

Computer Science 134C

Introduction to Computer Science, in Python

Lecture #28 (Java I)

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Our first sip of Java.

1. Questions?
2. Finishing with 20 questions, more or less.
3. The first Java program, saved in `first.java`:

```
// A first program.
public class first {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Hello, world."); // adds nl at end, automatically
    }
}
```

The program is *compiled* into an *object file*, using the Java compiler, `javac`:

```
javac first.java
```

This is then *executed* (as opposed to *interpreted*) using the *Java virtual environment*:

```
java first
```

4. Some features of Java programs (compared to Python):
 - (a) All code is part of some class. Most code is found within a class's method. Running a program causes a *main* method to be executed.
 - (b) Everything has a *type*. Primitive types include `int`, `float`, `char`, and `boolean` (`true/false`). Other types are classes of objects: `String`, arrays of other types, and `Vectors`. The non-reference indicator is `null`.
 - (c) You must declare the type of a variable or constant before it is defined.
 - (d) The primary `for`-like looping mechanism has a three expression form: the first expression is the loop variable initializer, the second is the condition, the third is a loop variable update that is executed between iterations.
 - (e) Within class definitions, there is an implied reference to the object, `this` (as opposed to `self`). The value of `this` is an implied parameter.
 - (f) There is no `tuple` type.
 - (g) There is no parallel assignment.
5. A few example programs.