



Level 5 Diploma in Programming (601) 157 Credits






Unit: Java Programming	Guided Learning Hours: 240
Exam Paper No.: 5	Number of Credits: 24
Prerequisites: Knowledge of C Programming language.	Corequisites: A pass or higher in Diploma in System Design or equivalence.
<p>Aim: The unit introduces the idea of Object Oriented Programming, and covers the Java Development Kit, classes, objects, attributes and behaviour, statements and expressions, methods and casting, arrays, logic and loops, creating classes, creating Java applications, command-line arguments, constructor methods, overriding methods, overriding constructors and finaliser methods. The Swing components are introduced as an enhancement to the Abstract Window Toolkit (AWT) components. This unit is a hands-on approach providing, practical activities looking at creating more sophisticated Java programs utilising the functionality of the Swing components. Learners will learn how to create GUI menu systems and use Swing components to create frames, labels, borders, buttons, check boxes, radio buttons, combo boxes, text fields, text areas, file choosers, colour choosers, internal frames, menu bars, tool bars, tabbed panes and sliders. Event processing code for each of the components is demonstrated. Learners also learn how to read and write to files using the FileReader Class and other supporting classes. The unit covers Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) and Remote Method Invocation (RMI). This unit takes learners through basic Java syntax, how to design simple programs and classes used in the development of Java applications and applets.</p>	
Required Materials: Recommended learning resources.	Supplementary Materials: Lecture notes and tutor extra reading recommendations.
<p>Special Requirements: This is a hands-on course, hence practical use of computers is essential. Requires intensive lab work outside of class time.</p>	
<p>Intended Learning Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The history of Java, identifying the basics of the Java environment and object-oriented programming. Simple examples to illustrate Java features demonstrating Java applications and primitive data types. Java Development kit for building applications, applets, and components using the Java programming language, Java Applets and drawing strings and lines. 	<p>Assessment Criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Examine and familiarise with Java programming language environment 1.2 Describe a typical Java development environment 1.3 Describe Java's role in developing distributed client/server applications for the internet and web 1.4 Define object-oriented design with the UML and design patterns. 2.1 Demonstrate how to create simple Java applications 2.2 Demonstrate how to use input and output statements 2.3 Define and describe primitive data types 2.4 Describe basic memory concepts 2.5 Describe how to use arithmetic operators 2.6 Describe arithmetic-operator precedence 2.7 Demonstrate how to write decision-making statements 2.8 Describe how to use relational and equality operators. 3.1 Differentiate between applets and applications 3.2 Illustrate some of Java's exciting capabilities through the Java software development kit's demonstration applets 3.3 Demonstrate how to write simple java

	<p>3.4 applets Illustrate how to write a simple hypertext markup language (html) document to load an applet into the appletviewer or a web browser and execute the applet</p> <p>3.5 Describe the difference between variables and references.</p>
<p>4. The structured-programming principle, how control structures help build and manipulate objects.</p>	<p>4.1 Describe basic problem-solving techniques</p> <p>4.2 Describe how to develop algorithms through the process of top-down, stepwise refinement</p> <p>4.3 Describe how to use the if and if...else selection statements to choose among alternative actions</p> <p>4.4 Illustrate how to use the while repetition statement to execute statements in a program repeatedly</p> <p>4.5 Describe counter-controlled repetition and sentinel-controlled repetition</p> <p>4.6 Demonstrate how to use the assignment, increment and decrement operators.</p>
<p>5. Counter-controlled repetition with the while repetition statement. public class WhileCounter and logical operators.</p>	<p>5.1 Describe how to use the for and do...while repetition statements to execute statements in a program repeatedly</p> <p>5.2 Illustrate multiple selection using the switch selection statement</p> <p>5.3 Describe how to use the break and continue program control statements</p> <p>5.4 Describe how to use the logical operators.</p>
<p>6. <i>Methods</i> in Java, method declarations; method overloading and the data type of the value that it returns.</p>	<p>6.1 Describe how to construct programs modularly from small pieces called <i>methods</i></p> <p>6.2 Define the common math methods available in the Java API</p> <p>6.3 Describe how to create new methods; understand the mechanisms for passing information between methods</p> <p>6.4 Describe simulation techniques that use random-number generation</p> <p>6.5 Illustrate how the visibility of declarations is limited to specific regions of programs</p> <p>6.6 Describe how to write and use methods that call themselves.</p>
<p>7. Differentiate arrays and variables; the process of declaring, creating and referencing arrays.</p>	<p>7.1 Define the array data structure</p> <p>7.2 Describe the use of arrays to store, sort and search lists and tables of values</p> <p>7.3 Define how to declare an array, initialise</p>

<p>8. Object Oriented Programming (OOP), data encapsulation; methods and creating and using objects.</p> <p>9. Ways to reuse the existing classes, namely, composition and inheritance; inheritance, superclass, subclasses and the relationship between them.</p> <p>10. Polymorphism; how polymorphism is implemented in java using method overloading and overriding; relationships among objects in an inheritance hierarchy.</p> <p>11. Character and string classes in Java; methods for examining the contents of strings, finding characters or substrings within a string, changing case, and other tasks; implementing character and string classes.</p> <p>12. Java files and streams, how to create, read and update sequential-access files; supports communication over network connections;</p>	<p>an array and refer to individual elements of an array</p> <p>7.4 Describe how to pass arrays to methods</p> <p>7.5 Illustrate how to declare and manipulate multidimensional arrays.</p> <p>8.1 Describe encapsulation and data hiding</p> <p>8.2 Describe the notions of data abstraction and abstract data types (ADTs);</p> <p>8.3 Describe how to create java ADTs—namely, classes</p> <p>8.4 Describe how to create and use objects</p> <p>8.5 Define how to control access to instance variables and methods</p> <p>8.6 Define the use of the this reference</p> <p>8.7 Describe how to use class variables and methods</p> <p>9.1 Describe how inheritance promotes software reusability</p> <p>9.2 Define the notions of superclasses and subclasses</p> <p>9.3 Define access modifier protected</p> <p>9.4 Illustrate how to access superclass members with super</p> <p>9.5 Describe the use of constructors and finalisers in inheritance hierarchies</p> <p>9.6 Demonstrate the mechanics of inheritance.</p> <p>10.1 Describe the concept of polymorphism</p> <p>10.2 Demonstrate how to use overridden methods to effect polymorphism</p> <p>10.3 Distinguish between abstract and concrete classes</p> <p>10.4 Identify how to declare abstract methods to create abstract classes</p> <p>10.5 Define how polymorphism makes systems extensible and maintainable</p> <p>10.6 Determine an object's type at execution time.</p> <p>11.1 Demonstrate how to create and manipulate nonmodifiable character string objects of class string</p> <p>11.2 Demonstrate how to create and manipulate modifiable character string objects of class stringbuffer</p> <p>11.3 Illustrate how to create and manipulate objects of class character</p> <p>11.4 Illustrate how to use a stringtokenizer object to break a string object into tokens.</p> <p>12.1 Describe how to create, read, write and update files</p> <p>12.2 Demonstrate how to use class file</p>
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input/output involving files and networks based on streams, which are objects.	12.3 Describe the java streams class hierarchy 12.4 Demonstrate how to use the fileinputstream and fileoutputstream classes 12.5 Demonstrate how use a jfilechooser dialog to access files and directories 12.6 Demonstrate how to use the objectinputstream and objectoutputstream classes 12.7 Demonstrate how to use class randomaccessfile 12.8 Demonstrate using sequential-access and random-access file processing.
Methods of Evaluation: A 2½-hour written examination paper with five essay questions, each carrying 20 marks. Candidates are required to answer all questions. Candidates also undertake project/coursework in Java Programming with a weighting of 100%.	

Recommended Learning Resources: Java Programming

Text Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Java: A Programming Language Guide by Joshua Bloch. ISBN-10: 0321356683 • Java: How to Program by Harvey & Paul Deitel & Deitel. ISBN-10: 0132222205
Study Manuals 	BCE produced study packs
CD ROM 	Power-point slides
Software 	Java Programming Language