

Language fundamentals of Java

“A token is nothing but smallest individual component”

1. **character set** : it represents set of characters which are supported by Java language. Java language support Unicode character set.

Unicode character set is the combination of both ASCII and Non ASCII

Non ASCII : represent other language characters that is national and international language character set. With help of NON ASCII we can develop language friendly applications.

Range : 0 to 65535

ASCII Includes :

A TO Z : 65 to 90, a to z : 97 to 122, 0-9 [48 to 57] ,

Space bar : 32 , Esc : 27, Backspace :8

2. **Variable** : It is named container , which enable you to store the data temporarily during the programming execution or A space to store the data

Syn:[Modifiers]*b*<datatype>*b*<identifier>[=value]; // here *b* is space

3. **Datatypes** :

These are used to represent what type of the data to be stored in the specified variable.

In Java datatypes are classified into 2 category.

1. **Primitive Datatypes** :

These are used to store the values

Type	Size in Bytes	Range
byte	1 byte	-128 to 127
short	2 bytes	-32,768 to 32,767
int	4 bytes	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483, 647
long	8 bytes	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807
float	4 bytes	approximately ±3.40282347E+38F (6-7 significant decimal digits)

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		<i>Java implements IEEE 754 standard</i>
double	8 bytes	approximately $\pm 1.79769313486231570E+308$ (15 significant decimal digits)
char	2 byte	0 to 65,536 (unsigned)
boolean	not precisely defined*	true or false

Type	Default Value
byte	0
short	0
int	0
long	0
float	0.0f
double	0.0d
char	'\u0000'
boolean	false
String or other object	null

2.Reference Datatypes :

These are used to store the references , where the values are stored

Eg: Class, Array, Interfaces

Primitive types are used to store the data, whereas reference types are used to store the reference where data is stored.

4. Identifiers

Are nothing but the names which are declared by us for the programming requirements such as , Variablenames, method names, package names , class names etc.

Rules for Identifiers :

- 1.It must start with an alphabet or an underscore
- 2.It may have Digits
- 3.It may have special characters like _ and \$
- 4.It may be in upper case or lower case or mixed case
- 5.It should not be the keyword

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Eg: eno, ENO,eNO

_eno
989eno --> invalid
eno989 --->valid
e.no ---> invalid
e_no --> valid
e\$no --> valid
e[no] --> invalid
EMPLOYEENUMBER --> valid
assert --> invalid | Keyword

5.Keywords

These are nothing but reserved words.

These are having its own importance in the programming

The meaning of the keywords are defined to the compilers

Keywords W.R.T Datatypes:

byte, short, int, long, float, double, char, boolean

IQ: void is a datatype or not ?

Yes,It is an empty datatype or 0 byte datatype.

Keywords W.R.T Conditional and Control Stmts

if, else, switch, case, break, while,do,
for, return, goto(x), const (x), continue

Keywords W.R.T Class and Object :

class, interface, package, new, instanceof,
this, super, extends, implements, import

Keywords W.R.T Exception Handling:

try, catch, throw, throws, finally, assert

Keywords W.R.T.Modifiers:

Access Modifiers:

private, default, protected, public

Non Access Modifiers:

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**abstract, final, static, transient, volatile,
synchronized , native, strictfp**

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