

Lecture 2-1:

## Basic Program Elements

### Basic Program Elements: lecture outline



- Binary representation
- Variables
- Data types
  - Numbers
  - Characters
- Constants
- Assignment
- Arithmetic operators and expressions
- Casting
- Input / Output
- Program readability
- Identifiers.

## Binary Representation (first approximation)

Example: 8-bit memory

- Digital devices and networks are built to handle two values only:  
We call these values 0 and 1
- Fortunately, practically anything can be represented by 0's and 1's:
  - Integers: 1 can be represented by 00000001, 2 by 00000010, etc.
  - Characters: 'A' can be represented by 00100001, 'B' by 00100010, etc.
  - Images: can be represented by bitmap / vector graphics
  - More: music, video, smell, ... almost anything can be digitized
- The number of bits used in the representation determines how many different values can be represented:
  - 1 bit can represent 2 values: 0, 1
  - 2 bits can represent 4 values: 00, 01, 10, 11
  - 8 bits (a *byte*) can represent 256 values: 00000000, ..., 11111111
  - 32 bits can represent more than 4,000,000,000 values
  - 64 bits can represent a lot more values

0	10011100
1	00101000
2	11010100
3	00000011
4	10010010
...	11011011

In the most part, we don't have to worry about binary numbers. Why?

- Because high level programming languages like Java are designed to abstract the low level complexity away from the programmer
- An important abstraction: the high-level concept of a variable.

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## Variables

```
public class variableDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int x = 1;        // state 0  
        x = 25;           // state 1  
        x = x + 1;        // state 2  
        int y = x - 5;    // state 3  
    }  
}
```

Variable abstraction:

A named and typed container

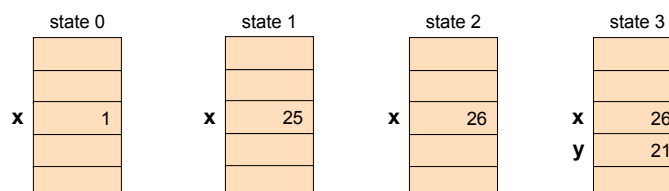
Variable implementation:

A memory location associated with the variable name and type

Variable declaration:

Initializes the memory allocation, name, type, and (optionally) a value.

Memory states:

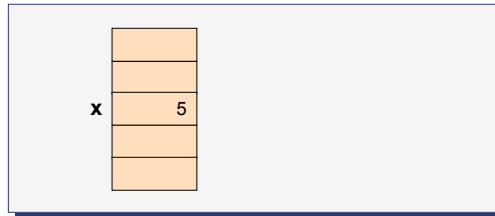


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## Variables (behind the scene)

### Abstraction (high level)



None of this should interest the high-level programmer

### Implementation (low level, on a 32-bit memory)

Main memory	
20578925	10110110110100110011011111010011
20578926	00110111110100110011011111010011
20578927	0000000000000000000000000000101
20578928	00110111110100110011011111010011
20578929	1111011111010011011011000010011

(Memory addresses are an arbitrary example)

#### Behind the scene housekeeping

- The compiler maintains a *symbol table*
- Symbol table:  
variable x is mapped on address 20578927
- Whenever the program assigns a new value to x:
  1. Look up x's address in the symbol table
  2. Update the contents of this address

In languages that employ a *virtual machine*, like Java, the VM adds another layer of abstraction and housekeeping.  
More about this, later.

## Variable declaration

### Syntax:

```
type variableName;
```

```
type variableName1, variableName1 ... ;
```

```
type variableName1 = expression;
```

### Examples:

```
int weight;
```

```
char c1, c2, s;
```

```
String city = "LA"
```

- Variables are declared as needed, by the programmer
- Each variable is declared to hold values of a certain *type*
- Variables can be declared anywhere in the program, according to the program's needs
- Local variables are not initialized unless you initialize them.

## The assignment operation

Syntax:

```
variableName = expression;
```

Examples:

```
int a = 5, b = 9, c, d, f, celsius;
c = -3;
a = b;
d = b * b - 4 * a * c;
f = scan.nextInt();
celsius = (f - 32) * 5 / 9
// Side comment: f looks like a badly chosen variable name
```

Assignment anatomy:

- First, the expression on the right hand side is evaluated
- The resulting value is then assigned to the variable on the left hand side, overwriting its current value

Don't get confused:

The assignment operator "=" has nothing to do with algebra's operator "="

## Types (so far)

Type = a set of values and operations that can be performed on them

Types fall into two categories:

- Primitive types (fixed, part of the language)
- Class types (extensible, defined by programmers)

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Examples:

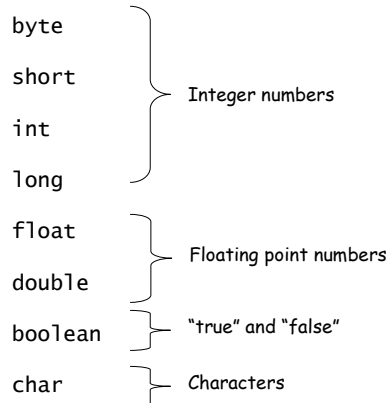
- The primitive type `short` is the set of values `-32768 ... 32767` and arithmetic operations like `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`
- The class type `Turtle` is the set of all possible `Turtle` objects; each object is characterized by a screen coordinates and a direction and operations like `hide()`, `show()`, `moveForward()`, ...

(comment: that's *our* notion of turtles!)

- Primitive types are documented in the language specification
- Class types are documented by their respective class API's

## Primitive types

Java features 8 primitive types:



- Primitive types are *abstractions*, provided by the Java language and compiler
- At the low-level implementation, all data values, irrespective of type, are represented in computer memory by bits
- High-level languages hide this low-level complexity and allow the programmer to perform type-oriented operations on data values, according to their type.

## Integer types

Type	Bits	Value Range
<code>byte</code>	8	-128 ... 127
<code>short</code>	16	-32768 ... 32767
<code>int</code>	32	-2,147,483,648 ... 2,147,483,647
<code>long</code>	64	< $-9 \times 10^{18}$ ... > $9 \times 10^{18}$

- The four integer types differ in the amount of memory allocated to store their data values, and in the resulting data range
- Why not define all integers as `long`?
  - To promote storage and processing efficiency (occasionally not important)
  - To make programs more readable (always critically important)

## Floating Point types

Type	Bits	Range	Precision (significant digits)
float	32	-3.4 x 10 <sup>38</sup> ... 3.4 x 10 <sup>38</sup>	7
double	64	-1.7 x 10 <sup>308</sup> ... 1.7 x 10 <sup>308</sup>	15

Example (thx to Josh Bloch):

```
System.out.println(1.03 - 0.42);  
// will print 0.6100000000000001;  
System.out.println(1.00 - 9 * .10);  
// will print 0.09999999999999998;
```

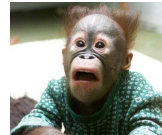
The floating point method uses a binary representation.

It cannot represent 1/10 accurately.

Best practice advice:

- Use double instead of float.  
The precision gain outweighs the performance loss, which is negligible
- For most scientific / engineering calculations, double is sufficiently accurate
- For code that deals with money, use int, long, or BigDecimal.

What's going on?

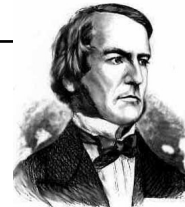


## Boolean

The boolean type consists of the two values true, false and operations ! (not), && (and), || (or)

Examples:

```
boolean lightOn = false, roomIsEmpty = false;  
...  
lightOn = true; // Turn the lights on  
...  
lightOn = !(lightOn); // Switch the current light state to the other  
...  
if (roomIsEmpty && lightOn)  
    System.out.println("There is an empty room with the lights on");  
...  
if (roomIsEmpty)  
    lightOn = false; // Turn the light off  
...
```



George Boole  
(1815-1864)

Inventor of a 2-valued arithmetic now called "Boolean logic"

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## Characters

### Characters

- Characters = symbols that can be printed on output devices (printer, screen, ...)
  - Control characters (unprintable) = symbols that are used to control output devices
- Every one of these symbols is represented internally by an agreed-upon numeric code
- Character set = an ordered mapping between characters and their numeric codes

### ASCII (late 1960's)

- An agreed-upon computing industry standard character set, based on a 7-bit coding scheme, giving a total of 128 possible codes
- For example: 'a' is represented by 97, 'b' by 98, 'c' by 99, ...
  - 'A' by 65, 'B' by 66, 'C' by 67, ...
  - '0' by 48, '1' by 49, '2' by 50, ...
  - ';' by 59, '<' by 60, and so on (see next slide)
- Problem: 128 codes are not enough for representing the characters of the different languages of the world

### UNICODE (late 1980's):

- An agreed-upon 16-bit character set standard, representing more than 100,000 different characters.

## ASCII table

Dec	Hx	Oct	Char	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Hx	Oct	Html	Chr
0	0	000	<b>NUL</b> (null)	32	20	040	&#32;	Space	64	40	100	&#64;	@	96	60	140	&#96;	`
1	1	001	<b>SOH</b> (start of heading)	33	21	041	&#33;	!	65	41	101	&#65;	A	97	61	141	&#97;	a
2	2	002	<b>STX</b> (start of text)	34	22	042	&#34;	"	66	42	102	&#66;	B	98	62	142	&#98;	b
3	3	003	<b>ETX</b> (end of text)	35	23	043	&#35;	#	67	43	103	&#67;	C	99	63	143	&#99;	c
4	4	004	<b>EOF</b> (end of transmission)	36	24	044	&#36;	\$	68	44	104	&#68;	D	100	64	144	&#100;	d
5	5	005	<b>ENQ</b> (enquiry)	37	25	045	&#37;	%	69	45	105	&#69;	E	101	65	145	&#101;	e
6	6	006	<b>ACK</b> (acknowledge)	38	26	046	&#38;	&	70	46	106	&#70;	F	102	66	146	&#102;	f
7	7	007	<b>BEL</b> (bell)	39	27	047	&#39;	'	71	47	107	&#71;	G	103	67	147	&#103;	g
8	8	010	<b>BS</b> (backspace)	40	28	050	&#40;	(	72	48	110	&#72;	H	104	68	150	&#104;	h
9	9	011	<b>TAB</b> (horizontal tab)	41	29	051	&#41;	)	73	49	111	&#73;	I	105	69	151	&#105;	i
10	A	012	<b>LF</b> (NL line feed, new line)	42	2A	052	&#42;	*	74	4A	112	&#74;	J	106	70	152	&#106;	j
11	B	013	<b>VT</b> (vertical tab)	43	2B	053	&#43;	+	75	4B	113	&#75;	K	107	71	153	&#107;	k
12	C	014	<b>FF</b> (NP form feed, new page)	44	2C	054	&#44;	,	76	4C	114	&#76;	L	108	72	154	&#108;	l
13	D	015	<b>CR</b> (carriage return)	45	2D	055	&#45;	-	77	4D	115	&#77;	M	109	73	155	&#109;	m
14	E	016	<b>SO</b> (shift out)	46	2E	056	&#46;	.	78	4E	116	&#78;	N	110	74	156	&#110;	n
15	F	017	<b>SI</b> (shift in)	47	2F	057	&#47;	/	79	4F	117	&#79;	O	111	75	157	&#111;	o
16	10	020	<b>DLE</b> (data link escape)	48	30	060	&#48;	0	80	50	120	&#80;	P	112	76	160	&#112;	p
17	11	021	<b>DC1</b> (device control 1)	49	31	061	&#49;	1	81	51	121	&#81;	Q	113	77	161	&#113;	q
18	12	022	<b>DC2</b> (device control 2)	50	32	062	&#50;	2	82	52	122	&#82;	R	114	78	162	&#114;	r
19	13	023	<b>DC3</b> (device control 3)	51	33	063	&#51;	3	83	53	123	&#83;	S	115	79	163	&#115;	s
20	14	024	<b>DC4</b> (device control 4)	52	34	064	&#52;	4	84	54	124	&#84;	T	116	80	164	&#116;	t
21	15	025	<b>NAK</b> (negative acknowledge)	53	35	065	&#53;	5	85	55	125	&#85;	U	117	81	165	&#117;	u
22	16	026	<b>SYN</b> (synchronous idle)	54	36	066	&#54;	6	86	56	126	&#86;	V	118	82	166	&#118;	v
23	17	027	<b>ETB</b> (end of trans. block)	55	37	067	&#55;	7	87	57	127	&#87;	W	119	83	167	&#119;	w
24	18	030	<b>CAN</b> (cancel)	56	38	070	&#56;	8	88	58	130	&#88;	X	120	84	170	&#120;	x
25	19	031	<b>EM</b> (end of medium)	57	39	071	&#57;	9	89	59	131	&#89;	Y	121	85	171	&#121;	y
26	1A	032	<b>SUB</b> (substitute)	58	3A	072	&#58;	:	90	5A	132	&#90;	Z	122	86	172	&#122;	z
27	1B	033	<b>ESC</b> (escape)	59	3B	073	&#59;	;	91	5B	133	&#91;	[	123	87	173	&#123;	{
28	1C	034	<b>FS</b> (file separator)	60	3C	074	&#60;	<	92	5C	134	&#92;	\	124	88	174	&#124;	
29	1D	035	<b>GS</b> (group separator)	61	3D	075	&#61;	=	93	5D	135	&#93;	]	125	89	175	&#125;	}
30	1E	036	<b>RS</b> (record separator)	62	3E	076	&#62;	>	94	5E	136	&#94;	^	126	90	176	&#126;	~
31	1F	037	<b>US</b> (unit separator)	63	3F	077	&#63;	?	95	5F	137	&#95;	_	127	91	177	&#127;	DEL

- The first 31 codes represent control characters

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## The char type

- A char variable represents a single Unicode value
- char values are implemented (stored in memory) as 16-bit numbers
- When a Java statement instructs to display a char value, the screen driver, which is part of the OS, uses the default font to create a pattern of pixels which is then rendered on the screen
- When a Java statement instructs to display a numeric value (e.g. an int variable), the OS parses the value and displays each digit character separately.

Example:

```
char grade = 'A';
int k = 65;
System.out.println(grade);
System.out.println(k);
```

Memory:

...	
65	grade
65	k
...	



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## Control characters (aka "escape sequences")

Desired output:



Won't work:

```
System.out.println("I don't like the word \"no\"")
```

Will work:

```
System.out.println("I don\\'t like\\nthe word \\\"no\\\"")
```

<u>Escape Sequence</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
<code>\\b</code>	backspace
<code>\\t</code>	tab
<code>\\n</code>	newline
<code>\\r</code>	carriage return
<code>\\"</code>	double quote
<code>\\'</code>	single quote
<code>\\\\</code>	backslash
A few more ...	

In Java, control characters are called *escape sequences*, beginning with a backslash (`\\`):

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## Constants

A variable declaration can include the prefix `final`

This means that the variable value is set once and can never change thereafter

```
final double PI = 3.14159;  
final int LONDON_OLYMPICS_YEAR = 2012;  
final boolean SUMMER_SAVINGS_TIME = true;  
final double G = 6.67428e-11;
```

### Advantages:

- Readability
- Consistency
- Error minimization
- Efficiency in code development and maintenance.

## Arithmetic operators

An operator is a mapping that maps one or more operands onto a single value:

```
a + b    // adds a and b  
a - b    // subtracts b from a  
a * b    // multiplies a and b  
a / b    // divides a by b  
a % b    // the remainder of dividing a by b  
-a       // The negative value of a
```

The types of the operands determine the type of the resulting expression  
(the compiler takes care of this)

For example: if either operand is a `double`, the expression type will also be `double`.

## Integer division

When two integers (byte, short, int, long) are divided, the result is truncated into an integer

Example:

```
double x = 5.0;
int n = 5;
System.out.println(x / 2);    // 2.5
System.out.println(n / 2);    // 2
```

## Arithmetic expressions

Arithmetic expression is something that evaluates to a numeric value.

```
int a, b, q, a, y, z;
double PI, r, weight;
. . .
// Examples of arithmetic expressions:
17
b
weight * 2.73
2 * PI * r
a - (7 - b)
1 + 2 + 3 + 4
(x + y) * ((2 - z + (5 - q)) * -(1 - x)) / Math.sqrt(z)
```

Arithmetic expressions can be as complex as needed.

## Operator precedence

```
10 - 7 - 1      // 2
10 - (7 - 1)    // 4
1 + 2 * 3       // 7
(1 + 2) * 3     // 9
x = 1 - 2 * 3 + 4 * 5 // 15
y = 10 % 3 + 5 * -2 // -9
fahrenheit = 9 / 5 * celsius + 32
```

- Order of evaluation:

Precedence level 1: unary +, unary -

Precedence level 2: \* / %

Precedence level 3: + - , and + (string concatenation)

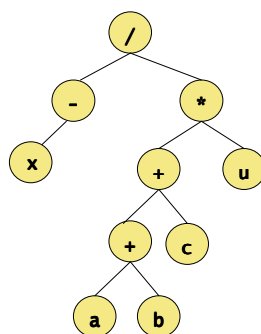
Precedence level 4: = (assignment)

- Operators with the same precedence are evaluated left to right

- Parenthesis are used to force a desired order of evaluation.

## Expression trees

$-x / (a + b + c) * u$



- The evaluation of any given expression can be viewed as an *expression tree*

- The operators lower in the tree have higher precedence and are evaluated first.

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## Data type conversion

- We often have to deal with an expression that is composed from values that have different data types:

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```
final double PI = 3.14159;
int radius = 5;

double area = PI * radius * radius;
System.out.println("Area is: " + area);

int areaInt = (int) (PI * radius * radius);
System.out.println("Area (truncated) is: " + areaInt);
```

Output:

```
Area is: 78.53975
Area (truncated) is: 78
```

- Expressions are allowed to contain mixed types.  
This means that, occasionally, types must be converted from one to another
- In some cases, the conversion is done implicitly, by Java, based on the context of the underlying operation
- In other cases, the programmer has to convert the data type explicitly. This is called casting.

## Another casting example

```
char c = 'G';  
System.out.println(c);  
System.out.println((int) c);  
System.out.println(c + 1);
```

Output:

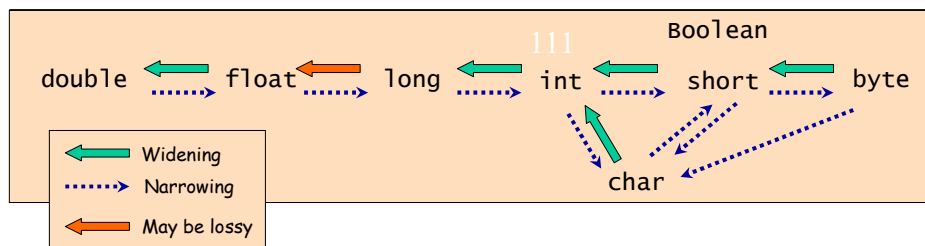
```
G  
71  
72
```

### Important:

Casting operations don't change the type of the variable

Rather, they change the type of its computed *value*.

## Data conversion



Widening: Values can be converted to a wider type in three ways :

(in the examples below assume that all variables are `int`, unless said otherwise)

- Arithmetic promotion: `9.0/5.0 * celsius + 32`
- Assignment conversion: `float rate = n + 1` (also occurs in parameter passing)
- Casting: `System.out.println( (double) (x / y) )`

Widening is safe: there is no loss of data

Narrowing: Values can be converted to a narrower type in one way only:

- Casting: `nStudentsNextYear = (int) nStudentsThisYear * 1.1`

Narrowing is lossy and should be used with care.

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## Two basic forms of user interaction

### Console-based textual user interface

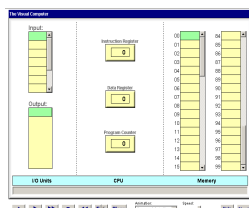
- ❑ Output: the programs displays characters on the screen
- ❑ Input: user types characters on the keyboard

```
Enter your name: John Brown
Enter your age: 23
Enter your GPA: 3.75
Your name is John Brown.
You are 23 years old
and your GPA is 3.75
```

Done using Java classes  
designed to read and  
write textual data

### Graphical User Interface ("GUI")

Windows, buttons, mouse, etc.



Done using Java classes  
designed to manage  
graphical components

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## Getting input values using the `Scanner` class

The Java class library includes a class called `Scanner`

This class features various methods for parsing and scanning a stream of characters

The characters stream comes from a certain source: keyboard, file, modem, ...

In Java, the "standard input stream" is represented by `System.in`

To read data from the keyboard, we construct a `Scanner` object and initialize it to read data from `System.in`:

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class IODemo {
    public static void main (String[] args) {

        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        ...
    }
}
```

This code creates a new `Scanner` object, which we call `scan`, through which we can now invoke various methods that get input values from the keyboard.

## Getting input values using the `Scanner` class

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class VarDemo {
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter your name: ");
        String name = scan.nextLine();

        System.out.print("Enter your age: ");
        int age = scan.nextInt();
        System.out.print("Enter your GPA: ");
        double gpa = scan.nextDouble();
        System.out.println("Your name is " + name + ". You are " + age
            + " years old and your GPA is " + gpa);
    }
}
```

### Scanner API (partial):

- `String nextLine()` returns all the characters till the end of the line
- `int nextInt()` returns the next token, as an integer
- Other `Scanner` methods are designed to return other types

`Scanner` is an example of a "singleton class"

### Output:

```
Enter your name: John Van Leer
Enter your age: 23
Enter your GPA: 3.75
Your name is John Van Leer. You are 23 years old and your GPA is 3.75
```



## Displaying outputs using `print` and `println`

```
System.out.println("opportunity favors the prepared")
```



### Three popular printing methods:

- `println(x)`: prints the value of `x` and advances to the next line
- `Print(x)`: prints the value of `x`
- `Printf(displayFormat, x)`: prints the value of `x` according to some display format.

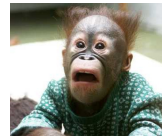
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## The importance of program readability

```
class A {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
        Scanner g = new Scanner(System.in);  
        double u, v = 0; g5 = 0;  
  
        while(true) {  
            System.out.print("Enter a number:");  
            u = g.nextInt();  
            v = v + u ;  
            g5 = g5 + 1;  
        }  
        System.out.println(v / g5);  
    }  
}
```

Huh?



## The importance of program readability

```
class Average {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);  
        double x, sum = 0; count = 0;  
  
        while(true) {  
            System.out.println("Enter a number:");  
            x = scan.nextIn();  
            sum = sum + x ;  
            count = count + 1;  
        }  
        System.out.println(sum / count);  
    }  
}
```

Got it!



Choosing good identifiers is critically important for program's readability.

Best practice advice: don't use "mispar", "cadur", etc. Use English words.

## Identifiers

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- Identifiers = labels that the programmer chooses for naming her classes, methods, and variables
- The identifier can be made up of any length of
  - letters
  - digits
  - underscore character (`_`)
  - dollar sign (`$`)

But it cannot begin with a digit

- Java is *case sensitive*: `Count` and `count` are completely different identifiers
- The identifiers that occur in Java programs come from two sources:
  - Chosen by you:  
`x`, `y`, `sum`, `transfer`, `BankAccount`, ...
  - Chosen by other programmers whose classes we use:  
`in`, `out`, `String`, `nextInt`, `StringTokenizer`, `NullPointerException` ...

Best practice advice: different organizations have different variable naming conventions. Read the organization's *Programming Style Guidelines*.



ERROR: undefined  
OFFENDING COMMAND:  
  
STACK: