Lesson 02 Demo 03

Using Methods in Java

Objective: To depict how methods are implemented in Java

Tools required: Eclipse IDE

Prerequisites: None

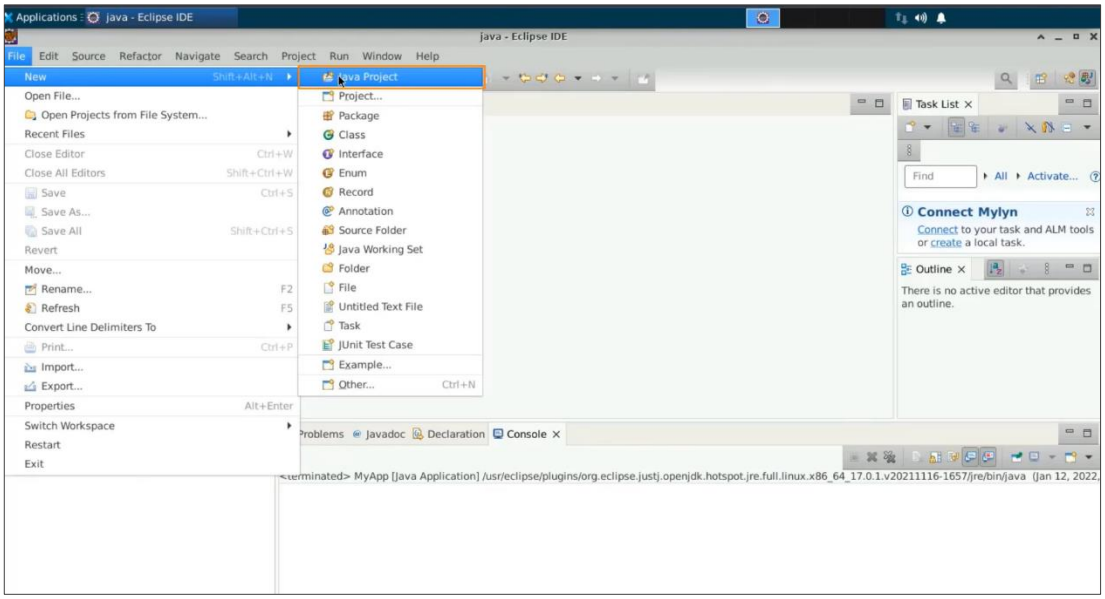
Steps to be followed:

1. Write an algorithm and implement the same
2. Write arrays with cited examples
3. Run the code and get the output
4. Create and use a non-static method
5. Create an object with an object construction statement
6. Differentiate between running a static and a non-static method

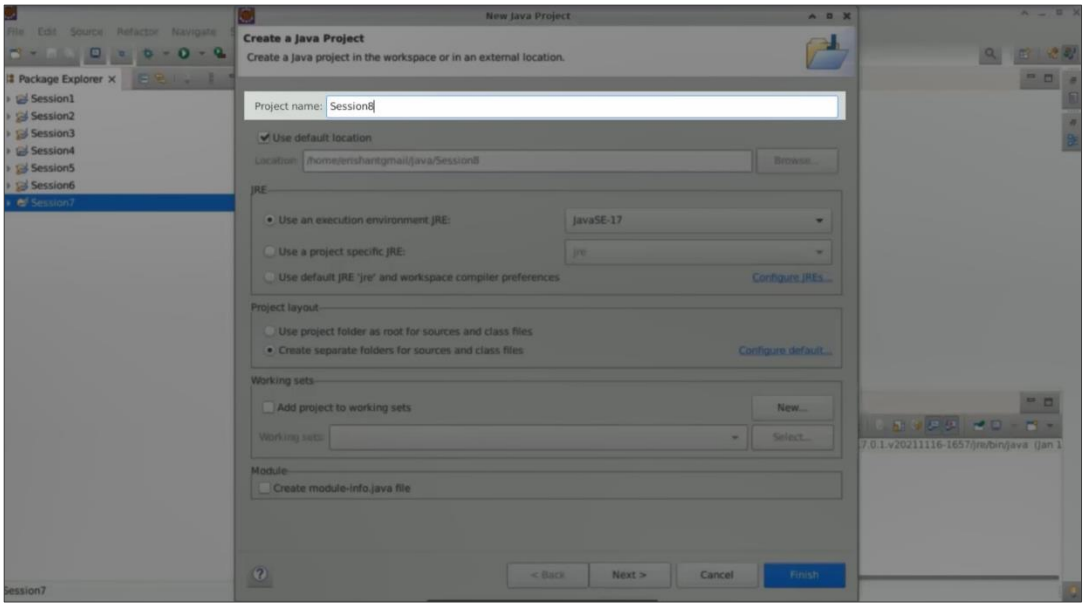
Step 1: Write an algorithm and implement the same

1.1 Open the **Eclipse IDE**

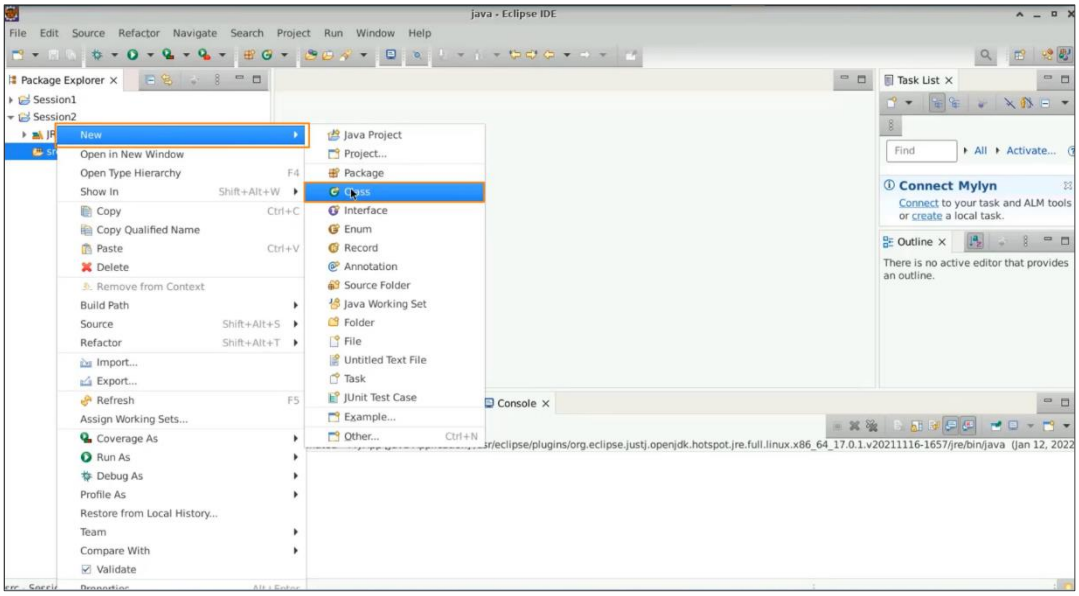
1.2 Select **File**, then **New,** and then **Java project**



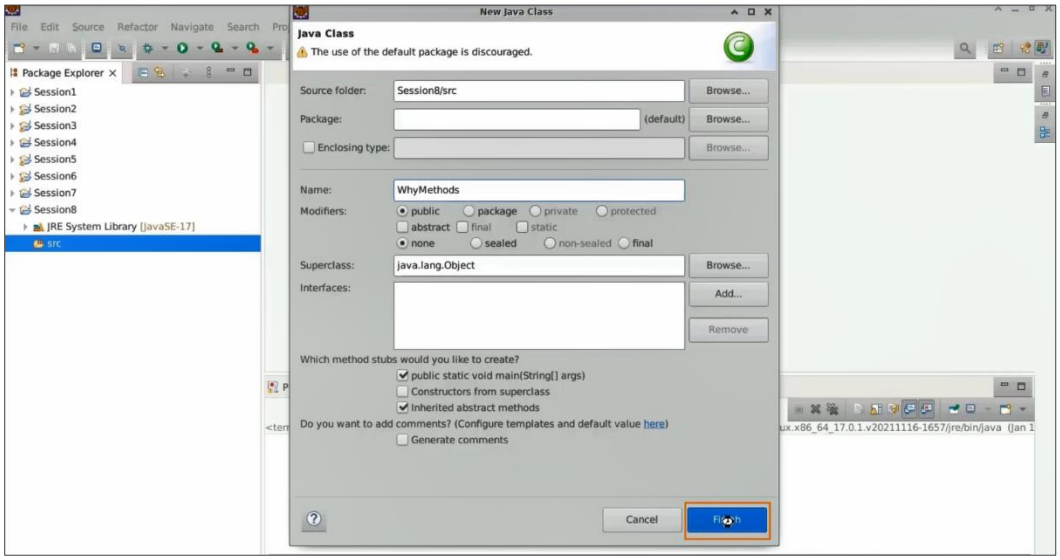
1.3 Name the project **“Session8”,** uncheck **“Create a module info dot Java file”**, and press **Finish**



1.4 With a **Session8** on the src, do a right-click and create a **new class**

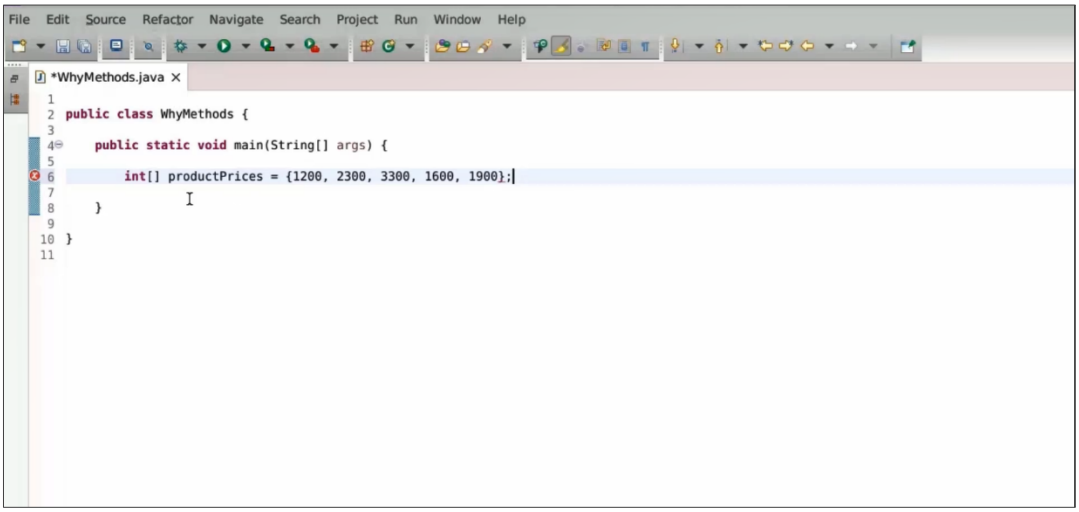


1.5 Name this class as **WhyMethods**, then select the **main method,** and then select **finish**

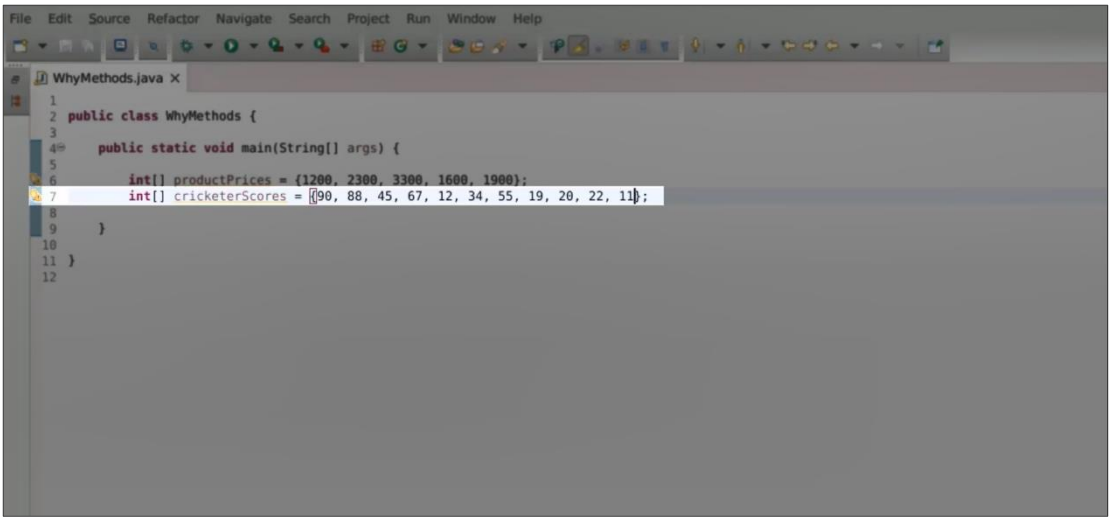


Step 2: Write arrays with cited examples

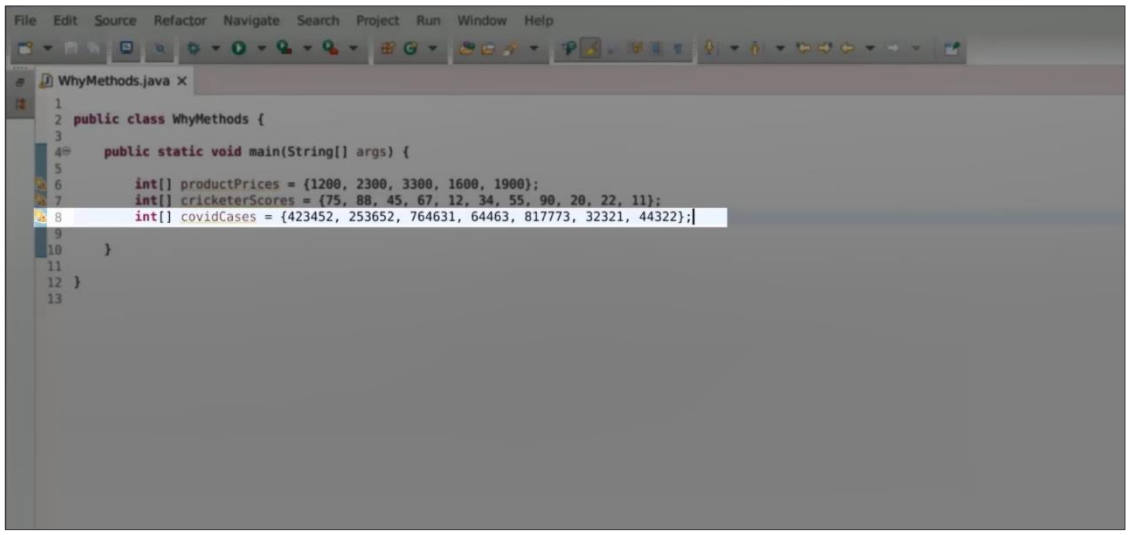
2.1 Write an array with product prices with five different elements in it



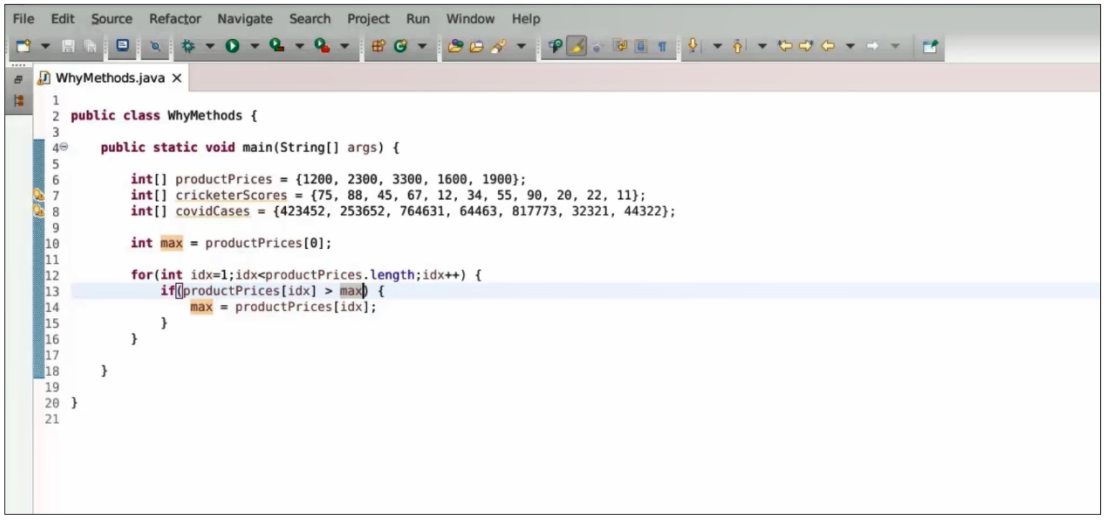
2.2 Write cricketerScores with scores made by cricketers in a Test match



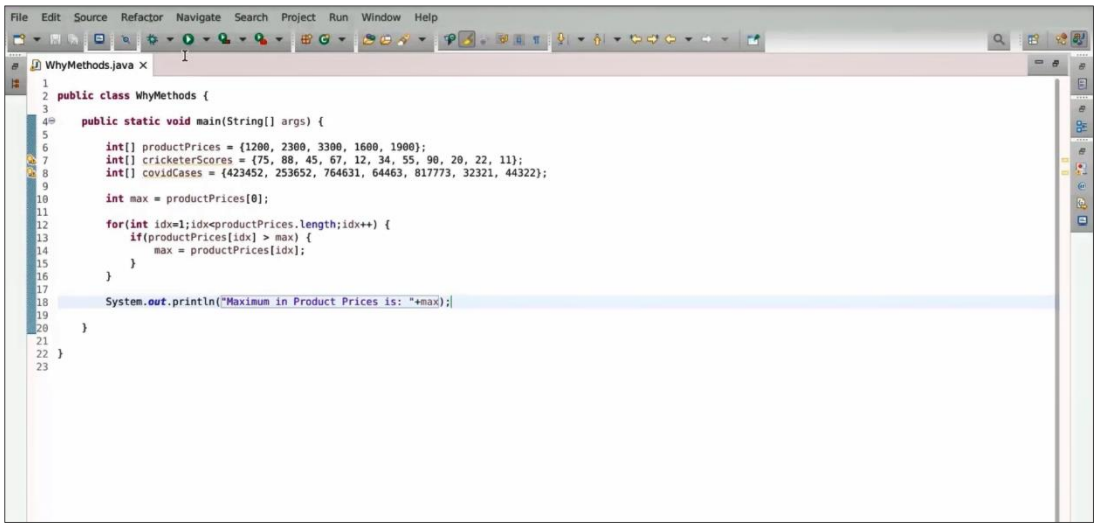
2.3 Now you have one more array, let us use covidCases for the world, and these are the active cases



2.4 Consider the maximum value in the product prices array to be the first element, which is at the zeroth index. You can assume that 1200 is the maximum value in this entire array. Now, start a loop that begins with the index at one and continues until the last element, which is **productPrices.length**. Iterate through the array one by one. If max is less than the product price at the current index, update max to be the product price at that index

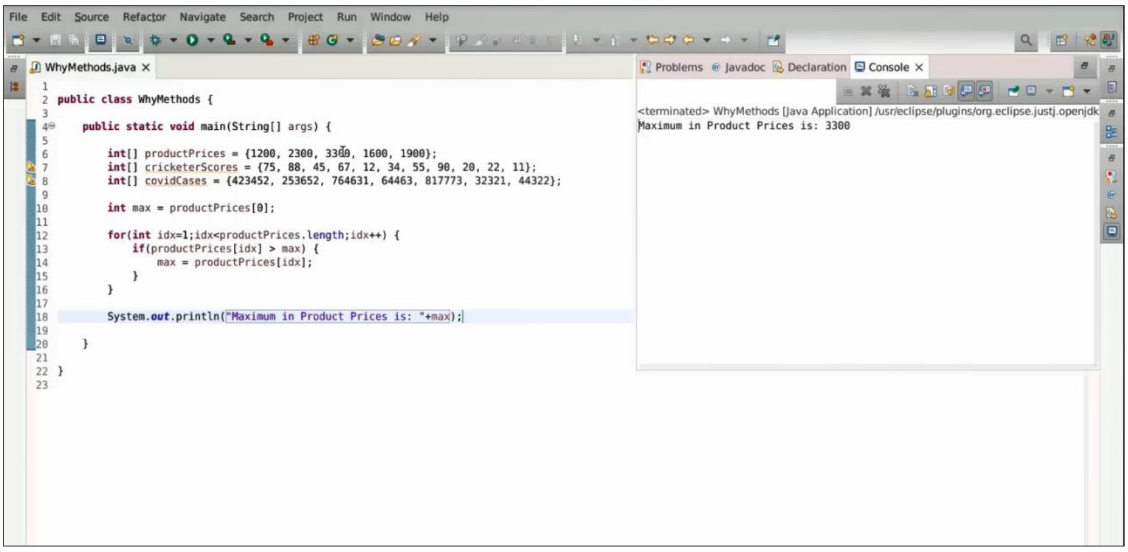


2.5 Print **"Maximum in product prices is "** followed by max. Here, you are getting the max value from the product prices array

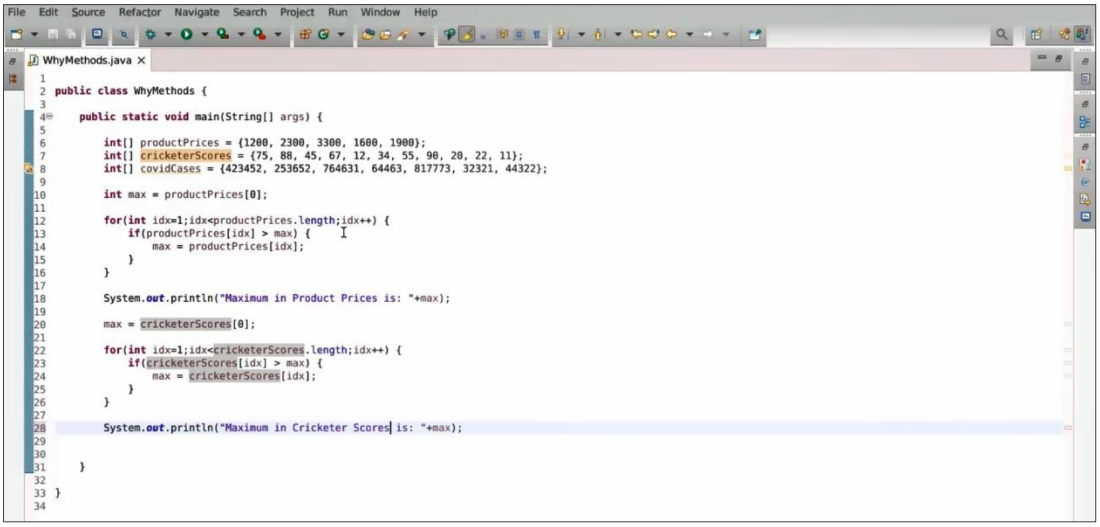


Step 3: Run the code and get the output

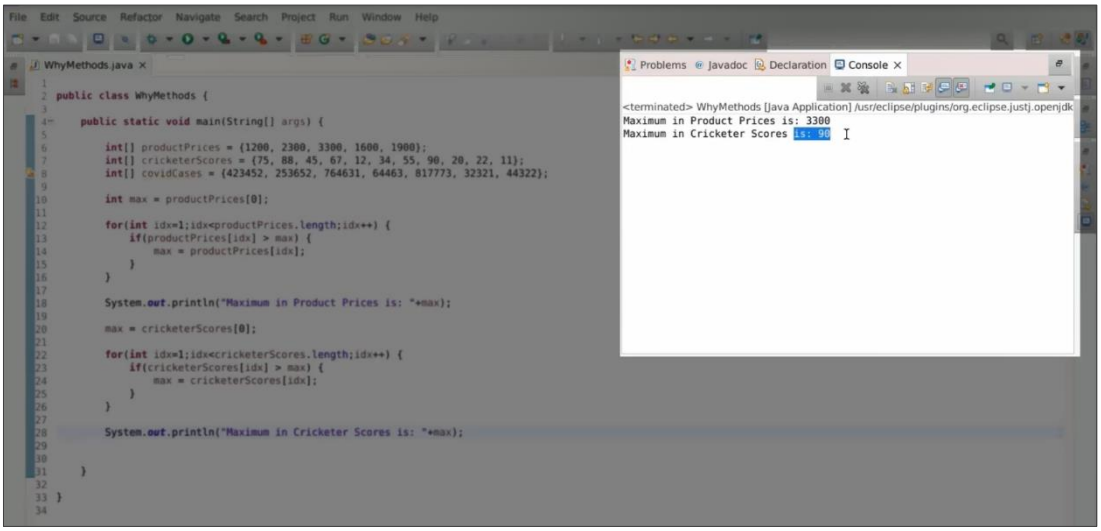
3.1 Run the code and see if it works fine or not, it states that the maximum is 3300 and that is the maximum value



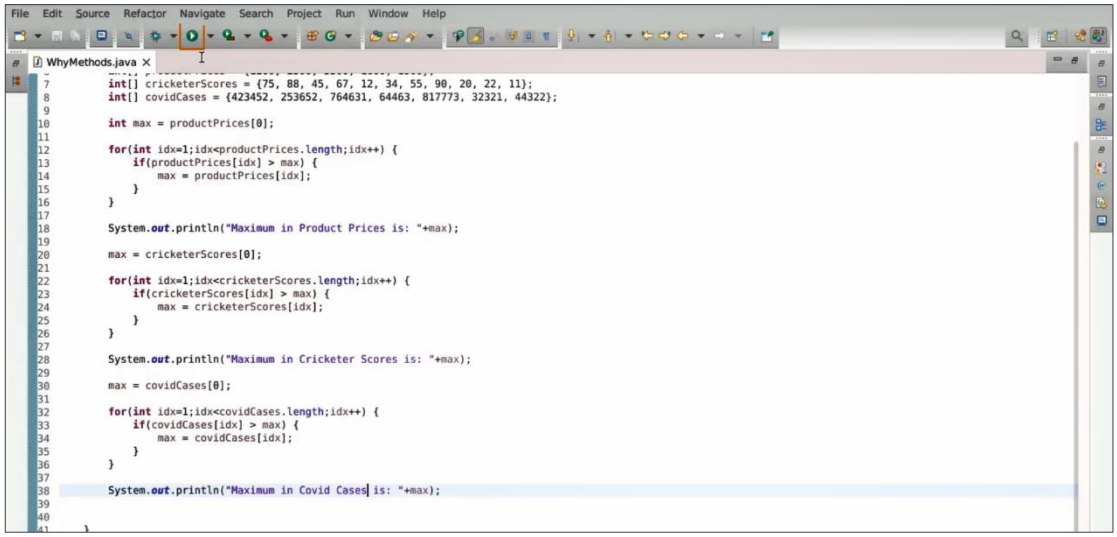
3.2 Repeat the same algorithm by copying and pasting the previous code. Replace **productPrices** with **cricketerScores**.



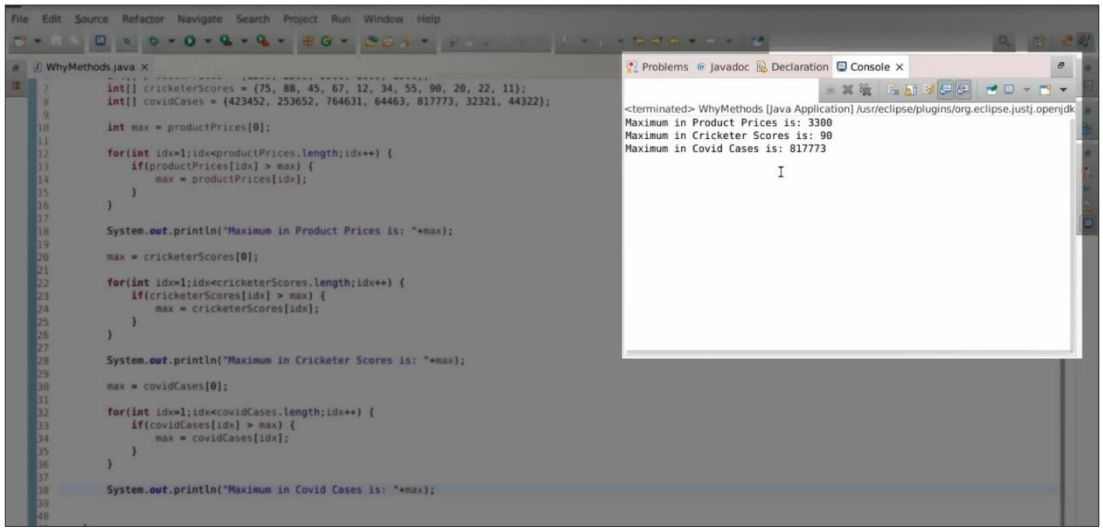
3.3 Re-run the code, and here you are with the value of Max as 90, which is the highest value



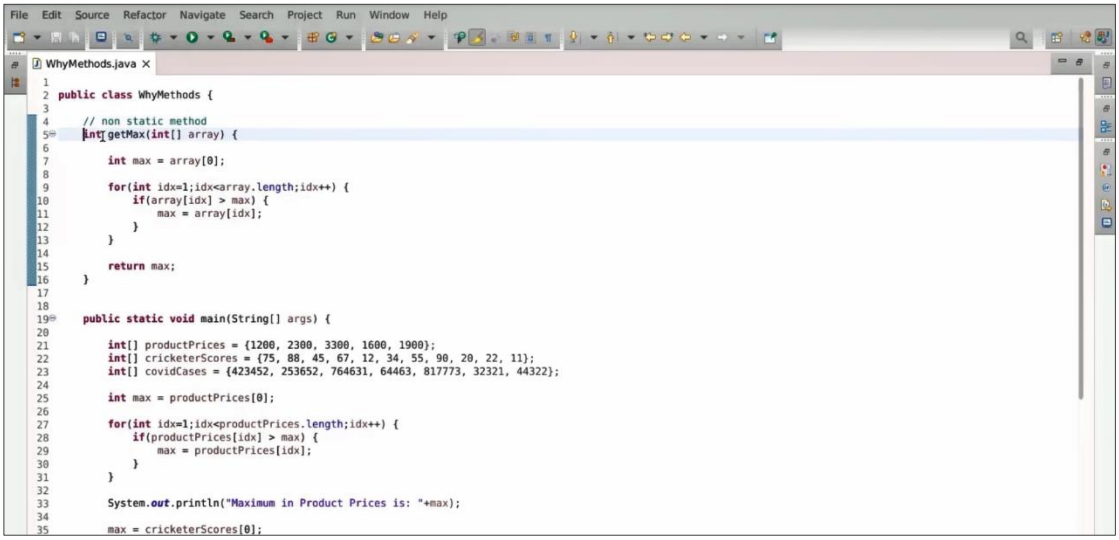
3.4 Repeat the same algorithm by copy-pasting the previous code. Replace the **cricketerScores** with **covidCases**



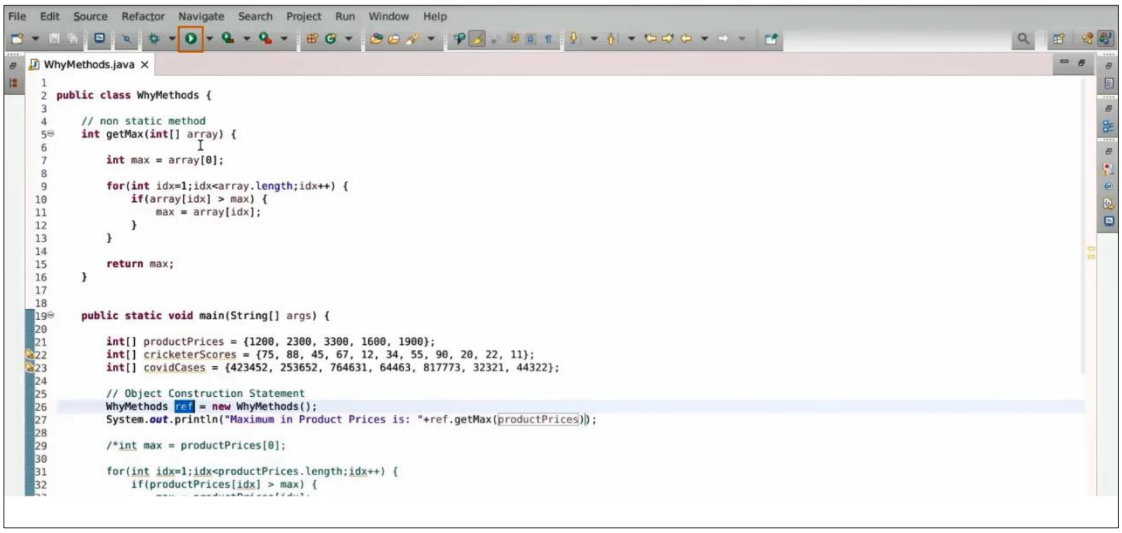
3.5 Run this code, here you are with the maximum in the covidCases with the value 817773



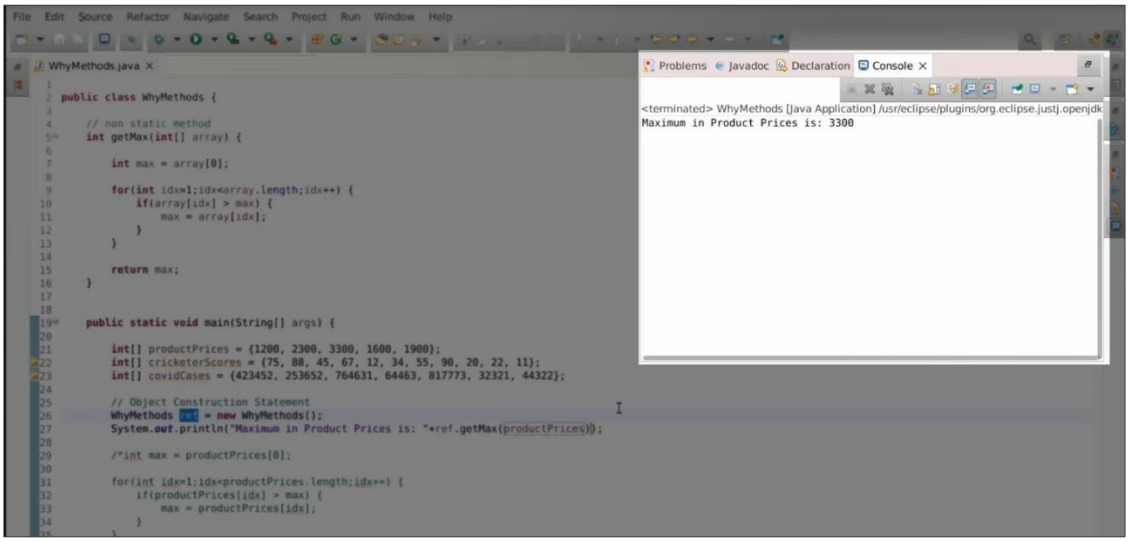
3.6 When a certain task is repeatedly executed, why waste time writing the same code again? This is where methods are useful to save development time. In the same class, create a method with an integer return type, named getMax, and take one array as input. Then, run this entire algorithm on the array instead of on the product prices. Finally, return the maximum value. This is known as a non-static method



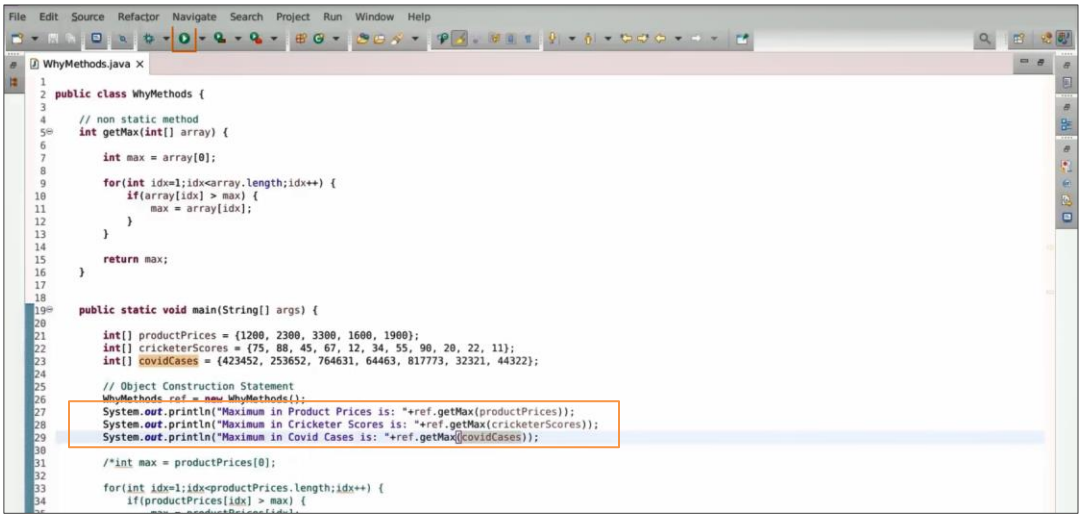
3.7 To use this method, comment out the entire previous code. Now, create an object of the class. Write **WhyMethods** and create a reference variable. Use the new operator, followed by your class name with parentheses; this is known as the object construction statement. Write **System.out.println("Maximum in product prices is " + referenceVariable.getMax(productPrices));**. This will execute the **getMax** method using the reference variable and pass the **productPrices** array



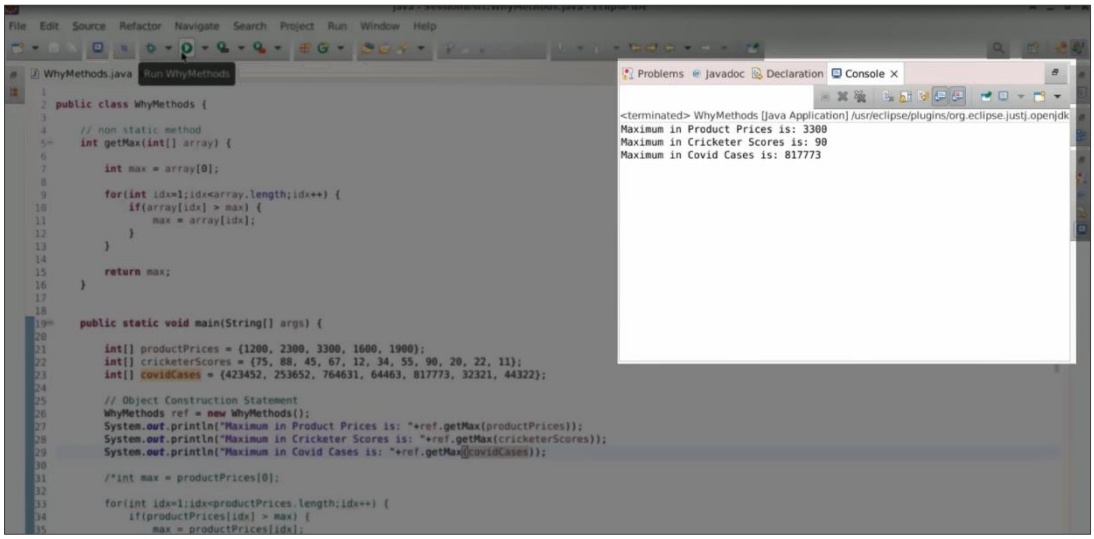
3.8 Run this code, and now you can see the maximum in product prices is 3300



3.9 Now you will execute the same method repeatedly, rather than writing the same code repeatedly, and you can even use the same method on different arrays to get the maximum out of it

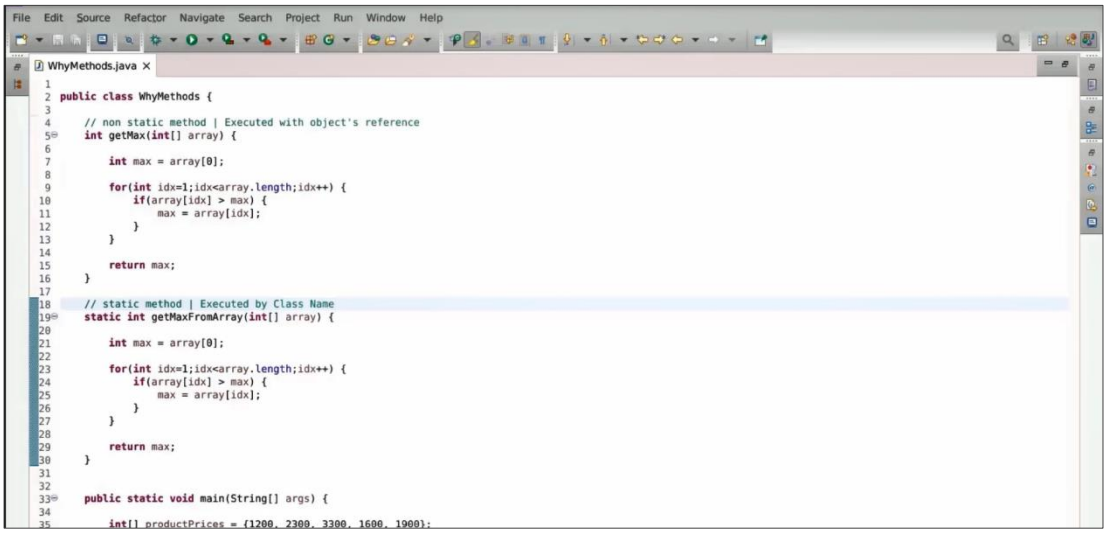


3.10 Run the code and you will get the same output

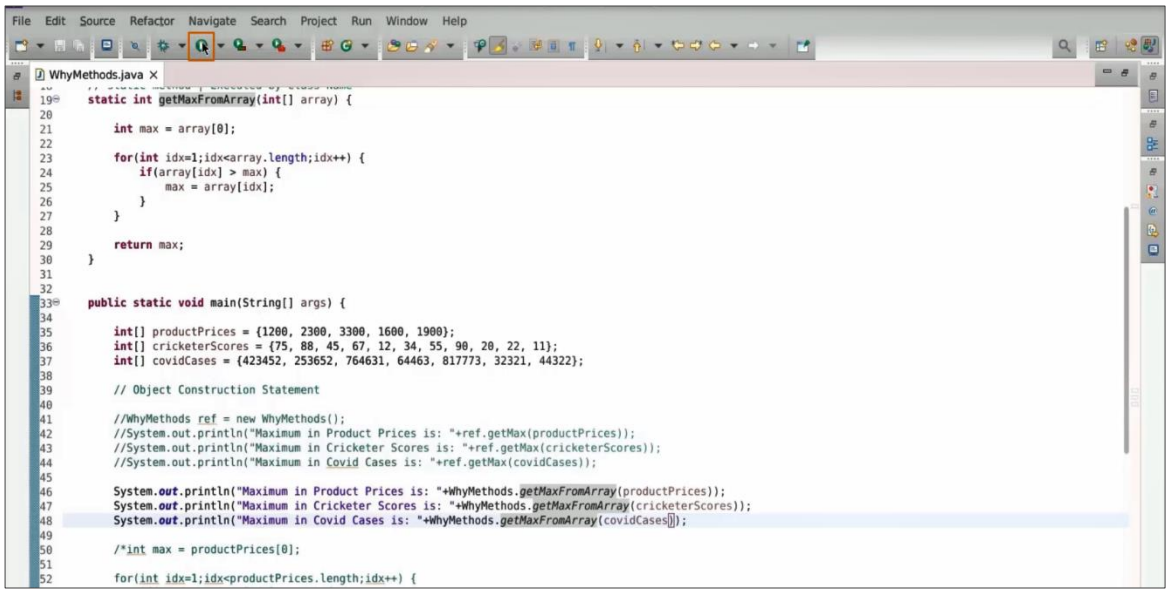


Step 4: Create and use a non-static method

4.1 The same method can also be rewritten, write **getMaxFromArray**, here you have changed the name since you cannot have two methods with the This time you can add a static keyword in front of it. So this method which is marked as static is known as a static method



4.2 Now, instead of using the object's reference, write the class name followed by **.getMaxFromArray**



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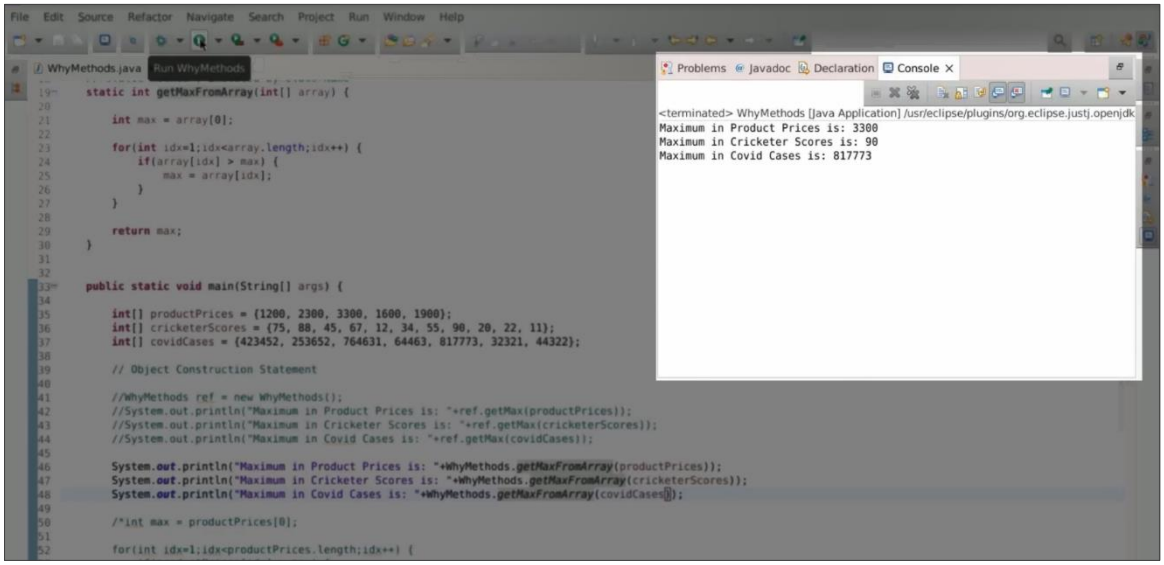
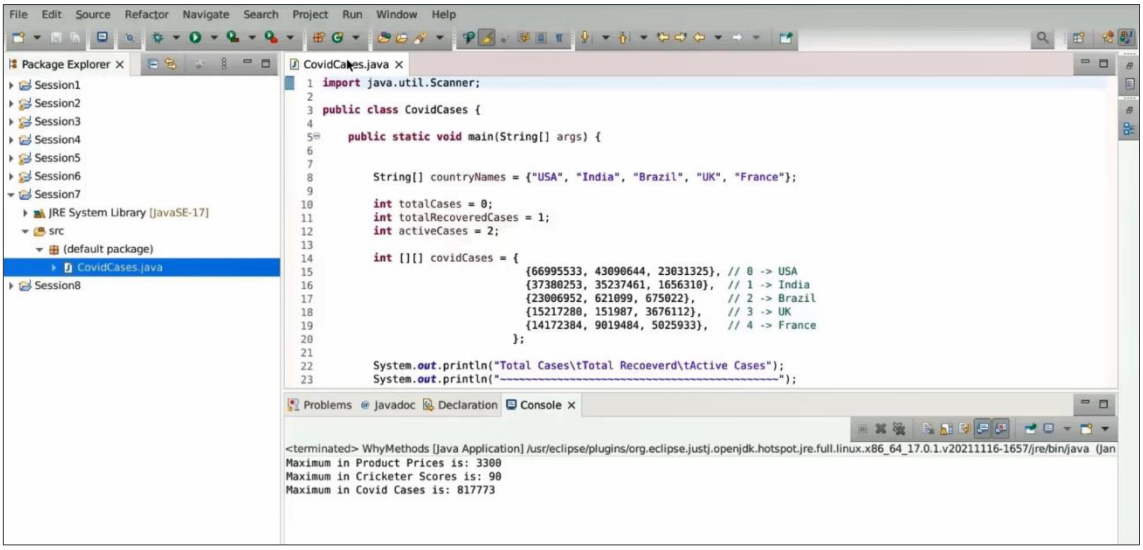
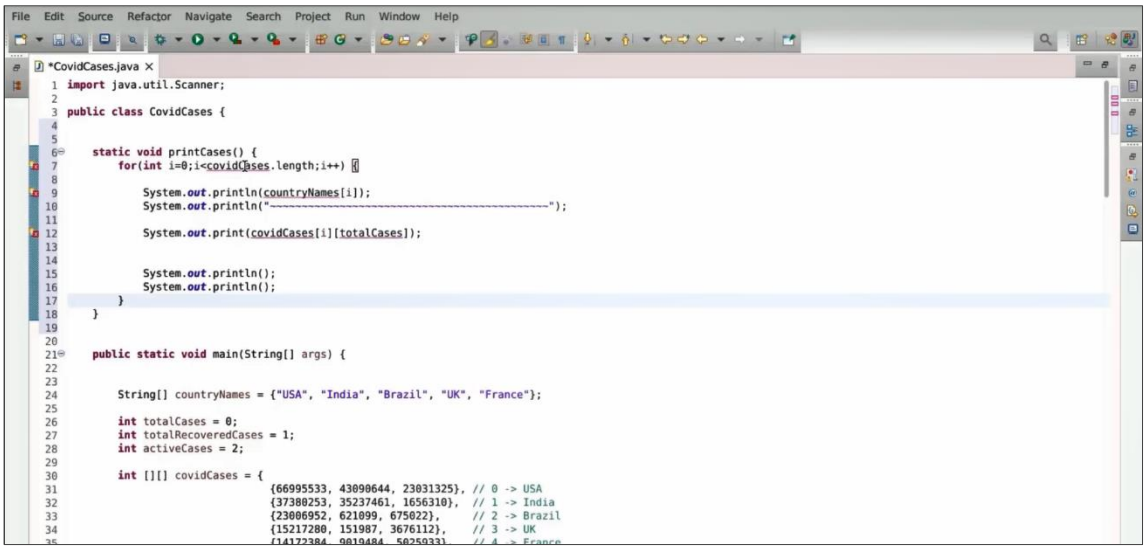


Step 5: Create an object with an object construction statement

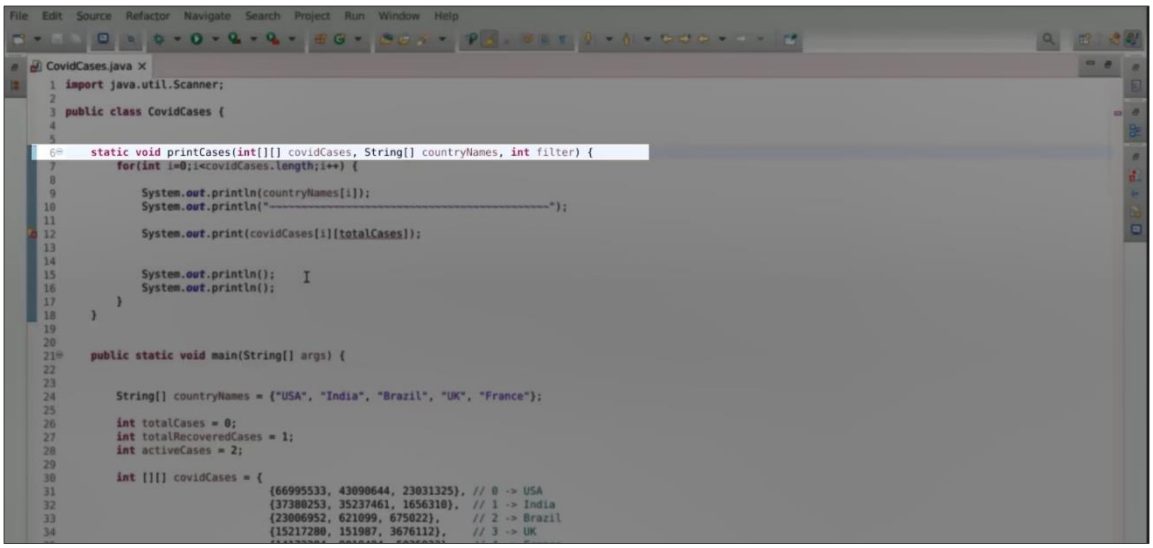
5.1 Return back to your Package explorer, open the Session number 7 folder, and here select the CovidCases dot java file. In this file, you can see that some statements are repeatedly used



5.2 Select the piece of logic which is printing the data, copy this, and inside your class, write Static void print cases, and paste this logic here:

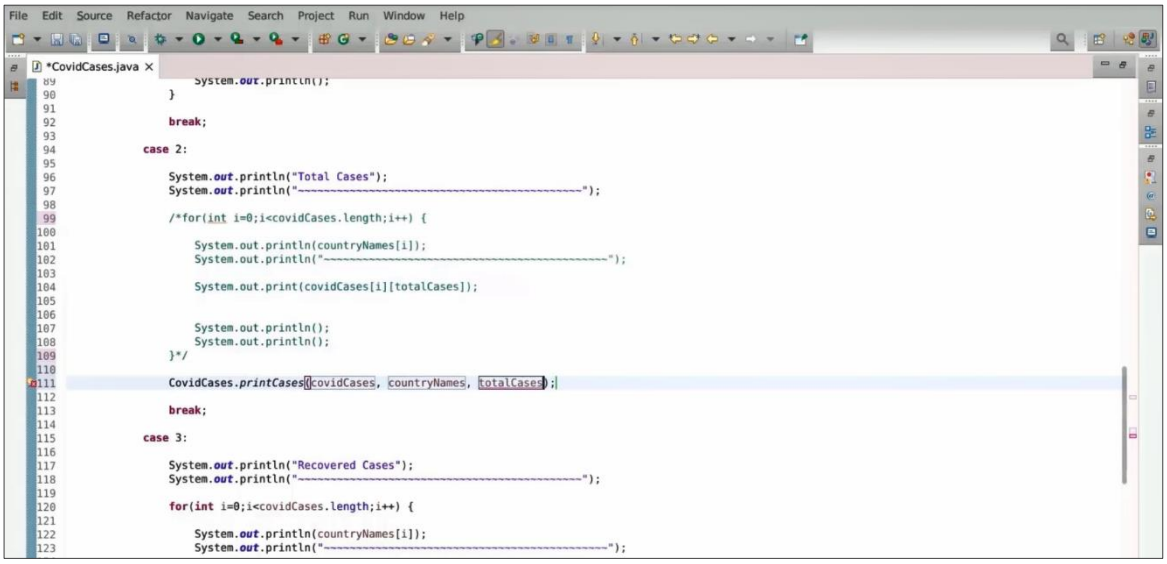


5.3 You can even take one more array, like the array of strings which is the country names, instead of these total cases, you can pass down this filter now. You have a method created as a static method, which will take the array of COVID cases, an array of country names, and a filter as input

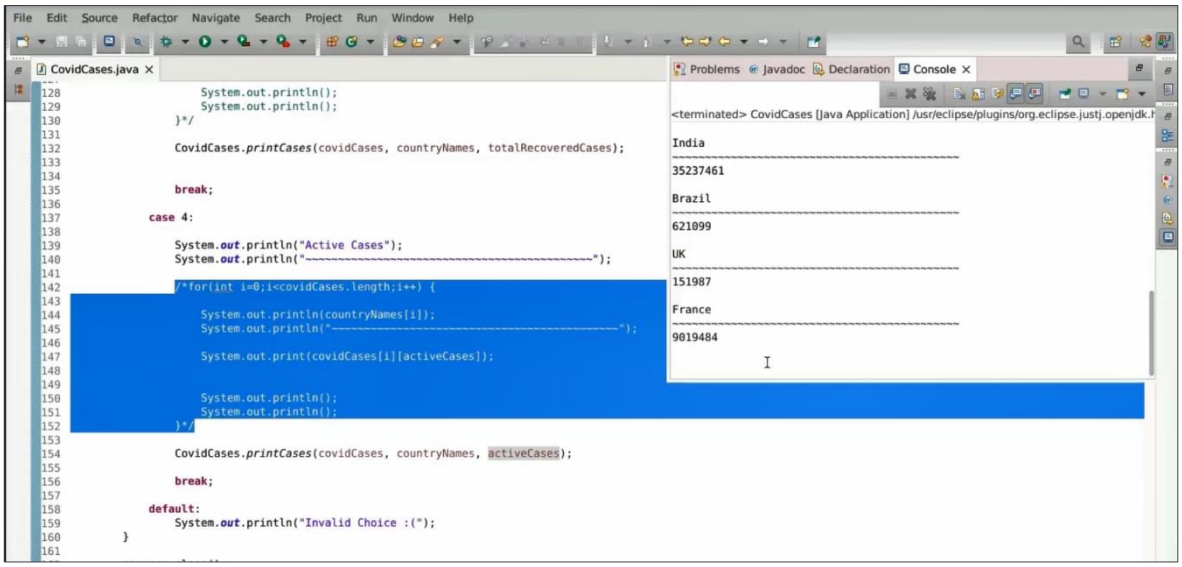


Step 6: Differentiate between running a static and a non-static method

6.1 Scroll back to your case number 2, where you want to print the total cases. Now, you can replace this logic with a single line of code: **CovidCases.printCases(covidCases, countryNames, totalCases);**. Do the same for cases 3 and 4



6.2 Run the code. Now, if you try to filter based on the total cases, it will work the same way. If you try to filter based on recovered cases, it will give you the recovered cases. Similarly, if you filter based on active cases, it will give you active cases



By following the above steps, you have successfully depicted how methods are used and implemented in Java.