

Understanding Identifier :

- **A name in JAVA program is called identifier.**
- It may be class name, method name, variable name.

Rules [8]:

- ✓ The only allowed characters in java identifiers are:
 - 1) a to z
 - 2) A to Z
 - 3) 0 to 9
 - 4) _(underscore) and \$
- ✓ If we are using any other symbols we will get compile time error.
- ✓ We can't start a JAVA Identifier with number.
- ✓ Java Identifiers are case sensitive (Actually JAVA itself is a case sensitive)
- ✓ We can take our own length for the name of an JAVA identifier.
- ✓ We can't use JAVA language keywords (50) as identifiers.
- ✓ No space is allowed between the characters of an identifier
- ✓ All predefined JAVA class names and interface names we can use as identifiers (X)

Which of the following are valid Java Identifiers?

- `_$`
- `Mou$e`
- `Java4All`
- `Student@NareshIt`
- `999aaa`
- `Display#`
- `String`
- `Byte`
- `byte`
- `Integer`
- `pro1`

Understanding Separators

Separator	Description
;	Semicolon Terminates statements
,	Comma Separates consecutive identifiers in a variable declaration.
{ }	Braces Define a block of code, for classes, methods and values of arrays
()	Parentheses Parameters in methods, Precedence in expressions, Control statements
[]	Brackets Declare array types, dereference array values
.	Period is used to separate package, sub-packages and classes, variable or method from reference

Understanding Java Method

- The only required elements of a method declaration are the **method's return type**, **method name**, **a pair of parentheses-()**, and a **body between braces - { }**.
- The method declarations have six components, in order:
 1. **Modifiers** :- such as public, private, protected and default.
 2. **The return type** :- the data type of the value returned by the method, or void if the method does not return a value.
 3. **The method name** :- The rules for field names apply to method names as well
 4. **The parameter list in parenthesis** :- a comma is used if you are giving more than one parameter. If there are no parameters, you must use empty parentheses.
 5. **An exception list** :- to be discussed later.
 6. **The method body, enclosed between braces** :- the method's code or logic.
- In general there are two types of methods, User defined and predefined methods.