The Java Programming Language

• A *programming language* specifies the words and symbols that we can use to write a program

• A programming language employs a set of rules that dictate how the words and symbols can be put together to form valid *program statements*

• Java was created by Sun Microsystems, Inc.
• It was introduced in 1995 and has become quite popular
• It is an object-oriented language

Java Program Structure

• In the Java programming language:
  – A program is made up of one or more *classes*
  – A class contains one or more *methods*
  – A method contains program *statements*
  – Statements are the actual commands you issue
• These terms will be explored in detail throughout the course
• A Java program always contains a method called *main*

Calculator I: add two Integers

```java
import java.util.Scanner;

public class AddTwoIntegers {
    public static void main(String args) {
        int input1, input2, output;
        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        // Input the first integer
        System.out.println("Add: Type in the first integer");
        input1 = scan.nextInt();
        System.out.println("Add: Type in the second integer");
        input2 = scan.nextInt();
        // Perform the calculation
        output = input1 + input2;
        System.out.println("The sum is: " + output);
    }
}
```
Java Program Structure

```java
// comments about the class
public class MyProgram {
    // class header: The name of the class
    // Important: The class header name MUST be the same name as the file name: MyProgram.java
    class body
}
// Comments can be added almost anywhere
```

Identifiers

- *Identifiers* are the words a programmer uses in a program. They are used to give names to things.

- An identifier can be made up of letters, digits, the underscore character (_), and the dollar sign.

- Identifiers cannot begin with a digit.

- Java is *case sensitive*, therefore `Result` and `result` are different identifiers.

- Sometimes we choose identifiers ourselves when writing a program (such as `input1`, `AddTwoIntegers`).

- Sometimes we are using another programmer's code, so we use the identifiers that they chose (such as `println`).

- Often we use special identifiers called *reserved words* that already have a predefined meaning in the language:
  - A reserved word cannot be used in any other way
  - `Main`, `class`, `public`, ...
More on `println`

- `println` takes one input
  - a character string: `println("hello world");`
  - the value of a variable: `println(output);`
  - the combination of both:
    - `println("The sum is "+output);`
- We will understand the exact semantics behind this soon

Formatting and Errors

- A program can have three types of errors
  - The compiler will find problems with syntax and other basic issues (compile-time errors)
    - If compile-time errors exist, an executable version of the program is not created
  - A program may run, but produce incorrect results (logical errors)
    - `output = input1 - input2;`
  - A problem can occur during program execution, and causes a program to terminate abnormally (run-time errors)
    - Divide by zero
    - Wrong data type

Formatting rules

- Spaces, blank lines, and tabs are collectively called white space
  - separates words and symbols in a program
  - Extra white spaces are ignored
- A valid Java program can be formatted many different ways
- Programs should be formatted for readability
  - use proper indentation
  - use space and new lines
  - use comments
Development Life Cycle

Errors may take a long time to debug!

**Important Note**: When you compile for the first time and see the 150 errors, do not despair. Only the first 1 or 2 errors are relevant. Fix those and compile again. There should be fewer errors (like 50). Repeat until no errors.

Syntax and Semantics

- The *syntax rules* of a language define how we can put symbols, reserved words, and identifiers together to make a valid program (see appendix L)
- The *semantics* of a program statement define what that statement means (its purpose or role in a program)
- A program that is syntactically correct is not necessarily logically (semantically) correct
- A program will always do what we tell it to do, not what we meant to tell it to do

Calculator II: Choosing the right data type

- Integer: -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, …
- Real Number:
  - number that can be given by an infinite decimal representation (e.g, 3.237654…)
- floating point number:
  - approximation of a real number
  - needs only finite space (fits in a cell or set of cells)
  - data type in Java (for now): double

```java
import java.util.Scanner;

public class AddTwoDoubles {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        double input1, input2, output;
        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        // input the values
        System.out.println("Add: Type in the first number:");
        input1 = scan.nextDouble();
        System.out.println("Add: Type in the second number:");
        input2 = scan.nextDouble();
        // perform the calculation
        output = input1 + input2;
        System.out.println("The sum is: "+output);
    }
}
```
**Data Type compatibility**

- If you try to assign a `double` value to a variable of type `int`, you get a run-time error.
- If you try to assign an `int` value to a variable of type `double`, an automatic conversion occurs.

**Calculator III: Constants**

- A constant is an identifier that is similar to a variable except that it holds one value for its entire existence.
- The compiler will issue an error if you try to change a constant.
- In Java, we use the `final` modifier to declare a constant:
  ```java
  final double PI = 3.14;
  ```
- Constants:
  - give names to otherwise unclear literal values
  - facilitate changes to the code
    - More precision required: change PI only once to 3.14159
  - prevent inadvertent errors

**Arithmetic Expressions**

- An expression is a combination of operators and operands.
  - `radius * radius * PI`
- Arithmetic expressions compute numeric results and make use of the arithmetic operators:
  
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- If either or both operands to an arithmetic operator are floating point (double), the result is floating point (double).
Division with Integers

• If both operands to the division operator (/) are integers, the result is an integer (the fractional part is discarded)
• The remainder operator (%) returns the remainder after dividing the second operand into the first
• Example 1:
  – int numHours = 52;
  – int fullDays = numHours / 24;
  – int remainingHours = numHours % 24;
• Division by 0
  – Produces run-time error
  – Program has to avoid it

If-else statements

• A statement that allows a program to choose an action depending on the value of a boolean expression
• Example:
  if (balance > amount)
      Balance = balance - amount;
  else
      System.out.println("You cannot withdraw more money than you have");
      System.out.println("your balance is: " + balance);
  – If the value of the variable balance is larger than the value of the variable amount, the amount is subtracted from the balance
  – Otherwise the user is informed that the subtraction cannot be done
  – In any case, the value of the balance is printed

Boolean Expression

• An expression that evaluates either to “true” or to “false”
• Named after George Boole, inventor of the Boolean Algebra (we will discuss it in more detail later)
• Similar concept in natural language
  – “the traffic light is red”
  – This expression is either true or false
Comparison

- Boolean Expressions often contain comparisons;
  - if (denominator == 0)
    - If the denominator is zero
    - Note the difference of comparison == to assignment =
      - One of the most common errors
  - if (denominator != 0)
    - If the denominator is not zero
  - if (balance > amount), if (balance < amount)
    - If the balance is larger / smaller than the amount
  - if (balance >= amount)
    - If the balance is larger or equal to the amount
  - if (balance <= amount)
    - If the balance is smaller or equal to the amount

The simple if-then-else Statement

```java
if (condition)
   statement1;
else
   statement2;
```

- If the condition is true, statement1 is executed; if the condition is false, statement2 is executed
- One or the other will be executed, not both

Block Statements

- Several statements can be grouped together into a block statement
- A block is delimited by braces ( { . . . } )
- A block statement can be used wherever a statement is called for in the Java syntax
- For example, in an if-else statement, the if portion, or the else portion, or both, could be block statements
- Task: rewrite the division program with comparison
  - if (denominator != 0)

Calculator V: Add five numbers
The While-loop syntax

```
while ( condition )
{
   statement1;
   statement2;
}
```

The statement is executed repetitively until the condition becomes false.

A loop allows us to execute a statement or a block of statements repetitively.

Body of the loop: the block of statements contained in the loop (executed repetitively).

Iteration: one execution of body of the loop.

The body is executed repeatedly as long as the condition after the while evaluates to true.
   If the condition never evaluates to true, then the loop is never executed.

Calculator VII: Adding an arbitrary amount of numbers

```
public class AddArbitrary {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      double input1; // input
      int iterations; // number of iterations
      double output = 0;

      Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
      System.out.println("How many numbers do you want to add?");
      iterations = scan.nextInt();

      double output = 0;
      for (int i = 0; i < iterations; i++) {
         System.out.print("Enter number:");
         input1 = scan.nextDouble();
         output += input1;
      }
      System.out.println("The sum is: " + output);
   }
}
```
Classes

- So far, we have used some existing classes:
  - Scanner:
    - Allows us to read from keyboard: `nextInt`, `nextDouble`, ...
  - `System.out`:
    - Allows us to print information to the screen: `println`
  - We call the operations that we can perform methods
- So far, we have developed a set of own classes
  - Division, AddArbitrary, ...
  - But are these conceptually classes?
  - They are rather tasks of a class calculator!

The calculator class

- Provides Addition and Division
- Expects repetitive input from user
- User must indicate type of operation (addition, division, …)
- User must indicate input
- Calculator performs operation
- Calculator exits if user does not want to have further computation

Main Method

- Main
  - get type of operation wanted by user
    - 0: exit
    - 1: add
    - 2: divide
  - While (type != 0)
    - If (type == 1)
      - Call Addition method
    - If (type == 2)
      - Call Division method
  - Make sure no other input is provided
  - Get next type of operation wanted by user

Summary

- Variables, variable assignments, expressions are the fundamental building blocks
- Variables can have different data types
  - So far integer and floating point
- We can perform basic operations on variables
  - `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`
- If-then-else
  - control when certain statements are executed
- While loops
  - execute statements repetitively
- concept of a class
  - bundle related functionality
Problem Solving

• The purpose of writing a program is to solve a problem

• The general steps in problem solving are:
  – Understand the problem
  – Dissect the problem into manageable pieces
  – Design a solution
  – Consider alternatives to the solution and refine it
  – Implement the solution
  – Test the solution and fix any problems that exist

Calculator I: add two Integers

```java
import java.util.Scanner;

public class AddTwoIntegers {
  public static void main (String [] args) {
    int input1, input2, output;
    Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);

    System.out.println("Add: Type the first integer:");
    input1 = scan.nextInt();
    System.out.println("Add: Type the second integer:");
    input2 = scan.nextInt();

    output = input1 + input2;
    System.out.println("The sum is: " + output);
  }
}
```

Formatting and Errors

```java
import java.util.Scanner;

public class AddTwoIntegersBad {
  public static void main (String [] args){
    int input, input2;  Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
    input1 = scan.nextInt();  input2 = scan.nextInt();
    output = input1 + input2;System.out.println("The sum is: " + output);
  }
}
```
Calculator II: Choosing the right data type

- Integer vs. double

```java
import java.util.Scanner;
public class AddTwo
{
  public static void main (String [] args)
  {
    double input1, input2, output;
    Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);

    // read in the values
    System.out.println("Add: Type the first number:");
    input1 = scan.nextDouble();
    System.out.println("Add: Type the second number:");
    input2 = scan.nextDouble();

    // perform calculation
    output = input1 + input2;
    System.out.println("The sum is: " + output);
  }
}
```

Calculator III: Constants

```java
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Circle
{
  public static void main (String [] args)
  {
    double radius, circumference, area;
    final double PI = 3.14;
    Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);

    // read in the radius
    System.out.println("Enter radius:");
    input1 = scan.nextDouble();

    // perform calculation
    circumference = 2 * radius * PI;
    area = radius * radius * PI;

    System.out.println("The circumference is: " + circumference);
    System.out.println("The area is: " + area);
  }
}
```

Calculator IV: Division

```java
import java.util.Scanner;
public class DivisionInt
{
  public static void main (String [] args)
  {
    int nominator, denominator, output, remainder;
    Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);

    // read in the input
    System.out.println("Enter nominator:");
    nominator = scan.nextInt();
    System.out.println("Enter denominator:");
    denominator = scan.nextInt();

    // check correctness of input
    if (denominator == 0)
      System.out.println("The denominator may not be 0");
    else
    {
      // perform calculation
      output = nominator / denominator;
      remainder = nominator % denominator;
      System.out.println("The result is: " + output);
      System.out.println("The remainder is: " + remainder);
    }
  }
}
```

Calculator V: Add five numbers

```java
import java.util.Scanner;
public class AddFive
{
  public static void main (String [] args)
  {
    double input1, input2, input3, input4, input5, output;
    Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);

    // read in the input
    System.out.println("Enter first number:");
    input1 = scan.nextDouble();
    System.out.println("Enter second number:");
    input2 = scan.nextDouble();
    System.out.println("Enter third number:");
    input3 = scan.nextDouble();
    System.out.println("Enter fourth number:");
    input4 = scan.nextDouble();
    System.out.println("Enter fifth number:");
    input5 = scan.nextDouble();

    // perform calculation
    output = input1 + input2 + input3 + input4 + input5;
    System.out.println("The result is: " + output);
  }
}
```
Calculator VI: add 10 numbers

```java
import java.util.Scanner;
public class AddTen
{
    public static void main (String [] args)
    {
        double input;
        double output = 0;
        int counter;

        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        // read in the values in a loop and incrementally perform calculation
        counter = 1;
        while (counter <= 10)
        {
            System.out.println("Enter number:");
            input = scan.nextDouble();
            output = output + input;
            counter = counter + 1;
        }
        System.out.println("The sum is: " + output);
    }
}
```

Calculator VII: Adding an arbitrary amount of numbers

```java
import java.util.Scanner;
public class AddArbitrary
{
    public static void main (String [] args)
    {
        double input;
        int iterations;
        double output = 0;
        int counter;

        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.println("Indicate the amount of number: ");
        iterations = scan.nextInt();
        // read in the values in a loop and incrementally perform calculation
        counter = 1;
        while (counter <= iterations)
        {
            System.out.println("Enter number:");
            input = scan.nextDouble();
            output = output + input;
            counter = counter + 1;
        }
        System.out.println("The sum is: " + output);
    }
}
```