
CSEN202 – Introduction to Computer Programming

Topics:

Welcome and Organization

Introduction to Java

Small Java Programs

How to Run Java Programs

Primitive Data Types

Expressions and Arithmetic

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Course Structure

- **Lectures**: divided into three groups
- **Exercises and Homework**
 - Practical Assignments
 - Use feedback from tutors
- **Labs**
 - Supervised lab Assignments

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Why should you learn CSEN202?

- Improve your problem solving skills (clarity, precision, logic, ...)
- To use computers for problem solving
- Acquire new skills that will allow you to create useful and customized computer-based applications
- It is in the curriculum
- Acquire a useful vocabulary that will impress others in geeky conversations

Tentative Grading

Overall weighting for your grade

- **10%** for assignments
- **25%** for quizzes
- **25%** for mid-term exam
- **40%** for final exam

Survival Guide

Tell me and I will forget;
show me and I may remember;
involve me and I will understand

Keep up with the course material

- Attend lectures, tutorials, and labs
- Participate in the discussions (be active)
- Solve the assignments and understand the model answers provided

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Problem Solving using a Programming Language

- A **programming language** specifies the words and symbols that we can use to write a program.
- A programming language employs a set of rules that dictate how the words and symbols can be put together to form valid **program statements**.
- Examples of Programming Languages:
 - Fortran, Cobol, C++, C, Pascal, Prolog, **JAVA**

Course Outline

- Introduction to Java
- Fundamental Data Types
- Decisions
- Iteration
- Methods
- Recursion
- Objected-Oriented Programming: Classes and Objects
- Arrays
- Applets

Java



Java



Java



Origin of Java

- Began in 1991 with Green Team at Sun Microsystems in Menlo Park, CA
- Initial title was **OAK** (Object Application Kernel)
- The **initial goal** was the development of a programming language for embedded devices, e.g. toaster, coffee machine, VHS recoder, ...
- **Java** created in 1992 by James Gosling, Patrick Naughton & Mike Sheridan
- Digital TV applications failed to generate business
- Focus turned to the **Internet**
- **New goal** was a **general purpose language with an emphasis on portability and interpretation**

History of Java

- **Java was released in 1995**
 - C functionality
 - Object Oriented (OO) capabilities
 - Other nice features (e.g. garbage collection)
- **Advantages:**
 - Simple for an OO language
 - Secure and reliable
 - platform independent: will work on any processor that has a Java interpreter – Java Virtual Machine
 - extensive libraries (esp. graphics & WWW)
- **Disadvantages:**
 - slower than C (more overhead)
 - limits user ability

The First Java Program

```
public class Hello
{
    public static void main(String[] args)

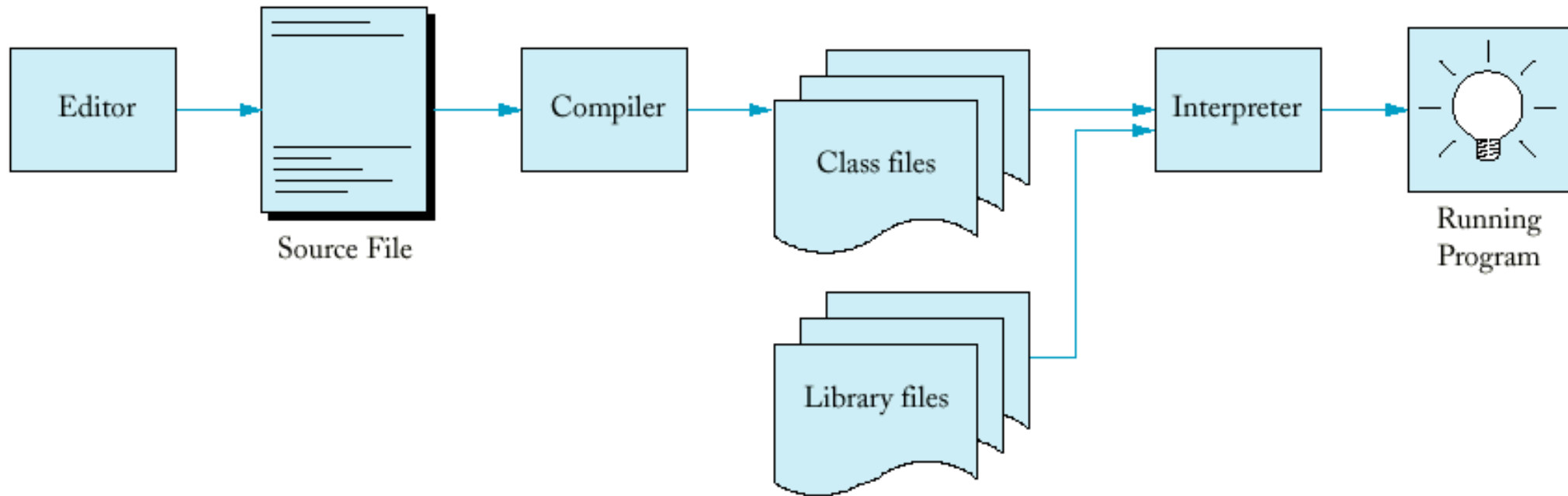
    {
        // display a greeting in the console window
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");
    }
}
```

- This code defines a **class** named `Hello`.
- The definition must be in a file `Hello.java`
- The **method** `main` is the code that runs when you execute the program

Building and Executing Java Code

- Source file name must end in `.java`
- Source file name must match the name of the public class
- **Java Development Kit (JDK)** must be installed to compile and run the programs
- **Compiling** to produce `.class` file
 - `javac Hello.java`
- **Running** in the JVM environment
 - `java Hello`
- Notice **the lack of `.class` extension**

From Source Code to Running Program



- The **Java compiler** does not produce machine code.
- The **Java compiler** produces **byte code** for the **Java Virtual Machine (JVM)**.
- The **JVM** for a platform **reads byte code** and **translates it to machine code at run time**.

Not important for this Lecture

```
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{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
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    }
}
```

- **public class *ClassName***: **public** denotes that the class is usable by the “public”.
- **public static void main(String[] args)**: defines a method called **main**.
- The parameter **String[] args** contains the command line arguments
- The keyword **static** means that **main** does not inspect or change objects of the **Hello** class.
- The terminal window is represented in Java by an object called **out**.
- The **System** class contains useful objects and methods to access system resources.
- To use **out** object in the **System** class, we must refer to it as **System.out**.
- The **println** method will print a line of text.

Identifiers

- Names in programs are called **identifiers**.
- **Identifiers**
 - Always start with a letter.
 - Can include, digits, underscore and the dollar sign symbol.
 - Must be different from any Java reserved words (or keywords).
Keywords that we have seen so far include: `public`, `static`, `class`, and `void`.
 - Are **case-sensitive**, for example `foobar`, `Foobar`, and `FOOBAR` are all different.
- We should try to use **descriptive names**.

Comments

To make our code understandable, we **comment** sections whose purpose is not immediately obvious.

- First kind of comments:

```
/* This is one kind of comment  
   that can span several lines. Don't  
   forget to put the closing  
   characters at the end.  
*/
```

- Second kind of comments

```
// This is the other type of comment.  
// It covers the entire line  
// and requires a new set  
// of slashes for each new line.
```

Errors

- **Syntax errors:** Detected by the compiler
 - `System.ouch.print("Hello");`
 - `System.out.print("Hello");`
- **Logic errors:** Detected hopefully through testing
 - `System.out.print("Hell");`
- **Runtime errors:** Detected by the JVM
 - `System.out.print(1/0);`

Variables and Primitive Data Types

- A **variable** is a name for a location in memory.
- **Data Type Rules**
 - Must be declared with name and type
 - Value is optional
 - Cannot have two variables with same name and different type
 - **Naming convention**: Consecutive words, first letter of each word capitalized, except for first word, e.g. `numBuffalloWashed`
- **Java Data Types**: **Java literals** are of type
 - Boolean
 - Character
 - Integer
 - Floating point

Booleans

- **Boolean variables** can only take the values `true` or `false`. They are often used to test for conditions in a program.
- **Memory space**: 1 bit
- **Examples**:

```
boolean t = true;  
boolean f = false;
```

Characters

- **Character variables** can store one character. A character value is a character surrounded by single quotes.

```
char p = 'P'
```

- All characters are represented by **16-bit unicode**. '\u' followed by four hexadecimal digits represent 16 bit unicode character.

```
char x = '\u1234'
```

- **Some special characters** are:

Escape Sequence	Unicode	Character
\b	\u0008	Backspace
\n	\u000a	Line feed
\t	\u0009	Horizontal Tabulation
\'	\u0027	Single quote
\"	\u0022	Double quote
\\	\u0055	Backslash

Integers

- An **integer** is any whole number, negative or positive, including 0.
- In Java, we can have integers of **different sizes**
 - long (**8 bytes**) can store values from -2^{63} to $2^{63} - 1$
 - int: (**4 bytes**) can store values from -2^{31} to $2^{31} - 1$
 - short: (**2 bytes**) can store values from -2^{15} to $2^{15} - 1$
 - byte: (**1 byte**) can store values from -128 to 127
- When using integers, we usually use `int`
- **Examples:**

```
byte b = 127;
```

```
short s = -32768;
```

```
int i = 4;
```

Integer literals

- An integer value, or **literal**, can be written in decimal, hexadecimal (base-16) or octal (base-8):
 - A **hex literal** starts with '0x', e.g.: 0x1f ($= 31_{10}$)
 - An **octal literal** starts with just '0', e.g. 072 ($= 58_{10}$)
 - A **decimal literal** is just a regular number that does not start with '0', e.g.: 123
- Integer literals are by **default** of type `int`.
- A long literal **ends with L**.

Integer Conversions (I)

If an `int` literal is small enough to fit into a `byte` or a `short`, it will be automatically converted. The same is true for long literals and `int`, `byte`, and `short`.

```
byte b = 0x7F;           /* 7 bits, OK */
short s = 0x7FFF;        /* 15 bits, OK */
int i = 0x12345678L;      /* 29 bits, OK */

byte b2 = 0xFF;           /* Error: 255 > 127 */
int i2 = 0x123456789ABCDEFLL; /* Error: too big */
```

Integer Conversions II

- If a literal is too big for its target variable, you must explicitly convert it using a **type cast**. The number is converted by truncating the extra bits, which is probably not what you want.

```
/* 0x100 = 256 */  
byte b = (byte) 0x100;  
/* b now equals 0! */
```

- An `int` literal can always be assigned to a `long` variable – its value will be the same as if it was assigned to `int` variable.

Floating-Point Numbers

- Floating-point numbers are used to represent reals, i.e. numbers that may have fractional parts, e.g. 123.4, 55., .99
- The **Java floating-point types** are:
 - float: 32 bits
 - double: 64 bits
- A float literal ends with 'f'.
- **Examples:**

```
float f = 123.4f  
float f2 = .99f
```
- The floating point representation may use a form of **scientific notation** multiplying the literal by 10^n
- **Examples:**

```
float f = 1.234e2f  
float f2 = 9.9e-1f
```
- A floating-point literal is by default of type double.

Floating-Point Conversions

- The only automatic conversion between floating-point types is the assignment of a `float` value to a `double`.

```
double d = 1.23F; /* OK */
```

```
float f = 5.99; /* Error: Cannot assign double to float */
```

- When an integer literal is assigned to a floating-point type, it is automatically “promoted” to floating-point, even if that means a loss of precision.

```
float f = 2; /* OK, f = 2.0 */
```

```
float f2 = 1234512345L; /* OK, but f2 = 1234512384 */
```

Strings

- `String` is Not a primitive data type: It is an **Object**.
- Predefined class `String` has special support in Java.
- A string literal is surrounded by double quotes.

```
String hamlet = "to be or not to be"
```

- Once a string has been created, we can use the **dot operator** to invoke its methods:

```
hamlet.length();
```

- The `String` class has several methods to manipulate strings
 - `char charAt(int index)`: returns the character at the specified index
 - `String toLowerCase()`: Converts all of the characters in this `String` to lower case.
 - `String replace(char oldChar, char newChar)`: Returns a new string resulting from replacing all occurrences of `oldChar` in this string with `newChar`.

Composite Expressions: Arithmetic Operators

- **Expressions** may be composed through **operators**.
- Java provides five **basic arithmetic operators**:
 - $+$: addition
 - $-$: subtraction
 - $*$: multiplication
 - $/$: division
 - $\%$: modulus (remainder)
- There are also unary $+$ and $-$ operators, i.e. have just one operand.
- The operators can be applied to any of the integer or floating-point types.

Operator Precedence

- **Multiplication, division and modulus** have **higher precedence** than addition and subtraction.
- All higher-precedence operators are evaluated before any lower-precedence operators.
- Operators at the same precedence are evaluated left-to-right.

$$\begin{aligned}x + y * z &= x + (y * z) \\ a * b + c \% d &= (a * b) + (c \% d)\end{aligned}$$

- **Parathenses** can be used to override operator precedence

$$(x + y) * z$$

- **Assignment** is the **lowest precedence** operator of all.
- **Unary + and -** are **higher-precedence** than multiplication.

Integer Arithmetic

- **Integer division:** fractional results round towards zero

$$\begin{aligned} 9/2 &= 4 \\ -9/2 &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

- Integer division and remainder obey the rule

$$(x/y) * y + x \% y = x$$

Composite Expressions – Comparisons

- Comparisons are applied to two expressions of compatible type and always yield a `boolean` result.

`a < b`

`a <= b`

`a == b /* equals */`

`a > b`

`a >= b`

`a != b /* not equal to */`

- Assignment operator `a=b`

DO NOT CONFUSE WITH `a==b`

Composite Expressions – Comparisons

Examples

```
double a; int i; boolean b;  
  
a = 3.1415 + 42;    // a = 45.1415  
i = 4 - 9;          // i = -5  
i = i + 1;          // i = -4  
a = i * 2 + 3;       // a = -5  
a = i * (2+3);       // a = -20  
b = i > 0            // b = false
```

Composite Boolean Expressions

- Logical operators enable the composition of single Boolean values
- They are known from last semester:
 - **Logical AND** (A AND B) yields true only if both A and B evaluate to true. In Java: **A && B** or **A & B**.
 - **Logical OR** (A OR B) yields true if either A or B, or both yield true. In Java: **A || B** or **A | B**
 - **Logical XOR** (A XOR B) yields true if and only if exactly one of its operands is true. In Java $A \wedge B$.
 - **Logical Negation** inverts its operand. In Java **!A**
- **A && B** and **A || B**: evaluate the second operand only if required.
- **A & B** and **A | B**: Both operands have to be evaluated.

Composite Boolean Expressions – Examples

```
boolean a, b; int i; char c
c='A'; i = 2; a = false;

b = c == 'A';           // b is now true
b = a && b;               // b is now false
b = !b;                  // b is now true
b = i>0 && 3/i == 1      // b is now true
```

Increment and Decrement

- Adding or subtracting one from a number is a common operation.
- Java provides a short-hand in the **increment** (++) and **decrement** (--) operators.
- Increment and decrement can be used as **prefix** or **postfix** operators.

```
a = 4
```

```
a++;      // equiv. to a = a + 1;      ---> a = 5
```

```
b = a++   // equiv. to b = a; a = a + 1; ---> a = 6, b = 5
```

```
b = ++a   // equiv. to a = a + 1; b = a ---> a = 7, b = 7
```

```
b = a--   // equiv. to b = a; a = a - 1 ---> a = 6; b = 7
```

Compound Assignment Operators

- Instead of `i = i + Expression;`
- One may write `i += Expression;`
- **Example:** Instead of `i = i + (2 * j + x);`
we can write `i += 2 * j + x;.`
- Available as: `+=`, `-=`, `*=`, `/=`, `|=`, `&=`, `^=`, `%=`
- Useful if the target is complex or should only be evaluated once.

Bitwise Expressions

To be discussed during the labs

- Bitwise Operators

- `a & b`: bitwise AND
- `a | b`: bitwise OR
- `a ^ b`: bitwise XOR, not equal
- `~a`: bitwise negation
- `a >> b`: shift `a`, `b` positions to the right
- `a << b`: shift `a`, `b` positions to the left

- These operators are defined for the following types: **boolean**, **integers**, **char**