Introduction to Java Applications and Applets

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Introduction

- Java
 - Powerful, object-oriented language

- Fun to use for beginners, appropriate for experience programmers
- Language of choice for Internet and network communications
- In the Java, we discuss
 - Graphics (and graphical user interfaces [GUI])
 - Multimedia
 - Event-driven programming

2 Basics of a Typical Java Environment

- Java Systems
 - Consist of environment, language, Java Applications
 Programming Interface (API), Class libraries
- Java programs have five phases
 - Edit
 - Use an editor to type Java program
 - vi or emacs, notepad, Jbuilder, Visual J++
 - . java extension
 - Compile
 - Translates program into bytecodes, understood by Java interpreter
 - javac command: javac myProgram.java
 - Creates .class file, containing bytecodes (myProgram.class)

Basics of a Typical Java Environment (II)

- Java programs have five phases (continued)
 - Loading

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- Class loader transfers .class file into memory
 - Applications run on user's machine
 - Applets loaded into Web browser, temporary
- Classes loaded and executed by interpreter with java command java Welcome
- HTML documents can refer to Java Applets, which are loaded into web browsers. To load,

appletviewer Welcome.html

- **appletviewer** is a minimal browser, can only interpret applets

Basics of a Typical Java Environment (II)

- Java programs have five phases (continued)
 - Verify

- Bytecode verifier makes sure bytecodes are valid and do not violate security
- Java must be secure Java programs transferred over networks, possible to damage files (viruses)
- Execute
 - Computer (controlled by CPU) interprets program one bytecode at a time
 - Performs actions specified in program
- Program may not work on first try
 - Make changes in edit phase and repeat



General Notes about Java

• Java

- Powerful language
- Programming

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- Clarity Keep it Simple
- Portability Java portable, but it is an elusive goal
- Some details of Java not covered
 - http://java.sun.com for documentation

– Performance

- Interpreted programs run slower than compiled ones
 - Compiling has delayed execution, interpreting executes immediately
- Can compile Java programs into machine code
 - Runs faster, comparable to C / C++

General Notes about Java

• Just-in-time compiler

- Midway between compiling and interpreting
 - As interpreter runs, compiles code and executes it
 - Not as efficient as full compilers
 - Being developed for Java
- Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
 - Tools to support software development
 - Several Java IDE's are as powerful as C / C++ IDE's

4 A Simple Program: Printing a Line of Text

Application

- Program that runs using Java interpreter (discussed later)



- Comments

- Java uses C-style // (preferred by Java programmers)
- Can also use /* ... */

4 A Simple Program: Printing a Line of Text (II)

- public class Welcome1 {
 - Begins class definition
 - Every Java program has a user-defined class
 - Use keyword (reserved word) class followed by ClassName
 - Name format MyClassName
 - Identifier letters, digits, underscores, dollar signs, does not begin with a digit, contains no spaces
 - Java case sensitive
 - public For Chapters 1 and 25, every class will be public
 - Later, discuss classes that are not (Chapter 26)
 - Programmers initially learn by mimicking features. Explanations come later.
 - When saving a file, class name must be part of file name
 - Save file as Welcome1. java

4 A Simple Program: Printing a Line of Text (III)

• Braces

- Body - delineated by left and right braces

• Class definitions

• public static void main(String args[])

- Part of every Java application
 - Program begins executing at main
 - Must be defined in every Java application
- main is a method (a function)
- void means method returns nothing
 - Many methods can return information
- Braces used for method body
- For now, mimic **main**'s first line

A Simple Program: Printing a Line of Text (IV)

- System.out.println("Welcome to Java Programming!");
 - Prints string

- String called character string, message string, string literal
- Characters between quotes a generic string
- System.out standard output object
 - Displays information in command window
- Method System.out.println
 - Prints a line of text in command window
 - When finished, positions cursor on next line
- Method System.out.print
 - As above, except cursor stays on line
 - \n newline
- Statements must end with ;

4 A Simple Program: Printing a Line of Text (V)

- Executing the program
 - javac Welcome1
 - Creates Welcome1.class (containing bytecodes)
 - java Welcome1
 - Interprets bytecodes in Welcomel.class (.class left out in java command)
 - Automatically calls main
- Output types
 - Command window
 - Dialog box / Windows

4 A Simple Program: Printing a Line of Text (VI)

- Packages
 - Predefined, related classes grouped by directories on disk
 - All in directory java or javax, or subdirectories
 - Referred to collectively as the Java class library or the Java applications programming interface (Java API)
 - import locates classes needed to compile program

• Class JOptionPane

- Defined in package called javax.swing
 - Contains classes used for a graphical user interface (GUI)
 Facilitates data entry and data output
 - import javax.swing.JOptionPane;

4 A Simple Program: Printing a Line of Text (VII)

Class JOptionPane

- Contains methods that display a dialog box
 - static method showMessageDialog
 - First argument null (more Chapter 29)
 - Second argument string to display
- static methods
 - Called using dot operator (.) then method name
 JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(arguments);
 - exit method of class System
 - Terminates application, required in programs with GUIs
 System.exit(0);

0 - normal exit

non-zero - signals that error occurred

- Class System in package java.lang
 - Automatically imported in every Java program



5 Another Java Application: Adding Integers

• Variables

- Locations in memory that hold data
- Must be declared with name and data type before use
 - Primitive data types (keywords): boolean, char, byte, short, int, long, float, double (details in Chapter 25)
 - String (java.lang) hold strings: "Hi" "37"
 - int holds integers: -1, 0, 15
- Name format first letter lowercase, new word capitalized
 - myVariable, myOtherVariable
- Declarations: specify name and type
 - Can have multiple variables per declaration
 - int myInt, myInt2, myInt3;
 - String myString, myString2;

5 Another Java Application: Adding Integers (II)

- Method showInputDialog
 - Of class JOptionPane
 - Displays prompt (gets user input)
 - Argument Text to display in prompt
 - Java does not have a simple form of input
 - Nothing analogous to System.out.print
 - Returns what user input
 - Assign input to a variable using assignment operator = myString = JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Enter an integer");
 - = has two operands (binary operator)
 - Expression on right evaluated, assigned to variable on left

5 Another Java Application: Adding Integers (III)

- Integer.parseInt
 - static method of class Integer
 - Input from showInputDialog a String
 - Want to convert it into an integer
 - parseInt takes a String, returns an integer
 myInt = Integer.parseInt(myString);
 - Note assignment operator

• The + operator

- String concatenation "adding" strings "Hello" + " there " same as "Hello there"
- Print variables
 - "myInt has a value of: " + myInt
- Used for addition, as in C / C ++:
 - sum = int1 + int2;

5 Another Java Application: Adding Integers (III)

- showOptionDialog
 - Another version
 - First argument: null
 - Second: message to display
 - Third: string to display in title bar
 - Fourth: type of message to display
 - JOptionPane.PLAIN_MESSAGE
 - Other types in Fig. 24.7

```
1 // Fig. 6: Addition.java
  // An addition program
2
3
   import javax.swing.JOptionPane; // import class JOptionPane
4
5
                                                                         1. import
   public class Addition {
6
      public static void main( String args[] )
7
8
      {
                                                                         2. main
         String firstNumber, // first string entered by user
9
                secondNumber; // second string entered by user
10
         int number1,
                              // first number to add
11
                                                                         2.1 Declare variables
             number2,
12
                              // second number to add
                              // sum of number1 and number2
13
             sum;
                                                                         2.2 showInputDialog
14
15
         // read in first number from user as a string
16
         firstNumber =
                                                                         2.3 Assign input to
17
            JOptionPane.showInputDialog( "Enter first integer" );
                                                                         firstNumber
18
         // read in second number from user as a string
19
20
         secondNumber =
                                                                         2.4 Repeat for
            JOptionPane.showInputDialog( "Enter second integer" );
21
                                                                         secondNumber
22
         // convert numbers from type String to type int
23
                                                                         2.5 Convert Strings
1
         number1 = Integer.parseInt( firstNumber );
25
         number2 = Integer.parseInt( secondNumber );
                                                                         to ints
26
27
         // add the numbers
                                                                         2.6 Sum the numbers
28
         sum = number1 + number2;
29
30
         // display the results
```

31 JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(32 null, "The sum is " + sum, "Results", JOptionPane.PLAIN_MESSAGE); 33 34 System.exit(0); // terminate the program 2.7 Use 35 showMessageDialog } 36 to display results 37 } 😹 Input × **Program Output** 2 Enter first integer 45 OK Cancel 😹 Input × Ş Enter second integer 72 OK 📐 Cancel <u> Results</u> х The sum is 117 OK

Sample Applets from the Java 2 Software Development Kit

• Applet

- Program that runs in
 - appletviewer (test utility for applets)
 - Web browser (IE, Communicator)
- Executes when HTML document containing applet is opened
- Sample Applets
 - Provided in Java 2 Software Development Kit (J2SDK)
 - Source code included (.java files)
 - Located in demo directory of J2SDK install

6 Sample Applets from the Java 2 Software Development Kit

- Running applets
 - In command prompt, change to subdirectory of applet
 cd directoryName
 - There will be an HTML file used to execute applet
 - type appletviewer example1.html
 - Applet will run, Reload and Quit commands under Applet menu
- Example applets
 - Tic-Tac-Toe
 - Drawing programs
 - Animations
 - See Fig. 24.8

7 A Simple Java Applet: Drawing a String

- Create our own applet
 - Print "Welcome to Java Programming!"
 - import javax.swing.JApplet
 - Needed for all applets
 - import java.awt.Graphics
 - Allows program to draw graphics (lines, ovals, text) on an applet
 - Like applications, applets have at least one class definition
- Rarely create applets from scratch
 - Use pieces of class existing definitions
 - public class WelcomeApplet extends JApplet {
 - extends ClassName class to inherit from
 - In this case, inherit from class JApplet

A Simple Java Applet: Drawing a String (II)

• Inheritance

- JApplet is superclass (base class)
- WelcomeApplet is subclass (derived class)
- Derived class inherits data and methods of base class
 - Can add new features to derived class
- Benefits
 - Someone else has already defined what an applet is
 - Applets require over 200 methods to be defined!
 - By using inheritance, all those methods are now ours
 - We do not need to know all the details of **JApplet**

A Simple Java Applet: Drawing a String (III)

• Classes

- Templates/blueprints create or instantiate objects
 - Objects locations in memory to store data
 - Implies that data and methods associated with object
- Methods
 - paint, init, and start called automatically for all applets
 - Get "free" version when you inherit from JApplet
 - By default, have empty bodies
 - Must override them and define yourself

A Simple Java Applet: Drawing a String (IV)

Method paint

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Used to draw graphics, define:
public void paint (Graphics g)

- Takes a Graphics object g as a parameter
- For now, all method definitions begin with public
- Call methods of object **g** to draw on applet
 - drawString("String to draw", x, y);
 - Draws "String to draw" at location (x,y)
 - Coordinates specify bottom left corner of string
 - (0, 0) is upper left corner of screen
 - Measured in pixels (picture elements)

A Simple Java Applet: Drawing a String (IV)

- Create the HTML file (.html or .htm)
 - Many HTML codes (tags) come in pairs
 <myTag> ... </myTag>
 - Create <HTML> tags with <applet> tags inside
 - appletviewer only understands <applet> tags
 - Minimal browser

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• Specify complied .class file, width, and height of applet (in pixels)

<applet code = "WelcomeApplet.class" width = 300
height = 30>

- Close tag with </applet>
- Running the applet appletviewer WelcomeApplet.html

```
1 // Fig. 13: WelcomeApplet.java
  // A first applet in Java
2
   import javax.swing.JApplet; // import class JApplet
3
                                                                            1. import
   import java.awt.Graphics; // import class Graphics
4
5
                                                                            2. Define class
  public class WelcomeApplet extends JApplet {
6
                                                                            (extends JApplet)
      public void paint( Graphics g )
7
8
      {
                                                                           2.1 Override paint
         g.drawString( "Welcome to Java Programming!", 25, 25);
9
      }
10
11 }
                                                                            2.2 g.drawString
1 <html>
   <applet code="WelcomeApplet.class" width=300 height=30>
2
                                                                            HTML file
   </applet>
3
   </html>
4
                😅 Applet Viewer: WelcomeApplet.class 💦 💶 🗙
                                                                            Output
                 Applet
                   Welcome to Java Programming!
                Applet started.
```

8 Two More Simple Applets: Drawing Strings and Lines

- Other methods of class Graphics
 - No concept of lines of text, as in System.out.println when drawing graphics
 - To print multiple lines, use multiple **drawString** calls
 - drawLine(x1, y2, x2, y2);
 - Draws a line from (x1, y1) to (x2, y2)

```
1 // Fig. 17: WelcomeLines.java
  // Displaying text and lines
2
   import javax.swing.JApplet; // import class JApplet
3
   import java.awt.Graphics; // import class Graphics
4
5
                                                                               1. import
   public class WelcomeLines extends JApplet {
6
7
      public void paint( Graphics g )
8
      {
         g.drawLine( 15, 10, 210, 10 );
9
         g.drawLine( 15, 30, 210, 30 );
10
11
         g.drawString( "Welcome to Java Programming!", 25, 25 );
12
      }
13 }
                   🔀 Applet Viewer: WelcomeLines.class
                                              _ O ×
                   Applet
                     Welcome to Java Programming!
                   Applet started.
```

2. Define class (extends JApplet)

2.1 Override paint

Program Output

9 Another Java Applet: Adding Integers

- Next applet mimics program to add two integers
 - This time, use floating point numbers
 - Can have decimal point, 6.7602
 - **float** single precision floating point number (7 significant digits)
 - **double** approximately double precision floating point number (15 significant digits)
 - Uses more memory
 - Use **showInputDialog** to get input, as before
 - Use Double.parseDouble(String)
 - Converts a String to a double

Another Java Applet: Adding Integers (II)

• import statements

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Not necessary if specify full class name every time needed
 public void paint(java.awt.Graphics g)

- * indicates all classes in package should be available
 - import java.swing.*;
 - Recall that this contains **JApplet** and **JOptionPane**
 - Does not import subdirectories
- Instance variables
 - Variables declared in body of a class (not in a method)
 - Each object of class gets its own copy
 - Can be used inside any method of the class
 - Before, variables declared in main
 - Local variables, known only in body of method defined

Another Java Applet: Adding Integers (III)

• Instance variables

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- Have default values
 - Local variables do not, and require initialization before use
 - Good practice to initialize instance variables anyway
- Method init
 - Called automatically in all applets
 - Commonly used to initialize variables
 public void init()

• References

- Identifiers (such as myString) refer to objects
 - Contain locations in memory
- References used to call methods, i.e. g.drawString

Another Java Applet: Adding Integers (III)

- Variables vs. Objects
 - Variables

- Defined by a primitive data type
- char, byte, short, int, long, float, double, boolean
- Store one value at a time
- Variable myInt
- Objects defined in classes
 - Can contain primitive (built-in) data types
 - Can contain methods
 - Graphics object g
- If data type a class name, then identifier is a reference
 - Otherwise, identifier is a variable

9 Another Java Applet: Adding Integers (IV)

- Other methods of class Graphics
 - drawRect(x1, y1, x2, y2);
 - Draws a rectangle with upper-left corner (x1, y1), and lower right corner (x2, y2)

```
1 // Fig. 19: AdditionApplet.java
 // Adding two floating-point numbers
2
  import java.awt.Graphics; // import class Graphics
3
  import javax.swing.*; // import package javax.swing
4
5
                                                                        1. import (note *)
  public class AdditionApplet extends JApplet {
6
7
      double sum; // sum of the values entered by the user
8
                                                                        2. Define class
9
      public void init()
10
      {
                                                                        (extends JApplet)
        String firstNumber, // first string entered by user
11
                secondNumber; // second string entered by user
12
                                                                        2.1 init
        double number1,
                             // first number to add
13
14
               number2;
                             // second number to add
15
                                                                        2.2 Declare variables
         // read in first number from user
16
17
         firstNumber =
           JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
18
                                                                        2.3 Input
19
               "Enter first floating-point value" );
20
                                                                        2.4 Convert String to
         // read in second number from user
21
                                                                        double
22
         secondNumber =
23
           JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
               "Enter second floating-point value" );
1
25
26
        // convert numbers from type String to type double
27
         number1 = Double.parseDouble( firstNumber );
        number2 = Double.parseDouble( secondNumber );
28
29
30
         // add the numbers
```

```
31
        sum = number1 + number2;
32
     }
33
                                                                       2.5 sum numbers
34
     public void paint( Graphics g )
35
     {
36
        // draw the results with g.drawString
                                                                       2.6 paint
37
        g.drawRect( 15, 10, 270, 20 );
38
        g.drawString( "The sum is " + sum, 25, 25 );
                                                                       2.7 drawRect
     }
39
40 }
                                                                       2.8 drawString
```

HTML file

- 1 <html>
- 2 <applet code="AdditionApplet.class" width=300 height=50>
- 3 </applet>
- 4 </html>

Applet		2	Enter first floating-point value	Program Output
Applet loaded.		Warring	45.5 OK Cancel	
2.2011		In aning		
S Applet	<u>_ D ×</u>	<mark>छ Input</mark> ्रि	Enter second floating-point value 72.37	
Applet loaded.			OK Cancel	
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A	§Applet Viewer: AdditionApp pplet	let.class		
	The sum is 117.87			
Ар	plet started.			