# The Stack Step By Step

#### Start

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
  int i=1;
```

```
i = silly(i); }
```

int silly(int locali) { locali = 3; return locali; }

• The stack isn't really empty, other applications are running but as far as this application is concerned there is only an empty stack

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# **Program starts**

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{
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i = silly(i); }
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int silly(int locali) { locali = 3; return locali; }

• main() frame added to stack

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### Variable created

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
  int i=1;
```

```
i = silly(i); }
int silly(int locali) { locali = 3; return locali; }
```

• i variable created in the main() frame

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### **Method call**

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
  int i=1;
```

i = silly(i); }

int silly(int locali) { locali = 3; return locali; }

• (Two steps) silly() frame added to stack, locali variable created with a value passed in from main()

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### Variable set

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
  int i=1;
```

i = silly(i); }

int silly(int locali) { locali = 3; return locali; }

• locali value in silly() changed to 3

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#### Value returned

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
  int i=1;
```

i = silly(i); }

int silly(int locali) { locali = 3; return locali; }

• locali value in silly() returned to main() and stored in i

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# silly() exits

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
  int i=1;
```

i = silly(i); }

int silly(int locali) { locali = 3; return locali; }

• silly() frame deleted as method exits

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## Main finishes and program closes

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
  int i=1;
```

```
i = silly(i); }
```

int silly(int locali) { locali = 3; return locali; }

• main() frame deleted as method exits

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