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### First Java Program

```
* Hello.java
```

\* John Dean

```
*
```

```
* This program prints a hello message.
```

```
public class Hello
{
   public static void main(String[] args)
   {
     System.out.println("Hello, world!");
   }
} // end class Hello
```

### Comments

- Include comments in your programs in order to make them more readable/understandable.
- Block comment syntax:

/\* ... \*/ (Note: The /\* and \*/ can optionally span multiple lines)

- One line comment syntax:
   // …
- Commented text is ignored by the compiler.
- Style requirement: Include a prologue section at the top of every program. The prologue section consists of:
  - line of \*'s
  - filename
  - programmer's name
  - blank line
  - program description
  - line of \*'s
  - blank line

#### Class Name / Source Code Filename

- All Java programs must be enclosed in a *class*. Think of a class as the name of the program.
- The name of the Java program's file must match the name of the Java program's class (except that the filename has a .java extension added to it).
- Proper style dictates that class names start with an uppercase first letter.
- Since Java is *case-sensitive*, that means the filename should also start with an uppercase first letter.
- Case-sensitive means that the Java compiler does distinguish between lowercase and uppercase letters.

## main Method Heading

Memorize (and always use) public class prior to your class name. For example:

public class Hello

- Inside your class, you must include one or more *methods*.
- A method is a group of instructions that solves one task. Later on, we'll have larger programs and they'll require multiple methods because they'll solve multiple tasks. But for now, we'll work with small programs that need only one method - the main method.
- Memorize (and always use) this main method heading:

```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

 When a program starts, the computer looks for the main method and begins execution with the first statement after the main method heading.



- Use braces, { }, to group things together.
- For example, in the Hello World program, the top and bottom braces group the contents of the entire class, and the interior braces group the contents of the main method.
- Proper style dictates:
  - Place an opening brace on a line by itself in the same column as the first character of the previous line.
  - Place a closing brace on a line by itself in the same column as the opening brace.

# System.out.println

To generate output, use System.out.println().

- For example, to print the hello message, we did this: System.out.println("Hello, world!");
- Note:
  - Put the printed item inside the parentheses.
  - Surround strings with quotes.
  - Put a semicolon at the end of a System.out.println statement.
- What's the significance of the ln in println?

## **Compilation and Execution**

- To create a Java program that can be run on a computer, submit your Java source code to a *compiler*. We say that the compiler *compiles* the source code. In compiling the source code, the compiler generates a bytecode program that can be run by the computer's JVM (Java Virtual Machine).
- Java source code filename = <class-name> + .java
- Java bytecode filename = <class-name> + .class

# Identifiers

- Identifier = the technical term for a name in a programming language
- Identifier examples
  - class name identifier: Hello
  - method name identifier: main
  - variable name identifier: height
- Identifier naming rules:
  - Must consist entirely of letters, digits, dollar signs (\$), and/or underscore (\_) characters.
  - The first character must not be a digit.
  - If these rules are broken, your program won't compile.

# Identifiers

Identifier naming conventions (style rules):

- If these rules are broken, it won't affect your program's ability to compile, <u>but</u> your program will be harder to understand and you'll lose style points on your homework.
- Use letters and digits only, not \$'s or \_'s.
- All letters must be lowercase except the first letter in the second, third, etc. words. For example:

```
firstName, x, daysInMonth
```

 Addendum to the above rule – for class names, the first letter in every word (even the first word) must be uppercase. For example:

```
StudentRecord, WorkShiftSchedule
```

Names must be descriptive.

## Variables

- A variable can hold only one type of data. For example, an integer variable can hold only integers, a string variable can hold only strings, etc.
- How does the computer know which type of data a particular variable can hold?
  - Before a variable is used, its *type* must be *declared* in a *declaration* statement.
- Declaration statement syntax:

<type> <list of variables separated by commas>;

#### Example declarations:

```
String firstName; // student's first name
String lastName; // student's last name
int studentId;
int row, col;
```

## **Assignment Statements**

- Java uses the single equal sign (=) for assignment statements.
- In the below code fragment, the first assignment statement assigns the value 50000 into the variable salary.



Note the + operator in the second assignment statement. If a + operator appears between a string and something else (e.g., a number or another string), then the + operator performs string *concatenation*. That means that the JVM appends the item at the right of the + to the item at the left of the +, forming a new string.



#### Trace this code fragment:

```
int salary;
String bonusMessage;
salary = 50000;
bonusMessage = "Bonus = $" + (.02 * salary);
System.out.println(bonusMessage);
```

#### salary bonusMessage output

 When you trace a declaration statement, write a ? in the declared variable's column, indicating that the variable exists, but it doesn't have a value yet.

# **Program Template**

In this chapter's slides, all of the code fragment examples can be converted to complete programs by plugging them into the <method-body> in this program template:

# **Initialization Statements**

#### Initialization statement:

- When you assign a value to a variable as part of the variable's declaration.
- Initialization statement syntax:

<type> <variable> = <value>;

#### Example initializations:

```
int totalScore = 0;  // sum of all bowling scores
int maxScore = 300;  // default maximum bowling score
```

# **Initialization Statements**

#### Example initializations (repeated from previous slide):

```
int totalScore = 0;  // sum of all bowling scores
int maxScore = 300;  // default maximum bowling score
```

 Here's an alternative way to do the same thing using declaration and assignment statements (instead of using initialization statements):

```
int totalScore; // sum of all bowling scores
int maxScore; // default maximum bowling score
totalScore = 0;
maxScore = 300;
```

 It's OK to use either technique and you'll see it done both ways in the real world.

# Numeric Data Types - int, long

- Variables that hold whole numbers (e.g., 1000, -22) should normally be declared with one of these integer data types - int, long.
- Range of values that can be stored in an int variable:
  - $\approx$  -2 billion to +2 billion
- Range of values that can be stored in a long variable:
  - $\approx -9 \times 10^{18}$  to  $+9 \times 10^{18}$
- Example integer variable declarations:

```
int studentId;
long satelliteDistanceTraveled;
```

 Recommendation: Use smaller types for variables that will never need to hold large values.

#### Numeric Data Types - float, double

 Variables that hold decimal numbers (e.g., -1234.5, 3.1452) should be declared with one of these floatingpoint data types - float, double.

#### Example code:

float gpa; double bankAccountBalance;

The double type stores numbers using 64 bits whereas the float type stores numbers using only 32 bits. That means that double variables are better than float variables in terms of being able to store bigger numbers and numbers with more significant digits.

#### Numeric Data Types - float, double

- Recommendation:
  - You should normally declare your floating point variables with the double type rather than the float type.
  - In particular, don't use float variables when there are calculations involving money or scientific measurements. Those types of calculations require considerable accuracy and float variables are not very accurate.
- Range of values that can be stored in a float variable:
  - $\approx -3.4*10^{38}$  to  $+3.4*10^{38}$
- Range of values that can be stored in a double variable:
  - $\approx -3.4 \times 10^{308}$  to  $+3.4 \times 10^{308}$
- You can rely on 15 significant digits for a double variable, but only 6 significant digits for a float variable.

#### Assignments Between Different Types

- Assigning an integer value into a floating-point variable works just fine. Note this example: double bankAccountBalance = 1000;
- On the other hand, assigning a floating-point value into an integer variable is like putting a large object into a small box. By default, that's illegal. For example, this generates a compilation error: int temperature = 26.7;
- This statement also generates a compilation error: int count = 0.0;

### Constants

- A constant is a fixed value. Examples:
  - 8, -45, 2000000 : integer constants
  - -34.6, .009, 8. : floating point constants
  - "black bear", "hi" : string constants
- The default type for an integer constant is int (not long).
- The default type for a floating point constant is double (not float).

### Constants

- This example code generates compilation errors. Where and why?
  - float gpa = 2.30; float mpg; mpg = 50.5;
- Possible Solutions:
  - Always use double variables instead of float variables.

#### <u>or</u>

To explicitly force a floating point constant to be float, use an f or F suffix. For example:

```
float gpa = 2.30f;
float mpg;
mpg = 50.5F;
```

### Constants

- Constants can be split into two categories: hardcoded constants and named constants.
- The constants we've covered so far can be referred to as *hard-coded constants*. A hard-coded constant is an explicitly specified value. For example, in this assignment statement, 299792458.0 is a hard-coded constant:

propagationDelay = cableLength / 299792458.0;

 A named constant is a constant that has a name associated with it. For example, in this code fragment, SPEED\_OF\_LIGHT is a named constant:

final double SPEED\_OF\_LIGHT = 299792458.0; // in m/s
...
propagationDelay = cableLength / SPEED OF LIGHT;

### Named Constants

- The reserved word final is a modifier it modifies SPEED\_OF\_LIGHT so that its value is fixed or "final."
- All named constants use the final modifier.
- The final modifier tells the compiler to generate an error if your program ever tries to change the final variable's value at a later time.
- Standard coding conventions suggest that you capitalize all characters in a named constant and use an underscore to separate the words in a multipleword named constant.

## Named Constants

- There are two main benefits of using named constants:
  - 1. Using named constants leads to code that is more understandable.
  - If a programmer ever needs to change a named constant's value, the change is easy – find the named constant initialization at the top of the method and change the initialization value. That implements the change automatically everywhere within the method.

### **Arithmetic Operators**

- Java's +, -, and \* arithmetic operators perform addition, subtraction, and multiplication in the normal fashion.
- Java performs division differently depending on whether the numbers/operands being divided are integers or floating-point numbers.
- When the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) performs division on floating-point numbers, it performs "calculator division." We call it "calculator division" because Java's floating-point division works the same as division performed by a standard calculator. For example, if you divide 7.0 by 2.0 on your calculator, you get 3.5. Likewise, this code fragment prints 3.5: System.out.println(7.0 / 2.0);

# **Floating-Point Division**

- This next line says that 7.0 / 2.0 "evaluates to" 3.5: 7.0 / 2.0  $\Rightarrow$  3.5
- This next line asks you to determine what 5 / 4. evaluates to:
   5 / 4. ⇒ ?
- 5 is an int and 4. is a double. This is an example of a *mixed* expression. A mixed expression is an expression that contains operands with different data types.
- double values are considered to be more complex than int values because double values contain a fractional component.
- Whenever there's a mixed expression, the JVM temporarily promotes the less-complex operand's type so that it matches the more-complex operand's type, and then the JVM applies the operator.
- In the 5 / 4. expression, the 5 gets promoted to a double and then floating-point division is performed. The expression evaluates to 1.25.

## **Integer Division**

There are two ways to perform division on integers:

 The / operator performs "grade school" division and generates the quotient. For example:

 $7/2 \Rightarrow ?$ 

 The % operator (called the *modulus operator*) also performs "grade school" division and generates the remainder. For example:

 $7 \% 2 \Rightarrow ?$ 

 $8 \% 12 \Rightarrow ?$ 

# **Expression Evaluation Practice**

#### Given these initializations:

```
int a = 5, b = 2;
double c = 3.0;
```

 Use Chapter 3's operator precedence table to evaluate the following expressions:

(c + a / b) / 10 \* 5

$$(0 \% a) + c + (0 / a)$$

#### Increment and Decrement Operators

- Use the increment operator (++) operator to increment a variable by 1. Use the decrement operator (--) to decrement a variable by 1.
- Here's how they work:

 $x++; \equiv x = x + 1;$  $x--; \equiv x = x - 1;$ 

 Proper style dictates that the increment and decrement operators should be used instead of statements like this.

# **Compound Assignment Operators**

The compound assignment operators are:

+=, -=, \*=, /=, %=

- The variable is assigned an updated version of the variable's original value.
- Here's how they work: x += 3;  $\equiv$   $x^{2} = x + 3;$ x -= 4;  $\equiv$  x = x - 4;
- Proper style dictates that compound assignment operators should be used instead of statements like this

# **Tracing Practice**

#### Trace this code fragment:

```
int a = 4, b = 6;
double c = 2.0;
a -= b;
b--;
c++;
c *= b;
System.out.println("a + b + c = " + (a + b + c));
```

# Type Casting

- In writing a program, you'll sometimes need to convert a value to a different data type. The cast operator performs such conversions. Here's the syntax:
   (<type>) expression
- Suppose you've got a variable named interest that stores a bank account's interest as a double. You'd like to extract the dollars portion of the interest and store it in an int variable named interestInDollars. To do that, use the int cast operator like this:

```
interestInDollars = (int) interest;
```

# **Type Casting**

If you ever need to cast more than just a single value or variable (i.e., you need to cast an expression), then make sure to put parentheses around the entire thing that you want casted. Note this example:



## Character Type - char

- A char variable holds a single character.
- A char constant is surrounded by single quotes.
- Example char constants:
  - 'B', '1', ':'
- Example code fragment:

```
char first, middle, last;
first = 'J';
middle = 'S';
last = 'D';
System.out.println("Hello, " + first + middle +
last + '!');
```

What does this code fragment print?

## **Escape Sequences**

- Escape sequences are char constants for hard-to-print characters such as the enter character and the tab character.
- An escape sequence is comprised of a backslash (\) and another character.
- Common escape sequences:
  - \n newline go to first column in next line
  - \t move the cursor to the next tab stop
  - \\ print a backslash
  - \" print a double quote
  - \' print a single quote
- Provide a one-line print statement that prints these tabbed column headings followed by two blank lines:
  - ID NAME
- Note that you can embed escape sequences inside strings the same way that you would embed any characters inside a string. For example, provide an improved one-line print statement for the above heading.
- Why is it called an "escape" sequence?

#### Primitive Variables vs. Reference Variables

- There are two basic categories of variables in Java primitive variables and reference variables.
- Primitive variables hold only one piece of data. Primitive variables are declared with a primitive type and those types include:
  - int, long (integer types)
  - float, double (floating point types)
  - char

(character type)

- Reference variables are more complex they can hold a group of related data. Reference variables are declared with a reference type and here are some example reference types:
  - String, Calendar, programmer-defined classes

Reference types start with an uppercase first letter.

# **String Basics**

Example code for basic string manipulations:



#### Trace the above code.

# String Methods

#### String's charAt method:

- Returns the character in the given string at the specified position.
- The positions of the characters within a string are numbered starting with position zero.
- What's the output from this example code?

```
String animal = "cow";
System.out.println("Last character: " + animal.charAt(2));
To use a method, include the reference
variable, dot, method name, parentheses, and
argument(s).
```

# **String Methods**

- String's length method:
  - Returns the number of characters in the string.
  - What's the output from this code fragment?

```
String s = "hi";
System.out.println(s.length());
```

# String Methods

- To compare strings for equality, use the equals method. Use equalsIgnoreCase for case-insensitive equality.
- Trace this program:

```
public class Test
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        String animal1 = "Horse";
        String animal2 = "Fly";
        String newCreature;
        newCreature = animal1 + animal2;
        System.out.println(newCreature.equals("HorseFly"));
        System.out.println(newCreature.equals("horsefly"));
        System.out.println(newCreature.equals[gnoreCase("horsefly"));
        System.out.println(newCreature.equalsIgnoreCase("horsefly"));
    } // end main
} // end class Test
```

- Sun provides a pre-written class named Scanner, which allows you to get input from a user.
- To tell the compiler you want to use the Scanner class, insert the following import statement at the very beginning of your program (right after your prologue section and above the main method):

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

At the beginning of your main method, insert this initialization statement:

```
Scanner stdIn = new Scanner(System.in);
```

After declaring stdIn as shown above, you can read and store a line of input by calling the nextLine method like this:

```
<variable> = stdIn.nextLine();
```

```
* FriendlyHello.java
    * Dean & Dean
    *
    * This program displays a personalized Hello greeting.
    These two statements
    import java.util.Scanner;
                                           create a keyboard-input
                                           connection.
    public class FriendlyHello
      public static void main(String[] args)
        Scanner stdIn = new Scanner(System.in);
This
       String name;
gets a
                                               Use the print
        System.out.print("Enter your name: ");
line of
                                               method (no "ln")
      name = stdIn.nextLine();
input.
                                               for most prompts.
        System.out.println("Hello " + name + "!");
      } // end main
    } // end class FriendlyHello
```

In addition to the nextLine method, the Scanner class contains quite a few other methods that get different forms of input. Here are some of those methods:

```
nextInt()
```

Skip leading whitespace until an int value is found. Return the int value.

nextLong()

Skip leading whitespace until a long value is found. Return the long value.

```
nextFloat()
```

Skip leading whitespace until a float value is found. Return the float value. nextDouble()

Skip leading whitespace until a double value is found. Return the double value. next()

Skip leading whitespace until a token is found. Return the token as a String value.

#### • What is *whitespace*?

- Whitespace refers to all characters that appear as blanks on a display screen or printer. This includes the space character, the tab character, and the newline character.
- The newline character is generated with the enter key.
- Leading whitespace refers to whitespace characters that are at the left side of the input.
- What is a *token*?
  - A token is a sequence of non-whitespace characters.
- What happens if the user provides invalid input for one of Scanner's method calls?
  - The JVM prints an error message and stops the program.
  - For example, 45g and 45.0 are invalid inputs if nextInt() is called.

#### Here's a program that uses Scanner's nextDouble and nextInt methods:

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class PrintPO
 public static void main(String[] args)
    Scanner stdIn = new Scanner(System.in);
    double price; // price of purchase item
    int gty; // number of items purchased
    System.out.print("Price of purchase item: ");
   price = stdIn.nextDouble();
    System.out.print("Quantity: ");
    qty = stdIn.nextInt();
    System.out.println("Total purchase order = $" + price * qty);
  } // end main
 // end class PrintPO
```

#### Here's a program that uses Scanner's next method:

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class PrintInitials
  public static void main(String[] args)
    Scanner stdIn = new Scanner(System.in);
    String first; // first name
    String last; // last name
    System.out.print(
      "Enter first and last name separated by a space: ");
    first = stdIn.next();
    last = stdIn.next();
    System.out.println("Your initials are " +
      first.charAt(0) + last.charAt(0) + ".");
  } // end main
} // end class PrintInitials
```