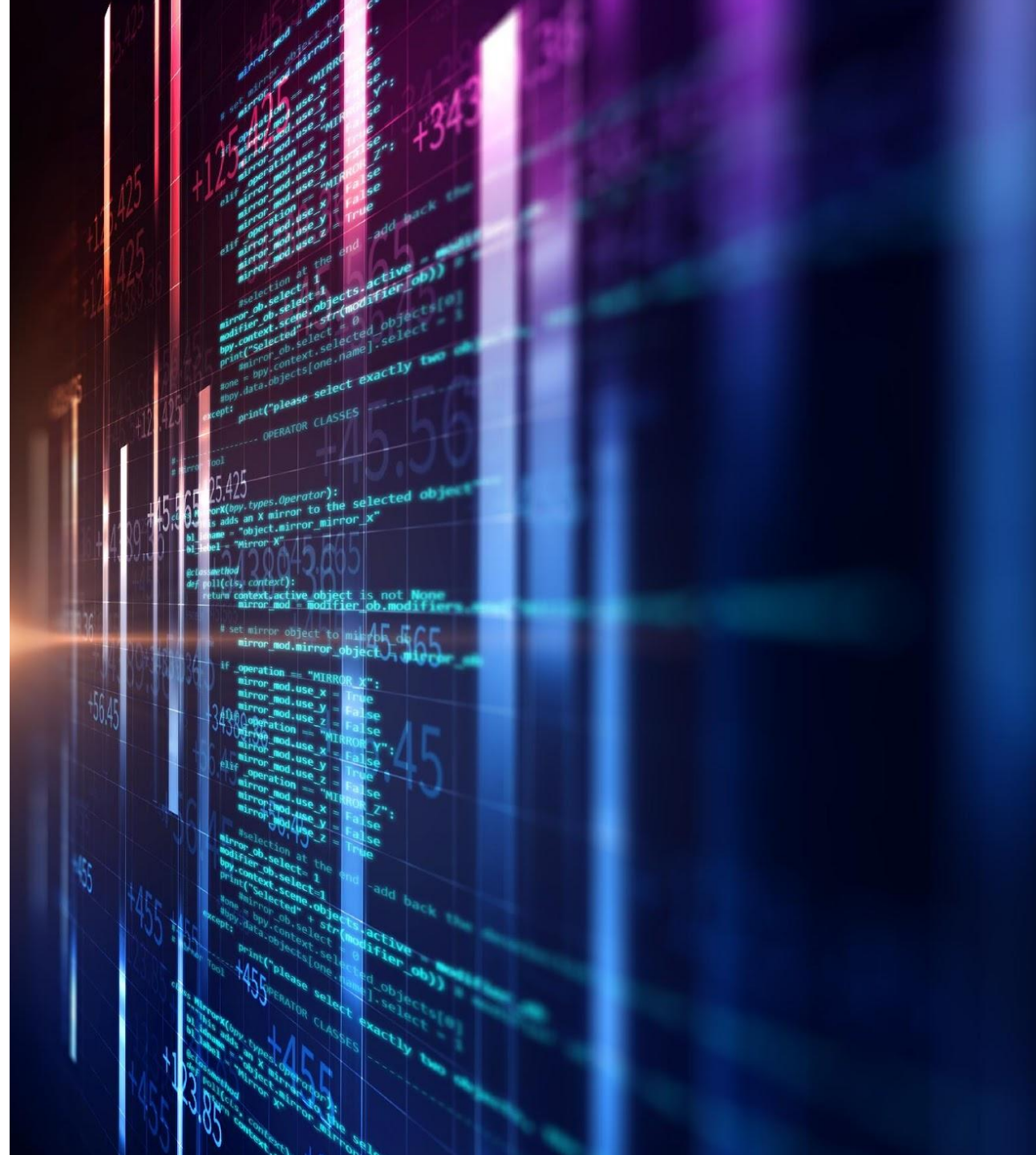


Introduction to Java

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First ... Can We Forget About Python?

- In terms of syntax, mostly ...
- But you SHOULD NOT forget about:
 - Code reuse
 - Modular programming
 - Test-Driven Development
 - Good Style (Java is stricter in many ways)
 - Commenting your code
 - Etc.



Java vs. Python

- Java and Python are *similar* in that they're both *object-oriented languages*
 - Conceptually, the languages are very similar
 - The syntax is quite different, while Java syntax is much more verbose
 - It is both explicit (and strict), which can be a good thing
 - Transitioning from Python to Java has a lot to do with learning the new syntax
- Java and Python are *different* in that Java is *compiled* and Python is *interpreted*
 - This allows Java to run much faster and more efficiently
 - It also allows your Java code to be inspected for all kinds of errors, including syntax errors, type errors, and non-existing functions



Java is Compiled

- When Java is compiled, it's converted to binary machine code (or Java *bytecode*)
 - This allows Java programs to be “portable” and run on different machines and operating systems
- *Compiled* languages have many advantages over *interpreted* languages
 - When code is compiled, it's optimized under the hood
 - Since your program will be inspected for errors, many kinds of potential bugs will be caught early (e.g. using the same variable name twice)
- Your program will not run if it is not compiled!
- The IDE we'll be using for Java development, Eclipse, will compile your code for you (on the fly) as you save your work
 - It will also help you fix MANY problems in your code



Popularity of Java vs. Python Using TIOBE

- The TIOBE Programming Community index is an indicator of the popularity of programming languages
- It can be used to:
 - Check whether your programming skills are up to date
 - Make a decision about what programming language(s) to use when starting new projects
- The ratings are:
 - Based on the number of skilled engineers world-wide, courses and third party vendors
 - Calculated based on popular search engines
- The index is updated once a month

Ref: <https://www.tiobe.com/tiobe-index/>



Popularity of Java vs. Python Using TIOBE

- Top 10 of the TIOBE index for October 2020

Oct 2020	Oct 2019	Change	Programming Language	Ratings	Change
1	2	▲	C	16.95%	+0.77%
2	1	▼	Java	12.56%	-4.32%
3	3		Python	11.28%	+2.19%
4	4		C++	6.94%	+0.71%
5	5		C#	4.16%	+0.30%
6	6		Visual Basic	3.97%	+0.23%
7	7		JavaScript	2.14%	+0.06%
8	9	▲	PHP	2.09%	+0.18%
9	15	▲▲	R	1.99%	+0.73%
10	8	▼	SQL	1.57%	-0.37%

- General highlights:
 - Java and Python are in the top 3 most popular programming languages
 - Currently, both languages have *almost the same rating*

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A Bit More About Java

- Java has been around for over 15 years
- It was initially called “Oak”, but renamed based on the large amounts of Java coffee consumed by the creators (true story)
- There are some recommended (but entirely optional) textbooks available
 - [Head First Java](#) (by Kathy Sierra)
 - [Java in Easy Steps](#) (by Mike McGrath)



Configuring Java & Tools



Installing & Running Java

- In order to use Java, you need to first install the Java Development Kit (JDK)
 - This is the package of tools for *developing* Java-based software
- You'll also need the Java Runtime Environment (JRE) which includes the Java Virtual Machine (JVM)
 - This is the environment for *running* Java applications
 - The JVM is what actually runs compiled Java bytecode
- Download and install the JDK, which includes the JRE (and JVM):
<https://www.oracle.com/java/technologies/javase-downloads.html>



Downloading and Installing the JDK

- Download and install the **JDK**, which includes the **JRE** (and **JVM**):
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 - Locate the main link for the JDK

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 - Download the latest version of the JDK for your OS

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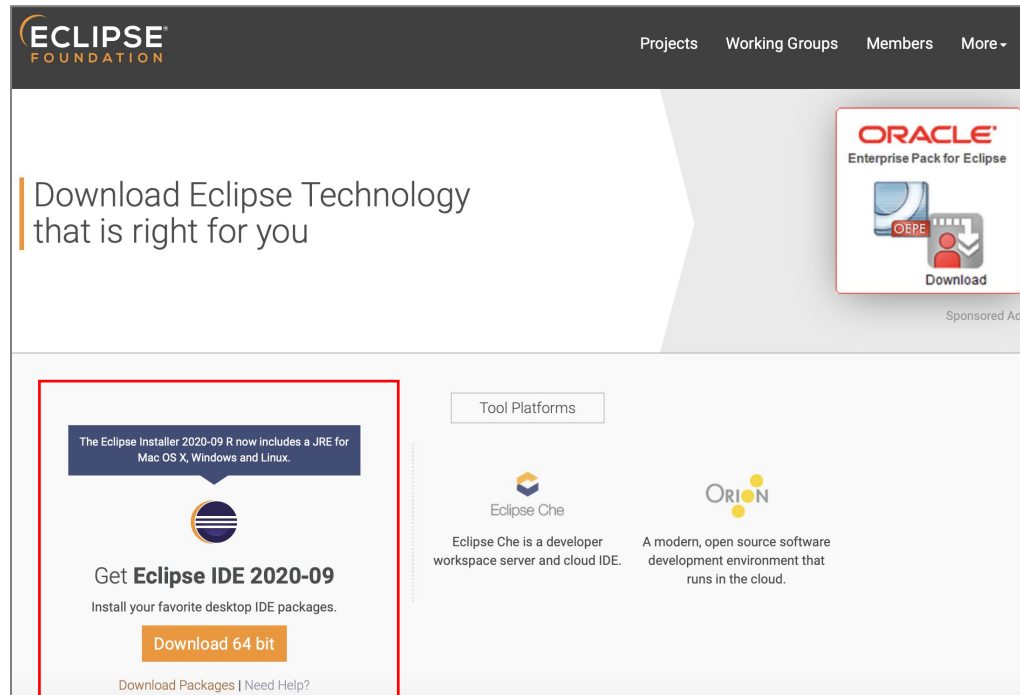
Eclipse

- Eclipse is one of two main IDEs for Java development
 - The other IDE is IntelliJ
 - I'll work with Eclipse
- Eclipse makes it very easy to write well-formatted Java, with good style
 - Like Python's PyCharm, it has a TON of features
 - It compiles code on the fly, provides autocomplete suggestions, and fixes simple bugs
 - Overall, Eclipse greatly speeds up Java programming
- Getting Eclipse:
 - Go to <https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/> and download the latest version



Installing & Configuring Eclipse

- Install Eclipse via <https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>
 - Scroll down to get the latest version of Eclipse



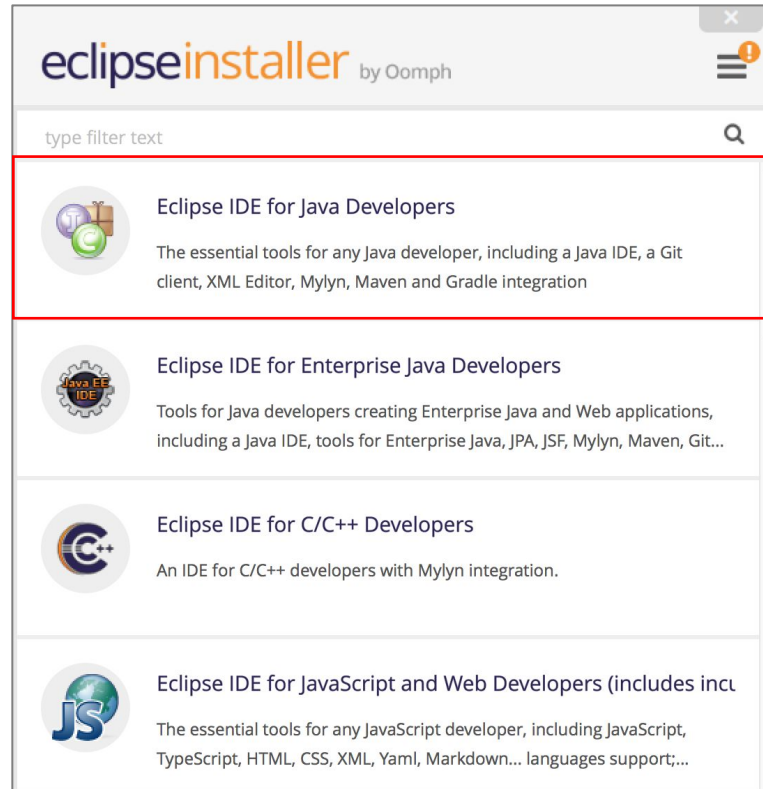
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- Install Eclipse via <https://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>
 - Click to download the latest version of the IDE for your OS

The image displays two screenshots of the Eclipse Foundation website. The left screenshot shows the main landing page with the Eclipse Foundation logo and navigation links (Projects, Working Groups, Members, More). A prominent message reads "Download Eclipse Technology that is right for you". Below this, there's a section for "Tool Platforms" featuring "Eclipse Che" and "Get Eclipse IDE 2020-09". A blue box notes: "The Eclipse Installer 2020-09 R now includes a JRE for Mac OS X, Windows and Linux." A red box highlights the "Download 64 bit" button. The right screenshot shows the "Downloads" page, specifically the "Eclipse downloads - Select a mirror" section. It includes a disclaimer: "All downloads are provided under the terms and conditions of the Eclipse Foundation Software User Agreement unless otherwise specified." A red box highlights the "Download" button, the download source "Download from: United States - XMission Internet (https)", and the file details "File: eclipse-inst-jre-mac64.dmg" and "SHA-512". Below the red box is a link ">> Select Another Mirror". An IBM Cloud advertisement is visible on the right side of the page.

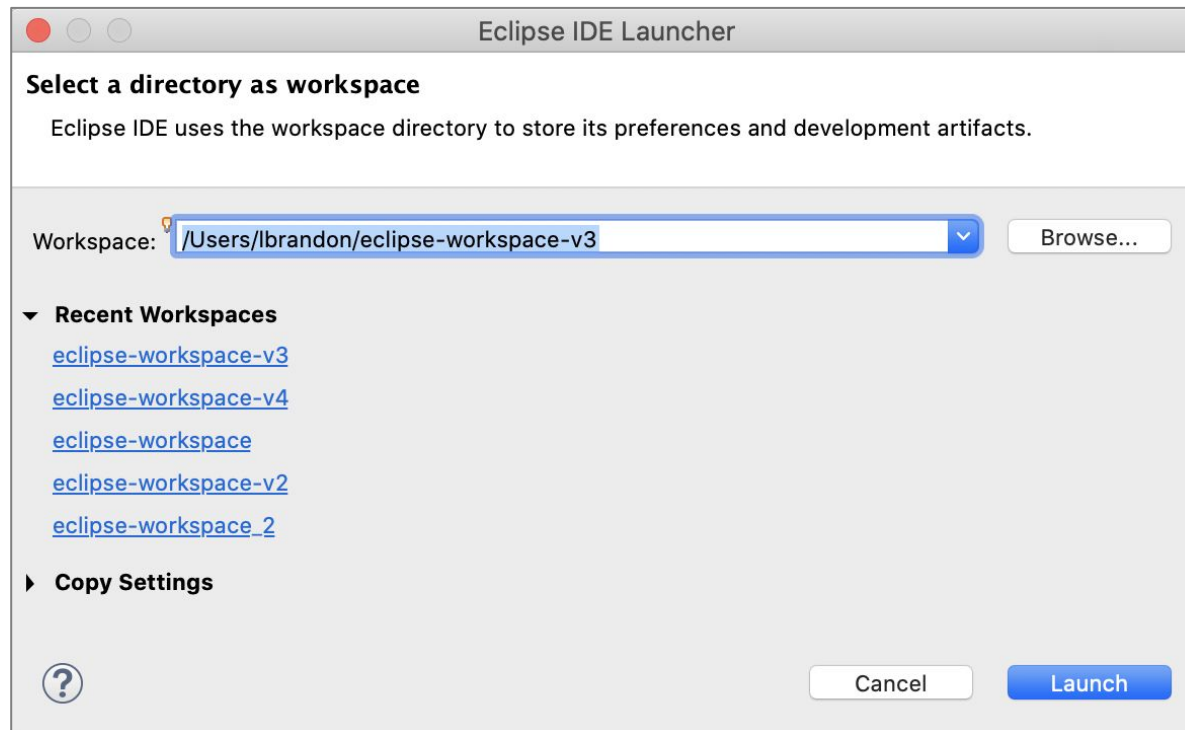
Installing & Configuring Eclipse

- When you extract and run the Eclipse Installer
 - Choose **Eclipse IDE for Java Developers**



Installing & Configuring Eclipse

- When you launch Eclipse, you need to specify a workspace location
 - You can use the default option (unless you have a really strong need to change it)
 - Click “Launch”



Java & Eclipse

- Eclipse stores projects in a **workspace**
- When you use Eclipse to create a **project** (a single “program”), it creates a directory with that name in your workspace
- Within the project, you create an *optional* **package** (a sub-directory)
- Finally, within the package, you create a **class** (a file)
- For the simplest program, you’ll only need a single package (or the default “no” package), and only one (or a very few) classes
 - Java is object-oriented and class-based, which means you have to create *at least one class* to write a Java program



Java Language



Simple Introductory Java Program

```
//Optional package declaration
package myPackage; //Should begin with a lowercase letter

//Class declaration
public class MyClass { //Should begin with a capital letter
//The Java file will be named (and saved in) 'myPackage/MyClass.java'

    //Main method -- the starting point of any Java program
    //In Java, the name "main" is special and reserved for the main
method
    public static void main(String[ ] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello World"); //Prints 'Hello World'
    }
}
```



Some General Rules for Java

- Individual statements end in a semicolon
 - New lines do not mean anything in Java
 - This means you COULD have an entire program on one line
 - Obviously, this is bad style!
- For example, here's a statement

```
System.out.println("Hello World!");
```

- Here's another statement

```
String myString = "My String";
```



Some General Rules for Java

- Indentation doesn't matter
 - Unlike Python, where it's required, indentation in Java is a matter of style
 - While it won't make your program fail the way it does in Python, you should not stop indenting your programs!
- You can use these shortcuts in Eclipse
 - Fixes format of your code
CTRL/Cmd + SHIFT + F
 - Selects all code in Java file and fixes indentation
CTRL/Cmd + A, CTRL/Cmd + I



Some General Rules for Java

- Java uses curly braces { } to surround code blocks
 - Unlike Python, which uses a colon (:) and indentation to indicate code blocks
- For example, here's a conditional

```
if (myVar == true) {  
    //code block  
}
```

- And here's a function

```
public void myFunction() {  
    //code block  
}
```

- For purposes of style, an opening brace { should go at the end of a line, not on a line by itself



Variables & Types

- You typically name variables using “camelCase”, starting with a lowercase letter
- Every variable in Java has a pre-defined *type*
 - You declare the *type* in front of the variable
`int myInt = 0;` //myInt can only store an int
- You MUST store that kind of data in the variable
 - For example, you can't do this:
`int myInt = "hello";`
 - Eclipse won't even let you compile your code!
- The *type* of a variable CANNOT be changed
 - Java is *statically* typed
 - In Python, you can change variable types on the fly, because it's *dynamically* typed



Variables & Types

- Some **primitive** (simple) data types
 - **int**: Integer
 - **float**: Floating point (decimal)
 - **boolean**: true/false
- Some other **primitive** types
 - **char**: Single character
 - **double**: Large and precise floating point
 - **byte**, **short**, or **long**: Various integer sizes (8, 16, 64 bits)
- Another type is **String**, which is an **Object** (not a primitive)
 - It's used to store a *character string*
- You might also come across **Integer**, **Boolean**, **Double**, etc.
 - Don't worry about these for now!



Variables & Types

- You can declare variables WITH initial values
`int count = 0;`
`String firstName = "Brandon";`
- Or declare variables WITHOUT initial values
`double distance; //Declares a double without actually creating a double`
`String color; //Declares a String without actually creating a String`
- And obviously set the variables later
`distance = 2.3;`
`color = "red";`



Variables & Types - Strings vs. Chars

- There is a difference between a *single character* and a *character string*
 - Unlike Python, be careful about when you are using double quotes vs. single quotes
- To define a String, use double quotes
`String firstName = "Brandon";` // "Brandon" is a String
- To define a char, use single quotes
`char letter = 'a';` // 'a' is a char
- Like in Python, you can concatenate Strings using +
`String fullName = "Brandon" + " " + "Krakowsky";`
- Tip: Anything concatenated with a String is automatically converted to a String
- For example:
`String myResult = "There are " + appleCount + " apples and " + orangeCount + " oranges.";`
 - Note the difference with Python, where you have to call the *str* method to cast to a String



Printing

- There are two methods you can use for printing:

```
//This prints something and ends the line  
System.out.println(something);
```

```
//This prints something and doesn't end the line (so the next thing you  
print will go on the same line)  
System.out.print(something);
```

- These methods will print any one thing, but only one at a time
- Of course, you can always concatenate Strings with the + operator
- Example:

```
System.out.println("Four " + 4 + ", three " + 3 + ", two " + 2 + ", one  
" + 1);
```



while Loops

- *while* loops in Java have a similar syntax to *while* loops in Python
- Simple while loop that iterates 10 times:

```
int i = 0;
while (i < 10) {
    //do stuff here every time loop happens
    i++; //manually increment i
}
//i is initially set to 0
//i must be less than 10 in order to enter the loop each time
//code in the loop manually increments i by 1 at the end of each loop
```



for Loops

- *for* loops in Java have a very different syntax than *for* loops in Python
 - But they are equivalent to: `for i in range(10)`
- A *for* loop has 3 parts:
 - Setting the initial value
 - The condition for entering the loop
 - The change in the loop variable that happens at the end of each loop
- Simple *for* loop that iterates 10 times:

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    //do stuff here every time loop happens  
}  
//i is initially set to 0  
//i must be less than 10 in order to enter the loop each time  
//i is incremented by 1 at the end of each loop (you can't see it)
```



Getting Input

- First, import the Scanner class:
`import java.util.Scanner;`
- Create a scanner and assign it to a variable:
`Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);`
 - The name of the scanner is `scan`
 - `new Scanner(...)` tells Java to make a new one
 - `System.in` tells Java that the scanner is to take input from the keyboard
- To read in the next int:
`int myNumber = scan.nextInt();`
- To read in the next String:
`String myString = scan.next();`
- To read in the entire next line as a String:
`String myLine = scan.nextLine();`



Java Comments

- Here is a single line comment, using double slashes //
//Here is an int, initially set to 0
`int myInt = 0;`
- Here is a block comment, using `/* */`
`/*`
 `* Here is an int`
 `* It's initially set to 0`
 `*/`
`int myInt = 0;`
- As a shortcut in Eclipse, you can type the following
`/*`
and then hit Enter
- It will add a block comment and you can fill in the rest



Javadocs

- You can add Javadocs (Java documentation) just *before* the definition of a variable, method, or class
 - This is the equivalent of a docstring inside of a Python function or class
- As a shortcut, you can type the following right above a variable, method, or class name

```
/**
```

and then hit Enter

- It will add a javadoc block and you can fill in the rest

```
/**
```

```
 * Returns the sum of two given numbers.
```

```
 * @param firstNum First value to add
```

```
 * @param secondNum Second value to add
```

```
 * @return Sum of values
```

```
 */
```

```
public int getSum(int firstNum, int secondNum) {  
    return firstNum + secondNum;  
}
```

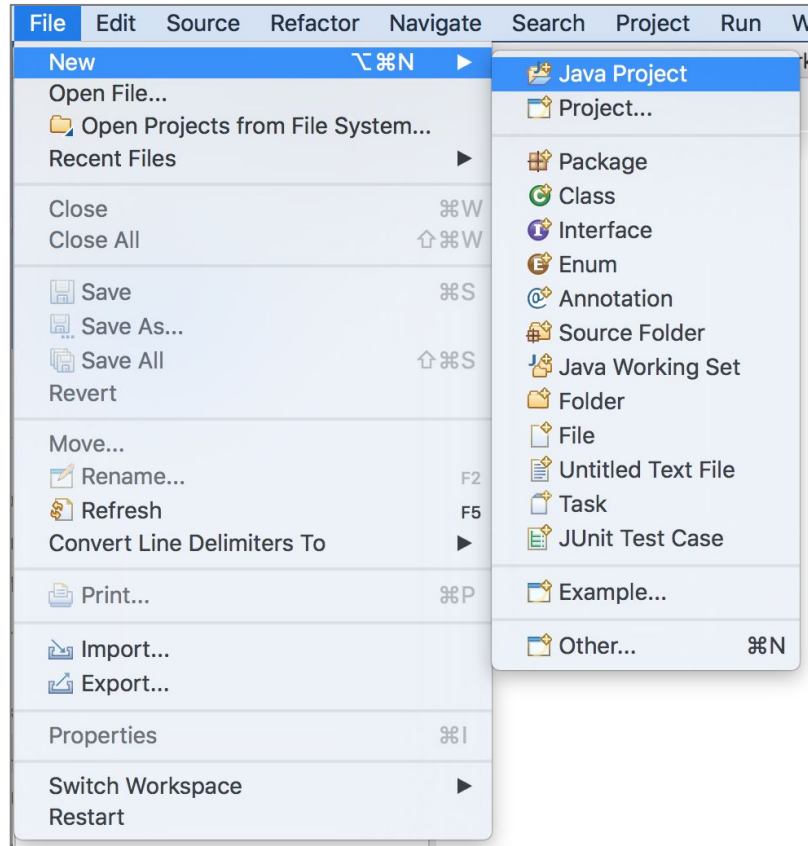


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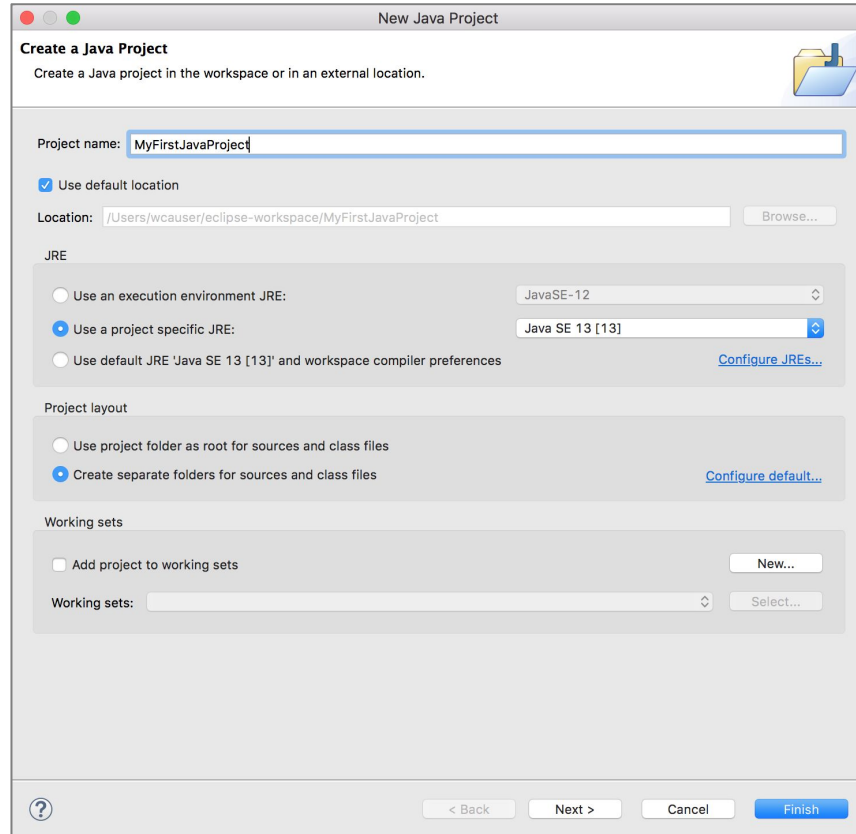
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- In Eclipse, go to “File” □ “New” □ “Java Project”



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- Create a Java Project in your workspace



Provide a Project name

- Project names should be capitalized

Use the default location

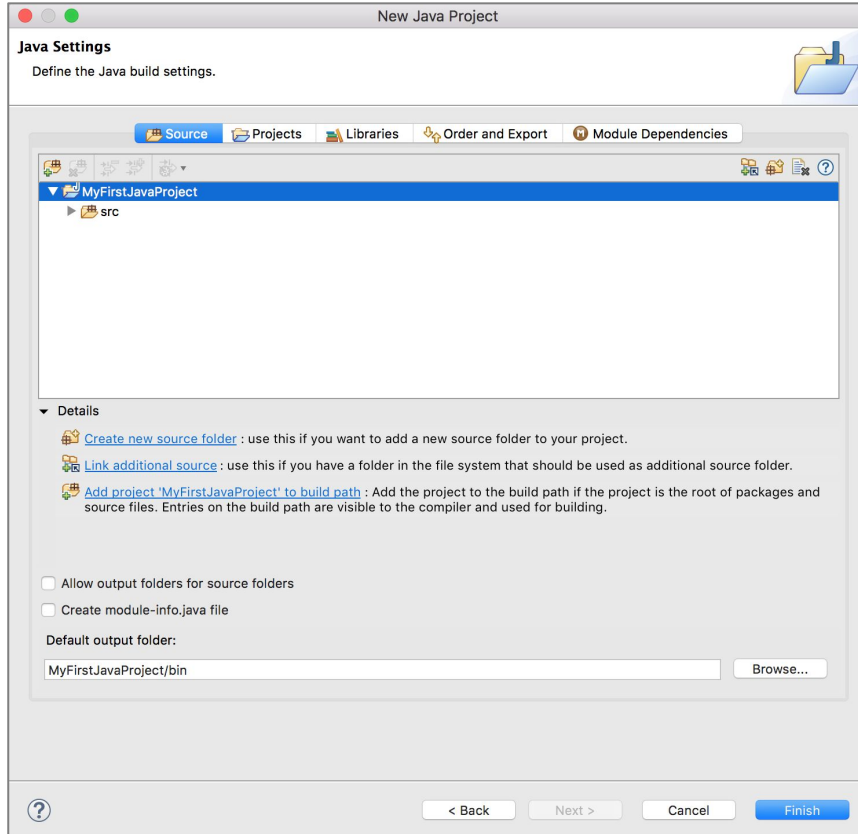
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- Define the compilation/build settings



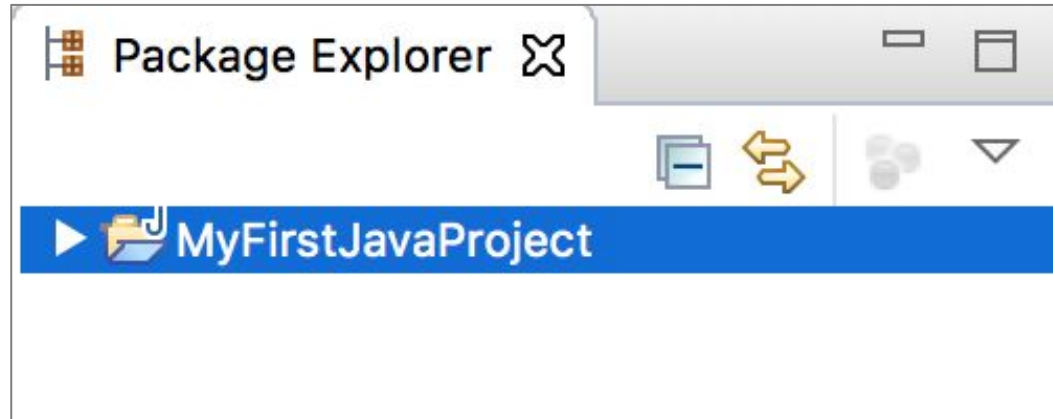
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IS NOT checked

Use the default output folder

Click “Finish”

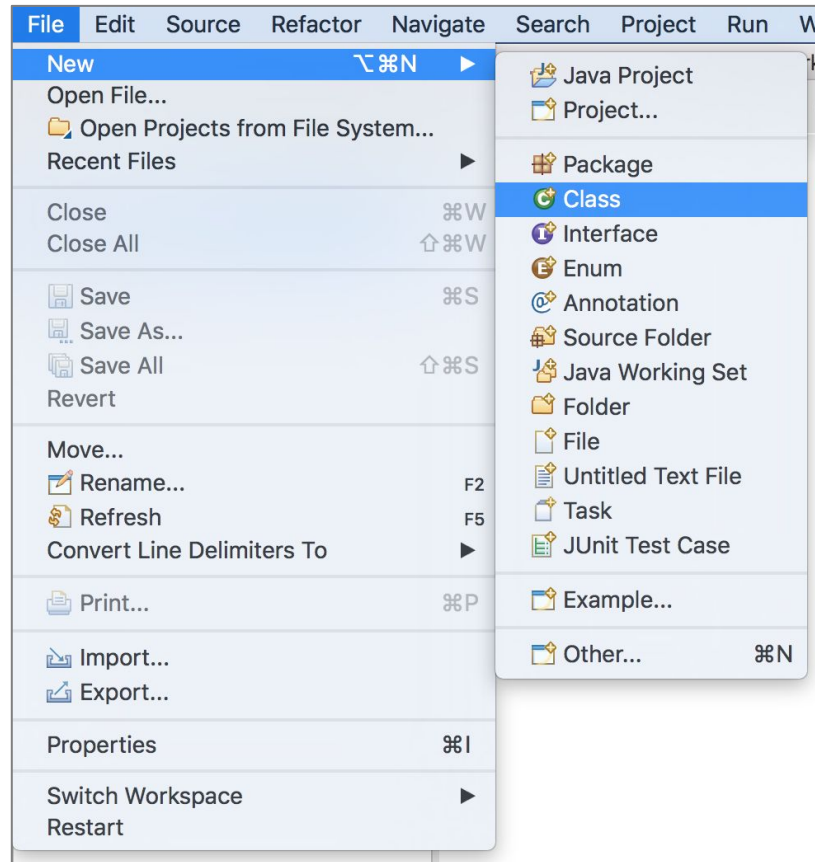
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- The project will appear in the Package Explorer on the left hand side in the IDE



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- In Eclipse, go to “File” □ “New” □ “Class”



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- Create a Java Class in your Java Project

The screenshot shows the 'New Java Class' dialog box. The 'Name' field is highlighted with a blue border and contains the text 'FirstClass'. The 'Modifiers' section has 'public' selected with a radio button. The 'Superclass' field contains 'java.lang.Object'. The 'Which method stubs would you like to create?' section has 'public static void main(String[] args)' checked. The 'Finish' button is highlighted in blue.

Provide a Name

- Class names should be capitalized

Make sure `public static void main(String[] args)`
IS checked

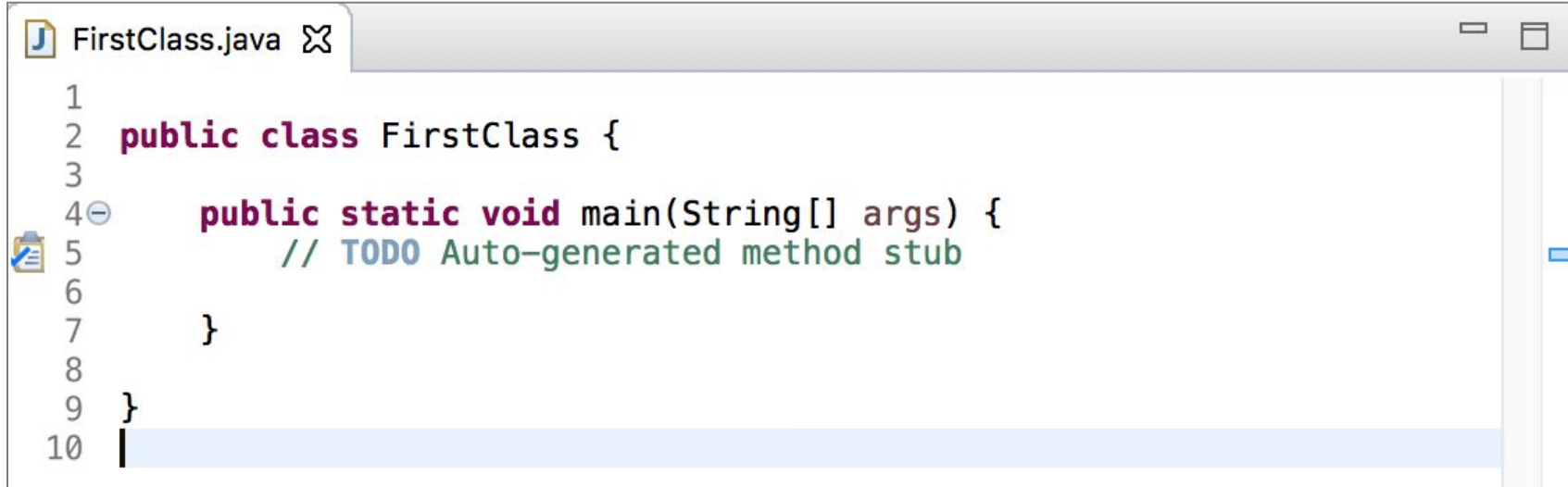
Make sure `Inherited abstract methods`
IS NOT checked

Click “Finish”



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- The entry point of any java program is the *main* method



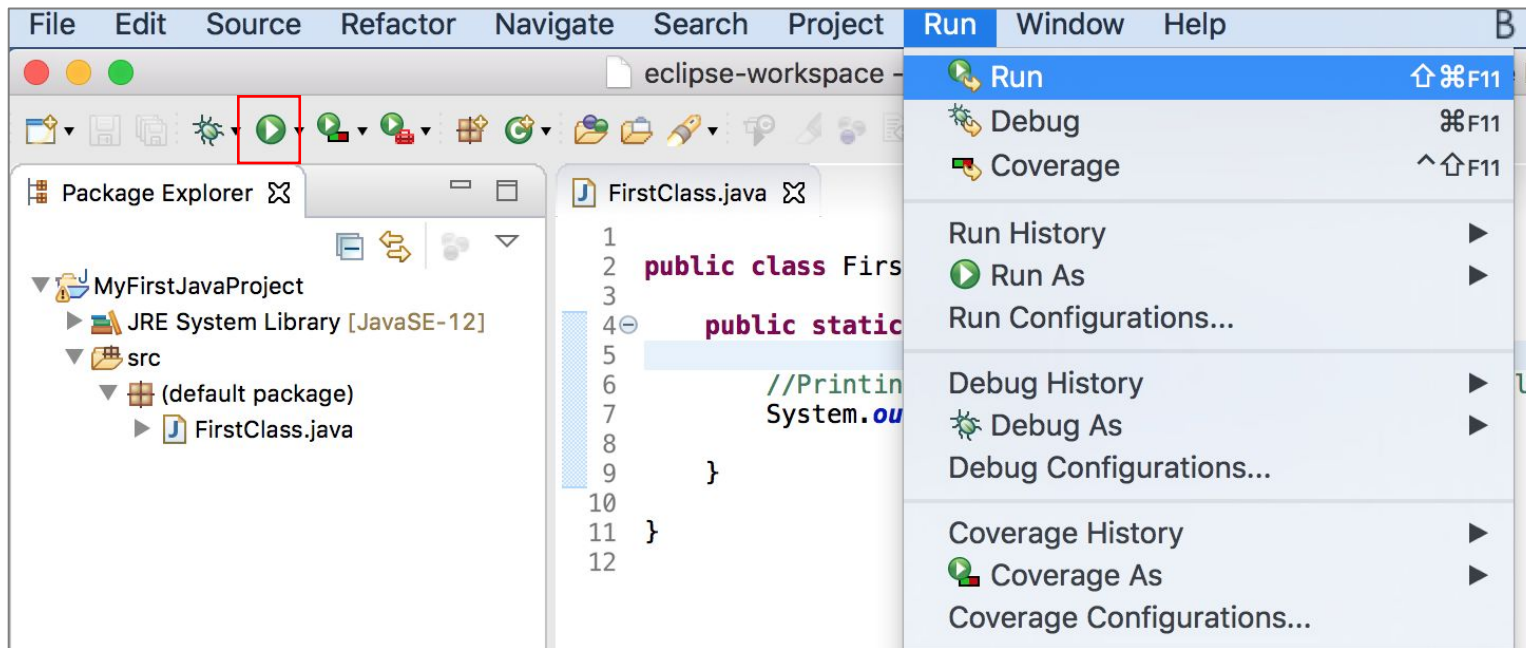
```
FirstClass.java
1
2 public class FirstClass {
3
4     public static void main(String[] args) {
5         // TODO Auto-generated method stub
6
7     }
8
9 }
10
```

My First Java Project

```
FirstClass.java
3 public class FirstClass {
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6
7         //Printing using SOPL: Short for System.out.println()
8         System.out.println("Hello World!");
9         System.out.println(); //print a blank line
10
11         /*
12          * Defining variables
13          */
14
15         //Format: Datatype varname = value;
16         int x = 5; //int
17
18         double y = 5.0; //replaces float in Python
19
20         boolean flag = true; //replaces True in Python
21
22         //concatenating Strings to non-Strings and printing
23         System.out.println("x: " + x);
24         System.out.println("y: " + y);
25         System.out.println("flag: " + flag);
26
```


My First Java Project

- To run your Java program in Eclipse, go to Run □ Run
 - Or click the “Run” button
- Keyboard shortcuts will vary based on your install of Eclipse and operating system
 - On a Mac, you should use **CMD + (Fn) F11**



My First Java Project

```
36      /*
37      * Strings and characters
38      */
39
40      //In Python, no difference between double quotes ("" ) and single quotes (')
41      //In Java, use double quotes ("" ) for Strings, and single quotes (') for chars
42      String dept = "cit"; //String
43      char letter = 'a'; //char
44
45      //Anything concatenated to a String is converted to a String
46      String course = dept + 590; //String with an int
47      String grade = letter + ""; //char with a String
48
49      //Variables are typically named with camelCasing
50      String courseInformation = course + ": " + grade;
51      System.out.println(courseInformation);
52
```


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```
43
44      /*
45      * Math operations
46      */
47
48      double d = 2 * x + 10;
49      double z = 2 * y + 5;
50
51      System.out.println("d: " + d);
52      System.out.println("z: " + z);
53
54      //Division with ints
55      //Uses integer division and ignores the remainder
56      System.out.println("x / 2: " + (x / 2));
57
58      //Division with floats
59      System.out.println("x / 2.0: " + (x / 2.0));
60
61      //Power operation is different from Python
62      System.out.println("x pow 4: " + Math.pow(x, 4));
63
```



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```
71
72      /*
73      * String operations
74      */
75
76      //String concatenation
77      String fullName = "Brandon" + " " + "Krakowsky";
78
79      //String method for converting to upper-case
80      String fullNameUpper = fullName.toUpperCase();
81      System.out.println(fullNameUpper);
82
83      //There is no String multiplication in Java
84      //You can't do this
85      //String threeZs = "z" * 3;
86
```



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```
77
78      /*
79      * Conditionals and loops
80      */
81
82      //Conditional checking if x is even using the modulus % operator
83      System.out.println("x: " + x);
84      if (x % 2 == 0) {
85          System.out.println("x is even");
86      } else {
87          System.out.println("x is odd");
88      }
89
```



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```
89
90     double e = 2.3;
91     double f = 2.4;
92     double g = 2.5;
93
94     //boolean operators
95     // && (and) - true only if both operands are true
96     // || (or) - true if either operand is true
97     // ! (not) - reverses the truth value of its one operand
98     if (e > 2 && e < f) {
99         System.out.println(e + " is between 2 and " + f);
100     }
101
102     if (f > e || f > g) {
103         System.out.println(f + " is either greater than " + e + " or greater than " + g);
104     }
105
106     if (g != 2.6) {
107         System.out.println(g + " is not equal to 2.6");
108     }
109
```



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```
109
110     //while loops
111     //very similar in Python
112     int i = 0;
113     while (i < 5) {
114         System.out.println("i: " + i);
115
116         //increment i
117         i++; //same as i = i + 1
118     }
119
```



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```
119
120      //for loops
121      //Python equivalent is for k in range(10):
122      for (int k = 0; k < 10; k++) {
123          System.out.println("k: " + k);
124      }
125      //for loop has 3 parts:
126      // Setting initial value: This part (k = 0) is done first and only once.
127      // Condition for entering the loop: The condition (k < 10) is tested before each loop.
128      // If it's true, enter the loop.
129      // Change in the loop variable: The increment (k++) happens at the end of each loop.
130
```



My First Java Project

```
137      /*
138       * Casting
139       */
140
141      //Cast int 1 to String
142      String intToString = Integer.toString(1);
143
144      //Cast double 1.1 to String
145      String doubleToString = Double.toString(1.1);
146
147      //Get class (or type) of String (Object) doubleToString
148      //Strings (and other Objects) have getClass() method
149      System.out.println(doubleToString.getClass());
150
151      //Cast String "1" to int
152      int stringToInt = Integer.parseInt("1");
153
154      //Cast String "1.1" to double
155      double stringToDouble = Double.parseDouble("1.1");
156
157      //Get class (or type) of double (primitive) stringToDouble
158      //doubles (and other primitives) don't have getClass() method
159      //First you need to cast to a generic Object, then call getClass()
160      System.out.println(((Object)stringToDouble).getClass());
161
```

My First Java Project

- The Scanner class requires an import at the top of the class

```
FirstClass.java
1  import java.util.Scanner;
2
159
160      /*
161       * Input
162       */
163
164      Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
165
166      System.out.println("Enter a number: ");
167      int myInt = scan.nextInt(); //get next input value as int
168      System.out.println("Your number is: " + myInt);
169
170      //print multiplication table up to 10 for myInt
171      for (int t = 1; t < 11; t++) {
172          //print t * myInt
173          System.out.println(t + " x " + myInt + ": " + (t * myInt));
174      }
175
176      System.out.println("Enter a String: ");
177      String myStr = scan.next(); //get next input value as String
178      System.out.println("Your String is: " + myStr);
179
180      //print each char of myStr
181      for (int u = 0; u < myStr.length(); u++) {
182          //print char at index u
183          System.out.println(myStr.charAt(u));
184      }
185
186      scan.close(); //you should always close your scanner
187
```



My First Java Project

- Add javadocs to class, method, and variable definitions
- We'll eventually learn that javadocs are useful for easily creating documentation for an entire program
 - This can be extremely helpful for other programmers reading/running your code

```
2
3  /**
4   * My first Java Class.
5   * @author lbrandon
6   */
7  public class FirstClass {
8
9      /**
10     * This is the javadoc for a Java method. It's equivalent to a docstring for a function in Python.
11     * The main method is the entry point of any Java program.
12     * @param args
13     */
14     public static void main(String[] args) {
15
```

