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2. Basic Programming Concepts

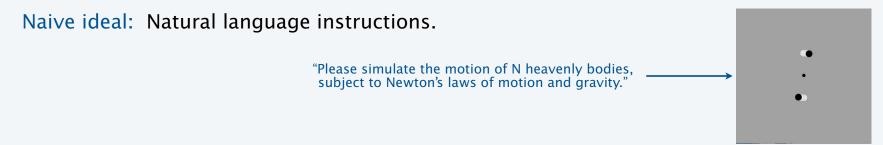


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- Why programming?
- Program development
- Built-in data types
- Type conversion

You need to know how to program

in order to be able to tell a computer what you want it to do.

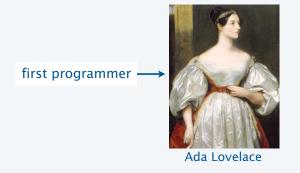


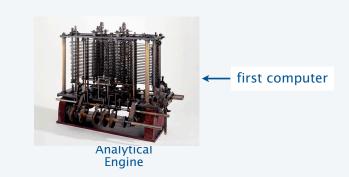
Prepackaged solutions (apps) are great when what they do is what you want.



Programming enables you to make a computer do anything you want.

well, almost anything (stay tuned)





Programming: telling a computer what to do

Programming

- Is *not* just for experts.
- Is a natural, satisfying and creative experience.
- Enables accomplishments not otherwise possible.
- The path to a new world of intellectual endeavor.

Challenges

- Need to learn what computers can do.
- Need to learn a programming language.



Telling a computer what to do

"Instead of imagining that our main task is to instruct a computer what to do, let us concentrate rather on explaining to human beings what we want a computer to do."



– Don Knuth

Telling a computer what to do

Machine language

- Easy for computer.
- Error-prone for human.

```
10: 8A00 RA ← mem[00]
11: 8B01 RB ← mem[01]
12: 1CAB RC ← RA + RB
13: 9C02 mem[02] ← RC
14: 0000 halt
```

Adding two numbers (see Lecture 10)

Natural language

- Easy for human.
- Error-prone for computer.

```
Kids Make Nutritious Snach-
Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge.
Police Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim.
Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half.
```

Actual newspaper headlines
—Rich Pattis

High-level language

- Some difficulty for both.
- An acceptable tradeoff.

```
for (int t = 0; t < 2000; t++)
{
    a[0] = (a[11] ^ a[9]);
    System.out.print(a[0]);
    for (int i = 11; i > 0; i--)
        a[i] = a[i-1];
}
```

Simulating an LFSR (see Lecture 1)

But which high-level language?



Naive ideal: A single programming language for all purposes.

Our Choice: Java

Java features

- Widely used.
- Widely available.
- Continuously under development since early 1990s.
- Embraces full set of modern abstractions.
- Variety of automatic checks for mistakes in programs.





James Gosling

Java economy

- Mars rover.
- Cell phones.
- Blu-ray Disc.
- Web servers.
- Medical devices.
- Supercomputing.

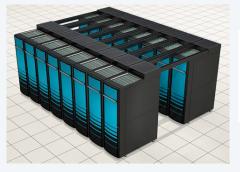
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Facts of life

- No language is perfect.
- You need to start with *some* language.

"There are only two kinds of programming languages: those people always [gripe] about and those nobody uses."



- Bjarne Stroustrup

Our approach

- · Use a minimal subset of Java.
- Develop general programming skills that are applicable to many languages.

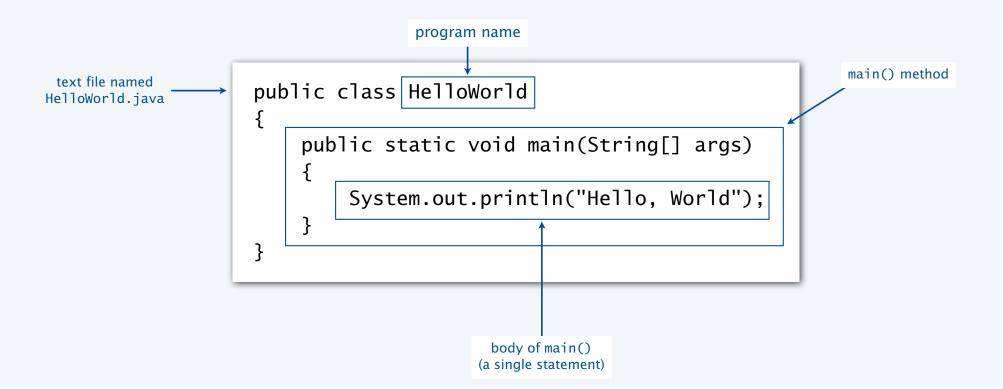
It's not about the language!

A rich subset of the Java language vocabulary

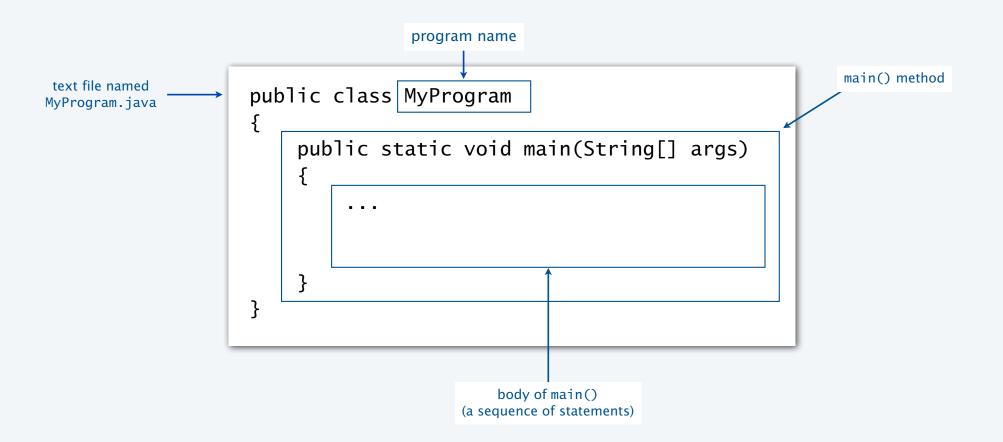
built-in types	operations on numeric types	String operations	assignment	object oriented	Math method	
int	+	+	=	static	Math.si	n() ava
long	-	1111		class	Math.co	s()
double	*	length()	flow control	public	Math.lo	
char	/	charAt()	if	private	Math.ex	p() System methods
String	%	compareTo()	else	new	Math.po	w() System.print()
boolean	++	matches()	for	final	Math.sq	System.println()
			while	toString()	Math.mi	n() System.printf()
punctuation	comparisons	boolean operations		main()	Math.ma	
{	<	true	arrays		Math.ab	s() our Std methods
}	<=	false	a[]		Math.	StdIn.read*()
(14150				StdOut.print*()
	>		length	type conversion	n methods	StdDraw.*()
)	>=	&&	new	ew Integer parceInt()		StdAudio.*()
,	==	- 11		Double.parse	Double()	
;	!=			Double par se	Double()	StdRandom.*()

Your programs will primarily consist of these plus identifiers (names) that you make up.

Anatomy of your first program



Anatomy of your next several programs



Pop quiz on "your first program" (easy if you did Exercise 1.1.2)

Q. Use common sense to cope with the following error messages.

```
% javac MyProgram.java
% java MyProgram
Main method not public.
```

```
% javac MyProgram.java
MyProgram.java:3: invalid method declaration; return type required
    public static main(String[] args)
```

Three versions of the same program.

```
public class HelloWorld
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello, World");
    }
}
```





public class HelloWorld { public static void main(String[] args) { System.out.println("Hello, World"); } }

Lesson: Fonts, color, comments, and extra space are not relevant to Java.

Note on program style

Different styles are appropriate in different contexts.

- DrJava
- Booksite
- Book
- Your code

Enforcing consistent style can

- Stifle creativity.
- Confuse style with language.

Emphasizing consistent style can

- Make it easier to spot errors.
- Make it easier for others to read and use code.
- Enable development environment to provide visual cues.

Bottom line for this course: Life is easiest if you use DrJava style.





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Program development in Java

is a three-step process, with feedback

1. EDIT your program

- Create it by typing on your computer's keyboard.
- Result: a text file such as HelloWorld.java.

2. COMPILE it to create an executable file

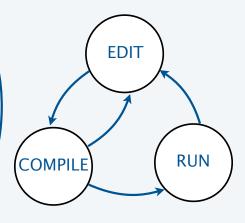
- Use the Java compiler
- Result: a Java bytecode file file such as HelloWorld.class
- Mistake? Go back to 1. to fix and recompile.

not a legal Java program

3. RUN your program

- Use the Java runtime.
- Result: your program's output.
- Mistake? Go back to 1. to fix, recompile, and execute

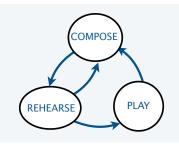
a legal Java program that does the wrong thing



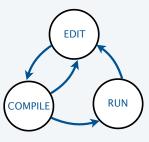
Software for program development

Any creative process involves cyclic refinement/development.









A significant difference with programs: We can use our computers to faciliate the process.

Program development environment: Software for editing, compiling and running programs.

Two time-tested options: (Stay tuned for details).

Virtual terminals

- Same for many languages and systems.
- Effective even for beginners.

Bottom line: Extremely simple and concise.

Integrated development environment

- Often language- or system-specific.
- Can be helpful to beginners.

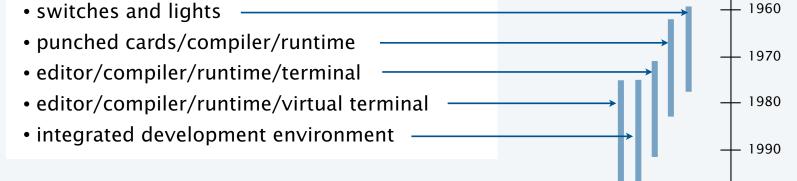
Bottom line: Variety of useful tools.

Program development environments: a very short history

Historical context is important in computer science.

- We regularly use old software.
- We regularly emulate old hardware.
- We depend upon old concepts and designs.

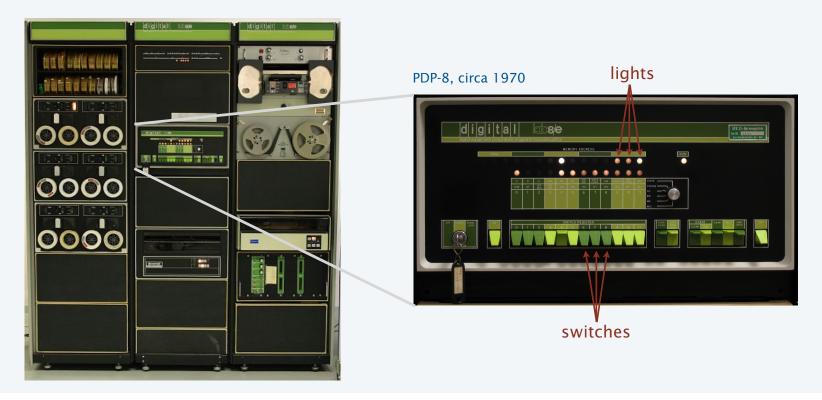
Widely-used methods for program development



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Program development with switches and lights

Circa 1970: Use switches to input binary program code and data, lights to read output.



Stay tuned for details [lectures on the "TOY machine"].

Program development with punched cards and line printers

Mid 1970s: Use punched cards to input program code and data, line printer for output.







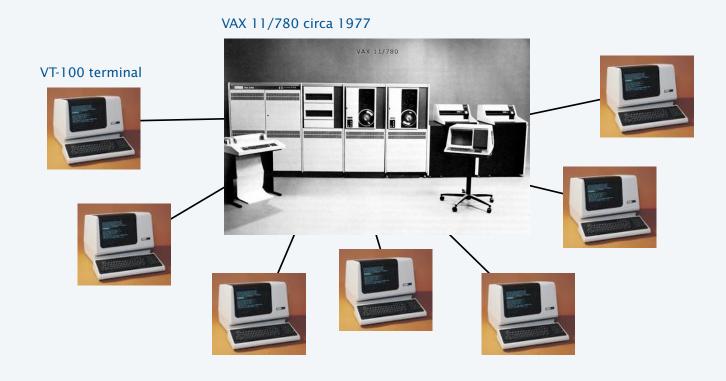
IBM System 360, circa 1975



Ask your parents about the "computer center" for details.

Program development with timesharing terminals

Late 1970s: Use terminal for editing program, reading output, and controlling computer.

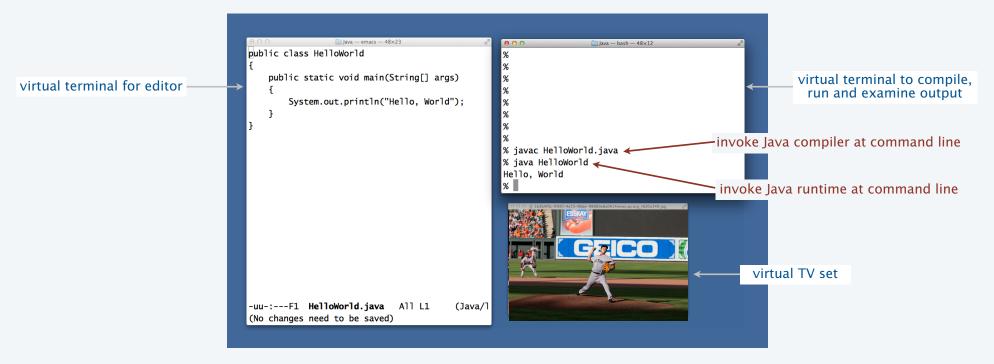


Timesharing allowed many users to share the same computer.

Program development with personal computers (one approach)

1980s to present day: Use multiple virtual terminals to interact with computer.

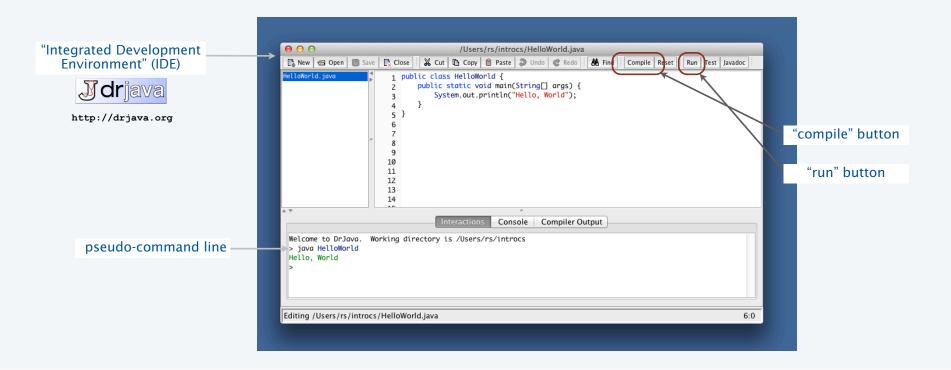
- Edit your program using any text editor in a virtual terminal.
- Compile it by typing javac HelloWorld.java in another virtual terminal.
- Run it by typing javac HelloWorld.java



Program development with personal computers (another approach)

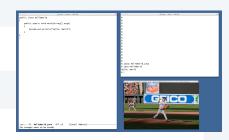
1980s to present day: Use a customized application for program development tasks.

- Edit your program using the built-in text editor.
- Compile it by clicking the "compile" button.
- Run it by clicking the "run" button or using the pseudo-command line.



Software for program development: tradeoffs

Virtual terminals



Pros

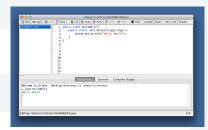
- Approach works with any language.
- · Useful beyond programming.
- Used by professionals.
- Has withstood the test of time.

Cons

- Good enough for long programs?
- Dealing with independent applications.
- Working at too low a level?

This course: Used in lectures/book.

DrJava IDE



Pros

- Easy-to-use language-specific tools.
- System-independent (in principle).
- Used by professionals.
- Can be helpful to beginners.

Cons

- Overkill for short programs?
- Big application to learn and maintain.
- Often language- or system-specific.

Recommended for assignments.

Lessons from short history

Every computer has a program development environment that allows us to

- EDIT programs.
- COMPILE them to create an executable file.
- RUN them and examine the output.

Two approaches that have served for decades and are still effective:

- multiple virtual terminals.
- integrated development environments.



Xerox Alto 1978



Apple Macintosh 1984



IBM PC 1990s



Macbook Air 2014



Wintel ultrabooks 2010s



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Built-in data types

A data type is a set of values and a set of operations on those values.

type	set of values	examples of values	examples of operations
char	characters	'A' '@'	compare
String	sequences of characters	"Hello World" "CS is fun"	concatenate
int	integers	17 12345	add, subtract, multiply, divide
double	floating-point numbers	3.1415 6.022e23	add, subtract, multiply, divide
boolean	truth values	true false	and, or, not

Java's built-in data types

Pop quiz on data types

Q. What is a data type?

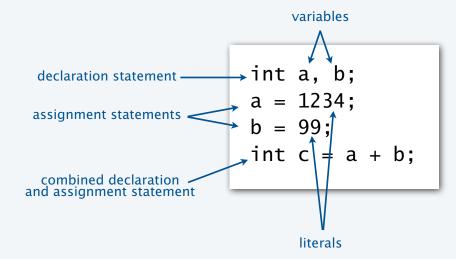
Basic Definitions

A variable is a name that refers to a value.

A literal is a programming-language representation of a value.

A declaration statement associates variables with a type.

An assignment statement associates a value with a variable.



Variables, literals, declarations, and assignments example: exchange values

```
public class Exchange
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int a = 1234;
        int b = 99;
        int t = a;
        a = b;
        b = t;
    }
}
This code exchanges the values of a and b.
```

A trace is a table of variable values after each statement.

	a	b	t
	undefined	undefined	undefined
int a = 1234;	1234	undefined	undefined
int b = 99;	1234	99	undefined
int t = a;	1234	99	1234
a = b;	99	99	1234
b = t;	99	1234	1234

Q. What does this program do?

A. No way for us to confirm that it does the exchange! (Need output, stay tuned).

Data type for computing with strings: String

String data type

values	sequences of characters
typical literals	"Hello, " "1 " " * "
operation	concatenate
operator	+

Examples of String operations (concatenation)

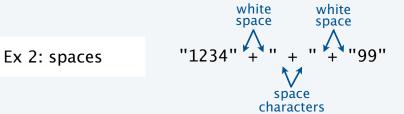
expression	value
"Hi, " + "Bob"	"Hi, Bob"
"1" + " 2 " + "1"	"1 2 1"
"1234" + " + " + "99"	"1234 + 99"
"1234" + "99"	"123499"

Typical use: Input and output.

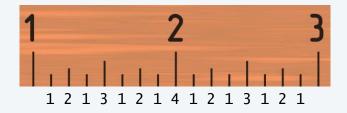
Important note:

Character interpretation depends on context!





Example of computing with strings: subdivisions of a ruler



```
% java Ruler
1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1
```

	ruler1	ruler2	ruler3	ruler4
	undefined	undefined	undefined	undefined
ruler1 = "1";	1	undefined	undefined	undefined
ruler2 = ruler1 + " 2 " + ruler1	1	1 2 1	undefined	undefined
ruler3 = ruler2 + " 3 " + ruler2	1	1 2 1	1 2 1 3 1 2 1	undefined
ruler2 = ruler3 + " 4 " + ruler3				1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1

Input and output

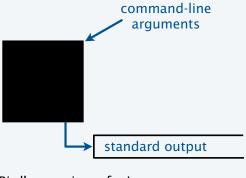
is necessary for us to provide data to our programs and to learn the result of computations.

Humans prefer to work with strings.

Programs work more efficiently with numbers.

Output

- System.out.println() method prints the given string.
- Java automatically converts numbers to strings for output.



Bird's eye view of a Java program

Command-line input

- Strings you type after the program name are available as args[0], args[1], ... at run time.
- Q. How do we give an integer as command-line input?
- A. Need to call system method Integer.parseInt() to convert the strings to integers.

Stay tuned for many more options for input and output, and more details on type conversion.

Input and output warmup: exchange values

```
public class Exchange
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int a = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        int b = Integer.parseInt(args[1]);
        int t = a;
        a = b;
        b = t;
        System.out.println(a);
        System.out.println(b);
    }
}
Java automatically converts int values to String for output
```

```
% java Exchange 5 2
2
5

% java Exchange 1234 99
99
1234
```

- Q. What does this program do?
- A. Reads two integers from the command line, then prints them out in the opposite order.

Data type for computing with integers: int

int data type					
values		integers be	tween –2³¹	and 231-1	
typical literals		1234 99	-99 0	1000000	
operations	add	subtract	multiply	divide	remainder
operator	+	-	*	/	%

Important note: Only 2³² different int values. not *quite* the same as integers

Examples of int operations

expression	value	comment
5 + 3	8	
5 - 3	2	
5 * 3	15	
5 / 3	1	drop fractional part
5 % 3	2	remainder
1 / 0		runtime error

Precedence

expression	value	comment
3 * 5 - 2	13	* has precedence
3 + 5 / 2	5	/ has precedence
3 - 5 - 2	-4	left associative
(3-5)-2	-4	better style

Typical usage: Math calculations; specifying programs (stay tuned).

Example of computing with integers and strings, with type conversion

```
public class IntOps
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int a = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        int b = Integer.parseInt(args[1]);
        int sum = a + b;
        int prod = a * b;
        int quot = a / b;
        int rem = a % b;
        System.out.println(a + " + " + b + " = " + sum);
        System.out.println(a + " * " + b + " = " + prod);
        System.out.println(a + " / " + b + " = " + quot);
        System.out.println(a + " % " + b + " = " + rem);
    }
}
Java automatically converts int values to String for concatenation
```

```
% java IntOps 5 2
5 + 2 = 7
5 * 2 = 10
5 / 2 = 2
5 % 2 = 1

% java IntOps 1234 99
1234 + 99 = 1333
1234 * 99 = 122166
1234 / 99 = 12
1234 % 99 = 46
```

Note: 1234 = 12*99 + 46

Data type for computing with floating point numbers: double

double data type

values	real numbers				
typical literals	3.14159 -	3.0 2.0	1.414213	56237309	951 6.022e23 🗸
operations	add	subtract	multiply	divide	remainder
operator	+	-	*	/	%

 $\sim 6.022 \times 10^{23}$

Typical double values are approximations

Examples:

no double value for π . no double value for $\sqrt{2}$ no double value for 1/3.

Examples of double operations

expression	value
3.141 + .03	3.171
3.14103	3.111
6.02e23/2	3.01e23
5.0 / 3.0	1.666666666666667
10.0 % 3.141	0.577
Math.sqrt(2.0)	1.4142135623730951

Special values

expression	value
1.0 / 0.0	Infinity
Math.sqrt(-1.0)	NaN
	"not a number"

Typical use: Scientific calculations.

Other built-in numeric types

short data type	
values	integers between -2^{15} and $2^{15}-1$
operations	[same as int]

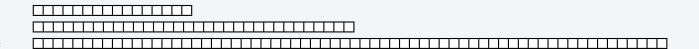
long data type	
values	integers between -2^{63} and $2^{63}-1$
operations	[same as int]

float data type	
values	approximations to real numbers
operations	[same as double]

Why different numeric types?

- Tradeoff between memory use and range for integers.
- Tradeoff between memory use and precision for real numbers.

short int, float long, double



Excerpts from Java's Math Library

public class Math		
double abs(double a)	absolute value of a	
double max(double a, double b)	maximum of a and b	also defined for int, long, and float
double min(double a, double b)	minimum of a and b	The, rong, and rroad
double sin(double theta)	sine function	
double cos(double theta)	cosine function	inverse functions also available: asin(), acos(), and atan()
double tan(double theta)	tangent function	astin(), acos(), and acan()
Degrees in	radians. Use toDegrees() and toRadians()) to convert.
double exp(double a)	exponential (ea)	
double log(double a)	natural log (log _e a, or ln a)	CASIO THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP
double pow(double a, double b)	raise a to the bth power (ab)	1337
long round(double a)	round to the nearest integer	ENG SING F XZ NOS IN
double random()	random number in [0. 1)	aro na. C D C Na.
double sqrt(double a)	square root of a	7 8 ± ±
		1 2 3 good to the second secon
double E	value of e (constant)	V. Line
double PI	value of π (constant)	You can discard your calculator now (please).

Example of computing with floating point numbers: quadratic equation

From algebra: the roots of $x^2 + bx + c$ are $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2}$

```
public class Quadratic
{
   public static void main(String[] args)
   {

      // Parse coefficients from command-line.
      double b = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
      double c = Double.parseDouble(args[1]);

      // Calculate roots of x*x + b*x + c.
      double discriminant = b*b - 4.0*c;
      double d = Math.sqrt(discriminant);
      double root1 = (-b + d) / 2.0;
      double root2 = (-b - d) / 2.0;

      // Print them out.
      System.out.println(root1);
      System.out.println(root2);
   }
}
```

```
% java Quadratic -3.0 2.0
2.0
                             x^2 - 3x + 2
1.0
% java Quadratic -1.0 -1.0
1.618033988749895
                             x^2 - x - 1
-0.6180339887498949
% java Quadratic 1.0 1.0
                             x^2 + x + 1
NaN
NaN
% java Quadratic 1.0 hello
java.lang.NumberFormatException: hello
% java Quadratic 1.0
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
```

Need two arguments.'
(Fact of life: Not all error messages are crystal clear.)

Data type for computing with true and false: boolean

valuestruefalseliteralstruefalseoperationsand or notoperator&& || !

a && b a !a b a || b a false false false false false true false false false true true true false false true true

true

true

true

true

Truth-table definitions

Q. a XOR b?
A. (!a && b) || (a && !b)

Proof

a	b	!a && b	a && !b	(!a && b) (a && !b)
false	false	false	false	false
false	true	true	false	true
true	false	false	true	true
true	true	false	false	false

Typical usage: Control logic and flow of a program (stay tuned).

Comparison operators

Fundamental operations that are defined for each built-in type allow us to compare values.

- Operands: two expressions of the same type.
- Result: a value of type boolean.

operator	meaning	true	false
==	equal	2 == 2	2 == 3
!=	not equal	3 != 2	2 != 2
<	less than	2 < 13	2 < 2
<=	less than or equal	2 <= 2	3 <= 2
>	greater than	13 > 2	2 < 13
>=	greater than or equal	3 >= 2	2 >= 3

Examples

non-negative discriminant?	(b*b - 4.0*a*c) >= 0.0 ←
beginning of a century?	(year % 100) == 0
legal month?	(month >= 1) && (month <= 12)

Typical double values are approximations so beware of == comparisons

Example of computing with booleans: leap year test

- Q. Is a given year a leap year?
- A. Yes if either (i) divisible by 400 or (ii) divisible by 4 but not 100.

```
public class LeapYear
{
   public static void main(String[] args)
   {
      int year = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
      boolean isLeapYear;

      // divisible by 4 but not 100
      isLeapYear = (year % 4 == 0) && (year % 100 != 0);

      // or divisible by 400
      isLeapYear = isLeapYear || (year % 400 == 0);

      System.out.println(isLeapYear);
   }
}
```

```
% java LeapYear 2016
true

% java LeapYear 1993
false

% java LeapYear 1900
false

% java LeapYear 2000
true
```



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Type checking

Types of variables involved in data-type operations always must match the definitions.

The Java compiler is your *friend*: it checks for type errors in your code.

```
public class BadCode
{
   public static void main(String[] args)
   {
     String s = "123" * 2;
   }
}
```

When appropriate, we often *convert* a value from one type to another to make types match.

Type conversion with built-in types

Type conversion is an essential aspect of programming.

Automatic

- Convert number to string for "+".
- Make numeric types match if no loss of precision.

expression	type	value
"x: " + 99	String	"x: 99"
11 * 0.3	double	3.3

Explicitly defined for function call.

<pre>Integer.parseInt("123")</pre>	int	123
Math.round(2.71828)	long	3

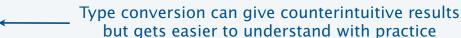
Cast for values that belong to multiple types.

- Ex: small integers can be short, int or long.
- Ex: double values can be truncated to int values.

(int) 2.71828	int	2
(int) Math.round(2.71828)	int	3
11 * (int) 0.3	int	0



Pay attention to the type of your data.



Pop quiz on type conversion

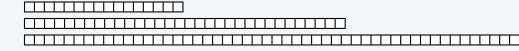
Q. Give the type and value of each of the following expressions.

An instructive story about type conversion

Why different numeric types?

- Tradeoff between memory use and range for integers.
- Tradeoff between memory use and precision for floating-point.

short int, float long, double





A conversion may be impossible.

- Example: (short) 70000.
- Short values must be between -2^{15} and $2^{15} 1 = 32767$.

What to do with an impossible conversion?

- Approach 1: Avoid doing it in the first place.
- Approach 2 (Java): Live with a well-defined result.
- Approach 3: Crash.



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Example of type conversion put to good use: pseudo-random integers

System method Math.random() returns a pseudo-random double value in [0, 1).

Problem: Given N, generate a pseudo-random *integer* between 0 and N-1.

Summary

A data type is a set of values and a set of operations on those values.

Commonly-used built-in data types in Java

- String, for computing with sequence of characters, for input and output.
- int, for computing with *integers*, for math calculations in programs.
- double, for computing with *floating point numbers*, typically for science and math apps.
- · boolean, for computing with true and false, for decision making in programs.

In Java you must:

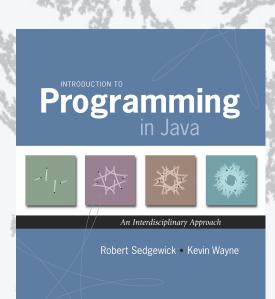
- Declare the types of your variables.
- Convert from one type to another when necessary.
- Identify and resolve type errors in order to *compile* your code.

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The Java compiler is your friend: it will help you identify and fix type errors in your code.





Sections 1.1 and 1.2

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2. Basic Programming Concepts