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Recursion

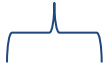

Recap

- What types of errors do you know?
- Where are the differences?
- What are Exceptions?
- What kind of Exceptions do you know?

Recap

- What is a function?
- What is a return value?
- What is a parameter?

return type

```
public static void  int sum( int a, int b) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

parameter

Recursion

- A Method which calls itself
- simplifies a problem each method call
- needs a stopping condition

Recursion Example

```
static void fairy()  
{  
    wish();  
    wish();  
    fairy();  
}
```



Recursion Example 2

```
static void down( int n )  
{  
    System.out.print( n + ", " );  
    down( n - 1 );  
}
```

Output:

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, -1, -2, -3, -4, ...

Recursion Example 3

```
static void down( int n )  
{  
    if (n<=0) {  
        return; // End  
    }  
    System.out.print( n + ", " );  
    down( n - 1 );  
}
```

Output:

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Exercise 1

```
static void up( int n )  
{  
  
    . . .  
  
}
```


Factorial

$$5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 120$$

$$5! = 5 * 4!$$

$$5! = 5 * 4 * 3!$$

$$5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2!$$

$$5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1!$$

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n	$n!$
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	6
4	24
5	120
10	3.628.800
20	$2,432... \cdot 10^{18}$
50	$3,041... \cdot 10^{64}$
100	$9,332... \cdot 10^{157}$

Factorial

$$\text{fact}(5) = 5 * \text{fact}(4)$$

$$\text{fact}(4) = 4 * \text{fact}(3)$$

$$\text{fact}(3) = 3 * \text{fact}(2)$$

...

$$\text{fact}(n) = n * \text{fact}(n-1);$$

Factorial

```
static int fact( int n )
{
    if (n==1) {
        return 1; // End
    }
    System.out.println(n+"*fact("+ (n-1) +") ");
    return n * fact(n-1);
}

System.out.println(fact(5))
```

Output:

```
5*fact(4)
4*fact(3)
3*fact(2)
2*fact(1)
120
```

Recursion vs Loop

```
static int fact( int n ){  
    if (n==1) {  
        return 1;  
    }  
    return n * fact(n-1);  
}
```

VS

```
static int fact( int n ){  
    int fact=0;  
    for (int i=1; i<=n; i++){  
        fact = fact * i;  
    }  
    return fact;  
}
```

Recursion (vs. Loop)

every recursion could be implemented as loop
every loop could be implemented as recursion

- + easier solutions
 - more complex solutions
 - runtime overhead
- } depending on situation



Method call handling on stack

