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

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Textbook Reference

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For this lecture use Chapter 9.4

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
<pre>int abs(int x) double abs(double x)</pre>	returns the absolute value of a int or double value (overloaded method)
<pre>double pow(double base, double exponent)</pre>	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:

- 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;
}</pre>
```

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

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</pre>
```

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)
```

 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)

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.)

You will need to know two wrapper classes:

- 1)Integer class
- 2)Double class

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 double Value(): 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
```

Lab

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Math Class Lab

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