

Java 101 - Magistère BFA

Lesson 1

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☞ **The basics**

All about writing basic code without using the concept of object.

- Variables, operators, types
- Tests, loops
- Arrays
- methods

Evaluation

- small project mainly to make you implement a small application

Slides (in English) will be posted at this webpage.

There are also lecture notes, used in my course for L3 (in French, covering more material).

<http://www.lamsade.dauphine.fr/~airiau/Teaching/L3-Java/2017.pdf>

Instructions and comments

```
1 | // This is a comment
```

```
1 | /*this is a  
2 | comment  
3 | using different lines */
```

An instruction must satisfy the grammar of the language Java.

Most of the instructions finish with a ;

Elementary Types

Elementary Types	number of bits	value interval
boolean	1	true and false
byte	8	an integer between -128 and 127
short	16	an integer between $-2^{15} = -32768$ et $2^{15} - 1 = 32767$
int	32	an integer between $-2^{31} \approx -2.1 \cdot 10^9$ and $2^{31} - 1 \approx 2.1 \cdot 10^9$
long	64	an integer between $-2^{63} \approx -9.2 \cdot 10^{18}$ and $2^{63} - 1 \approx 9.2 \cdot 10^{18}$
char	16	unicode characters, there are 65536 codes
float	32	a floating point number following the IEEE norm
double	64	a floating point number following the IEEE norm

similar types are used for instance in VBA.

Variables : declaration and initialisation

- *simple declaration* :

`<type> <nom>;`

- *declaration with affectation* :

`<type> <name> = <value in the type> | <variable> |
<expression>;`

- *multiple declarations* :

`<type> <name1>, <name2>, ..., <namek>;`

- *multiple declaration with partial affectation* :

`<type> <name1>, <name2>= <value in the type>, ...,
<namek>;`

Cast : when types do not match

Here is the situation :

```
1 | <type1> <nom1> = <valeur1>;  
2 | <type2> <nom2> = <nom1>;  
3 | <type2> <nom2> = <valeur1>;
```

- Implicit cast : when type₂ is « stronger » than type₁

```
1 | int i = 10;  
2 | double x = 10;  
3 | double y = i;
```

an **int** « fits » inside a **double**.

- Explicit cast when <type₁> is « strictly stronger » than <type₂> : we need to tell the compiler to do something

```
1 | double x = 3.1416;  
2 | int i = (int)x;
```

We need to tell Java to « cut » the **double** to make it fit inside an **int**.

Unary operator

Operator	degree of priority	action	examples
+	1	positive sign	<code>+a; +7</code>
-	1	negative sign	<code>-a; -(a-b); -7</code>
!	1	logical negation	<code>!(a<b);</code>
++		affectation and increment by one	<code>n++; ++n;</code>
--		increment by one then affectation	<code>n++; --i;</code>

Binary operator

Operator	degree of priority	action	examples
*	2	multiplication	<code>a * i</code>
/	2	division	<code>n/10</code>
%	3	remainder of integer division	<code>k%n</code>
+	3	addition	<code>1+2</code>
-	3	subtraction	<code>x-5</code>
<	5	strictly smaller than	<code>i<n</code>
<=	5	smaller or equal to	<code>i <= n</code>
>	5	strictly greater	<code>i < n</code>
>=	5	greater or equal	<code>i >= n</code>
==	6	equality	<code>i==j</code>
!=	6	different	<code>i!=j</code>
&	7	conjunction (logical and)	<code>(i<j) & (i<n)</code>
	9	disjunction (logical or)	<code>(i<j) (i<n)</code>
&&	10	optimised conjunction	<code>(i<j) && (i<n)</code>
	11	optimised disjunction	<code>(i<j) (i<n)</code>
=		affectation	<code>x = 10; x=n;</code>
+=, -=		affectation and increment	<code>i += 2; j-=4</code>

Warning : do **not** use = for equality test!

Expression type

Is the following code correct?

```
1 | int i = 5, j;  
2 | double x = 5.0;  
3 | j=i/2;  
4 | j=x/2;
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```
1 | double x=2.75;  
2 | int y = (int) x * 2;  
3 | int z = (int) (x *2);
```

What are the values of `y` and `z` ?

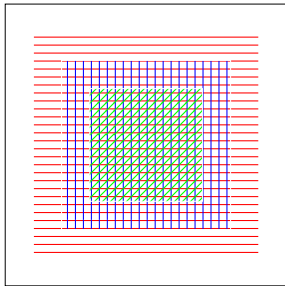
Instruction Blocks

A block gathers together instructions.

The variables that are declared **inside** a block are **only known** inside a block.

i.e. outside the block, the variable does not exist !

```
1  int a, b=10;
2  {
3    int d=2*b;
4    {
5      int e=b+d;
5      a=e*d;
6      {
5        int g= b+ d*e;
6      }
6    }
7  }
```



a and b are known everywhere.

d only exists in the red part.

e only exists in the blue part.

g only exists in the green part

Conditionals: **if** ... **then** ... **else**

```
1 if ( <boolean expression> )
2   <block to execute
3     when the condition is satisfied>
4 else
5   <block to execute
6     if the condition is not satisfied>
```

The **else** block is **optional**.

```
1 int gains, payment, withdraw, invest;
2 // some code that modify the gains
3 ...
4 if (gains<0)
5   payment = gains;
6 else if (gains > 10) {
7   withdraw = 10;
8   invest = gains-10;
9 }
10 else
11   withdraw = gains;
```

Multiple choices

```
1  int choice;
2  ...
3  // something is done with choice
4  ...
5  switch (choice) {
6      case 1:
7          //instruction block for case 1
8          ...
9          break;
10     case 2:
11         //instruction block for case 2
12         ...
13         break;
14     default
15         // default instruction block
16         ...
17 }
```

Inside a **switch** we can use a variable with types **int**, **char**, and **String**

Loop : **for** loop

```
1 | for (<initialisation>  
2 |     <stopping condition> ;  
3 |     <update> )  
4 |     <instruction block>
```

What happens in that case ? Is this valid ?

```
1 | for ( ; ; ) {  
2 |     // instructions  
3 | }
```

a classical example :

```
0 | int n=10;  
1 | for (int i=0; i< n; i++ ) {  
2 |     // instructions  
3 | }
```

Another example

```
0 | int n=10;  
1 | for (int i=0, j=n; j< i; i++; j-- ){  
2 |     // instructions  
3 | }
```


Loop : **while** loop

```
1 | while(<condition>
2 |   <instruction block>
```

The instruction block is execute as long as the condition is met.

Example for checking convergence of a series $u : n \rightarrow r^n$:

```
1 | double epsilon = 0.0000001;
2 | double r = 0.75, u=1;
3 | while ( u-u*r <= -epsilon && u - u* r >= epsilon)
4 |     u = u * r;
```

Loop **do** ... **while**

```
1 do  
2   <Instruction block>  
3 while (<condition>);
```

Warning! Do **not** forget the semi column **;** right after the condition!

```
1 double epsilon = 0.0000001;  
2 double r = 0.75, u=1;  
3 do  
4   u = u * r;  
5 while ( -epsilon >= u-u*r || u - u* r >= epsilon);
```

choosing a while loop or a do while loop is a matter of elegance, one usually comes easier than the other.

Choosing between a while loop or a for loop

- if we know exactly how many times we iterate : use a **for** loop
- otherwise, use a while loop.
- what is more expected ?

ex :

- search an element in an array ?
- search for the largest element in an array ?

Methods

It is the term used for *function* in a Object Oriented Programming Language.

Goal : Factorise/gather together a sequence of instruction that could be used multiple times.

The code becomes

- more readable (if a pertinent name is used !)
- shorter
- **important** If one wants/needs to modify the code, one just need to update the code in one location !

Method

```
1 | public static <type of what is returned> <name>  
2 |     ( <parameter list> ) {  
3 |     body of the method  
4 | }
```

public and static will become clear in the coming lectures

- Choose an illustrative name !
- the **order** of the parameters is significant :
Java does not match the parameters using names, it uses the order !
- If the method does not return something (it is a procedure), we use the return type **void**.
- when the method returns something, the instruction **return** <result> is used to terminate the method and to output result.

Example

```
1 public static int max( int[] tab) {  
2     int m= tab[0];  
3     for (int i=1;i<tab.length; i++){  
4         if (tab[i] > m)  
5             m = tab[i];  
6     }  
7     return m;  
8 }
```

Calling the method :

```
1 int tab = {7, 12, 15, 9, 11, 17, 13};  
2 int m = max (tab);
```

Overloading

We call **signature** the name of the method with its list of argument.

The signature of a method must be unique to avoid ambiguities.

☞ We can have two methods with the same name but different lists of parameters!

```
1 public static double max( double[] tab) {  
2     double m= tab[0];  
3     for (int i=1;i<tab.length; i++){  
4         if (tab[i] > m)  
5             m = tab[i];  
6     }  
7     return m;  
8 }
```

Passing arguments of primitive types

```
1 public int f(int n){  
2     n = 3 * n * n - 2 * n + 1  
3     if (n > 0)  
4         return n;  
5     else  
6         return 0;  
7 }
```

```
1 int i=13;  
2     int j= f(i);
```

What is the value of *i* ?

We pass the argument of primitive type **by value**.