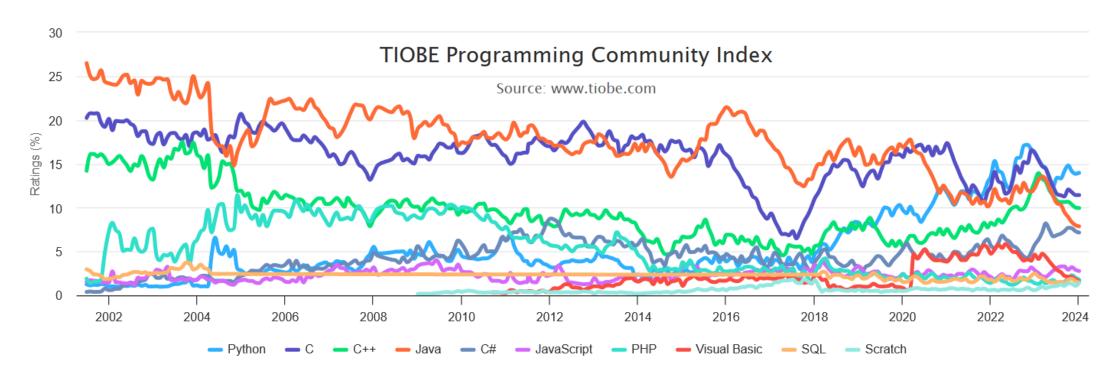


Java vs Python

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Why should you know something about Java?

- Java is an example of a statically typed object oriented language (like C and C++) opposed to Python's being dynamically typed
- One of the most widespread used programming languages
- Used in other courses at the Department of Computer Science



Java history

- Java 1.0 released 1995 by Sun Microsystems (acquired by Oracle 2010)
- "Write Once, Run Anywhere"

- PyPy is adopting the same ideas to Python (Just-in-Time compilation)
- 1999 improved performance by the Java HotSpot Performance Engine
- Current version Java 22 (released March 2024)
- Java compiler generates Java bytecode that is executed on a Java virtual machine (JVM) that contains a garbage collector

Installing Java

To compile Java programs into bytecode you need a compiler, e.g. from Java SE Development Kit (JDK):

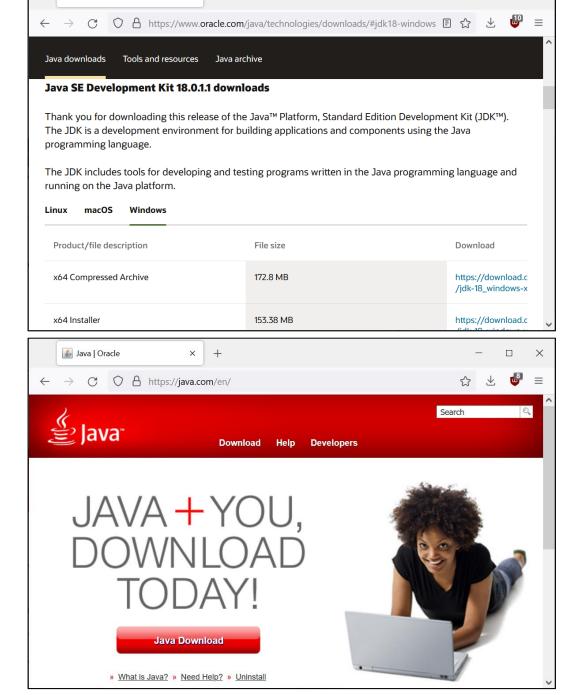
www.oracle.com/java/technologies/downloads/

(you might need to add the JDK directory to your PATH, e.g. C:\Program Files\Java\jdk-18.0.1.1\bin)

To only run compiled Java programs:

java.com/download

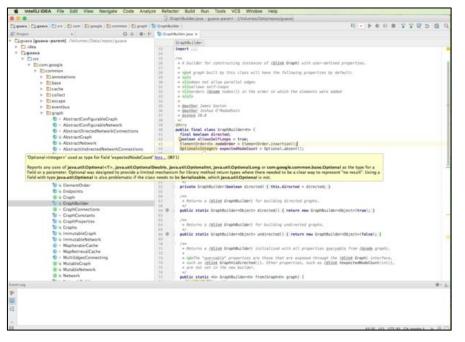
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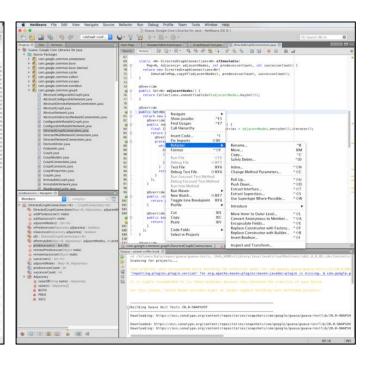
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Java IDE

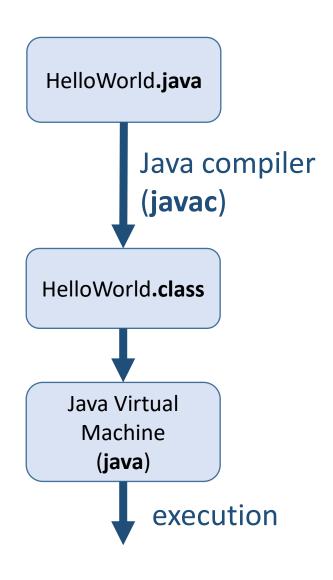
- Many available, some popular:
 Visual Studie Code, IntelliJ IDEA, Eclipse, and NetBeans
- An IDE for beginners: BlueJ



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Compiling and running a Java program



```
HelloWorld.java

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

```
Command Prompt
                                                     ×
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>javac HelloWorld.java
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>dir HelloWorld*
Volume in drive C is OSDisk
Volume Serial Number is 3CDB-90D8
Directory of C:\Users\au121\Desktop
04-05-2020 17:40
                              426 HelloWorld.class
09-05-2019 21:18
                              132 HelloWorld.java
              2 File(s)
                                  558 bytes
              0 Dir(s) 372.191.944.704 bytes free
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>java HelloWorld
Hello World!
C:\Users\au121\Desktop>
```

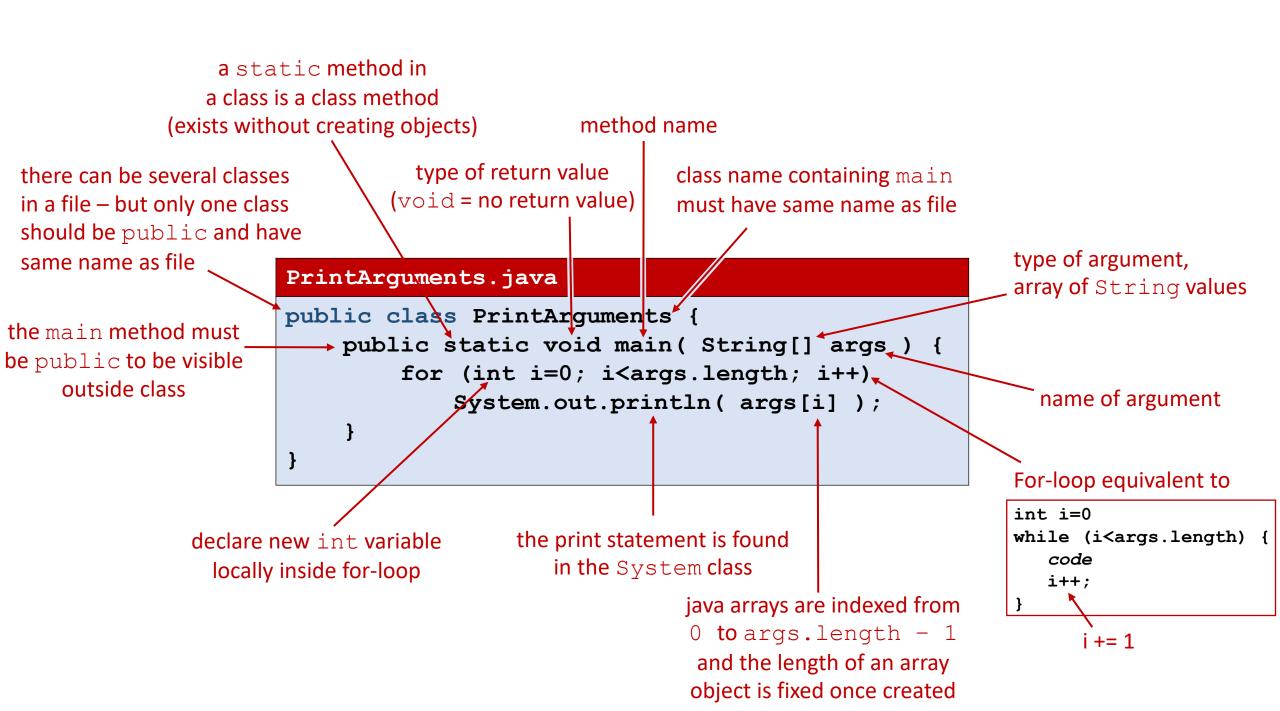
Java: main

- name.java must be equal to the public class name
- A class can only be excuted using java name (without .class) if the class has a class method main with signature

```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

- (main is inherited from C and C++ sharing a lot of syntax with Java)
- Java convention is that class names should use CamelCase

```
shell
> java PrintArguments x y z
| x
| y
| z
```



Argument list also exists in Python...

```
PrintArguments.py
import sys
print(sys.argv)
shell
> python PrintArguments.py a b 42
| ['PrintArguments.py', 'a', 'b', '42']
```

Primitive.java

```
/**
* A Java docstring to be processed using 'javadoc'
*/
// comment until end-of-line
public class Primitive {
   public static void main( String[] args ) {
        int x; // type of variable must be declared before used
       x = 1; // remember ';' after each statement
           int y=2; // indentation does not matter
    int a=3, b=4; // multiple declarations and initialization
        System.out.println(x + y + a + b);
        int[] v={1, 2, 42, 3}; // array of four int
        System.out.println(v[2]); // prints 42, arrays 0-indexed
/* multi-line comment
       that continues until here */
       v = new int[3]; // new array of size three, containing zeros
        System.out.println(v[2]); // prints 0
        if (x == y) \{ // if-syntax '(' and ')' mandatory \}
            a = 1:
            b = 2:
        } else { // use '{' and '}' to create block of statements
             a = 4; b = 3; // two statements on one line
} }
```

Why state types – Python works without...

- Just enforcing a different programming style (also C and C++)
- Helps users to avoid mixing up values of different types
- (Some) type errors can be caught at compile time
- More efficient code execution

```
type_error.py

x = 3
y = 'abc'
print('program running...')
print(x / y)

Python shell

| program running...
...
| ----> 4 print(x / y)
| TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for /: 'int' and 'str'
```

```
TypeError.java
public class TypeError {
   public static void main( String[] args ) {
        int x = 3;
        String v = "abc";
        System.out.println(x / y);
shell
  javac TypeError.java
  javac TypeError.java
  TypeError.java:5: error: bad operand types for
  binary operator '/'
          System.out.println(x / y);
    first type: int
    second type: String
  1 error
```

Basic Java types

Туре	Values
boolean	true or false
byte	8 bit integer
char	character (16-bit UTF)
short	16 bit integer
int	32 bit integer
long	64 bit integer
float	32 bit floating bout
double	64 bit floating point
class BigInteger	arbitrary precision integers
class String	strings

BigIntegerTest.java import java.math.*; // import everything // import java.math.BigInteger; // alternativ public class BigIntegerTest { public static void main(String[] args) { BigInteger x = new BigInteger("2"); while (true) { // BigIntegers are immutable x = x.multiply(x);// java.math.BigInteger.toString() System.out.println(x); shell 16 256 65536 4294967296 18446744073709551616

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Java arrays

- The size of a builtin Java array can not be modified when first created. If you need a bigger array you have to instantiate a new array.
- Or better use a standard collection class like ArrayList
- ArrayList is a generic class (type of content is given by <element type>; generics available since Java 5, 2004)
- The for-each loop was introduced in Java 5

```
ConcatenateArrayLists.java
import java.util.*; // java.util contains ArrayList
public class ConcatenateArrayList {
   public static void main( String[] args ) {
       // ArrayList is a generic container
       ArrayList<String> a = new ArrayList<String>();
       ArrayList<String> b = new ArrayList<String>();
       ArrayList<String> c = new ArrayList<String>();
       a.add("A1"); // in Python .append
       a.add("A2");
       b.add("B1");
       c.addAll(a); // in Python .extend
       c.addAll(b);
       for (String e : c) { // foreach over iterator
           System.out.println(e);
shell
  A1
  A2
  B1
```

Tired of writing all these types...

- In Java 7 (2011) the "diamond operator" <> was introduced for type inference for generic instance creation to reduce verbosity
- In Java 10 (2018) the **var** keyword was introduced to type infer variables

```
ArrayListTest.java
import java.util.*; // java.util contains ArrayList

public class ArrayListTest {
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
        // ArrayList is a generic container
        ArrayList<String> a = new ArrayList<String>(); // Full types
        List<String> b = new ArrayList<String>(); // ArrayList is subclass of class List
        ArrayList<String> c = new ArrayList<>(); // <> uses type inference
        List<String> d = new ArrayList<>(); // <> and ArrayList subclass of List
        var e = new ArrayList<String>(); // use var to infer type of variable
        var v = Math.floor(1.5); // not obvious what type v is (double)
}}
```

Function arguments

- Must declare the number of arguments and their types, and the return type
- The argument types are part of the signature of the function
- Several functions can have the same name, but different type signatures

Python keyword arguments,
 * and ** do not exist in Java

```
Functions.java
public class Functions {
    private static int f(int x) {
       return x * x;
    private static int f(int x, int y) {
       return x * y;
    private static String f(String a, String b) {
       return a + b; // string concatenation
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
       System.out.println(f(7));
       System.out.println(f(3, 4));
       System.out.println(f("abc", "def"));
              functions.py
              def f(x, y=None):
shell
                  if y == None:
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                  if type(x) is int:
  abcdef
                      return x * y
                  else:
                      return x + y
             print(f(7), f(3, 4), f('abc', 'def'))
```

Class

- Constructor = method with name equal to class name (no return type)
- this = referes to current object (Python "self")
- Use private / public on attributes / methods to give access outside class
- Use new name (arguments) to create new objects
- There can be multiple constructors, but with distinct type signatures

```
AClass. java
class Rectangle {
    private int width, height; // declare attributes
    // constructor, class name, no return type
   public Rectangle(int width, int height) {
       this.width = width;
       this.height = height;
    public Rectangle(int side) {
       width = side; // same as this.width = side
       height = side;
   public int area() {
       return width * height;
public class AClass {
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
       Rectangle r = new Rectangle(6, 7);
       System.out.println(r.area());
```

Inheritance

- Java supports single inheritance using extends
- Attributes and methods that should be accessible in a subclass must be declared protected (or public)
- Constructors are not inherited but can be called using super

```
Inheritance.java
class BasicRectangle {
    // protected allows subclass to access attributes
    protected int width, height;
    public BasicRectangle(int width, int height) {
       this.width = width; this.height = height;
class Rectangle extends BasicRectangle {
    public Rectangle(int width, int height) {
       // call constructor of super class
       super(width, height);
    public int area() {
       return width * height;
public class Inheritance {
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
       Rectangle r = new Rectangle(6, 7);
       System.out.println(r.area());
shell
  42
```

Generic class

- Class that is parameterized by one or more types (comma separated)
- Primitive types cannot be type parameters
- Instead use wrappers, like Integer for int

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```
GenericPair.java
class Pair<element> {
    private element x, y;
   public Pair(element x, element y) {
        this.x = x; this.y = y;
    element first() { return x; }
    element second() { return y; }
public class GenericPair {
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
        var p = new Pair<Integer>(6, 7);
        System.out.println(p.first() * p.second());
shell
```

Interface

- Java does not support multiple inheritance like Python
- But a class can implement an arbitrary number of interfaces
- An interface specifices a set of attributes and methods a class must have
- The type of a variable can be an interface, and the variable can hold any object where the class is stated to implement the interface

RectangleInterface.java

```
interface Shape {
    public int area(); // method declaration
class Rectangle implements Shape {
    private int width, height;
       constructor, class name, no return type
    public Rectangle(int width, int height) {
       this.width = width; this.height = height;
    public int area() {
       return width * height;
public class RectangleInterface {
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
       Shape r = new Rectangle(6, 7);
       System.out.println(r.area());
```

Abstract classes

 Abstract class = class that cannot be instantiated, labeled abstract.

Abstract method = method declared without definition, labeled abstract, must be in abstract class

 An abstract class can be extended to a non-abstract class by providing the missing method definitions

AbstractRectangle.java

```
abstract class Shape {
    abstract public int circumference();
    abstract public int area();
    public double fatness() {
         // convert int from area() to double before
        return (double) area() / circumference();
class Rectangle extends Shape {
   private int width, height;
    // constructor, class name, no return type
   public Rectangle(int width, int height) {
        this.width = width; this.height = height;
   public int area() {
        return width * height;
   public int circumference() {
        return 2 * (width + height);
public class AbstractRectangle {
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
        Shape r = new Rectangle(6, 7);
        System.out.println(r.fatness());
```

Default methods in interfaces

- Before Java 8 all methods in an interface were abstract (no definition)
- Since Java 8 interfaces can have default methods with definition
- The distinction between abstract classes and interfaces gets blurred
 - a class can only extend one abstract class
 - a class can implement more interfaces
 - ⇒ multiple "inheritance" is possible in Java

DefaultInterface.java

```
interface Shape {
   public int circumference();
   public int area();
    default public double fatness() {
         // convert int from area() to double before
        return (double) area() / circumference();
class Rectangle implements Shape {
   private int width, height;
    // constructor, class name, no return type
   public Rectangle(int width, int height) {
        this.width = width; this.height = height;
   public int area() {
        return width * height;
   public int circumference() {
        return 2 * (width + height);
public class DefaultRectangle {
    public static void main( String[] args ) {
        Shape r = new Rectangle(6, 7);
        System.out.println(r.fatness());
```

Multiple Inheritance

- Class C implements both interfaces A and B
- Inherits default methods sayA and sayB
- Cannot inherit sayHi, since in both A and B.
 Must be overriden in C
- Can use @override to enforce compiler to check if method exists in super class
- new A() { } creates an instance of an anonymous class (extending or implementing A)

```
MultipleInheritance.java
interface A {
    default public void sayA() { System.out.println("say A"); }
    default public void sayHi() { System.out.println("A say's Hi"); }
interface B {
    default public void sayB() { System.out.println("say B"); }
    default public void sayHi() { System.out.println("B say's Hi"); }
class C implements A, B {
    @Override // (optional) requests compiler to
              // check if sayHi exists in supertype
   public void sayHi() {
        System.out.println("C say's Hi");
         (new A(){}).sayHi(); // instantiate an anonymous class
    public void test() {
        sayA();
        sayB();
        sayHi();
                                                       Shell output
                                                       say A
                                                       say B
public class MultipleInheritance {
                                                       C say's Hi
   public static void main( String[] args ) {
                                                       A say's Hi
        new C().test();
```

Lambda expression

- Lambda expressions are possible since Java 8
- Syntax : *argument* -> *expression*

```
LambdaPrinting.java
import java.util.*; // ArrayList
public class LambdaPrinting {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
       var elements = new ArrayList<Integer>();
       for (int i = 1; i \le 3; i++)
           elements.add(i);
       elements.forEach(e -> System.out.println(e));
    };
LambdaPrinting.java
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```

