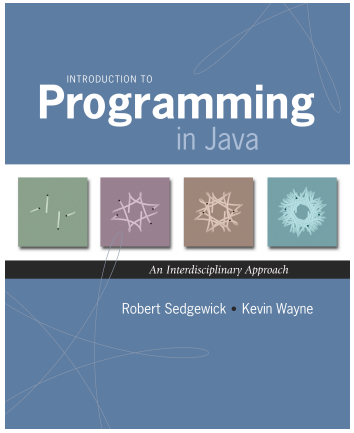
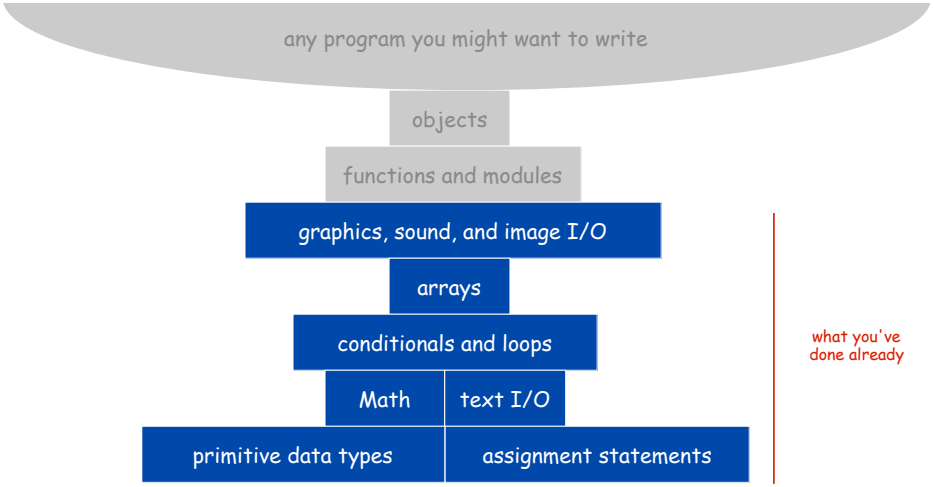
Program Development



Program Development

Ada Lovelace

A Foundation for Programming



Program Development

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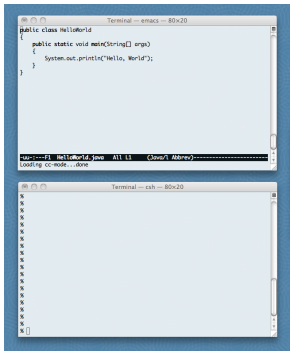
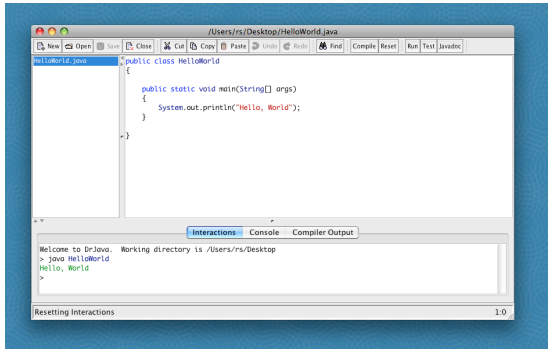
Program development environment. Software to support cycle of editing to fix mistakes, compiling programs, running programs, and examining output.



command line



Dr. Java

Program Development

Program development in Java (bare-bones).

1. Edit your program.
   - Use a text editor.
   - Result: a text file such as `HelloWorld.java`.

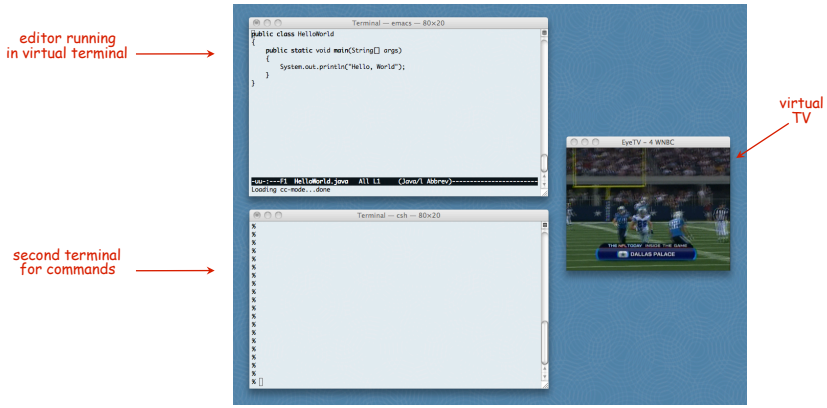
2. Compile it to create an executable file.
   - Use the Java compiler
   - Result: a Java bytecode file file such as `HelloWorld.class`
   - Mistake? Go back to 1. to fix and recompile.

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

Program Development (using command line)

Program development in Java (using command line).

1. Edit your program using any text editor.
2. Compile it to create an executable file.
3. Run your program.

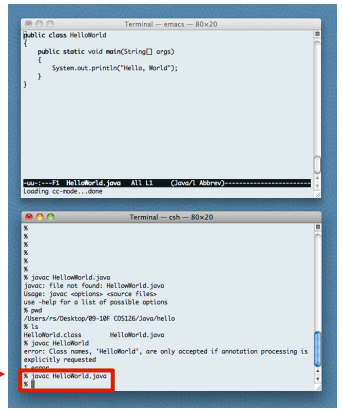


Program Development (using command line)

Program development in Java (using command line).

1. Edit your program.
2. Compile it by typing `javac HelloWorld.java` at the command line.
3. Run your program.

creates
`HelloWorld.class`



Program Development (using command line)

Program development in Java (using command line).

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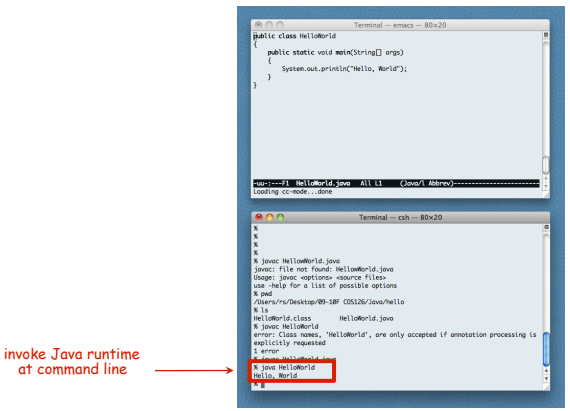
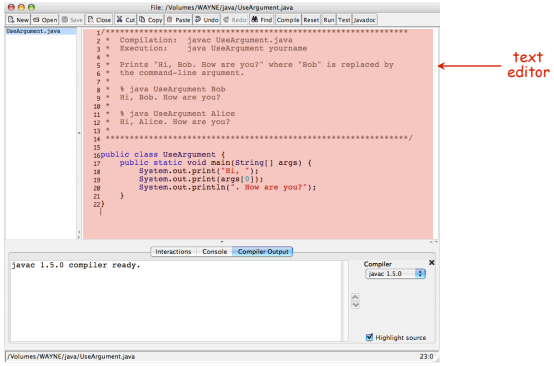
uses
`HelloWorld.class`



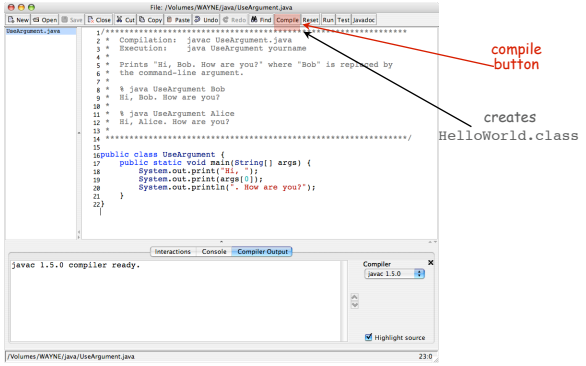
Program development in Java (using Dr. Java).

1. Edit your program using the built-in text editor.
2. Compile it to create an executable file.
3. Run your program.



Program development in Java (using Dr. Java).

1. Edit your program.
2. Compile it by clicking the "compile" button.
3. Run your program.



Program development in Java (using Dr. Java).

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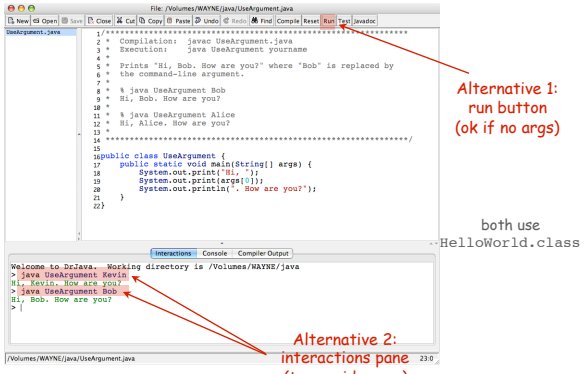
2. Compile it to create an executable file.
3. Run your program by clicking the "run" button or using Interactions pane.



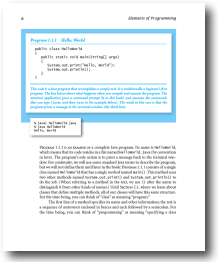
Three versions of the same program.

fonts, color, comments, and extra space are for human readability (not machine readability)

Programming Style

Different styles are appropriate in different contexts.

- Dr. Java.
- Booksite.
- Textbook.
- COS 126 assignment.



Enforcing consistent style can:

- Stifle creativity.
- Confuse style rules with language rules.

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 useful visual cues.

Bottom line for COS 126. Life is easiest if you use Dr. Java style.

A Short History

Program Development Environments: A Short History

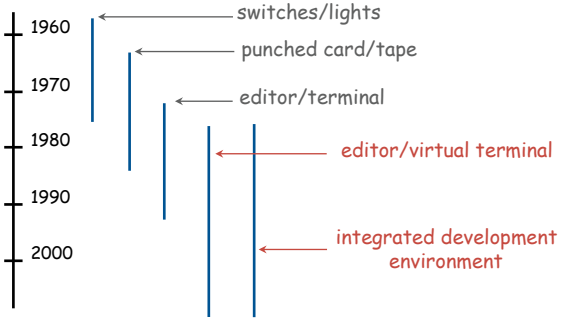
Historical context is important in computer science.

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

First requirement in any computer system: program development.

Widely-used methods:

- Switches/lights.
- Punched cards.
- Terminal.
- Editor/virtual terminal.
- IDE.



Switches and Lights

Use switches to enter binary program code, lights to read results.

PDP-8, circa 1970

Punched Cards / Line Printer

Use punched cards for program code, line printer for output.

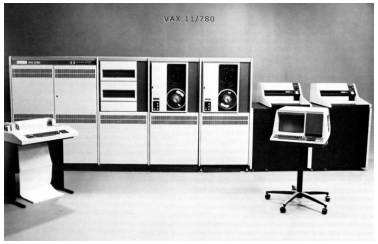
IBM System 360, circa 1975

Timesharing Terminal

Use terminal for editing program, reading output, and controlling computer.

VT-100 terminal

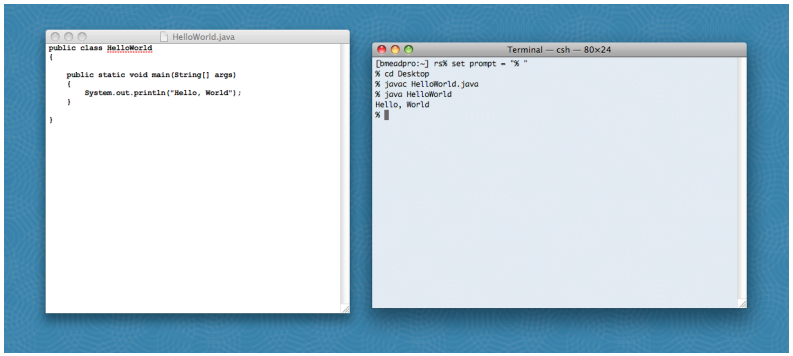
VAX 11/780 circa 1977



Timesharing: allowed many people to simultaneously use a single machine.

Editor and Virtual Terminal on a Personal Computer

Use an editor to create and make changes to the program text.
Use a virtual terminal to invoke the compiler and run the executable code.



Pros:

- Works with any language.
- Useful for other tasks.
- Used by professionals.

Cons:

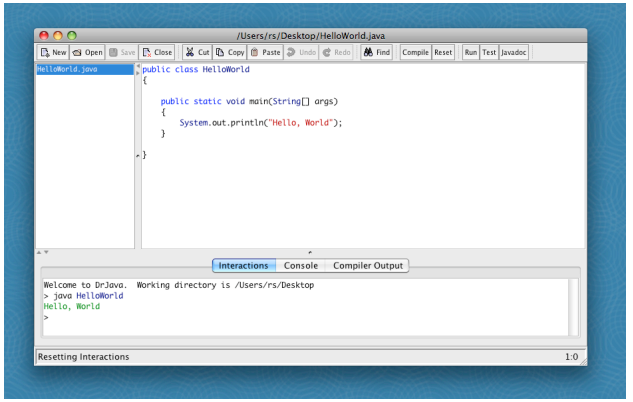
- Good enough for long programs?
- Dealing with two applications.

Integrated Development Environment

Use a customized application for all program development tasks.

Ex. JdrJava

http://drjava.org



Pros:

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

Cons:

- Overkill for short programs?
- Large application to learn and maintain.
- Skills may not transfer to other languages.

Lessons from Short History

First requirement in any computer system: program development.

Programming is primarily a process of finding and fixing mistakes.

Program development environment must support cycle of editing to fix errors, compiling program, running program, and examining output.

Two approaches that have served for decades:

- Editor and virtual terminal.
- Integrated development environment.

Macbook Air 2008

Xerox Alto 1978

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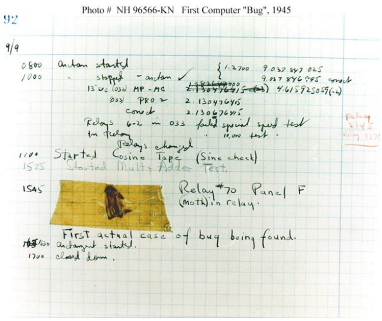
Debugging

Admiral Grace Murray Hopper

95% of Program Development

Def. A bug is a mistake in a computer program.

Programming is primarily a process of finding and fixing bugs.



Good news. Can use computer to test program.

Bad news. Cannot use computer to automatically find all bugs.

profound idea [stay tuned]

95% of Program Development

Debugging. Cyclic process of editing, compiling, and fixing errors.

- Always a logical explanation.
- What would the machine do?
- Explain it to the teddy bear.

You will make many mistakes as you write programs. It's normal.

> *"As soon as we started programming, we found out to our surprise that it wasn't as easy to get programs right as we had thought. I can remember the exact instant when I realized that a large part of my life from then on was going to be spent in finding mistakes in my own programs."* — *Maurice Wilkes*

> *"If I had eight hours to chop down a tree, I would spend six hours sharpening an axe."* — *Abraham Lincoln*

Debugging Example

Factor. Given an integer N > 1, compute its prime factorization.

$3{,}757{,}208 = 2^3 \times 7 \times 13^2 \times 397$

$98 = 2 \times 7^2$

$17 = 17$

$11{,}111{,}111{,}111{,}111{,}111 = 2{,}071{,}723 \times 5{,}363{,}222{,}357$

Application. Break RSA cryptosystem (factor 200-digit numbers).

Debugging Example

Factor. Given an integer N > 1, compute its prime factorization.

Brute-force algorithm. For each putative factor i = 2, 3, 4, …, check if N is a multiple of i, and if so, divide it out.

3757208/8

i	N	output	i	N	output	i	N	output
2	3757208	2 2 2	9	67093		16	397	
3	469651		10	67093		17	397	
4	469651		11	67093		18	397	
5	469651		12	67093		19	397	
6	469651		13	67093	13 13	20	397	
7	469651	7	14	397				397
8	67093		15	397				

Debugging: 95% of Program Development

Programming. A process of finding and fixing mistakes.
- Compiler error messages help locate syntax errors.
- Run program to find semantic and performance errors.

check if i is a factor

as long as i is a factor, divide it out

```
public class Factors {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      long N = Long.parseLong(args[0])
      for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
         while (N % i == 0)
            System.out.print(i + " ")
            N = N / i

      }
   }
}
```

this program has many bugs!

Debugging: Syntax Errors

Syntax error. Illegal Java program.
- Compiler error messages help locate problem.
- Goal: no errors and a file named `Factors.class`.

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      }
   }
}
```

```
% javac Factors.java
Factors.java:4: ';' expected
      for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
           ^
1 error
```

the first error

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   }
}
```

need to declare variable i

need terminating semicolons

syntax (compile-time) errors

Debugging: Semantic Errors

Semantic error. Legal but wrong Java program.

- Run program to identify problem.
- Add print statements if needed to produce trace.

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      }
   }
}
```

```
% javac Factors.java
% java Factors
Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 0
        at Factors.main(Factors.java:5)
```

oops, no argument

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            System.out.print(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
      }
   }
}
```

need to start at 2 because 0 and 1 cannot be factors

```
% javac Factors.java
% java Factors 98
Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.ArithmeticExeption: / by zero
        at Factors.main(Factors.java:8)
```


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```
public class Factors {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
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      for (int i = 2; i < N; i++) {
         while (N % i == 0)
            System.out.print(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
      }
   }
}
```

indents do not imply braces

```
% javac Factors.java
% java Factors 13
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 ...
```

infinite loop!

Debugging: The Beat Goes On

Success. Program factors 98 = 2 × 7².

- But that doesn't mean it works for all inputs.
- Add trace to find and fix (minor) problems.

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         }
      }
   }
}
```

```
% java Factors 98
2 7 7 %          <-- need newline

% java Factors 5
                 <-- ??? no output

% java Factors 6
2 %              <-- ??? missing the 3
```


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         while (N % i == 0) {
            System.out.println(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
         }
         System.out.println("TRACE: " + i + " " + N);
      }
   }
}
```

```
% java Factors 5
TRACE 2 5
TRACE 3 5
TRACE 4 5

% java Factors 6
2
TRACE 2 3
```

Aha! i loop should go up to N

Debugging: Success?

Success. Program now seems to work.

```
public class Factors {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
      for (int i = 2; i <= N; i++) {
         while (N % i == 0) {
            System.out.print(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
         }
      }
      System.out.println();
   }
}
```

```
% java Factors 5
5

% java Factors 6
2 3

% java Factors 98
2 7 7

% java Factors 3757208
2 2 2 7 13 13 397
```


Debugging: Performance Error

Performance error. Correct program, but too slow.

```
public class Factors {
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            N = N / i;
         }
      }
      System.out.println();
   }
}
```

```
% java Factors 11111111
11 73 101 137

% java Factors 11111111111
21649 51329

% java Factors 11111111111111
11 239 4649 909091

% java Factors 1111111111111111
2071723 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 …
```

Debugging: Performance Error

Performance error. Correct program, but too slow.

Solution. Improve or change underlying algorithm.

fixes performance error: if N has a factor, it has one less than or equal to its square root

```
public class Factors {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
      for (int i = 2; i <= N/i; i++) {
         while (N % i == 0) {
            System.out.print(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
         }
      }
      System.out.println();
   }
}
```

```
% java Factors 98
2 7 7

% java Factors 11111111
11 73 101

% java Factors 11111111111111
11 239 4649

% java Factors 1111111111111111
2071723
```

missing last factor (sometimes)

Debugging: Performance Error

Caveat. Optimizing your code tends to introduce bugs.

Lesson. Don't optimize until it's absolutely necessary.

need special case to print biggest factor (unless it occurs more than once)

```
public class Factors {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
      for (int i = 2; i <= N/i; i++) {
         while (N % i == 0) {
            System.out.print(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
         }
      }
      if (N > 1) System.out.println(N);
      else       System.out.println();
   }
}
```

"corner case"

```
% java Factors 11111111
11 73 101 137

% java Factors 11111111111
21649 51329

% java Factors 11111111111111
11 239 4649 909091

% java Factors 1111111111111111
2071723 5363222357
```


Program Development: Analysis

Q. How large an integer can I factor?

```
% java Factors 3757208
2 2 2 7 13 13 397

% java Factors 9201111169755555703
9201111169755555703
```

after a few minutes of computing....

largest factor

digits	(i <= N)	(i <= N/i)
3	instant	instant
6	0.15 seconds	instant
9	77 seconds	instant
12	21 hours †	0.16 seconds
15	2.4 years †	2.7 seconds
18	2.4 millennia †	92 seconds

† estimated

Note. Can't break RSA this way (experts are still trying).

Debugging

Programming. A process of finding and fixing mistakes.

1. Create the program.
2. Compile it.
   Compiler says: That's not a legal program.
   Back to step 1 to fix syntax errors.
3. Execute it.
   Result is bizarrely (or subtly) wrong.
   Back to step 1 to fix semantic errors.
4. Enjoy the satisfaction of a working program!
5. Too slow? Back to step 1 to try a different algorithm.