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Hello World

Print Line

System.out.println() can print to the console:

- System is a class from the core library provided by Java
- · out is an object that controls the output
- println() is a method associated with that object that receives a single argument

```
System.out.println("Hello, world!");
// Output: Hello, world!
```

Comments

Comments are bits of text that are ignored by the compiler. They are used to increase the readability of a program.

- Single line comments are created by using // .
- Multi-line comments are created by starting with /* and ending with */.

// I am a single line comment! /* And I am a multi-line comment! */

main() Method

In Java, every application must contain a main() method, which is the entry point for the application. All other methods are invoked from the main() method. The signature of the method is public static void main(String[] args) { } . It accepts a single argument: an array of elements of type String .

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

Classes

A class represents a single concept.

A Java program must have one class whose name is the same as the program filename.

In the example, the Person class must be declared in a program file named **Person.java**.

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    System.out.println("I am a person,
not a computer.");
```

public class Person {



Compiling Java

In Java, when we compile a program, each individual class is converted into a .class file, which is known as byte code.

The JVM (Java virtual machine) is used to run the byte code.

```
# Compile the class file:
javac hello.java
# Execute the compiled file:
java hello
```

Whitespace

Whitespace, including spaces and newlines, between statements is ignored.

```
System.out.println("Example of a
statement");
System.out.println("Another statement");
// Output:
// Example of a statement
// Another statement
```

Statements

In Java, a statement is a line of code that executes a task and is terminated with a ; .



System.out.println("Java Programming **•** ");