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Abstract

This undergraduate book presents the procedural and objectoriented programming model with the Java language. After a brief historical review, key concepts, design principles and technologies of Java are presented. Next is the installation of Java and the NetBeans development environment. Fundamental types, local variables, operators, essential input and output, flow control, one-dimensional and multidimensional arrays, static variables and functions, function overloading, parameters, accessors, Java packages, application development stages including documentation, debugging and testing, recursion, mutual recursion, fundamental features of object-oriented programming, encapsulation, inheritance and polymorphism, enumerated types, nested classes are discussed in detail. Also it is included an introduction to some widely used Java classes, interfaces, handling structured files, binary files, random access files, data serialization, java generics and the exception mechanism. The compendium ends with a presentation of special topics such as lambda expressions and memorization. Each chapter includes solved and unsolved exercises, classics and originals. At the same time, two evaluation criteria are provided, one concerning the procedural model and one the object-oriented model. Finally, two appendices are added, one explaining integer encoding and one listing Java keywords.



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