

# CS 113 – Computer Science I

## Lecture 09 – Recursion, Strings, Arrays

Tuesday 10/03/2023

# Announcements

- HW03 – moved deadline to tonight 10/03
- HW04 – due Monday 10/09
  - First write method stubs, and upload programs with method stubs to Gradescope
  - Ensures method signatures are correct
- Project 01 – Due Monday 10/09
  - Implement Blackjack!
  - Paired assignment – can work with a partner
- Midterm 1 – Thursday 02/12

# Announcements - Collaboration Policy

Discuss approaches to problems, and to sketch out general solutions

**MUST** write up the homework answers, solutions, and programs individually without sharing specific details, i.e. code

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Gradescope automatically compares your assignments and gives a similarity score (it's a percentage).

If the percentage is very high, it's a sign that code was shared

First offense:

- 0 points on that portion of the assignment

Second offense:

- 0 points on the assignment

Third offense:

- Let's not get there

# Agenda

Recursion - review

Arrays – reviews

Misc for Blackjack

Strings and Arrays as Objects

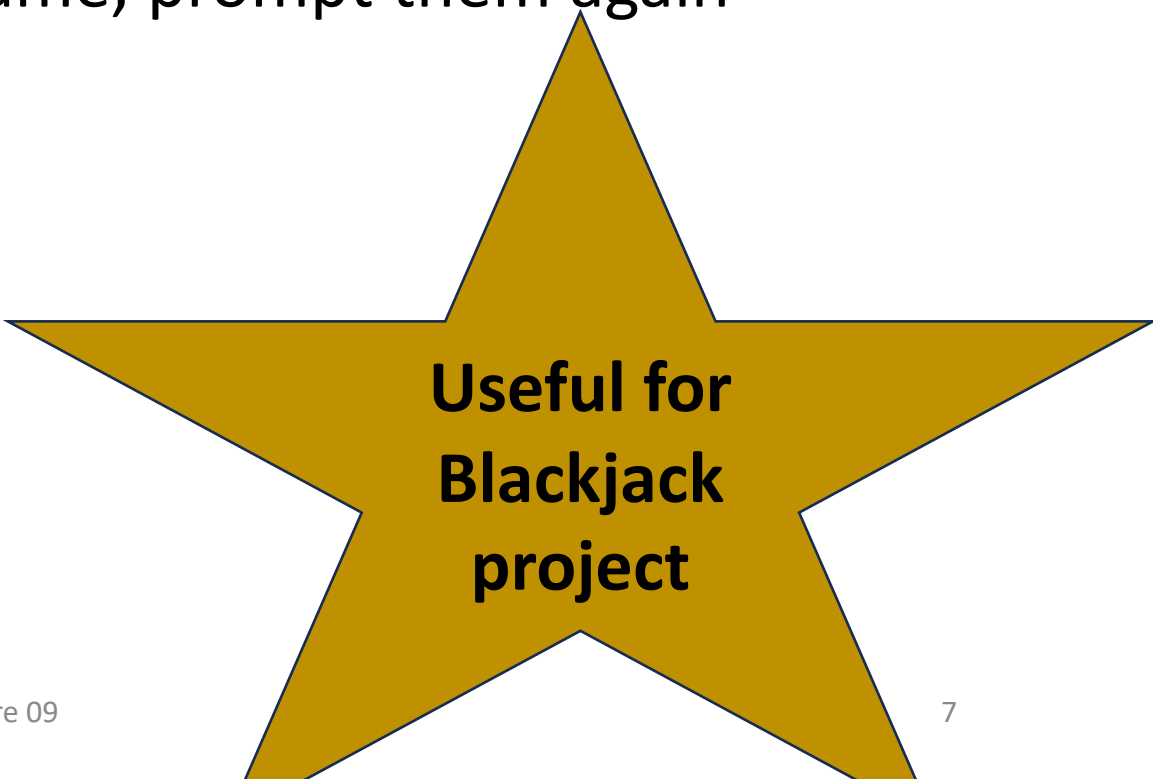
# Recursion Example – printVowels

Write a recursive function that prints just the vowels in a String

# User Input

Ask a user for their first and last name

If the user doesn't give a first and last name, prompt them again



**Useful for  
Blackjack  
project**

# Recursion limitations

- Limited number of times we can recurse
  - Stackoverflow – too many frames
- Potentially memory inefficient
  - If we copy data in subproblems – we'll worry about this in a few weeks
- Performance: might duplicate unnecessary work
  - We'll define performance later in the semester



# Arrays

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Idea: Store multiple values into a single variable

Values are sequential

Analogous to a list

# Arrays

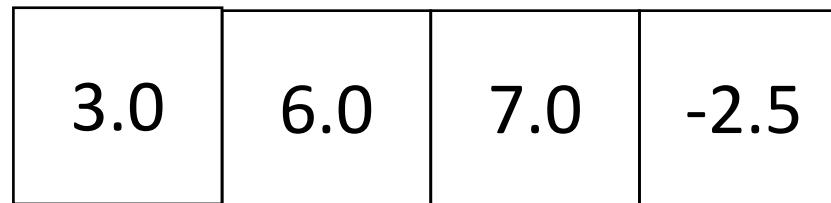
```
double val = 3.0;
```

val



```
double[] vals = {3.0, 6.0, 7.0, -2.5};
```

vals



# Arrays

## Three ways to initialize an array

1. With an initial value

```
int[] numbers = {1, 2, 5};
```

2. With allocated space, but uninitialized

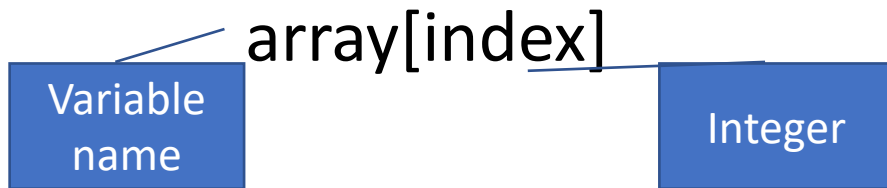
```
int[] numbers = new int[3];
```

3. With an empty array reference

```
int[] numbers = null;
```

# Array Indexing

Access individual elements of an array with indexing



We use *zero*-based indexing

first element is **0**

last element is **length-1**

Accessing indices out of range results in a **runtime error!**

# Recursion Example – printList

Write a recursive function that prints the contents of an array

# Command line arguments

```
public static void main(String[] args)
```

Command line arguments are an *array of String*

Exercise: Write a program called `commandLineArgs.java` that

- 1) prints out 3 command line arguments that are passed in.
- 2) Compute the sum of three command line arguments (assuming they are integers)

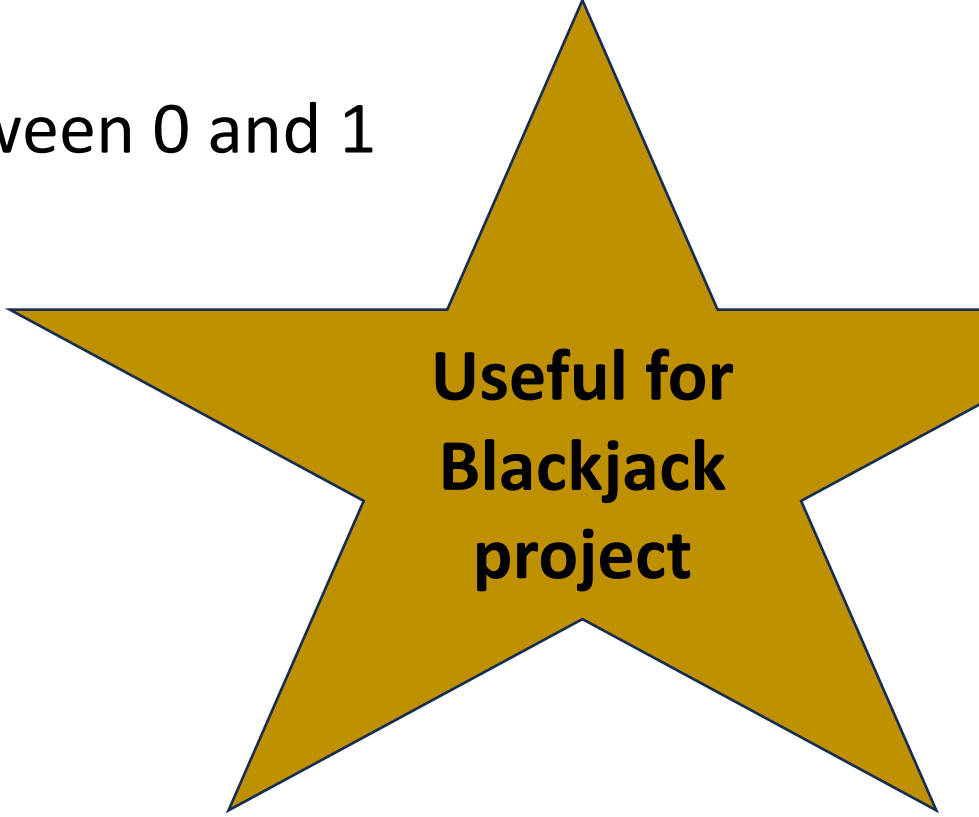
# Random from Range

Say we want to choose a random number between 100-200 (exclusive)

`Math.random()` creates a random double between 0 and 1

Multiply that by the range (max – min)

Add the result to the min value



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**Strings and Arrays as Objects**

# Initializing empty arrays

```
int[] nums = new int[3];  
    [0, 0, 0]
```

```
String[] strs = new String[3];  
    [null, null, null]
```

```
public static void add1(int[] list, int pos) {  
    if (pos >= list.length) {  
        return;  
    }  
    list[pos] += 1;  
    add1(list, pos+1);  
}
```

What is nums after we call  
add1?

```
public static void add1(int[] list) {  
    add1(list, 0);  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
    int[] nums = {10, 20, 30};  
    printList(nums);  
    add1(nums);  
    printList(nums);  
}
```

# Objects

Strings and arrays are **NOT** primitives

They are objects

Explains why we can't use "==" to compare Strings

"==" checks if two objects are the same  
not if the two values are the same

# 2-D Arrays – Arrays of Arrays