

COSC 123
Computer Creativity

Introduction to Java

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Key Points

- 1) Introduce Java, a general-purpose programming language, and compare it with Alice
- 2) Examine the Eclipse development environment for developing Java programs
- 3) Execute our first Java program and analyze its basic contents
- 4) Learn how to read input, write to the screen, declare and use variables, and perform basic calculations in Java

Introduction to Java

Java is a general-purpose, object-oriented language developed in 1991 by a group led by James Gosling and Patrick Naughton of Sun Microsystems.

Major advantages of Java:

- ◆ Can run on almost any type of machine.
- ◆ Popular language for web and system development.
- ◆ Good teaching language because many issues such as memory management are hidden.

Java is an *interpreted*, rather than compiled, language. This makes it portable but also affects performance for some applications.

The Java Virtual Machine (JVM)

The **Java Virtual Machine (JVM)** is a program that executes a Java program on an individual machine.

After the Java compiler compiles your program:

- ◆ your program is in Java byte form which is a set of instructions for the JVM to execute (not the same as machine code)

When you run your program:

- ◆ the JVM is started by the operating system
- ◆ the JVM loads your program and begins executing it
- ◆ each byte in your compiled Java program is either an instruction or data used by the JVM
- ◆ the JVM translates instructions in your program to the appropriate machine code for the machine it is running on

The JVM is effectively a **virtual machine** in your computer.

Java and Alice

Java and Alice perform the same operations using different syntax.

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Alice</u>	<u>Java</u>
Assignment	Set value	=
Arithmetic	+, -, *, /	+, -, *, /
Remainder	IEEERemainder	%
Relational	<, <=, >, >=, ==, !=	<, <=, >, >=, ==, !=
Logical	Not, both a and b, either a or b or both	! (not), a && b (and), a b (or)
Decisions	If/else	If/else
Repetition	Loop, While	for, while

Eclipse

It is possible to write Java programs using any text editor and compile them using the Java compiler.

An **integrated development environment** makes it easier to write code, find errors, and run your programs.

We will use the **Eclipse** environment in this course.

- ◆ Eclipse is a generic, extensible development environment that can be used for Java and other languages.
- ◆ Eclipse makes coding easier with automatic error checking, code completion, and source debugging.
- ◆ Eclipse will **NOT** make it easier to figure out **WHAT** to write, but it will make **HOW** to write it easier.

Eclipse Initial Setup

Creating a Workspace and a Project

A **workspace** is the place where Eclipse will store all of your projects.

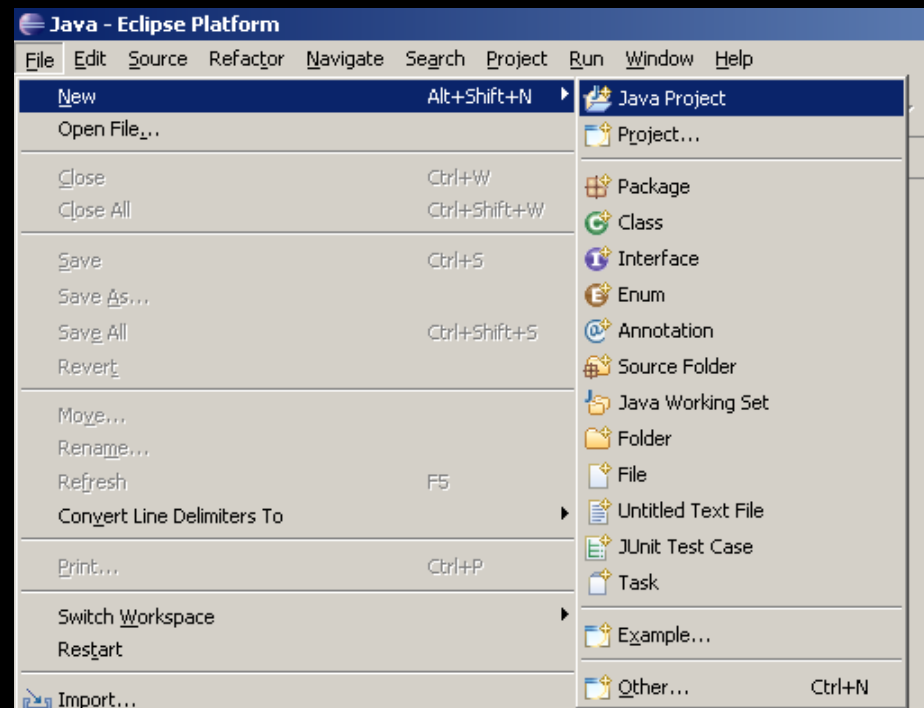
- ◆ You will be prompted for your workspace on start up if you have not selected one.

Create a new workspace on **F:** with a directory name **workspace**.

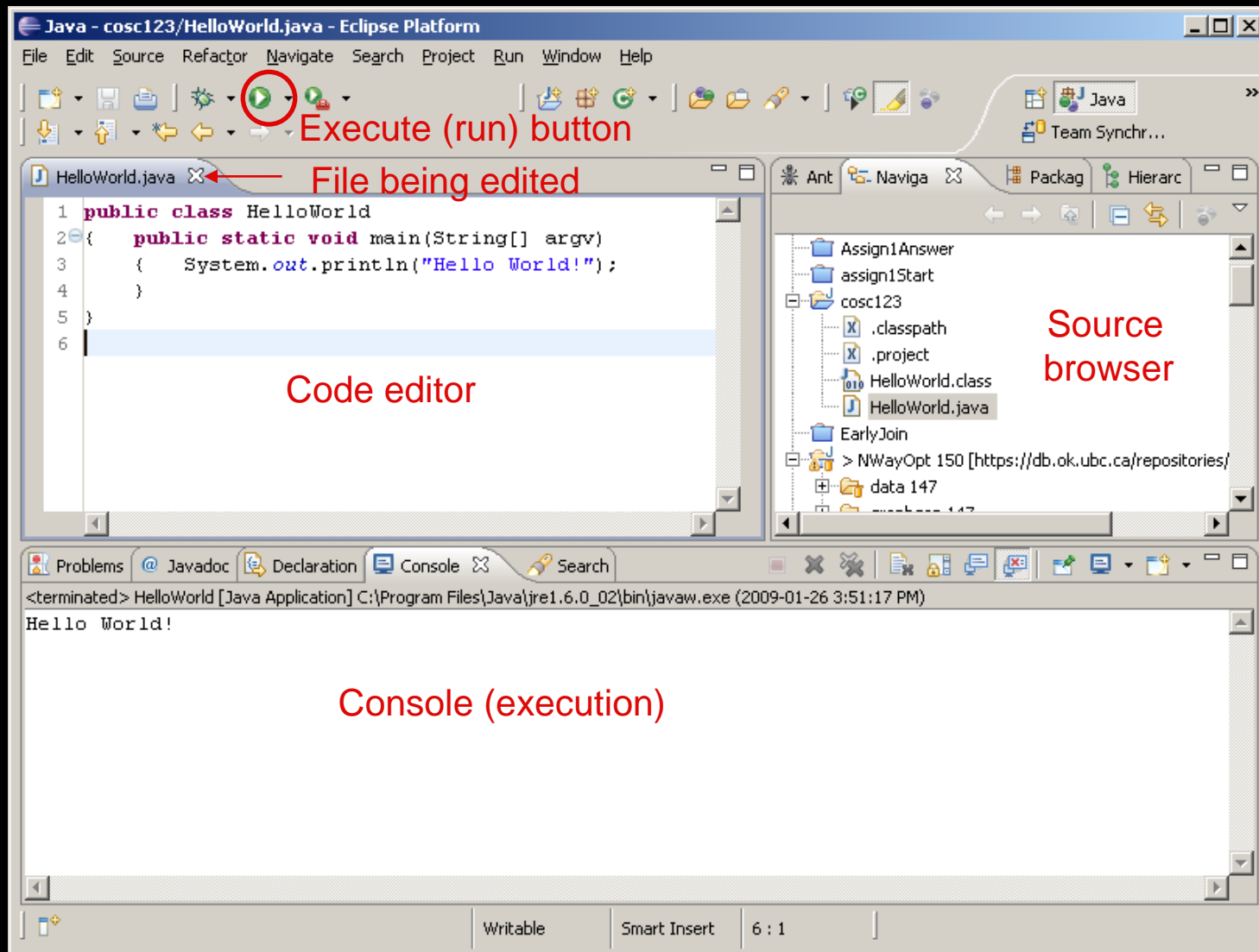
A **project** is a group of program files for some purpose. We will create a sample project called **cosc123**. You will also create projects for each assignment.

- ◆ Give the project a name and click finish. Ignore all options for now.

Create a New Project using
File->New->Java Project



Eclipse Main Screen



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Perspectives and Views

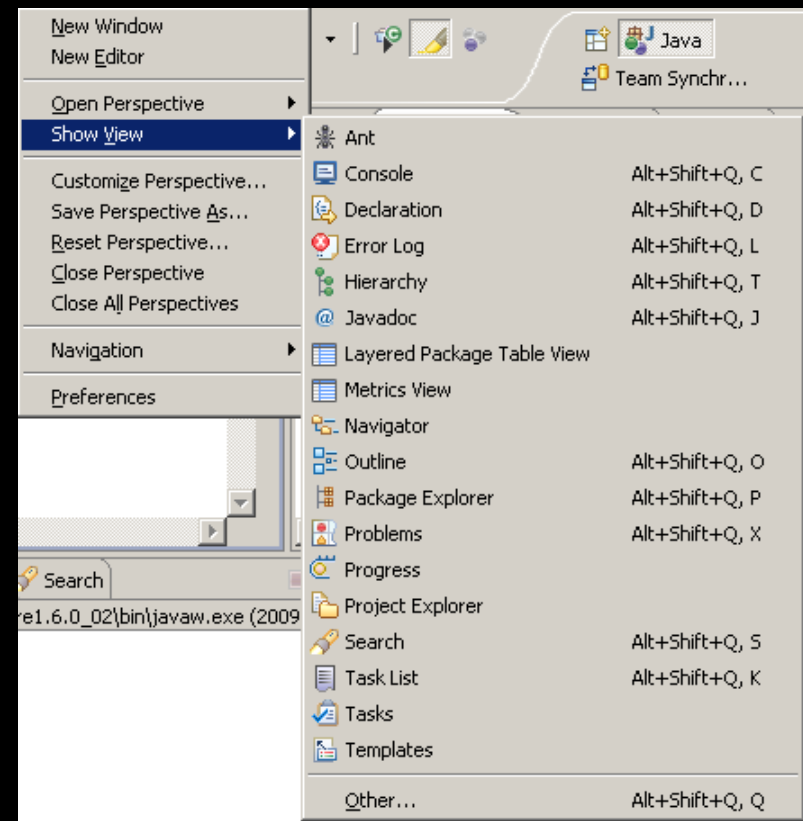
A **perspective** is an organization of views to accomplish a certain task (debugging, coding, etc.).

- ◆ The two perspectives we will use are Java and Debugging.
- ◆ Eclipse remembers how you place the views in each perspective.

A **view** is a window on the screen associated with a task.

- ◆ The major views are:
 - ⇒ Navigator – shows files in project
 - ⇒ Console – shows program output
 - ⇒ Problems – shows errors in code
- ◆ You may open, close, and organize views in each perspective.

Selecting Eclipse views using Window->Show View



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Creating a Program File

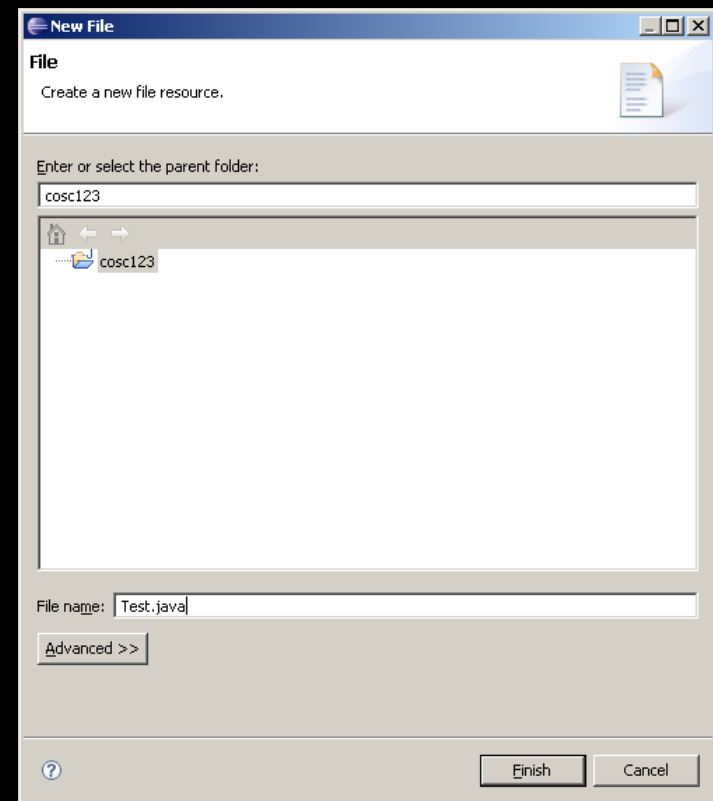
To create a program code file, select **File->New->File** or **File->New->Class** and provide a folder and file name.

The other choice is to right click on a folder in the navigation view and select **New->File**.

Type the file name (should end with **.java**) and click **Finish**.

To edit this file, double click on it, and it will open in the editor.

Creating a new file using
File->New->File



Eclipse

Debugging and Breakpoints

Debug button

Step and Play Buttons

Execute (run) button

Breakpoint

Code editor

Variable view

Console (execution)

Name	Value
argv	String[0] (id=16)
i	2

```
1 public class HelloWorld
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] argv)
4     {
5         System.out.println("Hello World!");
6         for (int i=0; i < 5; i++)
7             System.out.println(i);
8     }
9 }
```

HelloWorld [Java Application] C:\Program Files\Java\jre1.6.0_02\bin\javaw.exe (2009-01-26 3:54:16 PM)

Hello World!

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Debugging Java Programs

When you write programs, it is very rare that you get the program correct the first time. There are two types of errors:

- ◆ 1) **Compile-time errors** - are language syntax or structure errors detected by the compiler when it compiles your program
 - ⇒ A program will not run until all compile-time errors are corrected.

- ◆ 2) **Run-time errors** - are errors that occur while the program is running and often result in incorrect results or program crashes.
 - ⇒ Run-time errors are harder to detect because they result from a flaw in your algorithm which is syntactically correct.

Demonstration Exercise

Running HelloWorld in Eclipse

- 1) Start Eclipse.
- 2) Create your workspace on **F:**.
- 3) Create a new project called **COSC123**.
- 4) Download or type in the file **HelloWorld.java**.
- 5) Run the program.

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Overview

To program in Java you must follow a set of rules for specifying your commands. This set of rules is called a **syntax**.

Important general rules of Java syntax:

- ◆ **Java is *case-sensitive*.**

- ⇒ `Main()` is not the same as `main()` or `MAIN()`.

- ◆ **Java accepts *free-form layout*.**

- ⇒ Spaces and line breaks are not important except to separate words.

- ⇒ You can have as many words as you want on each line or spread them across multiple lines.

- ⇒ However, you should be consistent and follow the programming guidelines given for assignments.

- ◆ It will be easier for you to program and easier for the marker to mark.

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Your First Java Program

```
public class HelloWorld
{
    public static void main(String[] argv)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

To create this program:

- ◆ Create a file called **HelloWorld.java** in an Eclipse project and type in the code.

To compile and run this program:

- ◆ Press the start button (green arrow) in Eclipse.
- ◆ If the code is correct, the program will run, otherwise it will show errors that you must fix first.

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Your First Java Program - Analysis

```
public class HelloWorld
{
    public static void main(String[] argv)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

The first line of code:

◆ says you want to create a **class** called **HelloWorld**

⇒ **HelloWorld** is the name you have chosen for your class.

- ◆ Class names normally begin with a capital letter.

⇒ A class is a blue-print for an object.

- ◆ An object is something that we store or modify in our program.

⇒ In this case, class **HelloWorld** is the name of our entire program.

- ◆ Notice that we saved the program as `HelloWorld.java` (this is important!)

◆ the **“public”** keyword means the class is usable by the public

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Your First Java Program - Analysis (2)

```
public class HelloWorld
{   public static void main(String[] argv)
    {   System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

The “{” and “}” characters are used to group commands.

◆ The first pair of brackets shows what is in class `HelloWorld`.

⇒ In this case, the method `main()` is part of the `HelloWorld` class.

◆ The second pair of brackets indicates what is contained in the method called `main()`.

⇒ The statement `System.out.println("Hello World!");` is part of the `main()` method.

◆ You must ensure that your brackets are properly matched.

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Your First Java Program - Analysis (3)

```
public class HelloWorld
{
    public static void main(String[] argv)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

The second line of code:

- ◆ defines a **method** called `main()`
- ◆ A **method** is a set of commands that tells Java what to do.
 - ⇒ Every method must be inside a class in Java.
 - ◆ The `main()` method is in the `HelloWorld` class.
 - ⇒ The `main()` method is the first method executed in your program.
 - ◆ The `main()` method must be in your program for it to work.
 - ◆ Memorize the syntax for this method. You will not understand it until later in the course.
- ◆ The statements inside the brackets are the commands executed when the method is run.

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Your First Java Program - Analysis (4)

```
public class HelloWorld
{
    public static void main(String[] argv)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello World!");
    }
}
```

The third line of code:

- ◆ contains a statement executed when the `main()` method is run
- ◆ This command calls a built-in method called `println()`.
 - ⇒ The `println()` method is in the `System.out` class.
- ◆ The method is called with a parameter: `"Hello World!"`.
 - ⇒ The parameter to this method is what you want to print.
 - ⇒ The parameter is contained in quotes (") because it is text.
- ◆ Note that each statement ends with a semi-colon (";").
- ◆ The brackets ("{" , "}") denote the start and end of the method.

Output Text to the Screen

System.out.println

The `println` method prints output to the screen.

- ⇒ The `println` method accepts one `String` variable as output.
- ⇒ You can use the `+` (concatenation) to build an output string that consists of many parts.
- ⇒ The `System.out.print` method does not advance to the next line.

Example:

```
public class ThreeplusFour
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("3 + 4 is: ");
        System.out.println(3+4);
        System.out.println("6 + 9 is: " + (6+9));
    }
}
```

Question: What is the output of this program? Why?

Reading Data from the User

The Scanner Class

The `Scanner` class reads data entered by the user. Methods:

- ◆ `int nextInt()` – reads next integer
- ◆ `double nextDouble()` – reads next floating point number
- ◆ `String next()` – reads String (up to separator)
- ◆ `String nextLine()` – reads entire line as a String

To use must import `java.util.Scanner`.

```
import java.util.Scanner;

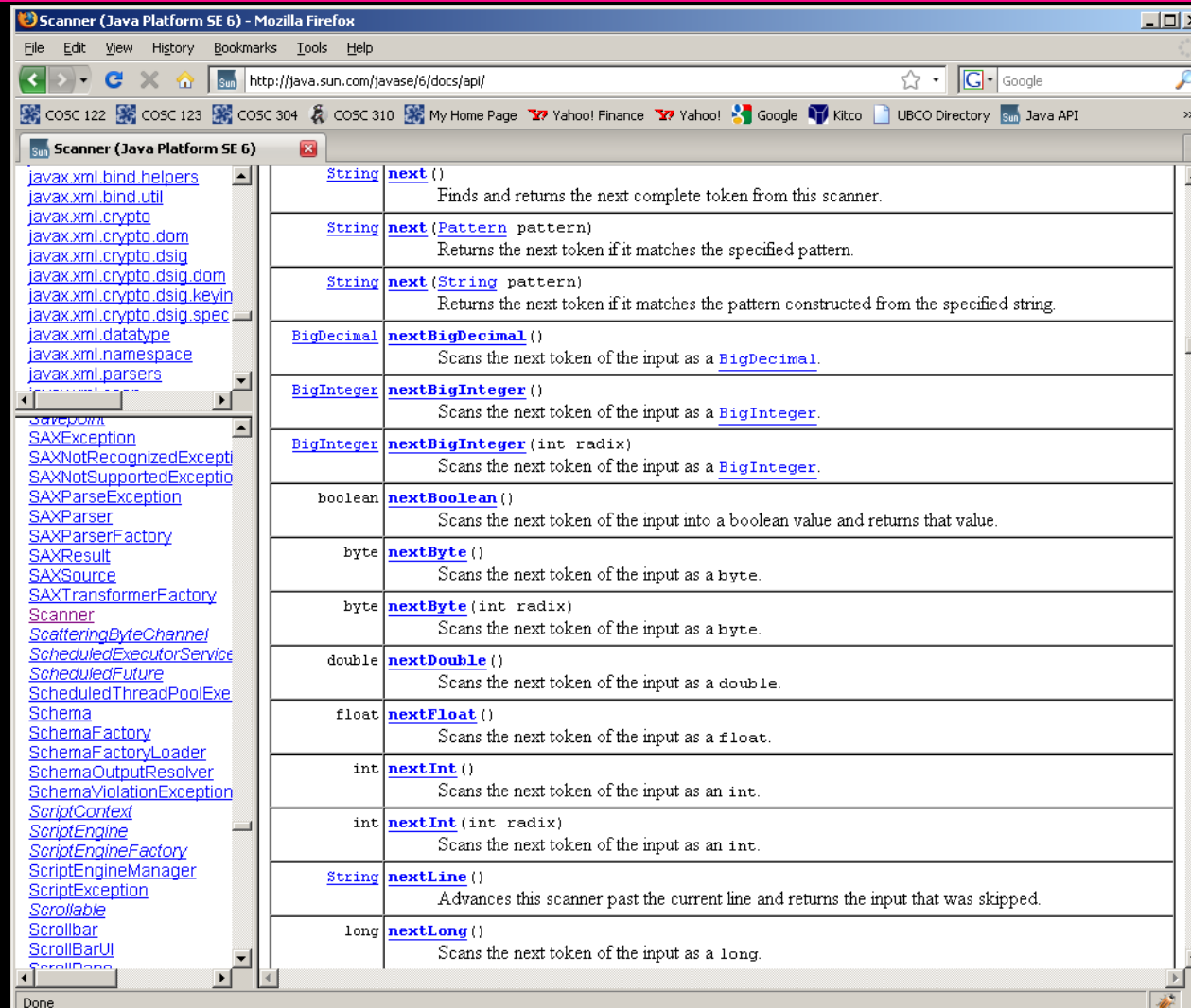
public class AddTwoNum
{
    public static void main(String[] argv)
    {
        // Code reads and adds two numbers
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        int num1 = sc.nextInt();
        int num2 = sc.nextInt();
        int result = num1+num2;
        System.out.println(num1+" + "+num2+" = "+result);
    }
}
```

The Java API

The Java API
(Application
Programming Interface)
defines all the built-in
class and methods in
Java that you can use.

We are using the Java 6 API at:

<http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/>



Practice Questions

- 1) Create a program to ask the user for two numbers, subtract them, and write out the answer.

- 2) Create a program to ask for a first name then a last name. Output the full name in the form: lastname, firstname.



Values, Variables, and Locations

A **value** is a data item that is manipulated by the computer.

A **variable** is the name that the programmer uses to refer to a location in memory.

A **location** has an address in memory and stores a value.

IMPORTANT: The **value** at a given location in memory (named using a variable name) can change using initialization or assignment.

Values, Variables, and Locations

Example

We want to store a number that represents the total order value.

Step #1: **Declare** the variable by giving it a name and a type.

```
int total;
```

- ◆ The computer allocates space for the variable in memory (at some memory address). Every time we give the name `total`, the computer knows what data item we mean.
- ◆ The base types we will use are: `int`, `double`, and `char`.

Variable Name Lookup Table

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
<code>total</code>	16	number

Memory

16	????????
20	
24	
28	

Values, Variables, and Locations

Example (2)

Step #2: Initialize the variable to have a starting value

- ◆ If you do not initialize your variable to a starting value when you first declare it, the value of the variable is initialized to 0 (for numbers).

Example:

```
total = 1;
```

Variable Name Lookup Table

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
total	16	number

Memory

16	1
20	
24	
28	

Values, Variables, and Locations

Example (3)

Step #3: Value stored in location can be changed throughout the program to whatever we want using **assignment** ("=" symbol).

```
total = total * 5 + 20;
```

Variable Name Lookup Table

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>
total	16	number

Memory

16	25
20	
24	
28	

Variable Rules

Variables are also called identifiers. An **identifier** is a name that ***begins with a letter*** or underscore and cannot contain spaces.

- ◆ Every variable in a program must be declared before it is used.
- ◆ Variable names **ARE** case-sensitive. Numbers are allowed (but not at the start). Only other symbol allowed is underscore ('_');
- ◆ Beware of declaring two variables with the same name.
- ◆ Use meaningful variable names.
- ◆ Reserved words cannot be used for variable names.
- ◆ A **constant** is a variable which cannot change in your program. We use the keyword `final` to indicate a constant.

```
final double PST = 0.07;    // Constant
```

- ◆ You can declare multiple variables in the same statement:

```
int total = 0, count = 5;
```



The Assignment Statement

An **assignment statement** changes the value of a variable.

- ⇒ The variable on the left-hand side of the **=** is assigned the value from the right-hand side.
- ⇒ The value may be changed to a constant, to the result of an expression, or to be the same as another variable.
- ⇒ The values of any variables used in the expression are always their values before the start of the execution of the assignment.

Examples:

```
int A, B;
```

```
A = 5;
```

```
B = 10;
```

```
A = 10 + 6 / 2;
```

```
B = A;
```

```
A = 2*B + A - 5;
```

Question: What are the values of A and B?

Expressions

An **expression** is a sequence of operands and operators that yield a result. An expression contains:

- ◆ **operands** - the data items being manipulated in the calculation
⇒ e.g. 5, "Hello, World", myDouble
- ◆ **operators** - the operations performed on the operands
⇒ e.g. +, -, /, *, % (modulus - remainder after integer division)

An operator can be:

- ◆ **unary** - applies to only one operand
⇒ e.g. `d = - 3.5;` // "-" is a unary operator, 3.5 is the operand
- ◆ **binary** - applies to two operands
⇒ e.g. `d = e * 5.0;` // "*" is binary operator, e and 5.0 are operands

Expressions - Operator Precedence

Each operator has its own priority similar to their priority in regular math expressions:

- ◆ 1) Any expression in parentheses is evaluated first starting with the inner most nesting of parentheses.
- ◆ 2) Unary + and unary - have the next highest priorities.
- ◆ 3) Multiplication and division (*, /, %) are next.
- ◆ 4) Addition and subtraction (+, -) are then evaluated.

Strings

Strings are sequences of characters inside double quotes.

Example:

```
String personName = "Ramon Lawrence";  
personName = "Joe Smith";
```

Question: What is the difference between these two statements?

Strings are objects. Objects have methods.

The **concatenation operator** is used to combine two strings into a single string. The notation is a plus sign '+'.

```
String firstName = "Ramon", lastName = "Lawrence";  
String fullName = firstName+lastName;
```


General Syntax Rules: Comments

Comments are used by the programmer to document and explain the code. Comments are ignored by the computer.

There are two choices for commenting:

- ◆ 1) One line comment: put “//” before the comment and any characters to the end of line are ignored by the computer.
- ◆ 2) Multiple line comment: put “/*” at the start of the comment and “*/” at the end of the comment. The computer ignores everything between the start and end comment indicators.

Example:

```
/* This is a multiple line  
   comment.  
With many lines. */
```

```
// Single line comment  
// Single line comment again  
d = 5.0; // Comment after code
```

Declaration/Initialization Example

```
public class TestInit
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        final double d = 5.0;        // d is a constant = 5
        double e;                    // Declare double var. e
        int j;                        // Declare int var. j
        String s;                    // Declare string var. s

        System.out.println(d);        // Prints 5.0
        System.out.println(j);        // Would not compile!
        j = 25;
        System.out.println(j);        // Prints 25
        s="Test";
        System.out.println(s);        // Prints Test
        e=d;
        System.out.println(e);        // Prints 5.0;
        e=d+20000.5;                // Note: No commas
        System.out.println(e);        // Prints 20005.5;
    }
}
```

Importing Classes

Java provides many classes organized into **packages**.

To use a class, you must import it. The import syntax is:

```
import packageName.ClassName;  
import java.lang.Math;    // Import Math class  
                           // java.lang is package  
import java.lang.*;       // Import all classes in package
```

The Math class contains methods such as square root or rounding.

```
int num = Math.round(3.5);    // Returns 4
```

Math Operations

Import & Math Function Example

```
import java.lang.Math;

public class TestMath
{   public static void main(String[] args)
    {   double d = 5.0,e=1.5,f;
        int j = 25,k;

        f = -d*e;
        System.out.println(f);                // Prints -7.5
        f = Math.pow(d,2);
        System.out.println(f);                // Prints 25.0
        k = (int) Math.sqrt(j);
        System.out.println(k);                // Prints 5
        System.out.println(Math.sqrt(j));    // Prints 5.0
        d=d*e+j+Math.exp(j);
        System.out.println(d);                // Prints 7.2E10
        System.out.println(k);                // Prints 1
        System.out.println(Math.round(e));  // Prints 2
    }
}
```

Compile vs. Run-time Errors

Question: A program is supposed to print the numbers from 1 to 10. It actually prints the numbers from 0 to 9. What type of error is it?

- A) Compile-time error
- B) Run-time error

Variables – Basic Terminology

Question: Of the following three terms, what is most like a **box**?

A) value

B) variable

C) location

Variables - Definitions

Question: Which of the following statements is correct?

- A)** The location of a variable may change during the program.
- B)** The name of a variable may change during the program.
- C)** The value of a variable may change during the program.

Variables – Correct Variable Name

Question: Which of the following is a valid Java variable?

A) aBCde123

B) 123test

C) t_e_s_t!

Assignment

Question: What are the values of A and B after this code?

```
int A, B;
```

```
A = 2;
```

```
B = 4;
```

```
A = B + B / A;
```

```
B = A * 5 + 3 * 2;
```

A) A = 6, B = 36

B) A = 4, B = 26

C) A = 6, B = 66

String Concatentation

Question: What is the value of result after this code?

```
String st1="Joe", st2="Smith";  
String result = st1 + st2;
```

A) "Joe Smith"

B) "JoeSmith"

String Concatentation (2)

Question: What is the result after this code?

```
String st1="123", st2="456";  
String result = st1 + st2;
```

A) 579

B) "579"

C) "123456"

Code Output

Question: What is the output of this code if user enters 3 and 4?

```
public class AddTwoNum
{
    public static void main(String[] argv)
    {
        // Code reads and adds two numbers
        Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
        int num1 = sc.nextInt();
        int num2 = sc.nextInt();
        int result = num1+num2;
        System.out.println(num2+" + "+num1+" = "+result);
    }
}
```

A) $3 + 4 = 7$

B) $4 + 3 = 7$

C) $4 + + + 3 + = + 7$

D) Code has errors and will not compile.

Practice Questions

- 1) Write a Java program that prompts for a number and outputs the square root of that number.

- 2) Write a program to read three numbers and then print their sum.

Conclusion

Java is a general-purpose language for building programs. Its performs similar operations as Alice but with different syntax.

Eclipse is a development environment for Java programs. Eclipse is used to write, debug, and run programs.

A Java program consists of **statements** separated by semi-colons. **Variable declaration** statements require a variable name and type. A string is an example of an object.

Input can be retrieved using the `Scanner` class and data printed using `System.out.println()`.

Classes are **imported** into the program when required.

Objectives

Key terms:

- ◆ JVM, Eclipse, IDE
- ◆ variable, value, location, assignment

Java skills:

- ◆ Create a workspace and project in Eclipse.
- ◆ Create and run Java programs using Eclipse.
- ◆ Basic debugging and breakpoints
- ◆ Java syntax: statements, variables, expressions, comments
- ◆ Output using `System.out.println`
- ◆ Input using and `Scanner` class
- ◆ Using the Java API for reference
- ◆ Strings and concatenation
- ◆ Importing classes from packages

Detailed Objectives

- ◆ Comparison of Java and Alice syntax for operations.
- ◆ Eclipse definitions: workspace, project, perspective, view
- ◆ Compile vs. run-time errors and debugging
- ◆ Declaring variables and assigning values to variables
- ◆ Using the Eclipse IDE
- ◆ Output and input of data
- ◆ Definitions: declare, assignment, identifier, constant, expression