

COIS 2240

Software Design & Modelling

Lecture 2

Basics of Java Programming

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Introduction to Java

- General-purpose, object-oriented programming language
- Created in 1995 by Sun Microsystems (acquired by Oracle in 2010)
- Platform independent: write once, run anywhere
- Typed language
- Typically uses JDK (Java Development Kit) and IDEs like Eclipse and IntelliJ
- Uses JVM (Java Virtual Machine) to run compiled bytecode
- Automatic memory management via garbage collection

Basic Syntax in Java

Java

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

C#

```
using System;  
class Program {  
    static void Main() {  
        Console.WriteLine("Hello, World!");  
    }  
}
```

Data Types

Primitive Data Types in Java:

- `int`, `long`, `short`, `double`, `boolean`, `char`, `float`, `byte`
- Objects and arrays are reference types

C#:

- Similar primitive data types but with nullable types (`int?`, `double?`, etc.)
- `bool` instead of `boolean`

Console Input/Output

- Java provides mechanisms to read user input from the console and write output to the console window

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

System.out.print("Enter an integer: ");
int x = input.nextInt();

System.out.print("Enter another integer: ");
int y = input.nextInt();

System.out.println("Sum is: " + (x + y));

input.close();
```

Conditional Statements

- Same *if-else* syntax in Java and C#
- Ternary operators (*condition ? value1 : value2*) are present in both

```
if (a > b) {  
    System.out.println("a is greater");  
} else if (a < b) {  
    System.out.println("b is greater");  
} else {  
    System.out.println("Both are equal");  
}
```

Control Structures - Loops

- Same syntax for `for`, `while`, and `do-while` loops
- C# offers an explicit `foreach` keyword, but Java uses `for`

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
}  
  
while (i < 5) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
    i++;  
}
```

Arrays

- Same syntax for declaring and using arrays
- Arrays in both Java and C# are fixed in size after initialization

```
int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

```
int[] numbers = new int[5];
```

```
int[] numbers = new int[]{1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
```

```
int[][] matrix = {  
    {1, 2, 3},  
    {4, 5, 6},  
    {7, 8, 9}  
};
```


Collections

- Both Java and C# have dynamic array-like collections

```
List<Integer> numbers = new ArrayList<>();  
numbers.add(1);  
numbers.add(2);  
numbers.add(3);  
System.out.println(numbers); // Output: [1, 2, 3]
```

- HashSet* (Unordered Collection, No Duplicates)
- HashMap (Key-Value Pair)
- LinkedList (Doubly-Linked List)

Constants and Enums

- Constants in Java can be declared using the *final* keywords

```
final int CONSTANT_VALUE = 100;
```

- Enum is a special type to define a set of constants (named values)

```
public enum Day {  
    SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY  
}
```

```
Day today = Day.TUESDAY;
```

Strings

- *String* in Java is a class, but in C# is a data type

```
String message = "Hello, World!";  
String emptyString = new String(); // Creates an empty string  
String fromChars = new String(new char[]{'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o'});
```

- Length:

```
int length = message.length();
```

- Substring:

```
String sub = message.substring(7, 12);
```

- CharAt:

```
char letter = message.charAt(1);
```

- Contains:

```
boolean containsHello = message.contains("Hello");
```

Exception Handling

- A mechanism to handle runtime errors and other exceptional conditions, preventing the program from crashing

- *try-catch-finally*

```
try {  
    // Code that may throw an exception  
} catch (ExceptionType e) {  
    // Code to handle the exception  
} finally {  
    // Code that always executes  
}
```

- *throw*

```
throw new ExceptionType("Error message");
```

- *throws*

```
public void methodName() throws ExceptionType {  
    // Code that might throw an exception  
}
```

Files and I/O

- The `File` class is used to create, delete, and check file properties

```
File file = new File("example.txt");
if (file.exists()) {
    // Read the file
    BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(file));
    String line;
    while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
        System.out.println(line);
    }
    reader.close();
} else {
    // Write to the file
    BufferedWriter writer = new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter(file));
    writer.write("Hello, World!");
    writer.close();
}
```

- Files (in the `java.nio.file` package) provides a simple way

Threads and Concurrency

- A thread is a lightweight unit of execution within a process
- Allows programs to perform multiple tasks simultaneously (multithreading)
- Example: Web server handling multiple client requests at the same time

```
Thread t = new Thread(new Runnable() {  
    public void run() {  
        System.out.println("Thread is running...");  
    }  
});  
t.start();
```

Lambda Expressions

- A feature introduced in Java 8 that allows writing concise and expressive code
- They enable you to pass behavior as parameters, write inline implementations, and reduce boilerplate code
- Syntax: `(parameters) -> expression`

```
Runnable runnable = () -> System.out.println("Hello from a lambda!");  
new Thread(runnable).start();
```

Generics

- Allow you to define classes, interfaces, and methods with type parameters
- E.g. You need a storage container that can hold various types of items, such as documents, tools, toys, etc.

```
public class Box<T> {  
    private T value;  
    public void set(T value) { this.value = value; }  
    public T get() { return value; }  
}
```

```
Box<String> stringBox = new Box<>();  
Box<Integer> integerBox = new Box<>();
```


GUI in Java

- **AWT** (Abstract Window Toolkit): the original Java GUI toolkit, providing basic components, layout managers, and event handling
- **Swing**: A more advanced and flexible GUI toolkit, offering a richer set of components and better support for look-and-feel customization
- **JavaFX**: The modern Java GUI framework designed for building rich client applications, with a more flexible and powerful UI toolkit

Java Technologies

- **Web:** Servlets, JSP, and Spring Framework
- **Networking:** TCP/IP and UDP protocols using Sockets
- **URL:** For handling HTTP requests and responses
- **Databases:** JDBC (Java Database Connectivity), an API for connecting to and interacting with databases using SQL
- **Microservices:** Spring Boot and REST APIs
- **JUnit:** a testing framework for Java for creating automated tests
- **Apache Maven:** a build automation tool for Java projects
- **Android SDK** and **Android API:** for developing Android applications
- **And more..**