Welcome to CSE 142!

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Building Java Programs Chapter 1
Lecture 1: Introduction; Basic Java Programs

reading: 1.1 - 1.3
What is computer science?

- computers?
- science?

**PROCESS**

**algorithm:**

a step-by-step procedure for solving a problem or accomplishing some end especially by a computer
Fields of computer science

- Graphics
- Computer Vision
- Artificial Intelligence
- Robotics
- Machine Learning
- Data Mining
- Natural Language Processing
- User Interfaces
- ...

- How does this all relate to programming?
  - This course is “Introduction to Programming I” after all.
Programming is like Legos...
Take this course if you...

- ... like solving tricky problems
- ... like building things
- ... (will) work with large data sets
- ... are curious about how Facebook, Google, etc work
- ... have never written a computer program before
- ... are shopping around for a major
  - 142 is a good predictor of who will enjoy CSE
  - ... think “computers and robots are going to take over the world. I want to befriend them so that my life will be spared.”
Tips for Success

• Come to lecture!

• Visit website often: cs.uw.edu/142

• Utilize the resources we provide you:
  • IPL (MGH 334)
  • Come visit me in Office Hours!
  • Your TA
  • Textbook
  • Slides and Lecture examples
  • Message Board
  • Practice-It! http://practiceit.cs.washington.edu/practiceit/

• Remember: assignments must be your own work!
Tips for Success (cont’d)

- Keep up with the assignments
  - The course material is cumulative

- If you don’t understand something, ask questions (especially “WHY?”).
  - There’s no such thing as a dumb question.
  - Computers are neither magical nor mysterious. Everything can be explained!
What is programming?

- **program**: A set of instructions to be carried out by a computer.

- **program execution**: The act of carrying out the instructions contained in a program.

- **programming language**: A systematic set of rules used to describe computations in a format that is editable by humans.
  - We will be using a programming language called Java.
Why Java?

- Relatively simple
- Object-oriented
- Platform independent (Mac, Windows...)
- Widely used
  - #2 in popularity
Your first Java program!

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

- **File must be named** `Hello.java`
- **What does this code output** (print to the user) **when you run** (execute) it?
Bigger Java program!

```java
public class Hello {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello, world!");
        System.out.println();
        System.out.println("This program produces");
        System.out.println("four lines of output");
    }
}
```

- **Its output:**

  Hello, world!

  This program produces
  four lines of output

- **console:** Text box into which the program's output is printed.
Running a program

1. **Write** it.
   - **code** or **source code**: The set of instructions in a program.

2. **Compile** it.
   - **compile**: Translate a program from one language to another.
   - **byte code**: The Java compiler converts your code into a format named **byte code** that runs on many computer types.

3. **Run** (execute) it.
   - **output**: The messages printed to the user by a program.
Structure of a Java program

Every executable Java program consists of a **class**, that contains a **method** named **main**, that contains the **statements** (commands) to be executed.
Names and identifiers

- You must give your program a name.

```java
public class HelloWorld {

    - Naming convention: capitalize each word (e.g. MyClassNam)
    - Your program's file must match exactly (HelloWorld.java)
        - includes capitalization (Java is "case-sensitive")

- **identifier**: A name given to an item in your program.
  - must start with a letter or _ or $
  - subsequent characters can be any of those or a number
    - **legal**: _myName TheCure ANSWER_IS_42 $bling$
    - **illegal**: me+u 49ers side-swipe Ph.D's
System.out.println

- A statement that prints a line of output on the console.
  - pronounced "print-linn"

- Two ways to use System.out.println:
  - System.out.println("text");
    Prints the given message as output.
  - System.out.println();
    Prints a blank line of output.
Keywords

- **keyword**: An identifier that you cannot use because it already has a reserved meaning in Java.

\begin{verbatim}
abstract    default    if           private     this
boolean     do         implements   protected   throw
break       double     import      public      throws
byte        else       instanceof  return      transient
case        extends    int          short       try
catch       final      interface   static      void
class       float      long         strictfp    volatile
cost        for        native       super       while
continue    goto       package     synchronized
\end{verbatim}

- **Note**: Because Java is case-sensitive, you could technically use `Class` or `cLaSs` as identifiers, but this is very confusing and thus **strongly discouraged**.
Syntax

- **syntax**: The set of legal structures and commands that can be used in a particular language.
  - The “spelling” and “grammar” of a programming language.
  - Every basic Java statement ends with a semicolon ;
  - The contents of a class or method occur between { and }

- **syntax error (compiler error)**: A problem in the structure of a program that causes the compiler to fail.
  - Missing semicolon
  - Too many or too few { } braces
  - Class and file names do not match
  - ...
Syntax error example

```java
public class Hello {
    pooblic static void main(String[] args) {
        System.owt.println("Hello, world!")
    }
}
```

- Compiler output:

```
Hello.java:2: <identifier> expected
    pooblic static void main(String[] args) {
    ^
Hello.java:3: ';' expected
} ^
2 errors
```

- The compiler shows the line number where it found the error.
- The error messages can be tough to understand!
  - Why can’t the computer just say “You misspelled ‘public’”?
More on syntax errors

- Java is case-sensitive
  - Hello and hello are not the same

```
1 Public class Hello {
2   public static void main(String[] args) {
3     System.out.println("Hello, world!");
4   }
5 }
```

compiler output:

```
Hello.java:1: class, interface, or enum expected
Public class Hello {
  ^
1 error
```
First lesson in this class

- Computers are stupid.
- Computers can’t read minds.
- Computers don’t make mistakes.
- If the computer is not doing what you want, it’s because **YOU** made a mistake.
Strings and escape sequences
Strings

• **string**: A sequence of text characters.
  • Starts and ends with a " (quotation mark character).
    • The quotes do not appear in the output.

• Examples:
  "hello"
  "This is a string. It's very long!"

• Restrictions:
  • May not span multiple lines.
    "This is not a legal String."
  • May not contain a " character.
    "This is not a "legal" String either."
Escape sequences

- **escape sequence**: A special sequence of characters used to represent certain special characters in a string.

  \t   tab character
  \n   new line character
  \"   quotation mark character
  \\   backslash character

- **Example:**
  ```java
  System.out.println("\\hello\\n\\tare\\n\\"you\\")?\\\"");
  ``

- **Output:**
  ```
  \hello
  how   are "you"?
  ```
Questions

• What is the output of the following `println` statements?

```java
System.out.println("\ta\tb\tc");
System.out.println("\\\\\\");
System.out.println("\'");
System.out.println("\\\\\\");
System.out.println("C:\nin\the downward spiral");
```

• Write a `println` statement to produce this output:

```
/ \ // \ \ /// \ \ \ 
```
Answers

- **Output of each `println` statement:**

  a       b       c

  \\
  '
  """

  C: in the downward spiral

- **`println` statement to produce the line of output:**

  ```java
  System.out.println("/ \ \ // \ \ \ \ // \ \ \ \ \ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /");
  ```
Questions

• What println statements will generate this output?

This quote is from
Irish poet Oscar Wilde:

"Music makes one feel so romantic
- at least it always gets on one's nerves -
which is the same thing nowadays."

• What println statements will generate this output?

A "quoted" String is
'much' better if you learn
the rules of "escape sequences."

Also, "" represents an empty String.
Don't forget: use \" instead of " !
"" is not the same as "
Answers

• `println` statements to generate the output:
  System.out.println("This quote is from");
  System.out.println("Irish poet Oscar Wilde:");
  System.out.println();
  System.out.println("Music makes one feel so romantic");
  System.out.println("- at least it always gets on one's nerves -");
  System.out.println("which is the same thing nowadays.");

• `println` statements to generate the output:
  System.out.println("A \"quoted\" String is");
  System.out.println("'much' better if you learn");
  System.out.println("the rules of \"escape sequences\"");
  System.out.println();
  System.out.println("Also, "\"\" represents an empty String.");
  System.out.println("Don't forget: use \\\" instead of \" !");
  System.out.println("'\' is not the same as \"\"");