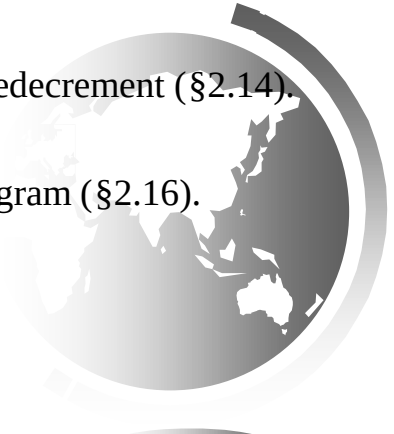
Chapter 2 Elementary Programming

Motivations

In the preceding chapter, you learned how to create, compile, and run a Java program. Starting from this chapter, you will learn how to solve practical problems programmatically. Through these problems, you will learn Java primitive data types and related subjects, such as variables, constants, data types, operators, expressions, and input and output.

Objectives

- To write Java programs to perform simple computations (§2.2).
- To obtain input from the console using the **Scanner** class (§2.3).
- To use identifiers to name variables, constants, methods, and classes (§2.4).
- To use variables to store data (§§2.5–2.6).
- To program with assignment statements and assignment expressions (§2.6).
- To use constants to store permanent data (§2.7).
- To name classes, methods, variables, and constants by following their naming conventions (§2.8).
- To explore Java numeric primitive data types: **byte**, **short**, **int**, **long**, **float**, and **double** (§2.9.1).
- To read a **byte**, **short**, **int**, **long**, **float**, or **double** value from the keyboard (§2.9.2).
- To perform operations using operators **+**, **-**, *****, /, and **%** (§2.9.3).
- To perform exponent operations using **Math.pow(a, b)** (§2.9.4).
- To write integer literals, floating-point literals, and literals in scientific notation (§2.10).
- To write and evaluate numeric expressions (§2.11).
- To obtain the current system time using **System.currentTimeMillis()** (§2.12).
- To use augmented assignment operators (§2.13).
- To distinguish between postincrement and preincrement and between postdecrement and predecrement (§2.14).
- To cast the value of one type to another type (§2.15).
- To describe the software development process and apply it to develop the loan payment program (§2.16).
- To write a program that converts a large amount of money into smaller units (§2.17).
- To avoid common errors and pitfalls in elementary programming (§2.18).



Introducing Programming with an Example

Listing 2.1 Computing the Area of a Circle

This program computes the area of the circle.

ComputeArea

Run

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Trace a Program Execution

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    // Display results
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allocate memory for radius

radius | no value

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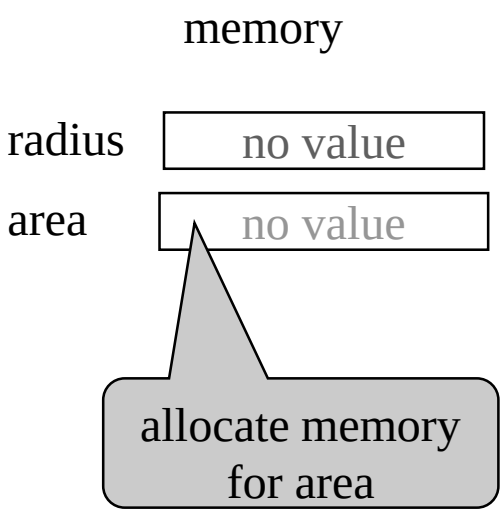

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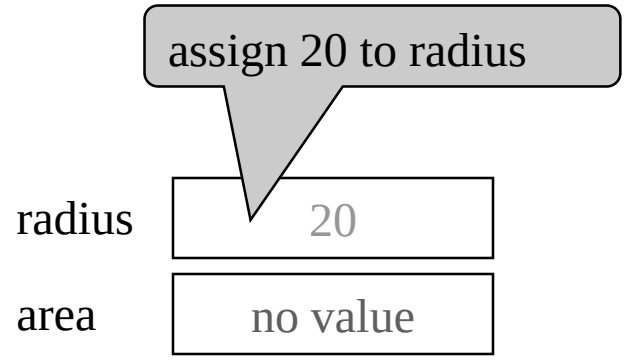

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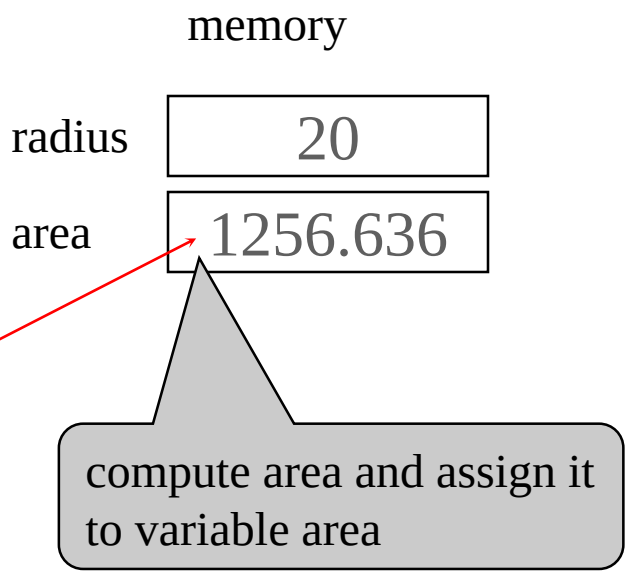

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```

memory

radius	20
area	1256.636

print a message to the console

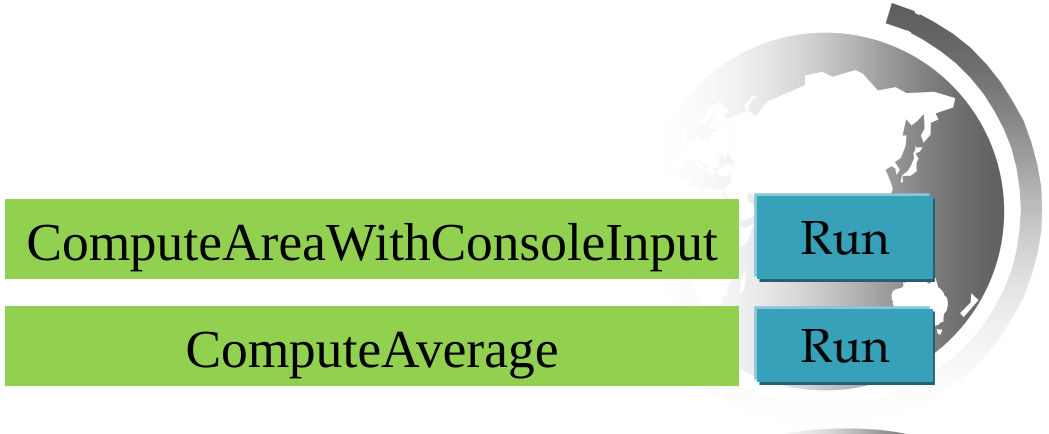
Reading Input from the Console

1. Create a Scanner object

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

2. Use the method nextDouble() to obtain to a double value. For example,

```
System.out.print("Enter a double value: ");
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
double d = input.nextDouble();
```



Implicit Import and Explicit Import

```
java.util.* ; // Implicit import

java.util.Scanner; // Explicit Import
```

No performance difference

Identifiers

- An identifier is a sequence of characters that consist of letters, digits, underscores (_), and dollar signs ($).
- An identifier must start with a letter, an underscore (_), or a dollar sign ($). It cannot start with a digit.
- An identifier cannot be a reserved word. (See Appendix A, “Java Keywords,” for a list of reserved words).
- An identifier cannot be `true`, `false`, or `null`.
- An identifier can be of any length.

Variables

```
// Compute the first area
radius = 1.0;
area = radius * radius * 3.14159;
System.out.println("The area is " +
  area + " for radius "+radius);

// Compute the second area
radius = 2.0;
area = radius * radius * 3.14159;
System.out.println("The area is " +
  area + " for radius "+radius);
```

Declaring Variables

```
int x;            // Declare x to be an
                  // integer variable;
double radius;    // Declare radius to
                  // be a double variable;
char a;           // Declare a to be a
                  // character variable;
```

Assignment Statements

```
x = 1;              // Assign 1 to x;

radius = 1.0;       // Assign 1.0 to radius;

a = 'A';            // Assign 'A' to a;
```

Declaring and Initializing in One Step

- `int x = 1;`
- `double d = 1.4;`

Named Constants

```
final datatype CONSTANTNAME = VALUE;

final double PI = 3.14159;
final int SIZE = 3;
```

Naming Conventions

- Choose meaningful and descriptive names.
- Variables and method names:
  - Use lowercase. If the name consists of several words, concatenate all in one, use lowercase for the first word, and capitalize the first letter of each subsequent word in the name. For example, the variables `radius` and `area`, and the method `computeArea`.

Naming Conventions, cont.

- Class names:
  - Capitalize the first letter of each word in the name. For example, the class name `ComputeArea`.

- Constants:
  - Capitalize all letters in constants, and use underscores to connect words. For example, the constant `PI and` MAX_VALUE

Numerical Data Types

Name	Range	Storage Size
`byte`	-2^7 to $2^7 - 1$ (-128 to 127)	8-bit signed
`short`	-2^{15} to $2^{15} - 1$ (-32768 to 32767)	16-bit signed
`int`	-2^{31} to $2^{31} - 1$ (-2147483648 to 2147483647)	32-bit signed
`long`	-2^{63} to $2^{63} - 1$ (i.e., -9223372036854775808 to 9223372036854775807)	64-bit signed
`float`	Negative range: -3.4028235E+38 to -1.4E-45 Positive range: 1.4E-45 to 3.4028235E+38	32-bit IEEE 754
`double`	Negative range: -1.7976931348623157E+308 to -4.9E-324 Positive range: 4.9E-324 to 1.7976931348623157E+308	64-bit IEEE 754

Reading Numbers from the Keyboard

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
int value = input.nextInt();
```

Method	Description
`nextByte()`	reads an integer of the `byte` type.
`nextShort()`	reads an integer of the `short` type.
`nextInt()`	reads an integer of the `int` type.
`nextLong()`	reads an integer of the `long` type.
`nextFloat()`	reads a number of the `float` type.
`nextDouble()`	reads a number of the `double` type.

Numeric Operators

Name	Meaning	Example	Result
+	Addition	34 + 1	35
-	Subtraction	34.0 - 0.1	33.9
*	Multiplication	300 * 30	9000
/	Division	1.0 / 2.0	0.5
%	Remainder	20 % 3	2

Integer Division

+, -, *, /, and %

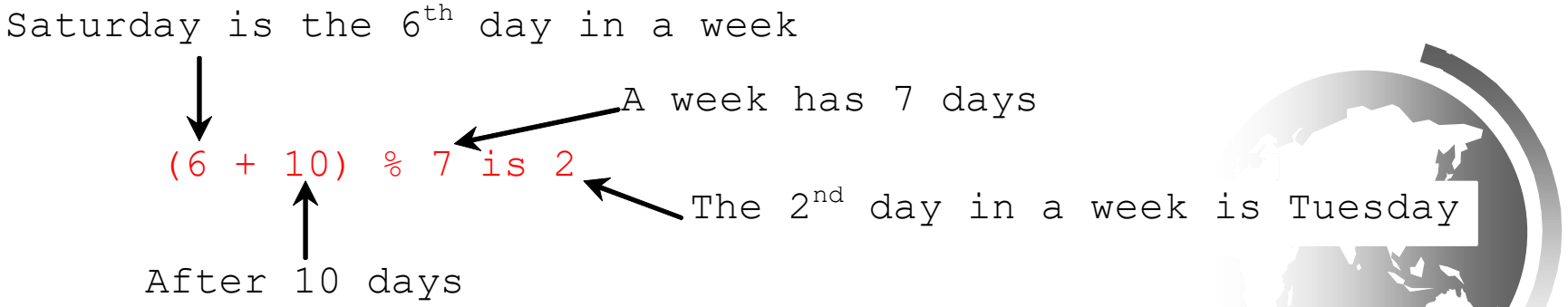
5 / 2 yields an integer 2.

5.0 / 2 yields a double value 2.5

5 % 2 yields 1 (the remainder of the division)

Remainder Operator

Remainder is very useful in programming. For example, an even number % 2 is always 0 and an odd number % 2 is always 1. So you can use this property to determine whether a number is even or odd. Suppose today is Saturday and you and your friends are going to meet in 10 days. What day is in 10 days? You can find that day is Tuesday using the following expression:



NOTE

Calculations involving floating-point numbers are approximated because these numbers are not stored with complete accuracy. For example,

System.out.println(1.0 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1 - 0.1);

displays 0.5000000000000001, not 0.5, and

System.out.println(1.0 - 0.9);

displays 0.09999999999999998, not 0.1. Integers are stored precisely. Therefore, calculations with integers yield a precise integer result.

Exponent Operations

```
System.out.println(Math.pow(2, 3));
// Displays 8.0
System.out.println(Math.pow(4, 0.5));
// Displays 2.0
System.out.println(Math.pow(2.5, 2));
// Displays 6.25
System.out.println(Math.pow(2.5, -2));
// Displays 0.16
```

Number Literals

A *literal* is a constant value that appears directly in the program. For example, 34, 1,000,000, and 5.0 are literals in the following statements:

```
int i = 34;

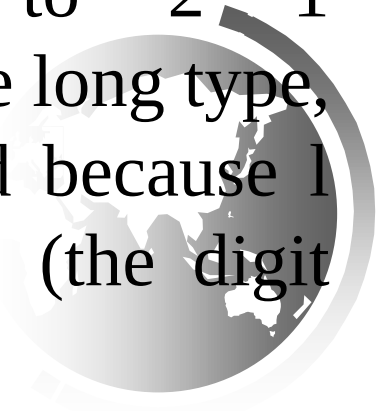
long x = 1000000;

double d = 5.0;
```

Integer Literals

An integer literal can be assigned to an integer variable as long as it can fit into the variable. A compilation error would occur if the literal were too large for the variable to hold. For example, the statement byte b = 1000 would cause a compilation error, because 1000 cannot be stored in a variable of the byte type.

An integer literal is assumed to be of the int type, whose value is between -2^{31} (-2147483648) to $2^{31}–1$ (2147483647). To denote an integer literal of the long type, append it with the letter L or l. L is preferred because l (lowercase L) can easily be confused with 1 (the digit one).



Floating-Point Literals

Floating-point literals are written with a decimal point. By default, a floating-point literal is treated as a double type value. For example, 5.0 is considered a double value, not a float value. You can make a number a float by appending the letter f or F, and make a number a double by appending the letter d or D. For example, you can use 100.2f or 100.2F for a float number, and 100.2d or 100.2D for a double number.

double vs. float

The double type values are more accurate than the float type values. For example,

```
System.out.println("1.0 / 3.0 is " + 1.0 / 3.0);
```

displays `1.0 / 3.0 is 0.3333333333333333`

16 digits

```
System.out.println("1.0F / 3.0F is " + 1.0F / 3.0F);
```

displays `1.0F / 3.0F is 0.33333334`

7 digits

Scientific Notation

Floating-point literals can also be specified in scientific notation, for example, 1.23456e+2, same as 1.23456e2, is equivalent to 123.456, and 1.23456e-2 is equivalent to 0.0123456. E (or e) represents an exponent and it can be either in lowercase or uppercase.

Arithmetic Expressions

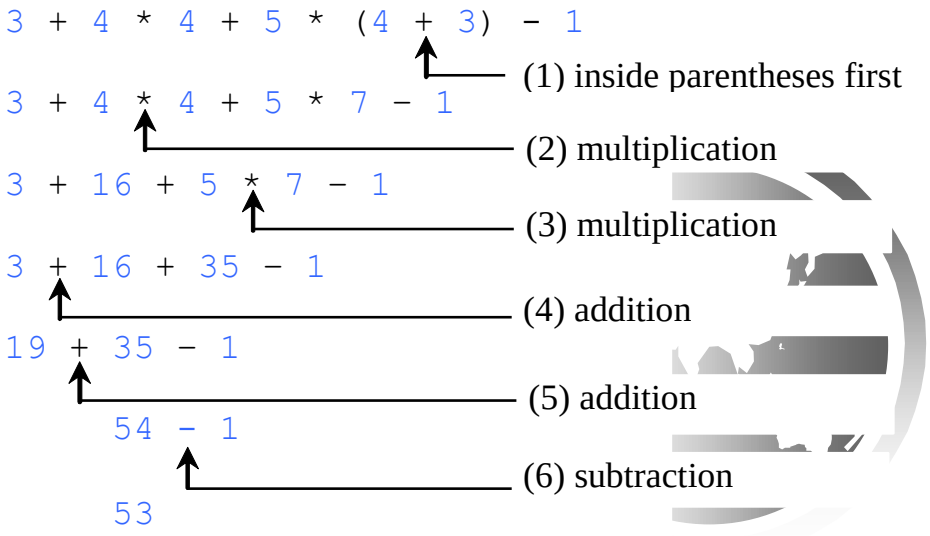
$$\frac{3+4x}{5} - \frac{10(y-5)(a+b+c)}{x} + 9\left(\frac{4}{x} + \frac{9+x}{y}\right)$$

is translated to

```
(3+4*x)/5 – 10*(y-5)*(a+b+c)/x + 9*(4/x + (9+x)/y)
```

How to Evaluate an Expression

Though Java has its own way to evaluate an expression behind the scene, the result of a Java expression and its corresponding arithmetic expression are the same. Therefore, you can safely apply the arithmetic rule for evaluating a Java expression.



Problem: Converting Temperatures

Write a program that converts a Fahrenheit degree to Celsius using the formula:

$$celsius = (\frac{5}{9})(fahrenheit - 32)$$

Note: you have to write
celsius = (5.0 / 9) * (fahrenheit – 32)

FahrenheitToCelsius

Run

Augmented Assignment Operators

Operator	*Name*	*Example*	*Equivalent*
`+=`	Addition assignment	`i += 8`	`i = i + 8`
`-=`	Subtraction assignment	`i -= 8`	`i = i - 8`
`*=`	Multiplication assignment	`i *= 8`	`i = i * 8`
`/=`	Division assignment	`i /= 8`	`i = i / 8`
`%=`	Remainder assignment	`i %= 8`	`i = i % 8`

Increment and Decrement Operators

Operator	*Name*	*Description*	*Example (assume i = 1)*
`++var`	preincrement	Increment `var` by `1`, and use the new `var` value in the statement	`int j = ++i;` `// j is 2, i is 2`
`var++`	postincrement	Increment `var` by `1`, but use the original `var` value in the statement	`int j = i++;` `// j is 1, i is 2`
`--var`	predecrement	Decrement `var` by `1`, and use the new `var` value in the statement	`int j = --i;` `// j is 0, i is 0`
`var--`	postdecrement	Decrement `var` by `1`, and use the original `var` value in the statement	`int j = i--;` `// j is 1, i is 0`

Increment and Decrement Operators, cont.

```
int i = 10;
int newNum = 10 * i++;
```

Same effect as

```
int newNum = 10 * i;
i = i + 1;
```

```
int i = 10;
int newNum = 10 * (++i);
```

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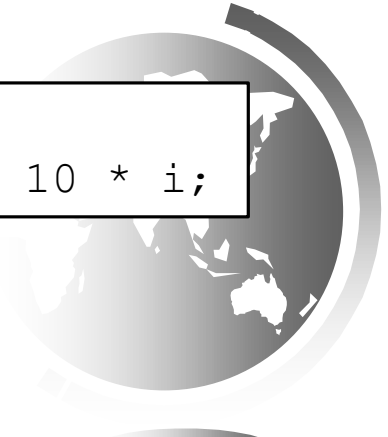


Increment and Decrement Operators, cont.

Using increment and decrement operators makes expressions short, but it also makes them complex and difficult to read. Avoid using these operators in expressions that modify multiple variables, or the same variable for multiple times such as this: int k = ++i + i.

Numeric Type Conversion

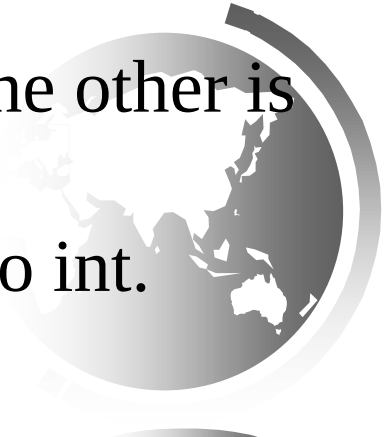
Consider the following statements:

```
byte i = 100;
long k = i * 3 + 4;
double d = i * 3.1 + k / 2;
```

Conversion Rules

When performing a binary operation involving two operands of different types, Java automatically converts the operand based on the following rules:

1. If one of the operands is double, the other is converted into double.
2. Otherwise, if one of the operands is float, the other is converted into float.
3. Otherwise, if one of the operands is long, the other is converted into long.
4. Otherwise, both operands are converted into int.



Type Casting

Implicit casting

```
double d = 3;
```
(type widening)

Explicit casting

```
int i = (int)3.0;
```
(type narrowing)

```
int i = (int)3.9;
```
(Fraction part is truncated)

What is wrong? int x = 5 / 2.0;