Codecademy Java Notes

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**LESSON 1 NOTES- INTRO**

- class name must match file name "HelloWorld.java" (case sensitive)

- Java is a **COMPILED** language = code is transformed into byte code by a

compiler before it is executed.

- JavaScript is a **INTERPRETED** language = no compiler. but code is read

and executed by some other program

- can compile java in mac terminal with "javac [filename].java"

- this creates a .class file in your current directory, which you can

then run with the below command:

- can run java in mac terminal with "java [filename]"

1) Java files must have at least one class AND one main() method

2) public static void main(String[] args)

- **public** = allows main to be accessible everywhere (like ruby public methods)

- **static** = ?

- **void** = main method does not return any values

- **main** = name of method

- every file/class must have a main method

- entry point for app, all other methods are invoked here

- accepts a single arg. an array of strings

- runs automatically

public class HelloWorld {

public static void main(String[] args) {

System.out.println("Hello World!");

}

}

**LESSON 2 NOTES- VARIABLES**

1) **PRIMITIVE DATA TYPES**:

- **int** integers. ex. -13, 0, 2

- **double** doubles. ex. 1.7 E+ 308 (17 followed by 307 0's) rational nums

- can store larger/smaller numbers than int

- **boolean** booleans. ex. true, false

- **char** characters ex. 'a', 'A', '!'

- can only have ONE character ('AA' not allowed)

- chars have single quotes ', strings have double quotes "

2) **String** strings ex. "hello"

3) Misc. Notes

- variable names must start with valid letter, or $, or a \_

- Must declare the data type when declaring a variable

Ex:

int year;

2) **OPERATORS**:

- similar to JavaScript

- **integer division** = any remainder is lost (num is floored)

ex.

int uneven = 10 / 4; //=> 2

- can't use **inequality operator** == on strings, must use .equals()

- use + for **string concatenation**

QUESTIONS

- why does String have to be capitalized (var declaration), but int doesn't?

- Bec. String is an object, not a primative data type

public class L2Notes {

public static void main(String[] args) {

String name = "Harry";

int year = 2012;

double bigNum = 3000.00;

boolean lookingForJob = true;

char gender = 'm';

}

}

**LESSON 3 NOTES- Object Oriented Java**- instance variables and instance methods

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2) **CONSTRUCTOR method**: public [class name]()

- like the constructor method in JavaScript

- only gets executed when an instance of the class object is created

- params must be in constructor if passed in when instance created

not like JS where extra args are ignored!!

3) creating an **instance** of an object

Ex.

Store lemonadeStore = new Store();

4) printing an object to console shows objects location in computer memory

Ex.

System.out.println(lemonadeStore); //=> Store@6bc7c054

5) **INSTANCE VARIABLE** (attributes/properties of obj) must be

declared outside constructor method!! inside class (anywhere, usually top)

- assignment of instance variables inside constructor!!

- these vars represent state (properties) and behavior (instance methods)

6) accessing attributes/properties (use dot . operator just like in JS)

7) **Instance methods**

- don't have to be declared outside of constructor like attributes?

8) **SCOPE**

- can't access instance fields (attributes/props) in main function

- can access instance fields in methods

- variables exist in the scope they were declared in

QUESTIONS

- what is "static" in "public static void main()"?

- does public static void main() always take in a string as an arg?

- is there a concept of "this" in Java like in JS?

- does returning void mean returning null or undefined?

public class Store {

// instance fields (analagous to attributes/properties in JavaScript)

String productType;

int inventoryCount;

double inventoryPrice;

// constructor method

public Store(String product, int count, double price) { // can't name args same name as attribute fields (unlike in JS)

productType = product;

inventoryCount = count;

inventoryPrice = price;

}

// main method

public static void main(String[] args) {

// public = allows main to be accessible everywhere (like ruby public methods)

// static = ?

// void = main method does not return any values

Store lemonadeStand = new Store("lemonade", 42, .99);

Store cookieShop = new Store("cookies", 12, 3.75);

System.out.println(

"Our first shop sells " + lemonadeStand.productType +

" at " + lemonadeStand.inventoryPrice + " per unit.");

System.out.println("Our second shop has " + cookieShop.inventoryCount + " units remaining.");

}

}

**LESSON 5 NOTES- INHERITANCE AND POLYMORPHISM**

1) **extends**

- just like JS, used to make a class a child of a parent

[childClassName] extends [parentClassName] { }

- child inherits all of parent instance variables/methods

- also possible to overide parents constructor by rewriting childs

constructor

2) only need one main method, but you must run java app from that file

with the main() method

3) **super( arg )**

- just like JS/Ruby, passes in arg into parent constructor, when new

object is instantiated

4) **private** keyword

- even child cant access parents attributes/methods if private keyword used

- can place before attribute (or method?) name

5) **protected** keyword

- allows child to acces parent attribute/method, but prevents non-child

from accessing parent attribute/method

- can place before attribute (or method?) name

6) **final** keyword

- add infront of method/attribute name, so that method/attribute

can't be over-ridden by any child

7) **POLYMORPHISM**

- allows a child class to share the information and behavior of its parent

- class while also incorporating its own functionality.

- ex. operator + can be used for both doubles and ints

- ex. using a child class as its parent class

instantiate a child object as a member of the parent class

BankAccount moseysAccount = new CheckingAccount(600.00);

8) **Method Overriding**

- use keyword "@Override"

- overrides parent method in child method