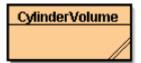
05.01 Virtual Lecture Notes (Part 2)

Examine the source code of the CylinderVolume class, noting again the
organizational structure, the modular division of labor into methods
representing functional units with a single task, and the statements that
invoke the methods within main(). Run the program and observe the
output.



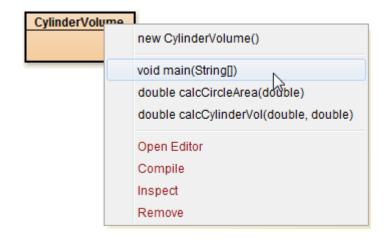
2. Try modifying this program by adding a method to calculate the area of a rectangle or a triangle.

Testing Methods

As you write more and more complicated programs, troubleshooting and debugging become more important. BlueJ provides a convenient way to check whether a method works, even if a program is incomplete.

Typically, when you right click on a class icon you want to run a program, so the highlighted option shown here is selected. This causes the main method to be executed, and the program will either run correctly or generate a runtime error.

However, notice that if a program contains other methods, they are listed below the main() method.



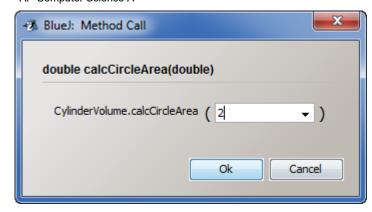
The CylinderVolume class includes two

methods (i.e., calcCircleArea() and calcCylinderVol()) in addition to the main() method. Three important pieces of information are listed for each method: the return type, the name of the method, and the parameter list.

Clicking on the caclCircleArea() method opens the Method Call dialog box with a field to enter a value for the r parameter.

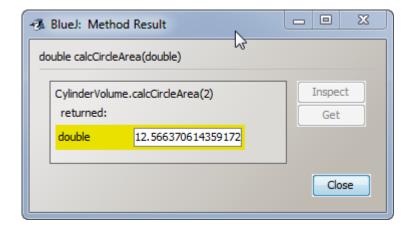
This allows you to type an appropriate value for r and see if the method works as intended.

In the example shown, the number 2 has been entered. Selecting the Ok button will cause the method to execute.



The value entered is assigned to the parameter in the method header and then applied to the calculation to determine the area of a circle.

The resulting answer is printed in the Method Result dialog box.



This is an extremely valuable tool for testing methods during the development process.

Check the calcCylinderVol() method in the same way. Be careful; error will occur if you enter a value that is not of type double.

