Java Overview

An introduction to the Java Programming Language

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Essential Java

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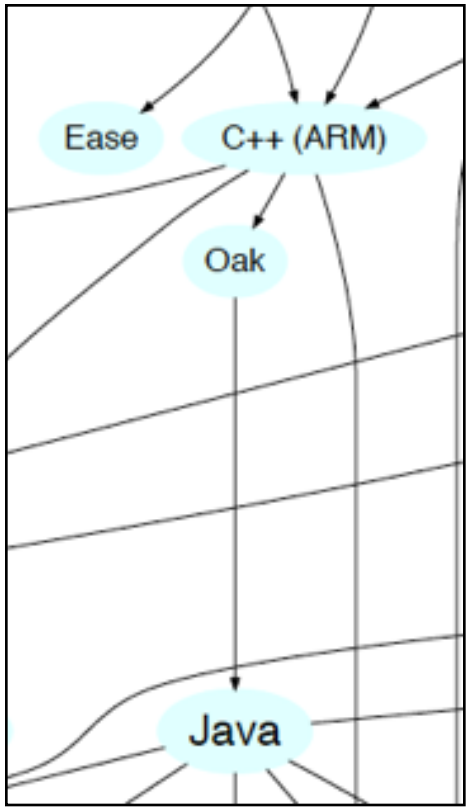
Java History

1991



1995

A SHORT HISTORY OF JAVA

JAVA VERSION HISTORY

1997 — JDK 1.1

Major Changes
Extensive retooling of the AWT event model and 'inner classes' added to the language: JavaBeans and JDBC.

1998 — J2SE 1.2

Major Changes
Codename Playground; rebranded as Java 2 and the version name changed to J2SE (Java 2 Standard Edition).

2000 — J2SE 1.3

Major Changes
Codename Kestrel; bundled with Hotspot JVM, JavaSound, Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) and Java Platform Debugger Architecture.

2002 — J2SE 1.4

Major Changes
Codename Merlin; first release of the Java platform developed under the Java Community Process as JSR 59. Included regular expressions modeled after Perl.

2004 — J2SE 5.0

Major Changes
Codename Tiger; originally numbered 1.5 which is still used as its internal version number. Added several new language features such as the for-each loop, generics, autoboxing and var-args.

2006 — JAVA SE 6

Major Changes
Codename Mustang; bundled with a database manager and facilitates the use of scripting languages with the JVM. Replaced the name J2SE with Java SE and dropped the .0 from the version number.

2011 — JAVA SE 7

Major Changes
Codename Dolphin; added small language changes including strings in switch. The JVM was extended with support for dynamic languages.

2014 — JAVA SE 8

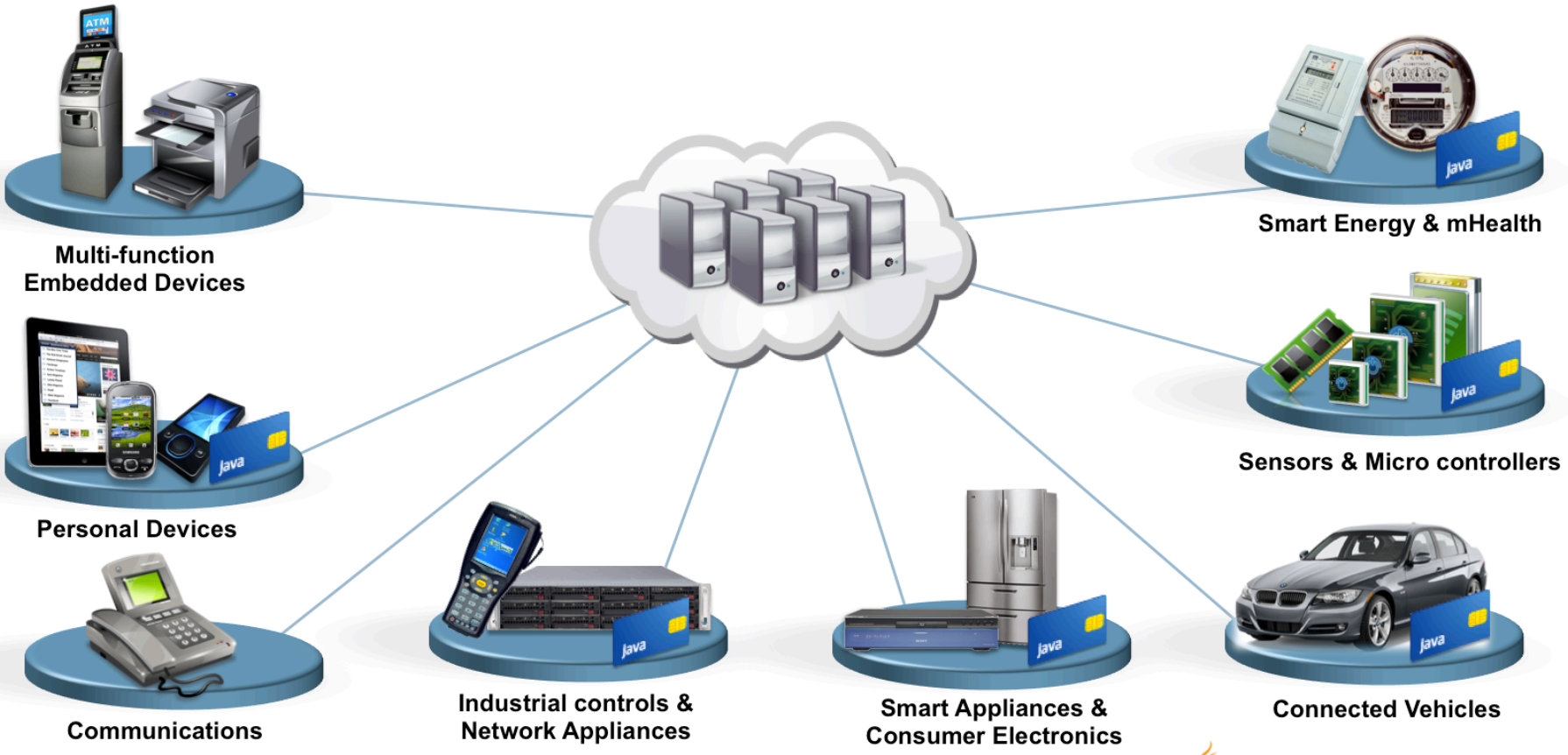
Major Changes
Language level support for lambda expressions and default methods and a new date and time API inspired by Joda Time.

2017 — JDK 9

Major Changes
Project Jigsaw; designing and implementing a standard module system for the Java SE platform, and to apply that system to the platform itself and the the JDK.

Initially intended for:

Java Embedded



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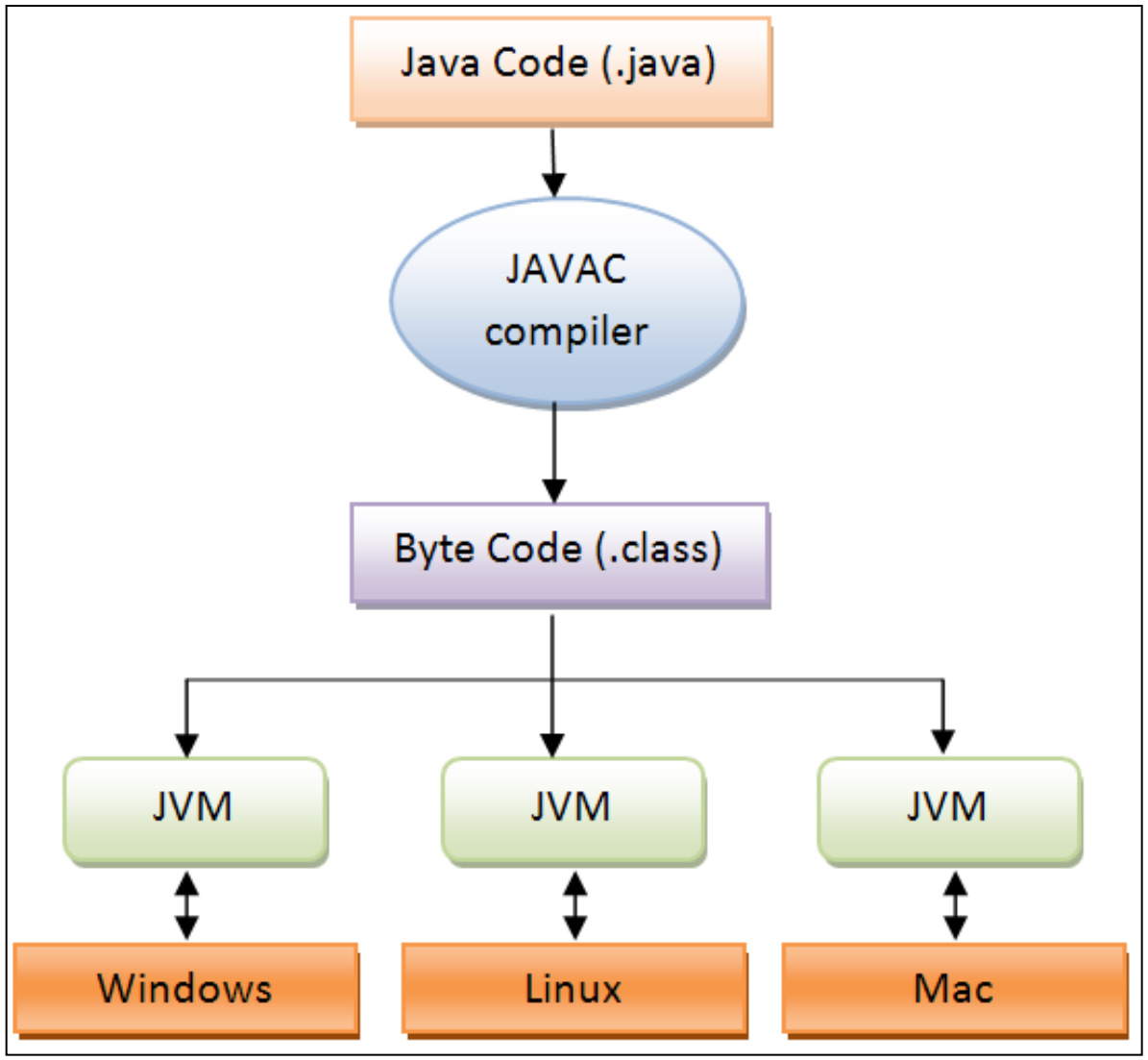
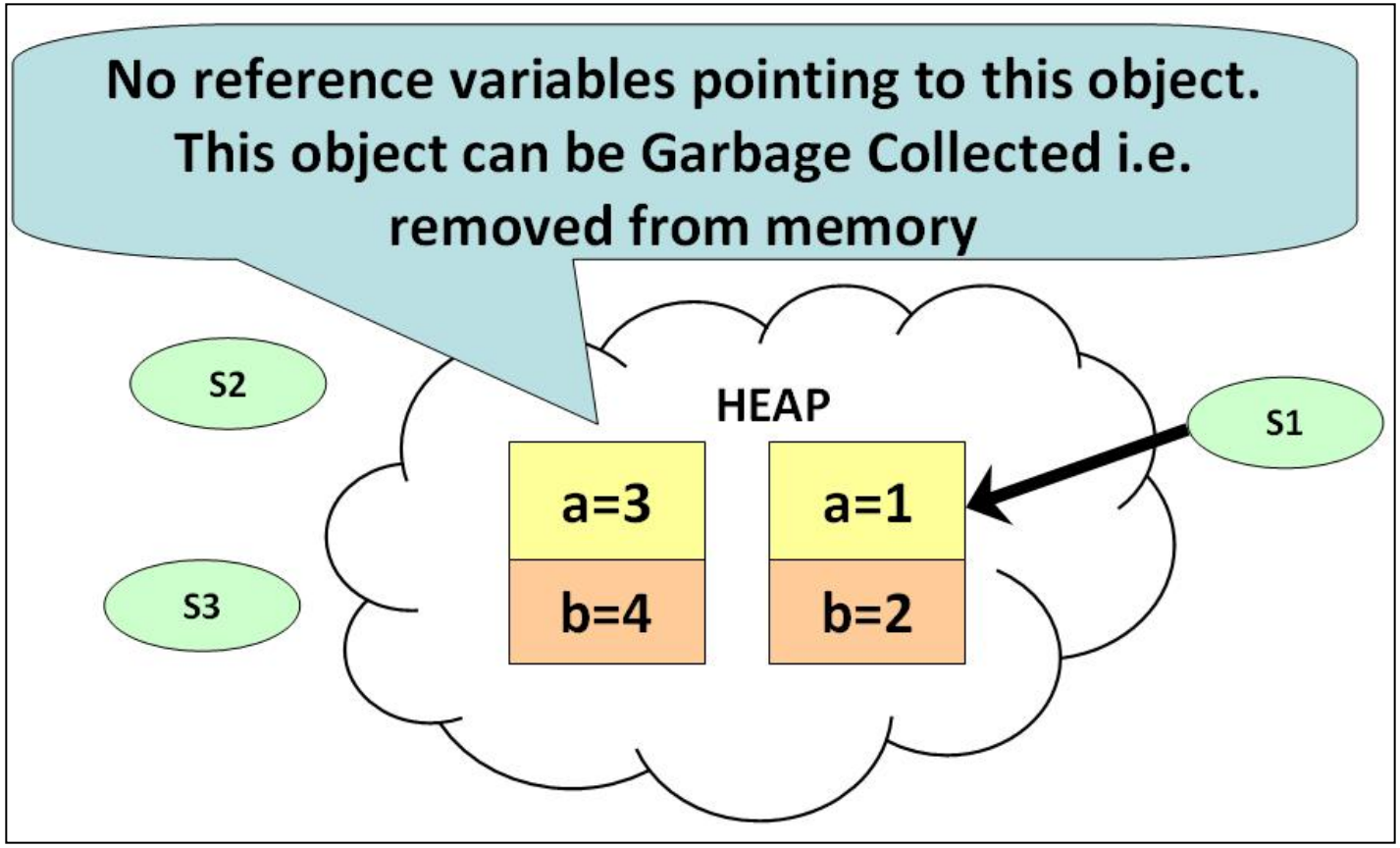
Portability / Compiler / JVM



Memory Management



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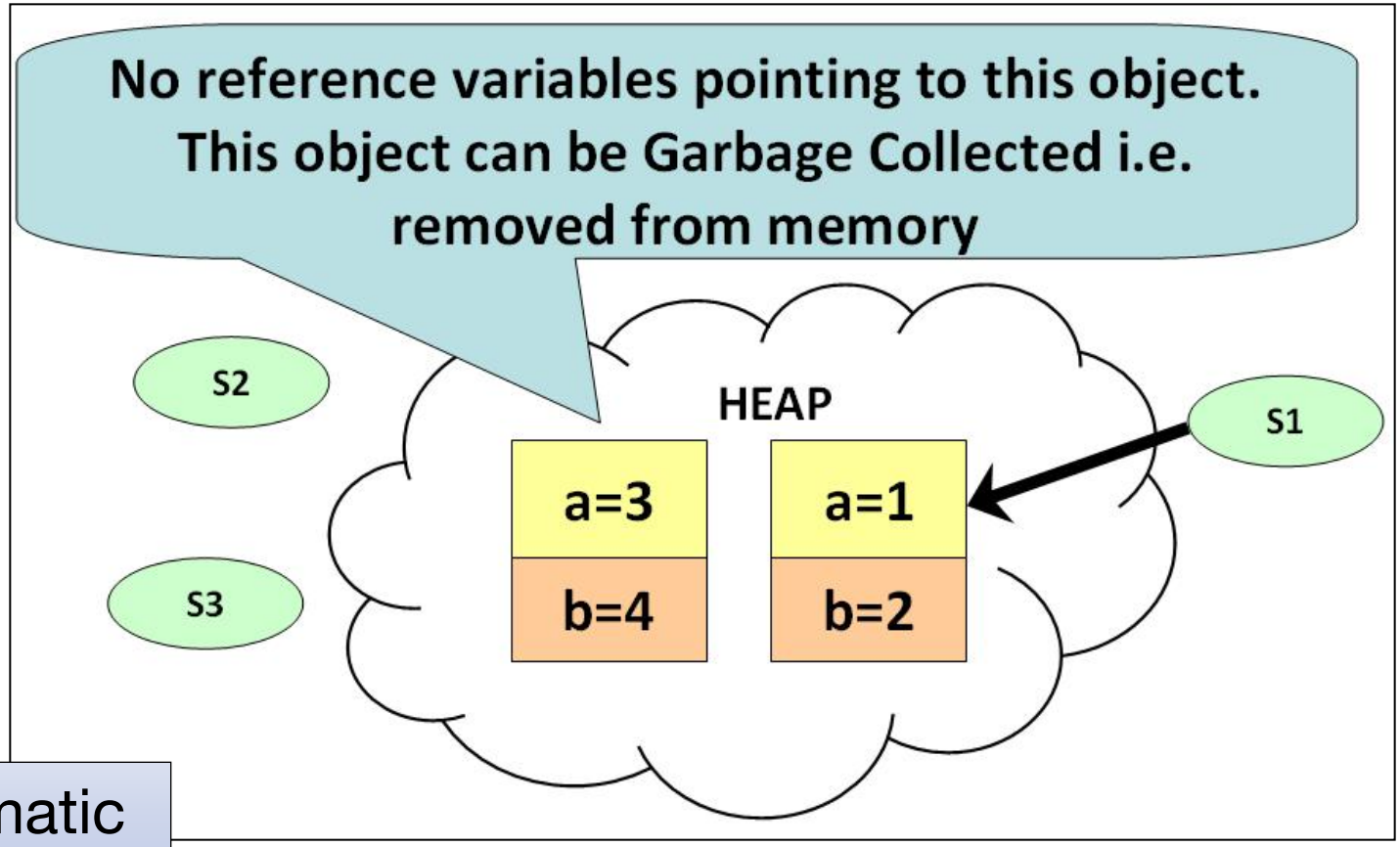


Automatic

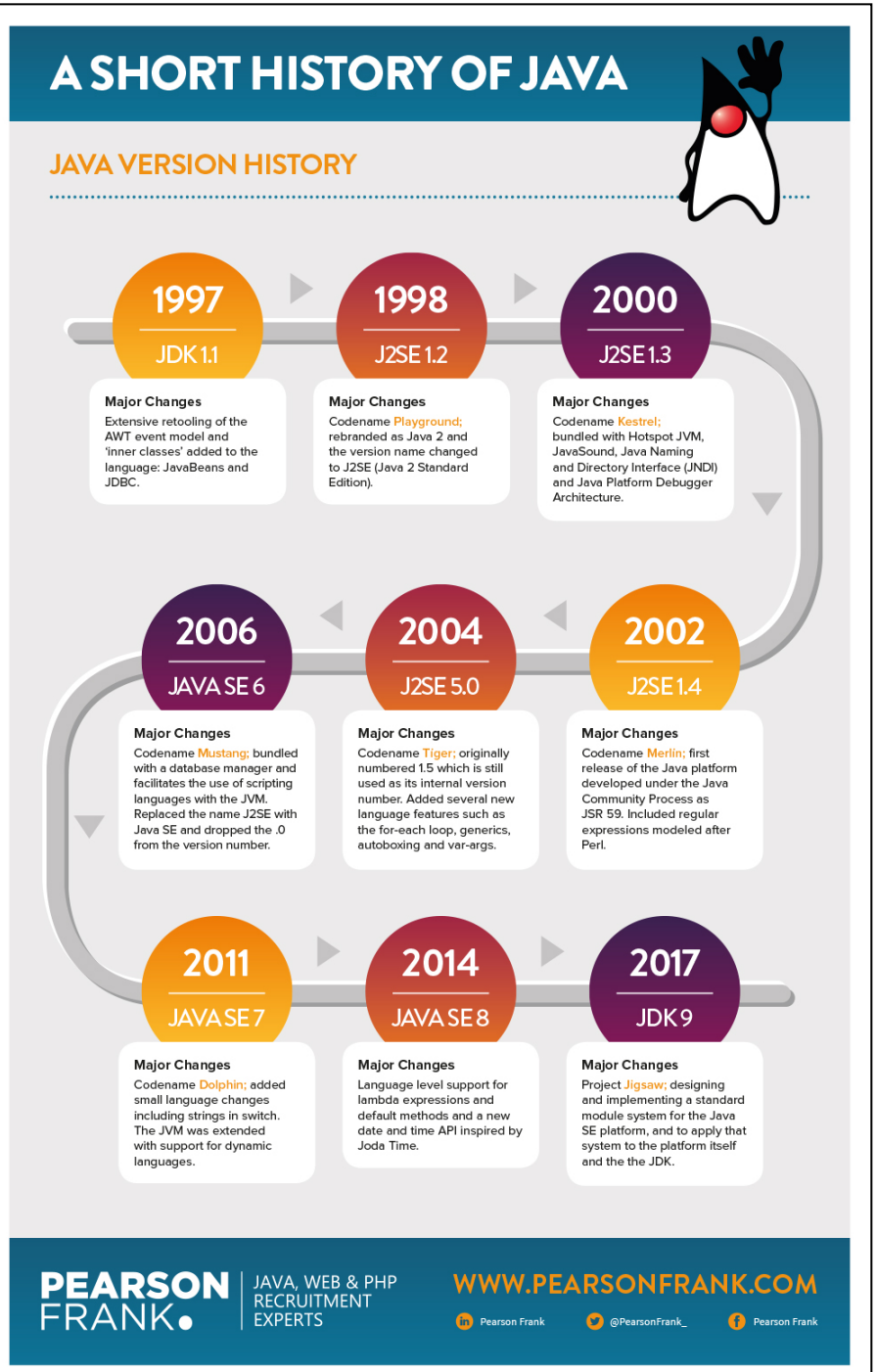
Happens when memory is required

Can be forced programmatically

Java Versions

Week(s)	Version
1 – 5	Focus on Java 7 constructs
6 +	Explore some of Java 8 and Java 9 changes

Java 9:
Currently available as an Early Access Download
→ Raw snapshots that let developers review and contribute to Java as it is being developed



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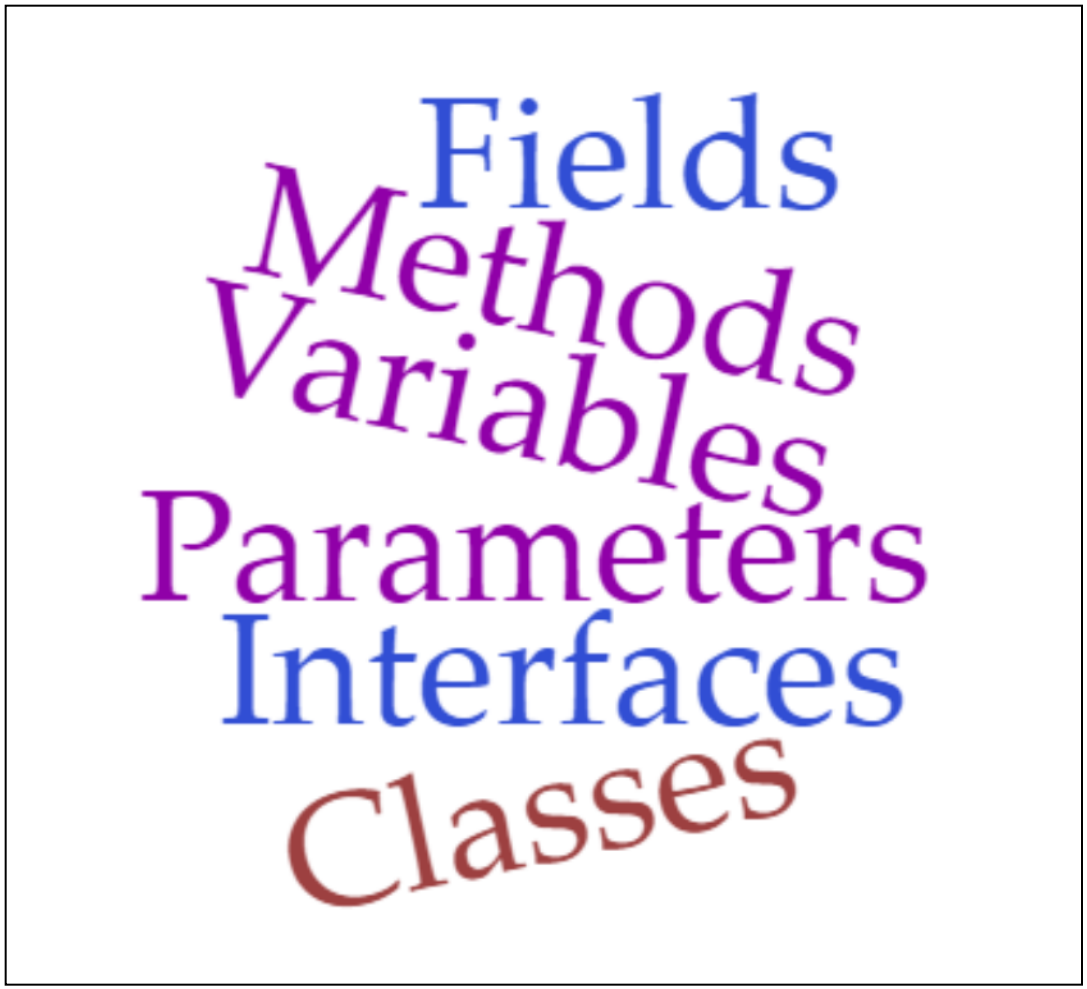
Identifiers are used for naming:



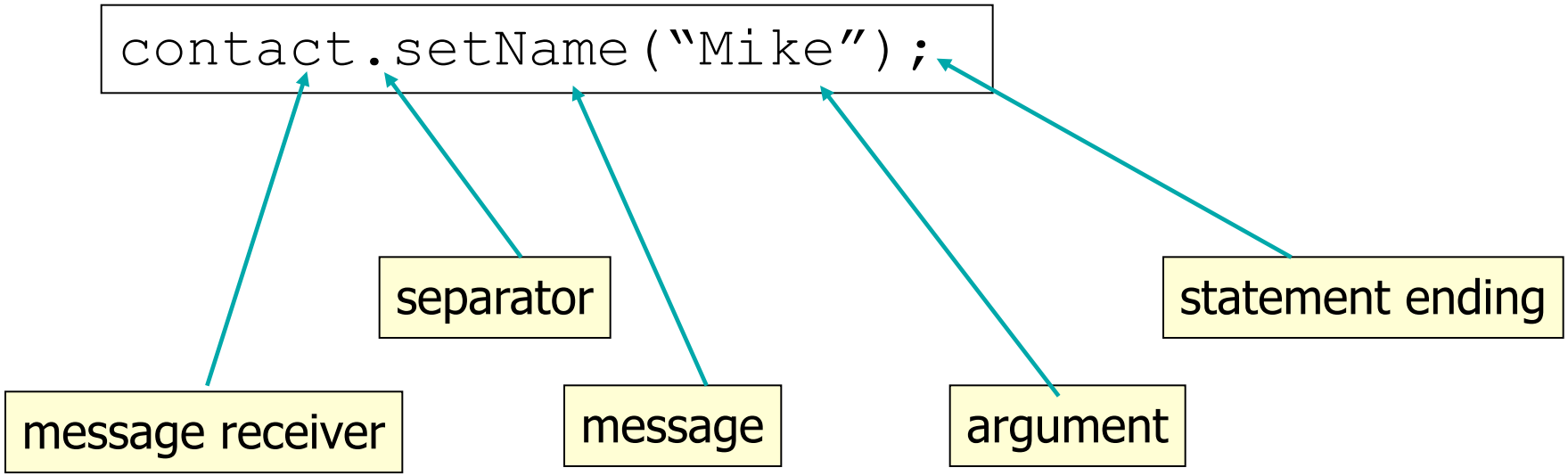
Identifiers

- Are case-sensitive.
- Begin with either:
  - a **letter (preferable)**,
  - the dollar sign "$", or
  - the underscore character "_".
- Can contain letters, digits, dollar signs, or underscore characters.
- Can be any length you choose.
- Must not be a **keyword or reserved word** e.g. int, while, etc.
- Cannot contain white spaces.

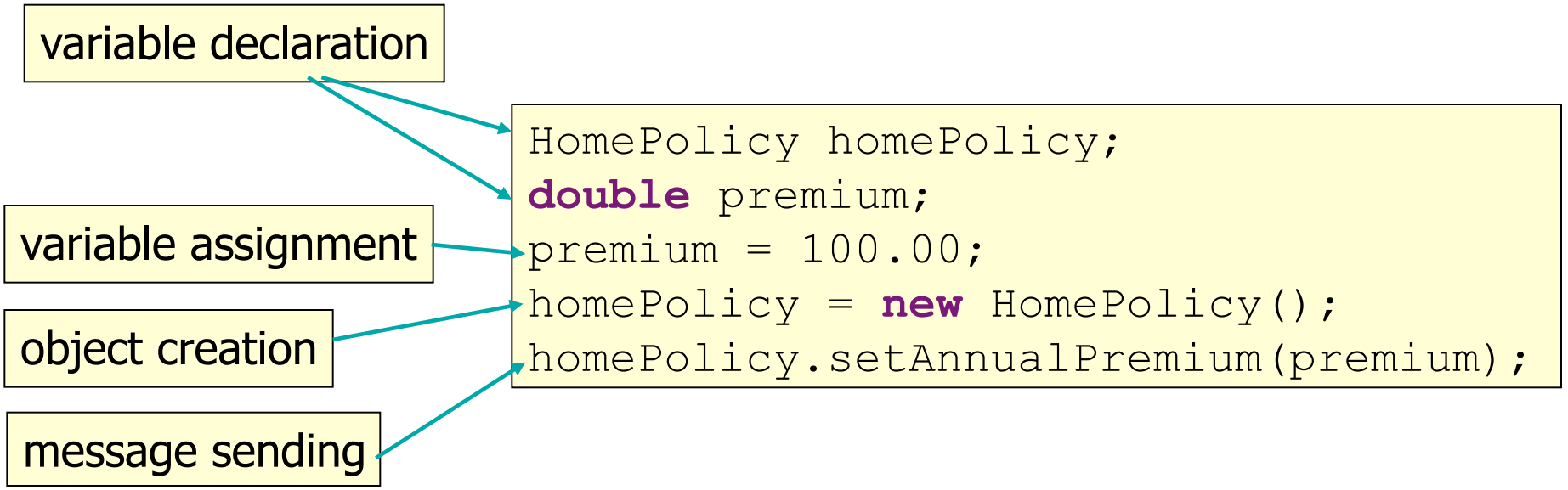
Identifiers

Variable Name	Remarks
speed	Valid variable name
_speed	Valid but bad variable name
$speed	Valid but bad variable name
speed1	Valid variable name
spe ed	Invalid variable name
spe”ed	Invalid variable name

Messages and Objects



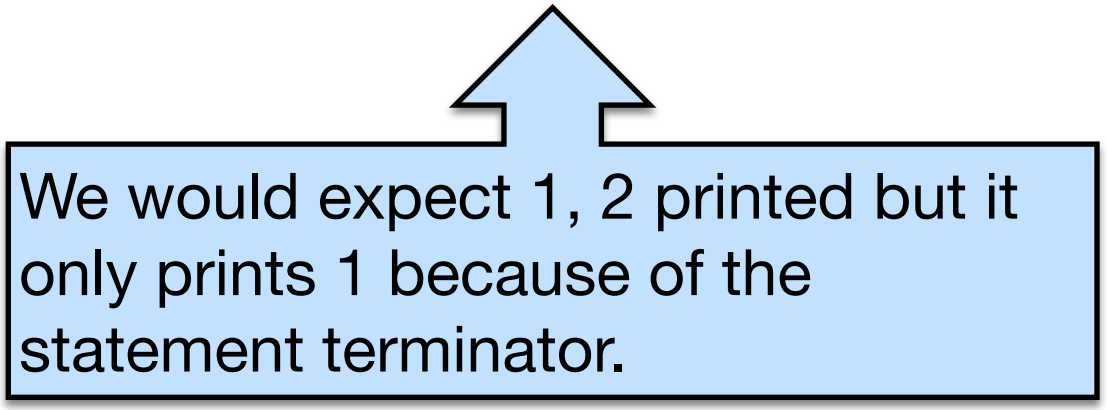
Statements → Basic Java Expressions



Empty Expression

```
;       //this is an empty statement
        // on its own in the line
        //it means…do nothing!
```

```
for(int i=1; i<3; i++) ;
        System.out.println(i);
```



Comments

```
/** Javadoc example comment.
 *  Used for generation of the documentation.
 */

/*  Multiple line comment.
 *
 */

//  Single line comment.
```

Javadoc

```java
/**
 * Returns an Image object that can then be painted on the screen.
 * The url argument must specify an absolute {@link URL}. The name
 * argument is a specifier that is relative to the url argument.
 * <p>
 * This method always returns immediately, whether or not the
 * image exists. When this applet attempts to draw the image on
 * the screen, the data will be loaded. The graphics primitives
 * that draw the image will incrementally paint on the screen.
 *
 * @param  url  an absolute URL giving the base location of the image
 * @param  name the location of the image, relative to the url argument
 * @return      the image at the specified URL
 * @see         Image
 */
public Image getImage(URL url, String name) {
        try {
            return getImage(new URL(url, name));
        } catch (MalformedURLException e) {
            return null;
        }
}
```

Code in the Java file

Produces this HTML code

getImage

```
public Image getImage(URL url,
                      String name)
```

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Parameters:

`url` - an absolute URL giving the base location of the image.

`name` - the location of the image, relative to the `url` argument.

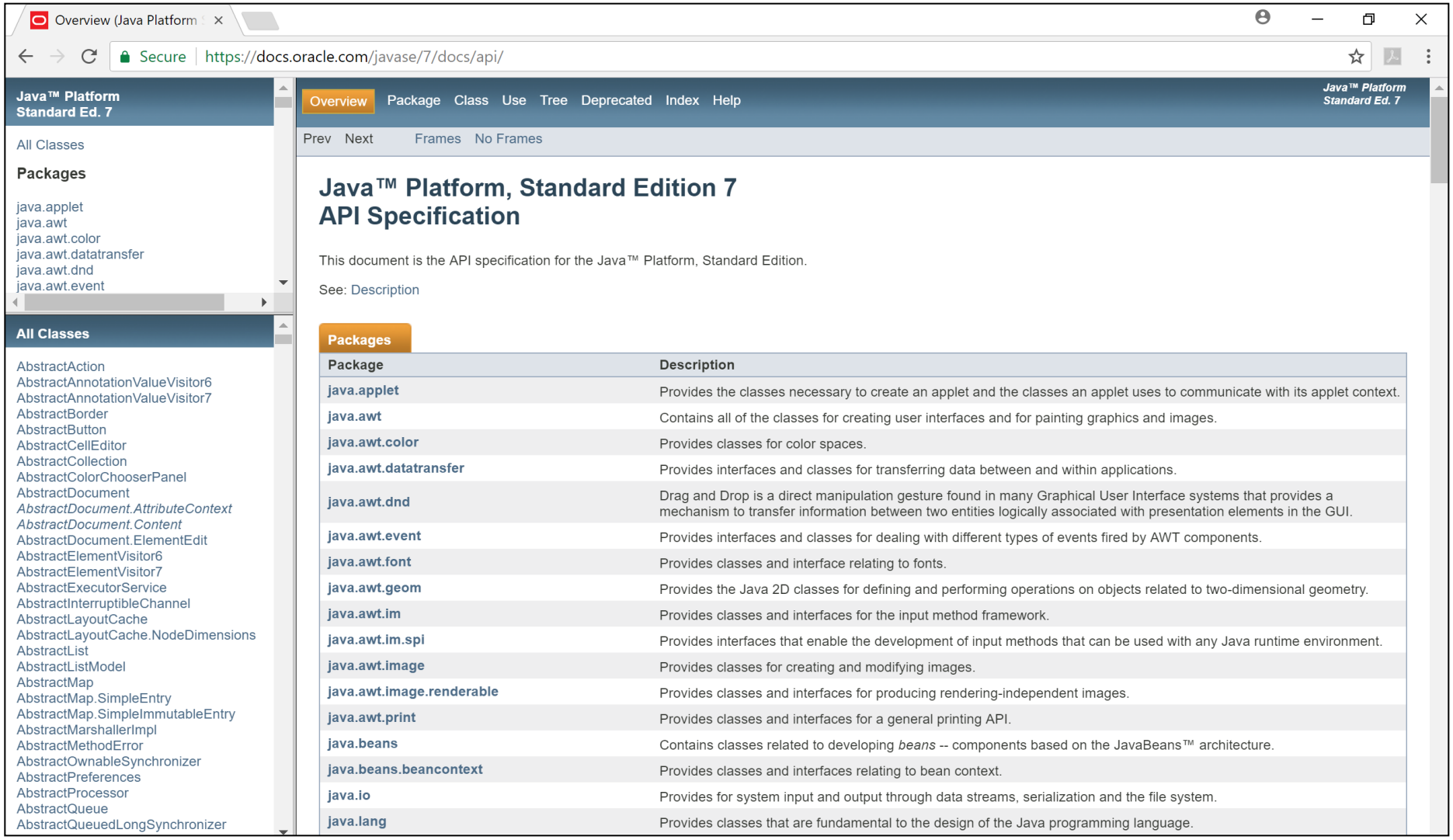
Returns:

the image at the specified URL.

See Also:

`Image`

Java API → Javadoc output



Literals

```
String one = "One";
String two = "Two";
```

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```
String one = new String("One");
String two = new String("Two");
```

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