

CS 106A, Lecture 8

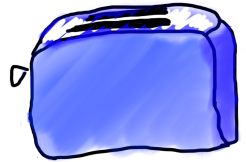
Characters and Strings

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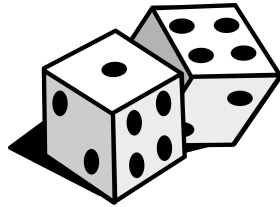
Java Ch. 8.1-8.4

Learning Goals

- Be able to confidently write and call methods that use parameters and return values.



- Be able to generate random values in your programs.



- Be able to use and manipulate **chars**.
- Be able to write string algorithms that operate on each character.

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Parameters

Parameters let you provide a method some information when you are calling it.

Return

Return values let you give back some information when a method is finished.

Methods = Toasters



parameter



Methods = Toasters



parameter



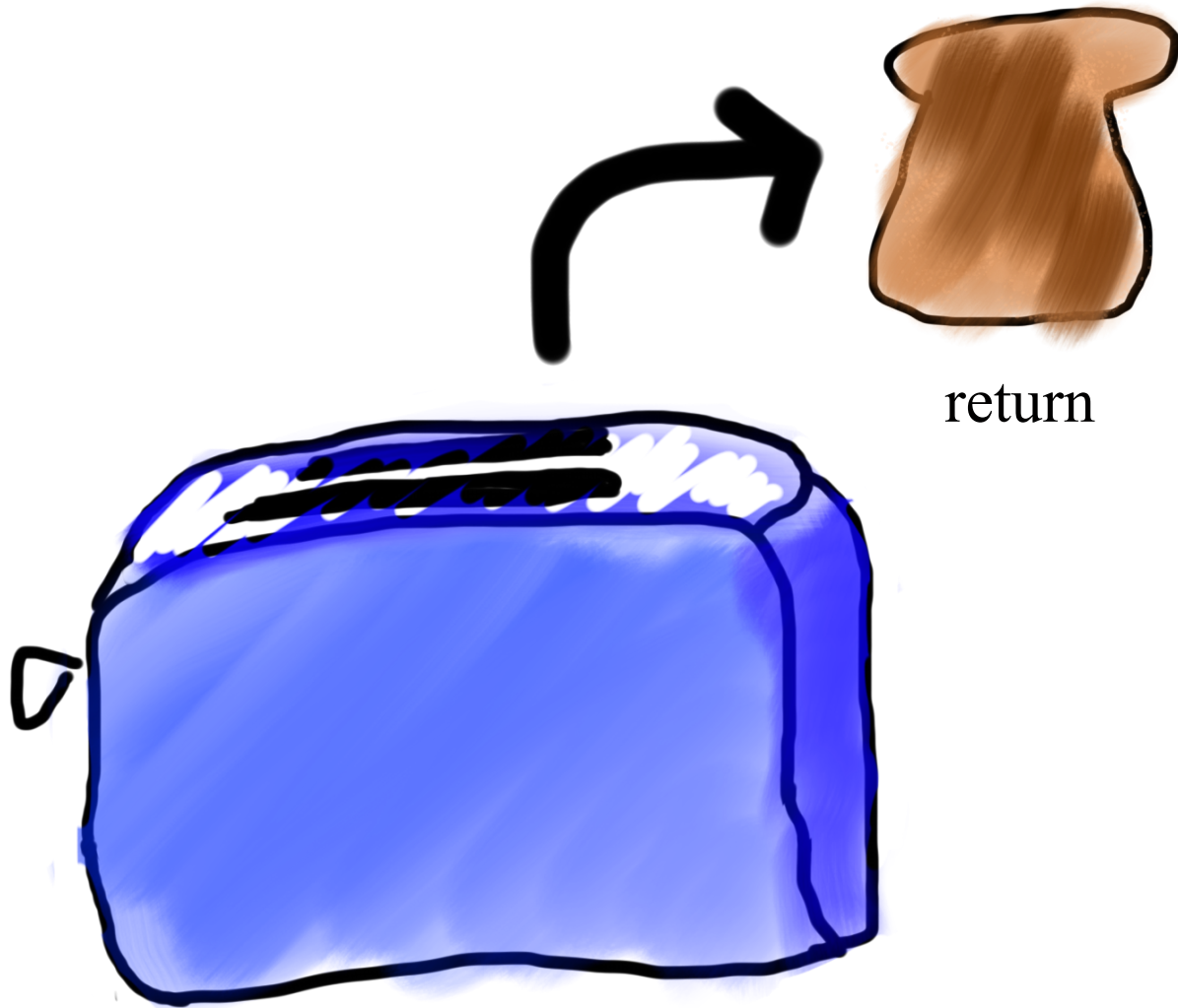
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Example: readInt

```
int x = readInt( "Your guess? " );
```

Example: readInt

We call
readInt



We give readInt some
information (the text to
print to the user)



```
int x = readInt( "Your guess? " );
```

Example: readInt

When we include values in the parentheses of a method call, this means we are passing them as *parameters* to this method.

```
int x = readInt( "Your guess? " );
```

Example: readInt

When finished, readInt gives us information back (the user's number) and we put it in x.



```
int x = readInt( "Your guess? " );
```

Example: readInt

When we set a variable equal to a method, this tells Java to save the return value of the method in that variable.

```
int x = readInt( "Your guess? " );
```


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Parameters Example: drawBox

Tells Java this method
needs two *ints* in order to
execute.



```
private void drawBox(int width, int height) {  
    // use width and height variables  
    // to draw a box  
}
```

Parameters Example: drawBox

*Inside drawBox, refer to
the first parameter value
as width...*



```
private void drawBox(int width, int height) {  
    // use width and height variables  
    // to draw a box  
}
```

Parameters Example: drawBox

...and the second
parameter value as *height*.



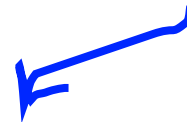
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private void drawBox(int width, int height) {  
    // use width and height variables  
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}
```

drawBox

We call
drawBox



We give drawBox some
information (the size of
the box we want)



```
drawBox(10, 4);
```

drawBox

```
int width = readInt("Width? ");  
int height = readInt("Height? ");  
...
```

We call
drawBox



We give drawBox some
information (the size of
the box we want)



```
drawBox(width, height);
```

drawBox

```
int width = readInt("Width? ");    7  
int height = readInt("Height? ");  4  
...
```

```
drawBox(width, height);
```

drawBox

```
int width = readInt("Width? ");    7  
int height = readInt("Height? ");  4  
...
```

```
      7      4  
drawBox(width, height);
```


drawBox

```
int width = readInt("Width? ");    7
int height = readInt("Height? ");  4
...
```

```
drawBox(7, 4);
```

drawBox

First
parameter
to drawBox

7



Second
parameter to
drawBox

4



drawBox

7 4

drawBox

```
private void drawBox(int width,int height) {  
    // use width and height variables  
    // to draw a box  
}
```

drawBox

```
private void drawBox(int width,int height) {  
    ...  
    println(width);    // prints 7  
    println(height);  // prints 4  
    ...  
}
```

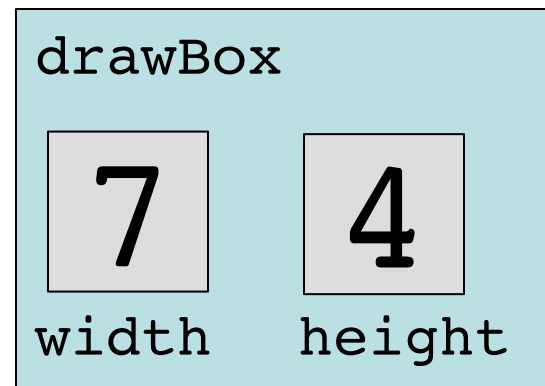
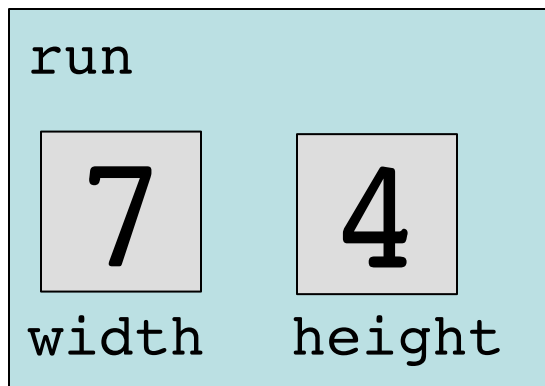
Parameter Names

Parameter names do not affect program behavior.

Parameter Names

```
public void run() {  
    int width = readInt("Width? ");    7  
    int height = readInt("Height? ");  4  
    drawBox(width, height);  
}
```

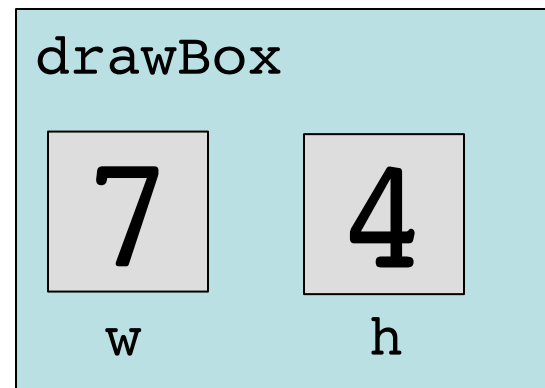
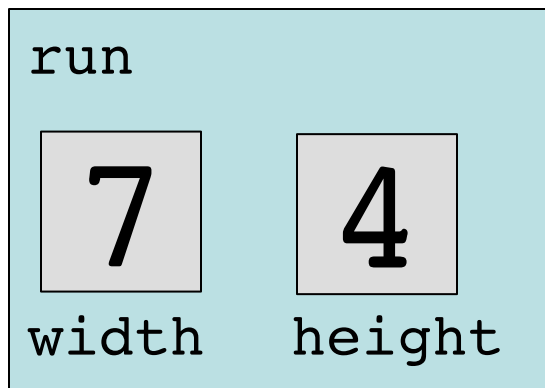
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    ...  
}
```



Parameter Names

```
public void run() {  
    int width = readInt("Width? ");  
    int height = readInt("Height? ");  
    drawBox(width, height);  
}
```

```
private void drawBox(int w, int h) {  
    ...  
}
```



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Return Example: metersToCm

When this method finishes,
it will return a *double*.



```
private double metersToCm(double meters) {  
    ...  
}
```

Return Example: metersToCm

```
private double metersToCm(double meters) {  
    double centimeters = meters * 100;  
    return centimeters;  
}
```



Returns the *value of* this
expression (centimeters).


Return Example: metersToCm

```
public void run() {  
    double cm = metersToCm(10);  
    ...  
}
```

Return Example: metersToCm

Setting a variable *equal* to a method means we save the method's return value in that variable.

```
public void run() {  
    double cm = metersToCm(10);  
    ...  
}
```



Return Example: metersToCm

```
public void run() {  
    double meters = readDouble("# meters? ");  
    ...  
  
    double cm = metersToCm(meters);  
    println(cm + " centimeters.");  
}  
  
private double metersToCm(double meters) {  
    double centimeters = meters * 100;  
    return centimeters;  
}
```

Return Example: metersToCm

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public void run() {  
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Return Example: metersToCm

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}  
  
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    double centimeters = meters * 100;  
    return centimeters;  
}
```


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    ...  
  
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    return centimeters;  
}
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Return Example: metersToCm

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public void run() {  
    double meters = readDouble("# meters? ");  
    ...  
    double cm = metersToCm(meters);  
    println(cm + " centimeters.");  
}
```

7

700

Return Values and Expressions

```
public void run() {  
    double meters = readDouble("# meters? ");  
    println(metersToCm(meters) + " cm.");  
}  
  
private double metersToCm(double meters) {  
    ...  
}
```

Return Values and Expressions

```
public void run() {  
    double meters = readDouble("# meters? ");  
    println(metersToCm(meters) + " cm.");  
}
```

7
700

```
private double metersToCm(double meters) {  
    ...  
}
```

You can use a method's return value *directly in an expression*.

Buggy Example!

```
public void run() {  
    7  
    double meters = readDouble("# meters? ");  
    ...  
  
    metersToCm(meters); // Does nothing!  
    ...  
}
```

Buggy Example!

```
public void run() {  
    double meters = readDouble("# meters? ");  
    ...  
    metersToCm(meters); // Does nothing!  
    ...  
}
```

Return Stops Method Execution

```
private int max(int num1, int num2) {  
    if(num1 >= num2) {  
        return num1;  
    }  
    return num2; // here only if num1 < num2  
}
```

Returning Booleans

```
private boolean isEven(int number) {  
    return number % 2 == 0;  
}
```


Returning Booleans

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```
private boolean isEven(int number) {  
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}
```

Returning Booleans

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```
private boolean isEven(int number) {  
    return number % 2 == 0;  
    true  
}
```

Returning Booleans

```
private boolean isEven(int number) {  
    return number % 2 == 0;  
}
```

// Example

```
public void run() {  
    if (isEven(2)) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Returning Booleans

```
private boolean isDivisibleBy(int a, int b) {  
    return a % b == 0;  
}
```

Returning Booleans

```
private boolean isDivisibleBy(24 int a, 9 int b) {  
    return a % b == 0;  
}
```

Returning Booleans

```
private boolean isDivisibleBy(24int a, 9int b) {  
    return a % b == 0;  
    false  
}
```

Returning Booleans

```
private boolean isDivisibleBy(int a, int b) {  
    return a % b == 0;  
}
```

// Example

```
public void run() {  
    if (isDivisibleBy(4, 2)) {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Factorial Code Walkthrough

See next slides


```
public void run() {  
    for(int i = 0; i < MAX_NUM; i++) {  
        println(i + "! = " + factorial(i));  
    }  
}
```

i

```
public void run() {  
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    }  
}
```

i

0

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    }  
}
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i

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i

0

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    }  
}
```

i

0

```
private int factorial(int n) {  
    int result = 1;  
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {  
        result *= i;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

n

0

result

i

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n

0

result

1

i

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n

0

result

1

i

1


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n

0

result

1

i

1

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    }  
    return result;  
}
```

n

0

result

1

i

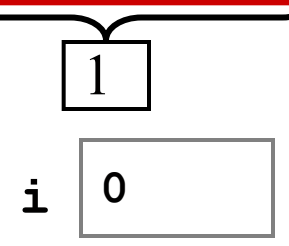
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    }  
}
```

1

i 0

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    }  
}
```



$$0! = 1$$

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    }  
}
```

i 1

0! = 1

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}
```

i

1

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i

1

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i

1

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```

n result i

0! = 1

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n result i

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}
```

n result i

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n result i

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n result i

0! = 1

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n result i

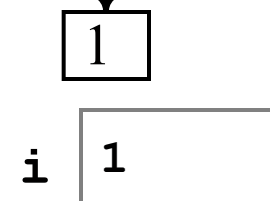
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}
```

n result i

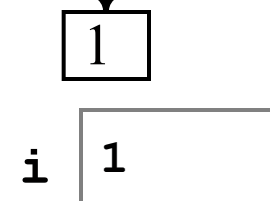
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    }  
}
```



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    }  
}
```



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1! = 1

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    }  
}
```

i

2

0! = 1

1! = 1

```
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    }  
}
```

i

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i 2

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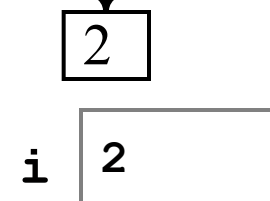
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2

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1! = 1

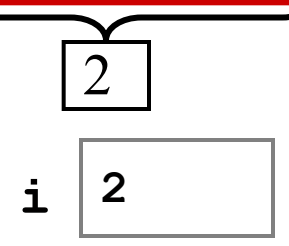
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```



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2! = 2


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}
```

i

3

0! = 1

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}
```

i

3

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    }  
}
```

i

3

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    }  
}
```

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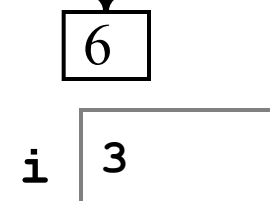
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2! = 2

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    }  
}
```

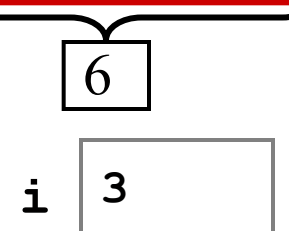


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    }  
}
```



0! = 1

1! = 1

2! = 2

3! = 6

```
public void run() {  
    for(int i = 0; i < MAX_NUM; i++) {  
        println(i + "! = " + factorial(i));  
    }  
}
```

i

4

0! = 1

1! = 1

2! = 2

3! = 6

```
public void run() {  
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    }  
}
```

i 4

0! = 1

1! = 1

2! = 2

3! = 6

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RandomGenerator

- `import acm.util.*;`

Method	Description
<code>RandomGenerator.getInstance().nextInt(<i>min</i>, <i>max</i>)</code>	a random integer in the given range, inclusive

```
// random number from 0-9 inclusive
```

```
int digit = RandomGenerator.getInstance().nextInt(0, 9);  
println(digit);
```

```
// prints "hello!" between 3-6 times
```

```
int times = RandomGenerator.getInstance().nextInt(3, 6);  
for (int i = 0; i < times; i++) {  
    println("hello!");  
}
```

RandomGenerator

The **RandomGenerator** class defines the following methods:

int nextInt(int low, int high)

Returns a random **int** between **low** and **high**, inclusive.

int nextInt(int n)

Returns a random **int** between 0 and **n** - 1.

double nextDouble(double low, double high)

Returns a random **double** d in the range $\text{low} \leq d < \text{high}$.

double nextDouble()

Returns a random **double** d in the range $0 \leq d < 1$.

boolean nextBoolean()

Returns a random **boolean** value, which is **true** 50 percent of the time.

boolean nextBoolean(double p)

Returns a random **boolean**, which is **true** with probability **p**, where $0 \leq p \leq 1$.

Color nextColor()

Returns a random color.

Extra: Dice exercise



RollTwoDice

- Write a console program **RollTwoDice** that repeatedly rolls two 6-sided dice until they arrive at a given desired sum.

Desired sum? 9

3 and 4 = 7

2 and 1 = 3

5 and 5 = 10

6 and 2 = 8

6 and 5 = 11

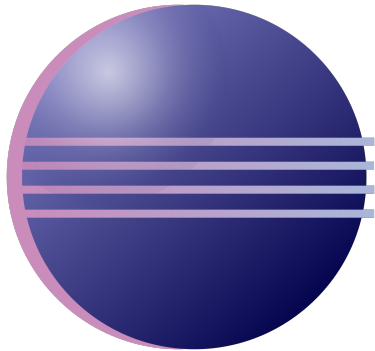
4 and 5 = 9

- Try solving this on your own on CodeStepByStep!

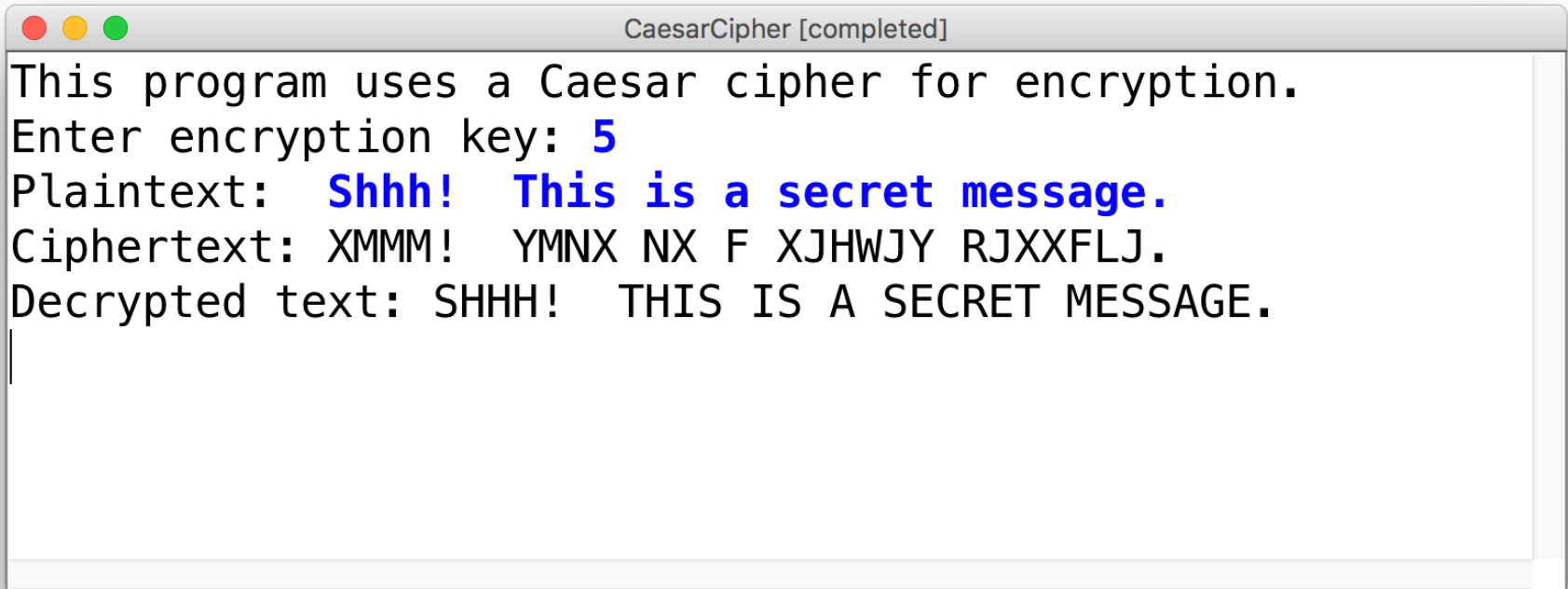
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Text Processing



Goal



```
CaesarCipher [completed]
This program uses a Caesar cipher for encryption.
Enter encryption key: 5
Plaintext:  Shhh!  This is a secret message.
Ciphertext: XMMM!  YMNX NX F XJHWJY RJXXFLJ.
Decrypted text: SHHH!  THIS IS A SECRET MESSAGE.
|
```

After learning text processing, we will be able to write our own encryption program!

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Char

A **char** is a variable type that represents a single character or “glyph”.

```
char letterA = 'A';  
char plus = '+';  
char zero = '0';  
char space = ' ';  
char newLine = '\n';  
char tab = '\t';  
char singleQuote = '\'';  
char backSlash = '\\';
```

Char

Under the hood, Java represents each **char** as an *integer* (its “ASCII value”).

- Uppercase letters are sequentially numbered
- Lowercase letters are sequentially numbered
- Digits are sequentially numbered

```
char uppercaseA = 'A';           // Actually 65  
char lowercaseA = 'a';           // Actually 97  
char zeroDigit = '0';            // Actually 48
```

Char Math!

We can take advantage of Java representing each **char** as an *integer* (its “ASCII value”):

```
boolean areEqual = 'A' == 'A';           // true
boolean earlierLetter = 'f' < 'c';        // false
char uppercaseB = 'A' + 1;
int diff = 'c' - 'a';                      // 2
int numLettersInAlphabet = 'z' - 'a' + 1;
// or
int numLettersInAlphabet = 'z' - 'A' + 1;
```

Char Math!

We can take advantage of Java representing each **char** as an *integer* (its “ASCII value”):

```
// prints out every character
for (char ch = 'a'; ch <= 'z'; ch++) {
    print(ch);
}
```

Char Math!

Not every integer maps to a character. So when you have an expression with **ints** and **chars**, Java picks **int** as the *most expressive type*.

```
'A' + 1           // evaluates to 66 (int)
'c' + (2*5) - 1    // evaluates to 108
```

We can make it a char by putting it in a char variable.

```
char uppercaseB = 'A' + 1;
```

```
// or
```

```
char uppercaseB = 66;
```

Side Note: Type-casting

If we want to force Java to treat an expression as a particular type, we can also *cast it* to that type.

<code>'A' + 1</code>	<code>// evaluates to 66 (int)</code>
<code>(char)('A' + 1)</code>	<code>// evaluates to 'B' (char)</code>
<code>1 / 2</code>	<code>// evaluates to 0 (int)</code>
<code>(double)1 / 2</code>	<code>// evaluates to 0.5 (double)</code>
<code>1 / (double)2</code>	<code>// evaluates to 0.5 (double)</code>

Character Methods

There are some helpful built-in Java methods to manipulate **chars**.

```
char lowercaseA = 'a';  
char uppercaseA = Character.toUpperCase(lowercaseA);
```

```
char plus = '+';  
if (Character.isLetter(plus)) {  
    ...  
}
```

Character Methods

Method	Description
<code>Character.isDigit(<i>ch</i>)</code>	true if <i>ch</i> is '0' through '9'
<code>Character.isLetter(<i>ch</i>)</code>	true if <i>ch</i> is 'a' through 'z' or 'A' through 'Z'
<code>Character.isLetterOrDigit(<i>ch</i>)</code>	true if <i>ch</i> is 'a' through 'z', 'A' through 'Z' or '0' through '9'
<code>Character.isLowerCase(<i>ch</i>)</code>	true if <i>ch</i> is 'a' through 'z'
<code>Character.isUpperCase(<i>ch</i>)</code>	true if <i>ch</i> is 'A' through 'Z'
<code>Character.toLowerCase(<i>ch</i>)</code>	returns lowercase equivalent of a letter
<code>Character.toUpperCase(<i>ch</i>)</code>	returns uppercase equivalent of a letter
<code>Character.isWhitespace(<i>ch</i>)</code>	true if <i>ch</i> is a space, tab, new line, etc.

Remember: these **return**
the new char, they cannot
modify an existing char!

Character Methods

Remember to always save the return value of Character methods!

```
char lowercaseA = 'a';  
Character.toUpperCase(lowercaseA); // Does nothing!  
println(lowercaseA);              // prints 'a'!
```

```
char uppercaseA =  
    Character.toUpperCase(lowercaseA); // OK  
println(uppercaseA);                  // prints 'A'!
```

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Strings

A **String** is a variable type representing a sequence of characters.

```
String text = "Hi parents!";
```

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>character</i>	'H'	'i'	' '	'p'	'a'	'r'	'e'	'n'	't'	's'	'!'

- Each character is assigned an *index*, going from 0 to length-1
- There is a **char** at each index

Creating Strings

```
String str = "Hello, world!";  
String empty = "";  
println(str);
```

// Read in text from the user

```
String name = readLine("What is your name? ");
```

// String concatenation (using "+")

```
String message = 2 + " cool " + 2 + " handle";  
int x = 2;  
println("x has the value " + x);
```

Common String Operations

```
String str = "Hello, world!";
```

```
// Length
```

```
int strLength = str.length();           // 13
```

```
// Access individual characters
```

```
char firstLetter = str.charAt(0);
```

```
char lastLetter = str.charAt(strLength - 1);
```

```
char badTimes = str.charAt(strLength); // ERROR
```

Substrings

A *substring* is a subset of a string.

```
String str = "Hello, world!";  
String hello = str.substring(0, 5);
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	','	' '	'w'	'o'	'r'	'l'	'd'	'!'

Substrings

A *substring* is a subset of a string.

```
String str = "Hello, world!";  
String worldExclm = str.substring(7, 13);
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	','	' '	'w'	'o'	'r'	'l'	'd'	'!'

Substrings

A *substring* is a subset of a string.

```
String str = "Hello, world!";  
String worldExclm = str.substring(7); // to end
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
'H'	'e'	'l'	'l'	'o'	','	' '	'w'	'o'	'r'	'l'	'd'	'!'

String Methods

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

- These methods are called using **dot notation**:

```
String className = "CS 106A yay!";  
println(className.length());    // 12
```

Strings are Immutable

Once you create a String, its contents **cannot be changed**.

```
// Cannot change individual chars in the string  
String typo = "Hello, world!";
```

To change a String, you must create a *new* String containing the value you want (e.g. using String methods).

Strings are Immutable

```
String className = "cs 106a";  
className.toUpperCase();           // does nothing!
```

```
className = className.toUpperCase(); // ✓  
println(className);                // CS 106A
```

Comparing Strings

```
String greeting = "Hello!";  
if (greeting == "Hello!") {    // Doesn't work!  
    ...  
}
```

// Instead:

```
if (greeting.equals("Hello!")) {  
    ...  
}
```

Always use .equals instead of == and !=

Comparing Strings

Method	Description
<code>s1.equals(s2)</code>	whether two strings contain the same characters
<code>s1.equalsIgnoreCase(s2)</code>	whether two strings contain the same characters, ignoring upper vs. lower case
<code>s1.startsWith(s2)</code>	whether s1 contains s2 's characters at start
<code>s1.endsWith(s2)</code>	whether s1 contains s2 's characters at end
<code>s1.contains(s2)</code>	whether s2 is found within s1

Looping Over Strings

A common String programming pattern is looping over a string and operating on each character.

```
String str = "Hello!";  
for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {  
    char ch = str.charAt(i);  
    // Do something with ch here  
}
```

Looping Over Strings

A common String programming pattern is looping over a string and operating on each character.

// Prints out each letter on a separate line

```
String str = "Hello!";  
for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {  
    char ch = str.charAt(i);  
    println(ch);  
}
```

Looping Over Strings

A common String programming pattern is looping over a string and operating on each character.

```
// Creates a new String in all caps
String str = "Hello!";
String newStr = "";
for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++) {
    char ch = str.charAt(i);
    newStr += Character.toUpperCase(ch);
}
println(newStr);           // HELLO!
```


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Next time: problem-solving with Strings