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Chapter 1

Introduction



- Introduce programming via an abstract scenario.
- Look at what a computer is.
- Look at what a program is and how it is produced.
- Look at the **operating environment** of a program.
- Look at two simple program examples.



Section 2

What is programming?



AIM: To explore what we mean by programming, by using a non-computing analogy.



- An analogy of computer programming:
 - Training a new puppy, Spike, to walk through a maze.
 - He's not clever enough to solve mazes!
 - First train him to obey to simple commands:
 - * "sit", "stand", "walk", "stop", "left", "right".
 - Direct him through maze shouting commands.
 - * Record them on a tiny mp3 player!
 - * One track per route through the maze.
 - Hang mp3 player round his neck with canine headphones.
 - Put him at the start of a route, play the right track and... bingo!
 - He seems so clever!



• You

- created a machine that can follow simple instructions;
- programmed it to solve complex tasks via programs.
- Just like computer programing!
 - Except
 - * you don't design the language,
 - * the machines are already `trained'!



Programming is the process of **design**ing and expressing in an appropriate language, a set of instructions to solve a particular task, that a machine will obey sometime *later*, whenever that task is needed to be done.







Coffee Apart from any previous computer programming expetime: rience you may have, which we are assuming is none, what previous experience of more general programming do you have? That is, in what situations have you done something which will cause some `programmed' things to happen at a later stage?



Section 3

What is a computer?



AIM: To take a brief look at the components of a computer, including **hardware**, **software** and **data**.



- Computers are dumb!
 - They blindly obey simple instructions.
 - * Reliably (usually).
 - But they have no `understanding' of the desired task
 - * they cannot know whether the instructions are correct....
- Sometime:
 - take the lid off your computer and peep inside.



- The physical parts of a computer is called hardware.
- You can see them, touch them.



- The instructions the computer will obey is called **software**.
- You cannot see it, touch it.
- It is stored on **computer media** (e.g. **DVD ROM**) and inside the computer.
 - As numbers.
- Try looking at a DVD ROM with a magnifying glass?



- You cannot see **data** either.
- It too is stored as numbers.
- E.g. digital camera image:
 - you can see the picture *represented* by the data
 - * using an image viewing program.
 - * It interprets the numbers and puts coloured dots on the screen.



- The central processing unit (CPU) is hardware.
 - The component which obeys the instructions
 - * dumbly!



- **CPU** instructions are expressed in **machine code**.
- A low level language.
 - Each instruction gets the CPU to do one simple thing.
 - * E.g. add together two numbers,
 - * send a **byte** to a printer,
 - * etc..



- The computer memory stores data for short term use.
 Including
 - machine code instructions currently being obeyed by CPU,
 - data the computer is currently using (e.g. digital camera image while being viewed).
- It is volatile memory
 - values are forgotten when power is switched off.
- Contents can be accessed and changed in any required order
 - known as random access memory or RAM.

- For long term storage we have **persistent storage** devices.
 - E.g. hard discs, DVD ROMs.
- Pros:
 - Much larger capacity than computer memory.
 - Persistent remember values while power is off.
- Cons:
 - Much slower than computer memory.
 - Not efficient for random access.



Computer basics: hardware: input and output devices

- Keyboards and mice are examples of **input device**s.
- Displays and printers are examples of **output device**s.



What is a computer?



- An operating system
 - software for making the computer generally usable.
 - E.g. Microsoft Windows, Mac OS X and Linux.
 - Mac OS X and Linux are implementations of Unix.

Computer basics: software: application program

- An application program software for a particular task or application.
 - E.g. Microsoft Word.



CoffeeIs an image editing program part of the **operating system**time:or an application program? What about a web browser?



- Stored data on persistent storage is organized into files.
- These have a name to distinguish them from each other.
 - E.g. jpeg image stored in my-mum.jpg.
- Contents read/written via **operating system**.



- A text file contains data stored as human readable characters.
 - E.g. README.txt that sometimes comes with software.
 - E.g. Source text for a document to be processed by the MEX document processing system (like this one!).
 - E.g. computer program **source code** files.



- A binary file contains data stored as binary (base 2) numbers.
- It is not human readable.
 - E.g. digital camera image stored as jpeg.
 - * Look at it directly (not via an image viewer) and it looks like nonsense!
 - E.g. machine code instructions of a program.



Section 4

What is a program?



AIM: To look at what we mean by a computer program, particularly in Java, and how it is produced and processed.



• Simple view:

- It comes on a DVD ROM.
- Install it on your computer.
- Then **run** or **execute** it.
 - * It does something
 - * and finally ends.
- You can run it again and again.
- But first, a programmer must write the program
 - in a programming language, e.g. Java!
- S/he creates text expressing the program's meaning.
 - Stored in one or more text files source code files.



- A text editor allows us to type and edit text files.
 - E.g. notepad on Microsoft Windows,
 - but not Microsoft Word that is a word processor.
- Text editor might be built in to an integrated development environment,
 - or be stand alone:
 - * dozens of text editors suitable for Java programming.



- The **source code** contains instructions the programmer wants the computer to obey.
 - Essentially a sequence.
- These files are processed by another program a **compiler**.
 - checks source code satisfies rules of the programming language.
 - produces version of program runnable by the computer.



- Typically the **compile**d form is expressed in **machine code**.
 - the low level language for the CPU to execute directly.
- Modern programming languages are **high level language**s
 - each source program instruction is compiled (translated) into many machine code instructions.



- Different kinds of processors have different machine code languages.
 - E.g. a SUN UltraSPARC CPU cannot run code compiled for Intel X86.
 - A portability problem.
- Java gets around this using **byte code**
 - a CPU independent low level language.
- The compiler creates a byte code version from the Java source.
- This is run by another program an **interpreter** or **virtual machine**.
 - It pretends to be a CPU with byte code as its `machine code' language.
- Interpreter is compiled for each kind of processor
 - every compiled Java program can be run everywhere!



What is a program?



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Section 5

Operating environment



AIM: To explore the relationship between a program and the **operating system** it is **run** on. We see that programs are commands, with **command line argument**s, and meet **standard output**.

Operating environment: programs are commands

- When a program is **execute**d, its name is passed to the **operating system**
 - finds and loads that file
 - starts the program.
- May not be obvious with programs started from a menu or browser interface.



• E.g. on Microsoft Windows, running date in a **Command Prompt** window.

🔤 Command Prompt		- 🗆 ×
C:\>date The current date is: 01/07/2019 Enter the new date: (dd-mm-yy)		
C:\>_		•

- User has typed the command name date after the prompt.
- Windows then
 - finds the date program (actually date.exe)
 - loads it
 - runs it.



- The book uses a Unix (Linux) environment to run programs.
- It doesn't matter programming concepts are independent of the operating environment.
- E.g. a similar program called date run in the Unix shell.

Console Input / Output	
\$ date	
Mon Jul 1 19:12:00 BST 2019	
\$	Run

- Note:
 - assume prompt is a simple dollar (\$)
 - what the user types is shown in **bold face**.



- Program **run**s can produce text results on their **standard output**.
- When run from **Command Prompt** or Unix **shell**:
 - output typically appears in that window.
- If run in some integrated development environment, browser, or menu:
 - output might appear in some pop-up box,
 - or special console window,
 - etc..



- Unix date program prints current date and time on its standard output.
- Various command line arguments can be used to alter its result.
- E.g. Make it print just date in day/month/year format or get output in custom form with our own words.



- If using Unix
 - find out more about date via man date.

Run



- Command line arguments are not specific to Unix.
 - E.g. Windows date with /t tells it not to prompt for new date.

🔤 Command Prompt		- 🗆 🗙
C:\>date /t 01/07/2019		
C:\>_		
		-

Separating environment: command line arguments

• Programs can be, and often are, given **command line argument**s to vary their behaviour.



- What happens when a user clicks on an icon representing a **text file** called MyText.txt in Windows?
 - A command line is created, consisting of (probably): notepad "MyText.txt"
 - This command line is then executed.
 - notepad knows which file to open from its argument.
- Verify this: look at File Types settings, via Folder options... on the Tools menu.



Section 6

Example: Our first Java program



AIM: To show the mechanics of processing a finished Java source program so that it can be **run**, through to actually running it.



- Our first example prints Hello world! on the standard output.
- Here is its **source code**.
 - Note: line numbers are not part of the **file**!



	Coffee	We shall study this source code in detail in the next chap-
	time:	ter, however for now you should try and guess which line
		of code is the instruction that makes the message appear
		on the standard output.
001: publ	ic class He	elloWorld
002: {		
003: pu	blic statio	void main(String[] args)
004: {		
005:	System.out	.println("Hello world!");
006: }		
007: }		



- Source code is typed by programmer and saved in file HelloWorld. java.
- The book presents programs as though a stand alone text editor is being used
 - because the author believes that is best environment to get good grasp of things.
- We make the **compiler** process the saved file.
 - so is ready for **interpreter** to run it.



- Java compiler is called javac.
- To compile program saved in HelloWorld.java we run

javac HelloWorld.java

- This produces byte code version in file HelloWorld.class
 - a binary file not human readable.



- The interpreter is called java.
- It runs the program named as its **command line argument**.
- To run HelloWorld program we type

java HelloWorld

- The CPU runs the interpreter or virtual machine java.
- java **executes** the **byte code** program named as its first argument.
- Note: suffix . java
 - needed when compiling program,
 - not when **run**ning it.
- java finds byte code for HelloWorld in file HelloWorld.class
 - must have been previously produced by **compiler**.



- Assume prompt from Unix **shell** is single \$ followed by space.
- 1s command with -1 command line argument shows when a file was modified.

Console Input / Output	
\$ ls -l HelloWorld.java	
-rw 1 jtl jtl 117 Jul 01 19:12 HelloWorld.java	
\$	Run



\$

• We **compile** the program.

Console Input / Output

\$ javac HelloWorld.java

• Now have extra file.

ſ	Console Input / Output	
	\$ ls -1 HelloWorld.*	
	-rw 1 jtl jtl 426 Jul 01 19:12 HelloWorld.class	
	-rw 1 jtl jtl 117 Jul 01 19:12 HelloWorld.java	ſ
	\$	Rui
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Run



• Whenever run we see result on standard output.

Console Input / Output	
\$ java HelloWorld	
Hello world!	
\$	Run



📧 Command Prompt

```
D:\JJIT\Example 1.6>dir HelloWorld.java
 Volume in drive D is DATA
 Volume Serial Number is 5C90-0C33
 Directory of D:\JJIT\Example 1.6
               12
1 File(s)
01/07/2019 19:12
                                125 HelloWorld.java
                                     125 bytes
               0 Dirs(s) 8,389,459,968 bytes free
D:\JJIT\Example 1.6>javac HelloWorld.java
D:\JJIT\Example 1.6>dir HelloWorld.*
 Volume in drive D is DATA
 Volume Serial Number is 5C90-0C33
 Directory of D:\JJIT\Example 1.6
01/07/2019 19:12
                                125 HelloWorld.java
01/07/2019 19:12
                                 426 HelloWorld.class
               2 File(s) 551 bytes
0 Dirs(s) 8,389,459,968 bytes free
D:\JJIT\Example 1.6>java HelloWorld
Hello World!
D:\JJIT\Example 1.6>
```

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Using an integrated development environment



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- If you use an integrated development environment
 - important to realize that beneath the convenience it is actually running javac and java.
 - The book keeps the fundamental steps of invoking them exposed.



(Summary only)

To compile and run the Helloworld program.



Section 7

Example: Our second Java program



AIM: To reinforce the process of the **compile** and **run** cycle of a Java program.



- Our second example says hello to all nine planets!
 - (Or goodbye....)



001: p	ublic class HelloSolarSystem
002: {	
003:	<pre>public static void main(String[] args)</pre>
004:	{
005:	<pre>System.out.println("Hello Mercury!");</pre>
006:	<pre>System.out.println("Hello Venus!");</pre>
007:	<pre>System.out.println("Hello Earth!");</pre>
008:	<pre>System.out.println("Hello Mars!");</pre>
009:	<pre>System.out.println("Hello Jupiter!");</pre>
010:	<pre>System.out.println("Hello Saturn!");</pre>
011:	<pre>System.out.println("Hello Uranus!");</pre>
012:	<pre>System.out.println("Hello Neptune!");</pre>
013:	<pre>System.out.println("Goodbye Pluto!");</pre>
014:	}
015: }	



Console Input / Output		
\$ ls -l HelloSolarSystem.java		
-rw 1 jtl jtl 452 Jul 01 19:12 HelloSolarSystem.java		
<pre>\$ javac HelloSolarSystem.java</pre>		
\$ ls -1 HelloSolarSystem.*		
-rw 1 jtl jtl 687 Jul 01 19:12 HelloSolarSystem.class		
-rw 1 jtl jtl 452 Jul 01 19:12 HelloSolarSystem.java		
\$ java HelloSolarSystem		
Hello Mercury!		
Hello Venus!		
Hello Earth!		
Hello Mars!		
Hello Jupiter!		
Hello Saturn!		
Hello Uranus!		
Hello Neptune!		
Goodbye Pluto!		
\$		

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Run



(Summary only)

To compile and run the HelloSolarSystem program.



- Each book chapter ends with a list of concepts covered in it.
- Each concept has with it
 - a self-test question,
 - and a page reference to where it was covered.
- Please use these to check your understanding before we start the next chapter.