

Define a Method

Up until now, you've been calling built-in methods: methods that are available whenever you use C#. Sometimes you need a custom method for your specific program. In that case, you'll need to define your own!

The basic structure of a method definition looks like this:

```
static void YourMethodName()  
{  
}
```

We'll skip over `static` and `void` for the moment.

In C#, it's convention to use PascalCase to name your method. The name starts with an uppercase letter and each word following begins with an uppercase as well. It's not required in C#, but it makes your code easier to read for other developers.

The body of your method goes between the curly braces: `{ }`. Whenever the method is called, the code in the body is executed.

```
static void YourMethodName()  
{  
    Console.WriteLine("Hi there!");  
}
```

Just like any other method, we call it with parentheses:

```
YourMethodName();
```

Look closely at the code in the editor and you'll see that you've been defining methods all along! `Main()` is a method. Every time you run the code, the `Main()` method is executed.

Since `Main()` is already a method, we'll define our own methods outside of `Main()`.

1.

Define a method named `VisitPlanets()` outside of the `Main()` method and run the code.

`VisitPlanets()` can print anything you'd like to the console, but something like "You visited many new planets..." would be appropriate.

Hint



Define a method like:

```
static void YourMethodName()
{
    Console.WriteLine("Hi there!");
}
```

2.

Why isn't your method executed? It's not called within `Main()`. Call it in `Main()` and run the code again.

Hint



```
static void Main()
{
    // Call your method here!
}
```