Introduction to Java

Your journey into Java programming begins here \rightarrow

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Course Schedule

Morning (150 minutes)

- Java Basics (90 min)
 - Values, Variables, Methods
 - String Handling & Math
 - Flow Control
- Introduction to OO (60 min)
 - Classes & Objects
 - Wrapper Types & Arrays

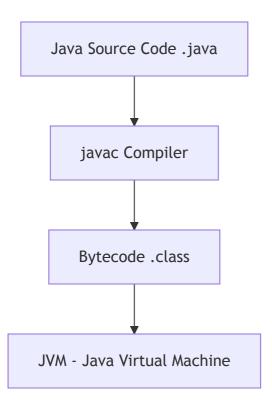
Afternoon (150 minutes)

- JVM and Tooling (60 min)
 - IntelliJ IDEA
 - JVM & Java Lifecycle
- Java Types & Collections (90 min)
 - Inheritance & Interfaces
 - Java Collections

What is Java?

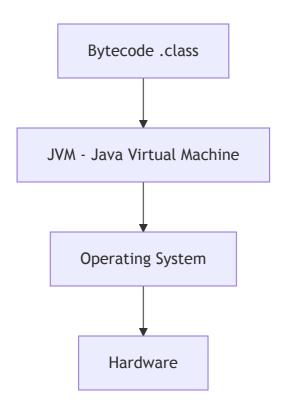
- Object-oriented programming language
- Platform independent ("Write Once, Run Anywhere")
- Strongly typed
- Automatic memory management
- Rich standard library
- Used for enterprise, Android, web backends, and more

Java Compilation Process



- Java source code is compiled to bytecode
- Bytecode is platform-independent
- JVM executes bytecode on specific platforms

JVM Platform Architecture



- JVM provides abstraction layer
- Same bytecode runs on different platforms
- "Write Once, Run Anywhere" (WORA)

JShell: Interactive Java

Starting JShell:

```
$ jshell
| Welcome to JShell -- Version 17
| For an introduction type: /help intro

jshell>
```

- REPL (Read-Eval-Print Loop)
- Great for learning and experimentation
- No need for class or main method
- Built into Java since version 9

Values and Variables in JShell

```
jshell> int x = 10
x ==> 10

jshell> double pi = 3.14159
pi ==> 3.14159

jshell> String message = "Hello, Java!"
message ==> "Hello, Java!"

jshell> boolean isReady = true
isReady ==> true
```

- Type declaration required
- Assignment with =
- Semicolons optional in JShell

Primitive Types in Java

Type	Size	Range	Type	Size	Range
byte	8 bits	-128 to 127	float	32 bits	±3.4×10 ³⁸
short	16 bits	-32K to 32K	double	64 bits	±1.7×10 ³⁰⁸
int	32 bits	-2 ³¹ to 2 ³¹ -1	char	16 bits	Unicode
long	64 bits	-2 ⁶³ to 2 ⁶³ -1	boolean	1 bit*	true/false

^{*}Size is JVM-dependent

Simple Methods in JShell

```
jshell> int add(int a, int b) {
  ...> return a + b;
  ...>}
  created method add(int,int)
jshell > add(5, 3)
$2 ==> 8
jshell> double calculateArea(double radius) {
         return Math.PI * radius * radius;
  ...>}
  created method calculateArea(double)
jshell> calculateArea(5.0)
$4 ==> 78.53981633974483
```

Exercise: Writing Simple Functions

Try these in JShell:

- 1. Write a function multiply that takes two integers and returns their product
- 2. Write a function is Even that returns true if a number is even
- 3. Write a function celsiusToFahrenheit that converts temperatures

Time: 10 minutes

String Basics

```
jshell> String name = "Java"
name ==> "Java"

jshell> name.length()
$2 ==> 4

jshell> name.toUpperCase()
$3 ==> "JAVA"

jshell> name.toLowerCase()
$4 ==> "java"

jshell> name.charAt(0)
$5 ==> 'J'
```

Strings are immutable - methods return new strings

String Concatenation

```
jshell> String first = "Hello"

jshell> String second = "World"

second ==> "World"

jshell> first + " " + second

$3 ==> "Hello World"

jshell> String result = first.concat(" ").concat(second)
result ==> "Hello World"

jshell> "Number: " + 42

$5 ==> "Number: 42"
```

Common String Methods

```
jshell> String text = " Hello Java "

jshell> text.trim()

$2 ==> "Hello Java"

jshell> text.contains("Java")

$3 ==> true

jshell> text.replace("Java", "World")

$4 ==> " Hello World "

jshell> "apple,banana,orange".split(",")

$5 ==> String[3] { "apple", "banana", "orange" }
```

Math Functions

```
jshell> Math.sqrt(16)
$1 ==> 4.0

jshell> Math.pow(2, 8)
$2 ==> 256.0

jshell> Math.max(10, 20)
$3 ==> 20

jshell> Math.random()
$4 ==> 0.7264896551724027

jshell> Math.round(3.7)
$5 ==> 4
```

Exercise: Working with Strings

In JShell, try:

- 1. Create a full name from first and last name variables
- 2. Check if an email contains "@" symbol
- 3. Extract the domain from an email address
- 4. Count the number of words in a sentence

Time: 10 minutes

If Statements

```
int age = 18;
if (age >= 18) {
    System.out.println("You can vote!");
} else {
    System.out.println("Too young to vote.");
// Multiple conditions
if (age < 13) {
    System.out.println("Child");
} else if (age < 20) {</pre>
    System.out.println("Teenager");
} else {
    System.out.println("Adult");
```

Comparison Operators

Operator	Meaning
==	Equal to
!=	Not equal to
>	Greater than
<	Less than
>=	Greater than or equal
<=	Less than or equal

Logical operators: && (AND), || (OR), ! (NOT)

For Loops

```
// Traditional for loop
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    System.out.println("Count: " + i);
// Enhanced for loop (for-each)
int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
for (int num : numbers) {
    System.out.println(num);
// Loop with step
for (int i = 0; i <= 10; i += 2) {
    System.out.println(i); // 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10
```

While Loops

```
// while loop
int count = 0;
while (count < 5) {
    System.out.println("Count: " + count);
    count++;
}

// do-while loop
int num = 0;
do {
    System.out.println("Number: " + num);
    num++;
} while (num < 3);</pre>
```

- while checks condition first
- do-while executes at least once

Break and Continue

```
// break - exit the loop
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if (i == 5) {
       break;
   System.out.println(i); // 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
// continue - skip to next iteration
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
   if (i == 2) {
        continue;
    System.out.println(i); // 0, 1, 3, 4
```

Code-Along: FizzBuzz

Classic programming exercise:

- Print numbers 1 to 100
- For multiples of 3, print "Fizz"
- For multiples of 5, print "Buzz"
- For multiples of both, print "FizzBuzz"

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {
    // Your code here
}</pre>
```

Q&A Session

Questions about Java Basics?

- Values and Variables
- String Handling
- Math Functions
- Flow Control

Break Time

15 Minute Break



Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming

- Objects represent real-world entities
- Classes are blueprints for objects
- Encapsulation: bundling data and methods
- Key concepts:
 - State (fields/attributes)
 - Behavior (methods)
 - Identity (unique instance)



Classes vs Database Tables: A Helpful Analogy



- Class = Table Definition: Defines structure and data types
- **Object = Table Row:** Individual instance with specific values
- **Fields = Columns**: Data attributes
- Methods = Stored Procedures (analogy breaks here, but adds behavior)

Creating a Simple Class

```
public class Person {
   // Fields (state)
   String name;
   int age;
   // Constructor
   public Person(String name, int age) {
       this.name = name;
       this.age = age;
   // Method (behavior)
   public void introduce() {
       System.out.println("Hi, I'm " + name +
                         " and I'm " + age + " years old.");
```

Using Classes in JShell

```
jshell> class Car {
  ...> String make;
   ...> String model;
  ...> int year;
  ...> }
 created class Car
jshell> Car myCar = new Car()
myCar ==> Car@1a2b3c4d
jshell> myCar.make = "Toyota"
$3 ==> "Toyota"
jshell> myCar.model = "Camry"
$4 ==> "Camry"
jshell> myCar.year = 2022
$5 ==> 2022
```

Objects and References

```
Person person1 = new Person("Alice", 25);
Person person2 = new Person("Bob", 30);
Person person3 = person1; // Reference copy

person3.age = 26;
System.out.println(person1.age); // 26
```

- Variables hold references to objects
- Multiple references can point to same object
- Assignment copies the reference, not the object

The null Reference

```
String text = null; // No object

// Checking for null
if (text != null) {
    System.out.println(text.length());
} else {
    System.out.println("text is null");
}

// NullPointerException
String s = null;
s.length(); // Error!
```

Always check for null before using an object

Exercise: Writing Simple Classes

Create these classes in JShell:

- 1. BankAccount with balance and deposit/withdraw methods
- 2. Rectangle with width, height, and area calculation
- 3. Student with name, grades array, and average grade method

Time: 15 minutes

Wrapper Types

Primitive	Wrapper Class	Primitive	Wrapper Class
int	Integer	long	Long
double	Double	float	Float
boolean	Boolean	byte	Byte
char	Character	short	Short

Objects that contain primitive values

Autoboxing and Unboxing

```
// Autoboxing - primitive to wrapper
Integer num = 42; // int -> Integer

// Unboxing - wrapper to primitive
int value = num; // Integer -> int

// In collections
List<Integer> numbers = new ArrayList<>();
numbers.add(10); // autoboxing
int first = numbers.get(0); // unboxing
```

Automatic conversion between primitives and wrappers

Useful Wrapper Methods

```
// Parsing strings
int num = Integer.parseInt("123");
double d = Double.parseDouble("3.14");

// Converting to strings
String s1 = Integer.toString(42);
String s2 = Double.toString(3.14);

// Min/Max values
System.out.println(Integer.MAX_VALUE); // 2147483647
System.out.println(Integer.MIN_VALUE); // -2147483648

// Comparing
Integer.compare(10, 20); // -1
```

Arrays

```
// Declaration and initialization
int[] numbers = new int[5]; // [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
String[] names = {"Alice", "Bob", "Charlie"};
// Accessing elements
numbers\lceil 0 \rceil = 10;
System.out.println(names[1]); // "Bob"
// Array length
System.out.println(numbers.length); // 5
// Iterating
for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {</pre>
    System.out.println(numbers[i]);
```

Array Operations

```
// Enhanced for loop
int[] scores = {85, 90, 78, 92, 88};
for (int score : scores) {
    System.out.println(score);
// Finding sum
int sum = 0;
for (int score : scores) {
    sum += score;
double average = (double) sum / scores.length;
// Array of objects
Person[] people = new Person[3];
people[0] = new Person("Alice", 25);
```

Multi-dimensional Arrays

```
// 2D array (matrix)
int[][] matrix = new int[3][3];
matrix[0][0] = 1;
matrix \lceil 0 \rceil \lceil 1 \rceil = 2;
// Initialize with values
int[][] grid = {
  {1, 2, 3},
   {4, 5, 6},
   {7, 8, 9}
// Iterate through 2D array
for (int i = 0; i < grid.length; i++) {</pre>
    for (int j = 0; j < grid[i].length; j++) {</pre>
        System.out.print(grid[i][j] + " ");
    System.out.println();
```

Exercise: Classes and Arrays

- 1. Create a GradeBook class that:
 - Stores student names and their grades
 - Calculates class average
 - Finds highest and lowest grades
- 2. Create a method that reverses an array
- 3. Create a tic-tac-toe board using 2D array

Time: 15 minutes

Q&A Session

Questions about OO Concepts?

- Classes and Objects
- References and null
- Wrapper Types
- Arrays

Break Time

15 Minute Break



The JVM and Tooling

This Section Covers:

- VS Code for Java development
- Java compilation process
- IVM architecture
- Command-line tools

Why It Matters:

- Professional development
- Understanding Java ecosystem
- Debugging capabilities
- Performance insights

VS Code for Java Development

- Lightweight, fast editor
- Java Extension Pack
- IntelliSense code completion
- Integrated debugging
- Git integration
- Built-in terminal
- Cross-platform & free



Setting up Java in VS Code

- 1. Install VS Code
- 2. Install Extension Pack for Java
- 3. Open folder for your project
- 4. Create project structure:

Extension Pack includes: Language Support, Debugger, Test Runner, Maven/Gradle

VS Code Java Features

```
// IntelliSense (Ctrl+Space)
String name = "Java";
name. // Shows all String methods

// Code Actions (Ctrl+.)
// - Generate constructors
// - Generate getters/setters
// - Generate toString(), equals(), hashCode()

// Refactoring (F2 to rename)
// - Rename symbols
// - Extract method/variable/constant
// - Inline variable
```

VS Code Productivity Tips

Shortcut Action

Ctrl+Space IntelliSense

Ctrl+. Quick fix

Toggle comment Ctrl+/

Copy line down

Alt+Shift+Down

Ctrl+Shift+K Delete line

Rename symbol F2

Running & Debugging:

Shortcut

Action

F5

Ctrl+F5

Shift+F5

F9

Toggle breakpoint

Start debugging

Stop debugging

Run without debug

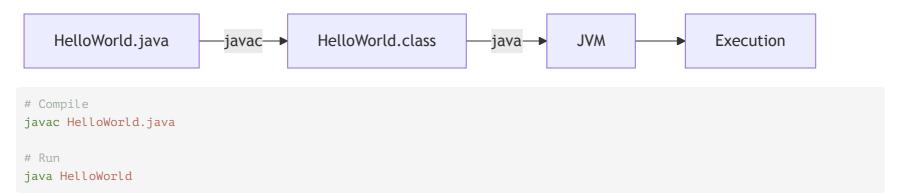
Exercise: First VS Code Java Project

Create a new Java project:

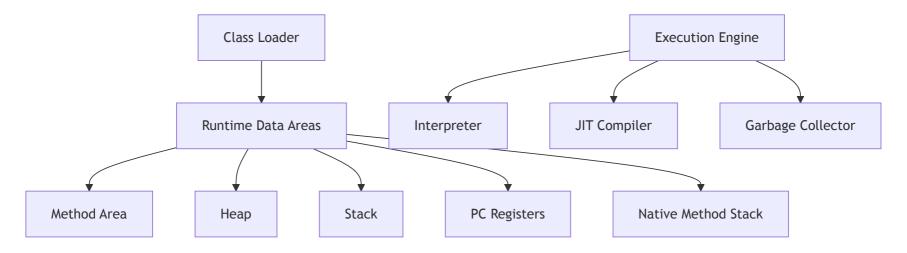
- 1. Open VS Code and create a new folder
- 2. Create Main. java with main method
- 3. Add a Calculator class with basic operations
- 4. Use Code Actions (Ctrl+.) to generate constructor
- 5. Set breakpoints (F9) and debug (F5)

Time: 15 minutes

Java Compilation Process



JVM Architecture



Key JVM Components

Class Loader: Loads .class files

• **Heap**: Objects live here

• **Stack**: Method calls and local variables

Method Area: Class metadata, constants

Execution Engine: Runs bytecode

Garbage Collector: Automatic memory management

Command-Line Tools

```
# Compile
javac MyClass.java
# Run
java MyClass
# Compile with classpath
javac -cp lib/dependency.jar MyClass.java
# Run with classpath
java -cp .:lib/dependency.jar MyClass
# View bytecode
javap -c MyClass
# JShell
jshell
```

Java Command Options

```
# Memory settings
java -Xms512m -Xmx2g MyApp

# Enable assertions
java -ea MyApp

# System properties
java -Dfile.encoding=UTF-8 MyApp

# Verbose output
java -verbose:gc MyApp
```

Common options you'll encounter

Exercise: Command-Line Tools

Using terminal/command prompt:

- 1. Compile and run a simple Java program
- 2. Use javap to examine bytecode
- 3. Run with different heap sizes
- 4. Create a multi-file program and compile

Time: 10 minutes

Q&A Session

Questions about JVM and Tooling?

- IntelliJ IDEA
- Compilation process
- JVM architecture
- Command-line tools

Break Time

15 Minute Break



Java Types and Collections

Core OOP Concepts:

- Inheritance
- Interfaces
- Access modifiers
- Abstract classes

Collections Framework:

- Lists
- Sets
- Maps
- Choosing the right collection

Inheritance

```
public class Animal {
   protected String name;
   public Animal(String name) {
       this.name = name;
   public void eat() {
       System.out.println(name + " is eating");
public class Dog extends Animal {
   public Dog(String name) {
       super(name); // Call parent constructor
   public void bark() {
       System.out.println(name + " says woof!");
```

Using Inheritance

```
Dog myDog = new Dog("Buddy");
myDog.eat();  // Inherited method
myDog.bark();  // Dog-specific method

// Polymorphism
Animal animal = new Dog("Max");
animal.eat();  // Works
// animal.bark();  // Compile error - not in Animal
```

- Child class inherits parent's members
- Can add new methods/fields
- Can override parent methods

Method Overriding

```
public class Cat extends Animal {
    public Cat(String name) {
        super(name);
    }

    @Override
    public void eat() {
        System.out.println(name + " is eating delicately");
    }

    public void meow() {
        System.out.println(name + " says meow!");
    }
}
```

@Override annotation helps catch errors

Access Modifiers

Modifier	Class	Package	Subclass	All
public	✓	✓	✓	✓
protected	✓	✓	✓	×
(default)	✓	✓	×	×
private	✓	×	×	×

Key Points:

- public Accessible everywhere
- protected Package + subclasses
- Default Package only
- private Class only

Control visibility of classes, methods, and fields

Encapsulation Example

```
public class BankAccount {
   private double balance; // Private field
   public BankAccount(double initialBalance) {
       this.balance = initialBalance;
   // Public getter
   public double getBalance() {
       return balance;
   // Public method with validation
   public void deposit(double amount) {
       if (amount > 0) {
           balance += amount;
```

Interfaces

```
public interface Drawable {
   void draw(); // Abstract method
   // Default method (Java 8+)
   default void print() {
       System.out.println("Printing...");
public class Circle implements Drawable {
   @Override
   public void draw() {
       System.out.println("Drawing a circle");
```

Define contracts that classes must follow

Multiple Interfaces

```
public interface Movable {
   void move(int x, int y);
public interface Resizable {
   void resize(double factor);
public class Shape implements Drawable, Movable, Resizable {
   @Override
   public void draw() { /* implementation */ }
   @Override
   public void move(int x, int y) { /* implementation */ }
   @Override
   public void resize(double factor) { /* implementation */ }
```

Abstract Classes

```
public abstract class Vehicle {
   protected String brand;
   public Vehicle(String brand) {
       this.brand = brand;
   // Abstract method - must be implemented
   public abstract void start();
   // Concrete method - can be used as-is
   public void stop() {
       System.out.println("Vehicle stopped");
```

Partial implementation + contract

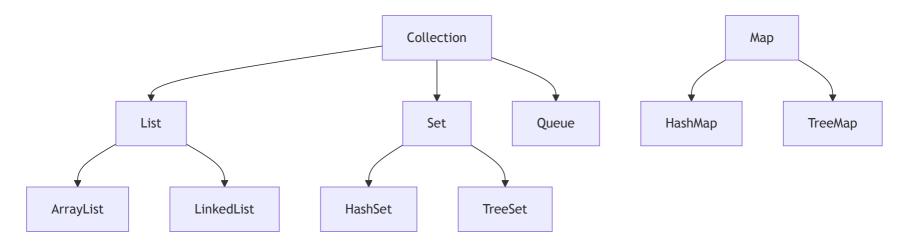
Exercise: Inheritance Hierarchies

Create a hierarchy:

- 1. Base class Employee with name and salary
- 2. Subclass Manager with team size
- 3. Subclass Developer with programming language
- 4. Interface Payable with calculateBonus() method

Time: 15 minutes

Java Collections Framework



Lists

```
// ArrayList - dynamic array
List<String> names = new ArrayList<>();
names.add("Alice");
names.add("Bob");
names.add(0, "Charlie"); // Insert at index
// Access elements
String first = names.get(0);
names.set(1, "Robert"); // Replace
// Remove
names.remove("Alice");
names.remove(0); // By index
// Iterate
for (String name : names) {
    System.out.println(name);
```

Lists vs Sets

Lists:

- Ordered collection
- Allow duplicates
- Access by index
- Common: ArrayList

```
List<String> names = new ArrayList<>();
names.add("Alice");
names.add("Bob");
names.add("Alice"); // Allowed
// [Alice, Bob, Alice]
```

Sets:

- No duplicates
- May or may not be ordered
- No index access
- Common: HashSet, TreeSet

```
Set<String> names = new HashSet<>();
names.add("Alice");
names.add("Bob");
names.add("Alice"); // Ignored
// [Alice, Bob] (order not guaranteed)
```

Sets

```
// HashSet - no duplicates, no order
Set<Integer> numbers = new HashSet<>();
numbers.add(5);
numbers.add(3);
numbers.add(5); // Ignored - duplicate
// TreeSet - sorted
Set<String> sortedWords = new TreeSet<>();
sortedWords.add("banana");
sortedWords.add("apple");
sortedWords.add("cherry");
// Stored as: [apple, banana, cherry]
// Check membership
if (numbers.contains(3)) {
   System.out.println("Found 3");
```

Maps

```
// HashMap - key-value pairs
Map<String, Integer> ages = new HashMap<>();
ages.put("Alice", 25);
ages.put("Bob", 30);
ages.put("Charlie", 35);
// Access values
Integer aliceAge = ages.get("Alice"); // 25
Integer unknown = ages.get("David"); // null
// Iterate
for (Map.Entry<String, Integer> entry : ages.entrySet()) {
    System.out.println(entry.getKey() + ": " + entry.getValue());
// Check existence
if (ages.containsKey("Bob")) {
    System.out.println("Bob's age: " + ages.get("Bob"));
```

Useful Collection Methods

```
// List operations
List<Integer> nums = Arrays.asList(3, 1, 4, 1, 5);
Collections.sort(nums); // [1, 1, 3, 4, 5]
Collections.reverse(nums); // [5, 4, 3, 1, 1]
int max = Collections.max(nums); // 5
// Convert array to list
String[] array = {"a", "b", "c"};
List<String> list = Arrays.asList(array);
// List to array
String[] newArray = list.toArray(new String[0]);
// Unmodifiable collections
List<String> immutable = Collections.unmodifiableList(list);
```

Choosing the Right Collection

TreeSet

Racic Collections:

Sorted, no duplicates

Basic Collections:		Advanced Collectic	Advanced Collections:		
Need	Use	Need	Use		
Ordered, duplicates	ArrayList	Key-value pairs	HashMap		
Fast insert/delete	LinkedList	Sorted key-value	TreeMap		
No duplicates	HashSet	Thread-safe list	CopyOnWriteArrayList		

Advanced Collections

Thread-safe map

ConcurrentHashMap

Exercise: Working with Collections

- 1. Create a phone book using HashMap
- 2. Remove duplicates from a list using Set
- 3. Count word frequency in a sentence
- 4. Implement a simple shopping cart

Time: 15 minutes

Common Patterns

```
// Safe map access
Map<String, String> map = new HashMap<>();
String value = map.getOrDefault("key", "default");
// Iterate and remove
Iterator<String> it = list.iterator();
while (it.hasNext()) {
    String item = it.next();
    if (item.startsWith("remove")) {
        it.remove();
// Collection to stream (Java 8+)
list.stream()
    .filter(s -> s.length() > 5)
    .forEach(System.out::println);
```

Q&A Session

Final Questions?

- Inheritance and Interfaces
- Access Control
- Collections Framework
- Best Practices

Course Wrap-Up

What We Covered:

- ✓ Java syntax and basics
- √ Object-oriented programming
- ✓ JVM and development tools
- ✓ Collections framework

Next Steps:

- Practice with real projects
- Explore Java 8+ features
- Learn frameworks (Spring, etc.)
- Build something!

Resources

Official Documentation

- https://docs.oracle.com/en/java/
- https://dev.java/learn/

Practice Sites

- https://www.hackerrank.com/domains/java
- https://www.codewars.com
- https://leetcode.com

Books

- "Modern Java Recipes" (Kousen)
- "Head First Java" (Sierra & Bates)
- "Effective Java" (Bloch)
- "Java: The Complete Reference" (Schildt)

Thank You!

Happy Coding with Java!

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