

# 3. NetBeans IDE 6.0

Java

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# Installing the NetBeans IDE



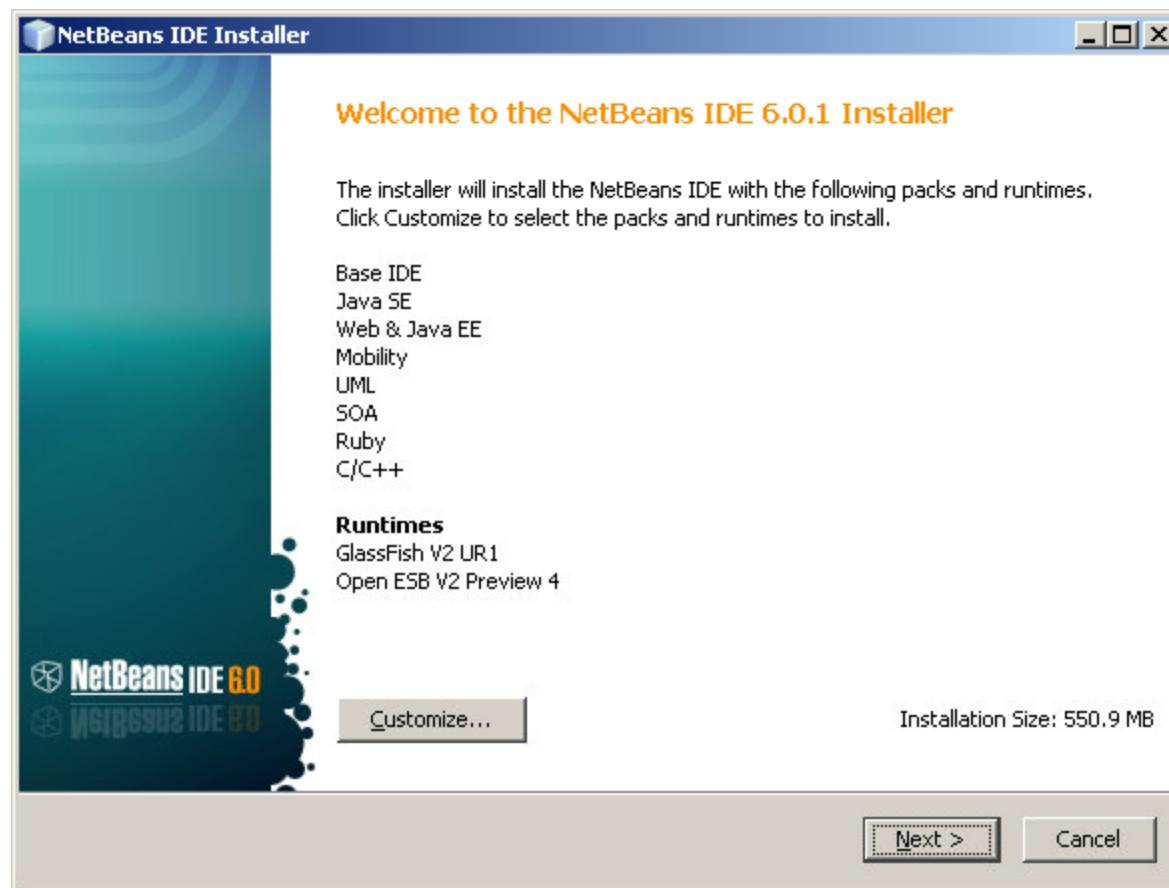
## Installing the NetBeans IDE

- 1) Execute the installer
  - you will see the NetBeans 6 welcome page

## NetBeans IDE 6.0

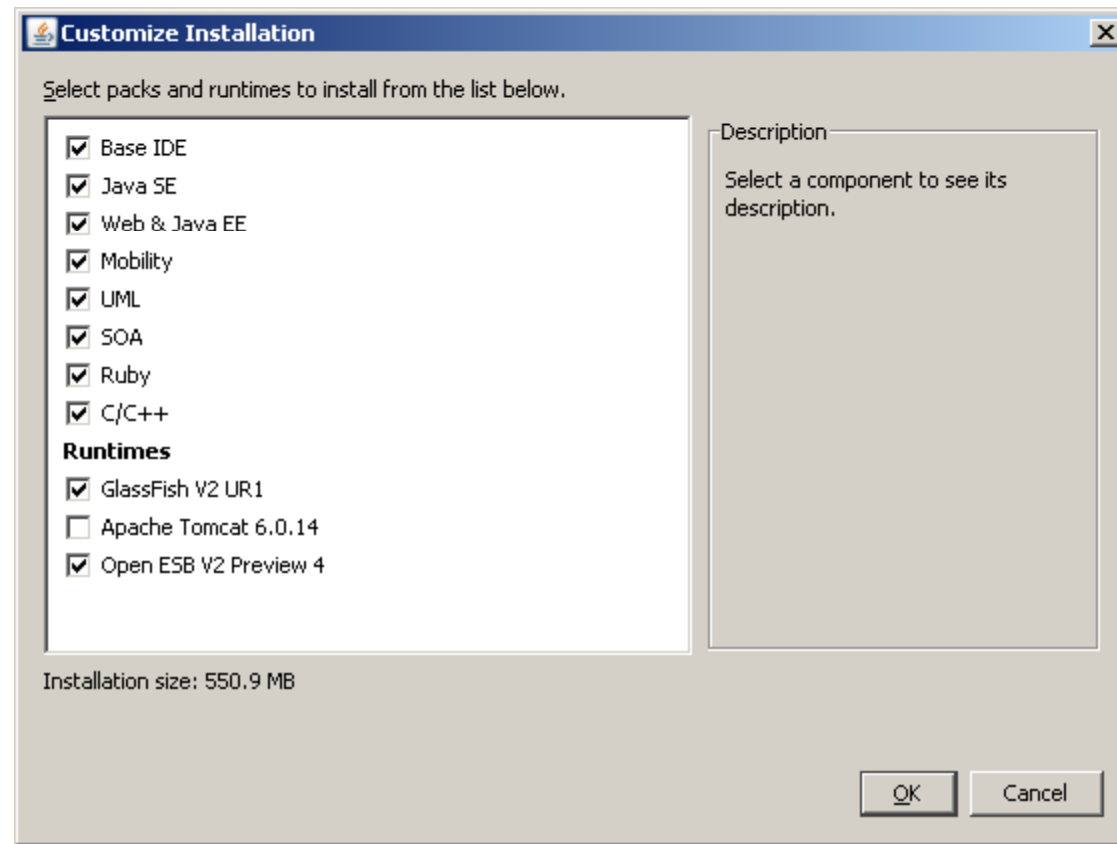
# Installing the NetBeans IDE

2) Click the **Customize** button to select which features you want to install



# Installing the NetBeans IDE

3) Select **Base IDE**, **Java SE**, and **UML**, and click **OK**



## Installing the NetBeans IDE

- 4) Select the check box next to the text “I Accept the terms in the license agreement” and click the Next button.

# Installing the NetBeans IDE

- 5) Next step you should select installation folders for :
- the NetBeans IDE
  - the JDK
  - By default:
    - C:\Program Files\NetBeans 6.0.1
    - C:\Program Files\Java\jdk1.6.0\_06
  - Click the **Browse** button and select a directory for change the default directories



## Installing the NetBeans IDE

- 6) After selecting directories, click **Finish** for starting installation

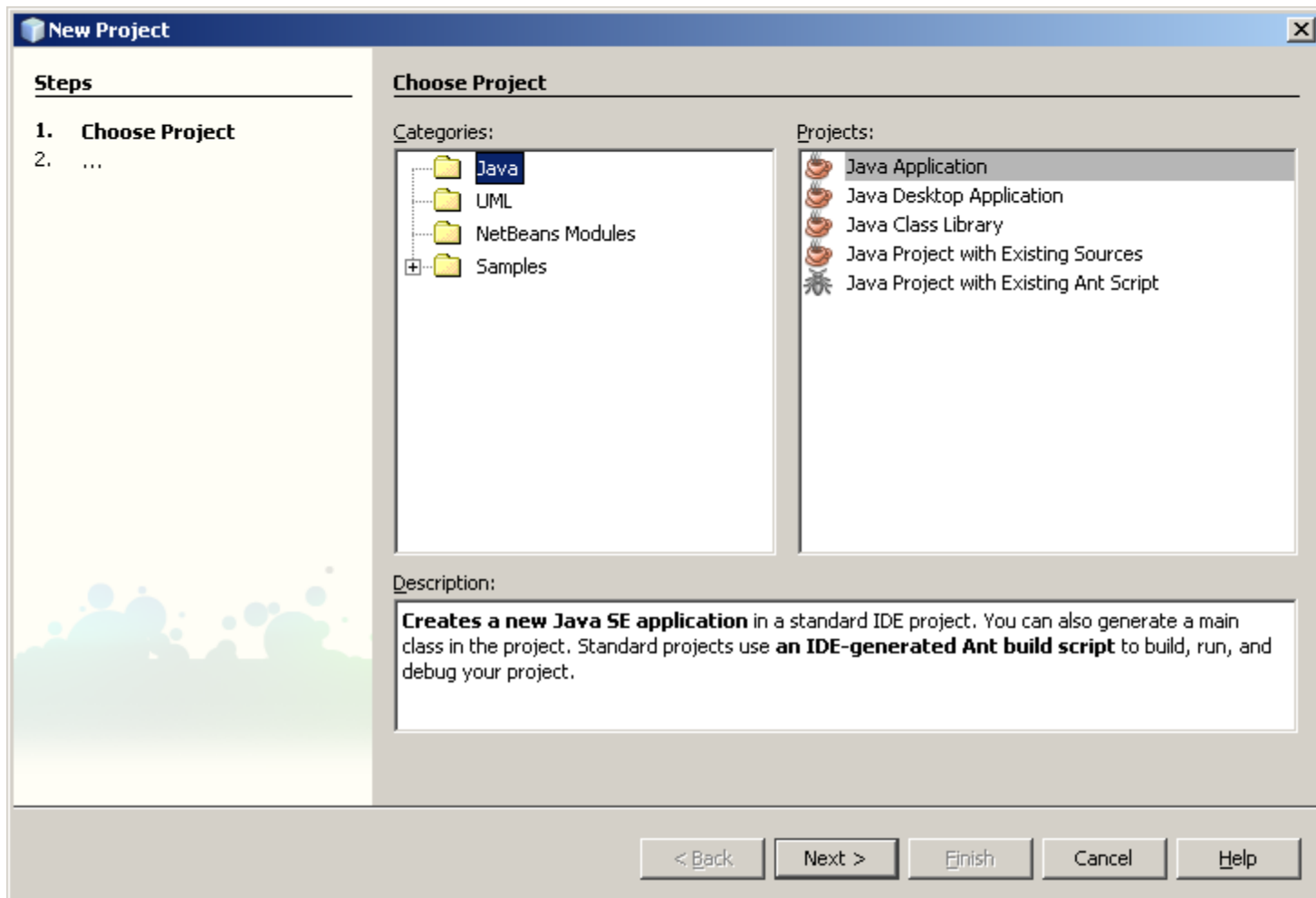


# First NetBeans IDE Project



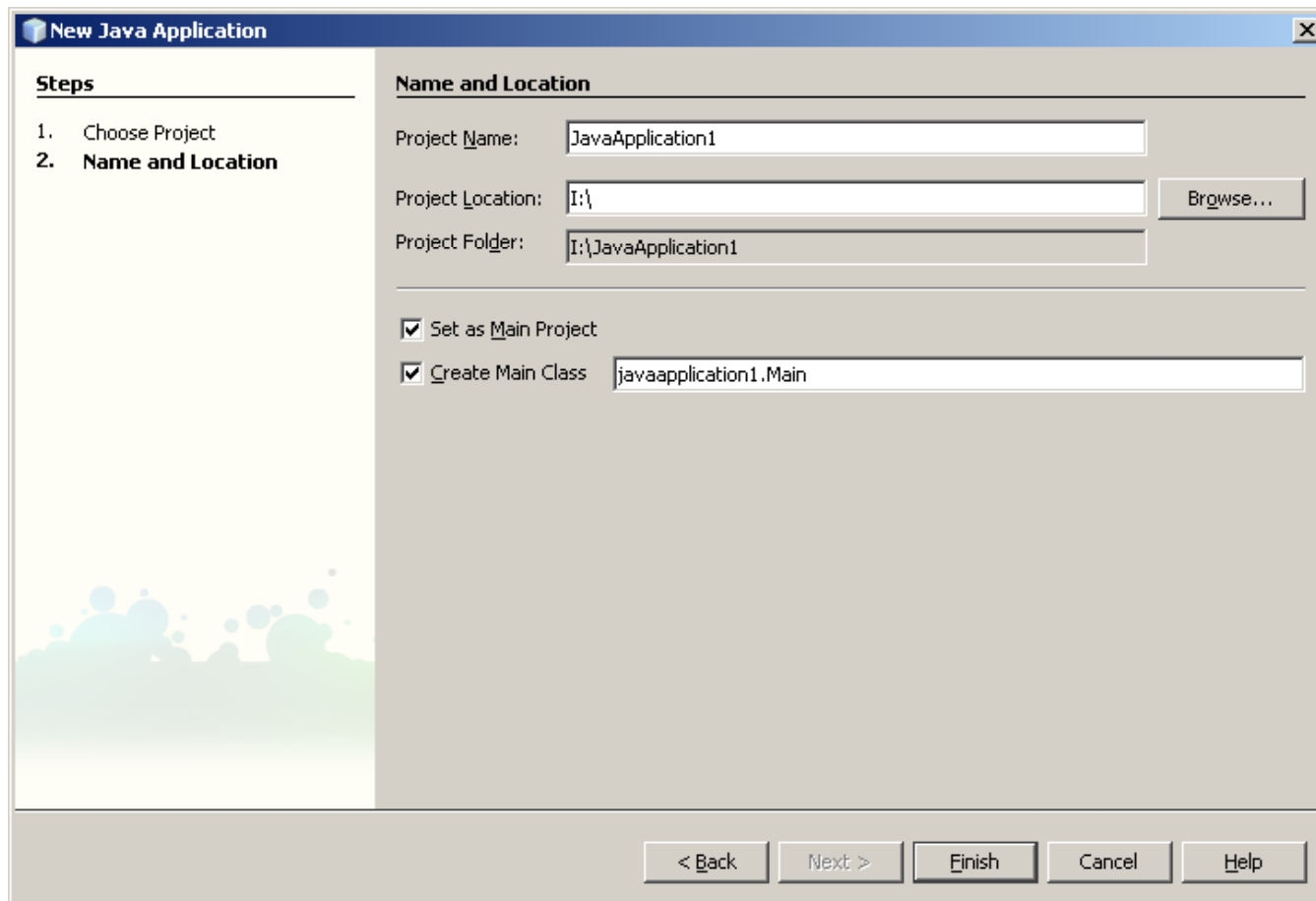
# First NetBeans IDE Project

### 1) Choose [File](#) | [New Project](#)



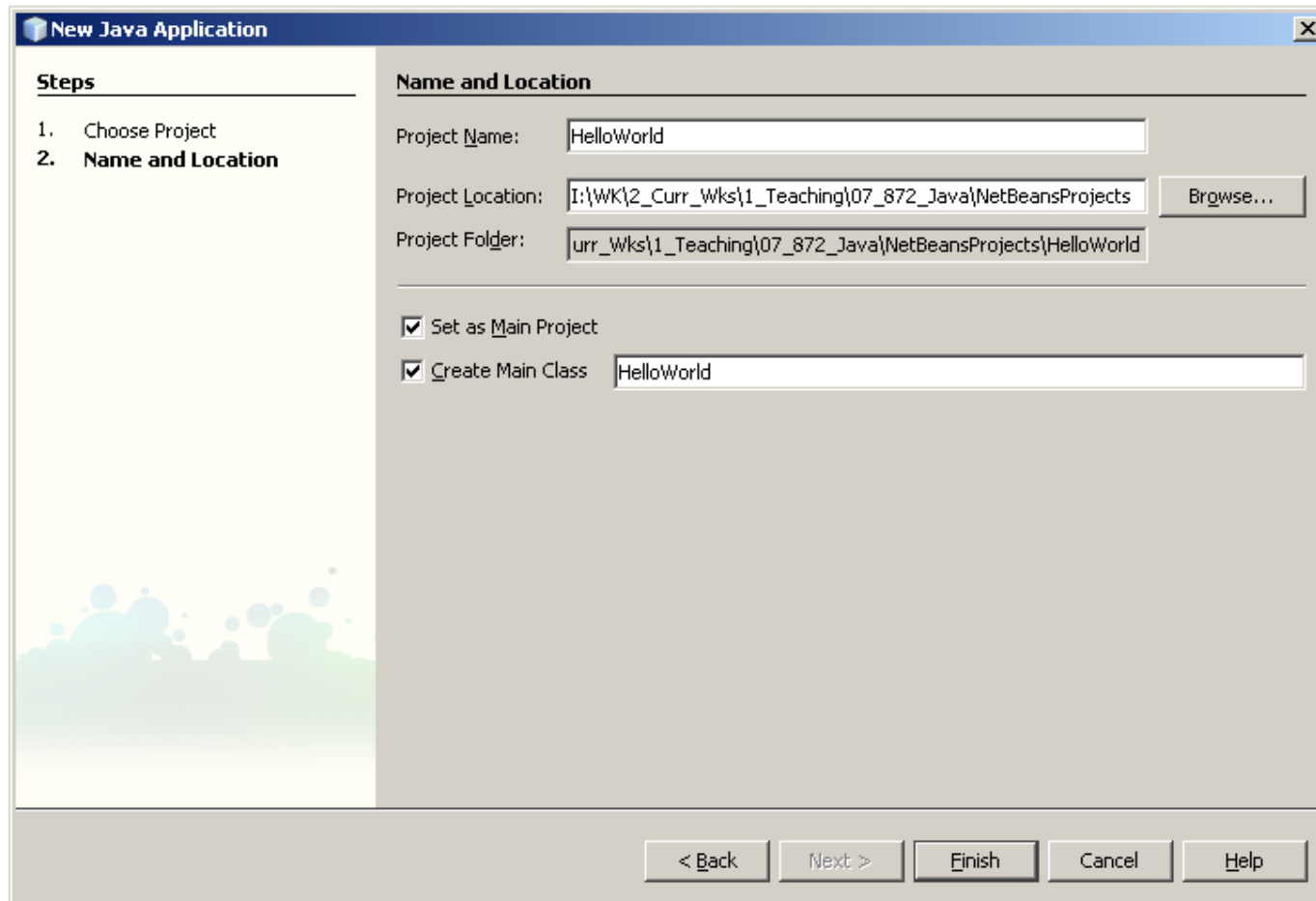
# First NetBeans IDE Project

2) In the New Project wizard, select Java Application, and click **Next**



# First NetBeans IDE Project

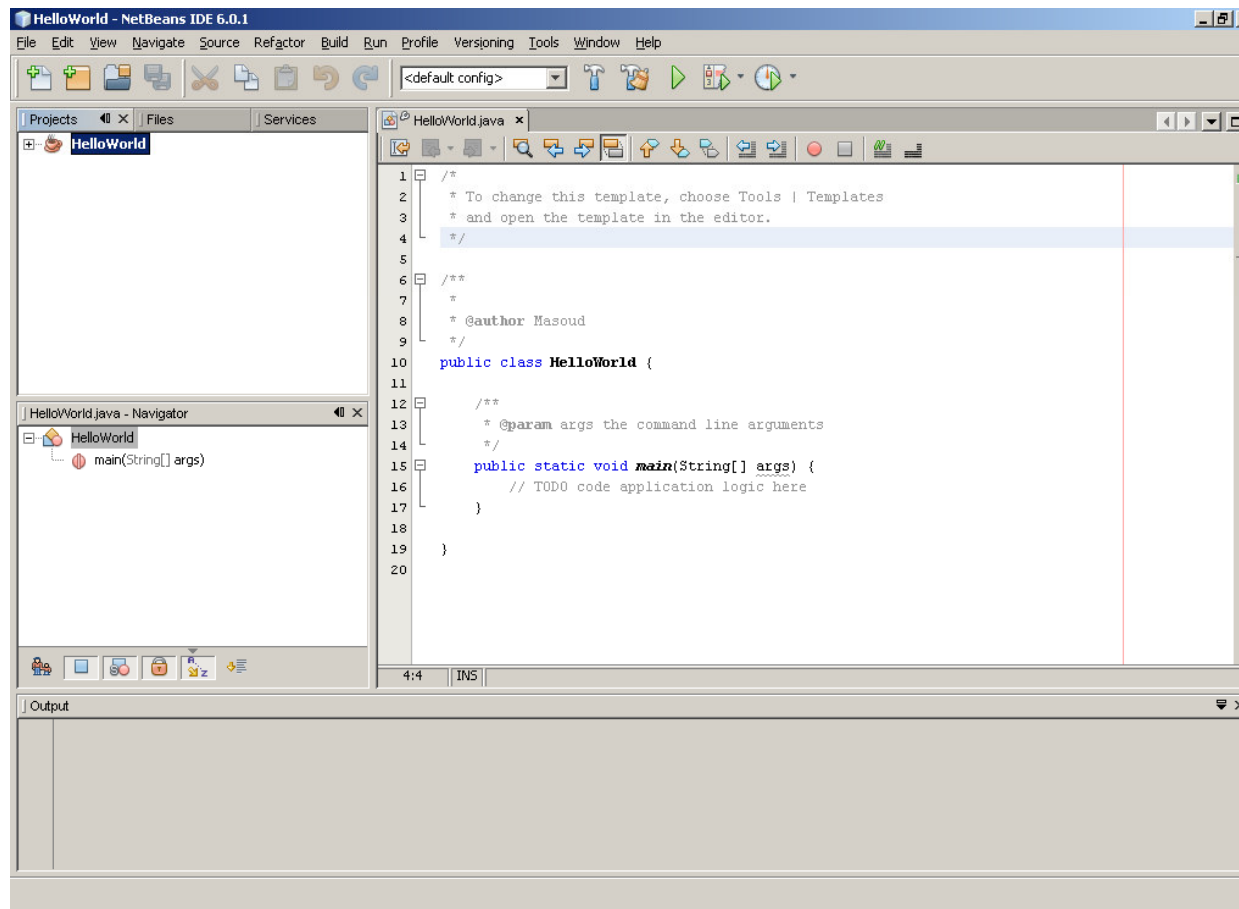
- 3) In the **Project Name** type **HelloWorld**, In the **Project Location** choose the suitable directory, In the **Create Main Class** type **HelloWorld**



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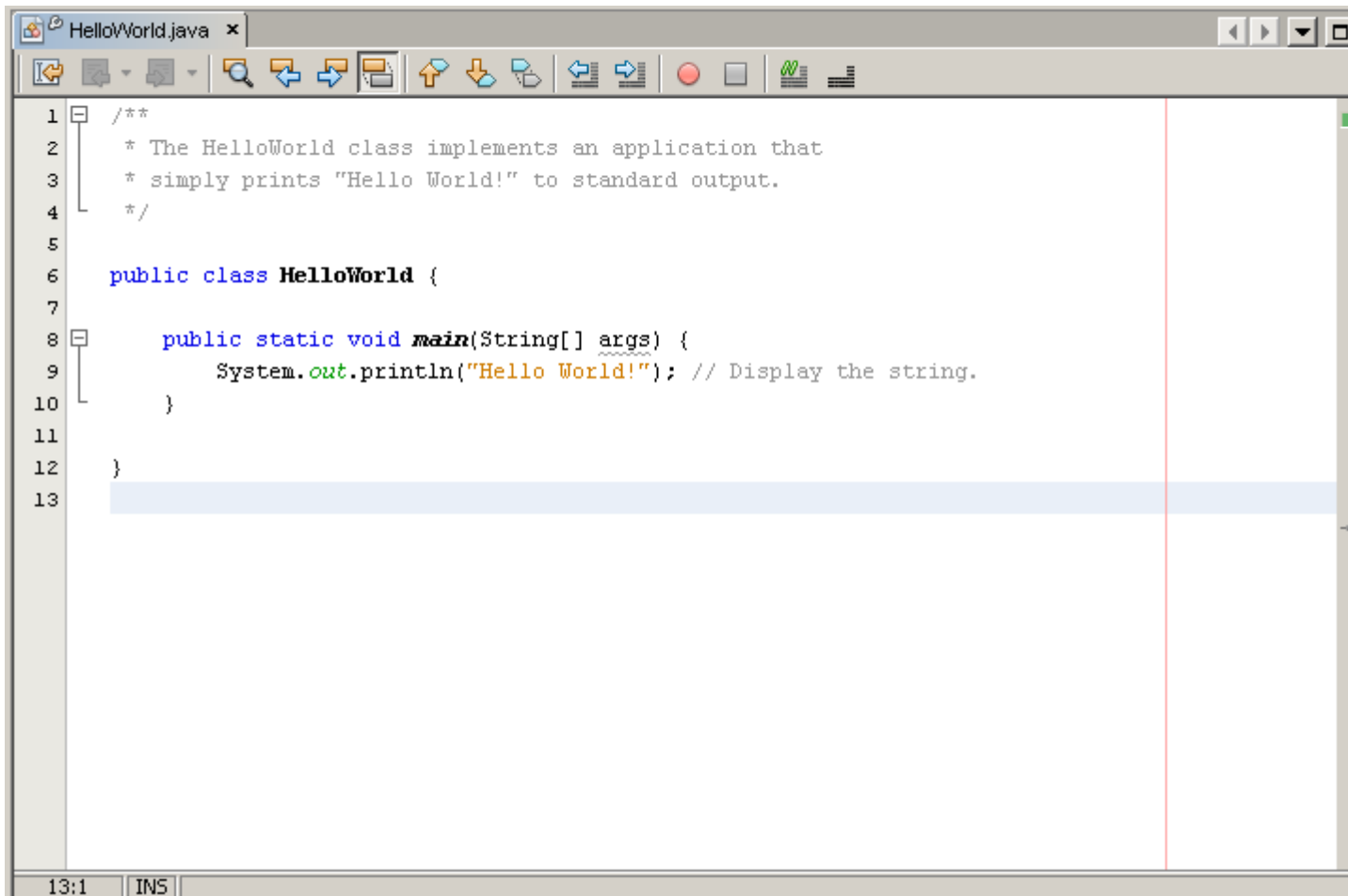
## First NetBeans IDE Project

### 4) Click Finish



# First NetBeans IDE Project

6) In the **Source Editor**, type the comment and command of **HelloWorld** program

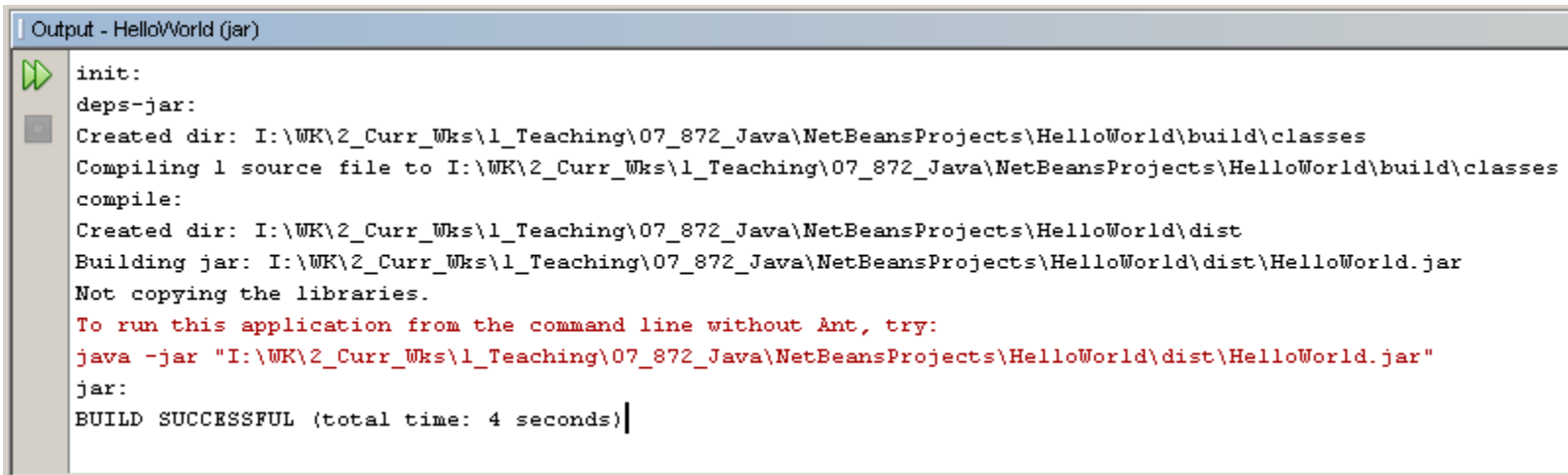


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4   */
5
6  public class HelloWorld {
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8      public static void main(String[] args) {
9          System.out.println("Hello World!"); // Display the string.
10     }
11
12 }
13
```

13:1 | INS

# First NetBeans IDE Project

- 7) Press **Ctrl-S** to save the application.
- 8) Press **F11** (or choose **Build | Build Main Project**) to compile the application. The Output window opens and displays the output

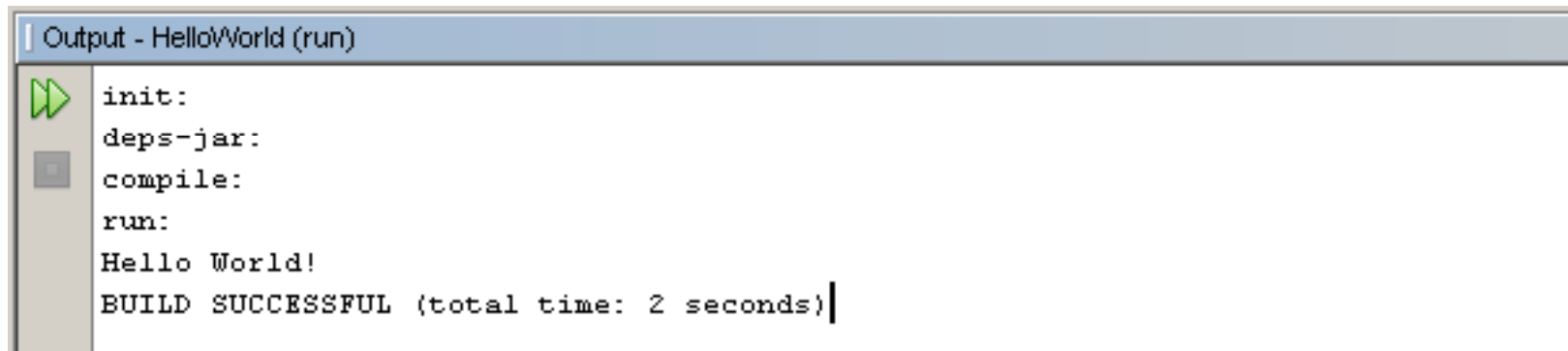


```
Output - HelloWorld (jar)
init:
deps-jar:
Created dir: I:\WK\2_Curr_Wks\1_Teaching\07_872_Java\NetBeansProjects\HelloWorld\build\classes
Compiling 1 source file to I:\WK\2_Curr_Wks\1_Teaching\07_872_Java\NetBeansProjects\HelloWorld\build\classes
compile:
Created dir: I:\WK\2_Curr_Wks\1_Teaching\07_872_Java\NetBeansProjects\HelloWorld\dist
Building jar: I:\WK\2_Curr_Wks\1_Teaching\07_872_Java\NetBeansProjects\HelloWorld\dist\HelloWorld.jar
Not copying the libraries.
To run this application from the command line without Ant, try:
java -jar "I:\WK\2_Curr_Wks\1_Teaching\07_872_Java\NetBeansProjects\HelloWorld\dist\HelloWorld.jar"
jar:
BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 4 seconds)|
```



# First NetBeans IDE Project

9) Press **F6** (or choose **Run | Run Main Project**) to run the project.



```
Output - HelloWorld (run)
▶▶ init:
   deps-jar:
   compile:
   run:
   Hello World!
   BUILD SUCCESSFUL (total time: 2 seconds)|
```



# IDE Windows



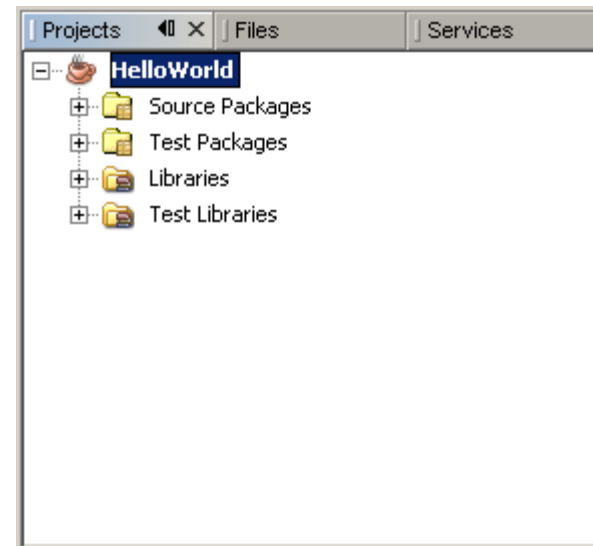
# IDE Windows

- There are multiple windows you can open and use throughout the IDE windowing system.
- Each window has a specific purpose and can be opened, minimized, or closed.
- You can choose each of window by selecting [Window](#)

## IDE Windows

- **Projects Window**

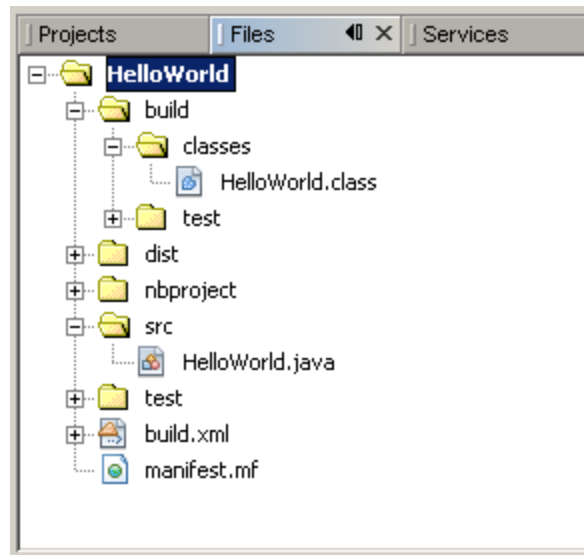
- The **Projects** window displays all the currently opened projects.
- It is the main entry point for NetBeans to categorize and group files for use in an application.
- For most Java project types, the files are sorted into four groups:
  - Source Packages
  - Test Packages
  - Libraries
  - Test Libraries



## IDE Windows

- **Files Window**

- The **Files** window provides a more normal file-based view of open projects.
- The files in a project are organized in a folder-and-file structure



# IDE Windows

- **Services Window**

- The **Services** window is where you can find important resources such as HTTP servers, database servers, web services, DTD and XML schema catalogs, and processes.

- **Navigator Window**

- The **Navigator** window provides a quick-and-easy view of a node that has been selected in the Projects window or Source Editor.
- It can display the methods, constructors, and fields in a class in a traditional list view or as an inheritance tree.

# IDE Windows

- **Source Editor**

- The **Source Editor** window is where you edit code and other files.
- When you open files, they appear in the Source Editor window as a tabbed view.

- **Output Window**

- If you choose to build your project, compile a single file, or run a file that outputs text to the standard output or standard error stream, the information and results are displayed in the **Output** window.



# Source Editor

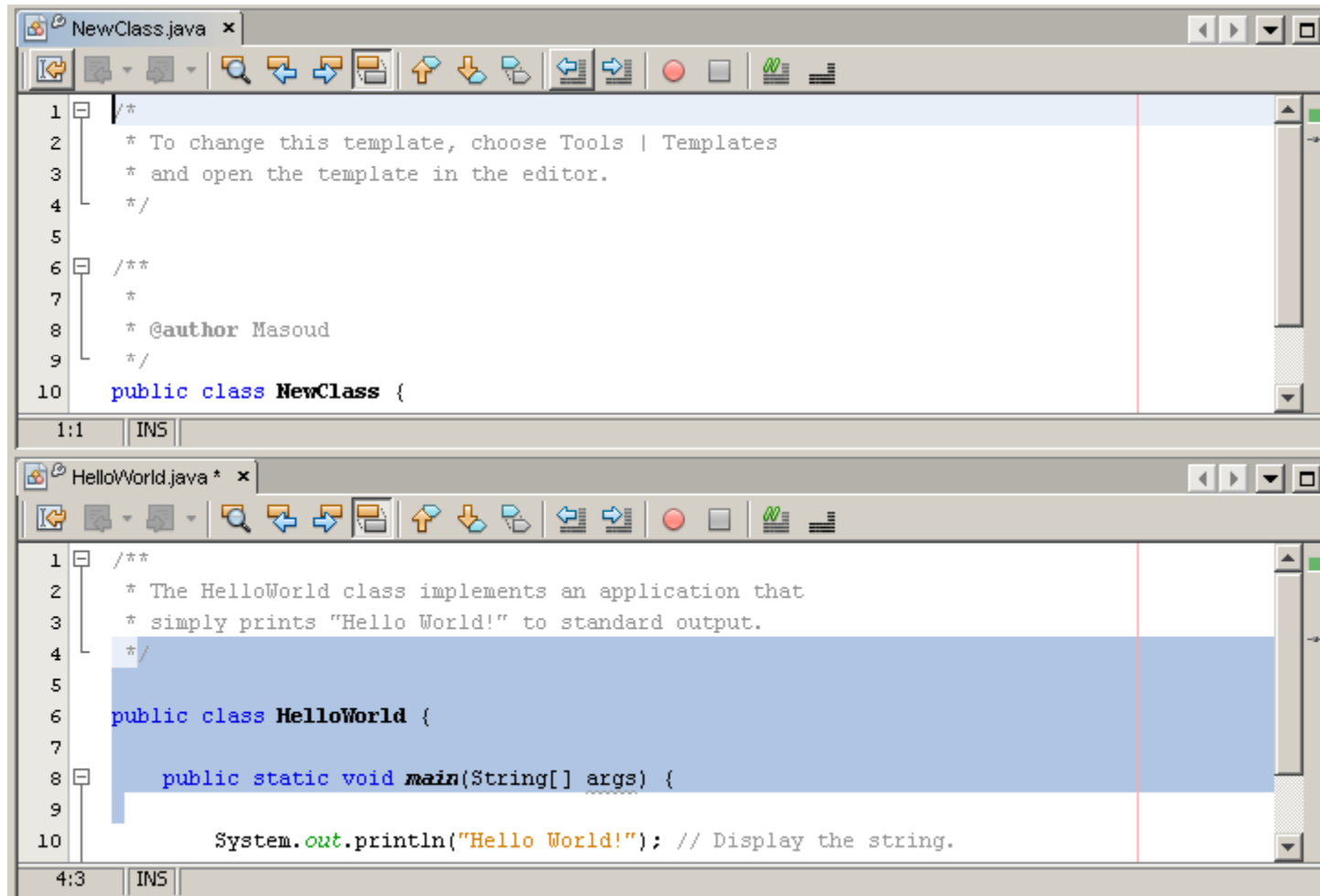




## Arranging Files in the Source Editor

- The **Source Editor** allows you to arrange files in many different ways
- The default viewing option
  - All the files open in the same window with the names of each file appearing in a tab.
- Dual-file editing
  - Click and hold the Filename tab for the second file, and move your mouse to the lower half of or right half of the **Source Editor**
- View the same file in two places
  - Right-clicking the **Filename** tab and selecting **Clone Document**.

## Dual-File Editing



```
1  /**
2   * To change this template, choose Tools | Templates
3   * and open the template in the editor.
4   */
5
6  /**
7   *
8   * @author Masoud
9   */
10 public class NewClass {

1:1 | INS |

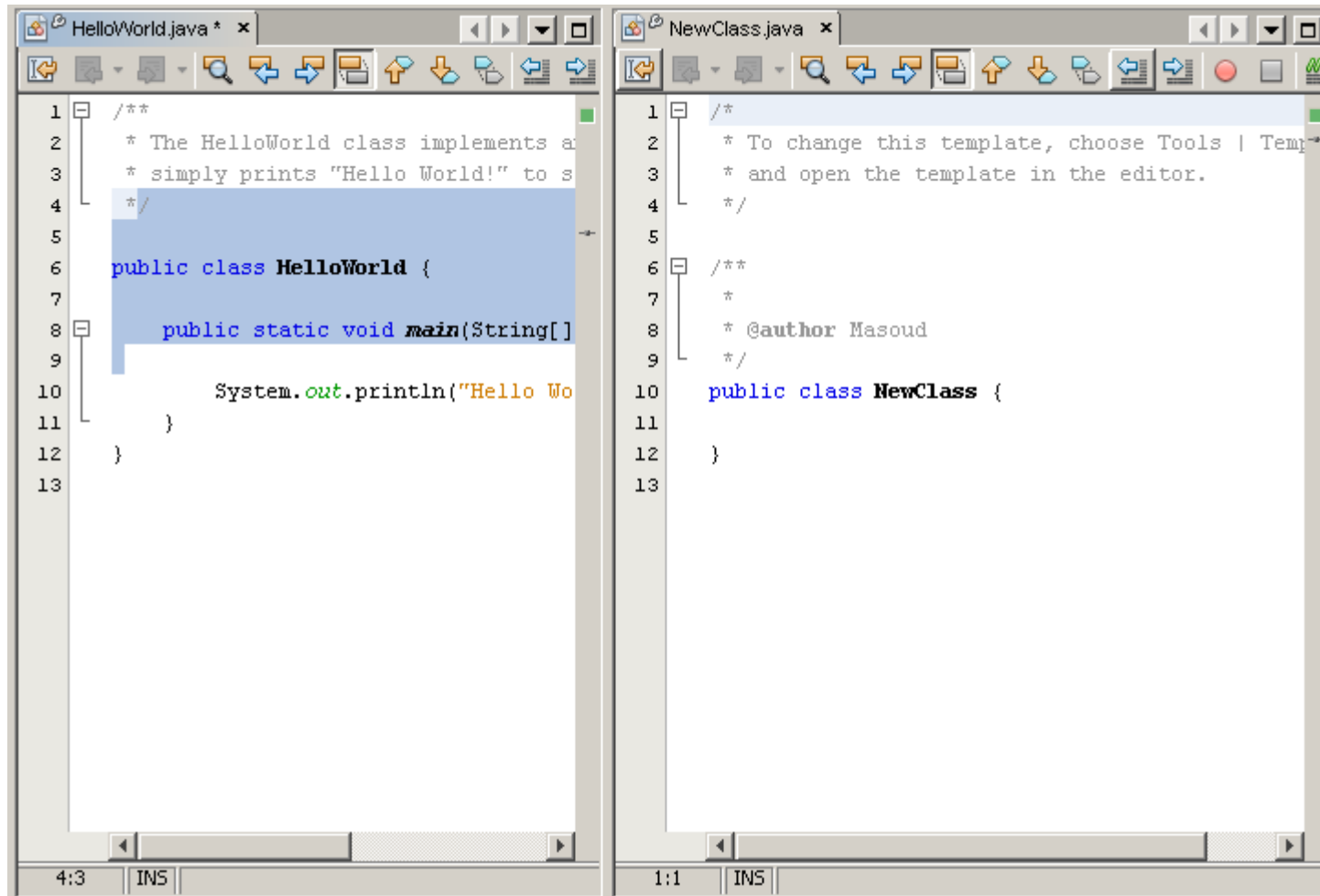
NewClass.java * x

1  /**
2   * The HelloWorld class implements an application that
3   * simply prints "Hello World!" to standard output.
4   */
5
6  public class HelloWorld {
7
8   public static void main(String[] args) {
9
10     System.out.println("Hello World!"); // Display the string.

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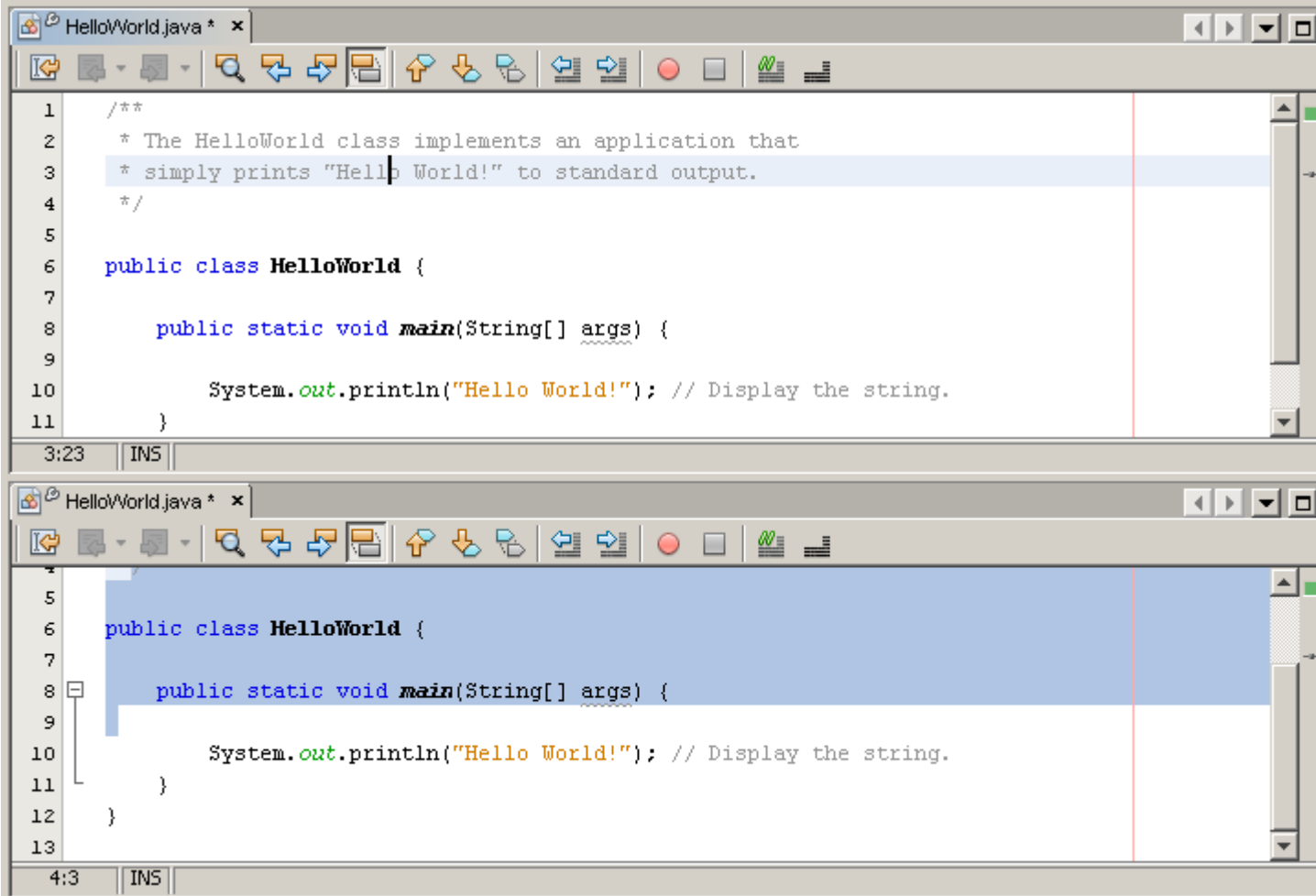
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## Dual-File Editing



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# View the Same File in Two Places



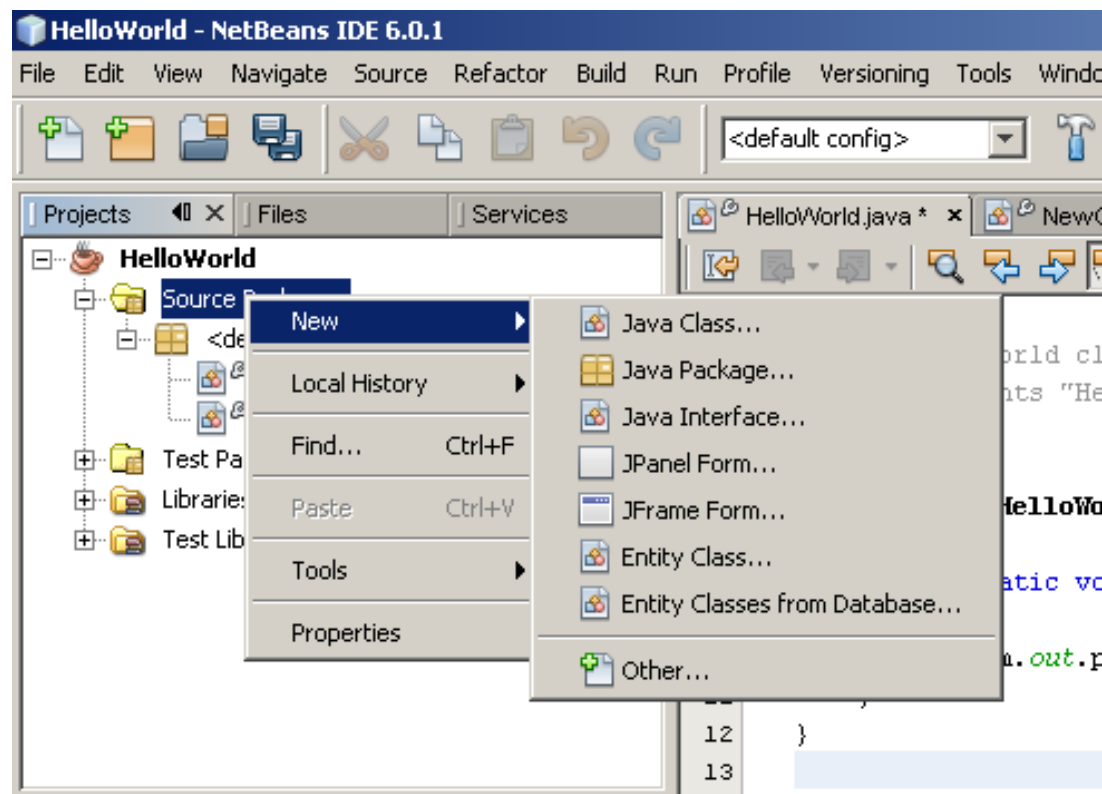
The image displays two instances of the NetBeans IDE 6.0 editor window, both showing the same Java file named 'HelloWorld.java'. The top window shows the code from line 1 to 11, with the first three lines of the Javadoc comment highlighted in blue. The bottom window shows the code from line 5 to 13, with the entire class definition highlighted in blue. Both windows have a toolbar at the top and a status bar at the bottom showing the time and cursor position (INS).

```
1  /**
2   * The HelloWorld class implements an application that
3   * simply prints "Hello World!" to standard output.
4   */
5
6  public class HelloWorld {
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8      public static void main(String[] args) {
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10         System.out.println("Hello World!"); // Display the string.
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```

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11     }
12 }
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```

## Creating Files

- In the **Projects** window, right-click the **Source Packages** node and choose one of the templates from the **New** submenu.



# Opening Files

- You can display a file in the **Source Editor** by double-clicking the file in the **Projects** or **Files** window.
- It should open in the **Source Editor** portion of the IDE.

# Code Folding

- For each section of **comments** and each **method name**, notice the **minus icon** and the **line extending** below it.
- This denotes a piece of text that can be folded, or hidden.
- Code folding can be enabled or disabled
  - To disable code folding in NetBeans, select **Tools | Options | Editor**

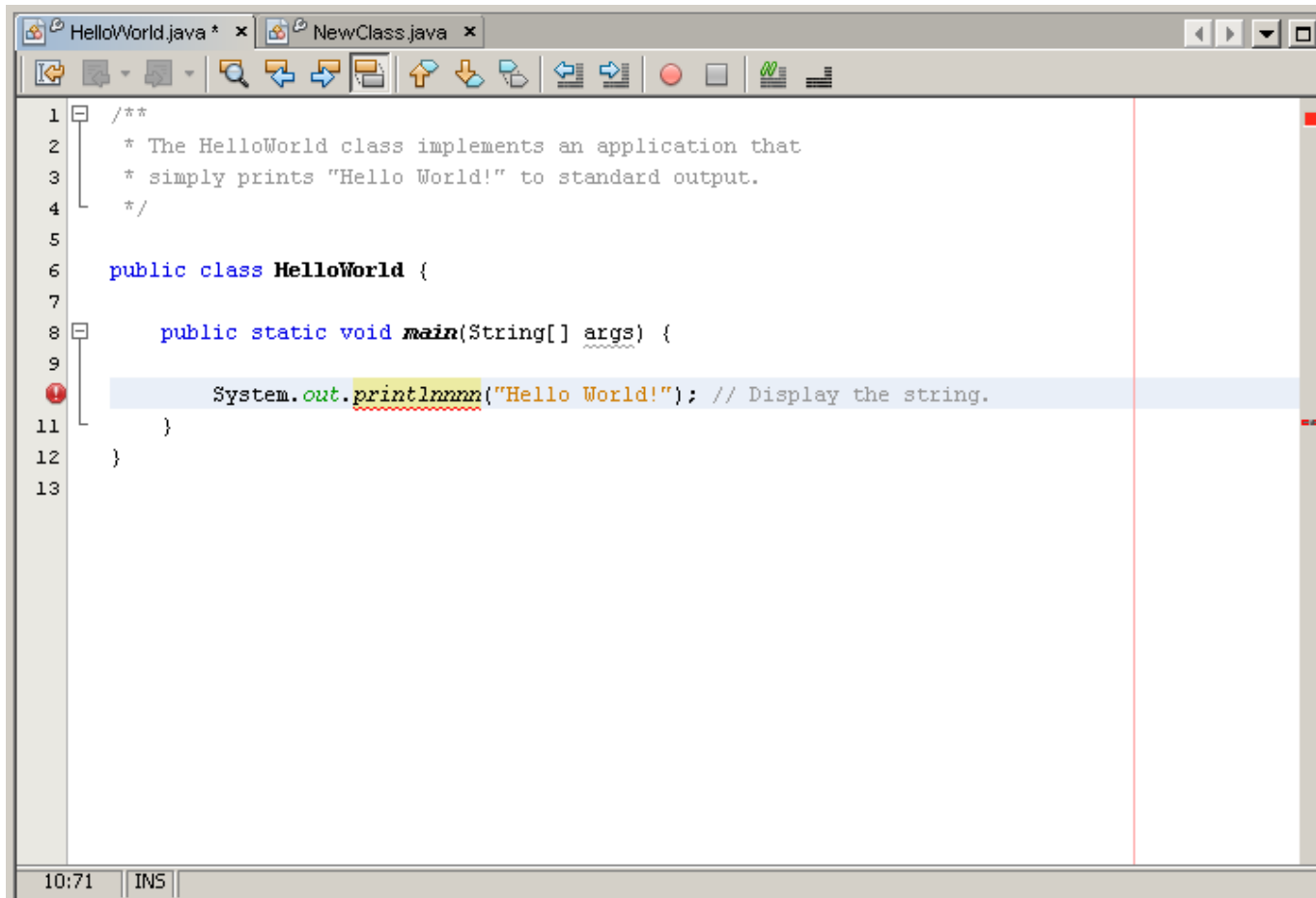
## Current-Line Highlighting

- A useful feature of the NetBeans [Source Editor](#) is current-line highlighting.
- The line that contains the cursor is **lightly highlighted**, so you always know exactly which line is being edited.



# Syntax-Error Highlighting

- The code syntax-error highlighting is another feature of NetBeans.



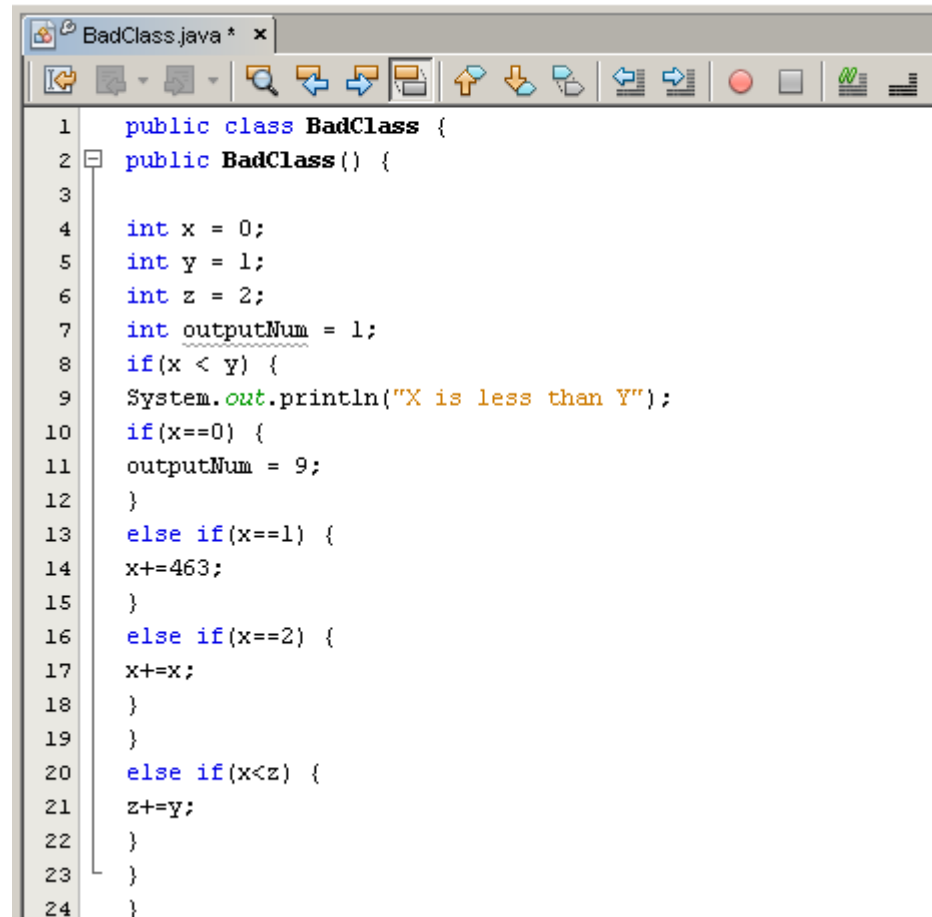
The screenshot shows the NetBeans IDE interface with two tabs: 'HelloWorld.java \*' and 'NewClass.java \*'. The main editor window displays the following Java code:

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4   */
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6  public class HelloWorld {
7
8      public static void main(String[] args) {
9
10     System.out.println("Hello World!"); // Display the string.
11     }
12 }
13
```

A red squiggly line is visible under the word 'println' on line 10, indicating a syntax error. The IDE's status bar at the bottom shows the time '10:71' and the cursor position 'INS'.

## Code Indentation

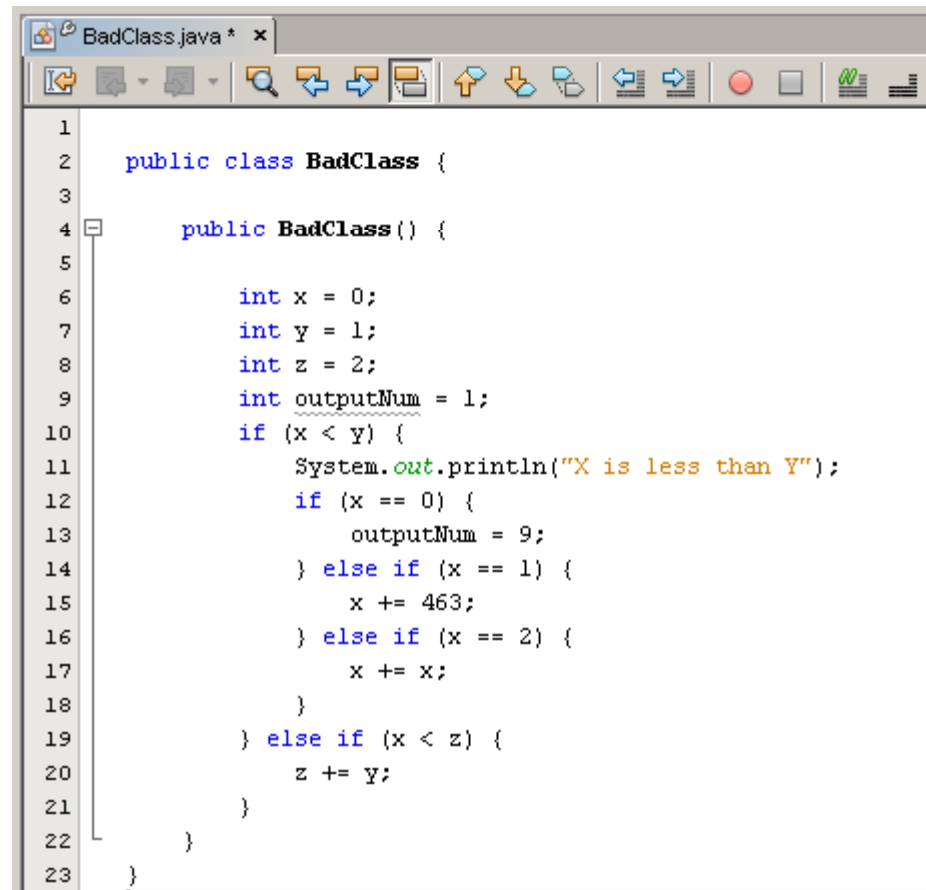
- Formatting your code and indenting each line properly makes the code more readable and easier to maintain.



```
1 public class BadClass {
2     public BadClass() {
3
4         int x = 0;
5         int y = 1;
6         int z = 2;
7         int outputNum = 1;
8         if(x < y) {
9             System.out.println("X is less than Y");
10            if(x==0) {
11                outputNum = 9;
12            }
13            else if(x==1) {
14                x+=463;
15            }
16            else if(x==2) {
17                x+=x;
18            }
19        }
20        else if(x<z) {
21            z+=y;
22        }
23    }
24 }
```

## Code Indentation

- With the [Source | Format](#) option, you can create code and have NetBeans enforce good indentation.



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9         int outputNum = 1;
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15                x += 463;
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23 }
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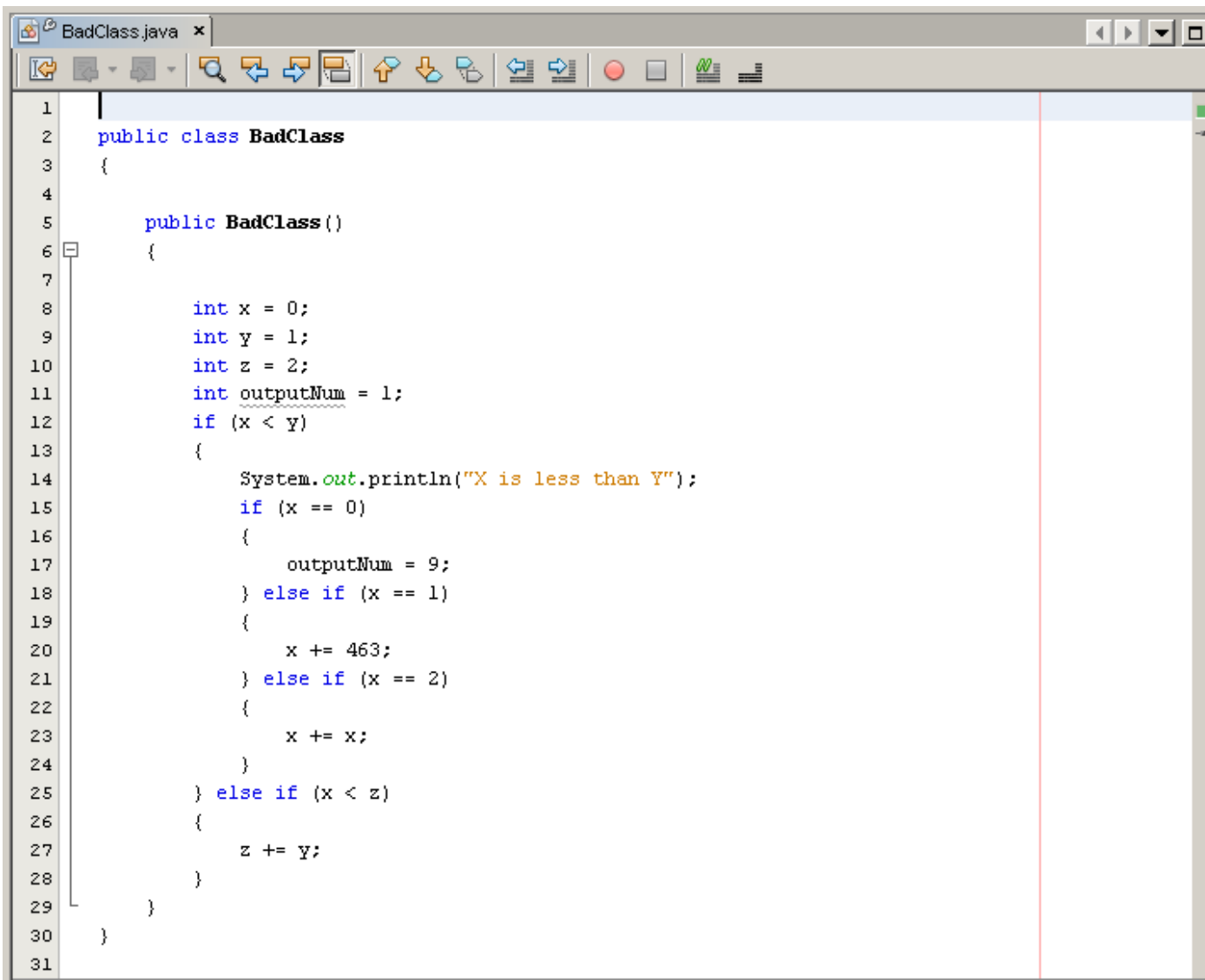
# Setting Code Editor Indentation

- NetBeans allows some flexibility when configuring code indentation and formatting
  - select [Source](#) | [Format Code](#), for formatting source code
- You can modify code styles by choosing
  - [Tools](#) | [Options](#) | [Editor](#) and clicking the [Indentation](#) tab.

# Setting Braces Placement

- You can modify braces placement by choosing
  - Tools | Options | Java Code and clicking the Formatting tab and selecting Alignment and Braces option
- We use following setting:
  - Class Declaration: New Line
  - Class Declaration: New Line
  - Other: New Line

# Setting Braces Placement



The screenshot shows the NetBeans IDE 6.0 interface with a file named `BadClass.java` open. The code is as follows:

```
1
2 public class BadClass
3 {
4
5     public BadClass()
6     {
7
8         int x = 0;
9         int y = 1;
10        int z = 2;
11        int outputNum = 1;
12        if (x < y)
13        {
14            System.out.println("X is less than Y");
15            if (x == 0)
16            {
17                outputNum = 9;
18            } else if (x == 1)
19            {
20                x += 463;
21            } else if (x == 2)
22            {
23                x += x;
24            }
25        } else if (x < z)
26        {
27            z += y;
28        }
29    }
30 }
31
```

The code is displayed with a light blue background. A red vertical line is positioned at the end of line 29, indicating the current cursor position. The IDE's toolbar and window title are visible at the top.

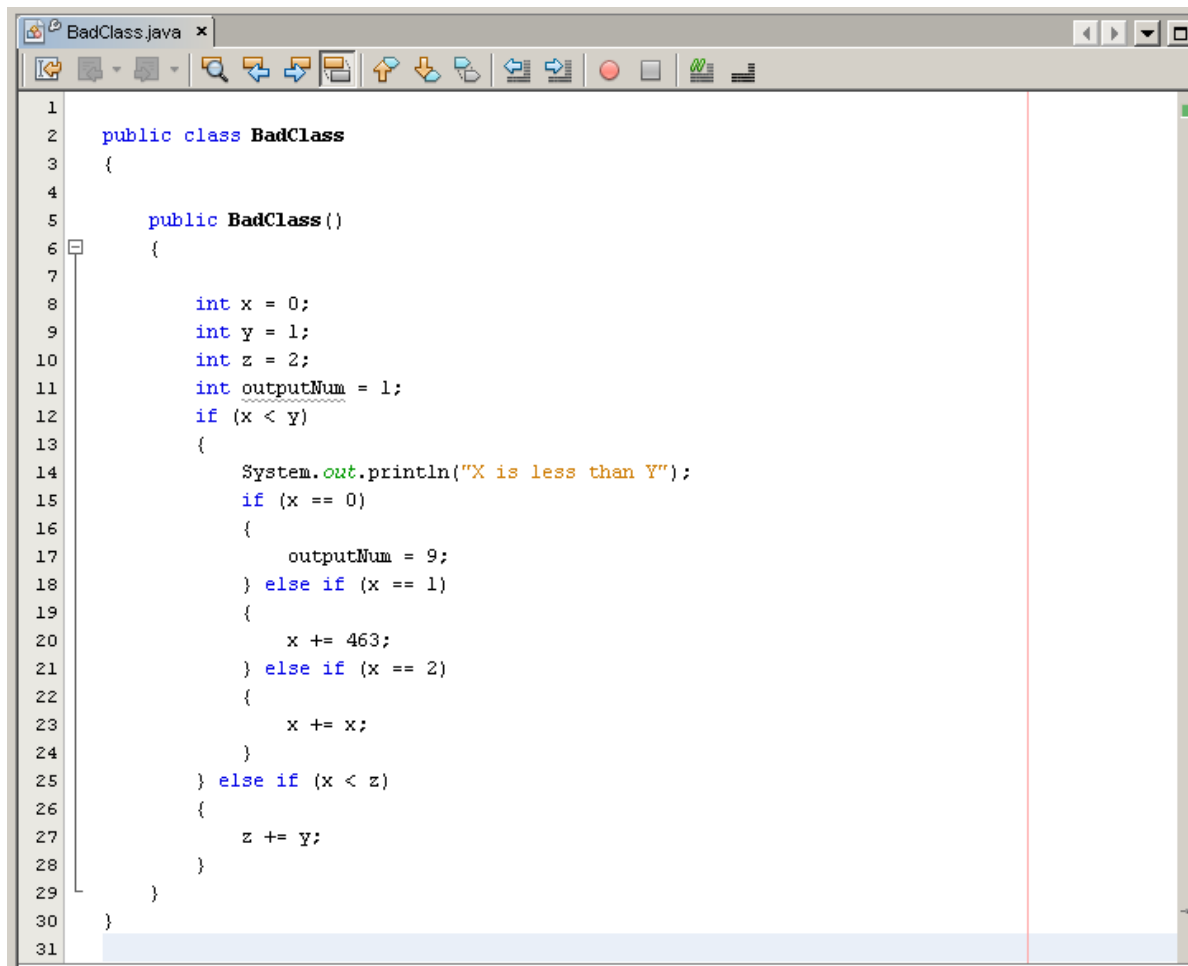
# Identifying Starting and Ending Braces

- If you click next to the curly brace at the end of line 13, then that curly brace should be highlighted

```
12      if (x < y)
13      {
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15          if (x == 0)
16          {
17              outputNum = 9;
18          } else if (x == 1)
19          {
20              x += 463;
21          } else if (x == 2)
22          {
23              x += x;
24          }
25      } else if (x < z)
26      {
```

# Identifying Unused Variables

- Another feature of NetBeans 6 is the ability to see all unused variables. `outputNum` in this program:



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8         int x = 0;
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10        int z = 2;
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13        {
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24            }
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28        }
29    }
30 }
31
```

The variable `outputNum` is declared on line 11 but is never used in the program, as indicated by the text in the slide.



# Code Completion

- Code completion allows you to enter the name of a class, interface, package, field, or method without having to type the entire name.
- Keystrokes affecting code completion

Keystroke	Action
Ctrl+Space	Force the code completion pop-up to appear.
Enter	Insert the selected item into your code.
Escape	Close the code completion box and cancel any text insertions.
Up arrow	Scroll through list of items.
Down arrow	Scroll through list of items.
Page-Up	Scroll to top of visible list of items.
Page-Down	Scroll to bottom of visible list of items.
Home	Scroll to absolute top of the entire list of items.
End	Scroll to absolute bottom of the entire list of items.

## Code Completion

The screenshot shows the NetBeans IDE interface. The main editor window displays the `java.lang.System` class. The code is partially visible, showing the `err` field and the `BadCl` class. A tooltip is displayed over the `err` field, providing a description: "The 'standard' error output stream. This stream is already open and ready to accept output data. Typically this stream corresponds to display output or another output destination specified by the host environment or user. By convention, this output stream is used to display error messages or other information that should come to the immediate attention of a user even if the principal output stream, the value of the variable `out`, has been redirected to a file or other destination that is typically not continuously monitored."

Below the editor, a dropdown menu is open, showing a list of members of the `System` class. The list includes:

- `err` (PrintStream)
- `in` (InputStream)
- `out` (PrintStream)
- `arraycopy(Object src, int srcPos, Object de... void`
- `clearProperty(String key) String`
- `console() Console`
- `currentTimeMillis() long`
- `exit(int status) void`
- `gc() void`
- `getProperties() Properties`
- `getProperty(String key) String`
- `getProperty(String key, String def) String`
- `getSecurityManager() SecurityManager`

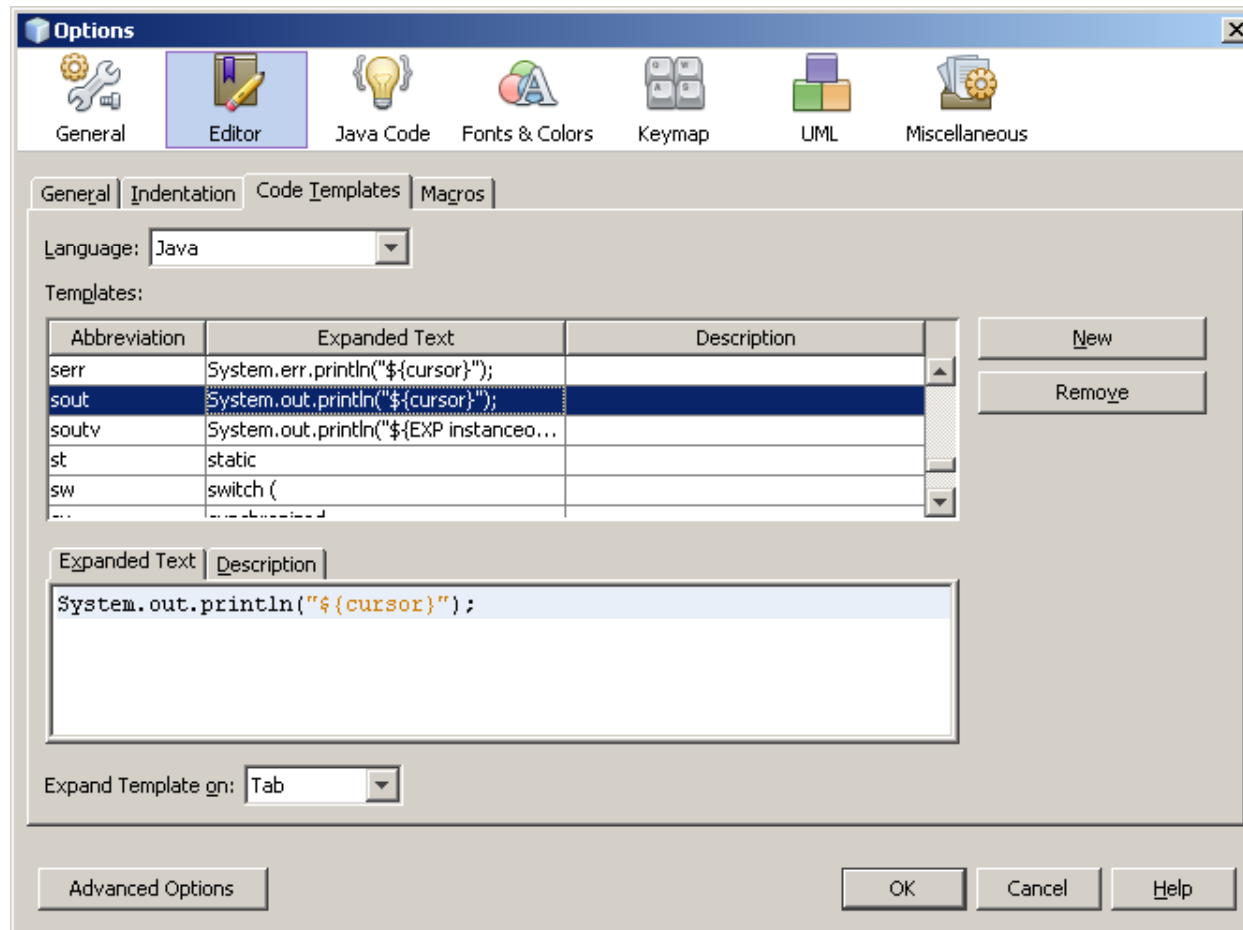
# Code Templates

- Code templates allow you to insert a block of code or text automatically by typing a few characters.
- At first, you have to remember the correct abbreviation for the code template you want.
- Examples: you can simply type `sout` and press the `Tab`. The `sout` text is expanded into this:

```
System.out.println("");
```

## Customizing Templates

- To view the list of code templates: select **Tools | Options | Editor** and click the **Code Templates** tab.



# Configuring Keymaps

- Every good software tool should provide shortcut keys (also known as hotkeys).
- Many menu commands, actions, and tools can be activated via keyboard shortcuts.
- NetBeans categorizes a group of shortcuts as a **keymap**.
- Keymaps can be configured in the Basic Options window.
  - Select **Tools | Options** and choose **Keymap**.



# Customizing the IDE



# Line Numbers

- In the Source Editor, line numbers are displayed along the left column.
  - To track where certain pieces of code
  - A quick way to trace the location of exceptions that are thrown.
- If the line numbers are not displayed, enable them by selecting [View | Show Line Numbers](#).

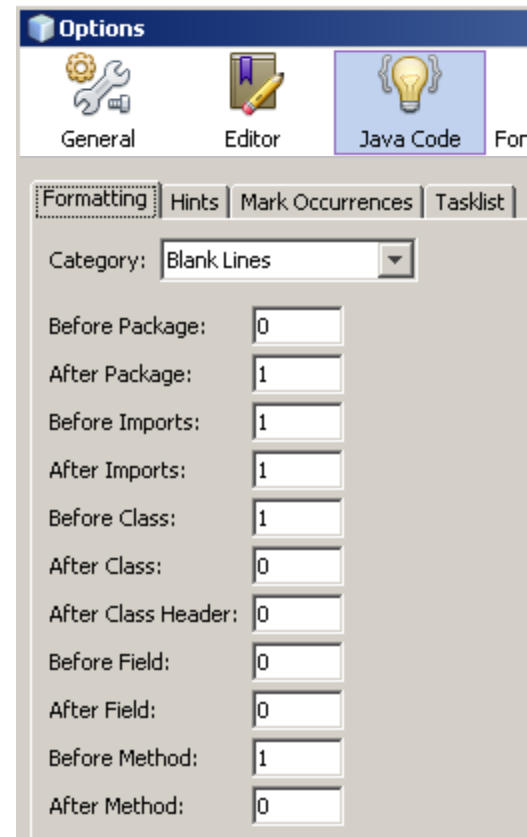
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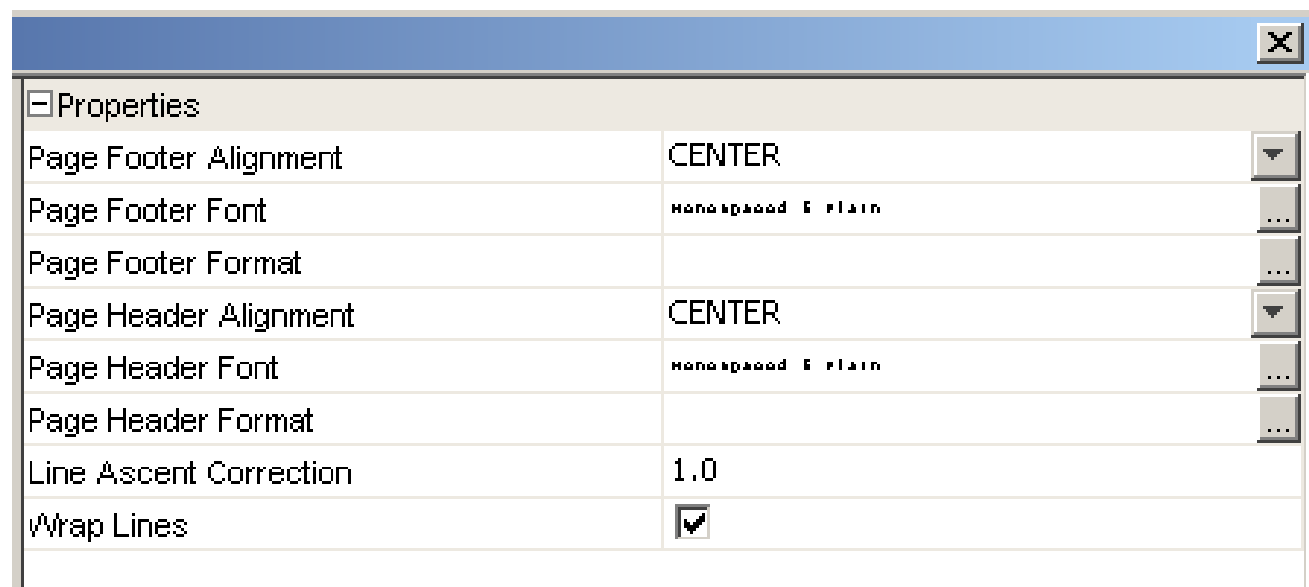
# Setting Blank Lines

- You can modify braces placement by choosing
  - Tools | Options | Java Code and clicking the Formatting tab and selecting Blank Lines option
- We use this setting:



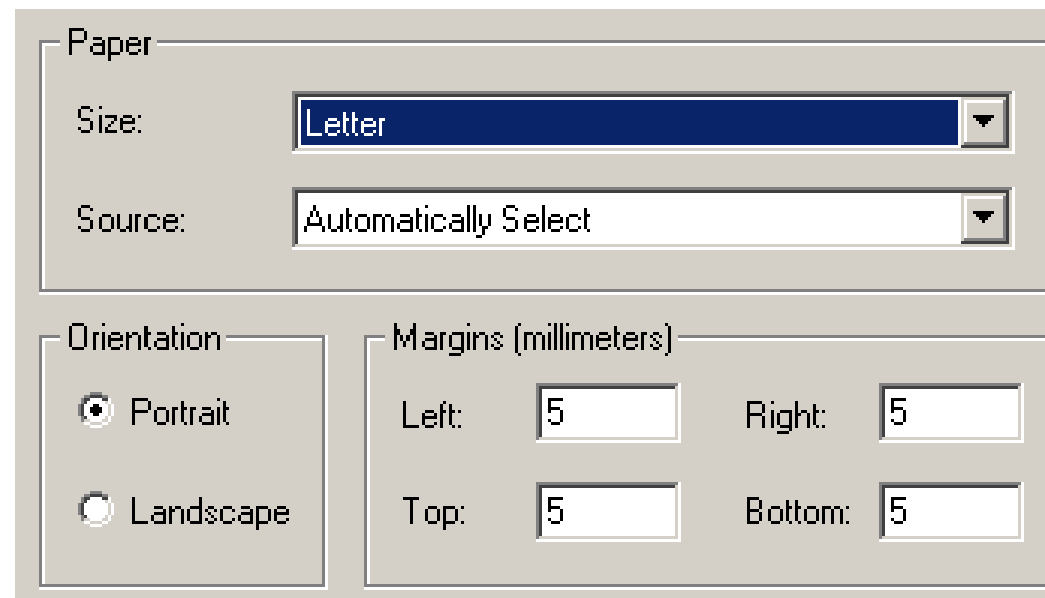
## Print Setting

- You can modify print setting by choosing
  - Tools | Options | Advance Options and clicking the System and selecting Print Setting
- We use:



# Print Setting

- You can modify page setup for printing by choosing:
  - File | Page Setup
- We use:

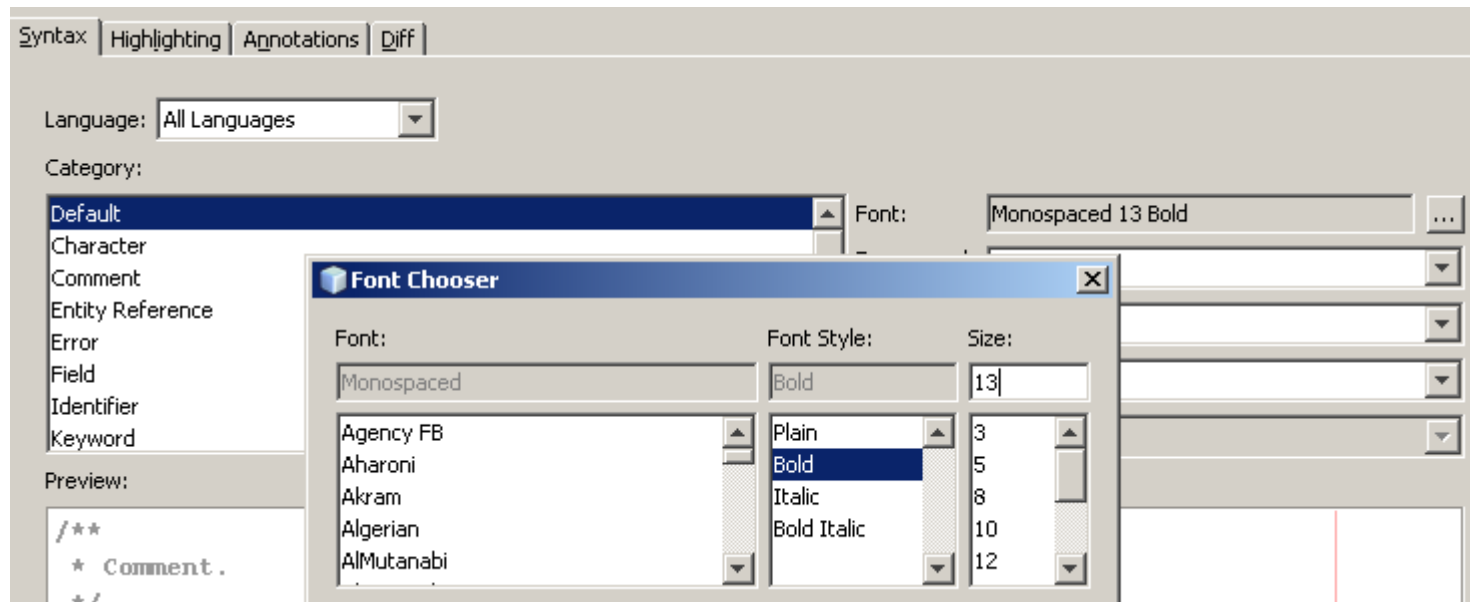


The screenshot shows the 'Page Setup' dialog box in NetBeans IDE 6.0. It is divided into three main sections:

- Paper:** Contains two dropdown menus. The 'Size' dropdown is set to 'Letter', and the 'Source' dropdown is set to 'Automatically Select'.
- Orientation:** Contains two radio buttons. 'Portrait' is selected (indicated by a filled circle), and 'Landscape' is unselected (indicated by an empty circle).
- Margins (millimeters):** Contains four input fields for margin values: 'Left' (5), 'Right' (5), 'Top' (5), and 'Bottom' (5).

# Choosing Fonts and Colors

- The font and color customizations are grouped into a color profile.
- To customize color profiles
  - select **Tools | Options | Fonts & Colors** and select the **Syntax** tab.
- We use:





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