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Java was developed at Sun Microsystems, Inc. later acquired by Oracle Corporation in 2010

- James Gosling, Mike Sheridan, Chris Wrath and Patrick Naughton initiated the Java project in June 1991
- The language was initially called Oak named after an oak tree that stood outside Gosling's office
- However, Oak was trademarked by Oak Technologies; hence, renamed to Java
- Oak was originally developed for set-top boxes, interactive TV and PDA.

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However, the demise of these devices in 1993 ushered the investors' thoughts to be reinvented.

National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA) unveiled its new commercial web browser for internet in 1992.

The Green team saw an opportunity for the same embedded technology in the web browser space and called it "HotJava" that was capable of running "Applets"

Drivers behind Java

C and C++ were the dominant programming language before emergence of Java C is structural and the focus is on how to solve a problem. Memory management is developer(s) responsibility using malloc(),calloc() and free() functions defined in <stdlib.h> Direct access and manipulation of memory addresses using pointers. Though C++ is objected oriented; yet it breaks certain rules of data hiding through friend functions.

Drivers behind Java

Memory Management is developer(s) responsibility
 Non Portable. Size of integer variables varied across platforms/architectures.
 C/C++ were not designed for embedded systems that require smaller memory footprint.
 C++ suffers from the classic Diamond Inheritance problem. In order to solve this, one must use virtual methods.

Drivers behind Java

Language should be "simple, objected oriented and familiar"
Language should be "robust and secure"
Language should be "architecture neutral and portable"
Language should execute with "high performance"
Language should be "interpreted, multithreaded and dynamic"

What is Java

Java is a set of several computer software products and specification from Sun Microsystems now taken over by Oracle that provide a system for developing application software and deploying it in a cross-platform computing environment.

Java is a programming language that has a set of API, syntax and data types.

Java borrowed its syntax from C/C++ that were the most popular programming languages of the time.

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What is Java

Low-level constructs such as pointers are eliminated in Java. It has a very simple memory model where every object is allocated on the heap. Also, Java internally uses soft/smart pointers.
 Memory management is handled through integrated automatic

Garbage Collection.

Characteristics of Java

Simple Object-oriented Distributed Robust Secure Architecture-neutral Portable High-performing Multithreaded Dynamic

Java is Simple

Most of the language syntax of Java was borrowed from C and C++ that were the most popular and powerful languages of the time and simple to write programs

- C/C++ had many features like pointers that were quite dangerous in wrong hands.
- James Gosling said that Java is "C++ without the knives, guns and clubs."
- One major simplification in Java is the way that memory is managed, using largely automatic processes rather than requiring the programmer to do this.

Object Oriented

In 1990s most of the languages were procedural in nature.
 Objected-oriented approach was regarded as a new approach to programming

In an object-oriented language, instead of having data on one hand and processes on the other, the two are "encapsulated" together to provide objects that have both state(data) and behavior(methods).

The behavior of real-world things are easier to model by tying the two.

Distributed

Most of the computers are connected to a network and probably to the Internet. Hence, most of the software resources are kept on network or cloud.

Java is designed for network programming and can easily work with common Internet protocols such as HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) and FTP (File Transfer Protocol).

It provides libraries for Socket Communication, Remote Method Invocation, Web Services and various other aspects of distributed computing.

Robust

A robust program does not behave unpredictably due to programmer error.

- Manipulating memory that has not been correctly allocated can crash a program and can further cause "memory leaks."
- Java removes the concept of "pointers" thereby allowing a programmer to write more robust code.
- Java has only "references" to objects, not pointers to memory they occupy.
- JVM takes care of Memory Management in Java and 'cos programmers' don't have direct access to memory, they cannot wrongly manipulate it.

Robust

- Exception handling is built-in
- Java is strongly-typed language i.e., all variables must be declared an explicit type.
- It carries out type checking at both compile-time and run-time ensuring that every data structure has been clearly defined and typed.

Secure

Security systems built in Java ensure that code, once written, is not easy to tamper with.

All Java programs execute inside the JVM and thus, cannot access system resources directly.

Bytecode verifier checks classes after loading

Classloader confines objects to unique namespaces.

Security Manager determines what resources a class can access such as reading and writing to the local disk.

Architecture Neutral

Java is a "Write Once, Run Anywhere" language Java is both a compiled and an interpreted language Java source code gets compiled into platform independent "bytecode" The bytecode can run on any hardware that has a Java Virtual Machine



Architecture Neutral

Portable

In many languages, there's no specification of how much storage a datatype should take.

In C/C++ if a program is compiled using 16-bit compiler, then it will produce 16 bits of integers and they might not run on 32 bit architectures. Similarly, a program compiled with 32 bit compiler won't run on 16 bit architecture machine.

Part of Java's architecture neutrality is based on portable definitions of how big different datatypes are.

For example, in Java the size of integer across platforms is 32 bits long. These are always signed.

High Performing

Because Java bytecode has to be interpreted, Java programs generally runs more slowly than equivalent programs written in languages that produce native executable binaries.

To overcome this problem, Just-in-time (JIT) compilers have been developed that speed up the interpretation process.

More recent versions of Java include "Hotspot" compiler. This compiler optimized code while it is running.

Multithreaded

By building syntax for multithreading into language, Java makes it easier for programmers to write multithreaded programs.

Even where operating system is not multithreaded, Java code can be written that uses multiple threads of control.

Dynamic

A Java program can dynamically change the resources it is using at runtime

This is useful especially when resources are distributed across networks and clouds. Java can locate them while the program is executing.



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First Program in Java

class HelloWorld {

public static void main(String [] a) {

Console.writeLine("Welcome to Java!");

}

}

Output:

Welcome to Java!

Go to Oracle website and download a jdk --

https://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk8-downloads-2133151.html

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- Same is applicable for Linux, Linux ARM or Solaris OS.
- However, for Mac OS X only 64-bit JDK is available.
- In Windows double click on the downloaded executable file and install the JDK.
- The setup takes care of setting up PATH ENV Variable in Windows 7 and above for JRE (Java Runtime Environment) only. JDK and tools required for Java development is to be setup manually

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Path is a System/OS environment variable that OS searches for executing commands that are not part of Windows. You have to provide location of the libraries that you want to be include for execution of certain programs.

Start→ Right Click Computer → Select Properties → Select Advanced System Setting on Left Pane → Click Environment Variables.
A modal dialog appears that shows User variables and System Variables.
System variables are setup whenever you install an executable program.
It's the User environment variable that you should configure.
Caution: Do not temper System Environment Variables

Select Path in the User Variables section \rightarrow Click Edit Button A modal dialog appears with Variable Name: Path and Variable value. In the Variable value append a semicolon at the end of the value;

- After the semicolon, enter the path where java, javac, javap commands are located. Eg: C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.8.0_92\bin
- $\stackrel{\bullet}{=} Push OK button \rightarrow OK \rightarrow OK$

Now open a command prompt and type java –version. You will see output as below:

java version "1.8.0_92"

Java(TM) SE Runtime Environment (build 1.8.0_92-b14)

Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM (build 25.92-b14, mixed mode)

 \mathbf{I} In the User Variables section, you can also declare the classpath variable.

- The classpath variable will be set to location where your compiled java .class files can be found.
- In the User Variables section, click on new button. A modal dialog appears with the title "New User Variable".
- \checkmark Enter the Variable Name \rightarrow classpath.
- \oint Enter the Variable Value \rightarrow Location where .class files or .jar files are kept.
- Every location entered in the classpath must end with a semicolon;

Compiling & Execution

Once, all your environment variables are set, its time for seeing Java in Action Open a command prompt and change to the directory where you will be creating your Java source code. Eg. cd C:\Java\Tuts

In a text editor like notepad, notepad++, edit plus or some other editor create a java file with the same content as in "First Java Program"

Save the file with a meaningful name like FirstProgram.java

The file name must not contain any spaces or any special symbol other than _ or \$.

 \oint If all goes well then no error is displayed.

 $\stackrel{\bullet}{=}$ Now run your program using java command \rightarrow java FirstProgram

C:\Java\Tuts>java FirstProgram

Error: Could not find or load main class FirstProgram

Execution of Java Program

- Note that the environment variables are not able to find any class with name FirstProgram after compiling file FirstProgram.java using javac
- On browsing the directory you'll see that there is no .class file with name FirstProgram rather there's HelloWorld.class file.
- The HelloWorld.class file is created as the name of the class was HelloWorld and not FirstProgram.
- So javac compiler will create .class files for all the classes declared in the FirstProgram.java file.
- You can run the .class file using java HelloWorld
- $\mathbf{\mathbf{J}} Bingo \rightarrow Welcome to Java$

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Dissecting the main() method

- Every Java application needs a main() method in order to execute it.
- The JVM invokes the main() method that has a fixed signature ie' public static void main and the main method takes an array of Strings.
- main() method is invoked by a special thread called "main thread in Java".
- public. The main() can be called by JVM from anywhere outside the application
- static. The method can be accessed without object instance. static data and method are loaded into a separate memory inside JVM.
- String ... args/String[]args. This is the default argument to the main() method. During execution of a Java program you can pass these arguments with java command. Every argument is separated by a space.

Dissecting the main() method

void. Unlike C/C++, main() method in Java is void. When JVM starts, it will run main() method, but when main() finishes, it doesn't mean that JVM terminates. JVM continues to execute all threads until:

Runtime.exit() is called

All normal (not daemon) threads have died. Daemon threads do not count for this second condition. In other words ... if main() method spawns some normal threads, JVM will not terminate when main() finishes. If main() doesn't spawn any threads, JVM will terminate. If main() spawns only daemon threads, JVM will also terminate when main() finishes.

main(). This is the name of the method. Notice it is in lowercase because Java is case sensitive. So Main() and main() are treated as different methods in Java. These are all valid declarations that serves as entry point to JVM :

public final synchronized strictfp static void main(String[] args)

public synchronized strictfp static void main(String[] args)

public final strictfp static void main(String[] args)

public strictfp static void main(String[] args)

- public static void main(String[] args)
- public static void main(String args[])
- public strictfp static void main(String ... args)

Command line arguments to java

class HelloWorld {

}

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public static void main(String [] a) {
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for(int i=0; i<a.length; i++)</pre>
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Console.writeLine("%s, Welcome to Java!",a[i]);



Online Java IDE & Editors

With the advent of cloud computing, you can also create, store, compile and debug your java programs online using various sites like:

https://www.onlinegdb.com/online_java_compiler

- https://www.compilejava.net/
- Eclipse Che (using Docker). You too can install it on your Linux, OS X and Windows 10 systems.

Java IDE

As you can see that for compiling and executing very simple Java programs you have to set up various environment variables time-to-time so creating Java programs using editors is not very handy.

Also, large projects that comprises of hundreds of .java source files and thousands of classes, things can go out of hand.

In such cases, use of IDE is advisable. There are number of IDE(s) where you can easily create, compile, debug and execute your programs/projects. These IDE(s) also have AI in form of intelli-sense that suggest improvements in code and index classes and libraries for faster access.

Intellij IDEA, eclipse, Netbeans are such IDE(s) which eases Java project development



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