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Chapter 1 Introduction to Computers, Programs, and Java

Programs

Computer *programs*, known as *software*, are instructions to the computer.

You tell a computer what to do through programs. Without programs, a computer is an empty machine. Computers do not understand human languages, so you need to use computer languages to communicate with them.

Programs are written using programming languages.

Programming Languages

Machine Language Assembly Language High-Level Language

Machine language is a set of primitive instructions built into every computer. The instructions are in the form of binary code, so you have to enter binary codes for various instructions. Program with native machine language is a tedious process. Moreover the programs are highly difficult to read and modify. For example, to add two numbers, you might write an instruction in binary like this:

```
1101101010011010
```

Programming Languages

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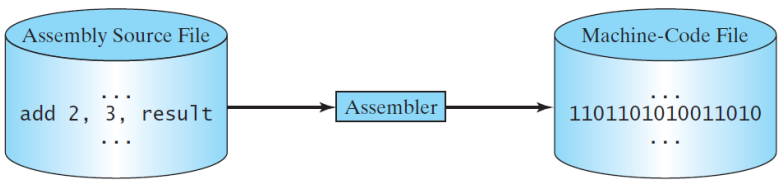
Assembly languages were developed to make programming easy. Since the computer cannot understand assembly language, however, a program called assembler is used to convert assembly language programs into machine code. For example, to add two numbers, you might write an instruction in assembly code like this:

ADDF3 R1, R2, R3



Programming Languages

Machine Language Assembly Language High-Level Language

The high-level languages are English-like and easy to learn and program. For example, the following is a high-level language statement that computes the area of a circle with radius 5:

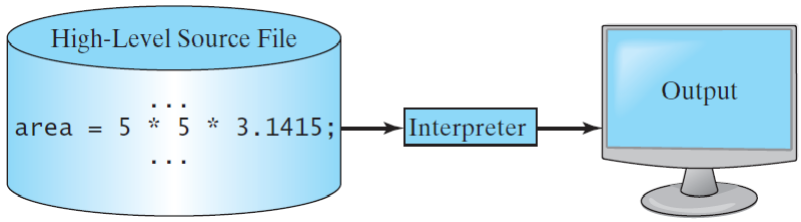
```
area = 5 * 5 * 3.1415;
```

Interpreting/Compiling Source Code

A program written in a high-level language is called a *source program* or ***source code***. Because a computer cannot understand a source program, a source program must be translated into machine code for execution. The translation can be done using another programming tool called an ***interpreter*** **or a** ***compiler.***

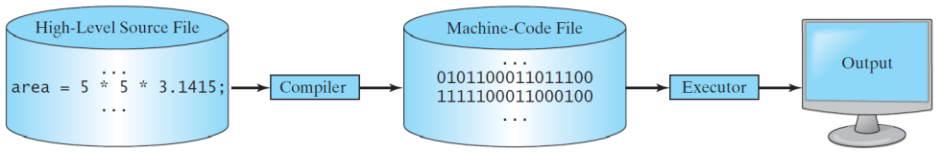
Interpreting Source Code

An interpreter **reads one statement from the source code**, translates it to **the machine code or virtual machine code**, and then executes it right away, as shown in the following figure. Note that a statement from the source code may be translated into several machine instructions.



Compiling Source Code

A compiler translates the entire source code into a machine-code file, and the machine-code file is then executed, as shown in the following figure.



Why Java?

The answer is that Java enables users to develop and deploy applications on the **Internet for servers, desktop computers, and small hand-held devices**. The future of computing is being profoundly influenced by the Internet, and Java promises to remain a big part of that future. Java is the Internet programming language.

- Java is a general purpose programming language.
- Java is the Internet programming language.

Java, Web, and Beyond

- Java can be used to develop standalone applications.
- Java can be used to develop applications running from a browser.
- Java can also be used to develop applications for hand-held devices.
- Java can be used to develop applications for Web servers.

Characteristics of Java

- Java Is Simple
- Java Is Object-Oriented
- Java Is Distributed
- Java Is Interpreted
- Java Is Robust
- Java Is Secure
- Java Is Architecture-Neutral
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Java is partially modeled on C++, but greatly simplified and improved. Some people refer to Java as "C++--" because it is like C++ but with more functionality and fewer negative aspects.

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Java is inherently object-oriented. Although many object-oriented languages began strictly as procedural languages, Java was designed from the start to be object-oriented. Object-oriented programming (OOP) is a popular programming approach that is replacing traditional procedural programming techniques.

One of the central issues in software development is how to reuse code. Object-oriented programming provides great flexibility, modularity, clarity, and reusability **through encapsulation, inheritance, and polymorphism**.

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Distributed computing involves several computers working together on a network. Java is designed to make distributed computing easy. Since networking capability is inherently integrated into Java, writing network programs is like sending and receiving data to and from a file.

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You need an interpreter to run Java programs. The programs are compiled into the Java Virtual Machine code called bytecode. The bytecode is machine-independent and can run on any machine that has a Java interpreter, which is part of the Java Virtual Machine **(JVM).**

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Java compilers can detect many problems that would first show up at execution time in other languages.

Java has eliminated certain types of error-prone programming constructs found in other languages.

Java has a runtime exception-handling feature to provide programming support for robustness.

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Java implements several security mechanisms to protect your system against harm caused by stray programs.

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Write once, run anywhere

With a Java Virtual Machine (JVM), you can write one program that will run on any platform.

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Because Java is architecture neutral, Java programs are portable. They can be run on any platform without being recompiled.

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Multithread programming is smoothly integrated in Java, whereas in other languages you have to call procedures specific to the operating system to enable multithreading.

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Java was designed to adapt to an evolving environment. New code can be loaded on the fly without recompilation. There is no need for developers to create, and for users to install, major new software versions. New features can be incorporated transparently as needed.

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.

This book uses J2SE to introduce Java programming.

Popular Java IDEs

- NetBeans (V.10)
- Eclipse (Luna, Mars, Oxygen)

A Simple Java Program

Listing 1.1

```
// This program prints Welcome to Java!
public class Welcome {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
  }
}
```

Welcome

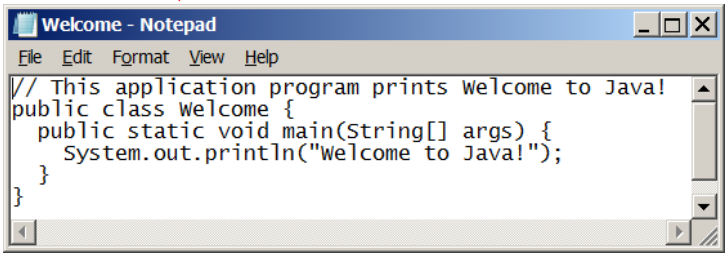
Run

Note: Clicking the green button displays the source code with interactive animation. You can also run the code in a browser. Internet connection is needed for this button.

Note: Clicking the blue button runs the code from Windows. If you cannot run the buttons, see liveexample.pearsoncmg.com/slide/javaslidenote.doc.

Creating and Editing Using NotePad

To use NotePad, type notepad Welcome.java from the DOS prompt.



Creating and Editing Using WordPad

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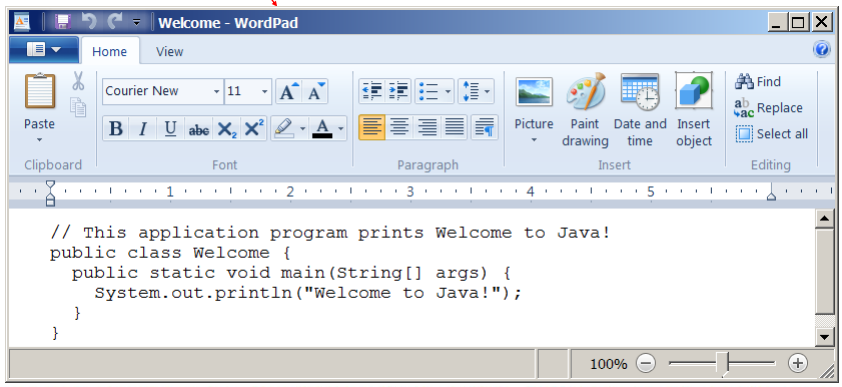
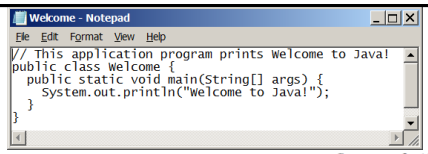
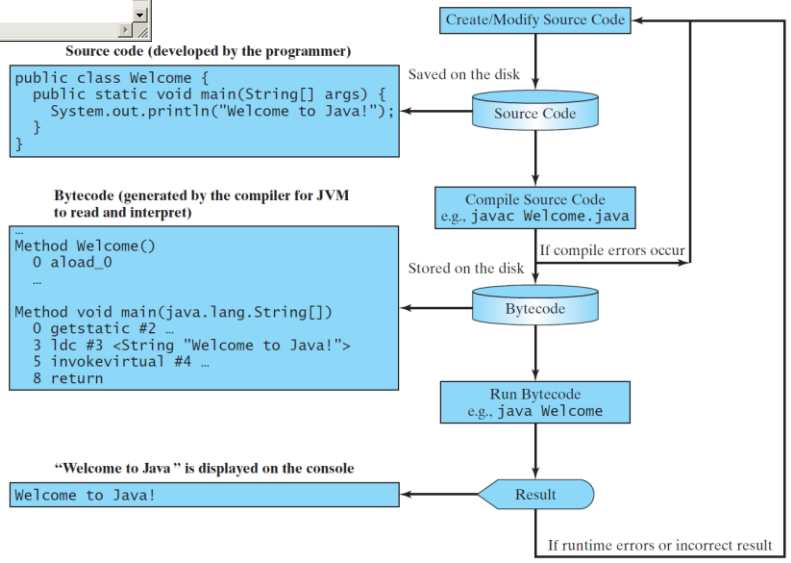


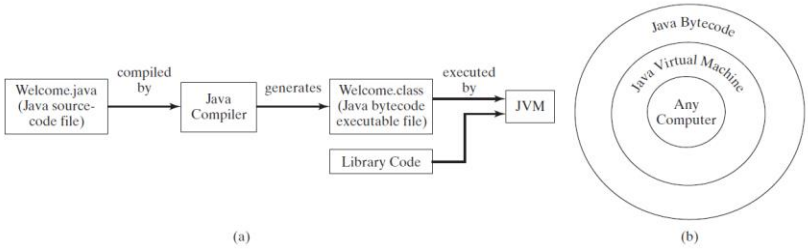


Creating, Compiling, and Running Programs



Compiling Java Source Code

You can port a source program to any machine with appropriate compilers. The source program must be recompiled, however, because the object program can only run on a specific machine. Nowadays computers are networked to work together. Java was designed to run object programs on any platform. With Java, you write the program once, and compile the source program into a special type of object code, known as *bytecode*. The bytecode can then run on any computer with a Java Virtual Machine, as shown below. Java Virtual Machine is a software that interprets Java bytecode.



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Trace a Program Execution

Enter main method

```
// This program prints Welcome to Java!
public class Welcome {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
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  }
}
```

animation

Trace a Program Execution

Execute statement

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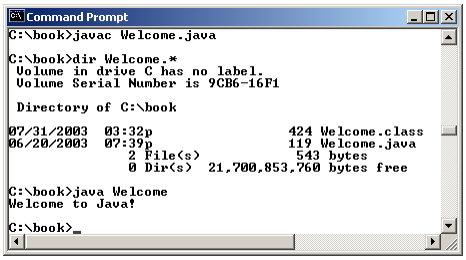
print a message to the console

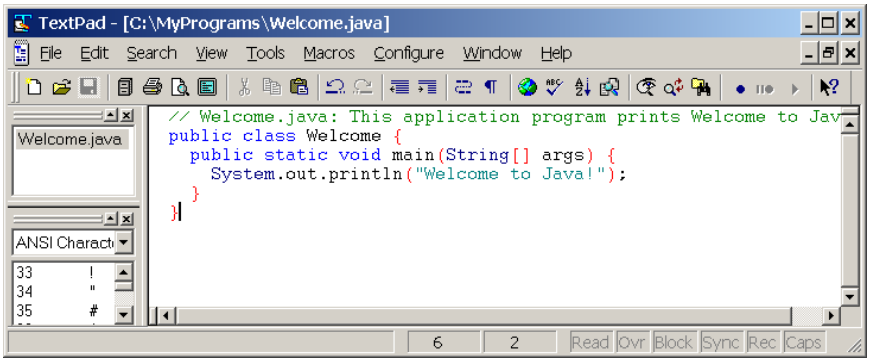
Compiling and Running Java from the Command Window

- Set path to JDK bin directory
  - set path=c:\Program Files\java\jdk1.8.0\bin
- Set classpath to include the current directory
  - set classpath=.
- Compile
  - javac Welcome.java
- Run
  - java Welcome



Compiling and Running Java from TextPad

- See Supplement II.A on the Website for details



Anatomy of a Java Program

- Class name
- Main method
- Statements
- Statement terminator
- Reserved words
- Comments
- Blocks

Class Name

Every Java program must have at least one class. Each class has a name. By convention, class names start with an uppercase letter. In this example, the class name is Welcome.

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```

Main Method

Line 2 defines the main method. In order to run a class, the class must contain a method named main. The program is executed from the main method.

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Statement

A statement represents an action or a sequence of actions. The statement System.out.println("Welcome to Java!") in the program in Listing 1.1 is a statement to display the greeting "Welcome to Java!".

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Statement Terminator

Every statement in Java ends with a semicolon (;).

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```

Reserved words

Reserved words or keywords are words that have a specific meaning to the compiler and cannot be used for other purposes in the program. For example, when the compiler sees the word class, it understands that the word after class is the name for the class.

```
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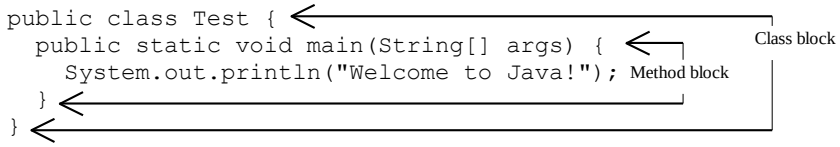
Blocks

A pair of braces in a program forms a block that groups components of a program.



Special Symbols

Character	Name	Description
{}	Opening and closing braces	Denotes a block to enclose statements.
()	Opening and closing parentheses	Used with methods.
[]	Opening and closing brackets	Denotes an array.
//	Double slashes	Precedes a comment line.
" "	Opening and closing quotation marks	Enclosing a string (i.e., sequence of characters).
;	Semicolon	Marks the end of a statement.

{ … }

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```

(…)

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```

;

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```

// ...

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```

" "
...

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Programming Style and Documentation

- Appropriate Comments
- Naming Conventions
- Proper Indentation and Spacing Lines
- Block Styles

Appropriate Comments

Include a summary at the beginning of the program to explain what the program does, its key features, its supporting data structures, and any unique techniques it uses.

Include your name, class section, instructor, date, and a brief description at the beginning of the program.

Naming Conventions

- Choose meaningful and descriptive names.
- Class names:
  - Capitalize the first letter of each word in the name. For example, the class name `ComputeExpression`.

Proper Indentation and Spacing

- Indentation
  - Indent two spaces.
- Spacing
  - Use blank line to separate segments of the code.

Block Styles

Use end-of-line style for braces.

Next-line style

```
public class Test
{
  public static void main(String[] args)
  {
    System.out.println("Block Styles");
  }
}
```

End-of-line style

```
public class Test {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Block Styles");
  }
}
```

Programming Errors

- Syntax Errors
  - Detected by the compiler
- Runtime Errors
  - Causes the program to abort
- Logic Errors
  - Produces incorrect result

Syntax Errors

```
public class ShowSyntaxErrors {
  public static main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java);
  }
}
```

ShowSyntaxErrors Run

Runtime Errors

```
public class ShowRuntimeErrors {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(1 / 0);
  }
}
```

ShowRuntimeErrors Run

Logic Errors

```
public class ShowLogicErrors {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println("Celsius 35 is
 Fahrenheit degree ");
    System.out.println((9 / 5) * 35 + 32);
  }
}
```

ShowLogicErrors Run