

Methods Design

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Overview

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Using Methods



Defining Methods

Main is a method

Use the same syntax for defining your own methods

```
using System;
class ExampleClass
{
    static void ExampleMethod( )
    {
        Console.WriteLine("Example method");
    }
    static void Main( )
    {
        // ...
    }
}
```

Calling Methods

After you define a method, you can:

- Call a method from within the same class

 - Use method's name followed by a parameter list in parentheses

- Call a method that is in a different class

 - You must indicate to the compiler which class contains the method to call

 - The called method must be declared with the **public** keyword

- Use nested calls

 - Methods can call methods, which can call other methods, and so on

Using the return Statement

Immediate return

Return with a conditional statement

```
static void ExampleMethod( )  
{  
    int numBeans;  
    //...  
  
    Console.WriteLine("Hello");  
    if (numBeans < 10)  
        return;  
    Console.WriteLine("World");  
}
```

Using Local Variables

Local variables

- Created when method begins
- Private to the method
- Destroyed on exit

Shared variables

- Class variables are used for sharing

Returning Values

Declare the method with non-void type

Add a return statement with an expression

Sets the return value

Returns to caller

Non-void methods must return a value

```
static int TwoPlusTwo( ) {  
    int a,b;  
    a = 2;  
    b = 2;  
    return a + b;  
}
```

```
int x;  
x = TwoPlusTwo( );  
Console.WriteLine(x);
```


Using Parameters



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Declaring and Calling Parameters

Mechanisms for Passing Parameters

Pass by Value

Pass by Reference

Output Parameters

Using Variable-Length Parameter Lists

Guidelines for Passing Parameters

Using Recursive Methods

Declaring and Calling Parameters

- Declaring parameters
 - Place between parentheses after method name
 - Define type and name for each parameter
- Calling methods with parameters
 - Supply a value for each parameter

```
static void MethodWithParameters(int n, string y)  
{ ... }
```

```
MethodWithParameters(2, "Hello, world");
```

Mechanisms for Passing Parameters

- Three ways to pass parameters

in	Pass by value
ref	Pass by reference
out	Output parameters

Pass by Value

Default mechanism for passing parameters:

- Parameter value is copied

- Variable can be changed inside the method

- Has no effect on value outside the method

- Parameter must be of the same type or compatible type

```
static void AddOne(int x)
{
    x++; // Increment x
}
static void Main( )
{
    int k = 6;
    AddOne(k);
    Console.WriteLine(k); // Display the value 6, not 7
}
```

Pass by Reference

What are reference parameters?

A reference to memory location

Using reference parameters

Use the **ref** keyword in method declaration and call

Match types and variable values

Changes made in the method affect the caller

Assign parameter value before calling the method

Output Parameters

What are output parameters?

Values are passed out but not in

Using output parameters

Like **ref**, but values are not passed into the method

Use **out** keyword in method declaration and call

```
static void OutDemo(out int p)
{
    // ...
}
int n;
OutDemo(out n);
```

Variable-Length Parameter Lists

Use the params keyword

Declare as an array at the end of the parameter list

Always pass by value

```
static long AddList(params long[ ] v)
{
    long total, i;
    for (i = 0, total = 0; i < v.Length; i++)
        total += v[i];
    return total;
}
static void Main( )
{
    long x = AddList(63,21,84);
}
```


Guidelines for Passing Parameters

Mechanisms

- Pass by value is most common

- Method return value is useful for single values

- Use **ref** and/or **out** for multiple return values

- Only use **ref** if data is transferred both ways

Efficiency

- Pass by value is generally the most efficient

Demo

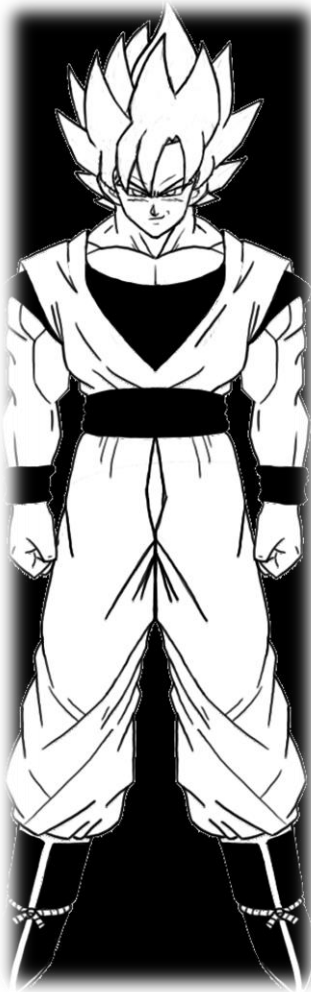
Method and Parameter

Polymorphism



Polymorphism

- Polimorpishm : static and dynamic



Static Polymorphism

- Function Overloading
- Operator Overloading

Declaring Function Overloading

Methods that share a name in a class

Distinguished by examining parameter lists

```
class OverloadingExample
{
    static int Add(int a, int b)
    {
        return a + b;
    }
    static int Add(int a, int b, int c)
    {
        return a + b + c;
    }
    static void Main( )
    {
        Console.WriteLine(Add(1,2) + Add(1,2,3));
    }
}
```

Method Signatures

Method signatures must be unique within a class

Signature definition

Forms Signature Definition

- Parameter type
- Parameter modifier

No Effect on Signature

- Name of parameter
- Return type of method

Using Overloaded Methods

Consider using overloaded methods when:

- You have similar methods that require different parameters

- You want to add new functionality to existing code

Do not overuse because:

- Hard to debug

- Hard to maintain

Operator Overloading

Manipulating operator to support 'custom' entity

```
public static Box operator+ (Box b, Box c) {  
    Box box = new Box();  
    box.length = b.length + c.length;  
    box.breadth = b.breadth + c.breadth;  
    box.height = b.height + c.height;  
    return box;  
}
```

Dynamic Polymorphism

- implemented by abstract classes and virtual functions.
- Dynamic polymorphism is stopped when classes is sealed
- Abstract can't be sealed

Demo

Polymorphism

Review

Two types of methods return-able value and non return value (void)

Three types of parameters which are by value, by reference, and out parameter)

Overloaded Method different parameter same method name.

Abstract class and Virtual Method helps to implement Polymorphism