Building Java ProgramsChapter 3

Parameters and Objects

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Redundant recipes

- Recipe for baking 20 cookies:
 - Mix the following ingredients in a bowl:
 - 4 cups flour
 - 1 cup butter
 - 1 cup sugar
 - **2** eggs
 - 40 pounds chocolate chips ...
 - Place on sheet and Bake for about 10 minutes.
- Recipe for baking 40 cookies:
 - Mix the following ingredients in a bowl:
 - 8 cups flour
 - 2 cups butter
 - 2 cups sugar
 - **4** eggs
 - 80 pounds chocolate chips ...
 - Place on sheet and Bake for about 10 minutes.

Parameterized recipe

- Recipe for baking 20 cookies:
 - Mix the following ingredients in a bowl:
 - 4 cups flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - **2** eggs
 - ...
- Recipe for baking N cookies:
 - Mix the following ingredients in a bowl:
 - N/5 cups flour
 - N/20 cups butter
 - N/20 cups sugar
 - N/10 eggs
 - 2N bags chocolate chips ...
 - Place on sheet and Bake for about 10 minutes.
- parameter: A value that distinguishes similar tasks.

Redundant figures

Consider the task of printing the following lines/boxes:

```
*****
*****
************
*****
*
*****
* * * * *
*
* * * * *
```

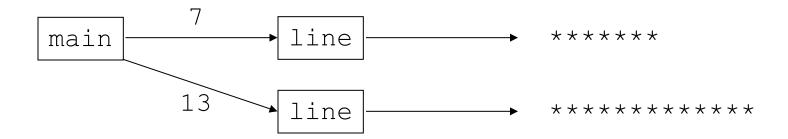
A redundant solution

```
public class Stars1 {
    public static void main(String[] args)
        lineOf13();
        lineOf7();
        lineOf35();
        box10x3();
        box5x4();
    public static void lineOf13() {
        for (int i = 1; i \le 13; i++) {
            System.out.print("*");
        System.out.println();
    public static void lineOf7() {
        for (int i = 1; i \le 7; i++) {
            System.out.print("*");
        System.out.println();
    public static void lineOf35() {
        for (int i = 1; i \le 35; i++) {
            System.out.print("*");
        System.out.println();
```

- This code is redundant.
- Would variables help?
 Would constants help?
- What is a better solution?
 - line A method to draw a
 line of any number of stars.
 - box A method to draw a
 box of any size.

Parameterization

- parameter: A value passed to a method by its caller.
 - Instead of lineOf7, lineOf13, write line to draw any length.
 - When *declaring* the method, we will state that it requires a parameter for the number of stars.
 - When calling the method, we will specify how many stars to draw.



Declaring a parameter

Stating that a method requires a parameter in order to run

```
public static void name (type name) {
    statement(s);
}
```

Example:

```
public static void sayPassword(int code) {
    System.out.println("The password is: " +
    code);
}
```

 When sayPassword is called, the caller must specify the integer code to print.

Passing a parameter

Calling a method and specifying values for its parameters

```
name (expression);
• Example:
  public static void main(String[] args) {
      sayPassword(42);
      sayPassword(12345);
  Output:
  The password is 42
  The password is 12345
```

Parameters and loops

A parameter can guide the number of repetitions of a loop.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    chant(3);
}

public static void chant(int times) {
    for (int i = 1; i <= times; i++) {
        System.out.println("Just a salad...");
    }
}</pre>
```

Output:

```
Just a salad...

Just a salad...

Just a salad...
```

How parameters are passed

- When the method is called:
 - The value is stored into the parameter variable.
 - The method's code executes using that value.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    chant(3)
    chant (7);
public static void chant(int times) {
    for (int i = 1; i <= times; i++) {
        System.out.println("Just a salad...");
```

Common errors

• If a method accepts a parameter, it is illegal to call it without passing any value for that parameter.

```
chant();  // ERROR: parameter value required
```

The value passed to a method must be of the correct type.

```
chant(3.7); // ERROR: must be of type int
```

• Exercise: Change the Stars program to use a parameterized method for drawing lines of stars.

Stars solution

```
// Prints several lines of stars.
// Uses a parameterized method to remove redundancy.
public class Stars2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        line(13);
        line(7);
        line(35);
    // Prints the given number of stars plus a line break.
    public static void line(int count) {
        for (int i = 1; i <= count; i++) {
            System.out.print("*");
        System.out.println();
```

Multiple parameters

- A method can accept multiple parameters. (separate by ,)
 - When calling it, you must pass values for each parameter.
- Declaration:

```
public static void name (type name, ..., type name) {
    statement(s);
}
```

Call:
 methodName (value, value, ..., value);

Multiple params example

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    printNumber(4, 9);
    printNumber(17, 6);
    printNumber(8, 0);
    printNumber(0, 8);
public static void printNumber(int number, int count) {
    for (int i = 1; i <= count; i++) {
        System.out.print(number);
    System.out.println();
Output:
44444444
171717171717
0000000
```

Modify the Stars program to draw boxes with parameters.

Stars solution

```
// Prints several lines and boxes made of stars.
// Third version with multiple parameterized methods.
public class Stars3 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        line(13);
        line(7);
        line(35);
        System.out.println();
        box(10, 3);
        box(5, 4);
        box(20, 7);
    // Prints the given number of stars plus a line break.
    public static void line(int count) {
        for (int i = 1; i <= count; i++) {
            System.out.print("*");
        System.out.println();
```

Stars solution, cont'd.

```
// Prints a box of stars of the given size.
public static void box(int width, int height) {
    line(width);
    for (int line = 1; line <= height - 2; line++) {
        System.out.print("*");
        for (int space = 1; space <= width - 2; space++) {
            System.out.print(" ");
        System.out.println("*");
    line(width);
```

Value semantics

- value semantics: When primitive variables (int, double) are passed as parameters, their values are copied.
 - Modifying the parameter will not affect the variable passed in.

```
public static void strange(int x) {
    x = x + 1;
    System.out.println("1. x = " + x);
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int x = 23;
    strange(x);
    System.out.println("2. x = " + x);
```

Output:

1.
$$x = 24$$

2. $x = 23$

"Parameter Mystery" problem

```
public class ParameterMystery {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
         int x = 9;
         int y = 2;
         int z = 5;
         mystery(z, y, x);
         mystery(y, x, z);
    public static void mystery(int \mathbf{x}, int \mathbf{z}, int \mathbf{y}) {
         System.out.println(z + " and " + (y - x));
```

Strings

• **string**: A sequence of text characters.

```
String name = "text";
String name = expression;
```

– Examples:

```
String name = "Marla Singer";
int x = 3;
int y = 5;
String point = "(" + x + ", " + y + ")";
```

Strings as parameters

```
public class StringParameters {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        sayHello("Marty");
        String teacher = "Bictolia";
        sayHello(teacher);
    public static void sayHello(String name) {
        System.out.println("Welcome, " + name);
Output:
Welcome, Marty
Welcome, Bictolia
```

• Modify the Stars program to use string parameters. Use a method named repeat that prints a string many times.

Stars solution

```
// Prints several lines and boxes made of stars.
// Fourth version with String parameters.
public class Stars4 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        line(13);
        line(7);
        line (35);
        System.out.println();
        box(10, 3);
        box(5, 4);
        box(20, 7);
    // Prints the given number of stars plus a line break.
    public static void line(int count) {
        repeat("*", count);
        System.out.println();
```

Stars solution, cont'd.

```
// Prints a box of stars of the given size.
public static void box(int width, int height) {
    line(width);
    for (int line = 1; line <= height - 2; line++) {
        System.out.print("*");
        repeat(" ", width - 2);
        System.out.println("*");
    line(width);
// Prints the given String the given number of times.
public static void repeat(String s, int times) {
    for (int i = 1; i <= times; i++) {
        System.out.print(s);
```

Return values

Java's Math class

Method name	Description		
Math.abs(<i>value</i>)	absolute value		
Math.ceil(<i>value</i>)	rounds up		
Math.floor(<i>value</i>)	rounds down		
Math.log10(<i>value</i>)	logarithm, base 10		
Math.max(<i>value1, value2</i>)	larger of two values		
Math.min(<i>value1, value2</i>)	smaller of two values		
Math.pow(<i>base, exp</i>)	base to the exp power		
Math.random()	random double between 0 and 1		
Math.round(<i>value</i>)	nearest whole number		
Math.sqrt(<i>value</i>)	square root		
Math.sin(<i>value</i>)	sine/cosine/tangent of		
Math.cos(<i>value</i>)	an angle in radians	Constant	Description
Math.tan(<i>value</i>)		Math.E	2.7182818
Math.toDegrees(<i>value</i>)	convert degrees to	Math.PI	3.1415926
Math.toRadians(<i>value</i>)	radians and back		!

Calling Math methods

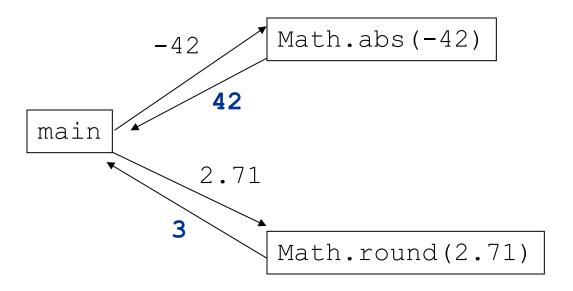
Math.methodName(parameters)

• Examples:

- The Math methods do not print to the console.
 - Each method produces ("returns") a numeric result.
 - The results are used as expressions (printed, stored, etc.).

Return

- return: To send out a value as the result of a method.
 - The opposite of a parameter:
 - Parameters send information in from the caller to the method.
 - Return values send information out from a method to its caller.
 - A call to the method can be used as part of an 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.round(Math.PI) + Math.round(Math.E)
- Math.ceil(6.022) + Math.floor(15.9994)
- Math.abs(Math.min(-3, -5))
```

- Math.max and Math.min can be used to bound numbers.
 Consider an int variable named age.
 - What statement would replace negative ages with 0?
 - What statement would cap the maximum age to 40?

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).

• The computer represents doubles in an imprecise way.

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

— Instead of 0.3, the output is 0.30000000000000004

Type casting

- type cast: A conversion from one type to another.
 - To promote an int into a double to get exact division from /
 - To truncate a double from a real number to an integer

• Syntax:

```
(type) expression
```

Examples:

```
double result = (double) 19 / 5; // 3.8 int result2 = (int) result; // 3 int x = (int) Math.pow(10, 3); // 1000
```

More about type casting

 Type casting has high precedence and only casts the item immediately next to it.

```
- double x = (double) 1 + 1 / 2; // 1
- double y = 1 + (double) 1 / 2; // 1.5
```

You can use parentheses to force evaluation order.

```
- double average = (double) (a + b + c) / 3;
```

A conversion to double can be achieved in other ways.

```
- double average = 1.0 * (a + b + c) / 3;
```

Returning a value

```
public static type name(parameters) {
    statements;
    return expression;
}
```

• Example:

```
// Returns the slope of the line between the given points.
public static double slope(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2) {
    double dy = y2 - y1;
    double dx = x2 - x1;
    return dy / dx;
}
- slope(1, 3, 5, 11) returns 2.0
```

Return examples

```
// Converts degrees Fahrenheit to Celsius.
public static double fToC(double degreesF) {
    double degreesC = 5.0 / 9.0 * (degreesF - 32);
    return degreesC;
}

// Computes triangle hypotenuse length given its side lengths.
public static double hypotenuse(int a, int b) {
    double c = Math.sqrt(a * a + b * b);
    return c;
}
```

You can shorten the examples by returning an expression:

```
public static double fToC(double degreesF) {
    return 5.0 / 9.0 * (degreesF - 32);
}
```

Common error: Not storing

• Many students incorrectly think that a return statement sends a variable's name back to the calling method.

Fixing the common error

- Instead, returning sends the variable's value back.
 - The returned value must be stored into a variable or used in an expression to be useful to the caller.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    double s = slope(0, 0, 6, 3);
    System.out.println("The slope is " + s);
}

public static double slope(int x1, int x2, int y1, int y2) {
    double dy = y2 - y1;
    double dx = x2 - x1;
    double result = dy / dx;
    return result;
}
```

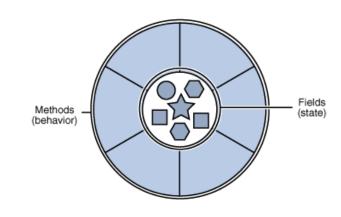
Objects and Classes; Strings

Classes and objects

- class: A program entity that represents either:
 - 1. A program / module, or
 - 2. A type of objects.
 - A class is a blueprint or template for constructing objects.
 - Example: The DrawingPanel class (type) is a template for creating many DrawingPanel objects (windows).
 - Java has 1000s of classes. Later (Ch.8) we will write our own.
- object: An entity that combines data and behavior.
 - object-oriented programming (OOP): Programs that perform their behavior as interactions between objects.

Objects

- object: An entity that contains data and behavior.
 - data: variables inside the object
 - behavior: methods inside the object
 - You interact with the methods; the data is hidden in the object.



- Constructing (creating) an object:
 Type objectName = new Type (parameters);
- Calling an object's method:
 objectName methodName parameters;

Blueprint analogy

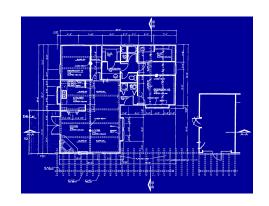
iPod blueprint/factory

state:

current song volume battery life

behavior:

power on/off change station/song change volume choose random song



creates

iPod #1

state:

song = "1,000,000 Miles" volume = 17 battery life = 2.5 hrs

behavior:

power on/off change station/song change volume choose random song



iPod #2

state:

song = "Letting You" volume = 9 battery life = 3.41 hrs

behavior:

power on/off change station/song change volume choose random song



<u>iPod #3</u>

state:

song = "Discipline" volume = 24 battery life = 1.8 hrs

behavior:

power on/off change station/song change volume choose random song



Strings

- **string**: An object storing a sequence of text characters.
 - Unlike most other objects, a String is not created with new.

```
String name = "text";
String name = expression;
```

- Examples:

```
String name = "Marla Singer";
int x = 3;
int y = 5;
String point = "(" + x + ", " + y + ")";
```

Indexes

Characters of a string are numbered with 0-based indexes:

String name = "R. Kelly";

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
character	R	•		K	е	1	1	У

- First character's index: 0
- Last character's index : 1 less than the string's length
- The individual characters are values of type char (seen later)

String methods

Method name	Description		
indexOf(str)	index where the start of the given string appears in this string (-1 if not found)		
length()	number of characters in this string		
<pre>substring(index1, index2) or substring(index1)</pre>	the characters in this string from <i>index1</i> (inclusive) to <i>index2</i> (<u>exclusive</u>); if <i>index2</i> is omitted, grabs till end of string		
toLowerCase()	a new string with all lowercase letters		
toUpperCase()	a new string with all uppercase letters		

• These methods are called using the dot notation:

```
String gangsta = "Dr. Dre";
System.out.println(gangsta.length());  // 7
```

String method examples

Given the following string:

– How would you extract the word "Java" ?

Modifying strings

• Methods like substring and toLowerCase build and return a new string, rather than modifying the current string.

```
String s = "lil bow wow";
s.toUpperCase();
System.out.println(s); // lil bow wow
```

• To modify a variable's value, you must reassign it:

```
String s = "lil bow wow";
s = s.toUpperCase();
System.out.println(s); // LIL BOW WOW
```

Interactive Programs with Scanner

Input and System.in

- interactive program: Reads input from the console.
 - While the program runs, it asks the user to type input.
 - The input typed by the user is stored in variables in the code.
 - Can be tricky; users are unpredictable and misbehave.
 - But interactive programs have more interesting behavior.

- Scanner: An object that can read input from many sources.
 - Communicates with System.in (the opposite of System.out)
 - Can also read from files (Ch. 6), web sites, databases, ...

Scanner syntax

• The Scanner class is found in the java.util package.

```
import java.util.*; // so you can use Scanner
```

• Constructing a Scanner object to read console input:

```
Scanner name = new Scanner(System.in);
```

– Example:

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
```

Scanner methods

Method	Description		
nextInt()	reads an int from the user and returns it		
nextDouble()	reads a double from the user		
next()	reads a one-word String from the user		
nextLine()	reads a one-line String from the user		

- Each method waits until the user presses Enter.
- The value typed by the user is returned.

```
System.out.print("How old are you? ");  // prompt
int age = console.nextInt();
System.out.println("You typed " + age);
```

• prompt: A message telling the user what input to type.

Scanner example

```
import java.util.*; // so that I can use Scanner
public class UserInputExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
                                                      age
      → System.out.print("How old are you? ");
      → int age = console.nextInt();
                                                    years
      \rightarrow int years = 65 \neq age;
        System.out.prin/tln(years + " years to retirement!");
```

Console (user input underlined):

How old are you? 29 ← 36 years until retirement!



Scanner example 2

```
import java.util.*;  // so that I can use Scanner

public class ScannerMultiply {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.print("Please type two numbers: ");
        int num1 = console.nextInt();
        int num2 = console.nextInt();

        int product = num1 * num2;
        System.out.println("The product is " + product);
    }
}
```

• Output (user input underlined):

```
Please type two numbers: <u>8 6</u>
The product is 48
```

- The Scanner can read multiple values from one line.

Input tokens

- token: A unit of user input, as read by the Scanner.
 - Tokens are separated by whitespace (spaces, tabs, new lines).
 - How many tokens appear on the following line of input?

```
23 John Smith 42.0 "Hello world" $2.50 " 19"
```

When a token is not the type you ask for, it crashes.

```
System.out.print("What is your age? ");
int age = console.nextInt();
```

Output:

```
What is your age? <a href="mailto:Timmy">Timmy</a>
java.util.InputMismatchException
at java.util.Scanner.next(Unknown Source)
at java.util.Scanner.nextInt(Unknown Source)
```

Strings as user input

• Scanner's next method reads a word of input as a String.

Output:

```
What is your name? <u>Chamillionaire</u>
CHAMILLIONAIRE has 14 letters and starts with C
```

• The nextLine method reads a line of input as a String.

```
System.out.print("What is your address? ");
String address = console.nextLine();
```

Strings question

- Write a program that outputs a person's "gangsta name."
 - first initial
 - Diddy
 - last name (all caps)
 - first name
 - -izzle

Example Output:

```
Type your name, playa: <u>Marge Simpson</u>
Your gangsta name is "M. Diddy SIMPSON Marge-izzle"
```

Strings answer

```
// This program prints your "gangsta" name.
import java.util.*;
public class GangstaName {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Type your name, playa: ");
        String name = console.nextLine();
        // split name into first/last name and initials
        String first = name.substring(0, name.indexOf(" "));
        String last = name.substring(name.indexOf(" ") + 1);
        last = last.toUpperCase();
        String fInitial = first.substring(0, 1);
        System.out.println("Your gangsta name is \"" + fInitial +
                ". Diddy " + last + " " + first + "-izzle\"");
```