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For a brief introduction to the four different types of Java and HotJava programs you can write, start at the first lesson listed in this Table Of Contents and walk your way through the lessons and pages of the "book". Each page has links at the top and bottom to guide you through the pages in the order listed here.


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Choose one of these lessons and follow its steps to create your first Java program.

The "Hello World" Application is where you should start if you're interested in writing a stand–alone application –– a Java program that executes independently of the HotJava browser.

The "Hello World" Applet is the place to start if you want to write an applet –– a Java program to be included in HTML pages and executed in the HotJava browser.

The "run:" Protocol Handler is where you learn to write a protocol handler –– a program loaded into HotJava that interprets a protocol such as "http:" or "doc:".

The "text/plain" Content Handler is where you learn to write a content handler –– a program loaded into HotJava that interprets files of a certain type, such as files in a particular graphics format.

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