

# AP CS A

## Unit 1. Primitive Types. Notes

This packet covers the basics of writing short programs.

### Variables and Assignment Statements.

A variable is a \_\_\_\_\_

*Our* rules for naming variables \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Warning. Java is case-sensitive.

In Java, all variables must have a **data type**. Here are three data types (there are more)

int \_\_\_\_\_

double \_\_\_\_\_

boolean \_\_\_\_\_

Let's look at some code snippets:

double dare = 1.4; \_\_\_\_\_

boolean b = true; \_\_\_\_\_

int num = -900; \_\_\_\_\_

num = 200; \_\_\_\_\_

num = num + 3; \_\_\_\_\_

The assignment operator is the \_\_\_\_\_.

An assignment statement evaluates the expression on the right side of the assignment operator and

\_\_\_\_\_

You may assign an int to a double, but you cannot assign a \_\_\_\_\_

double num = 9.8;

int x = 42;

num = x; \_\_\_\_\_

x = num; \_\_\_\_\_

**Literals** are the fixed values used throughout the code. Literals have data types. For example:

double z = -1.8; \_\_\_\_\_  
boolean bob = false; \_\_\_\_\_

Do the first set of exercises.

**Operations with Integers.** The result of any operation involving two ints (whether variables or literals) is an int. When dividing two ints, the result is \_\_\_\_\_

<pre>int a; a = 29 / 10;</pre> <p>What is the value of <i>a</i>?</p>	<pre>int b; b = 23 / 4;</pre> <p>What is the value of <i>b</i>?</p>	<pre>double c; c = 387 / 100;</pre> <p>What is the value of <i>c</i>?</p>
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**Mixed Expressions.** If an operation involves a double, then the result is a double.

<pre>int a = 87 / 10;</pre>	What is the value of <i>a</i> ?
<pre>double b = 87 / 10.0;</pre>	What is the value of <i>b</i> ?
<pre>double c = 87 / 10;</pre>	What is the value of <i>c</i> ?
<pre>int d = 8; double e = 10; int f = (5 + d) / e;</pre>	There is a problem and this code will not run. Why not.
<pre>double g = 10.0 * 76 / 100;</pre>	What is the value of <i>g</i> ?
<pre>double h = 10.0 * (76 / 100);</pre>	What is the value of <i>h</i> ?
<pre>double i = 3.21 + 24 / 9;</pre>	What is the value of <i>i</i> ?

**Displaying/Printing.** When we want to display/print to the screen, there are two expressions we use:

`System.out.println ( an expression );`    After displaying, the cursor moves to the next line  
`System.out.print ( an expression );`    After displaying, the cursor stays on the current line

For example:

```
int n = 20;  
n = n + 10 / 2;  
System.out.print( "one fish " );  
System.out.println( "n is " + n );  
System.out.println( "two fish" );
```

Show what is displayed (pay attention to line breaks).

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

“one fish”, “n is”, and “two fish” are examples of string literals.

Do the second set of exercises.

**Scanner Objects and Simple Programs.** To read in data from the keyboard, we will create an object of the Scanner class. For example:

import java.util.Scanner;                      This import statement is required to use the Scanner class

```
public class Example {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Scanner kb = new Scanner( System.in );                      * See note 1  
        System.out.println( "Enter an integer:" );  
        int x = kb.nextInt();                                              * See note 2  
        System.out.println( "You entered " + x );  
        double y= kb.nextDouble();                                      * See note 3  
        System.out.println( "You entered " + y );  
    }  
}
```

1. This statement declares a \_\_\_\_\_. The expression on the right side of the assignment operator creates a Scanner object. The name of the variable can change but keep everything else the same.

2. The expression to the right of the assignment operator calls the nextInt \_\_\_\_\_ which retrieves the first integer entered by the user. This value is then assigned to the variable.

3. Use the \_\_\_\_\_ method when you expect the user to enter a double.

We will discuss objects and classes in more detail in the next unit. For now you only need to know how to create a Scanner object and use it to read ints and doubles.

Do the third set of exercises.

**Casting** is the process of explicitly converting one data type to another. If you cast a double to an int, it is rounded toward zero. The casting operator has higher precedence than multiplication but lower than parentheses.

int a; a = (int) 7.8;	What is the value of <i>a</i> ?
int b; b = (int) (-6 + 0.2);	What is the value of <i>b</i> ?
int c; c = (int) 2.7 + 0.6;	This does not compile. Why?
int d = 39; double e = (double) d / 10;	What is the value of <i>e</i> ?

**Increment and Decrement Operators.** You can increase the value of an int or double by using the increment operator (++). To decrease its value, use --. For example:

```
int x = 5;
x++;
int y = 9;
y--;
System.out.println( x + ", " + y );
```

In this course we will only use the increment and decrement operators in stand-alone expressions. They will never be used as part of a larger expression in this course. For example:

```
int x = 1;
int y = 3 * x++;
System.out.println( x + ", " + y );
```

We do not do this in AP CS A  
Surprisingly, this prints 2, 3

Using the increment and decrement operators in an expression (1) makes the expression harder to evaluate and (2) leads us into topics that are not part of our curriculum.

## Compound Assignment Operators

Java sometimes uses “short cuts” for certain common statements

Basic Version	Alternative Version
int x = 7; x = x + 4;	int x = 7; x += 4;
int y = 14; y = y - 2;	int y = 14; y -= 2;

There is also \*=, /=, and %=

Do the fourth set of exercises.

**The Modulus Operator.** The mod operator (a.k.a. the remainder operator) is the percent sign (%). It is used to find the remainder of a division operation. For example:

```
int x = 14 % 5; _____  
int y = 24 % 6; _____  
int z = 8 % 10; _____
```

The modulus operator can be very useful. For example, suppose a store sells soft pretzels for 50 cents each and \$5 for a dozen. Here's a program that calculates the cost.

```
import java.util.Scanner;  
  
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Scanner in = new Scanner( System.in );  
        System.out.println( "How many pretzels do you want? " );  
        int num = in.nextInt();  
        double cost = 5 * ( _____ ) + 0.5 * ( _____ );  
        System.out.println( "The cost is $" + cost );  
    }  
}
```

Here is another sample program where the mod operator is useful. It converts minutes into hours and minutes.

```
import java.util.Scanner;  
  
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Scanner s = new Scanner( System.in );  
        System.out.println( "How many minutes? " );  
        int time = s.nextInt();  
        int hrs = time / 60;  
        int m = time % 60;  
        System.out.println(time + " min = " + hrs + " hour(s) and " + m + " minute(s) );  
    }  
}
```

If the user enters 73, what is <i>hrs</i> ? what is <i>m</i> ?  If the user enters 51, what is <i>hrs</i> ? what is <i>m</i> ?
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Do the fifth set of exercises.