

# **PROGRAMMING BASICS**

## **OVERVIEW**

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- **What is computer programming?**
  - The objective of programming is to give the computer detailed instructions to solve a desired problem
  - Computers have to read and process these instructions so they have to be written clearly and unambiguously
  - Hundreds of programming languages have been invented for this purpose over last 60 years

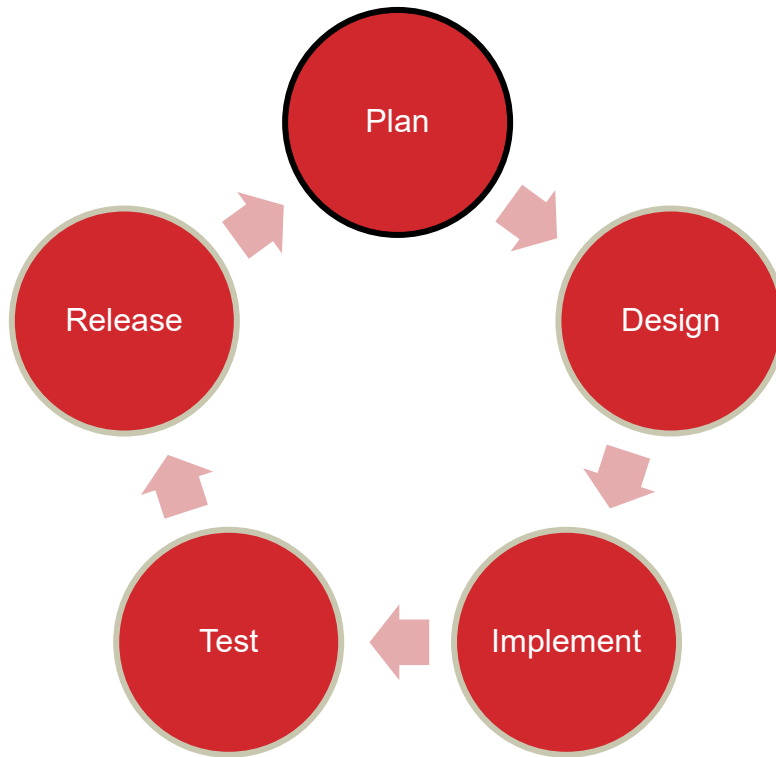
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- **Why learn Java?**
  - This class will use the Java programming language because it is very powerful and widely used in industry
  - Java is an object oriented programming language (OOP) that evolved from C++ (simplifying and improving syntax)
  - Java provides over 4000 libraries of functions we can use in our program to solve a wide range of problems

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- **Software development cycle**
  - Tools and techniques for writing programs have evolved over the last 50 years, and continue to evolve today
  - The goal is to convert abstract goals (what we want the program to do) into clear and unambiguous instructions for the computer (in our case Java code)
  - The classic software development cycle we will be using has five stages: plan, design, implement, test, and release

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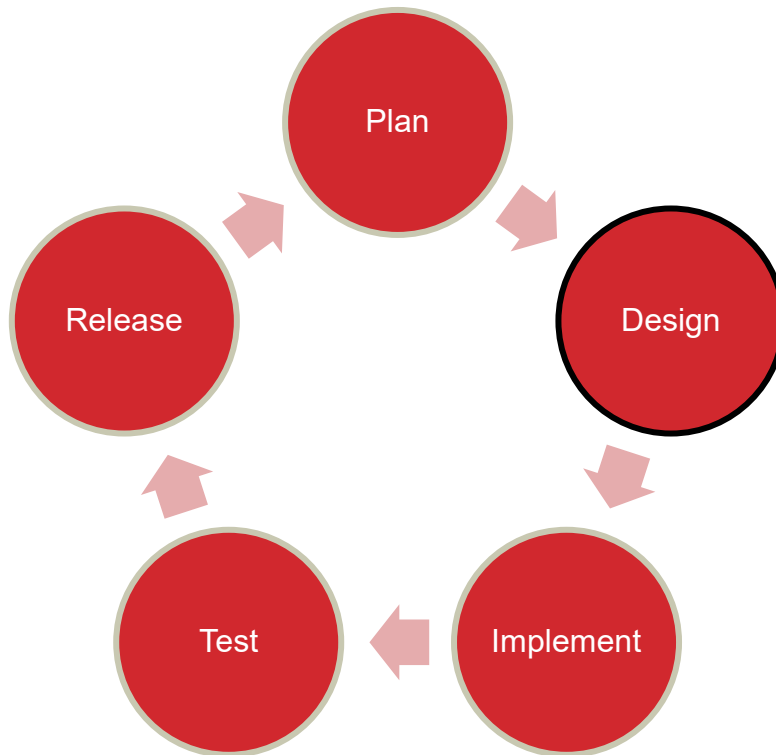


## Plan:

- Decide what problem we are trying to solve
- What are program inputs?
- What should the program output or do?

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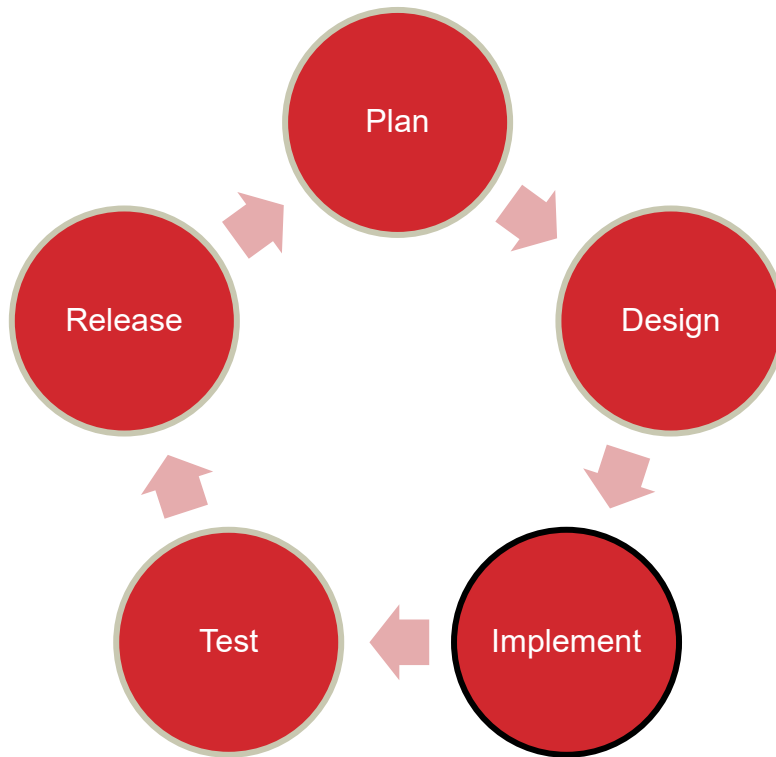


## Design:

- Break the problem into smaller steps we know how to solve
- Describe how these steps should be combined to solve the problem

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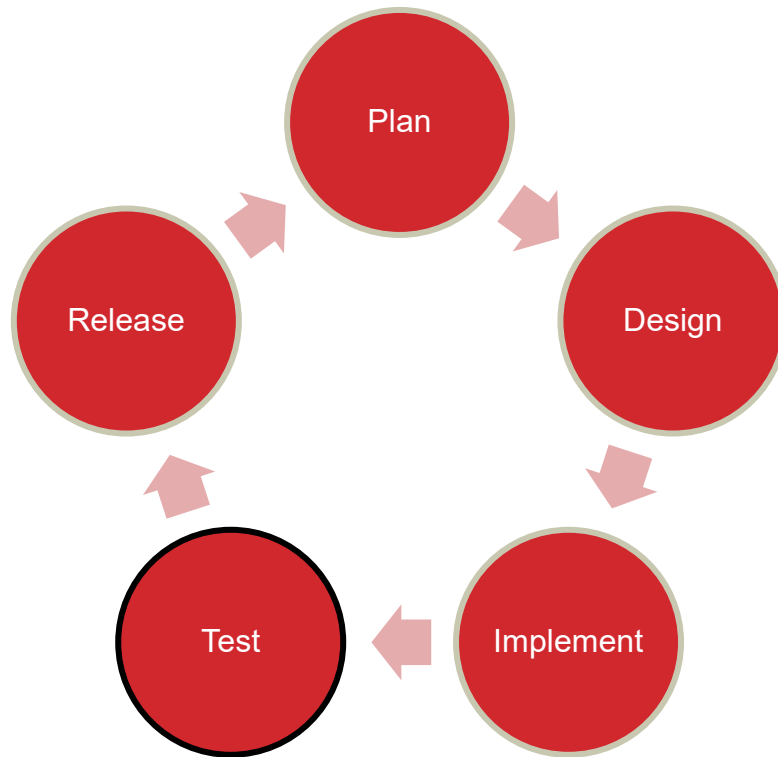


## **Implement:**

- Write code that performs the steps needed to solve the problem
- Use existing code and software libraries whenever possible

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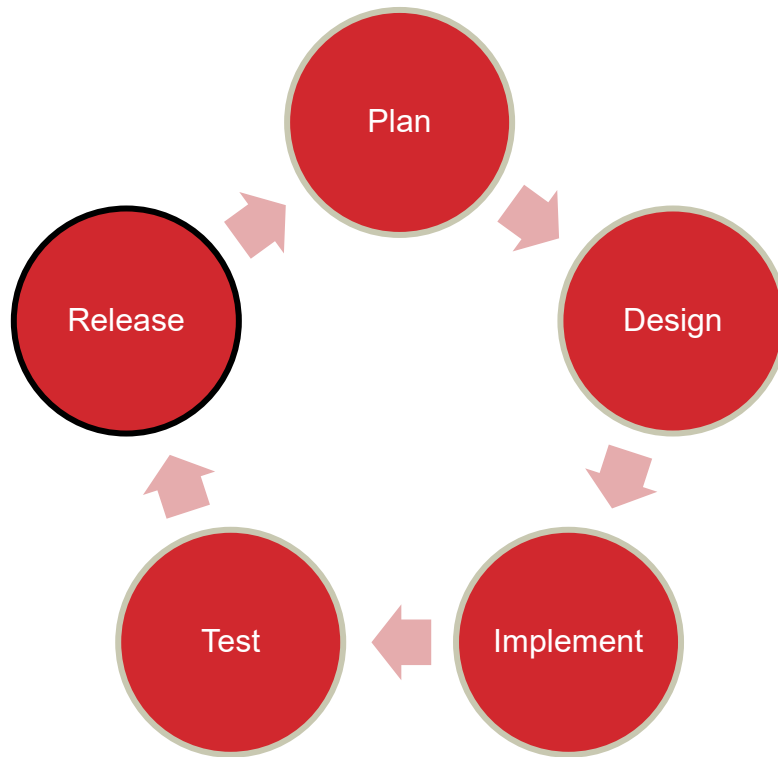
## Test:

- Run the program with normal inputs to see if it produces correct outputs
- Run the program with incorrect inputs to check the error handling

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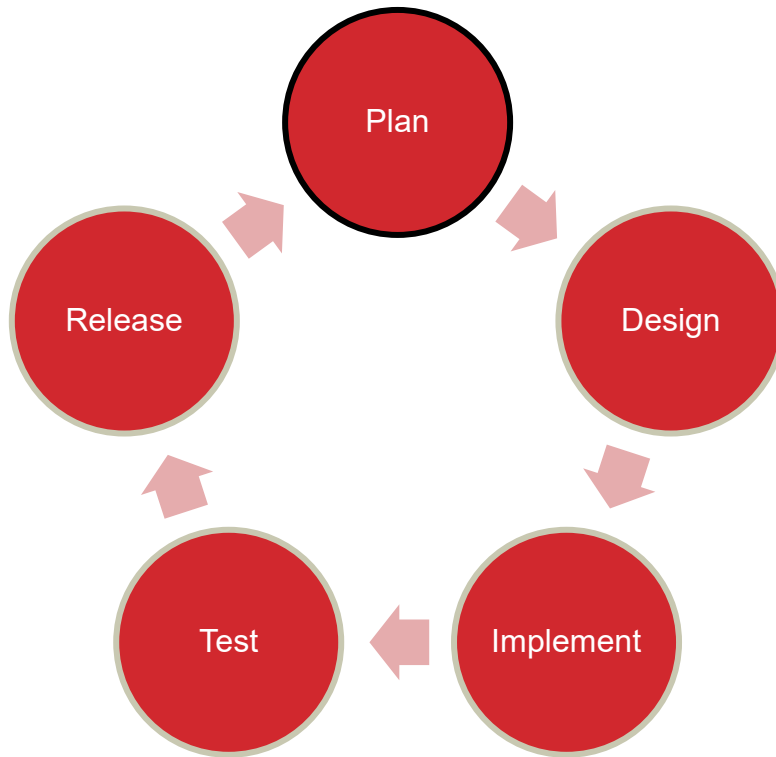


## **Release:**

- Distribute the working program to users
- Collect user feedback to identify problems to fix and new features to add

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## Plan:

- Decide what to do next with the program
- What new features to add
- What problems/bugs to fix

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- **There are many ways to create programs**
  - Manager: Buy all or part of solution from someone else
  - Mimic: Extend or improve solution to similar problem
  - Inventor: Create new solution from scratch
  - We must be part manager, part mimic, part inventor
- **How can we become great programmers?**
  - Learn programming tools by looking at libraries
  - Learn programming patterns by looking at examples
  - Learn programming skills by writing a lot of code

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- **How will we learn to program?**
  - We will learn the syntax of the language
    - How to write instructions
  - We will learn semantics of the language
    - What the computer does with instructions
  - We will learn problem solving techniques
    - How to break problems into smaller pieces to solve
  - We will learn how to test and evaluate programs
    - How to find and fix bugs

# OVERVIEW

- **Lesson objectives:**

- Learn the structure of Java programs
- Learn how program input / output works
- Learn about Java variables and data types
- Study example program using programming basics
- Complete programming project on programming basics

# **PROGRAMMING BASICS**

## **PART 1**

### **WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?**

# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

- **A program is a sequence of instructions to a computer**
  - Every programming language has its own “rules” describing how these instructions should be written
  - These rules define the “syntax” of the language
  - When the program runs, it will execute your written instructions one line at a time
  - For us to understand what a program will do, we need to know the meaning or “semantics” of each instruction
- **In this section, we will focus on the basic layout of a Java program and fundamental Java instructions**

# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

- **All Java programs have the following structure:**
  - Comments – explain the purpose of program
  - Import commands – give access to existing function libraries
  - Classes and methods – used to decompose problem (later)
  - Main method – variables and statements for program
- **The following example Java program prints the message “Hello Mom” to the screen**



# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

```
// This program prints a message
```

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

```
public class Main
```

```
{
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args)
```


```
{
```

```
    System.out.println("Hello Mom");
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

This Java comment starts with a // and describes the purpose of the program



# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

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```

```
}
```

```
}
```

This command tells the Java compiler that we want to use Scanner library for user input




# WHAT MAKES A PROGRAM?

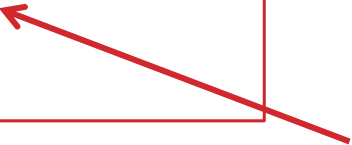
```
// This program prints a message
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Main
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Hello Dad");
    }
}
```

The main method is where the Java program begins executing instructions



This is the line of code that prints the “Hello Mom” message on the screen



# SUMMARY

- **In this section we have studied what a program is and what the basic parts of a Java program are:**
  - Comments describing the goals of the program
  - Import commands that let us use the input/output libraries
  - The main method containing the code we want to run
- **In the next section we will talk about variables, numerical calculations and program input/output**

# **PROGRAMMING BASICS**

**PART 2**

**STORING DATA**

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- **The most common Java data types are:**
  - byte – stores 8-bit integer values
  - short – stores 16-bit integer values
  - int – stores 32-bit integer values
  - long – stores 64-bit integer values
  - float – stores 32-bit floating point numbers
  - double – stores 64-bit floating point numbers
  - bool – stores Boolean values (true/false)
  - char – stores a single character like 'A' .. 'Z'
  - String – stores sequences of characters like “hello mom”

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- **Variables are used to store and manipulate data in a program**
  - The amount of memory used depends on the data type
- **The syntax for variable declaration is: “data\_type name;”**
  - data\_type: This specifies what kind of data can be stored
  - name: We refer to variables by name to perform operations

- **Example:**

```
int Age;           // Can store age in years
float Height;      // Can store height in meters
char Gender;       // Can store 'M' or 'F' for gender
String Name;       // Can store “John” or “Susan” for name
```

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- **Syntax rules for variable names:**
  - Names may contain upper or lower case characters
  - Names may also contain the digits 0..9 and the underscore character, but NO other characters are allowed
  - Names must start with an upper or lower case character

- **Incorrect variable declarations**

```
int float;           // Can not use reserved word 'float' as a name
float 2pi;           // Can not start the name of a variable with digit
int num              // Semi-colon at end of line is missing
```



# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- **Make your variable names meaningful**
  - “the\_persons\_middle\_name” is a bit much to type
  - “n” is just too short to have any meaning
  - “per\_mid\_nme” is too cryptic
  - “middle\_name” is about right
- **There are several programming conventions for variables with multi-part names**
  - Use underscore characters: “person\_age”
  - Use capital letters for each part: “PersonAge”
  - Use capital letters for all but first part: “personAge”

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- It is possible to save space in your program by declaring several variables of the same data type on one line
  - Generally these variables logically belong together

- The syntax for this is: “type name1, name2, name3;”

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| float x, y, z;                | // Coordinates of 3D point |
| int height, length, width;    | // Dimensions of a box     |
| String first_name, last_name; | // Student's full name     |

# VARIABLES AND DATA TYPES

- It is a good programming practice to initialize all variables when they are declared
  - This way we know for sure what the variables contain

- The syntax for this is: “**data\_type name = value;**”

```
int Answer = 42;           // Answer to ultimate question
float Height = 0.0;        // Height in meters
char Gender = 'F';         // Gender of person
string Name = "Susan";     // Name of person
```

# CONSTANTS

- **Constants are like variables but they never change value**
  - For example, the quantity  $\text{PI} = 3.14159265$  should remain unchanged throughout the program
  - We define constants in Java by adding the reserved word “public static” before the variable declaration
  - We must provide the value of constant at declaration time
  - Constants can be of any variable data type

# CONSTANTS

- **Example:**

```
public static int SILLY = 42;           // My favorite number
public static float PI = 3.14159;      // My second favorite number
public static char YES = 'Y';          // A character constant
```

- **Conventions when using constants:**

- Constant names are normally written in upper case
- Constants are typically added just before the main method so they can be used by the whole program

# ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

- The operator “=” is used to assign data into a variable
- The Java syntax for assignment is: “name = value;”
  - name: the variable we wish to copy data into
  - value: the data we want to store in the variable
  - Be sure to put a semicolon at end of the statement

# ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

- **Java will automatically convert data types if possible**
  - If variable and value are same type – no conversion
  - If variable is more accurate – no data loss will occur
  - If variable is less accurate – conversion will lose data (most compilers will give you a warning message)
- **Example:**


```
int data1 = 42;           // int value 42 is stored
float data2 = 42;         // float value 42.0 is stored
int data3 = 4.2;          // int value 4 is stored (0.2 is discarded)
float data4 = 4.2;        // float value 4.2 is stored
int data5 = "hello";      // will not compile
```

# ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

- **Example:**

```
int Value, Number;  
float Data;
```

```
Data = 2.158;           // Data variable now equals 2.158  
Value = 17;             // Value variable now equals 17  
Number = Value;         // Number variable now equals 17  
Data = 42;              // Data variable now equals 42.0  
Number = 3.14159;       // Number variable now equals 3
```



The floating point value  
will be truncated and the  
0.14159 will be discarded



# SUMMARY

- **In this section, we have studied how Java variables are declared and to store information**
  - Basic data types of the language
  - Rules for choosing variable names
  - How to initialize variables
- **Then, we showed how Java constants can be created**
- **Finally, we described the Java assignment statement**
  - What happens if we store integer values in float variables
  - What happens if we store float values in integer variables

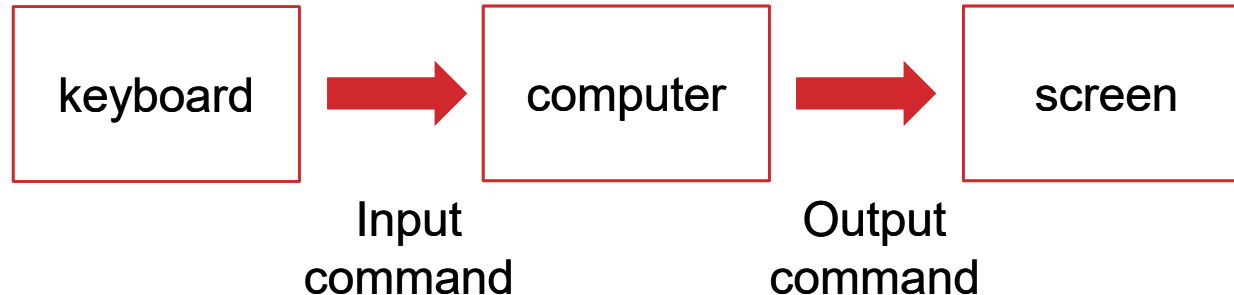
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## **PART 3**

### **PROGRAM INPUT / OUTPUT**

# OVERVIEW

- **We need some way to get data in and out of program**
  - Input commands read values entered on the keyboard
  - Output commands write values onto the screen



# OVERVIEW

- **Many programs have the following pattern:**
  - Print a message to the user with input instructions
  - Read the input typed by the user
  - Do some calculations based on user input
  - Print the results of the calculations
- **Next we will go over Java commands for input / output**
  - System.in and Scanner commands for input
  - System.out commands for output
  - Formatted output with Java

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Java input is done using the following commands**
  - **System.in** gives us access to a stream of characters that are typed in by the user
  - **Scanner** commands let us convert characters into Java data types (int, float, string, etc.)
- **How is this done?**
  - Scanner will skip over spaces or return characters
  - Scanner will read characters from the keyboard
  - Scanner will convert characters to desired data type
  - Scanner will store this value in a variable
  - Read and convert steps will **vary** for different data types

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Java input is done using Scanner commands**
  - First, we have to create a Scanner object called “scanner”

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

- Then, we use the Scanner object scanner to read the sequence of characters that are typed by the user

```
String input = scanner.next();
```

- There are also ways to read into other data types

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Integer input example:**

```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);  
int number1 = scanner.nextInt();
```

- The user types in a sequence of characters “123”
- The Scanner skips over leading spaces or carriage returns
- The Scanner reads all characters that are digits
- The Scanner converts “123” into an integer 123 and stores this value in the variable number1

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Float input example:**

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

```
float number2 = scanner.nextFloat();
```

- The user types in a sequence of characters “3.14159”
- The system skips over leading spaces or carriage returns
- Then the system reads all characters that are digits then it reads the “.” then it reads more digit characters
- Then the system converts “3.14159” into a float value 3.14159 and stores this value in the variable number2



# PROGRAM INPUT

- More on reading float variables...
- The user can omit the digits **after** the decimal point and the Scanner command will assume they are 0
  - User input “42.” will be treated like “42.0”
- The user can omit the digits **before** the decimal point and the Scanner command will assume they are 0
  - User input “.125” will be treated like “0.125”

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **String input example:**

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

```
String message = scanner.next();
```

- The user types in a sequence of characters “hello”
- The system skips over leading spaces or carriage returns
- Then the system reads sequence of characters “hello”
- Then the system stores this string in the variable message

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Longer string input example:**

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

```
String str = scanner.nextLine();
```

- The user types in “hello mom please send money”
- The system skips over leading spaces or carriage returns
- Then the system reads “hello mom please send money”
- Then the system stores this string in the variable str

# PROGRAM INPUT

- **Example reading sequence input values:**

```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);  
int number1 = scanner.nextInt();  
float number2 = scanner.nextFloat();  
String message = scanner.next();
```

- **When user types in “42 3.14 hello” these three values will be stored in variables number1, number2 and message**
- **User inputs can have any number of spaces, tabs or new line characters between them**

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- To output data in Java we use the following command `System.out.println(output);`
  - “System.out” is a built in Java library
  - “println” is the name of the output command
  - “output” is the variable (or message) to print
- How is this done?
  - First, println will look at variable to get its value
  - Then, it will convert value to sequence of characters
  - Then, it will output these characters on the monitor
  - The conversion step will **vary** for different data types

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **Integer output example:**

```
int number1 = 123;
```

```
System.out.println(number1);
```

- The system converts the integer value of the variable 123 to a sequence of ascii characters “123”
- The system displays the characters “123” on the screen at the current cursor position

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **Float output example:**

```
float number2 = 3.14;
```

```
System.out.println(number2);
```

- The system converts the float value of the variable 3.14 to a sequence of ascii characters “3.14”
- The system displays the characters “3.14” on the screen at the current cursor position

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **String output example:**

```
String message = "hello mom";
```

```
System.out.println(message);
```

- No conversion to ascii character is needed since the variable is already a sequence of ascii characters
- The system displays the character “hello mom” on the screen at the current cursor position



# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- Java has two output commands: `println` and `print`.
  - `System.out.println(output)` will print the value of output and then go to the **next line**. The next print will start there.
  - `System.out.print(output)` will print the value of output and **stop** at that point. The next print will start there.

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **Example of println:**

```
int num1 = 17;
```

```
int num2 = 42;
```

```
System.out.println(num1);
```

```
System.out.println(num2);
```

- This will print “17” on first line and “42” on next line

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- **Example of print:**

```
int num1 = 17;
```

```
int num2 = 42;
```

```
System.out.print(num1);
```

```
System.out.print(num2);
```

- This will print “1742” on one line.

# PROGRAM OUTPUT

- We can use the Java string concatenation operator “+” to output multiple values in one println command.

```
float value = 12.34;
```

```
System.out.print("value = " + value);
```

- This will print “value = 12.34” and go to the next line
- This only works when print contains at least one string
- `System.out.println(12+34)` will output “46”.
- `System.out.println(12 + “ ” + 34)` will output “12 34”.

# FORMATTED OUTPUT

- **In many applications, the program output must be in a specific format to users to read and understand.**
  - Example: Bank statements showing dates, transactions and the current balance in separate columns
- **The `System.out.print` function can produce simple formatted output by printing spaces between data fields to get columns to line up correctly**
  - This process is tedious and time consuming.
- **A better option is to print tabs to line up columns.**

# FORMATTED OUTPUT

- **Java uses the following symbols to print tabs and other special characters inside a string**


|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| <code>\n</code> | Carriage return     |
| <code>\t</code> | Tab character       |
| <code>\b</code> | Back space          |
| <code>\f</code> | Form feed           |
| <code>\a</code> | Bell sound          |
| <code>\'</code> | Single quote        |
| <code>\"</code> | Double quote        |
| <code>\\</code> | Backslash character |

# FORMATTED OUTPUT

## Example:

```
String first = "John";  
String last = "Smith";  
int age = 42;  
double gpa = 3.14;
```

Here we print tab characters inside the message string



```
System.out.println("First Name:\t" + first);  
System.out.println("Last Name:\t" + last);  
System.out.println("Age:\t\t" + age);  
System.out.println("GPA:\t\t" + gpa);
```

# FORMATTED OUTPUT

## Sample program output:

First Name: John  
Last Name: Smith  
Age: 42  
GPA: 3.14



Notice how all output  
is nicely aligned with  
each other



# FORMATTED OUTPUT

- **Java also provides the `System.out.printf` function to print out data according to a “format” string.**
  - This format string can contain textual information and format commands that specify how and where the variables should be displayed
    - `%d` – print an integer
    - `%f` – print a float
    - `%s` – print a String
  - The width of the display field can be specified by putting integers between the `%` and the letter

# FORMATTED OUTPUT

- **Example:**

String name = "John";

int age = 42;

float GPA = 3.14;

System.out.printf("Name: %10s\n", name );

System.out.printf("Age: %10d\n", age );

System.out.printf("GPA: %10.2f\n", GPA );



Format  
strings

# FORMATTED OUTPUT

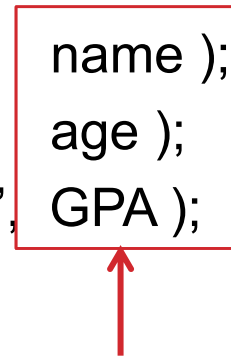
- **Example:**

```
String name = "John";
```

```
int age = 42;
```

```
float GPA = 3.14;
```

```
System.out.printf( "Name:  %10s\n", name );  
System.out.printf( "Age:    %10d\n", age );  
System.out.printf( "GPA:    %10.2f\n", GPA );
```



Variables  
to print

# FORMATTED OUTPUT

- **Example:**

```
String name = "John";  
int age = 42;  
float GPA = 3.14;
```

The string and integer are  
printed in fields 10 chars wide

```
System.out.printf( "Name: %10s\n",   name );  
System.out.printf( "Age:   %10d\n",   age );  
System.out.printf( "GPA:   %10.2f\n", GPA );
```

Float is printed in field 10 chars  
wide and 2 digits after decimal

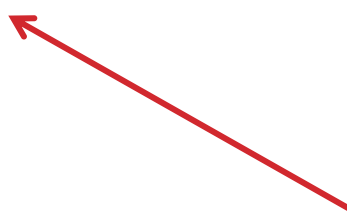
# FORMATTED OUTPUT

## Sample program output:

Name: John

Age: 42

GPA: 3.14



Notice that all three data fields are **right** justified (which is ideal for columns of numbers)

# **CODE DEMO**

**Compile and run Name.java**

# COMMENTS

- **Comments are an essential part of all programs**
  - Comments are used to explain the design and implementation of a program to other programmers
  - They are human readable and are **ignored** by the compiler
  - Programmers should write comments as the program is being written and when major changes are made
- **You should NOT “wait until the program is finished” to write your comments**
  - Comments are there to help you write the program
  - In real life, programs are never “finished”, there are always security updates and new features added

# COMMENTS

- **Java supports two types of comments in programs**
- **C++ style comments are a single line long**
  - These comments start with `//` and go to end of the line  
`// Here is a new C++ style comment`  
`// This is the second line of the comment`
- **C style comments can span multiple lines**
  - These comments start with `/*` and end with `*/`  
`/* Here is an old C style comment`  
`This is the second line of the comment */`



# SUMMARY

- In this section we have shown how the “Scanner” object can be used to read and store information from users
- We also shown how System.out” commands can be used to write variables and other information to the screen
- Finally, have described how Java comments are formed and their importance in writing clear programs

# **PROGRAMMING BASICS**

## **PART 4**

### **NUMERICAL CALCULATIONS**

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Arithmetic expressions are used to perform numerical calculations using variables and arithmetic operators**
- **Once the values of arithmetic expressions are evaluated, they can be printed, or stored in variables using the assignment operator**
- **The rules for arithmetic expressions in Java are very similar to the rules we learn in mathematics, but there are some subtle differences we will discuss below**

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **What is the syntax for arithmetic expressions?**
  - Arithmetic expressions consist of an alternating sequence of values and arithmetic operators
  - Values can be numerical literals, variables, or constants
  - Arithmetic operators include
    - + Addition
    - Subtraction
    - \* Multiplication
    - / Division
    - % Modulo (remainder after integer division)
  - Parentheses ( ) can be used to control the order of evaluation of sub-expressions

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- Examples of **valid** arithmetic expressions:

- $7 + 2 * 5$
- $21 - \text{num} / 2$
- $(2 + 2 + 2) / (3 - 3 - 3)$

- Examples of **invalid** arithmetic expressions:

- $17 *$                        $\leftarrow$  missing value after  $*$  operator
- $(\text{num} - 9 * 5$             $\leftarrow$  missing closing parenthesis
- $\text{int} + 42$                   $\leftarrow$  `int` is not a valid variable name

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **How are expressions evaluated?**
  - We follow the “natural” rules of mathematics
  - Multiplication, division, modulo have high precedence
  - Addition, subtraction have low precedence
  - The result of high precedence operations are calculated before low precedence operations (i.e. \* before +)
  - Operations in the expression are calculated left to right at same precedence level
  - Parenthesized expressions ( ) are calculated first, and are evaluated from the inside out

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Evaluation examples:**

- $7 + 2 * 5$

- $= 7 + 10$

- ← perform multiplication

- $= 17$

- ← perform addition

- $21 - \text{num} / 2$

- $= 21 - 10 / 2$

- ← substitute variable value

- $= 21 - 5$

- ← perform division

- $= 16$

- ← perform subtraction

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Evaluation examples:**

- $(2 + 2 + 2) / (3 - 3 - 3)$ 
  - $= (4 + 2) / (3 - 3 - 3)$  ← perform leftmost addition
  - $= 6 / (3 - 3 - 3)$  ← perform addition
  - $= 6 / (0 - 3)$  ← perform leftmost subtraction
  - $= 6 / -3$  ← perform subtraction
  - $= -2$  ← perform division



# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- What happens if we mix data types in expressions?
- Java will look at the data types and choose the most accurate data type for each arithmetic operation
- The ordering of data types from least accurate to most accurate is: byte, short, int, long, float, double

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| int OP int      | ← int result    |
| byte OP int     | ← int result    |
| int OP float    | ← float result  |
| float OP double | ← double result |

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Evaluation examples:**

- $(2 + 2 + 2.0) / (3 - 3 - 3)$ 
  - $= (4 + 2.0) / (3 - 3 - 3)$  ← perform leftmost addition
  - $= 6.0 / (3 - 3 - 3)$  ← perform addition
  - $= 6.0 / (0 - 3)$  ← perform leftmost subtraction
  - $= 6.0 / -3$  ← perform subtraction
  - $= -2.0$  ← perform division

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Mixed type examples:**

- $3 * 5 + 4.2$   
     $= 15 + 4.2$        $\leftarrow$  integer multiplication  
     $= 19.2$        $\leftarrow$  float addition
- $(16 - \text{num}) / 4.0$   
     $= (16 - 10) / 4.0$   $\leftarrow$  variable substitution  
     $= 6 / 4.0$        $\leftarrow$  integer subtraction  
     $= 1.5$        $\leftarrow$  float division

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- In Java there is an important difference between float division and integer division
- Float division always returns a float result
  - $3.0 / 2.0 = 1.5$
- Integer division always returns an integer result
  - $3 / 2 = 1$       ← the 0.5 is discarded !!

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- **Integer division examples:**

- $(16 - \text{num}) / 4$ 
  - $= (16 - 10) / 4$      $\leftarrow$  variable substitution
  - $= 6 / 4$      $\leftarrow$  integer subtraction
  - $= 1$      $\leftarrow$  integer division (0.5 discarded)
  
- $(1 + 2) / (3 + 6)$ 
  - $= 3 / (3 + 6)$      $\leftarrow$  integer addition
  - $= 3 / 9$      $\leftarrow$  integer addition
  - $= 0$      $\leftarrow$  integer division (0.333 discarded)

# ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

- In Java modulo operator % is used to calculate the value of the remainder after an integer division
  - Both arguments to the % operator must be integers
  - If not the compiler will give error messages
- **Modulo operator examples:**
  - $285 \% 10$   
= 5  $\leftarrow 285 / 10 = 28$ , remainder is 5
  - $285 \% 100$   
= 85  $\leftarrow 285 / 100 = 2$ , remainder is 85

# TYPE CASTING

- Java will do **implicit type conversion** in assignment statements if the value type does not match variable type
  - The value is converted to match the variable type
  - Sometimes compilers will warn of possible loss of data
- **Examples:**
  - `int num = 4.2;` // value 4 is stored
  - `float val = 17;` // value 17.0 is stored
  - `int sum = 1 + 2.0;` // value 3 is stored
  - `float total = num + sum;` // value of 7.0 is stored

# TYPE CASTING

- Type **casting** lets us convert a value from one data type to another in the middle of arithmetic expressions
  - This is very useful if we want to force the expression to use integer operations or float operations
- We specify the desired data type before the variable or expression we want to convert
  - (data\_type) value
- Type casting has the highest precedence, so the type conversion is done before the next arithmetic operation



# TYPE CASTING

- **Type casting examples:**

- $2 / 3$

- $= 0$

- ← integer division

- $(\text{float}) 2 / 3$

- $= 2.0 / 3$

- ← converts 2 value to float

- $= 0.666$

- ← float division

- $1 / (\text{float}) 3$

- $= 1 / 3.0$

- ← converts 3 value to float

- $= 0.333$

- ← float division


# SPHERE EXAMPLE

- **Assume we want to calculate the volume and surface area of a sphere of any size**
- **How can we perform this calculation?**
  - Look up formulas for sphere volume and surface area
- **How can we implement this?**
  - Write a program to prompt user for sphere radius
  - Calculate sphere volume and surface area
  - Print the results of these calculations

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Sphere
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Read sphere radius
        // Calculate volume
        // Calculate surface area
        // Print output
    }
}
```

With the first version of the program we just type in comments to describe our approach



# SPHERE EXAMPLE

...

```
// Read sphere radius
```

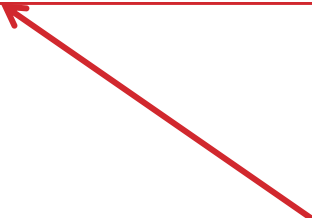
```
Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
System.out.print("Enter sphere radius: ");
```

```
double radius = scanner.nextDouble();
```

```
System.out.println("Radius = " + radius);
```

...



It is always a good idea to print the values you have read from the user to verify input worked as expected

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

...

// Calculate sphere volume

**Volume = (4.0 / 3.0) \* Math.PI \* Radius \* Radius \* Radius;**

We are using float literals here to force the result to be a float value (using 4/3 would produce incorrect result due to integer division)

// Calculate sphere surface area

**Area = 4.0 \* Math.PI \* Radius \* Radius;**

...

Math.PI = 3.141592653  
is a constant defined in  
the Math library

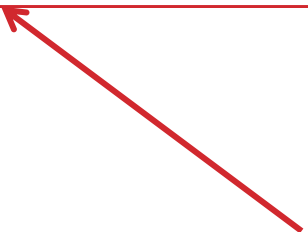
# SPHERE EXAMPLE

...

// Print output

```
System.out.println("Radius = " + radius);  
System.out.println("Volume = " + volume);  
System.out.println("Area = " + area);}
```

...



Finally we add code to  
output our answers

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

**To compile on a Linux or MacOS system:**

```
javac Sphere.java
```

**To run on a Linux or MacOS system:**

```
java Sphere
```

# SPHERE EXAMPLE

## Sample program output:

Enter sphere radius: 1.0

Radius = 1.0

Volume = 4.1887902047863905

Area = 12.566370614359172

Enter sphere radius: 10

Radius = 10.0

Volume = 4188.790204786391

Area = 1256.6370614359173



# **CODE DEMO**

**Compile and run Cube.java**

**Compile and run Sphere.java**

**Compile and run Temperature.java**

**Compile and run Statistics.java**

# SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- **Think about the problem you are trying to solve before you start writing your program**
  - What data do you need to solve problem?
  - What formulas are you going to use?
  - Work out a few examples by hand to be sure you understand the process you are going to use
- **Start your program by writing your comments**
  - Add your name and date at top of program
  - Describe steps in program in point form
  - Add code to your program a little at a time
  - Compile and test program incrementally

# SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- **Top-down problem solving has the following steps:**
  - Understand the problem to be solved
  - Decompose problem into smaller pieces you can solve
  - Write computer instructions for each piece
  - Combine pieces into a single program
  - Compile, test, and debug program
  - Use program to solve initial problem

# SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- **Bottom-up problem solving has the following steps:**
  - Understand the problem to be solved
  - Look at similar problems to identify common components
  - Design and implement general purpose components
  - Combine components into a single program
  - Compile, test, and debug program
  - Use program to solve initial problem

# SOFTWARE ENGINEERING TIPS

- **Make your program easy to read and understand**
  - Pick variable names that are meaningful to you and others
  - Add blank lines and white space to separate calculations
  - Indent your code using a consistent convention
- **Make sure your program is running correctly**
  - Initialize all variables before you use their values
  - Print out intermediate results as you debug code
  - Test with “normal” and “unexpected” input values
  - Document all known bugs/limitations in the code

# SUMMARY

- In this section we have studied the syntax and use of arithmetic expressions to do numerical calculations
- We also showed an example program demonstrating the use of arithmetic expressions and input/output
- Finally, have discussed several software engineering tips for creating and debugging programs