Lecture 02: Elementary programming
Schedule

- Housekeeping
- Chapter 1
- Lecture content
  - Algorithms
  - Variables and data types
  - Mathematical operations
  - Read input from console
Housekeeping

- Everyone able to access NYU classes?
- Office hours
- Eclipse problems?
- Everyone get the book?
- Homework questions?
Go over from chapter 1

- Read at least from 1.7!
- What is a class?
- What is a method?
- Reserved words
- Symbols we’ve seen
- Good style - section 1.9
- Errors
Algorithms

• Describes the steps of how to solve a problem in code.

• Like a recipe, you define the inputs and outputs and steps to take to get there, in order.

• Can write this as pseudocode, right in your editor as comments
Start a new eclipse project
public class TipCalculator {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Set up variables

        // Calculate tip total

        // Add tip total to food total

        // Print out result
    }
}

Variables

• Represent values that may change in the program

• Variables need to be declared before they are used. You tell the computer it's name and what type of data it will hold.

• Variable names should be descriptive of the data it’s holding
Variables

• Syntax: datatype variableName;
  Example: int characterCount;

• Assignment using “=”
  Example: y = 1;

• You can initialize a value when you declare it all in one go:
  Example: int y = 1;

• Note: lowercase first word, uppercase the rest.
Variables

- *Primitive* datatypes in Java are:
  - int
  - double (floating-point number, has a decimal)
  - char
  - boolean
Constants

- Will not change in your program

- Permanent data.

- Example: final double PI = 3.14159;

- Constants are declared “final”, and they are written in all caps
Let’s talk a minute about naming

- identifiers are names for things. Classes, methods, variables all need identifiers

- sequence of letters, digits, _ and $

- can’t start with a digit

- can’t be a reserved word. (eclipse will probably complain if you try)
Identifiers - which are valid?

• `_randomNumber`
  👍

• `42IsTheAnswer`

• `$2`
  👍

• `x&y`
Identifiers

• case sensitive - so total, Total, TOTAL, ToTaL are all different

• try to avoid abbreviations. This is a good stylistic choice to follow

• don’t actually use $. It’s weird and kinda used just by generated code.
Identifiers

- Start with lowercase for variables and methods (e.g. computeTotal, radius)
- Start with Capital for classes (e.g. Ball, Canvas)
- Capitalize every letter and use underscore for constants (e.g. MAX_RESOLUTION, PI)
# Numeric data types

## Table 2.1 Numeric Data Types

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<th>Range</th>
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<td>short</td>
<td>$-2^{15}$ to $2^{15} - 1$ ($-32768$ to $32767$)</td>
<td>16-bit signed</td>
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<td>int</td>
<td>$-2^{31}$ to $2^{31} - 1$ ($-2147483648$ to $2147483647$)</td>
<td>32-bit signed</td>
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<td>long</td>
<td>$-2^{63}$ to $2^{63} - 1$</td>
<td>64-bit signed</td>
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<td>double</td>
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public class TipCalculator {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Set up variables
        double subTotal = 14.37;
        double tipAmount = 20.0;
        double tipTotal;
        double total;

        // Calculate tip total

        // Add tip total to food total

        // Print out result
    }
}

Mathematical Operations

- + Addition (also used for concatenating strings)
- - Subtraction
- * Multiplication
- / Division
- % Modulo (Remainder)
Mathematical Operations

• Order of operations:
  • () first,
  • * / % next, left to right,
  • + - last, left to right

• Tip! if you get confused, put more parens in to be explicit
Integer division

- when both numbers are ints, the result is also an int (so no decimal place, that part is truncated)

- So what does 1 / 2 = ?

- If you want the result to be a decimal, you need to make at least one number a decimal (double).

- 1 / 2.0 = 0.5
Modulo

- Super useful in programming
- even number % 2 is \textit{always} = 0 and odd number % 2 is \textit{always} = 1
Exponents

• For now, all you need to know is that Math.pow(a, b) is taking $a^b$
public class TipCalculator {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        // Set up variables
        double subtotal = 14.37;
        double tipAmount = 20.0;
        double tipTotal;
        double total;

        // Calculate tip total
        tipTotal = subtotal * (tipAmount / 100);
        System.out.println("Tip total: "+ tipTotal);

        // Add tip total to food total
        total = subtotal + tipTotal;

        // Print out result
        System.out.println("Total bill: "+ total);
    }
}
Reading from the console using the Scanner class

- System.out is standard output device, System.in is standard input
- Console input isn't directly supported, so we can use the Scanner class to create an object that will read from System.in
Reading from the console using the Scanner class

- Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

- Creates an object of Scanner type, assigns its reference to the input variable.

- Has methods (like our classes do and will), like nextDouble()
Scanner class

• First time we’ll be importing from other packages

• to use a Scanner object, we need to import the package where it lives - java.util - by adding this line to the top of our program:

    import java.util.*;

• You could also specifically import just the scanner object by using

    import java.util.Scanner;

• to get a value from the Scanner, we use one of the next methods such as `nextInt()`, `nextDouble()`, or `next()`
Scanner class

• When we use a scanner object, we need to first prompt the user for what we’d like them to enter

• We do this by writing to the console

    System.out.print("Please enter the subtotal: ");
print vs println?

• What’s the difference between print and println?

• When might be a good idea to use each one?
import java.util.Scanner;

public class TipCalculator {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Set up variables
        double subtotal;
        double tipAmount;
        double tipTotal;
        double total;
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

        // Read subtotal from console
        System.out.print("Enter the subtotal: ");
        subtotal = input.nextDouble();

        // Read tipAmount from console
        System.out.print("Enter the tip percentage (ex. 20.0): ");
        tipAmount = input.nextDouble();

        // Calculate tip total
        tipTotal = subtotal * (tipAmount / 100);
        System.out.println("Tip total: "+tipTotal);

        // Add tip total to food total
        total = subtotal + tipTotal;
    }
}
Programming challenge

- Write a program that will convert Fahrenheit to Celsius

\[ C = \left( F - 32 \right) \times \frac{5}{9} \]