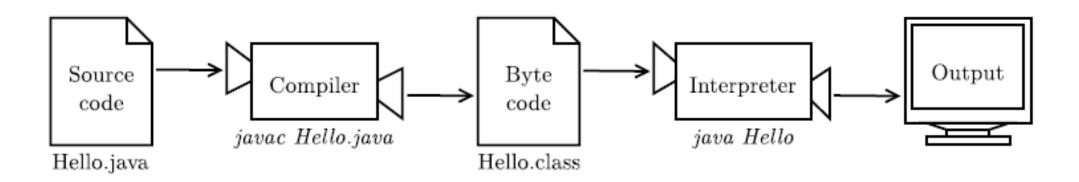


# Problem solving

- The single most important skill for a computer scientist is problem solving.
- It's the ability to:
  - formulate problems,
  - think creatively about solutions, and
  - express solutions clearly and accurately.
- As it turns out, the process of learning to program is an excellent opportunity to develop problem solving skills.

## Compiling and running a Java program



- Java is both compiled and interpreted.
- Instead of translating programs directly into machine language,
   the Java compiler generates byte code.
- Similar to machine language, byte code is easy and fast to interpret.
- But it is also portable, so it is possible to compile a Java program on one machine, transfer the byte code to another machine, and run the byte code on the other machine.
- The interpreter that runs byte code is called a "Java Virtual Machine" (JVM).

### Hello, World!

```
public class Hello {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // generate some simple output
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");
    }
}
```

When this program runs it displays:

```
Hello, World!
```

### Escape sequences

```
public class Hello {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.print("Hello!\nHow are you doing?\n");
    }
}
```

The output is two lines, each ending with a newline character:

```
Hello!
How are you doing?
```

# Escape sequences

\n	newline
\t	tab
\"	double quote
\\	backslash

Table 1.1: Common escape sequences

### We could write something like this, but...

```
public class Goodbye { public static void main(String[] args)
{ System.out.print("Goodbye, "); System.out.println
  ("cruel world");}}
```

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### This one reads better:)

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    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.print("Goodbye, ");
        System.out.println("cruel world");
    }
}
```

### Quiz time

• What is a program?

• What is a bug?

• What is compile?

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What is a program?

A sequence of instructions that specifies how to perform tasks on a computer.

What is a bug?

An error in a program.

What is compile?

To translate a program in a high-level language into a low-level language, all at once, in preparation for later execution.

### Variables

• A variable is a named location that stores a value. Values may be numbers, text, images, sounds, and other types of data.

#### String message;

This statement is a declaration, because it declares that the variable named message has the type String. Each variable has a type that determines what kind of values it can store. For example, the int type can store integers, and the char type can store characters.

### Declaration

```
int hour, minute;
```

### Assignment

```
hour = 11; // assign the value 11 to hour minute = 59; // set minute to 59
```

### Declare and assign variables on same line

```
String message = "Hello!";
int hour = 11;
int minute = 59;
```

### Printing variables

```
int hour = 11;
int minute = 59;
System.out.print("The current time is ");
System.out.print(hour);
System.out.print(":");
System.out.print(minute);
System.out.println(".");
```

The output of this program is:

```
The current time is 11:59.
```

### Arithmetic operators

The following program converts a time of day to minutes:

```
int hour = 11;
int minute = 59;
System.out.print("Number of minutes since midnight: ");
System.out.println(hour * 60 + minute);
```

In this program, hour \* 60 + minute is an expression, which represents a single value to be computed. When the program runs, each variable is replaced by its current value, and then the operators are applied. The values operators work with are called operands.

The result of the previous example is:

```
Number of minutes since midnight: 719
```

### Floating-point numbers

```
double pi;
  pi = 3.14159;
  double minute = 59.0;
  System.out.print("Fraction of the hour that has passed: ");
  System.out.println(minute / 60.0);
The output is:
  Fraction of the hour that has passed: 0.983333333333333333
```

### Error types

### Compile-time error

Compile-time errors occur when you violate the syntax rules of the Java language. For example, parentheses and braces have to come in matching pairs. So (1 + 2) is legal, but 8) is not.

#### Runtime error

The second type of error is a run-time error, so-called because it does not appear until after the program has started running.

#### Logic error

If your program has a logic error, it will compile and run without generating error messages, but it will not do the right thing.



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