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Application Engineering Design

Java Data Types

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Java Language

- Object Oriented Programming Language
 - Data
 - Memory used by the program
 - Program statements
 - Code instructing the actions of the processor
 - Class
 - Data
 - Methods (program code) operating on class data

Java Language

- Everything is a class
 - Definable aggregate containing data and methods
 - All data and code in Java exists only in context of a class
- Java Language Usage
 - Use class statically
 - Use object instantiated (created) from a class

Java Language

- Statically typed programming language

“The Java programming language is statically-typed, which means that all variables must first be declared before they can be used.”

 - All data must be **declared** and made known to compiler before its first use

DataType name;

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/nutsandbolts/datatypes.html>

Java Language

- Statically typed Languages include:
 - Java
 - C
 - C++
- Dynamically typed languages include:
 - Python
 - Ruby
 - R
 - Javascript

Java Language

- Strongly typed programming language
 - All data (variables and constants) must **ALWAYS** be **declared** along **with** its **type**.
 - Identify the memory location by symbol name
 - Identify the memory contents by data type

- Declaration Examples:

DataType SymbolName

1. int age;
2. String name;
3. public class Person { }

Java Data Type Categories

- Only Two Data Type Categories
 1. Pre-Defined Primitive data types:
 2. Definable Reference data types:

Java Primitive Data Type

- Primitive data types:
 - Fundamental **predefined** data types
 - Passed by Value
 - Data value is **copied** and passed as a parameter therefore the **original data value cannot be changed when passed by value**

Java Reference Data Type

- Reference data types:
 - Classes and Objects are **definable aggregates**
 - Passed by Reference (like a pointer)
 - Reference is copied and passed as a parameter but always references the **same data object**

” The reference values (often just *references*) are pointers...”

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jls/se7/html/jls-4.html#jls-4.3.1>

Java Primitive Data Types

1. **byte** *8-bit integer* (2^7 to 2^7 minus 1, i.e. -128 to 127)
2. **short** *16 bit integer* (2^{15} to 2^{15} minus 1, i.e. -32,768 to 32,767)
3. **int** *32 bit integer* (-2^{31} to 2^{31} minus 1)
4. **long** *64 bit integer* (-2^{63} to 2^{63} minus 1)
5. **float** *32-bit single precision floating point*
6. **double** *64-bit double precision floating point*
7. **boolean** *true or false*
8. **char** *16 bit Unicode character*

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Java Primitive Data Type Use

`int n = 0; // declare, create, init int value 0`

`n = 7; // overwrite int value with 7;`

`n++; // increment int value by 1`

`n = n + 1; // increment int value by 1`

Java Primitive Data Types

- “... **new** keyword isn't used when initializing a variable of a primitive type. Primitive types are special data types built into the language; they are not objects created from a class.”

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Java Primitive Data Types

- Literal values for primitive data types:
 1. `byte b = 0;`
 2. `short s = 1000;`
 3. `int = 100000;`
 4. `long x = 0L;`
 5. `float y = 0.0f`
 6. `double z = 0.0d`
 7. `'\u0000'` for `char`
 8. `false` for `boolean`

Java Primitive Data Types

- Literal values for primitive data types:

`int n1 = 13; // 13 in decimal notation`

`int n2 = 0b1101; // 13 in binary notation`

`int n3 = 0x0d; // 13 in hexadecimal notation`

`double x1 = 123.4`

`double x2 = 1.234e2 // x1 in scientific notation`

Java Primitive Data Types

- Literal values for primitive data types:

```
long creditCardNum = 1234_5678_9012_3456L;  
long socialSecurityNumber = 999_99_9999L;  
float pi = 3.14_15F;
```

Java Primitive Data Types

- Literal values for primitive data types:

```
long hexBytes = 0xFF_EC_DE_5E;
```

```
long hexWords = 0xCAFE_BABE;
```

```
long maxLong = 0x7fff_ffff_ffff_ffffL;
```

```
byte nybbles = 0b0010_0101;
```

```
long bytes =
```

```
0b11010010_01101001_10010100_10010010;
```

Java Primitive Data Types

- PLACE “_” ONLY BETWEEN DIGITS

```
int x4 = 0_x52;      // INVALID
```

- NEVER At the beginning or end of a number

```
int x2 = 52_;        // INVALID
```

```
int x5 = 0x_52;      // INVALID
```

- NEVER Adjacent to a decimal point in a floating point literal

```
float pi1 = 3_.1415F; // INVALID
```

```
float pi2 = 3._1415F; // INVALID
```

- NEVER Prior to an F or L suffix, example:

```
long socialSecurityNumber1 = 999_99_9999_L;
```

- NEVER In positions where a string of digits is expected

Java Primitive Data Types

- Literal values for primitive data types:

<code>char a1 = 'A';</code>	<code>// uppercase A character</code>
<code>char a2 = 'a';</code>	<code>// lowercase a character</code>
<code>char c1 = '\n';</code>	<code>// newline character</code>
<code>char c2 = '\t';</code>	<code>// tab character</code>

Java Primitive Data Types

- Default values for primitive data types in class:
 1. 0 for byte
 2. 0 for short
 3. 0 for int
 4. 0L for long
 5. 0.0f for float
 6. 0.0d for double
 7. '\u0000' for char
 8. false for boolean

Java Primitive Data Types

- Declaring variables of primitive data types without explicit initialization
 - Compiler set variables to reasonable default value

```
int age;           // initialized to 0
double gpa;        // initialized to 0.0d
char middleInitial; // initialized to '\u0000'
```

Java Primitive Data Types

- Declaring and initializing variables of primitive data types

```
int age = 17;
```

```
double gpa = 4.0;
```

```
char middleInitial = 'G';
```

Java Reference Type

- A Class is a reference type
 - Definable custom data type
 - The fundamental Unit for Java Object Oriented Programming: Everything is a class
 - Wrapper for definable data and/or code
 - Aggregate data type
 - Including Primitive data types
 - Including Other reference types
 - Including Program code

Class Static members

- Use class statically
- Class members defined as ‘static’
 - ONE memory allocation
 - Program Scope
 - Always available for use
 - No need to create object with “new”

Class Object Instance members

- Create and use objects from class
- Class members defined without '**static**'
 - New memory allocation with each object created
 - Object Instance scope
 - DOES NOT EXIST UNTIL object is created with “new”
 - Java Garbage Collection (GC) automatically deletes objects when no longer needed.

Simple Class Name

```
public class Name {  
    // state is one String  
    public String n = "Dan";  
}
```

- Class **Name** is a container class for a String
 - See class **Java.Lang.String**
- Class **Name** is a Reference Type
- Object instance Member data is a String named '**n**' holding a String value

Use Simple Class Name

```
// create object on heap and assign reference to obj
Name obj = new Name(); // implicit default constructor
// use object on heap through reference in obj
System.out.println(obj.n);           // show #1 init state
obj.n = "Daniel";                    // overwrite state
System.out.println(obj.n);           // #1 current state
Name obj2 = new Name();              // create object #2
System.out.println(obj2.n);          // show #2 init state
System.out.println(obj.n);           // #1 current state
```

Use Simple Class Name

CONSOLE OUTPUT

Dan

Daniel

Dan

Daniel

Simple Class Label

```
public class Label {  
    // state is one String  
    public static String n = "Dan";  
}
```

- Class **Label** is a container class for a String
 - See class **Java.Lang.String**
- Class **Label** is a Reference Type
- Static class Member data is a String named '**n**' holding a String value

Use Simple Class Label

```
// use class Label
```

```
System.out.println(Label.n);    // show init state
```

```
Label.n = “Daniel”;           // overwrite state
```

```
System.out.println(Label.n);    // show current state
```

```
Label.n = “Danny”;            // overwrite state
```

```
System.out.println(Label.n);    // show current state
```

```
System.out.println(Label.n);    // show current state
```

Use Simple Class Name

CONSOLE OUTPUT

Dan

Daniel

Danny

Danny

Java Reference Type

- A Class is a reference type
 - To instantiate an object from a class:
 1. Using keyword “**new**”
 2. Calling a class constructor
- Must Create ALL Objects with “**new**”
 - **EXCEPT** String objects

Java Reference Type

- To Create a Person object:

```
Person dan = null;  
dan = new Person();
```

- Data Type is “**Person**” class
- Variable Name (Identifier) is “**dan**”
- Class constructor is “**Person()**”

Java Reference Type

- To Create a Student object:

Student sam = new Student();

- Data Type is “**Student**” class
- Variable Name (Identifier) is “**sam**”
- Class constructor is “**Student()**”

Java Reference Type

- To Create a container object:

```
List<String> names = null;  
names = new ArrayList<>();
```

- Data Type is “**List<String>**” interface
- Variable Name (Identifier) is “**names**”
- Class constructor is “**ArrayList<>()**”,
where **<String>** is compiler inferred

Java String: Java Reference Type

- Character String
 - “This is a LITERAL character string.”
- A String is a Reference Type
 - `java.lang.String` class
- A String is immutable
- **NOT** an array of characters terminated by a null character (C Language).
 - A Java String object is **NOT** a C language string.

Java String

- Special String treatment:
 - Enclosing characters in double quotes **automatically** creates a String object:
String **name** = **“Dan”**;
 - Identifier **”name”** contains a reference to a String object containing the immutable value of **“Dan”**.

Java String

- For String objects, Use of the ‘*new*’ keyword is optional (and **discouraged**)
 - Reference:
 - Java *string pool* and *string interning*.
 - Both memory (and it’s allocation time) are conserved by saving immutable strings in a pool. When a new string is created, **if it is a repeated string**, a reference to an already preserved immutable string in the pool is established in lieu of a new created string.

Java String

- Use of the ‘new’ keyword is optional (and discouraged) for creating String objects.
- DO
`String s = “abc”; // allows interning`
- DO NOT
`String s = new String(“abc”); // forces new string`
- String objects

Array: Java Reference Type

- To Create a fixed size array container object:

```
int [] myArray = new int[3];
```

- Data Type is “**int []**” int array
- Variable Name (Identifier) is “**myArray**”
- The array is created for ONLY three integers by using “**int[3]**”

Array: Java Reference Type

“In the Java programming language, *arrays* are objects...”

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jls/se8/html/jls-10.html>

“An *object* is a *class instance* or an *array*. “

<https://docs.oracle.com/javase/specs/jls/se8/html/jls-4.html#jls-4.3.1>

Java Reference Type

- To Create a fixed size array container object:

```
int [] myArray = { 1, 2, 3 };
```

- Data Type is “**int []**” int array
- Variable Name (Identifier) is “**myArray**”
- The array is created for ONLY three integers by using the initializer “**{1,2,3}**”

Java Reference Type

- To Create a fixed size array container object:

```
String [] myArray = { “1”, “2”, “3” };
```

- Data Type is “**String []**” String array
- Variable Name (Identifier) is “**myArray**”
- The array is created for **ONLY** three Strings by using the initializer

Java Pass Primitives By Value

- Primitive data types are int, double, etc.
- Memory for Primitive data types are allocated on the stack
- Copies of Primitive data types are passed to methods
- Methods CAN NOT modify the Original primitive data type.

Java Pass Object Reference By Reference

- Objects are Reference Types
- References point to Object allocation in heap memory
 - TWO memory allocations are needed to use an object.
 1. Object allocated on the heap
 2. Reference (pointer) allocated on stack, pointing to Object allocation on the heap
- References passed to methods are copies
- Copies **STILL POINT TO SAME OBJECT**

Simple Class N

```
public class N {  
    public int n = 0; // state is one int  
}
```

- Class N is a container class for an integer
 - See class **Java.Lang.Integer**
- Class N is a Reference Type
- Object instance Member data is an integer named '**n**' holding an integer value

sillySwap method

```
public void sillySwap(N o1, N o2) {  
    N temp = o1;    // save for later  
  
    System.out.println("Swap object references:");  
    o1 = o2;  
    o2 = temp;      // original o1  
    // COPIES of references have changed  
}
```


showObjects method

// output the state of each object on console

public static void showObjects(N o1, N o2)

{

 System.*out*.println(" " + o1.n + " " + o2.n);

}

Use SillySwap method

```
public void sillySwapObjects() {  
    N o1 = new N();    // create object 1  
    N o2 = new N();    // create object 2  
    o1.n = 1;           // set value 1 in object 1  
    o2.n = 2;           // set value 2 in object 2  
    ValueN.showObjects(o1, o2); // 1 2  
    ValueN.sillySwap(o1, o2); // useless swap  
    ValueN.showObjects(o1, o2); // 1 2  
}
```

Use SillySwap method

Swap object references produces:

Console Output:

1 2

1 2

smartSwap method

```
public void smartSwap(N o1, N o2) {  
    N temp = new N();  
    temp.n = o1.n    // save for later  
  
    System.out.println("Swap object state:");  
    o1.n = o2.n;  
    o2.n = temp.n;    // original o1 state  
    // state of Objects have changed  
}
```

Use smartSwap method

```
public void smartSwapObjects() {  
    N o1 = new N();    // create object 1  
    N o2 = new N();    // create object 2  
    o1.n = 1;           // set value 1 in object 1  
    o2.n = 2;           // set value 2 in object 2  
    ValueN.showObjects(o1, o2); // 1 2  
    ValueN.smartSwap(o1, o2); // swap state  
    ValueN.showObjects(o1, o2); // 2 1  
}
```

Use SmartSwap method

Swap object state produces:

Console Output:

1 2

2 1