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CT2106 Object Oriented Programming



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Overview

How Java Works? Different types of languages Compilation Interpretation



Machine Code



ba	0c	01			
b4	09				
cd	21				
b8	00	4c			
cd	21				
48	65	6c	6c	6f	2c
20	57	6f	72	6c	64
21	0d	0a	24		



Assembly

mov dx, 010ch	
mov ah, 09	
int 21h	
mov ax, 4c00h	
int 21h	
db 'Hello, World!	', '\$'





Java

public class Greeting

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public Greeting()
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System.out.println("Hello World");

public static void main(String[] args)

new Greeting();

Assembly

Mov dx, 010ch mov ah, 09 int 21h mov ax, 4c00h int 21h db 'Hello, World!', '\$' OLLSCOIL' UNIVERSIT

С

1	<pre>#include <stdio.h></stdio.h></pre>
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3 -	<pre>int main() {</pre>
4 -	<pre>/* my first program in C */</pre>
5	
6	<pre>char hello[] = "Hello, World! \n";</pre>
7	
8	<pre>printf(hello);</pre>
9	
10	return 0;
11	}

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High-level vs Low-level

- Both Java and C are high-level languages and assembly is a low-level language
- What does that mean?



High Level Language

'High level' is a *relative* term - the level of abstraction above a **low level language** A **low level language** has little or no abstraction over the machine code of a particular processor.





High-level vs Low-level Language



High Level vs Low level Language



High Level Programming Languages

- Easier to program in a high-level language
- Syntax can be understood by people
- Program takes less time to write, shorter and easier to read, more likely to be correct.
- Portable they can be run on different kinds of computers



Translating your code so that it runs

 Unless you are writing machine code (!) – your code has to be translated into machine code to run on your computer



Two Types of Translation

Compilation

Interpretation



C is a compiled language

• A compiler is a program that takes human readable source code and translates it **in one go** into machine code using a Compiler





Compilation

- A compiler translates source code in one go into machine code for a particular machine
- However, the machine code generated is not portable
- You have to compile the code again if you want it to run on a different type of machine.
- However, the generated code typically executes very efficiently



Interpretation

- The second type of translation approach
- Code is **translated on-the-fly at runtime** into commands that can be executed on the machine.





Compilation vs Interpretation

Compilation

- A compiler translates source code in one go into machine code before the programme is run
- Typically, translating to native machine code means very efficient run-time speed
- For big projects, compile time can be slow

Interpretation

- Code read and executed by another program (the interpreter) when the program is run
- This makes the code **portable** (as long as there is an interpreter)
- Typically, slower to run as each statement has to be interpreted into machine code **on-the-fly**
- Greater chance of run-time errors



Translating Java Code

It is important to understand how and why Java does this differently



Machine code

Java's Design Goals include:

- **Portability** (typically interpreted languages)
- High Performance (typically compiled languages)
- How does Java achieve both?



Java Translation

Java is typically both *compiled* and *interpreted*.

- 1. Java is **compiled** to *Byte Code an intermediate language* which is portable
- 2. Then a Java interpreter reads and executes the Byte Code



Java Architecture



Java Virtual Machine (JVM)

- JVM is a piece of software not hardware
- A virtual computer on which Java byte code is executed
- Oracle provide a JVM abstract specification and a concrete implementation for each operating system type (e.g. Windows, OSX, Linux)
- There are multiple other specialised JVMs that all run
- See: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Java_virtual_machines#ActiveJava



Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

• JRE containts the JVM and all libraries required to run the Java Program





What happens when you compile code?

- Open BlueJ
- Compile an existing or new project
- Go to your Project Folder
- You will see 5 files

Name	Date modified	Туре	Size	
GreetingAll.class	19/09/2018 11:45	CLASS File	1 KB	
GreetingAll.ctxt	19/09/2018 11:45	CTXT File	1 KB	
🔤 GreetingAll.java	13/09/2018 09:50	Java Source File	1 KB	
🧆 package.bluej	19/09/2018 11:45	BlueJ Project File	1 KB	
README.TXT	10/09/2018 17:04	Text Document	1 KB	



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Summary of How Java Works

- Java is a high-level language.
- Its source code is compiled to intermediate level bytecode
- Bytecode is executed on the Java Virtual Machine



Learning exercise

In Blue J:

Create a Bicycle class and a Car class

Each Bicycle object should its own speed and gear (.e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc) state What type of variable in Java could be used to represent speed and gear (look it up on

the Web)?

Create **setSpeed** and **setGear** method that can set the speed /gear state of a bicycle and a car object **and print out the current speed of each**

Then Create 3 Bicycle and 3 Car objects

Using the methods above set and print different speed and gear values for each

