Unit 2: Using Objects
Math And Wrapper Classes

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1) Building Java Programs: A Back to Basics Approach

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2) Runestone CSAwesome Curriculum

Static Methods

The Math class has many useful **static** methods. The class is part of the **java.lang package**(group of classes) that is available by default(no need to import to use). To call these, use the syntax:

```
Math.methodName(parameters);
```

```
double answer = Math.sqrt(9.2);
int b = Math.round(5.6755);
```

Java's `Math` class

Method name	Description
`int abs(int x)` `double abs(double x)`	returns the absolute value of a int or double value (overloaded method)
`double pow(double base,` `double exponent)`	Returns the value of the first parameter raised to the power of the second parameter
`double sqrt(double x)`	Returns the positive square root of a double value
`double random()`	Returns a random double value **greater than or equal** to 0.0 and **less than** 1.0

Constant	Description
`Math.E`	2.7182818…
`Math.PI`	3.1415926…

Calling `Math` methods

- Examples:

```
double squareRoot = Math.sqrt(121.0);
System.out.println(squareRoot);           // 11.0

int absoluteValue = Math.abs(-50);
System.out.println(absoluteValue);        // 50

System.out.println(Math.min(3, 7) + 2);   // 5
```

- The `Math` methods do not print to the console.
  - Each method produces ("returns") a numeric result.
  - Remember to store, print or use the result in some expression

Math questions

- Evaluate the following expressions:

  - `Math.abs(-1.23)`
  - `Math.pow(3, 2)`
  - `Math.pow(10, -2)`
  - `Math.sqrt(121.0) - Math.sqrt(256.0)`

Math questions

Write a method `withinHalf` which takes two double parameters and return true if they are within .5 of each other and false otherwise.

```
withinHalf(4,5.1)  // returns false
withinHalf(3.4,3.9)  // returns true
withinHalf(3.9,3.4)  // returns true
withinHalf(-1.2,-1.1)  // returns true

public static boolean withinHalf(double x, double y)
{
    return Math.abs(x - y) <= .5;
}
```

Quirks of real numbers

- Some `Math` methods return `double` or other non-`int` types.

  ```
  int x = Math.pow(10, 3);    // ERROR: incompat. types
  ```

- Some `double` values print poorly (too many digits).

  ```
  double result = 1.0 / 3.0;
  System.out.println(result);    // 0.3333333333333
  ```

- The computer represents `double`s in an imprecise way.

  ```
  System.out.println(0.1 + 0.2);
  ```

  - Instead of 0.3, the output is `0.30000000000000004`

Random Numbers

Random numbers

- Math.random() produces a number from 0(inclusive) to 1 exclusive.

```
– double x = Math.random();     // 0.0 <= x < 1.0
– double x = 3 * Math.random();  // 0.0 <= x < 3.0
– double x = Math.random() + 2;  // 2.0 <= x < 3.0
– double x = 5 * Math.random() + 4;  // 4.0 <= x <9.0
```

  In general, to produce a random real number in the range [low,high),

```
– double x = (high - low) * Math.random() + low;
```

  Generate a random real value in [7.0,15.0).
```
double x = 8 * Math.random() + 7;
```

Random Integers

How do we generate random integers? Use casting!

```
int x = (int)(100 * Math.random());
// random integer 0 to 99 inclusive.


int y = (int)(100 * Math.random()) + 4;
// random integer 4 to 103 inclusive.


int z = (int)(2 * Math.random());
// random integer 0 or 1, useful for heads/tails
```

More Examples

```
int x = (int) Math.random() * 5;
// x = 0


int y = (int)(6 * Math.random()) - 10;
// integer from -10 to -5 inclusive.


double z = 3 * Math.random() + 5;
//random double in [5,8)
```

Wrapper Classes

- A wrapper class takes an existing value of primitive type and "wraps" or "boxes" it in an object, and provides a new set of methods for that type.

- It can be used in Java container classes that requires the item to be objects. (Arraylist)

Wrapper Classes

The wrapper class allows

1. The construction of an object from a single value(wrapping or boxing the primitive in a wrapper object.

2. The retrieval of a primitive value(unwrapping or unboxing from a wrapper object.)

Wrapper Classes

Integer and Double are wrapper classes...not Rapper Classes.

These are Rapper Classes:

```
public class Tupac{…}
public class Biggie extends Tupac{…}
public class JayZ extends Biggie{…}
public class KendrickLamar extends Biggie{…}
```

Integer Class

The Integer class wraps a value of type int in an object.

Here are two useful methods:

`Integer(int value)`: Constructs an Integer object from an int.

`int intValue()`: Returns the value of this Integer as an int.

The class also has two static variables: A Java integer uses 32 bits(0 or 1) of memory. One bit is used for the sign(+ or -). Thus:

Integer.MIN_VALUE— The minimum value represented by an int or Integer
$= -2^{31} = $ -2147483648

Integer.MAX_VALUE— The maximum value represented by an int or Integer
$= 2^{31} - 1 = $ 2147483647

Double Class

The Double class wraps a value of type double in an object.

Here are two useful methods:

`Double(double value):` Constructs an Double object from an double.

`double doubleValue():` Returns the value of this Double as a double

Examples

```
Integer intObj = new Integer(6);//boxes 6 in Integer object
int j = intObj.intValue(); //unboxes 6 from Integer object


Double dObj = new Double(2.5);//boxes 2.5 in Double object
double d = dObj.doubleValue(); //unboxes 2.5 from Double object
```

Auto-Boxing and Unboxing

Auto-boxing is the automatic boxing of primitive types in their wrapper classes.

To retrieve the value of an Integer(or Double), the intValue() or doubleValue() method can be called(unboxing).

Auto-unboxing is the automatic conversion of a wrapper class to its corresponding primitive type. This means you don't need to explicitly call the intValue() or doubleValue().

Autoboxing and Auto-unboxing

```
Integer a = new Integer(5);
int x = a.intValue(); // unboxing x = 5
int y = a;  // auto-unboxing, easier.


Integer b = new Integer(7); // boxing
Integer c = 7; // auto-boxing
int z = a + x;  // auto-unboxing


Double d = new Double(7.5); // boxing
double e = d.doubleValue(); // unboxing
double f = d + 2.0;  // auto-unboxing
```

References

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