

Assignment: Java Basics

The goal of this is to teach you the rudiments of:

variables, math, data types, scanner, print, if .

1. We're going to make a simple text based calculator.

How it should work:

- Ask the user for two numbers
- Use scanner to get the numbers
- Ask the user for an operation (+ - * /)
- Perform the operation on the numbers and then print the answer.
- Question: will you use int or double for your numbers?

2. **Why?**

A normal calculator with = is more complicated and is not worth the trouble at this point in the course. We just want to do something simple.

If you wanted to learn more about calculators, I suggest looking up how RPN calculators work – they mimic computer processes a lot better. HP used to make these in the 1970s to 90s.

3. **Next steps** (*which will be a short lesson*)

a) handling errors:

- divide by zero
- invalid input

b) replacing a series of if statements with a switch statement