

Topic Notes: Java You Know

We begin by reminding you about the Java and general programming concepts and constructs you already know.

Java/Programming Basics

By now, these topics should be second nature.

- sequential execution
 - variables and primitive data types
 - evaluation of arithmetic and boolean expressions
 - basic `String` manipulations (*e.g.*, `length`, `concatenation`, `substring`, `split`, `charAt`, `toLowerCase`, `toUpperCase`, `startsWith`, `trim`)
 - basic type conversions (`DecimalFormat`, `Integer.parseInt()`, `Double.parseDouble()`)
 - `equals` vs. `==`
 - conditional execution (`if`, `if .. else`)
 - repetition (`while`, `for`, `do .. while`)
 - methods, both writing and calling, including parameter passing and returning values
 - keyboard/terminal I/O (`java.util.Scanners` on `System.in`, `System.out`)
 - basic file I/O (`java.util.Scanners` on a `java.io.File`, `java.io.PrintWriters`)
 - random number generation (`java.util.Random` class)
 - arrays
 - basics of defining classes (instance variables, constructors, methods)
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Intermediate Java/Programming

Things you likely learned late in your introductory Java course or in data structures. Maybe you missed or have forgotten a few.

- two-dimensional arrays
 - Javadoc
 - `static` (variables, methods)
 - overriding `equals`, `toString` methods
 - `switch` statements
 - enhanced `for` loop
 - interfaces
 - API examples: `java.util.Iterator`, `Iterable`, `Comparable`
 - exceptions (`try .. catch`, `throw`, `throws`)
 - recursion
 - complexity (Big O basics)
 - timing (`System.currentTimeMillis`, `System.nanoTime`)
 - `StringBuffer` and `StringBuilder`
 - ternary operator
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Fundamental Data Structures and Related Topics

The core data structures material you know and love.

- wrapper classes, autoboxing, autounboxing
- lists
 - array-based (`java.util.ArrayList`)
 - singly-linked, doubly-linked (`java.util.LinkedList`), circular
- generic structures/type parameters
- linear structures: stacks, queues, deques
- restricted data structures and why they are beneficial
- ordered structures
 - linear vs. binary search
- maps/dictionaries

- binary trees
 - binary search trees
 - balanced BSTs (`java.util.TreeMap`)
 - heaps
 - priority queues (`java.util.PriorityQueue`)
 - hashing
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Java API

Some of these you might know, others you might not, but they do things you are well aware of.

- `String` (it probably does more than you think)
- `java.util.Arrays`
- `java.util.HashMap`