Java Syntax and Output

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A bare bones class!

```
public class CompSci
```

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This is a very simple Java class. The name of the class is CompSci. All Java programs start with a class. Pieces are added to the class to make a complete program.

```
public class CompSci
{
  public static void main(String[] args)
  {
    System.out.println("Comp Sci!");
  }
}

OUTPUT
Comp Sci!
```

This CompSci class is a bit more sophisticated than the previous one. This CompSci class has a single method named main. The main method is typically used to test the class in which it is contained. For this particular example, the main method contains a statement that prints out CompSci!

syntax rules

```
public class CompSci
//open brace
  public static void main(String[] args)
    System.out.println("Comp Sci!");
//close brace
```

Braces – You gotta have 'em! Every class and every method must have a { and a } .

Java requires that all classes and methods have an open brace { and a close brace }. Braces come in pairs; thus, every open { brace must have a matching close } brace. Braces are used to indicate the beginning of a code block and the ending of a code block.

Program statements are placed inside of the code blocks starting after the open brace and ending before the close brace.

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```

You must put a semi-colon at the end of all Java program statements (;).

In Java, all program statements are terminated with a semicolon;.

System.out.println() is a program statement and must be terminated with a;.

public class CompSci is a class declaration not a program statement; as a result, there is no terminating;.

```
{ and ; rule
Never put a;
before an open { brace
;{ //illegal
}; //legal
```

The rule above simply states that you should never place a semi-colon before an open brace { .

Following this rule will cut down on syntax errors.

indentation

```
public class CompSci
{
   public static void main(String[] args)
   {
      System.out.println("Comp Sci!");
   }
}
```

Indent all code 3 spaces to make it easier to read.

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Indentation and spacing is not required. Java will allow entire programs to be written on a single line, but this style is strongly discouraged.

Indenting code statements 3 spaces is a good style to indicate that the statements are inside of a particular block of code.

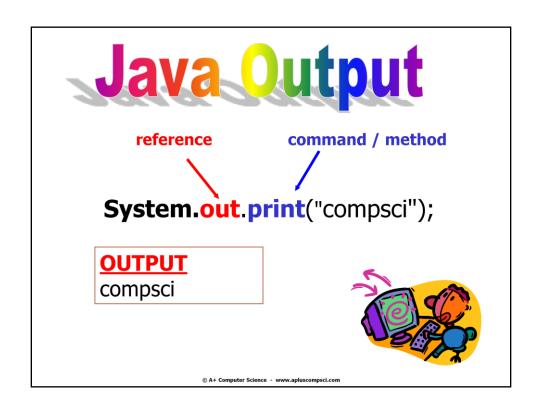
System.out.println() is inside of method main; thus, it is indented 3 spaces to make this visibly clear. The main method is inside of class CompSci which is why it is indented 3 spaces.

Open compsci.java



System.out frequently used methods	
Name	Use
print(x)	print x and stay on the current line
println(x)	print x and move to next line down
printf(s,x)	print x according to s specifications

The chart above lists the most commonly used System.out methods. This chart is a great reference when preparing for quizzes and tests and when working on lab assignments.



System is a class that contains a reference named out. out is a static reference to a PrintStream. out can be used via methods print, println, and printf to display values on the console window.

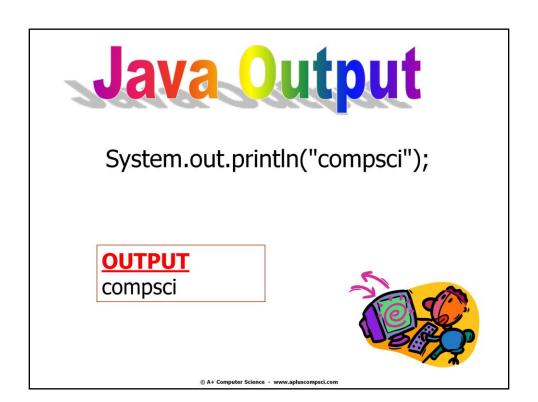
Java Output

System.out.print("compsci"); System.out.print("compsci");

OUTPUT compscicompsci



print is a method used to print values on the console window. print will print a value and remain on the same line as the value printed.



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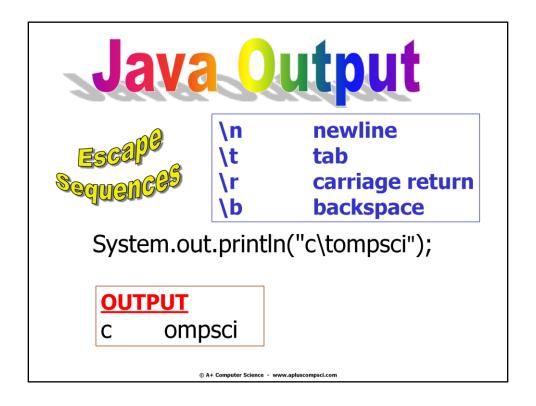
compsci compsci



println is a method used to print values on the console window. println will print a value on the current output line and then move down to the next line.

This examples shows that compsci is printed on the first line and then compsci is printed on the second line. This output occurs because both output commands use println.

Open one.java



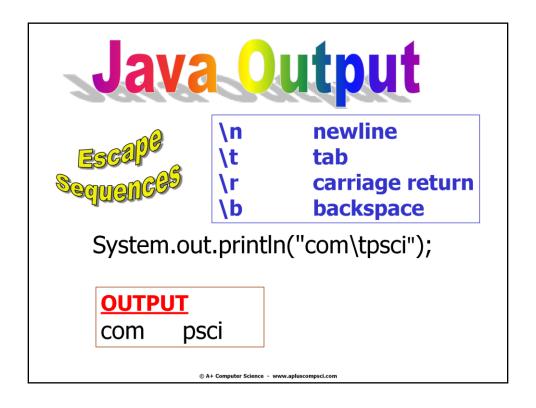
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\r is used to move the cursor to the beginning of the current output line.

\b is used to backspace one place on the current line.



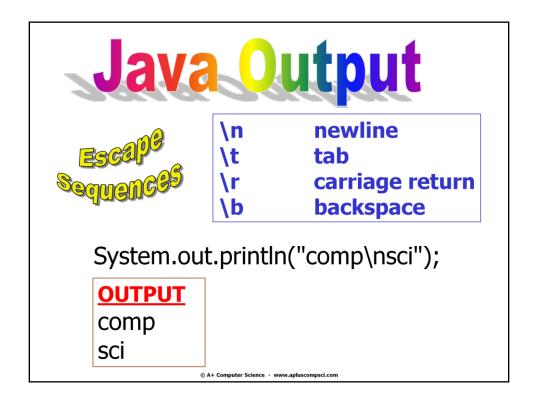
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Open two.java

Java Output outs \ outs " outs ' System.out.println("\\compsci\"/"); **OUTPUT** \compsci"/

```
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with to print out a \setminus, ', and a ".
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```

```
Java Output
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                  outs "
                  outs '
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OUTPUT
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Escape Sequences frequently used combinations		
Name	Use	
:	tabs over five spaces	
n	moves to front of next line	
b	deletes previous character	
r	moves to front of current line	
\	nets one backslash \	
"	nets one double quote "	
,	nets one single quote '	

This chart lists the most commonly used escape sequences. This chart should be a great reference point when working on labs and when preparing for quizzes and tests.

Java Comments

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//
        single-line comments
        block comments
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//this line prints stuff on the screen System.out.println("stuff");

Comments are used to add clarity and descriptions to code. When properly placed, comments can add quite a bit of readability to a piece of code.

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System.out.printf("%s","compsci\n");

OUTPUT compsci



printf is a method used to print values on the console window. printf can be used to set the number of decimal when printing a decimal number. printf can be used to print any type of data.

Open three.java

Errors

Syntax errors occur when you type something in wrong, causing the code to not compile.

//missing semicolon - ; expected System.out.println("stuff")

//case problem – should be System system.out.println("stuff")

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Runtime errors occur when something goes wrong while the program is running.

//an out of bounds exception is thrown String s = "runtime_error"; System.out.println(s.charAt(15));

Open four.java

Start work on the labs