

Introduction

The types in Java can be either value types or reference types.

When dealing with the native types (e.g. int, float, etc) we are dealing with value types. In all other cases we are dealing with reference types.

The Native Data Types

The following table summarize the native data types in Java:

Туре	Values	Number Of Bits	Default Value
boolean	true or false	1	false
byte	integers	8	0
char	unicode values	16	\x0000

The Native Data Types

Туре	Values	Number Of Bits	Default Value
short	integers	16	0
int	integers	32	0
long	integers	64	0
float	real numbers	32	0.0
double	real numbers	64	0.0

Declaring A Variable

Declaring a variable in Java is done by specifying its type followed with its name: type variableName;

The following are examples for various possible declarations:

int number;

int num, sum, total;

Declaring A Variable

We can declare more than one variable in the same line and we can also initialize it with a value.

The following is a small example

int numOfStudents, numOfTeachers=22;

The Identifiers

The identifiers are the names we give to variables, classes and methods.

The identifier can start with the dollar sign (\$), with a unicode letter or the underscore sign ('_').

The identifiers are case sensitive.

The Keywords

The keywords in Java are predefined words that already have a special meaning for the compiler.

Expressions & Operators

Mathematic operators:

 $+, -, *, \setminus, \circ, ++, --, <<, >>, >>, \&, |, ~$

Logical operators:

!, &&, ||, ^

Operators that compare between expressions:

<, <=, ==, !=, >, >=

Simple & Compound statements

- Java allows writing simple statements as well as compound statements (also known as blocks).
- Wherever we can place a simple statement, a compound statement can be placed as well.

Assignment Statements

The assignment statement in Java uses the '=' operator, and it is the same as in many other programming languages. The name of the variable to which we want to assign a value should be placed on the left, and the value should be placed on the right.

Assignment Statements

Java supports short assignment operators, such as the

+=, -=, *=, and /=.

Local Variable Scope

- Local variables are defined inside a method\block.
- Local variables are created when the method\block is executed and destroyed when the method\block ends.
- Local variables must be initialized before they are used. If a local variable isn't initialized a compile time error occurs.

Binary, Octal & Decimal

We can easily express integer numbers using the binary, the octal and hexadecimal numbering systems.

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int numA = Ob10011101; //binary
int numB = 03425; //octal
int numC = 0xE12F; //hexadecimal
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Underscores in Numeric Literals

We can improve the readability of our code by adding underscores in between the digits.

double num = $1_{424}_{234.532}$;

