

# FINDING BUGS IN YOUR CODE BASE

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# THE GOAL?

We will look at 2 different ways of finding errors in your codebase.



# WHAT ARE THEY?

1. Debugging
2. Static Code Analysis





# WHAT IS DEBUGGING?





*Debugging* is the process of identifying and removing errors or bugs from your code base

# DEBUGGING?

- There are different kinds of errors, which you are going to deal with.
- Some of them are easy to catch, like syntax errors, because they are taken care of by the compiler.
- Another easy case is when the error can be quickly identified by looking at the stack trace, which helps you figure out where the error occurred.

# DEBUGGING?

- However, there are errors which can be very tricky and take really long to find and fix.
- For example, a subtle logic error, which happened early in the program may not manifest itself until very late, and sometimes it is a real challenge to sort things out.

# DEBUGGING?

- This is where the debugger is useful.
- The debugger is a powerful tool, which lets you find bugs a lot faster by providing an insight into the internal operations of a program.
- This is possible by pausing the execution and analyzing the state of the program by thorough examination of variables and how they are changed line by line.

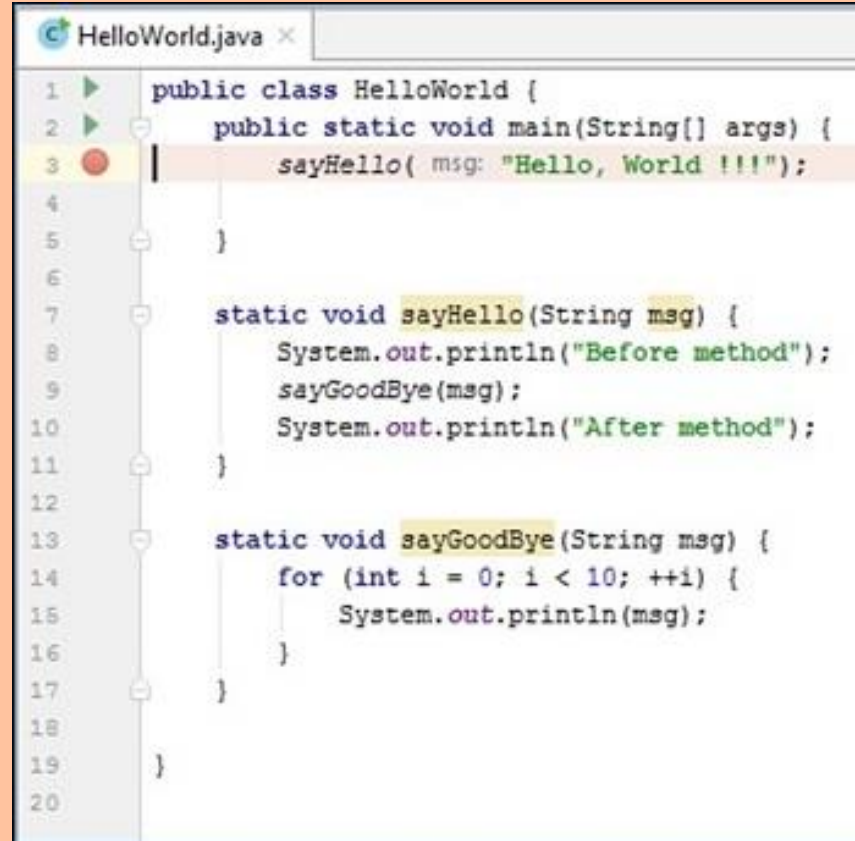


# DEBUGGING?

- While debugging, you are in full control of the things. In this manual we are covering a basic debugging scenario to get you started.

# BREAKPOINTS

- Breakpoint allows stopping program execution at certain point. Breakpoints can be set by hovering the mouse over the Editor's gutter area and clicking on it.
- Breakpoints are denoted using red circle symbols. Consider the breakpoint set at line 3.



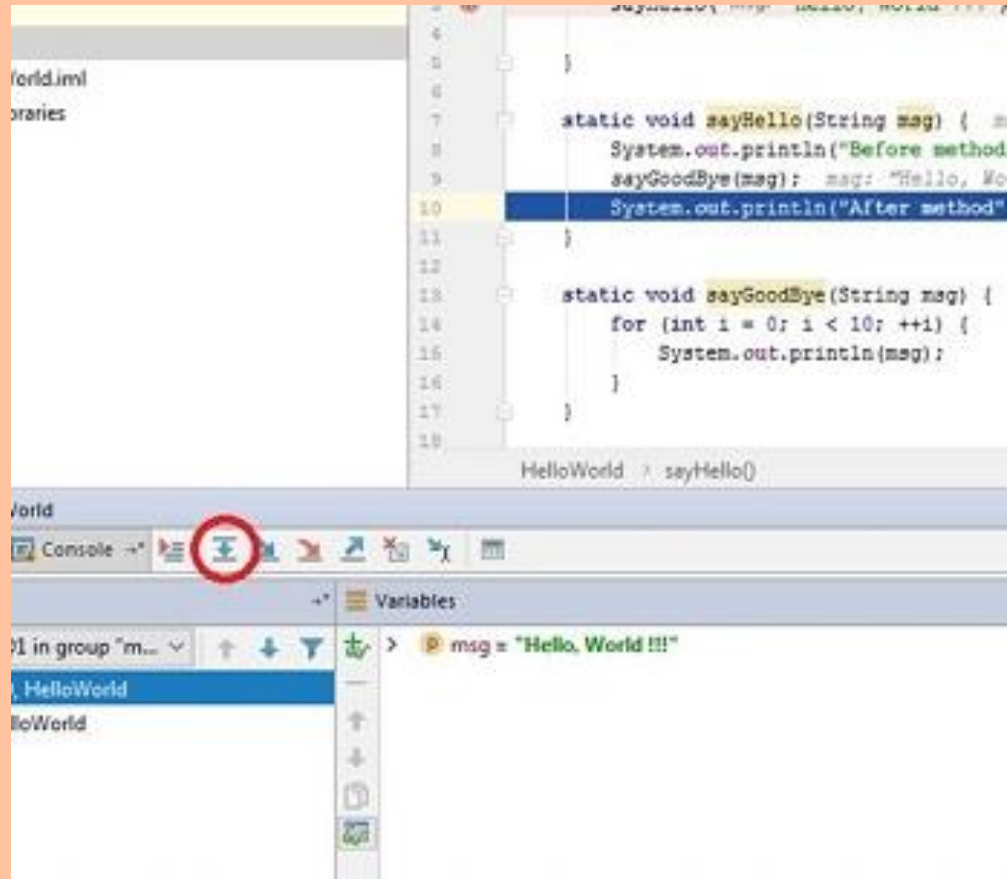
The screenshot shows an IDE window titled "HelloWorld.java". The code is as follows:

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1 public class HelloWorld {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         sayHello( msg: "Hello, World !!!");  
4     }  
5  
6  
7     static void sayHello(String msg) {  
8         System.out.println("Before method");  
9         sayGoodBye(msg);  
10        System.out.println("After method");  
11    }  
12  
13    static void sayGoodBye(String msg) {  
14        for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i) {  
15            System.out.println(msg);  
16        }  
17    }  
18  
19 }  
20
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A red circle breakpoint is set on line 3 in the gutter area. The line is highlighted in yellow. The gutter area shows line numbers 1 through 20. The code is color-coded: keywords in blue, strings in green, and comments in green.

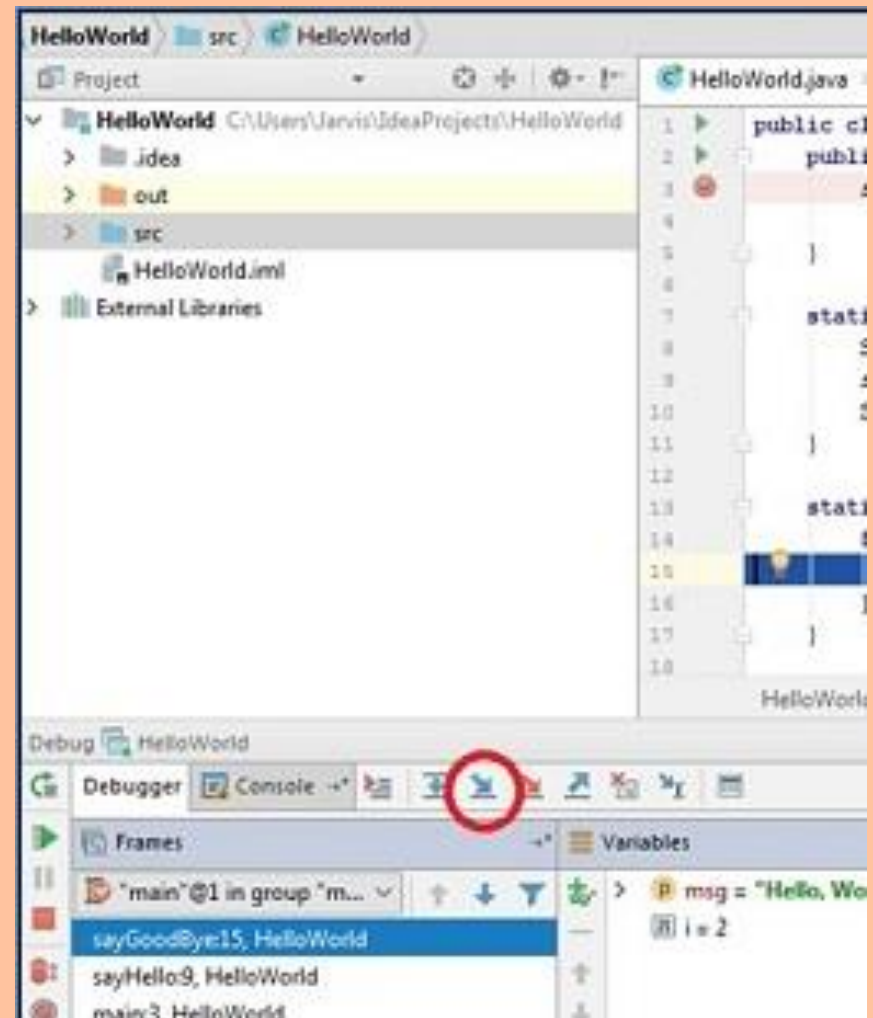
# STEP OVER

- Will step over a given line.
- If the line contains a function the function will be executed and the result returned without debugging each line inside the function.



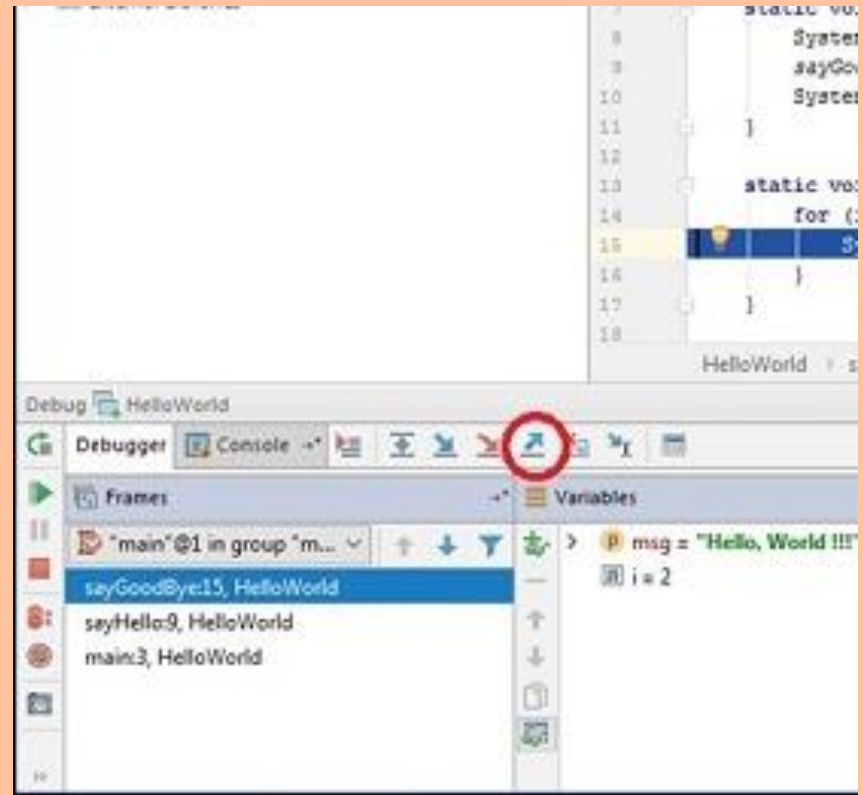
# STEP INTO

- The debugger will enter the function and continue line-by-line debugging there.
- If the line does not contain a function it behaves the same as “step over”



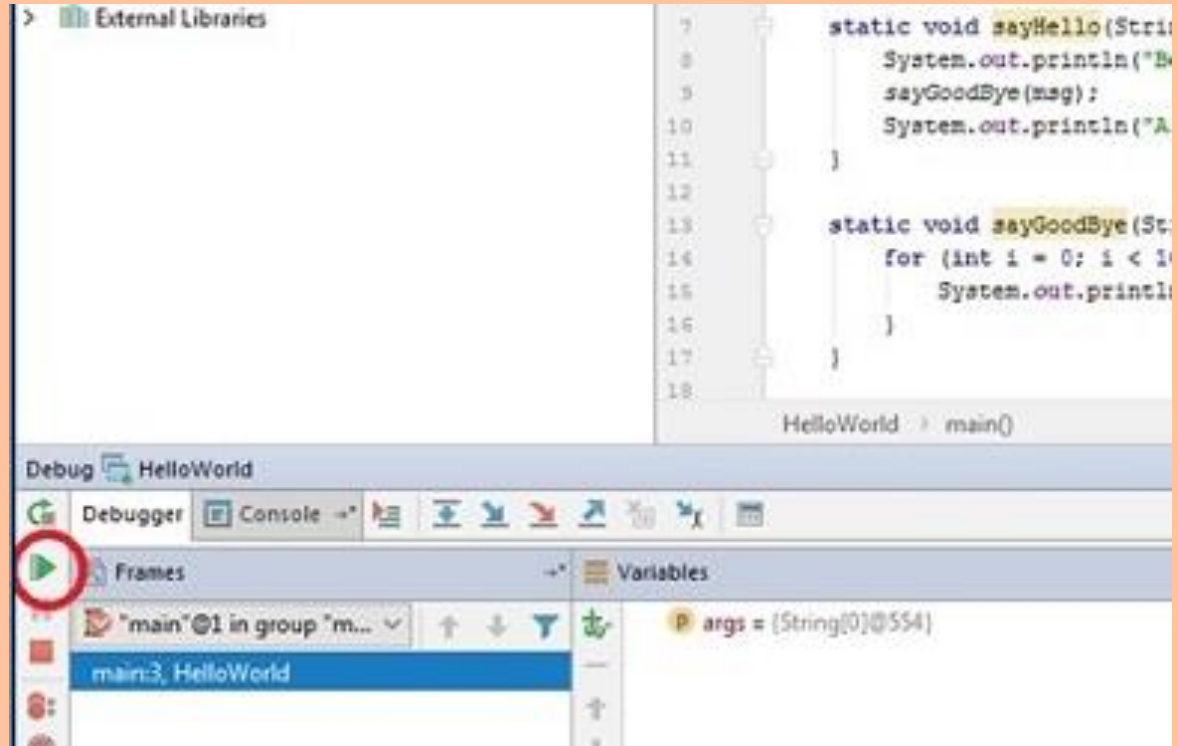
# STEP OUT

- Returns to the line where the current function was called.



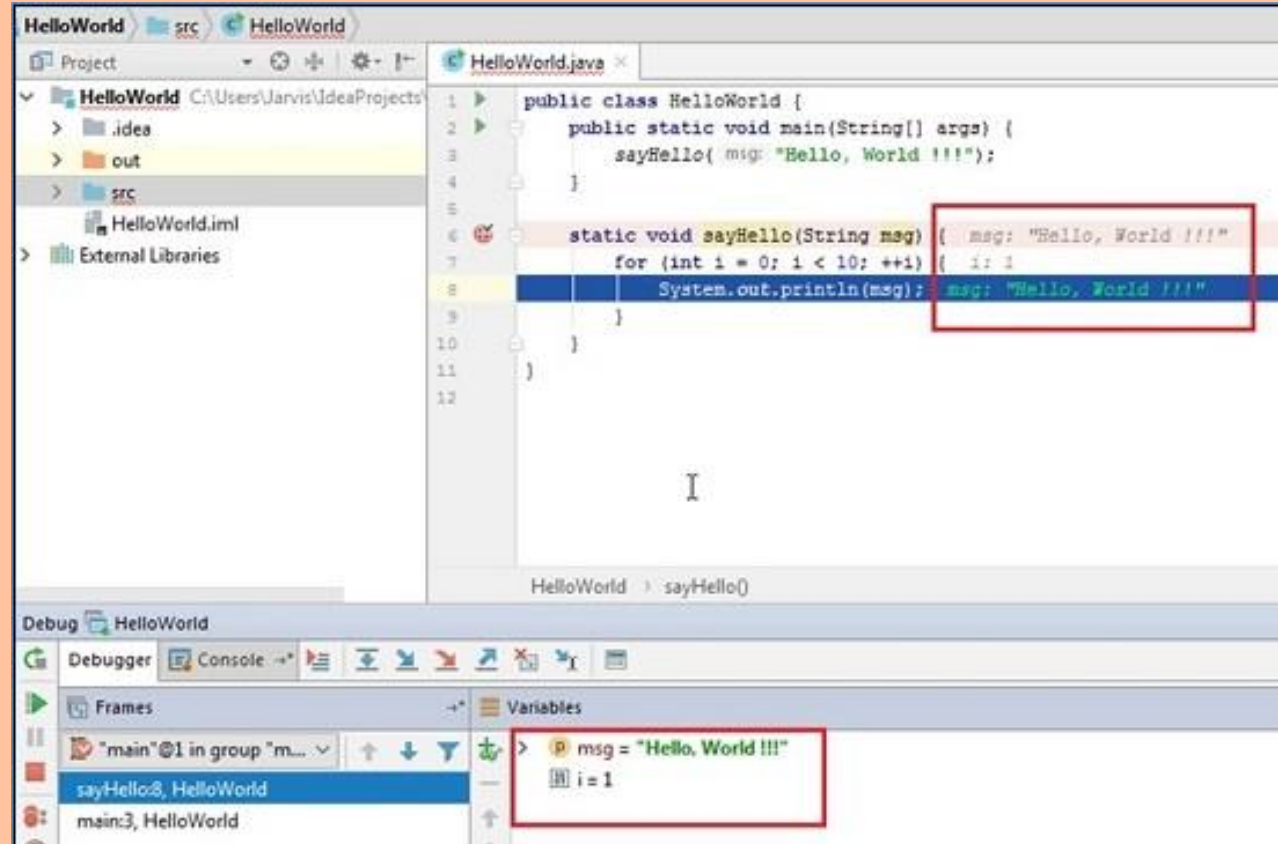
# RESUME

- Will continue execution until the next breakpoint is reached or the program exits.



# INSPECTING VARIABLES


- During debugging, IntelliJ shows value of variable in the Editor window itself. We can also view the same information in the Debug window.



The background is a dark gray gradient. At the top, there are three stylized orange clouds of varying shapes. In the center, the text 'WHAT IS STATIC CODE ANALYSIS?' is written in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. Below the text is a large, wide, orange shape representing a hill or a large cloud. At the bottom of this shape, there are two stylized dark gray leafy branches, one on the left and one on the right.

# WHAT IS STATIC CODE ANALYSIS?





*Static Code Analysis* is the process of checking your program for errors without executing it

**WHAT IT'S NOT**

**TESTING**

A large red circle with a diagonal slash through it, superimposed over the word 'TESTING'. The slash starts from the top-left and ends at the bottom-right, passing through the center of the circle and the letters 'E', 'S', and 'T'.

# WHAT IS A STATIC CODE ANALYSIS?

- Static code analyzer looks for patterns, defined to them as rules, which can cause security vulnerability or other code quality problems, necessary for production quality code.

# TOOLS FOR STATIC CODE ANALYSIS

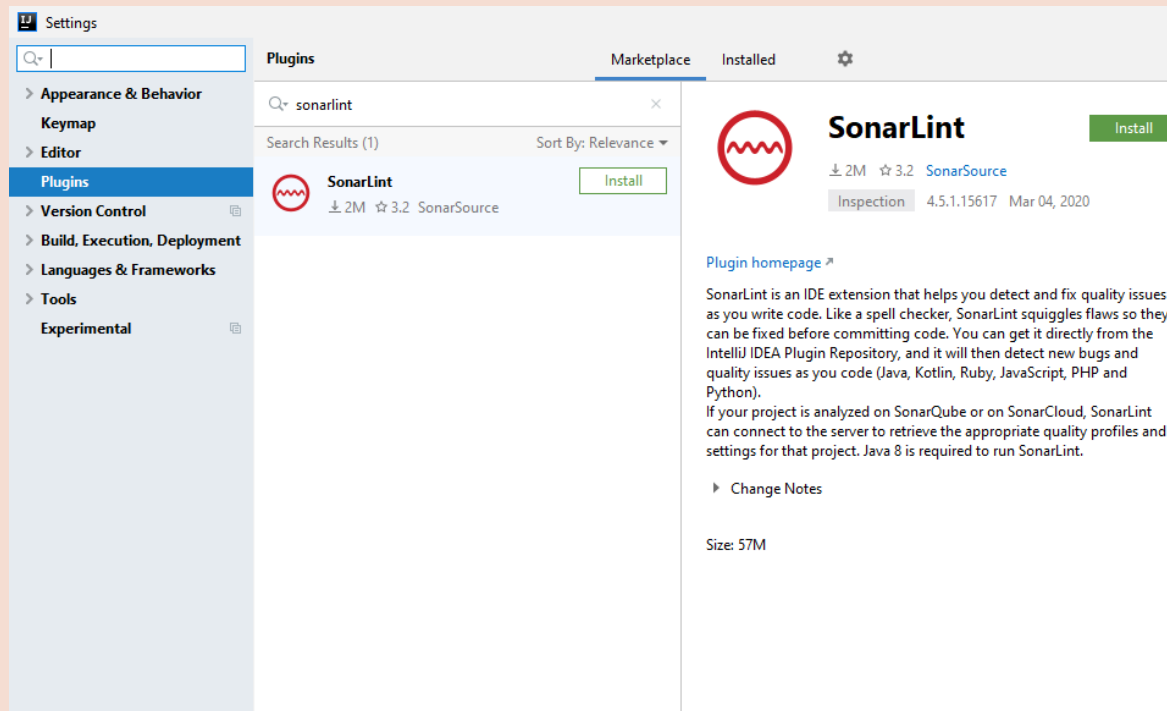
- CheckStyles
- FindBugs
- PMD
- SonarLint

# CHOICE OF TOOL – SONARLINT

- SonarLint is an IDE extension that helps you detect and fix quality issues as you write code.
- Like a spell checker, SonarLint squiggles flaws so they can be fixed before committing code.
- You can get it directly from the IntelliJ IDEA Plugin Repository, and it will then detect new bugs and quality issues as you code

# Add SonarLint to IntelliJ

1. Go to File -> Settings -> Plugins -> MarketPlace
2. Search for 'SonarLint'



# Add SonarLint to IntelliJ

3. Once installed, restart the IDE
4. Use the SonarLint window to review issues

