

Time in Java



Measuring Time using Java libraries



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By the end of this video you will be able to...

- How to use Java timing libraries to measure execution time

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We want just this time

Class System

`static long`


`nanoTime()`

Returns the current value of the running Java Virtual Machine's high-resolution time source, in nanoseconds.


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    double estTime = (endTime-startTime) /  
                     1000000000.0;  
    System.out.println(estTime);  
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