

* Functions/Methods in java

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- A method is a block of code which only runs when it is called.
- To reuse code: define the code once, & use it many times.

Syntax:

```
public class Main {  
    static void myMethod() {  
        //code  
    }  
}
```

Annotations:
- "this method does not have a return value" points to `void`.
- "name of method" points to `myMethod()`.

```
Public class main {  
    access-modifier return-type method() {  
        //code  
        return statement ; }  
}
```

Annotations:
- "ends here" points to the semicolon after the return statement.

• method c) → calling the function

• return-type :-

A return statement causes the program control to transfer back to the caller of a method. A return type may be primitive type like int, float or void type (return nothing)

⇒ There are a few important things to understand about returning the values:

- The type of data returned by a method must be compatible with the return type specified by the method

eg: if return type of some method is boolean, we can not return an integer.

- The variable receiving the value returned by a method must also be compatible with the return type specified for the method.

⇒ Pass by value

eg1:

```
main() {
```

```
    name = 'a';
```

```
    greet(name);
```

name → a

naam → a

Creating
copy of value
of name

object/value

i.e. passing value
of the reference

```
static void greet(name) {  
    print(name);  
}
```

eg2:

```
PSVMC() {
```

```
    name = "a"
```

```
    change(name);
```

```
    print(name);
```

```
}
```

```
change(name) {
```

```
    name = "b";
```

name → a

naam → a

name → a

naam → b

since it is created inside fⁿ it will not change original

not changing original object just creating new object

* A copy of the value of reference variable is passed in function.

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* Points to be noted:

- 1) Primitive data type like int, short, char, byte etc.
↳ just pass value.
- 2) object & reference:
↳ passing value of reference variable.

eg-1:

```
psvm() {  
    a = 10;  
    b = 20;  
    swap(a, b);  
}
```

a → 10
b → 20 } but not here.

```
swap(num1, num2) {  
    temp = num1;  
    num1 = num2;  
    num2 = temp;  
}
```

temp → 10
num1 → 20
num2 → 10 } at fⁿ scope level they are swapped.

Here they just pass the value....

eg-2): arr → [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

nums ↗

nums[0] = 99 [now the value of 0th position in nums will change which also changes value of arr[0]]

arr → [99, 2, 3, 4, 5]

nums →

Here passing value of reference variable.

* Scopes :-

• Function scope -

variables declared inside a method (Funcⁿ scope (means inside method)) can't be accessed outside the method.

eg:-

```
psvm() {
```

```
    x ;
```

```
} 
```

```
all() {
```

```
    int x ;
```

```
}
```

can't be
accessed outside

• block scope -

Anything that is initialized outside the block can be used inside the block, but anything that is initialized inside the block can not be used outside the block.

Anything that is initialized outside the block can not be initialized inside the block, but anything that is initialized inside the block can be reinitialized outside the block.


```
psvm c) {
```

```
    int a = 10;
```

```
    int b = 20;
```

```
    {
```

```
        int a = 5; X
```

```
        a = 100; ✓
```

```
        int c = 20;
```

```
    }
```

```
    c = 10; X
```

```
    int c = 15; ✓
```

```
    a = 50; ✓
```

```
}
```

→ variables like "a" here is declared outside the block, updated inside the block and can also be updated outside the block

• Loop scope —

variables declared inside loop all having loop scope

✗ Shadowing

Shadowing in Java is the practice of using variables in overlapping scopes with the same name where the variable in low level scope overrides the variables of high-level scope. Here the variable at high-level scope is shadowed by low-level scope variable.

eg:- public class shadowing {
 static int x = 90;
 public void m() {
 system.out.println(x);
 x = 50; // here high level scope is shadowed by low level scope
 system.out.println(x);
 }
}

* Variable Arguments:-

variable arguments is used to take a variable number of arguments. A method that takes a variable number of arguments is a varargs method.

Syntax:-

```
static void fun(int ...a) {
```

```
// method body
```

```
}
```

Here, would be array of type int[] parameters

* Method / funcⁿ overloading:-

Funcⁿ overloading happens when two funcⁿ have same name.

eg. 1) fun() {
 //code
 }
 fun() {
 //code
 }

X funcⁿ
 overloading


```
2) fun (int a) {  
    //code  
}  
fun (int a, int b) {  
    //code  
}
```

This is allowed having different arguments with same method name.

At compile time, it decides which fⁿ to run.