

# The `Number` class in Java, version 3.0

Factorize numbers and print out primes

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## API – Application programming interface

```
public class Number
    Number(long N)           initialize object with the number N
    void factorize(long N)   prints the factors of N on standard output
    void sieve(int N)       prints all primes <N on standard output
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## Changelog and agenda

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/** changelog
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 *   v3.0 [2013-04-01]:
 *   - changed name of Java class to "Number"
 *   - now includes static methods to factorize the input number N
 *     and print out all primes <N
 *   - modified printFactors() so that now ALL powers are printed
 *     in super characters
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 *   v2.1 [2013-02-01]:
 *   - modified printFactors() so that it prints the powers 1-9
 *     with super-characters
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 *   v2.0 [2012-01-07]:
 *   - adding function 'sieve' to calculate all primes up to a given
 *     number with a modified version of the Sieve of Eratosthenes
 *   - adding option to read primes (generated by 'sieve' function)
 *     from text file to save computing time
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 *   v1.0 [2012-12-23]:
 *   - factorizes all 'long' numbers (up to  $2^{64} - 1$ )
 *   - runs in just a few seconds for up to 12 digit primes
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 * agenda
 * - modify printFactors() so that it uses super-characters [Ctrl + ^]->[Space]->[number]
 *   for all powers (not only one-digit powers)
 * - raise maximum capable number to unlimited, using BigInteger
 * - implment a function using Sieve of Eratosthenes to list all primes up to 'N'
 * - read primes from an external .txt document to save computing time
 * - implement advanced algorithms to speed up running time and save memory usage
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*      - beat the Java applet's marvellous running time on the site
*          http://web.math.princeton.edu/math_alive/Crypto/Lab2/Factorization.html
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## Source code

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import java.util.ArrayList;
import java.util.BitSet;

public class Number {
    static long N;
    static int count;
    static int primeCount;
    static long[] factor;
    static int[] powerFactor;
    static ArrayList<Long> primes;
    // 'N' is the input number which the program factorizes
    // 'count' is the number of different prime factors in 'N'
    // 'primeCount' is the number of different primes having been
    //   tried to divide N
    // 'factor' reserves the prime factors of 'N'
    // 'powerFactor' reserves the power of the factors,
    //   i.e. powerFactor[i] is the power of factor[i] in 'N'
    // 'primes' stores the primes that have been found

    // use: Number n = new Number(N);
    // pre: N>0
    // post: n is an object represening the number n
    private Number (long N) {
        this.N = N;
        count = 0;
        int f = (int) (Math.log(N)/Math.log(2));
        factor = new long[f];
        powerFactor = new int[f];
        primes = new ArrayList<Long>();
        primes.add( (long) 2 );
        primes.add( (long) 3 );
    }

    //~ ----- ~//
    //~ Private helping methods ~//
    //~ ----- ~//

    // use: l = this.nextPrime(p);
    // pre: 'p' is a prime
    // post: 'l' is the next prime after 'p'
    private long nextPrime (long p) {
        if (primes.indexOf(p)==0) return primes.get(1);
        long testIfPrime = p;
        while (true) {
            testIfPrime += 2;

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        boolean b = true;
        for (int i=0; primes.get(i)*primes.get(i)<=testIfPrime; i++) {
            if (testIfPrime%primes.get(i)==0) {
                b=false;
                break;
            }
        }
        if (b) {
            primes.add(testIfPrime);
            return testIfPrime;
        }
    }
}

// use: this.addFactor(i);
// pre: count >= 0;
// post: If 'i' was in 'factor' then count>0 and powerFactor[count-1] has
//       been raised by one. Else factor[count]=i and powerFactor[count]=1.
private void addFactor (long i) {
    if (count>0 && factor[count-1] == i) {
        powerFactor[count-1]++;
    } else {
        factor[count] = i;
        powerFactor[count] = 1;
        count++;
    }
}

// use: this.printFactors();
// pre: (nothing)
// post: The factors of 'N' has been printed on standard output.
private void printFactors() {
    long n = N;
    for (long i=2; i*i<=n; i=nextPrime(i)) {
        while (n%i==0) {
            n = n/i;
            addFactor(i);
        }
    } if (n>1) addFactor(n);

    System.out.print(N+" = ");
    for (int i=0; i<count; i++) {
        if (powerFactor[i]>0)
            System.out.print(factor[i]+factorString(powerFactor[i]));
        if (i<count-1) System.out.print(" · ");
    }
    System.out.println();
}

// use: s = factorString(factor);
// pre: factor>0
// post: s is a string representation of factor, in super characters
private String factorString(int factor) {
    if (factor==1) return "";
}

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String s = Integer.toString(factor);
String out = "";
for (int i=0; i<s.length(); i++) {
    switch (s.charAt(i)) {
        case '0': out += " "; break;
        case '1': out += "1"; break;
        case '2': out += "2"; break;
        case '3': out += "3"; break;
        case '4': out += " "; break;
        case '5': out += " "; break;
        case '6': out += " "; break;
        case '7': out += " "; break;
        case '8': out += " "; break;
        case '9': out += " "; break;
        default:      break;
    }
} return out;
}

// use: this.printSieve();
// pre: (nothing)
// post: All primes <min('N',2^(31)-1) has been printed on standard output.
private void printSieve () {
    int n;
    if (N > Integer.MAX_VALUE) n = Integer.MAX_VALUE;
    else                        n = (int)N;

    // Integer.MAX_VALUE = 2 147 483 647 = 2^31 - 1
    BitSet b = new BitSet(n); // max: ~270MB

    for (int i=2; i<n; i++) {
        if (!b.get(i)) {
            System.out.print(i+" ");
            long temp = i;
            for (long j=temp*temp; j<n; j+=temp) {
                b.set((int)j, true);
            }
        }
    }
    System.out.println();
}

//~ ----- ~//
//~ Public static methods ~//
//~ ----- ~//

// use: Number.factorize(N);
// pre: N>1
// post: The factors of 'N' has been printed on standard output.
public static void factorize (long N) {
    Number p = new Number(N);
    p.printFactors();
}

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// use: Number.sieve(N);
// pre: N<1
// post: All primes <min('N',2^(31)-1) has been printed on standard output.
public static void sieve (int N) {
    Number p = new Number((long)N);
    p.printSieve();
}

// Demo application factorizing input number.
public static void main (String[] args) {
    N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
    factorize(N);
}
}
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