CS 134: Introduction to Java



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Announcements & Logistics

- Lab 9 Boggle : Due tonight/tomorrow @ | | pm
 - Lots of office hours
 - Come talk to us if you have questions!
- HW 9 available today, due Mon 5/9 @ I I pm
 - Covers "advanced" topics from recent lectures
- Lab 10 Selection Sort in Java (next Mon/Tue)
 - No pre-lab work; hope most of you will start and finish during your lab session
- Final exam reminder: Sunday, May 22 @ 9:30 AM
- Course evals next Friday 5/13 (bring a laptop to class if possible)

Do You Have Any Questions?

May the 4th Be With You

Working on partner labs be like — hopefully none of you had to resort to **git push --force**!



LastTime

- Briefly reviewed searching algorithms:
 - $O(\log n)$: binary search runtime in a sorted array-based list
 - O(n): linear searching runtime in an unsorted list
- Discussed two classic sorting algorithms:
 - $O(n \log n)$: merge sort runtime
 - $O(n^2)$: selection sort runtime
- What about (extra) space for sorting?
 - O(n): naive merge sort
 - O(1): selection sort
- Time-space tradeoff!



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- Begin discussing Java
 - Discuss how to run programs in Java
 - Learn about Java syntax
 - Take a closer look at **data types** in Java
- Goals of next 4-5 lectures:
 - Understand the key similarities and differences between Python and other programming languages (Java)
 - Review basic features of Python in preparation for final exam
 - Gain confidence in our programming abilities
 - Help ease the transition to CS 136 (and beyond!)



Python vs. Java



Python

- Powerful language used by many programmers
- Features for making common programming tasks relatively simple
- Can run programs as scripts or interactively
- Dynamically typed: Run-time error when variables are used incorrectly
- Good fit for teaching programming to new computer scientists

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- Features for building large-scale systems design
- Must be "compiled" and run from terminal
- Statically typed: compile-time error when variables are used incorrectly
- Good fit for large software projects, but steep learning curve

Hello, World!

Python in Week 1:

1 print("Hello World")

bash-3.2\$ python3 hello-simple.py Hello World

Python in Week 11:

```
1 def main():
2     print("Hello, World!")
3
4 if __name__ == "__main__":
5     main()
```

bash-3.2\$ python3 hello.py Hello, World!

Java:

1	<pre>public class Hello {</pre>	
2	<pre>public static void main(String args[])</pre>	{
3	<pre>System.out.println("Hello, World!");</pre>	
4	}	
5	}	

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Java:

Hello, World!

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2	рі	ublic	static	void	main(S	Strin	g args[])	{
3		Syst	em.out.	print	<mark>ln("</mark> Hel	.lo,	<pre>world!");</pre>	
4	}							
5	}							
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Running Our Code

Python is an interpreted language

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- The Python *interpreter* runs through our code line by line and executes each command
- Other interpreted languages: PHP, R, Ruby, and JavaScript
- Java is a compiled language*
 - The Java compiler converts our code into machine code that the processor can execute
 - Compiled languages require code to be *manually compiled* before execution
 - Other compiled languages: C, C++, Haskell, Rust, and Go
- Interpreted languages were once significantly slower than compiled languages. But that gap is shrinking.

*Technically Java is both interpreted and compiled, but we can ignore that detail for now.

Using the Java Compiler

- The compiler converts our Java source code into compiled byte code which is faster to run (hence the performance benefits)
- Java source files are always named **<file>.java**
- To compile, type: javac <file>.java
- Compilers detect and report syntax errors before execution
- Compiler creates class files: <file>.class
- Code is executed by typing **java <file>** (without the .class extension)

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

```
bash-3.2$ ls Hello.*
Hello.java
bash-3.2$ javac Hello.java
bash-3.2$ ls Hello.*
Hello.class Hello.java
bash-3.2$ java Hello
Hello, World!
```

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```
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2   public static void main(String args[]) {
3     System.out.println("Hello, World!");
4   }
5  }
Print "Hello, World!" to the terminal. Statements end with a;
```

Public, Private, Protected

- 1 public class Hello {
 2 public static void main(String args[]) {
 3 System.out.println("Hello, World!");
 4 }
 5 }
- **public** indicates to the Java compiler that this is a method that anyone can call
- Java enforces several levels of security on methods (also variables and classes): public, protected, and private
- Similar to _ and __ methods in Python, but more strictly enforced

static

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

- static indicates that this is a method that is part of the class, but is not a method for any
 one instance of the class (static exists in both Java and Python!)
- Most methods we used in Python required an instance of the class in order for the method to be called:
 - Example: **s_upper()** (where **s** is a string and **upper()** is a method in the string class)
- With a static method, the object to the left of the . is a class, **not an instance** of the class.
- For example the way that we would call the main method directly is: Hello.main(...).
- Similar to Python modules (such as random) that don't require an instance
 - Example: random.randint(0,15)

void

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

- **void** tells the Java compiler that this method **will not return a value**
- void means "no type"
- Roughly analogous to omitting the return statement in a Python method (or having an *implicit* return of None)

String args[]

- 1 public class Hello {
 2 public static void main(String args[]) {
 3 System.out.println("Hello, World!");
 4 }
 5 }
- Our main method takes as input an array (denoted by []) of Strings called args
 - This is used for handling command-line arguments but we won't worry about that now
- Since everything in Java must have a type, we also have to tell the compiler that the types of values stored in our array are Strings
- Recall that arrays are a lot like lists in Python

System.out and System.in

- 1 public class Hello {
 2 public static void main(String args[]) {
 3 System.out.println("Hello, World!");
 4 }
 5 }
- System is a Java class
- Within the System class we find the object named out
- The out object is the standard output stream for this program. The in object is the standard input stream. We'll come back to that soon.
- The **println** method prints a string with a newline character at the end
- Anywhere in Python that you used the print(...) function you will use the System.out.println(...) method in Java

Moving on...

Programming Language Features

- Basic features:
 - Data Types
 - Reading user input
 - Loops
 - Conditionals
- Advanced topics:
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 - Interfaces
 - Collections
 - Graphical User Interface Programming

We have extensively studied all of these features in Python. Let's compare and contrast with Java.

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Let's start with data types and reading user input.

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Basic Data Types

- All data types in Python are objects
 - Implemented using **classes** and **methods** just like our LinkedList
- Two types of data types in Java: **primitive** (non-objects) and **Objects**
 - Example: int (lowercase) and Integer (uppercase)
 - The benefit of primitive data types is fast operations
 - We'll mostly use the Object versions and let the compiler handle conversions to primitives for us
- Java data types:

Primitive	Object
int	Integer
float	Float
double	Double
char	Char
boolean	Boolean



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- What does it do?
 - Asks user to enter a temperature in Fahrenheit and converts the string input to float
 - Does the computation to convert temperature to Celsius
 - Prints result

```
// this is a comment in Java
    import java.util.Scanner;
 2
 3
    public class TempConv {
 4
 5
        public static void main (String args[]) {
 6
            Double fahr;
 7
            Double cel;
8
             Scanner in;
 9
             in = new Scanner (System.in);
10
             System.out.print("Enter the temperature in F: ");
11
12
             fahr = in.nextDouble ();
13
             cel = (fahr - 32) * 5.0 / 9.0;
14
             System.out.println("The temperature in C is: " + cel);
15
        }
16
    }
17
```

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• Java uses import statements to tell the compiler what classes to use



 Java is statically typed. Thus, all variables must be declared with a name and type before they are used. Common convention is to declare variables at the top of our methods/classes.



Let's try to compile: javac TempConv.java

```
bash-3.2$ javac TempConv.java
TempConv.java:9: error: cannot find symbol
        in = new Scanner (System.in);
  symbol:
           variable in
  location: class TempConv
TempConv.java:11: error: cannot find symbol
        fahr = in.nextDouble ():
        ^
  symbol: variable fahr
  location: class TempConv
TempConv.java:11: error: cannot find symbol
        fahr = in.nextDouble ();
  symbol: variable in
  location: class TempConv
TempConv.java:13: error: cannot find symbol
        cel = (fahr - 32) * 5.0/9.0;
          variable cel
  symbol:
  location: class TempConv
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  symbol:
           variable fahr
  location: class TempConv
TempConv.java:14: error: cannot find symbol
        System.out.println("The temperature in C is: " +cel);
  symbol:
         variable cel
  location: class TempConv
6 errors
```

The compiler will report several errors (sometimes repeatedly) when we try to compile our program after removing our variable declarations.

- // this is a comment in Java import java.util.Scanner; 2 3 public class TempConv { 4 On Line 8 we give our **Scanner** the name **in**. 5 public static void ma On Line 10, we initialize our **Scanner** object with the Double fahr; 6 parameter **System.** in to read input from the user. Double cel; 7 **Note:** Always use **new** when initializing new objects. Scanner in; 8 9 in = new Scanner (System.in); 10 System.out.print("Enter the temperature in F: "); 11 12 fahr = in.nextDouble (); 13 cel = (fahr - 32) * 5.0 / 9.0;14 15 System.out.println("The temperature in C is: " + cel); 16 } } 17
 - After declaring a Scanner object named in, we also have to initialize it before using it (like calling ___init___() in Python).



System.out.print and System.out.println are like print in Python.

in.nextDouble() automatically reads the user input as a Double (like using input() in Python and then converting to float)

An Aside: Using the Java Scanner

- Since Java is **strongly typed**, we have to be extra careful when reading input from the user to make sure it is of the expected type
- The **Scanner** class provides methods for making sure the next value (like an iterator!) is of the expected type
- Here are some methods for the Java **Scanner** class

Method	Computes
nextBoolean()	reads and converts next token to a boolean value
nextInt()	reads and converts next token to a integer value
nextLong()	reads and converts next token to a long value
nextDouble()	reads and converts next token to a double value
<pre>nextString() or next()</pre>	reads next token and returns it as a String
nextLine()	reads until the next new line and returns a String
hasNextBoolean()	returns true iff the next token is either "true" or "false"
hasNextInt()	returns true iff the next token is an integer
hasNextLong()	returns true iff the next token is a long
hasNextDouble()	returns true iff the next token is a real number
hasNextString() or hasNext()	returns true iff there is at least one more token of input
hasNextLine()	returns true iff there is another line of input

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2
3
    public class TempConv {
4
5
         public static void main (String args[]) {
             Double fahr;
6
                                   On Line 14 we perform the calculation to convert.
7
             Double cel;
                                           On Line 15 we print the results.
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- Arithmetic calculations in Java and Python are very similar wrt syntax
- When we print, we use the + operator to perform string concatenation

bash-3.2\$ javac TempConv.java bash-3.2\$ java TempConv Enter the temperature in F: 98.6 The temperature in C is: 37.0 bash-3.2\$ java TempConv Enter the temperature in F: 32 The temperature in C is: 0.0

• Before running our program, we compile using **javac**

javac TempConv.java

- To run, we use java
 - java TempConv



• Step I: Prepare to read input from user.



• Step 2: Prompt user for input.



• Step 3: Read user input and convert to float/double (that is, a number with a decimal point).



• Step 4: Perform conversion to Celsius.



• Step 5: Print result.

An Aside: Java GUIs

- Java has more built-in support for making GUIs and supporting graphical objects
- Here is a graphical version of our program

	Input
*	Enter the temperature in F: 98.6
	Cancel OK

```
import javax.swing.*;
public class TempConvGUI {
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        Double fahr, cel;
        String fahrString;
        fahrString = J0ptionPane.showInputDialog("Enter the temperature in F: " );
        fahr = Double.valueOf(fahrString);
        cel = (fahr - 32) * 5.0 / 9.0;
        J0ptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The temperature in C is " + cel );
    }
```