

Set 3: Numeric Operations

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Skill 3.1: Declare and/or initialize variables on a single line

Skill 3.1 Concepts

Recall that the assignment operator is the standard equal sign (=) and is used to “assign” a value to a variable.

Consider the following example,

Code

```
int i = 3; //OK. Assigns the value of 3 to i. Notice the direction of data flow.  
3 = i; //Illegal. Data does not flow this way.  
double p;  
double j = 47.12;  
p = j; //OK. Assigns the value of j to p. Both p and j are now equal to 47.12
```

It is possible to declare several variables of the same type on one line. In the below example, i, x, y, and z are all declared as int type variables.,

Code

```
int i, x, y, z;
```

We can also declare and initialize variables on one line. In the example below, w and j, are both declared and initialized. g however is just declared.

Code

```
int w = 1000, j = 2000, g;
```

Skill 3.1 Exercise 1

Skill 3.2: Apply the fundamental arithmetic operations to int variable types

Skill 3.2 Concepts

The basic arithmetic operations are as follows,

Operator	Description
+	addition
-	subtraction
*	multiplication
/	division
%	modulus

Examples of how each of the above operators can be applied are illustrated below,

Addition	Output
<pre>int x = 1; int y = 2; int z = x + y; //3 is assigned to z x = x + z; //4 is re-assigned to x System.out.println(z); System.out.println(x + y); System.out.println(x + 10); System.out.println(10 + 10);</pre>	<pre>3 6 14 20</pre>
Subtraction	Output
<pre>int x = 1; int y = 2; int z = x - y; //-1 is assigned to z x = x - z; //0 is re-assigned to x System.out.println(z); System.out.println(x - y); System.out.println(x - 10); System.out.println(10 - 10);</pre>	<pre>-1 -2 -10 0</pre>

Multiplication	Output
<pre>int x = 1; int y = 2; int z = x * y;//2 is assigned to z x = x * z;//2 is re-assigned to x System.out.println(z); System.out.println(x * y); System.out.println(x * 10); System.out.println(10 * 10);</pre>	<pre>2 4 20 100</pre>

The below example illustrates how int type variables are treated. If the result of the division is a fraction, the decimal places are "cut off" - *int variable types do not round*.

Division	Output
<pre>int x = 1; int y = 2; int z = y/x;//2 is assigned to z x = z/x;//2 is re-assigned to x System.out.println(z); System.out.println(x/y); System.out.println(x/10); System.out.println(10/10);</pre>	<pre>2 1 0 1</pre>

Modulus prints the remainder of a division operation. For example, `System.out.println(5%3);` will print 2. This is because when 5 is divided by 3, the remainder is 2. Modulus gives the remainder. Modulus also handles negatives. The answer to `a%b` has the same sign as a. The sign of b is ignored.

Modulus	Output
<pre>int x = 1; int y = 2; int z = x%y;//1 is assigned to z x = x%z;//0 is re-assigned to x System.out.println(z); System.out.println(x%y); System.out.println(x%10);</pre>	<pre>1 0 0</pre>

Skill 3.2 Exercise 1

Skill 3.3: Apply unary operators

Skill 3.3 Concepts

The unary operators are operations that require only one operand; they perform various operations such as incrementing/decrementing a value by one, negating an expression, or inverting the value of a boolean.

Incrementing a value by 1

The code below illustrates how to increment the variable x by 1

Code

```
int x = 1;
x = x + 1; //x is now 2
```

Incrementing a value by 1 can also be done using the ++ operator,

Code

```
int x = 1;
System.out.println(x++); //1 is printed to the consol, then x is incremented
System.out.println(++x); //x is incremented first, then it's value, 3, is printed to the
consol.
```

Output

```
1
3
```

Notice in the above example that ++ can come before or after the variable. If it comes *before* the variable, the variable is first incremented then printed. If it comes *after* the variable, the variable is first printed then incremented.

Decrementing a value by 1

The code below illustrates how to decrement the variable y by 1

Code

```
int y = 10;
y = y - 1; //y is now 9
```

Decrementing a value by 1 can also be done using the -- operator,

Code
<pre>int y = 10; System.out.println(y--); //10 is printed to the consol, then y is decremented System.out.println(--y); //y is decremented first, then it's value, 8, is printed to the consol</pre>
Output
10 8

Notice in the above example that -- can come before or after the variable. If it comes *before* the variable, the variable is first decremented then printed. If it comes *after* the variable, the variable is first printed then decremented.

[Skill 3.3 Exercise 1](#)

Skill 3.4: Apply compound operators

Skill 3.4 Concepts

A compound assignment operator is an operator that performs a calculation and an assignment at the same time. In the below example, x can be re-assigned explicitly using `x = x + 5`; x can also be re-assigned using the addition compound operator.

Code
<pre>int x = 10; x = x + 5; //x is 15 x += 5; //x is now 20</pre>

Compound operators can be applied to all the arithmetic operations. How this is done is illustrated below,

Syntax Example	Simplified meaning
a. += x += 3; →	x = x + 3;
b. -= x -= y - 2; →	x = x - (y - 2);
c. *= z *= 46; →	z = z * 46;
d. /= p /= x - z; →	p = p / (x - z);
e. %= j %= 2 →	j = j % 2;

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Skill 3.5: Apply PEMDAS to arithmetic operations

Skill 3.5 Concepts

The algebra rule, PEMDAS, applies to computer computations as well. (PEMDAS stands for the order in numeric operations are done. P = parenthesis, E = exponents, M = multiply, D = divide, A = add, S = subtract. Actually M and D have equal precedence, as do A and S. For equal precedence operation, proceed from left to right. A mnemonic for PEMDAS is, "Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally")

The example below illustrates PEMDAS

Code
<pre>System.out.println(5 + 3 * 4 - 7); System.out.println(8 - 5 * 6 / 3 + (5 - 6) * 3);</pre>
Output
<pre>10 -5</pre>

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