
Learning the Java Language

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Language Basics

- Variables
 - Operators
 - Expressions, Statements and Blocks
 - Control Flow Statements
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What is an object

- Objects
 - State: stored in *fields*
 - Behavior: exposed through *methods*, the primary mechanism for object-to-object communication
- *Data encapsulation*: hiding internal state and requiring all interaction to be performed through an object's methods (an OOP fundamental principle)
- Benefits of using objects
 - Modularity
 - Information-hiding
 - Code re-use
 - Pluggability and debugging ease

What is a class

- *Class*: A blueprint for a software object.
- A specific object is called an *instance* of the class of objects.

```
public class Bicycle {
    int speed = 0;
    int gear = 1;

    void changeGear(int newValue) {
        gear = newValue;
    }

    void speedUp(int increment) {
        speed = speed + increment;
    }

    void applyBrakes(int decrement) {
        speed = speed - decrement;
    }

    void printStates() {
        System.out.println("speed:" +
            speed + " gear:" + gear);
    }
}

public class BicycleDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Create two different
        // Bicycle objects
        Bicycle bike1 = new Bicycle();
        Bicycle bike2 = new Bicycle();

        // Invoke methods on
        // those objects
        bike1.speedUp(10);
        bike1.changeGear(2);
        bike1.printStates();

        bike2.speedUp(10);
        bike2.changeGear(2);
        bike2.speedUp(10);
        bike2.changeGear(3);
        bike2.printStates();
    }
}
```

Variables

- An object stores its state in *fields*.
 - `int speed = 0;`
 - `int gear = 1;`
- Kinds of variables:
 - **Instance Variables (Non-Static Fields):** a.k.a instance variables (because their values are unique to each instance of a class, i.e., to each object. E.g., the `currentSpeed` of one bicycle is independent from the `currentSpeed` of another.
 - **Class Variables (Static Fields):**
 - Any field declared with the **static** modifier.
 - **Exactly** one copy of this variable in existence, regardless of how many times the class has been instantiated.
 - E.g., `static int numGears = 6;`
 - **Local Variables:** only visible to the methods in which they are declared; they are not accessible from the rest of the class.
 - **Parameters**
 - E.g., `void changeGear(int newValue)`

Variable Naming

- Variable names are case-sensitive.
- A variable name begins with:
 - Legally, a letter, the dollar sign "\$", or the underscore character "_".
 - Convention: begins with a letter, not "\$" or "_".
- Subsequent characters:
 - letters, digits, dollar signs, or underscore characters
- White space is not permitted.
- Must not choose [keyword or reserved word](#).
- One word only: all lowercase letters.
- More than one word: capitalize the first letter of each subsequent word. E.g., `currentGear`
- If a variable stores a constant value, capitalize every letter. E.g., `static final int NUM_GEAR = 6.`

Primitive Data Types

Display 1.2 Primitive Types

TYPE NAME	KIND OF VALUE	MEMORY USED	SIZE RANGE
boolean	true or false	1 byte	not applicable
char	single character (Unicode)	2 bytes	all Unicode characters
byte	integer	1 byte	-128 to 127
short	integer	2 bytes	-32768 to 32767
int	integer	4 bytes	-2147483648 to 2147483647
long	integer	8 bytes	-9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807
float	floating-point number	4 bytes	$-3.40282347 \times 10^{+38}$ to $-1.40239846 \times 10^{-45}$
double	floating-point number	8 bytes	$\pm 1.76769313486231570 \times 10^{+308}$ to $\pm 4.94065645841246544 \times 10^{-324}$

Literals

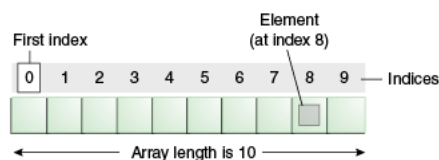
```
boolean result = true;
char capitalC = 'C';
byte b = 100;
short s = 10000;
int i = 100000;
// The number 26, in decimal
int decVal = 26;
// The number 26, in hexadecimal
int hexVal = 0x1a;
// The number 26, in binary
int binVal = 0b11010;
double d1 = 123.4;
float f1 = 123.4f;
```

Character and String Literals

- \b (backspace),
- \t (tab),
- \n (line feed),
- \f (form feed),
- \r (carriage return),
- \" (double quote),
- \' (single quote),
- \\ (backslash).
- null: used as a value for any reference type (not for primitive types)

Arrays

- An *array* is a container object that holds a fixed number of values of a single type.



- Declaring a variable to refer to an array
 - `int[] anArrayOfChars;`

Creating, Initializing and Accessing an Array

```
// create an array of integers
anArray = new int[10];
anArray[0] = 100; // initialize first element
anArray[1] = 200; // initialize second element
anArray[2] = 300; // and so forth
System.out.println("Element 2 at index 1: " + anArray[1]); // access by index
```

Alternatively,

```
int[] anArray = {
    100, 200, 300,
    400, 500, 600,
    700, 800, 900, 1000
};
```

Multidimensional Array

- An array whose components are themselves arrays (rows are allowed to vary in length)

```
class MultiDimArrayDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String[][] names = {
            {"Mr. ", "Mrs. ", "Ms. "},
            {"Smith", "Jones"}
        };
        // Mr. Smith
        System.out.println(names[0][0] + names[1][0]);
        // Ms. Jones
        System.out.println(names[0][2] + names[1][1]);
    }
}
```

Copying Arrays

- The **System** class has an `arraycopy()` method to efficiently copy data from one array into another:

```
public static void arraycopy(Object src, int srcPos,  
                             Object dest, int destPos, int length)
```

```
class ArrayCopyDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        char[] copyFrom = { 'd', 'e', 'c', 'a', 'f', 'f', 'e',  
                             'i', 'n', 'a', 't', 'e', 'd' };  
        char[] copyTo = new char[7];  
  
        System.arraycopy(copyFrom, 2, copyTo, 0, 7);  
        System.out.println(new String(copyTo));  
    }  
}
```

Operators

Simple Assignment Operator

= Simple assignment operator

Arithmetic Operators

+ Additive operator (also used for String concatenation)

- Subtraction operator

* Multiplication operator

/ Division operator

% Remainder operator

Unary Operators

+ Unary plus operator; indicates positive value
(numbers are positive without this, however)

- Unary minus operator; negates an expression

++ Increment operator; increments a value by 1

-- Decrement operator; decrements a value by 1

! Logical complement operator; inverts the value of a boolean

Operators

Equality and Relational Operators

`==` Equal to
`!=` Not equal to
`>` Greater than
`>=` Greater than or equal to
`<` Less than
`<=` Less than or equal to

Conditional Operators

`&&` Conditional-AND
`||` Conditional-OR
`?:` Ternary (shorthand for if-then-else statement)

Type Comparison Operator

`instanceof` Compares an object to a specified type

Bitwise and Bit Shift Operators

`~` Unary bitwise complement
`<<` Signed left shift
`>>` Signed right shift
`>>>` Unsigned right shift
`&` Bitwise AND
`^` Bitwise exclusive OR
`|` Bitwise inclusive OR

instanceOfDemo

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

        Animal obj1 = new Animal();
        Animal obj2 = new Cat();

        System.out.println("obj1 instanceof Animal: " + (obj1 instanceof Animal));
        System.out.println("obj1 instanceof Cat: " + (obj1 instanceof Cat));
        System.out.println("obj2 instanceof Animal: " + (obj2 instanceof Animal));
        System.out.println("obj2 instanceof Cat: " + (obj2 instanceof Cat));
    }
}

class Animal {}
class Cat extends Animal {}
```


Pre-, Post-Increment Operator

```
class PrePostDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int i = 3;
        i++;
        System.out.println(i); // "4"
        ++i;
        System.out.println(i); // "5"
        System.out.println(++i); // "6"
        System.out.println(i++); // "6"
        System.out.println(i); // "7"
    }
}
```

Expressions

- An *expression* is a construct made up of variables, operators, and method invocations
 - constructed according to the syntax of the language
 - evaluates to a single value

```
int gear = 0;
anArray[0] = 100;
System.out.println("Element 1 at index 0: " + anArray[0]);
int result = 1 + 2; // result is now 3
if (value1 == value2)
    System.out.println("value1 == value2");
```

Compound Expressions

- Compound expressions can be constructed from various smaller expressions as long as the data type required by one part of the expression matches the data type of the other.
- $x + y / 100$ // ambiguous
- $(x + y) / 100$ // unambiguous, recommended
- $x + (y / 100)$ // unambiguous, recommended

Operator Precedence

Operators	Precedence
postfix	$expr++$ $expr--$
unary	$++expr$ $--expr$ $+expr$ $-expr$ $~$ $!$
multiplicative	$*$ $/$ $\%$
additive	$+$ $-$
shift	\ll \gg \ggg
relational	$<$ $>$ $<=$ $>=$ <code>instanceof</code>
equality	$==$ $!=$
bitwise AND	$\&$
bitwise exclusive OR	\wedge
bitwise inclusive OR	$ $
logical AND	$\&\&$
logical OR	$ $
ternary	$?$ $:$
assignment	$=$ $+=$ $-=$ $*=$ $/=$ $\%=$ $\&=$ $\^=$ $ =$ $\ll=$ $\gg=$ $\ggg=$

Practice: Evaluating Expressions

Given integer variables a, b, c, d, and e, where
a = 1, b = 2, c = 3, d = 4,

evaluate the following expressions:

$$a + b - c + d$$

$$a * b / c$$

$$1 + a * b \% c$$

$$a + d \% b - c$$

$$e = b = d + c / b - a$$

Practice: Evaluating Expressions

int answer, value = 4 ;

Code

Value

Answer

4

1. value = value + 1 ;
2. value++ ;
3. ++value ;
4. answer = 2 * value++ ;
5. answer = ++value / 2 ;
6. value-- ;
7. --value ;
8. answer = --value * 2 ;
9. answer = value-- / 3 ;

Statements

- Statements are roughly equivalent to sentences in natural languages.
- A *statement* forms a complete unit of execution.
- *Expression statements*: terminated with a semicolon (;).
 - Assignment expressions: `aValue = 8933.234;`
 - Any use of `++` or `--`: `aValue++;`
 - Method invocations:
`System.out.println("Hello World!");`
 - Object creation expressions:
`Bicycle myBike = new Bicycle();`
- *Declaration statements*: `double aValue = 8933.234;`
- *Control flow statements*: more later...

Blocks

- A *block* is a group of zero or more statements between balanced braces and can be used anywhere a single statement is allowed.

```
class BlockDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        boolean condition = true;
        if (condition) { // begin block 1
            System.out.println("Condition is true.");
        } // end block 1
        else { // begin block 2
            System.out.println("Condition is false.");
        } // end block 2
    }
}
```

Control Flow Statements: if-then-else

- Once a condition is satisfied, the appropriate statements are executed and the remaining conditions are not evaluated.

```
class IfElseDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int testscore = 76;
        char grade;
        if (testscore >= 90) {
            grade = 'A';
        } else if (testscore >= 80) {
            grade = 'B';
        } else if (testscore >= 70) {
            grade = 'C';
        } else if (testscore >= 60) {
            grade = 'D';
        } else {
            grade = 'F';
        }
        System.out.println("Grade = " + grade);
    }
}
```

Control Flow: switch

```
public class SwitchDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int month = 8;
        String monthString;
        switch (month) {
            case 1: monthString = "January"; break;
            case 2: monthString = "February"; break;
            case 3: monthString = "March"; break;
            case 4: monthString = "April"; break;
            case 5: monthString = "May"; break;
            case 6: monthString = "June"; break;
            case 7: monthString = "July"; break;
            case 8: monthString = "August"; break;
            case 9: monthString = "September"; break;
            case 10: monthString = "October"; break;
            case 11: monthString = "November"; break;
            case 12: monthString = "December"; break;
            default: monthString = "Invalid month"; break;
        }
        System.out.println(monthString);
    }
}
```

Control Flow: switch (break)

```
public class SwitchDemoFallThrough {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        java.util.ArrayList<String> futureMonths = new java.util.ArrayList<String>();
        int month = 8;
        switch (month) {
            case 1: futureMonths.add("January"); case 2: futureMonths.add("February");
            case 3: futureMonths.add("March"); case 4: futureMonths.add("April");
            case 5: futureMonths.add("May"); case 6: futureMonths.add("June");
            case 7: futureMonths.add("July"); case 8: futureMonths.add("August");
            case 9: futureMonths.add("September"); case 10: futureMonths.add("October");
            case 11: futureMonths.add("November");
            case 12: futureMonths.add("December"); break;
            default: break; }
        if (futureMonths.isEmpty()) {
            System.out.println("Invalid month number");
        } else {
            for (String monthName : futureMonths) {
                System.out.println(monthName);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Notes on Switch

- A switch works with the byte, short, char, and int primitive data types. It also works with *enumerated types* (discussed in Enum Types), the [String](#) class, and a few special classes that wrap certain primitive types: [Character](#), [Byte](#), [Short](#), and [Integer](#) (discussed later...).
- In Java SE 7 and later, you can use a String object in the switch statement's expression.

Control Flow: while, do-while

```
while (expression) {  
    statement(s)  
}
```

```
do {  
    statement(s)  
} while (expression);
```

The statements within the do block are always executed at least once.

Control Flow: while, do-while

```
class WhileDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int count = 1;  
        while (count < 11) {  
            System.out.println("Count is: " + count);  
            count++;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
class DoWhileDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int count = 1;  
        do {  
            System.out.println("Count is: " + count);  
            count++;  
        } while (count < 11);  
    }  
}
```

Control Flow: for

```
for (initialization; termination; increment) {  
    statement(s)  
}
```

```
class EnhancedForDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int[] numbers = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10};  
        for (int item : numbers) {  
            System.out.println("Count is: " + item);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Control Flow: Branching - break

- Problem: unlabeled
 - Search for a specific number in an array.

Control Flow: Branching - break

```
class BreakWithLabelDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] arrayOfInts = {32, 87, 3, 589, 12, 1076, 2000, 8, 622, 127};
        int searchfor = 12;
        int i;
        boolean foundIt = false;

        for (i = 0; i < arrayOfInts.length; i++) {
            if (arrayOfInts[i] == searchfor) {
                foundIt = true;
                break;
            }
        }
        if (foundIt) {
            System.out.println("Found " + searchfor + " at " + i);
        } else {
            System.out.println(searchfor + " not in the array");
        }
    }
}
```

unlabeled

Control Flow: Branching - break

- Problem:
 - Search for a value in a two-dimensional array.

labeled

Control Flow: Branching - break

```
class BreakWithLabelDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[][] arrayOfInts = { { 32, 87, 3, 589 }, { 12, 1076, 2000, 8 },
                                { 622, 127, 77, 955 } };

        int searchfor = 12;
        int i; int j = 0;
        boolean foundIt = false;
        search:
        for (i = 0; i < arrayOfInts.length; i++) {
            for (j = 0; j < arrayOfInts[i].length; j++) {
                if (arrayOfInts[i][j] == searchfor) {
                    foundIt = true;
                    break search;
                }
            }
        }
        if (foundIt) {
            System.out.println("Found " + searchfor + " at " + i + ", " + j);
        } else {
            System.out.println(searchfor + " not in the array");
        }
    }
}
```

labeled

Control Flow: continue

- Problem:
 - Count the number of occurrences of a specific character in a given string.

Control Flow: continue

The continue statement skips the **current iteration** of a for, while, or do-while loop.

```
class ContinueDemo {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String searchMe = "peter piper picked a " + "peck of pickled peppers";
        int max = searchMe.length();
        int numPs = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < max; i++) {
            // interested only in p's
            if (searchMe.charAt(i) != 'p')
                continue;
            // process p's
            numPs++;
        }
        System.out.println("Found " + numPs + " p's in the string.");
    }
}
```

Control Flow: continue

- Problem: **labeled**
 - Search for a substring within another string.

Control Flow: continue

```
class ContinueWithLabelDemo { labeled
public static void main(String[] args) {
    String searchMe = "Look for a substring in me";
    String substring = "sub";
    boolean foundIt = false;
    int max = searchMe.length() - substring.length();
test:
    for (int i = 0; i <= max; i++) {
        int n = substring.length(); int j = i; int k = 0;
        while (n-- != 0) {
            if (searchMe.charAt(j++) != substring.charAt(k++)) {
                continue test;
            }
        }
        foundIt = true; break test;
    }
    System.out.println(foundIt ? "Found it" : "Didn't find it");
}
}
```

Control Flow: return

- The return statement exits from the current method, and control flow returns to where the method was invoked.
- Two forms:
 - returns a value, e.g., **return ++count;**
 - doesn't return a value (when a method is declared **void**), e.g., **return;**