

CS61B Lecture #1

- Labs and discussions sections start this week. Get an account (if needed) and register electronically *this week*
- Go to any sections, labs where you fit.
- Class web page and newsgroup set up: read them regularly!
- Concurrent enrollment students: bring me your forms.
- Readers will be coming from one of the local copy stores (we'll announce).
- For Wednesday, read Chapters 1-4 of *Head First Java*.

Course Organization

- You read; we illustrate.
- Labs are important: practical dirty details go there.
- Homework is important, but really not graded: use it as you see fit and *turn it in!*
- Individual projects are *really* important! Expect to learn a lot.
- Use of tools *is* part of the course. Programming takes place in a *programming environment*:
 - Handles program editing, debugging, controlling compilation, archiving versions.
 - We'll see Eclipse in lab.
 - Or there are coordinated suites of tools (e.g., Emacs + gjdb + make).
- Tests are challenging: better to stay on top than to cram.
- Tests, 90%; Projects, 90%; HW, 20%
- Stressed? Tell us!
- Now's your opportunity to decide.

Programming, not Java

- Here, we learn *programming*, not Java (or Unix, or NT, or...)
- Programming principles span many languages
 - Look for connections.
 - Syntax ($x+y$ vs. $(+ x y)$) is superficial.
 - E.g., Java and Scheme have a lot in common.
- Whether you use GUIs, text interfaces, embedded systems, important ideas are the same.

Really simple example

```
public class Greet {  
    /** Print a greeting message on standard output. */  
    public static void main (String[] args) {  
        System.out.print ("Hello, ");  
        if (args.length > 0)  
            System.out.println (args[0]);  
        else  
            System.out.println ();  
    }  
}
```

```
% javac -g Greet.java           # Creates Greet.class  
% java Greet world              # Interpreter calls Greet.main  
Hello, world                    # Output  
% java Greet me warmly         # Another run  
Hello, me                       # args[0] = "me"
```

Lessons from Simple Example

- All definitions are inside some class.
- Syntax *A.B* means “the *B* that is defined (or contained) inside *A*,”
 - E.g., `System.out.println`, `Greet.main`
- Ordinary function is *static method*, like `Greet.main`.
- Methods declare what kinds (*types*) of arguments they take, and what kind of value they return (`void` means “no value”).
- Method calls use familiar prefix syntax.
- Command-line arguments become an *array of strings*.
- Array is indexed sequence: `args[0]`, `args[1]`, ..., `args[args.length-1]`
- Conditional statement: `if (condition) ...else`
- Access control: `public` and others control what parts of the program may use a definition.

Prime Numbers

Problem: want java PrintPrimes0 U to print prime numbers through U .

You type: java primes 101

It types: 2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19 23 29
31 37 41 43 47 53 59 61 67 71
73 79 83 89 97 101

Definition: A *prime* number is an integer greater than 1 that has no divisors smaller than itself other than 1.

Useful Facts:

- If $k \leq \sqrt{N}$, then $N/k \geq \sqrt{N}$, for $N, k > 0$.
- k divides N iff N/k divides N .

So: Try all potential divisors up to and including the square root.

Plan

```
class primes {
    /** Print all primes up to ARGS[0] (interpreted as an
     * integer), 10 to a line. */
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        printPrimes (Integer.parseInt (args[0]));
    }

    /** Print all primes up to and including LIMIT, 10 to
     * a line. */
    private static void printPrimes (int limit) {
        /*{ For every integer, x, between 2 and LIMIT, print it if
         isPrime (x), 10 to a line. }*/
    }

    /** True iff X is prime */
    private static boolean isPrime (int x) {
        return /*( X is prime )*/;
    }
}
```

Testing for Primes

```
private static boolean isPrime (int x) {
    if (x <= 1)
        return false;
    else
        return ! isDivisible (x, 2); // "!" means "not"
}

/** True iff X is divisible by any positive number >=K and < X,
 *  given K > 1. */
private static boolean isDivisible (int x, int k) {
    if (k >= x) // a "guard"
        return false;
    else if (x % k == 0) // "%" means "remainder"
        return true;
    else // if (k < x && x % k != 0)
        return isDivisible (x, k+1);
}
```