Objects
(Chap. 2)

Variables and Constants

Our Temperature Code

We've looked at the overall structure of a Java application. Now we look at kinds of statements that are in the `main()` method.

```
/* Temperature.java converts Celsius
                              Fahrenheit.
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                              creen & Keyboard classes

                              ends Object
{
  public static v             main(String [] args)
  {
    Screen theScreen = new Screen();
    theScreen.print("Welcome to the temperature converter!\n" +
            "Please enter the temperature in Celsius: ");

    Keyboard theKeyboard = new Keyboard();
    double celsius = theKeyboard.readDouble();

    double fahrenheit = ((9.0/5.0)*celsius) + 32;

    theScreen.print(celsius + " degrees Celsius is " +
            fahrenheit + " degrees Fahrenheit.\n" +
            "It's been a pleasure!\n");
  }
}
```


Statement Types

There are different types of statements in high-level programming languages:

- **Type declarations**
- **Expression statements**
- Control statements
- Input/Output (I/O) statements

We'll focus on the first two for now.

Types & Expressions

- In a Java program, any sequence of *objects* and *operations* that combine to produce a value is called an ***expression***:
  - Objects are explicitly declared to be a certain ***type***.
  - Operations are designed for a particular ***type***.
- An example from our temperature problem:

```
double fahrenheit = ((9.0/5.0)*celsius) + 32;
```

We will focus for now on Java objects.

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Data Types

- *All Java objects must have a type.*
- Java supports two categories of types:
  - ***Primitive*** *types are the basic types*:
    - **`byte`**, **`short`**, **`int`**, **`long`**: integer values of various sizes (8, 16, 32, 64 bits)
    - **`float`**, **`double`**: real values (32, 64 bits)
    - **`boolean`**: logical (true/false) values (1 bit)
    - **`char`**: single characters (16 bits)

  - ***Reference*** types are built from other types:

    Examples:
    - **`String`**: for sequences of characters
    - **`Keyboard`**, **`Screen`**: associated with the standard input and output devices
    - Also called "class types"
    - Java 2 provides over 1600 reference types
- Primitive types are *known* to the compiler; reference types must be *explained* to it.
- **`void`** denotes the absence of any type.

Object Categories

There are three kinds of objects:

- ***Literals***: unnamed objects having a value:

  `(0, -3, 2.5, 2.998e8, 'A', "Hello\n",...)`
- ***Variables***: named objects whose values can change during program execution;
- ***Constants***: named objects whose values do not change during program execution;

Literals

- **`int`** literals are whole numbers:

  `27, 0, 4, +4`

  Also for: `byte`, `short`, & `long`
- **`double`** literals are real numbers, and can be:
  - fixed-point: `-0.333, 0.5, 1.414`, ...
  - floating-point: `2.998e8, 0.2998e9`, ...

  Also for: `float`
- There are only two **`boolean`** literals:

  `false, true`
- **`char`** literals: single characters enclosed in single quotes

  `'A', 'a', '9', '$', '?'`, ...
- **`String`** literals: character sequences enclosed in double quotes:

  `"Hello", "Goodbye", "Goodbye\n",`

Named Objects

- The name of an object is called an ***identifier***.
- Java identifiers must begin with a letter followed by zero or more letters, digits or underscores.
  - Valid: **`age`**, **`r2d2`**, **`myGPA`**, **`MAX_SCORE`**
  - Invalid: **`123go`**, **`coffee-time`**, **`sam's`**, **`$name`**
- *Identifiers cannot be Java reserved words* (e.g., names of primitive types, `import`, `class`)

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Variable Declarations

- Variables are used to store value, but must first be **declared**. They can be either *initialized* or *uninitialized* in their declarations.
- Examples:

```
int age = 18;
double GPA = 3.25, credits;
char letterGrade = 'A';
boolean ok, done = false;
```

- Pattern:

```
type variableName [ = expression ];
```

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SPECIAL HINT

- Pay close attention to patterns.
- Learn to read them:
  - Anything in normal font must be typed verbatim.
  - *Anything in italics must be replaced with your own information.*
  - Square brackets [...] indicate optional information.

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***Note*:** In a variable declaration

```
type variableName [ = expression ];
```

→ ***`type`*** must be known to the compiler

→ ***`variableName`*** must be a valid identifier

→ ***`expression`*** is evaluated and assigned to ***`variableName`***'s memory location

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Assignment Statements

- The value of a variable can be changed using an assignment statement.
- Examples:

```
age = 19;
credits = hours * 3.0;
letterGrade = 'B';
done = true;
```

- Pattern:

```
variableName = expression;
```

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Constant Declarations

- Constants are used to represent a value with a meaningful name, and *must be initialized*.
- Examples:

```
final int MAX_SCORE = 100;
final double PI = 3.14159;
final char MIDDLE_INITIAL = 'A';
final String PROMPT = "Value: ";
```

- Pattern:

```
final type CONSTANT_NAME = expression;
```

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Naming Conventions

- Variable names are all lowercase, with the first letter of each word after the first capitalized (e.g., `lastName`)
- Class names are like variable names except that the first letter is capitalized (e.g., `LastName`).
- Constant names are all uppercase, with multiple words separated by underscores (e.g., `MAX_SCORE`)

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SPECIAL HINT

- Observe *all* programming conventions that we talk about.
- Conventions apply to *all* of the code you write, on quizzes and especially for labs and projects.
- You will not get this special hint again...

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Part of the Picture: Data Representation

How literals of the primitive types are represented and stored in memory.

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Representing Integers

Integers are often represented in the *twos-complement* format, where the high-order bit indicates the number's sign:

2_{10} = 0000000000000010$_2$
1_{10} = 0000000000000001$_2$
0_{10} = 0000000000000000$_2$
-1_{10} = 1111111111111111$_2$
-2_{10} = 1111111111111110$_2$

What's going on here and why?

These examples have 16 bits, but 32 or 64 are more common.

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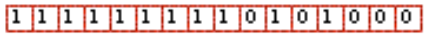
Two's-Complement

For nonnegative n:
Use ordinary base-two representation with leading (sign) bit 0

For negative n (–n):
1. Find w-bit base-2 representation of n
2. Complement each bit.
3. Add 1

Example: –88

1. 88 as a 16-bit base-two number 0000000001011000
2. Complement this bit string 1111111110100111
3. Add 1 1111111110101000



Shortcut for Step 3: Flip all bits from rightmost **0** to the end

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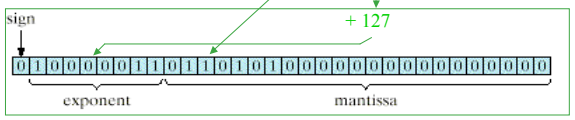
Real Objects

Real values are often represented in 64 bits using the IEEE floating point standard:

Example: 22.625

Floating point form: $1.0110101_2 \times 2^4$



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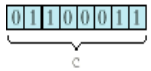
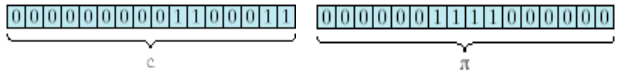
Character Objects

Store numeric codes (ASCII and Unicode are standard

ASCII uses 1 byte (8 bits) per character, allowing for $2^8 = 255$ characters



Java uses Unicode, which uses 2 bytes (16 bits) per character, allowing for $2^{16} = 65536$ characters (see examples on p. 68).



UNICODE supports a number of different character types (see www.unicode.org)

Representing Booleans

- Only two possible values
  - **`true`** and **`false`**
- Only need two possible numbers, 0 and 1
- Single bit is all that is needed

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Some Basic Program Features

Using **classes**, we can build new types to model real world objects that cannot be represented using available types.

Pattern:

```
class ClassName extends ExistingClassName
{
   // attributes (variables & constants)
   // and behaviors (methods)
}
```

- ***`ClassName`*** is the name of a new reference type
- ***`ExistingClassName`*** is any class name known to the compiler
- { and } mark the boundaries of the declaration

An object is a program entity whose type is a class.

Importing Packages

Related classes can be grouped together into a container called a "package." A program specifies in what package to find a desired class

- *Fully-qualified name* of a class:
  PackageName.ClassName
  PackageName1.PackageName2.ClassName
- Using **`import PackageName;`** makes it possible to omit the prefixes and dot notation.
- Pattern:
  `import PackageName.*;` or
  `import PackageName.ClassName;`
  where ***`ClassName`*** is any class stored in ***`PackageName`***

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Using Methods

- We *call*, *invoke*, or *send a message to* a method of an existing object, by using dot notation.

  Pattern:

  `objectName.methodName(arguments)`
- Example,

  `theScreen.print(" ... ");`
  - **`theScreen`** is the object
  - **`print( )`** is the method being called

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Java Documentation – API

- Java designers have provided over 1600 classes
  - Called the Java Application Programmer's Interface or API
  - Each class provides variety of useful methods
  - Classes grouped into packages
- To find a needed package or class, use the hypertext-based documentation system:

`http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4.1/docs/api`

This is an important reference source and you should learn to use it effectively

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