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Preface

This book is a companion volume to my previous books *Java in a Nutshell, Java Foundation Classes in a Nutshell*, and *Java Enterprise in a Nutshell*. While those books are quick-references at heart, they also include accelerated introductions to various $Java^{TM}$ programming topics and small sets of example programs. I wrote *Java Examples in a Nutshell* to pick up where those books leave off, providing a suite of example programs for novice Java programmers and experts alike.

This book was a lot of fun to write. The first edition came about when Java 1.1 was released at more than double the size of Java 1.0. While I was busy writing additional examples for the second edition of *Java in a Nutshell*, the engineers at Sun were busy turning Java into something that could no longer quite fit in a nutshell. With its quick-reference section expanding so much, *Java in a Nutshell* could no longer hold many examples. We were able to include some examples of new Java 1.1 features, but we had to cut many more than we could include. This was a hard decision; the examples in *Java in a Nutshell* were one of its most popular features.

This book is the result of those cuts, and I am glad that we made the decision we did. Given the freedom to devote an entire book to examples, I was able to write the examples I really wanted to write. I was able to go into more depth than I ever would have before, and I found myself really enjoying the exploration and experimentation that went into developing the examples. For the second edition of the book, I had the pleasure of exploring and experimenting with new parts of the Java API: $Swing^{TM}$, Java $2D^{TM}$, servlets, and XML. I hope you will use these examples as a starting point for your own explorations, and that you get a taste of the same excitement I felt while writing them.

As its name implies, this book teaches by example, which is how many people learn best. There is not a lot of hand-holding, nor will you find detailed documentation of the exact syntax and behavior of Java statements. This book is designed to work in tandem with Java in a Nutshell, Java Foundation Classes in a Nutshell, and Java Enterprise in a Nutshell. You'll probably find those volumes quite useful while studying the examples here. You may also be interested in the other books in the O'Reilly Java series. Those books are listed at http://java.oreilly.com.

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You can read the chapters in this book in more or less whatever order they strike your interest. There are some interdependencies between the chapters, however, and some chapters really ought to be read in the order they are presented. For example, it is important to read Chapter 3, Input/Output, before you read Chapter 5, Networking. Chapter 1, Java Basics, and Chapter 2, Objects, Classes, and Interfaces, are aimed at programmers just starting out with Java. Seasoned Java programmers will probably want to skip them.

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