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Modern Java Development

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What is Java?

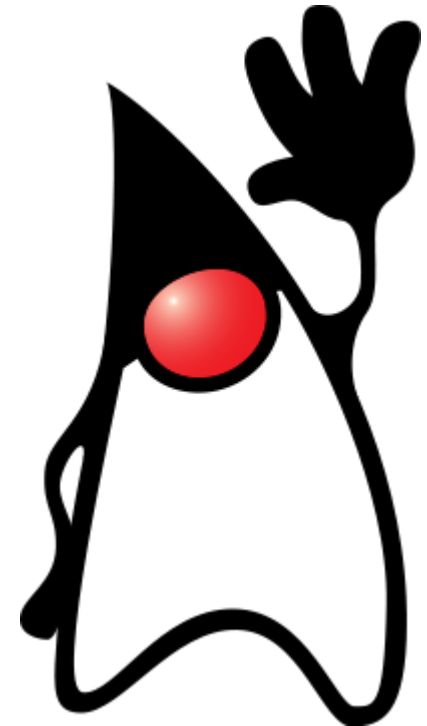
- **Programming Language**
 - Object Oriented
 - syntax derived from C and C++
 - Java applications compile to bytecode
 - bytecode can be run on any Java Virtual Machine regardless of the platform
 - "write once, run anywhere"
- **Typing**
 - Statically typed
 - Strongly typed
 - type-safe
- **Open Source**
 - GNU Public License - May 2007





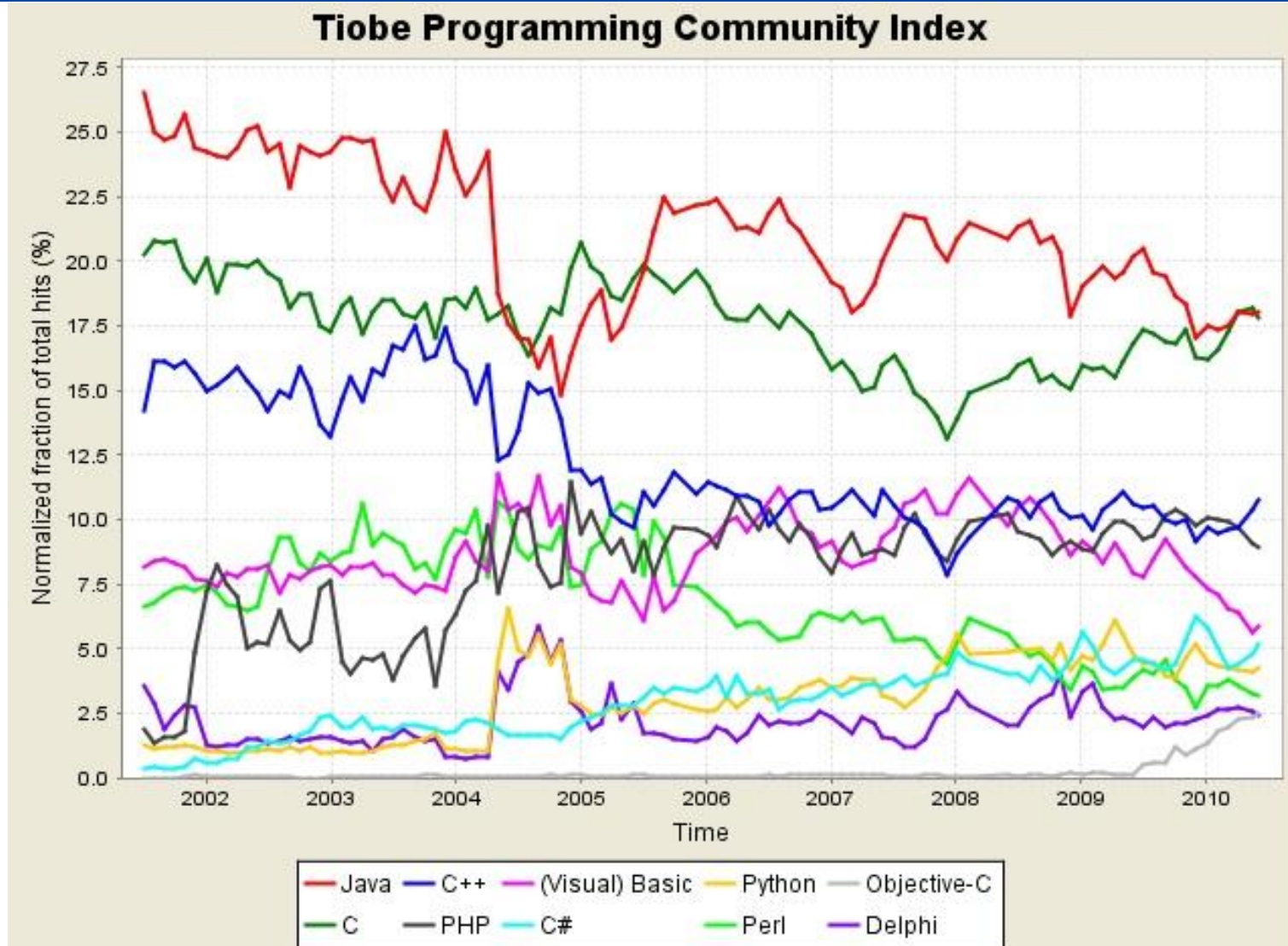
Why Use Java Today?

- **Enterprise Development**
 - De facto standard
- **Cross Platform**
- **Open Source Community**
 - Java Community Process
 - Availability of 3rd party libraries
 - There's a library for that
- **Well established and stable**
 - First release in 1995
 - Most widely used programming language today
 - <http://www.tiobe.com/index.php/content/paperinfo/tpci/index.html>





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Java is not just Javatm

- **Java SE (Standard Edition)**
 - Core Java Platform
- **Java EE (Enterprise Edition)**
 - Web Container (Servlets, JSP)
 - EJB
 - Persistence - JPA
 - Web Services - JAX-WS, JAX-RS
- **Java ME (Micro Edition)**
- **Open Source**
 - Apache Foundation
 - Eclipse Foundation
 - SpringSource
 - JBoss



Getting Started - Environment

- **Download the JDK**
- **Choosing an IDE**
 - NetBeans (Open Source, GPL, <http://netbeans.org/>)
 - Eclipse (Open Source, EPL, <http://eclipse.org>)
 - IntelliJ IDEA (Community Edition, Commercial, <http://www.jetbrains.com/idea/>)
- **Plugins**
 - Version Control (Subversion, Git, Mercurial)
 - Building (Maven)
- **Building**
 - Javac - The Java Compiler
 - Apache Ant (<http://ant.apache.org/>)
 - Apache Maven (<http://maven.apache.org/>)
 - Buildr (<http://buildr.apache.org/>), Gradle (<http://www.gradle.org/>)
- **Dependency Management**
 - Apache Maven and Apache Ivy (<http://ant.apache.org/ivy/>)
 - Maven Central Repository - <http://repo1.maven.org/maven2>



Java Developer's Toolbox

- **Java API**
 - JavaDoc - <http://java.sun.com/javase/6/docs/api/>
 - Core language, collections, IO, net, JDBC, Concurrency, Cryptography
 - Swing, Web Services (JAX-WS), XML Binding (JAX-B) and handling (DOM, SAX, XSLT)
- **Web**
 - EE Specification - Servlets and JSP
 - **Containers** - Apache Tomcat (<http://tomcat.apache.org/>), Jetty (<http://jetty.codehaus.org/jetty/>)
 - **Frameworks** - Spring, Wicket, Tapestry, Struts2
 - REST - JAX-RS Specification (Jersey, Restlet, Apache CXF)
- **Persistence (JPA)**
 - Object relational Mapping
 - Hibernate, EclipseLink
- **Dependency Injection**
 - Google Guice, Spring Framework



Getting Started

- **Hello World Application**

- Everything is a class
- main method is the entry point
- HelloWorld.java

```
package com.chrisdail.monctondevcon;
```

```
/**  
 * This is a comment.  
 *  
 * @author Chris Dail  
 */  
public class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello World!");  
    }  
}
```




Java 'Files'

- **.java**
 - Java Source code
- **.class**
 - Java Bytecode (1 .java is compiled to 1 .class)
- **.jar**
 - Archive of many .class files in a single bundle.
 - Mechanism for distributing an application or library
 - Literally a .zip file
- **Manifest.MF**
 - Jar file manifest
 - Describes a library or component
- **.war**
 - Web application archive
 - Similar format to a .jar file but with a web.xml descriptor



The Java Virtual Machine

- **Java Compiler**
 - Compiles .java files into Java bytecode
- **Execution environment for compiled Java bytecode**
 - Features JIT compilation and garbage collection
 - Executes .class and .jar files
- **Source does not need to be Java**
- **Languages ported to the JVM**
 - Rhino (JavaScript), JRuby, Jython
- **Languages designed for the JVM**
 - Groovy, Clojure, Scala



Future of Java

- **On the downtrend**
- **Stagnant core language and syntax**
 - Difficult to change due to market share
 - Slow to change - Reflective of big companies (Oracle and IBM)
- **Java 7**
 - Delays due to JCP politics around moving to Open Source
 - Oracle acquisition of Sun
- **The Java VM**
 - Will likely outlive the Java language itself



Building an Application

- **Demonstration of building a Java application from scratch**
 - Using the Eclipse IDE
 - Using Maven for dependency management
 - Using an open source library (twitter4j)