Java Hello World example. \*/

# **Software Design &** program development

3-hour lab

2-hour lab

3 x 1 hour lectures

1-hour Tutorial

Total of 9 Hours Class time

#### **Module Description**

This module is intended to give the student a solid foundation in programming theory. It covers the theory of programming constructs and implements these in a lab-based environment for the student to fully grasp the theory and understand the practice.



#### Learning Outcomes (Abbreviated) On completion of this module the learner will/should be able to:

- Understand the basic concepts of the key programming structures
- Evaluate the most appropriate constructs to use and to implement these constructs in solving a variety of problems

> Learning Outcomes (Abbreviated) On completion of this module the learner will/should be able to:

- Understand a specification, prepare suitable data to test the specification
- Demonstrate competency in the fundamentals of developing software

• Work individually and as a member of a team

## Module Assessment

#### Practical (Lab) Exams

1 Monday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – 2.5 hours, open book

- 2 Monday, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> 2.5 hours, open book 15%
- **3** Monday, Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 2.5 hours, open book **15%**
- 4 Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2.5 hours, open book 15%

Lab Exams Total:

**5** Every Thursday, semester 2 (10 X 1%)

10%

70%

15%

#### **Multiple Choice Quizzes**

- 1Thursday, Nov 14th 1 hour, closed book7.5%
- 2 Thursday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 1 hour, closed book 7.5%
- **3** Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 1 hour, closed book **7.5%**
- 4Friday, Apr 30th 1 hour, closed book7.5%

MCQ Total: 30%

### Module Content

Software design is a process to transform user requirements into some suitable form, which helps the programmer in software coding and implementation.

Program development is the process of conceiving, specifying, designing, programming, documenting, testing, and bug fixing involved in creating and maintaining software.



## What is Programming?

A program is a sequence of instructions that specifies how to perform a computation on computer hardware. The computation might be something mathematical, like solving a system of equations or finding the roots of a polynomial.



# What is Programming?

A few basic instructions appear in just about every language: input: Get data from the keyboard, a file, a sensor, or some other device. output: Display data on the screen or send data to a file or other device. math: Perform basic mathematical operations like addition and division. decision: Check for certain conditions and execute the appropriate code. repetition: Perform an action repeatedly, usually with some variation.

## A brief history of Computer Programming

#### 1995: Java

Java was developed by James Gosling and other developers at Sun Microsystems and was first introduced to the public in 1995. It is a general-purpose programming language.





## Why Java?

#### **Platform Independent**

It is one of the biggest merits of java -Java is platform independent and can run on any platform such as Windows, Mac, Linux, etc. (WORA)

#### Secure

Java is considered to be a relatively secure language

#### Simple

Java is easier to learn compared to languages such as C or C++.



Java is an *object-oriented* programming language and lends itself well to creating reusable code.

#### Robust

There are many features like automatic garbage collection, type checking and exception handling that makes java a robust (strong) language.





Think Java is a hands-on introduction to computer science and programming used by many universities and high schools around the world. Its conciseness, emphasis on vocabulary, and informal tone make it particularly appealing for readers with little or no experience. The book starts with the most basic programming concepts and gradually works its way to advanced object-oriented techniques.

In this fully updated and expanded edition, authors Allen Downey and Chris Mayfield introduce programming as a means for solving interesting problems.

Discover one concept at a time: tackle complex topics in a series of small steps with multiple examples Understand how to formulate problems, think creatively about solutions, and develop, test, and debug programs.

Learn about input and output, decisions and loops, classes and methods, strings and arrays, recursion and polymorphism Determine which program development methods work best for you and practice the important skill of debugging.

#### Free Copy available from:

https://greenteapress.com/wp/think-java-2e/







## Ready to get started?

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#### Java Programs

1 public class Hello {
2 public static void main(String[] args) {
3 System.out.println("Hello World!");
4 System.out.println("..and goodbye!");
5 }

Compile & Run

6



C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

Hello World! ...and goodbye!



## What tools do you need for creating Java programs?





- A Development Environment
- A Compiler
- Java Virtual Machine



### A Development Environment

A CompilerJava Virtual Machine

A development environment (or Integrated Development Environment - IDE) helps you manage your code and provides convenient ways for you to write, compile, and run your code.

You don't actually *need* an integrated development environment: All you need is software that lets you create simple text files, like notepad, or textpad.





# A Development Environment A Compiler Java Virtual Machine

A *compiler* takes the Java code (the simple text file) that you write and turns that code into a series of instructions called *bytecode*.

Humans can't readily compose or decipher bytecode instructions. But certain software that you run on your computer can interpret and carry out bytecode instructions.





- A Development EnvironmentA Compiler
- Java Virtual Machine

## You need a Java Virtual Machine (JVM).

A Java Virtual Machine is a piece of software. A Java Virtual Machine interprets and carries out bytecode instructions.





### Java Development Kit (JDK) Editions

- Java Standard Edition (J2SE)
  - J2SE can be used to develop client-side standalone applications or applets.
- Java Enterprise Edition (J2EE)
  - J2EE can be used to develop server-side applications such as Java servlets, Java ServerPages, and Java ServerFaces.
- Java Micro Edition (J2ME).
  - J2ME can be used to develop applications for mobile devices such as cell phones.





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After writing the code, you run a program (that is, you apply a tool) to your source code. The program is a compiler.

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The code that a programmer creates is known as source code. The file that contains this must end in ".java", eg:

Hello.java





#### A class file is created as a result of successful compilation by the Java compiler from the ". java" file, eg:

Hello.class



## Java

## **Byte-Code**

## Byte-Code Portability!

With Java, you can take a bytecode file that you created with a Windows computer, copy the bytecode to, say, a Macintosh computer, and then run the byte-code with no trouble at all.






















































#### A Simple Java Program







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#### Java Programs – Shell Code







# Fundamentals

Variables A variable is a named storage location in the computer's memory. A literal is a value written into the code of a program.



#### Java Programs

```
1 public class JavaVariable
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5         int myFirstNumber = 5;
8         System.out.println(myFirstNumber);
10     }
11 }
```

Compile & Run { ( ) TWARE DESIGN

C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe



# Fundamentals

Data Types Data Types are the types of data that can be stored in a variable.

# Java Primitive Data Types (Complete)

| Data Type | Size    | Range  |
|-----------|---------|--|
| byte      | 1 byte  | Integers (-128 to +127)  |
| short     | 2 bytes | Integers (-32,768 to +32,767)  |
| int       | 4 bytes | Integers (-2,147,483,648 to +2,147,483,647)                              |
| long      | 8 bytes | Integers (-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to<br>+9,223,372,036,854,775,807)   |
| float     | 4 bytes | Floating-point numbers (±3.4E-38 to ±3.4E38,<br>7 digits of accuracy)    |
| double    | 8 bytes | Floating-point numbers (±1.7E-308 to ±1.7E308,<br>15 digits of accuracy) |
| char      | 2 bytes | Stores a single character/letter or ASCII values                         |
| boolean   | 1 bit   | Stores either true or false  |

# **Primitive Data Types**

There are many different types of data. Variables are classified according to their data type. The data type determines the kind of data that may be stored in them.

The data type also determines the amount of memory the variable uses, and the way the variable formats and stores data.



# Primitive Data Types - Declaration

byte apples; short minutes; int temp; long days;

apples = 20; minutes = 200; temp = -3; days = 182500L;



# The Integer Data Types

When you declare a <u>long</u> data type, the value must have a suffix of the letter L. Example: 120L would be treated as a *long*.

| long myCounter;           | Java will assume   |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| myCounter = 120;          | an <b>int</b> type |
| long myCounter;           | Forced to be of    |
| myCounter = 120 <b>L;</b> | type <b>long</b>   |

# Primitive Data Types - Declaration

double myDouble; float myFloat;

myDouble = 123456.789456; myFloat = 200.123f;



# The Floating-Point Data Types

The floating-point data types include *float* and *double*.

When you write a floating-point literal in your program code, Java assumes it to be of the *double* data type. You can force a floating-point literal to be treated as a *float* by suffixing it with the letter F. Example: 14.0F would be treated as a *float*.

| float pay;<br>pay = 1800.99;          | This statement will give an error message (1800.99 seen as a <i>double</i> ) |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <pre>float pay; pay = 1800.99F;</pre> | Forced to be of type <b>float</b>  |

## Primitive Data Types - Declaration

char myChar; boolean myBool;

myChar = 'a'; myBool = true;



#### String Data Type - Declaration

String myText;

#### myText = "Hello World!";





# **Fundamentals**

Strings A string is a sequence of characters and is a data type used to represent text rather than numbers. It is comprised of a set of characters that can also contain spaces and numbers.

# Strings in Java - Declaration

String myText; myText = "Hello World!";



9 different data types:

# 4 x integers (byte, short, int and long) 2 x floating point (float and double)

char String

boolean





# Fundamentals

Operators Operators are used to perform operations on variables and values.

#### **Arithmetic Operators**

Java offers a multitude of operators for manipulating data.

Most of its operators can be divided into the following four groups:

arithmetic, bitwise, relational, and logical.



# Arithmetic Operators

| Operator | Meaning        |
|----------|----------------|
| +        | Addition       |
| -        | Subtraction    |
| *        | Multiplication |
| /        | Division       |
| %        | Modulus        |



#### Arithmetic Operators Addition (+)

The addition operator returns the sum of its two operands.

answer = 2 + 8; // assigns 10 to variable answer

pay = salary + bonus; // assigns the value of salary + bonus to variable pay

number = number + 3; // assigns number + 3 to variable number



#### Arithmetic Operators Subtraction (-)

The subtraction operator returns the value of its right operand subtracted from its left operand.

answer = 5 - 4; // assigns I to variable answer

pay = salary - tax; // assigns the value of salary - tax to variable pay

number = number - I; // assigns number - I to variable number



#### Arithmetic Operators Multiplication (\*)

# The multiplication operator returns the product of its two operands.

answer = 5 \* 4; // assigns 20 to variable answer

pay = hours \* rate // assigns the value of (hours \* rate) to variable pay

students = students \* 2; // assigns (students \* 2) to variable students



#### Arithmetic Operators Division (/)

The division operator returns the quotient of its left operand divided by its right operand.

answer = 20 / 4;// assigns 5 to variable answeraverage = marks / number;// assigns the value of (marks / number) to<br/>//average variablehalf = number / 2;// assigns (number / 2) to variable half



# Integer division

When both operands of a division statement are integers, the statement will result in *integer division*. This means that the result of the division will be an integer as well. If there is a remainder, it will be discarded.

double parts;

parts = 22 / 4; // will assign the value of 5.0

In order for a division operation to return a floating-point value, one of the operands must be of a floating-point data

type.

double parts;

parts = 22.0 / 4; // will assign the value of 5.5



#### Arithmetic Operators Modulus (%)

The modulus operator returns the remainder of a division operation involving two integers.

leftOver = 22 / 4; // assigns 2 to variable leftOver





Operator precedence refers to the rules for the order in which parts of a mathematical expression are evaluated.

- The multiplication, division, and remainder operators have the same precedence, and it is higher than the precedence of the addition and subtraction operators.
- Java has well-defined rules for specifying the order in which the operators in an expression are evaluated when the expression has several operators.

#### **Precedence rules can be overridden by explicit parentheses.**



https://introcs.cs.princeton.edu/java/llprecedence/



# 3 + 6 / 2 = ?3 + 6 / 2 = 4.5or 3 + 6 / 2 = 6



**Explicit Parenthesis example** 

(3+6)/2

10 / (5+6)

15 \* ((6+5)-7)





# **Fundamentals**

Concatenation Concatenation is the operation of *joining* character strings end-to-end. For example, the concatenation of "snow" and "ball" is "snowball".

#### Displaying Multiple Items with the + Operator

When the + operator is used with strings, we call it a string concatenation operator. To concatenate means to append. The string concatenation operator appends one string to another.

System.out.println("Hello " + "World!");

The + operator produces a string that is a combination of the 2 strings both sides of the operator.



#### Displaying Multiple Items with the + Operator

We can also use the + operator to concatenate the contents of a variable to a string.

myVar = 365; System.out.println("Number of days in the year: " + myVar);

Number of days in the year: 365

The + operator is used to concatenate the contents of the *number* variable with the string "*Number of days in the year:* ". The + operator converts the *myVar* variable's value from an integer to a string and then appends the new value.

Compile & Run

C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe





# Fundamentals

Keeping your code tidy Use comments and indentation to improve readability

Use descriptive names for Classes and Variables



#### **Comments** are **notes of** explanation that document lines or sections of a program. Comments are part of the program, but the **compiler** ignores them. They are intended for people who may be reading the source code.





Three ways to comment in Java

#### Single-Line comments ( // )

Multi-line comments ( /\*.... \*/ )

Documentation comments ( /\*\*.... \*/ )




You simply place two forward slashes (*II*) where you want the comment to begin. The compiler ignores everything from that point to the end of the line.







```
Multi-Line comments start with a forward slash
followed by an asterisk (/*) and end with an
asterisk followed by a forward slash (*/).
Everything between these markers is ignored.
```







Documentation comments starts with /\*\* and ends with \*/. Normally you write a documentation comment just before **class** and **method headers**, giving a brief description of the **class** or **method**.

These comments can be read and processed by a program named *javadoc*, which comes with the Sun JDK. The purpose of the *javadoc* program is to read Java source code files and generate attractively formatted HTML files that document the source code.





#### **Documentation Comments**







Indentation is a fundamental aspect of code styling and plays a large role in influencing readability. Indented code is easier to read through than un-indented code.

Proper code indentation will ensure your code is:

Easier to read Easier to understand Easier to modify Easier to maintain Easier to enhance



### Identifiers

Variable names and class names are examples of identifiers (represents some element of a program)

You should always choose names for your variables that give an indication of what they are used for:

int y;

This gives us no clue as to what the purpose of the variable is.

int numberOfBikes;

int numberofbikes;



numberOfBikes gives anyone reading the program an idea of what the variable is used for.

### Identifiers

The following rules must be followed with all identifiers:

- The first character must be one of the letters a-z,
  A-Z, underscore "\_", or the dollar sign "\$"
- After the first character, you may use the letters a-z, A-Z, underscore "\_", the dollar sign "\$", and the digits 0-9
- No spaces
- Uppercase and lowercase characters are distinct. This means that numberOfBikes is not the same as numberofbikes.



### Variable and Class names

### Variable

Start variable names with a lowercase letter

Each subsequent word's first letter must be capitalised

Example:

numberOfBikes



# Start class names with an uppercase letter

Each subsequent word's first letter must be capitalised

#### Example:







Reading Keyboard Input using Scanner

### Reading Keyboard Input The Scanner class

**Objects** of the **Scanner** class can be used to read input from the keyboard.

The Java API has an object **System.in** which refers to the standard input device (normally the keyboard). The **System.in** object reads input only as byte values which isn't very useful. To work around this, we use the **System.in** object in conjunction with an object of the **Scanner** class.

The **Scanner** class is designed to read input from a source **(System.in)** and provides methods that you can use to retrieve the input formatted as **primitive values** or **strings**.



### Reading Keyboard Input Scanner class : *import* statement

The Scanner class is not automatically available to your Java programs. Any program that uses the Scanner class should have the following statement near the beginning of the file, before any class definition:

import java.util.Scanner;

This statement tells the Java compiler where in the Java library to find the **Scanner** class, and makes it available to your program.





First, you create a **Scanner** object and connect it to the **System.in** object:

Scanner keyboard



### Reading Keyboard Input The Scanner class

First, you create a **Scanner** object and connect it to the **System.in** object:

Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);

Declares a variable named **keyboard**. The data type of the variable is **Scanner**.





# The Scanner class has methods for reading strings, bytes, integers, long integers, short integers, floats and doubles.



Scanner class methods : nextInt

Returns input as an *int* 

#### int number;

- 2 Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
- **3** System.out.println("Enter a integer value: ");
- 4 number = keyboard.nextInt();

The *nextInt* method formats the input that was entered at the keyboard as an *int*, and then returns it.



Scanner class methods : nextDouble

Returns input as a **double** 

#### double number;

- 2 Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
- **3** System.out.println("Enter a double value: ");
- 4 number = keyboard.nextDouble();

The **nextDouble** method formats the input that was entered at the keyboard as a **double**, and then returns it.



Scanner class methods : nextByte

Returns input as a **byte** 

- byte x;
- 2 Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
- **3** System.out.println("Enter a byte value: ");
- 4 x = keyboard.*nextByte(*);

The *nextByte* method formats the input that was entered at the keyboard as a *byte*, and then returns it.



Scanner class methods : nextFloat

Returns input as a *float* 

#### float number;

- 2 Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
- **3** System.out.println("Enter a float value: ");
- 4 number = keyboard.nextFloat();

The *nextFloat* method formats the input that was entered at the keyboard as a *float*, and then returns it.



Scanner class methods : nextLong

Returns input as a *long* 

#### long number;

- 2 Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
- **3** System.out.println("Enter a long value: ");
- 4 number = keyboard.nextLong();

The *nextLong* method formats the input that was entered at the keyboard as a *long*, and then returns it.



```
import java.util.Scanner; // Needed for the Scanner class
1
2
3
   public class InputProblem
4
    {
5
        public static void main(String[] args)
6
        {
7
                                        Variable declarations
                int age;
8
9
10
11
                Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
                                                               Create Scanner object to read input
12
13
                System.out.print("What is your age?");
                                                           Get user's age
14
                age = keyboard.nextInt();
15
16
                System.out.println("Your age is " + age);
18
        }
19
   }
```





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5
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        {
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                                      Variable declarations
8
           int age;
            int yearOfBirth;
9
10
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            Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
                                                            Create Scanner object to read input
12
13
            System.out.print("What is your age?");
                                                        Get user's age
            age = keyboard.nextInt();
14
            System.out.print("What is your year of birth?");
15
                                                                  Get user's
16
           yearOfBirth = keyboard.nextInt();
                                                                  year of birth
17
           System.out.println("You're " + age + ", you were born in " + yearOfBirth)
18
        }
19
20
                                            C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe
                                            What is your age? 25
                                            What is your year of birth? 1995
                                            You're 25, you were born in 1995
                                            Press any key to continue . . .
```

**Printed on the computer screen when application runs:** 

What is your age? 25 [enter]

What is your annual income? **80000** [enter]

What is your name? Hello .Your age is 25 and your income is R80000.00





When the user types keystrokes at the keyboard, those keystrokes are stored in an area of memory called the **keyboard buffer**.

Pressing the "*Enter*" key causes a *new-line* character to be stored in the keyboard buffer.







#### keyboard buffer

**/n** 

## **Reading Keyboard Input**

Next the user was asked to enter his/her name

In line 20 the **nextLine()** method is called.

The **nextLine()** method, however, is not designed to skip over an initial newline character. If a newline character is the first character that **nextLine()** method encounters, then nothing will be read. It will immediately terminate and the user will not be given a chance to enter his or her name.

19 20 System.out.print("What is your name? ");
name = keyboard.nextLine();

import java.util.Scanner; // Needed for the Scanner class

3 public class InputProblem

2

4

5

6

7

8 9

10

11

12 13

14 15 16

17

18 19

20 21 22

23 24 25 public static void main(String[] args)

The purpose of this call is to consume, or remove, the newline character that remains in the keyboard buffer. We do not need to keep the method's return value so we do not assign the method's return value to any variable

System.out.print("What is your age? ");
age = keyboard.nextInt();

System.out.print("What is your annual income? "); income = keyboard.nextDouble(); keyboard.nextLine(); System.out.print("What is your name? "); name = keyboard.nextLine();

System.out.println("Hello " + name + ". Your age is " + age + " and your income is R" + income);





### **Decision Structures**

### The if Statement

- The *if* statement decides whether a section of code executes or not.
- The if statement uses a boolean value to decide whether the next statement or block of statements executes.

if (boolean expression is true) execute next statement.



### **Flowcharts**

• If statements can be modeled as a flow chart.

Yes (coldOutside) if ls it cold wearCoat(); outside? Wear a coat.



### Flowcharts

• A block *if statement* may be modeled as:





## **Relational Operators**

 In most cases, the boolean expression, used by the if statement, uses relational operators.

| <b>Relational Operator</b> | Meaning                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| >                          | is greater than             |
| <                          | is less than                |
| >=                         | is greater than or equal to |
| <=                         | is less than or equal to    |
| ==                         | is equal to                 |
| !=                         | is not equal to             |



### **Boolean Expressions**

• A *boolean expression* is any variable or calculation that results in a *true* or *false* condition.

| Expression | Meaning                          |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| x > y      | Is x greater than y?             |
| x < y      | Is x less than y?                |
| x >= y     | Is x greater than or equal to y? |
| x <= y     | Is x less than or equal to y.    |
| x == y     | Is x equal to y?                 |
| x != y     | Is x not equal to y?             |

### **Programming Style and** if **Statements**

 An if statement can span more than one line; however, it is still one statement.

```
if (average > 95)
grade = 'A';
is functionally equivalent to
if (average > 95) grade = 'A';
```

# Programming Style and if Statements

- Rules of thumb:
  - The conditionally executed statement should be on the line <u>after</u> the if condition.
  - The conditionally executed statement should be indented one level from the if condition.
  - If an if statement does not have the block curly braces, it is ended by the first semicolon encountered after the if condition.

### Block if Statements

- Conditionally executed statements can be grouped into a block by using curly braces { } to enclose them.
- If curly braces are used to group conditionally executed statements, the if statement is ended by the closing curly brace.

```
if (expression)
{
   statement1;
   statement2;
}
```
# **Comparing Characters**

- Characters can be tested with relational operators.
- Characters are stored in memory using the Unicode character format.
- Unicode is stored as a sixteen (16) bit number.
- Characters are *ordinal*, meaning they have an order in the Unicode character set.
- Since characters are ordinal, they can be compared to each other.

```
char c = 'A';
if(c < 'Z')
System.out.println("A is less than Z");
```

# Flags

- A flag is a boolean variable that monitors some condition in a program.
- When a condition is true, the flag is set to true.
- The flag can be tested to see if the condition has changed.
  - if (average > 95)

```
highScore = true;
```

- Later, this condition can be tested:
  - if (highScore)

System.out.println("That's a high score!");

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### if Statements

# if (coldOutside == true) { System.out.println("Wear Jacket");

### if-else Statements

 The if-else statement adds the ability to conditionally execute code when the if condition is false.

if (expression)

statementOrBlockIfTrue;

else

statementOrBlockIfFalse;

### if-else Statement Flowcharts



### if else Statements

```
if (coldOutside == true) {
    System.out.println("Wear Jacket");
}else{
    System.out.println("Wear shorts");
```

### Nested if Statements

- When an if statement appears inside another if statement (single or block) it is called a *nested* if statement.
- The nested if is executed only if the outer if statement results in a true condition.

#### Nested if Statement Flowcharts



### Nested if Statements

```
if (coldOutside == true) {
     if (snowing == true) {
          System.out.println("Wear Parka");
        }else {
         System.out.println("Wear Jacket");
}else{
   System.out.println("Wear shorts");
```

### Alignment and Nested if Statements



### if-else-if Statements

• Nested if statements can become very complex.

• The if-else-if statement makes certain types of nested decision logic simpler to write.

# if-else Matching

- Curly brace use is not required if there is only one statement to be conditionally executed.
- However, curly braces make the program more readable.
- Additionally, proper indentation makes it much easier to match up else statements with their corresponding if statement.

### if-else-if Statements



# Logical Operators

- Java provides two binary logical operators (&& and ||) that are used to combine boolean expressions.
- Java also provides one unary (!) logical operator to reverse the truth of a boolean expression.

# Logical Operators

| Operator | Meaning | Effect  |
|----------|---------|---|
| &&       | AND     | Connects two boolean expressions into one. Both expressions must be true for the overall expression to be true.   |
| II       | OR      | Connects two boolean expressions into one. One or<br>both expressions must be true for the overall<br>expression to be true. It is only necessary for one to be<br>true, and it does not matter which one.                  |
| !        | NOT     | The ! operator reverses the truth of a boolean<br>expression. If it is applied to an expression that is true,<br>the operator returns false. If it is applied to an<br>expression that is false, the operator returns true. |

### The & & Operator

- The logical AND operator (& &) takes two operands that must both be boolean expressions.
- The resulting combined expression is true if (and *only* if) both operands are true.

| Expression I | Expression 2 | Expression   && Expression2 |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| true         | false        | false                       |
| false        | true         | false                       |
| false        | false        | false                       |
| true         | true         | true                        |

# The | | Operator

- The logical OR operator (||) takes two operands that must both be boolean expressions.
- The resulting combined expression is false if (and only if) both operands are false.

| Expression I | <b>Expression 2</b> | Expression I    Expression2 |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| true         | false               | true                        |
| false        | true                | true                        |
| false        | false               | false                       |
| true         | true                | true                        |

# The || Operator

if( salary >= 30000 || yearsOnJob >= 2)

System.out.println("You qualify for the loan!");

else

٤

}

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System.out.println("You do not qualify for the loan");

# The ! Operator

- The ! operator performs a logical NOT operation.
- If an *expression* is true, ! *expression* will be false.

```
if (!(temperature > 100))
    System.out.println("Below the maximum temperature.");
```

• If temperature > 100 evaluates to false, then the output statement will be run.

| Expression I | !Expression I |  |  |
|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| true         | false         |  |  |
| false        | true          |  |  |

# **Order of Precedence**

- The ! operator has a higher order of precedence than the && and || operators.
- The & & and | | operators have a lower precedence than relational operators like < and >.
- Parenthesis can be used to force the precedence to be changed.

## Checking numeric ranges

• When determining whether a number is inside a range, it's best to use the && operator.

Range 20 to 40

if ( x >= 20 && x <=40 )
 System.out.println(x + " is in the range");</pre>

## Checking numeric ranges

 When determining whether a number is outside a range, it's best to use the || operator.

Outside range 20 to 40

```
if ( x < 20 || x > 40 )
    System.out.println(x + " is outside the range");
```

# Comparing String Objects

- In most cases, you cannot use the relational operators to compare two String objects.
- Reference variables contain the address of the object they represent.
- Unless the references point to the same object, the relational operators will not return true.



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# Ignoring Case in String Comparisons

- In the String class the equals methods is case sensitive.
- In order to compare two String objects that might have different case, use:
   equalsIgnoreCase

if (name1.equalslgnoreCase(name2)){

System.out.print("The names are the same");



Because the **String** type is a **class** instead of a **primitive data type**, it provides numerous **methods** for working with strings.





This method returns the **character** at the specified **position**.

char letter; String name = "Arnold"; letter = name.charAt(2);

| 0 | I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Α | r | n | Ο | I | d |

After this code executes, the variable *letter* will hold the character **'n'**.





This method returns the *number of characters* in a string.

int stringSize;<br/>String name = "Arnold";<br/>stringSize = name.length();0I2345ArnoId

After this code executes, the variable **stringSize** will hold the value **6**.





This method returns a new string that is the *lowercase* equivalent of the string contained in the calling object.

String bigName = "ARNOLD";
String littleName = bigName.toLowerCase();

After this code executes, the variable *littleName* will hold the string *"arnold"*.





This method returns a new string that is the **uppercase** equivalent of the string contained in the calling object.

String littleName = "arnold";
String bigName = littleName.toUpperCase();

After this code executes, the variable **bigName** will hold the string **"ARNOLD".** 



# Pseudocode



### Pseudocode

Pseudocode is a detailed description of what a computer program must do, expressed in an English like language rather than in a programming language.



## **Pseudocode Convention**

- Statement are written in simple English
- Each instruction is written on a separate line
- Keywords and indentation are used to signify particular control structures.
- Each set of instructions is written from top to bottom, with only one entry and one exit.
- Groups of statements may be formed into modules, and that group given a name.


#### Levels of Program Development

- 1. Define the problem.  $\rightarrow$  Human thought
- Plan the problem solution. → writing the algorithm [pseudo-natural language (English)
- Code the program. → High Level Programming Language (Java)
- 4. Compile the program.  $\rightarrow$  Machine Code
- 5. Run the program.
- 6. Test and debug the program.



## Pseudocode Example

#### Write a Program to Print the Sum of two integer Numbers

- Start the program
- Read the first number and save in the variable (N1)
- Read the second number and save in the variable (N2)
- Save the sum of both numbers in the variable Sum Sum = N1 + N2
- Print the variable (Sum )
- End the program



## Pseudocode Example

#### **Pseudocode:**

- Start the program
- Create a variable to hold a counter from 2 to 30.
- Initialize the counter to 2.
- Create a variable to hold the sum.
- Initialize the sum to zero.
- Loop While the counter is less-than-or-equal to 30
  - add the counter to the sum
  - add two to the counter.
- repeat until the counter reach 30
- Print the sum.
- End of program



When planning for a problem solution, algorithms are used to outline the solution steps using**English like** statements, called *pseudocode*.

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A *flowchart*, which is a graphical representation of an algorithm.





## Fundamentals

#### The Switch Statement

- The if-else statement allows you to make true / false branches.
- The switch statement allows you to use a value to determine how a program will branch.
- The switch statement can evaluate a variable and make decisions based on the value.



• The switch statement takes the form:

```
switch (SwitchExpression)
  case CaseExpression:
    // place one or more statements here
    break;
  case CaseExpression:
    // place one or more statements here
    break;
    // case statements may be repeated
    //as many times as necessary
  default:
    // place one or more statements here
}
```





• The switch statement takes a value (byte, short, int, long, char, string) as the SwitchExpression.

```
switch (SwitchExpression)
{
...
```

- The switch statement will evaluate the expression.
- If there is an associated case statement that matches that value, program execution will be transferred to that case statement.



• Each case statement will have a corresponding *CaseExpression* that must be unique.

```
case CaseExpression:
    // place one or more statements here
    break;
```

 If the SwitchExpression matches the CaseExpression, the Java statements between the colon and the break statement will be executed.



## The case Statement

- The break statement ends the case statement.
- The break statement is optional.
- Without the break statements, the program would execute all of the lines from the matching case statement to the end of the block.
- The default section is optional and will be executed if no *CaseExpression* matches the *SwitchExpression*.



### The case Statement

public static void main(String[] args)

int number;

Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);

```
System.out.print("Enter 1, 2 or 3: ");
number = keyboard.nextInt();
```

```
switch (number)
```

```
{
```

case 1:

System.out.println("You entered 1."); break;

case 2:

System.out.println("You entered 2."); break;

```
case 3:
```

System.out.println("You entered 3."); break;

default:

System.out.println("That's not 1, 2 or 3!"); break;

Program output: Enter 1, 2 or 3: *2 [Enter]* You entered 2.



#### The case Statement

public static void main(String[] args)

int number;

Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);

System.out.print("Enter 1, 2 or 3: "); number = keyboard.nextInt();

default:

break;

switch (number)

{

case 1: System.out.println("You entered 1."); case 2: System.out.println("You entered 2."); case 3:

System.out.println("You entered 3.");

System.out.println("That's not 1, 2 or 3!");

Enter 1, 2 or 3: *1 [Enter]* You entered 1. You entered 2. You entered 3. That's not 1, 2 or 3!

Program output:





```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

String input; char foodGrade;

```
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
System.out.println("Our pet food is available in three grades:");
System.out.print("A, B and C. Which do you want pricing for? ");
```

```
input = keyboard.nextLine();
foodGrade = input.charAt(0);
```

```
switch (foodGrade)
            case 'a':
            case 'A':
                        System.out.println("30 cents per gram");
                        break;
            case 'b':
            case 'B':
                        System.out.println("20 cents per gram");
                        break;
            case 'c':
            case 'C':
                        System.out.println("10 cents per gram");
                        break;
            default:
                        System.out.println("Invalid choice");
                        break;
```

Program output:
Our pet food is available in three grades:
A, B and C. Which do you want pricing for? *a [Enter]*30 cents per gram

```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

String input; char foodGrade;

Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);

System.out.println("Our pet food is available in three grades:"); System.out.print("A, B and C. Which do you want pricing for? ");

```
input = keyboard.nextLine();
foodGrade = input.charAt(0);
```

```
switch (foodGrade)
{
case 'a':
```

case 'A':

System.out.println("30 cents per gram"); break;

case 'b':

case 'B':

System.out.println("20 cents per gram"); break;

case 'c':

case 'C':

System.out.println("10 cents per gram"); break;

default:

System.out.println("Invalid choice"); break;

#### Program output:

Our pet food is available in three grades: A, B and C. Which do you want pricing for? *B [Enter]* 20 cents per gram

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## Fundamentals

## Output using printf

- You can use the System.out.printf method to perform formatted console output.
- The general format of the method is:

System.out.printf(FormatString, ArgList);



int hours = 40;

System.out.printf("I worked %d hours this week\n", hours);

Program output: I worked 40 hours this week

When this string is printed, the %d will not be displayed. The value of the hours argument will be printed in the place of %d.



System.out.printf(FormatString, ArgList);

FormatString is a string that contains text and/or special formatting specifiers. ArgList is optional. It is a list of additional arguments that will be formatted according to the format specifiers listed in the format string.



#### • A simple example:

System.out.printf("Hello World\n");





#### • Another example:

int hours = 40;

System.out.printf("I worked %d hours.\n", hours);









#### • Another example:

int dogs = 2, cats = 4;

System.out.printf("We have (%d) dogs and (%d) cats.\n", dogs, cats);





#### • Another example:

double grossPay = 874.12; System.out.printf("Your pay is %f.\n", grossPay); C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe





#### • Another example:



The %f format specifier indicates that a floating-point value will be printed.



#### • Another example:

double grossPay = 874.12;

System.out.printf("Your pay is %.2f.\n", grossPay);





#### • Another example:





#### • Another example:

String name = "Ringo";

System.out.printf("Your name is %s.\n", name);





#### Increment and Decrement



## The Increment and Decrement Operators

• There are numerous times where a variable must simply be incremented or decremented.

```
number = number + 1;
```

```
number = number - 1;
```

- Java provide shortened ways to increment and decrement a variable's value.
- Using the ++ or -- unary operators, this task can be completed quickly.

number++; or ++number;

number--; or --number;



## **Differences Between Prefix and Postfix**

- When an increment or decrement are the only operations in a statement, there is no difference between prefix and postfix notation.
- When used in an expression:
  - prefix notation indicates that the variable will be incremented or decremented prior to the rest of the equation being evaluated.
  - postfix notation indicates that the variable will be incremented or decremented after the rest of the equation has been evaluated.



## **Differences Between Prefix and Postfix**

Postfix

int number = 4;

System.out.println(number++);

number is displayed on the screen first, and then incremented.

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|------------|----------|---------|-------|----------|---|
| 4<br>Press | any      | key     | to    | continue | - |
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# Differences Between Prefix and Postfix

| int x = 1, y; |
|---------------|
| y = x++;      |

**x** is defined as an int and initialised with the value **1**. **y** is declared an int.

The value of **x** is assigned to the variable **y** and then **incremented** 

At the end of this statement: x = 2, y = 1

Postfix

| nt x = 1, y;<br>y = ++x;<br>Prefix | <b>x</b> is defined as an int and initialised with the value<br><b>1</b> . <b>y</b> is declared an int. |
|------------------------------------|---|
|------------------------------------|---|

The value of **x** is **incremented** and then assigned to variable **y** 

At the end of this statement: x = 2, y = 2



## While loops



#### The while Loop

- Java provides three different looping structures.
- The while loop has the form:

```
while (condition)
```

```
statements;
```

- ]
- While the condition is true, the statements will execute repeatedly.
- The while loop is a *pretest* loop, which means that it will test the value of the condition prior to executing the loop.


## The while Loop

- Care must be taken to set the condition to false somewhere in the loop so the loop will end.
- Loops that do not end are called *infinite loops*.
- A while loop executes 0 or more times. If the condition is false, the loop will not execute.



## The while Loop Flowchart





## The while Loop



## The while Loop





## **Infinite Loops**

 In order for a while loop to end, the condition must become false. The following loop will not end:

```
int x = 20;
while(x > 0)
{
   System.out.println("x is greater than 0");
```

- The variable x never gets decremented so it will always be greater than 0.
- Adding the **x**-- above fixes the problem.



## **Infinite Loops**

 This version of the loop decrements x during each iteration:

```
int x = 20;
while(x > 0)
{
    System.out.println("x is greater than 0");
    x--;
}
```



## **Block Statements in Loops**

 Curly braces are required to enclose block statement while loops. (like block if statements)

```
while (condition)
{
    statement;
    statement;
    statement;
```



### The while Loop for Input Validation

• *Input validation* is the process of ensuring that user input is valid.

```
System.out.print("Enter a number in the range of 1 through 100: ");
number = keyboard.nextInt();
```

```
// Validate the input.
while (number < 1 || number > 100)
```

System.out.println("That number is invalid."); System.out.print("Enter a number in the range of 1 through 100: ");

```
number = keyboard.nextInt();
```



## The do-while Loop

- The do-while loop is a *post-test* loop, which means it will execute the loop prior to testing the condition.
- The do-while loop (sometimes called a do loop) takes the form:

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



## The do-while Loop Flowchart





```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
int score1, score2;
double average;
char repeat;
String input;
```

```
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
do
```

```
System.out.print("Enter score #1: ");
score1 = keyboard.nextInt();
System.out.print("Enter score #2: );
score2 = keyboard.nextInt();
keyboard.nextLine();
```

```
average = (score1 + score2) / 2.0;
System.out.println("The average is : " + average);
```

```
System.out.println("Would you like to average another set of test scores?");
System.out.print("Enter 'Y' for yes or 'N' for no: ");
input = keyboard.nextLine();
repeat = keyboard.charAt(0);
```



```
while (repeat == 'Y' || repeat == 'y');
```

# The char Data Type

Characters in Java are represented by numerical values using Unicode, which is an international standard that assigns a unique number to every character. Unicode covers almost all written languages, and in Java, it requires 2 bytes per character, allowing for the representation of over 65,000 characters.



Characters are internally represented by numbers. Each character is assigned a unique number.

Java uses Unicode, which is a set of numbers that are used as codes for representing characters. Each Unicode number requires two bytes of memory, so *char* variables occupy *two bytes*.





Printed on the computer screen when application runs:

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Characters in Java are stored using Unicode values, making them ordinal. This means that characters can be compared using relational operators, such as <, >, <=, >=, ==, and !=.

For example, in the ASCII range, the character 'A' is less than 'Z' because 'A' has a smaller Unicode value than 'Z'. This makes comparing characters useful in sorting algorithms, checking ranges, and validating input.

- Characters can be tested with relational operators.
- Characters are stored in memory using the Unicode character format.
- Unicode is stored as a sixteen (16) bit number.
- Characters are *ordinal*, meaning they have an order in the Unicode character set.
- Since characters are ordinal, they can be compared to each other.

```
char c = 'A';
if(c < 'Z')
System.out.println("A is less than Z");
```



In Java, percentages are represented as decimals. For instance, 50% is represented as 0.5. When calculating percentages, be mindful of this conversion to ensure accurate results.

For instance: 100% is represented as 1.0 50% is represented as 0.5 20% is represented as 0.2 5% is represented as 0.05

 $50\% = \frac{50}{100} = 0.5$ 



## The Math Class

In Java, the Math class provides basic mathematical functions and constants, like addition, square roots, trigonometry, and more.

It includes methods like Math.sqrt() for square roots, Math.pow() for powers, and constants like Math.PI for  $\pi$ .



### The Math Class The Math.pow Method

The Math.pow method is used to raise a number to the power of another number. It takes two double arguments. The first argument is the base, and the second is the exponent.

```
Example Code:
double result = Math.pow(3.0, 2.0); // 3^2 = 9
System.out.println("3 raised to the power of 2: " + result);
```

The *Math.pow* method raises a number to a power.

```
result = Math.pow(3.0, 2.0);
```

This method takes two *double* arguments. It raises the first argument to the power of the second argument, and returns the result as a *double*.

$$vesult = 3^2$$

```
result = 9.0
```



### The Math Class The Math.sqrt Method

The Math.sqrt method returns the square root of a number. It takes a double value as an argument and returns the square root of the number.

Example Code: double result = Math.sqrt(4.0); // Square root of 4 is 2 System.out.println("Square root of 4: " + result);

The *Math.sqrt* method accepts a double value as its argument and returns the square root of the value.

result = Math.sqrt(4.0);

$$result = \sqrt{4}$$

result = 2.0



### The Math Class The Math.PI predefined constant

The *Math.Pl* constant is a constant assigned with a value of 3.14159265358979323846, which is an approximation of the mathematical value pi.

double area, radius;

radius = 5.5; area = Math.PI \* radius \* radius;

$$area = \pi \times 5.5 \times 5.5$$

*area* = 95.03317777



Combined assignment operators in Java are shorthand operators that perform an operation on a variable and then assign the result back to that variable in a single step. They make code shorter and often easier to read.





On the right of the assignment operator, 1 is subtracted from y. The result is then assigned to y, replacing the previous value. Effectively, this statement subtracts 1 from y.





On the right of the assignment operator, 10 is multiplied by z. The result is then assigned to z, replacing the previous value. Effectively, this statement multiplies z with 10.



On the right of the assignment operator, a is divided by b. The result is then assigned to a, replacing the previous value. Effectively, this statement divides a by b.





On the right of the assignment operator, the remainder of x divided by 4 is calculated. The result is then assigned to x, replacing the previous value. Effectively, this statement assigns the remainder of x/4 to x.



## **Sentinel Values**

A sentinel value is a special value used to terminate loops or signal the end of data processing. It is often used when the number of inputs or records is unknown, and a special value is chosen to signal the end.

This technique is especially useful in file processing and user input where the total data length isn't predetermined.

For instance, a sentinel value might be a negative number when processing positive integers, or a specific string like 'END'. When the program encounters this value, it knows to stop further data collection or processing.



Casting



Before a value can be stored in a variable, the *value's data type* must be compatible with the *variable's data type*. Java performs some conversions between data types automatically, but does not automatically perform any conversion that can result in the loss of data.



int x; double y = 2.8; x = y;

This statement is attempting to store a *double* value
(2.8) in an *int* variable. This will give an error message.
A *double* can store fractional numbers and can hold values much larger than an *int* can hold. If this were permitted, a loss of data would be likely.



This statement is attempting to store a *short* value (2) in an *int* variable. This will work with no problems.



Primitive data type ranking







In assignment statements where values of *lower-ranked data types* are stored in variables of *higher-ranked data types*, Java automatically converts the lower-ranked value to the higher-ranked type.

double x; int y = 2; x = y;

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We call this a widening conversion



In assignment statements where values of *higher-ranked data types* are stored in variables of *lower-ranked data types*, Java does not automatically perform the conversion because of possible data loss.

int x; double y = 2.0; x = y;





We call this a narrowing conversion

## Conversion between Primitive Data Types (Cast operators)

The cast operator lets you manually convert a value, even if it means that a *narrowing conversion* will take place.





### (Cast operators)

Java compiles the code with the cast operator with no problems. In this case variable y has a value of 2.5 (floating-point value) which must be converted to an integer.



The value that is returned and stored in variable *x* would be truncated, which means the fractional part of the number is lost to accommodate the *integer* data type.



The value of variable y is not changed at all: 
$$y = 2.5$$

## **Mixed Integer Operations**

One of the nuances of the Java language is the way it handles arithmetic operations on *int, byte* and *short*.

When values of the *byte* or *short* data types are used in arithmetic expressions, they are temporarily converted to *int* values.

short x = 10, y = 20, z; z = x + y; Error!

How can this error be rectified?



## Mixed Integer Operations

short x = 10, y = 20, z;z = x + y;

Error!

The error results from the fact that z is a short. The expression x + y results in an *int* value.

This can be corrected if *z* is declared as an *int*, or if a cast operator is used.

short x = 10, y = 20;<br/>int z;<br/>z = x + y;No problem!short x = 10, y = 20, z;<br/>z = (short) (x + y);No problem!


# Creating Named Constants with *final*

The <u>final</u> key word can be used in a variable declaration to make the variable a named constant. Named constants are initialized with a value, and that value cannot change during the execution of the program.

amount = balance \* 0.072;

The 1<sup>st</sup> problem that arises is that it is not clear to anyone but the original programmer as to what the 0.072 is.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> problem occurs if this number is used in other calculations throughout the program and must be changed periodically.



## Creating Named Constants with *final*

We can change the code to use the *final* key word to create a constant value.

amount = balance \* 0.072; Old code

*final* double INTEREST\_RATE = 0.072;

amount = balance \* INTEREST\_RATE;

New code

Now anyone who reads the code will understand it. When we want to change the interest rate, we change it only once at the declaration.



#### The *String* Class String Methods

Because the *String* type is a *class* instead of a *primitive data type*, it provides numerous *methods* for working with strings.



# The *String* Class charAt() Method

This method returns the *character* at the specified *position*.

char letter; String name = "Arnold"; letter = name.*charAt(2)*;

| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | r | n | 0 | / | d |

After this code executes, the variable *letter* will hold the character 'n'.



#### The *String* Class length() Method

This method returns the *number of characters* in a string.



After this code executes, the variable *stringSize* will hold the value *6*.





This method returns a new string that is the *lowercase* equivalent of the string contained in the calling object.

String bigName = "ARNOLD";
String littleName = bigName.toLowerCase();

After this code executes, the variable *littleName* will hold the string *"arnold"*.



#### The String Class toUpperCase() Method

This method returns a new string that is the *uppercase* equivalent of the string contained in the calling object.

String littleName = "arnold";
String bigName = littleName.toUpperCase();

After this code executes, the variable *bigName* will hold the string *"ARNOLD"*.





Characters are internally represented by numbers. Each character is assigned a unique number.

Java uses Unicode, which is a set of numbers that are used as codes for representing characters. Each Unicode number requires two bytes of memory, so *char* variables occupy *two bytes*.



# The char Data Type



Printed on the computer screen when application runs:

A B

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## **Comparing Characters**

- Characters can be tested with relational operators.
- Characters are stored in memory using the Unicode character format.
- Unicode is stored as a sixteen (16) bit number.
- Characters are *ordinal*, meaning they have an order in the Unicode character set.
- Since characters are ordinal, they can be compared to each other.

```
char c = 'A';
if(c < 'Z')
System.out.println("A is less than Z");
```



### Importance of Coding Styles

# Coding styles play a crucial role in software development:

**1**. Improves readability, making it easier for others to understand the code.

**2**. Promotes consistency across a codebase, especially in team projects.

3. Makes debugging and maintaining code simpler and more efficient.



### Different Coding Styles

Different coding styles serve different purposes and preferences:

1. Some styles prioritize compactness (e.g., K&R), while others focus on clarity (e.g., Allman).

2. The key is consistency within the project or organization.

3. Adapting to a style is important:

Adapting to a coding style within a project is essential for readability and maintainability. Consistent styling helps anyone working on the code understand its structure more easily, making it straightforward to read, debug, and modify. When code follows a predictable style, it reduces the cognitive load, allowing developers to focus on the logic rather than deciphering varied formatting.



#### Why Indentation Matters

Indentation is crucial for enhancing the structure and readability of code:

1. It visually separates code blocks, making the control flow clearer.

2. Proper indentation reduces errors by clearly showing the hierarchy of logic.

3. Inconsistent indentation can lead to confusion, even in small projects.

