

A Very Short Intro to Java

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Rectangle.java

```
1 public class Rectangle extends Object {
2 // We have a notion of inheritance, and of Object class
3
4 /*
5  * Fields
6  */
7
8 private double width;
9 private double length;
10
11 /*
12  * Constructors
13  */
14
15 public Rectangle(double width, double length) { // A custom constructor
16     this.width = width;
17     this.length = length;
18 }
19
20 public Rectangle() { // A second, "no arg" constructor
21     this.width = 0;
22     this.length = 0;
23 }
24
25 // Java will know which one we are calling using the signature
26 // (name + input type and order of the method)
27
28 /*
29  * Getters and setters
30  * There are no properties in Java.
31  */
32
33 // Getters, defined manually
34 public double getLength() {
35     return length;
36 }
37 public double getWidth() {
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38     return width;
39 }
40
41 // Setters, defined manually
42 public void setLength(double l) {
43     length = l;
44 }
45 public void setWidth(double width) {
46     this.width = width; // We can use the "this" keyword to overcome shadowing.
47 }
48
49 /*
50  * Other methods
51  */
52
53 public final double getArea() {
54     // final makes that this method can't be overridden, even by methods in class extending
55     ↪ this one
56     return length * width;
57 }
58
59 public String toString() {
60     return ("This rectangle is " + width + " x " + length + " (" + getArea() + ")");
61 }
62
63 // This is a really compact equals method.
64 public boolean equals(Rectangle r) {
65     return r.length == this.length && r.width == this.width;
66 }
67 }
```

Demo.java

```
1  /*
2   * Clément Aubert
3   * https://spots.augusta.edu/caubert/teaching/general/java/
4   * 5th November 2019
5   */
6
7  import java.util.Scanner; // Importing a java API to read from the keyboard.
8  import java.io.File;     // Importing a java API to manipulate files.
9
10 public class Demo { // Class header
11     public static void main(String[] args) { // Method name
12         System.out.println("Hi"); // "System" is a Class, "out" an object in this class,
13         ↪ "println" a method, and "Hi" a String literal.
14
15         /*
16          * Datatypes
17          */
18     }
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18  int number_of_students = 6; // Variables start with lower case.
19  boolean myFlag = true;
20  char letter = 'c';
21  double tax = 3.2;
22  // There is no "decimal" datatype in Java: for monetary amounts, use the BigDecimal
   ↪  class.
23
24
25  /*
26   * If-else-if
27   */
28
29  if (!myFlag) { // The boolean operators are !, && and ||.
30      System.out.println("Hi to all " + number_of_students + " of you" + "\n \t" + letter);
31      // Escape sequences: \n for new line, \t for tabulation
32  } else if (tax > 4) {
33      System.out.printf("%d, %f, %s, %c \n", 3, 2.5, "Cle", 'C');
34      // Cf. below for string formatting
35  } else {
36      System.out.printf("%f \n", (++tax));
37      // prefix increment operator: increment, and then display on the screen
38  }
39
40  /*
41   * Displaying on the screen
42   * The syntax is %[flags][width].[precision]conversion
43   * Where a flag is
44   *   • , to use comma separators
45   *   • 07, to pad with e.g. seven "0"s.
46   *   • -, to left justify
47   * width is the width of the field printed
48   * precision is when the value should be rounded
49   * and the conversion is
50   *   • f for floating point
51   *   • d for integer
52   *   • s for string
53   *   • c for character
54   */
55
56
57  System.out.printf("%07d \n", 1234);           // 0001234
58  System.out.printf("%09.2f \n", 1.234);       // 000001.23
59  System.out.printf("%.1f \n", 78.427);        // 78.4
60  System.out.printf("%20f \n", 12.4);          //                12.400000
61  System.out.printf("%-10s %10s \n", "Bob", "Jane"); // Bob                Jane
62  System.out.printf("%s \n", 1234);           // 1234 -- We can use type casting.
63
64  /*
65   * String
66   */
67
68  String name = "Totoro";
69  int size = name.length(); // length is a method in the String class.
70
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71
72  if (name.equals("Clément")) { // We can't use equal sign to compare strings, we have to
    ↪ use a method.
73    System.out.print("We have the same name!");
74  }
75
76  /*
77   * Reading from keyboard
78   */
79
80  Scanner key = new Scanner(System.in); // We first create a Scanner object.
81  System.out.print("Enter your name:\n");
82  String your_name = key.nextLine(); // And then use the nextLine() method to read
    ↪ a String.
83  System.out.print("Enter your age:\n");
84  int your_age = key.nextInt(); // Reading an Int can be done with nextInt()
85  System.out.print(your_name + " entered " + your_age + ".\n");
86
87  /*
88   * While loops
89   */
90
91  int y = 0;
92  while (y < 3 && myFlag) {
93    System.out.printf("y is %d, let's increment it.\n", y);
94    y++;
95  }
96
97  /*
98   * Array and for loops.
99   */
100
101  int[] numbers; //Declares array reference variable.
102  numbers = new int[6]; // Actually creates the array and assign its adress to numbers.
103
104  for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {
105    numbers[i] = i;
106    System.out.println(numbers[i]);
107  }
108
109  for (int z = 4; z > 2; z--) {
110    System.out.printf("z is %d, let's decrement it.\n", z);
111  }
112
113  // We can use the shorthand notation:
114  int[] intArray = {
115    1,
116    2,
117    3,
118    4,
119    5,
120    6,
121    7,
122    8,
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123     9,
124     10
125 };
126
127 // We have exceptions, like:
128 try {
129     for (int i = 0; i < intArray.length; i++) // try to replace the < with <= to raise the
        ↪ exception.
130     System.out.print(intArray[i] + " ");
131 } catch (StringIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
132     System.out.print("StringIndexOutOfBoundsException");
133 }
134 System.out.println("\n");
135
136 /*
137     try-with-resources is close to C#'s using statements.
138     The main idea is that:
139     - Java will try to execute the statements between the parenthesis, and create
        ↪ objects in that part,
140       we call those objects "resources".
141     - If everything goes fine, it will execute the body of the try-with-resource, and,
        ↪ once it is done,
142       it will "destroy" the resources.
143     - If something goes wrong, it will raise the exception.
144     You can read more at
145     <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/essential/exceptions/tryResourceClose.html>
146     to be a resource, the class must implement java.lang.AutoCloseable.
147
148     Note that there are many benefits to using try-with-resources instead of "simply" a
        ↪
149     try-catch-finally block. You can find them discussed at
150     https://stackoverflow.com/a/17739403
151     and
152     https://www.journaldev.com/592/java-try-with-resources
153     In short:
154     - More readable and shorter code,
155     - Automatic resource management,
156     - Support multiple resources.
157 */
158
159 try (
160     Scanner scanner = new Scanner(new File("test.txt")); // This statement opens the file
        ↪ "test.txt".
161 ) {
162
163     while (scanner.hasNext()) // as long as there is a line that have not been read, move
        ↪ the cursor...
164     {
165         System.out.println(scanner.nextLine()); // read it.
166     } // and loop.
167 } catch (Exception e) { // If opening the file did not work, execute this block.
168     e.printStackTrace();
169 }
170
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171 // When we reach this point, the scanner object does not exist anymore!
172
173
174 /*
175  * Creating objects created in a different class.
176  * You have to compile Rectangle.java in the same folder for this to work.
177  */
178
179 Rectangle box1 = new Rectangle(2, 4);
180 Rectangle box2 = new Rectangle();
181
182 /*
183  * Using methods.
184  */
185
186 System.out.print(box1 + "\n"); // Implicitly call the toString() method.
187 System.out.print(box1.equals(box2) + "\n"); // Gets evaluated to false. We can't use
   ↪ equal sign to compare those objects.
188 System.out.print(box1.getArea() + "\n"); // Example of another method.
189
190 /*
191  * Of course, you can also have lambda expressions, tuples, ArrayList ("resizable
   ↪ arrays"), interfaces, polymorphism, etc.
192  * If you can write a program in an object-oriented programming language, then you can
   ↪ write it in Java.
193  */
194
195 }
196 }
```