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"Hello, world!" program (dynamic version)	<pre> /* A dynamic Java program that prints "Hello, world!" */ class Hello { Hello(String name) { // constructor method System.out.println("Hello, " + name + "!"); // print the message } public static void main(String[] arg) { // execution begins here new Hello("world"); // create new Hello object } } </pre>		
Unix and DOS commands	<pre> cd dir cd .. javac Hello.java java Hello ls rm *.class [up arrow] control-c </pre>	<pre> change directory to "dir" (within current directory) move up to parent directory compile the program Hello.java run the program Hello.class list contents of current directory (Unix only; use dir on DOS) remove all files with extension .class (Unix only; use del on DOS) retype previous command interrupt a program </pre>	
Primitive variable types	<pre> int double boolean </pre>	<pre> 32-bit integer (up to 2147483647; use long for larger integers) 64-bit ("double-precision") floating point number (up to about 10³⁰⁸) true or false </pre>	
Arithmetic	<pre> + - * / (* and / take precedence over + and -; use parentheses when needed) </pre>		
Shortcuts	<pre> += -= *= /= ++ -- </pre>		
Relations	<pre> == != < <= > >= </pre>		
Logic	<pre> && (and) (or) ! (not) </pre>		
java.lang.Math	<pre> Math.PI Math.cos(t) Math.sin(t) Math.tan(t) Math.max(x,y) Math.round(x) Math.random() </pre>	<pre> Math.E Math.acos(x) Math.asin(x) Math.atan(x) Math.min(x,y) Math.floor(x) Math.random() </pre>	<pre> Math.log(x) (natural log) Math.exp(x) (e^x) Math.pow(x,y) (x^y) Math.abs(x) (absolute value) Math.ceil(x) (round normally, down, or up) (pseudo-random double between 0 and 1) </pre>
Converting data types (casting)	<pre> myInt = (int) myDouble; // rounds myDouble toward zero roundedX = (int) Math.round(x); // rounds x to nearest integer randInt = (int) (Math.random() * n); // random integer from 0 to n-1 </pre>		
Control structures	<pre> if (balance <= 0) { broke = true; } else { broke = false; } </pre>	<pre> while (t < 10) { t += dt; doStuff(); } </pre>	<pre> for (i=0; i<100; i++) { System.out.println("I will not hack."); } </pre>
Declaring a method	<pre> double hypotenuse(double a, double b) { return Math.sqrt(a*a + b*b); } </pre>		
Arrays	<pre> double[] x; // declare that x is an array of doubles x = new double[100]; // create the array (size could be a variable) x[0] = aValue; // first entry has index zero x[99] = x[98] + dx; // last entry is 99; "x[100]" gives an error </pre>		
Formatting numbers	<pre> import java.text.*; // put this line at top of program DecimalFormat myFormat = new DecimalFormat("0.00"); myString = myFormat.format(myNumber); // or just print it </pre>		
Parsing command-line arguments	<pre> double x0 = 0.0; // default value try {x0 = Double.parseDouble(arg[0]);} // or Integer.parseInt catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {} // use default if no arg catch (NumberFormatException e) {} // or if invalid </pre>		

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Plotting a graph	<pre>Plot myPlot = new Plot("Title",xMin,xMax,xStep,yMin,yMax,yStep); // xStep and yStep are grid line spacings myPlot.addPoint(x,y); myPlot.setPointSize(5); // size in pixels; default is 3 myPlot.setPointShape(Plot.CIRCLE); // default is SQUARE myPlot.setPointShape(Plot.COLUMN); // for column (bar) graphs myPlot.setColor(Color.blue); // (must import java.awt.Color) myPlot.setConnected(true); // connect points with lines</pre>
Creating a GUI window with text	<pre>import java.awt.*; // put this at top Frame myFrame = new Frame("See the label!"); // make a window Panel myPanel = new Panel(); // make a panel Label myLabel = new Label("Hello, world!"); // make a label myPanel.add(myLabel); // put label into panel myFrame.add(myPanel); // put panel into frame myFrame.pack(); // size frame to hold contents myFrame.setVisible(true); // and show it!</pre>
Creating a push button	<pre>import java.awt.event.*; // put this at top Button myButton = new Button("Press me!"); // make a button myButton.addActionListener(new ActionListener() { // say what to do public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent e) { // when button System.out.println("Hello, world!"); // is pressed } }); myPanel.add(myButton); // put button into panel</pre>
Scrollbar (for a parameter of type double)	<pre>myFrame.setLayout(new GridLayout(0,1)); // arranges multiple DoubleScrollers in a vertical column DoubleScroller v0Scroll = new DoubleScroller("v0 in m/s = ",0,50,0.5,20); // parameters are min, max, step size, initial value myFrame.add(v0Scroll); // (could also add to a Panel) v0 = v0Scroll.getValue(); // call this when value is needed</pre>
Creating a space to draw	<p>Put "extends Canvas" into the class declaration, right after the class name. In the constructor method, use "setSize(width,height);" to set the size of the Canvas in pixels, and "setBackground(Color.white)" to set the background color if desired. Create a Panel within a Frame; use "myPanel.add(this);" to add the Canvas to the Panel. Then create a "public void paint(Graphics g)" method, which will be called automatically whenever the Canvas needs to be drawn.</p>
Graphics methods	<pre>g.setColor(Color.red); draw in a predefined color g.setColor(new Color(r,g,b)); draw in any color; r,g,b from 0 to 255 g.fillRect(left,top,width,height); solid rectangle (drawRect draws outline) g.fillOval(left,top,width,height); solid oval (drawOval draws outline) g.drawLine(x1,y1,x2,y2); draw a line, one pixel wide g.drawString("Hello",x,y); draw text starting at x,y (All coordinates are integers in pixels, with y measured down from the top of the Canvas.)</pre>
Creating a thread	<p>Put "implements Runnable" into the class declaration. In the constructor method, add the statements "Thread myThread = new Thread(this); myThread.start();". Then create a run method:</p> <pre>public void run() { while (true) { // loop forever (until interrupted) doStuff(); // shouldn't take > 100 ms try { Thread.sleep(20); } // time in ms catch (InterruptedException e) {} } }</pre>
Animation	<p>Create a Canvas and a Thread, as described above. Within the loop in the run method, add the statement "repaint();" to ask Java to call your paint (or update) method. Set the sleep duration to give about 20 or 30 frames per second.</p>