



Java Comments

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Comments can be used to explain Java code, and to make it more readable. It can also be used to prevent execution when testing alternative code.

Single-line Comments

Single-line comments start with two forward slashes (`//`).

Any text between `//` and the end of the line is ignored by Java (will not be executed).

This example uses a single-line comment before a line of code:

Example

```
// This is a comment  
System.out.println("Hello World");
```

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This example uses a single-line comment at the end of a line of code:

Example

```
System.out.println("Hello World"); // This is a comment
```

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Java Multi-line Comments

Multi-line comments start with `/*` and ends with `*/`.

Any text between `/*` and `*/` will be ignored by Java.

This example uses a multi-line comment (a comment block) to explain the code:

Example

```
/* The code below will print the words Hello World  
to the screen, and it is amazing */  
System.out.println("Hello World");
```

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Single or multi-line comments?

It is up to you which you want to use. Normally, we use `//` for short comments, and `/*
*/` for longer.

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Exercise:

Insert the missing part to create two types of comments.

```
This is a single-line comment  
This is a multi-line comment
```

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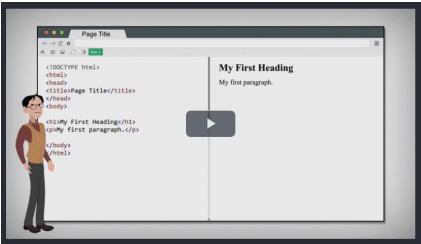
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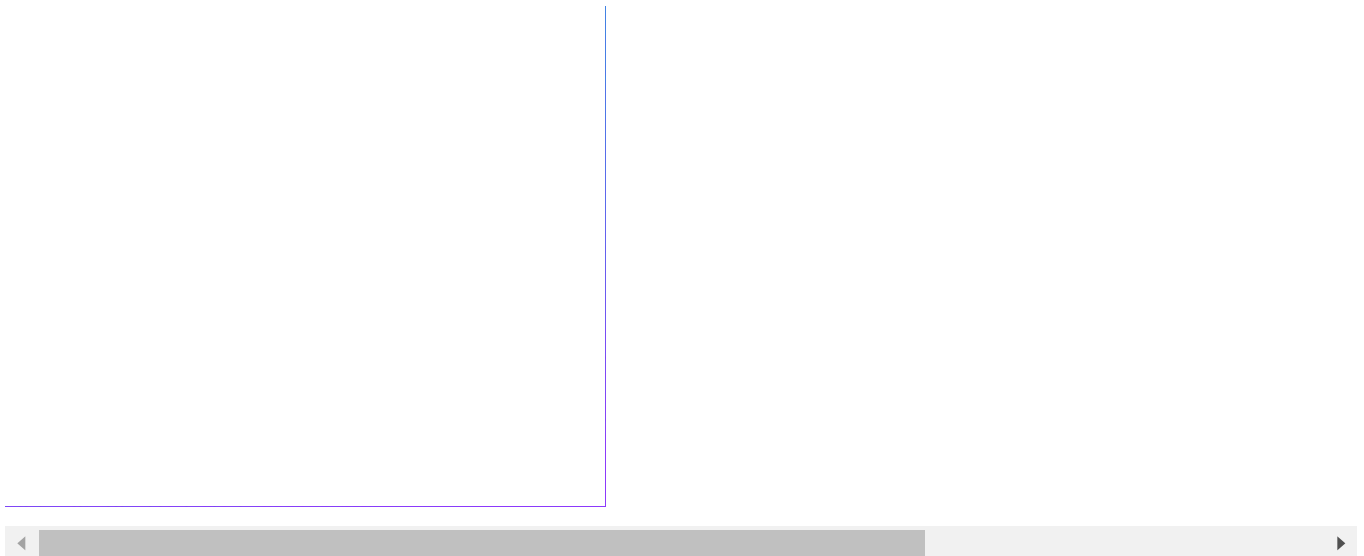
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