



Programming languages Java

Code organization

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Signaling errors by throwing an exception

```

public class Time {
    int hour;           // 0 <= hour < 24
    int min;            // 0 <= min < 60

    ...

    public void setHour(int hour) {
        if (0 <= hour && hour <= 23) {
            this.hour = hour;
        } else {
            throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid hour!");
        }
    }
}

```



The `assert` statement

```
public class Time {  
    int hour;           // 0 <= hour < 24  
    int min;           // 0 <= min < 60  
  
    ...  
  
    public void setHour(int hour) {  
        assert 0 <= hour && hour <= 23;  
        this.hour = hour;  
    }  
}
```



The **assert** statement

TestTime.java

```
Time time = new Time(6,30);  
time.setHour(30);
```

Running the program

```
$ java TestTime  
$ java -enableassertions TestTime  
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.AssertionError  
    at Time.setHour(Time.java:7)  
    at TestTime.main(TestTime.java:5)  
$
```



Options to signal errors

Good solutions

- `IllegalArgumentException`: at module boundaries
- `assert`: inside a module
- Doc comment

Bad solutions

- Silently not perform the requested operation
- Do not check correct behaviour, let the program go wrong



Checked vs unchecked exceptions

Checked exceptions

```
public Time readTime(String fname) throws java.io.IOException  
    // this code may throw an IOException  
}
```

- The method's source code must declare that it propagates such an exception
- The compiler checks consistency
- E.g. `java.sql.SQLException`, `java.security.KeyException`



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Unchecked exceptions

- E.g. `NullPointerException`, `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`
- Violation of a dynamic semantic rule of the language
- May occur (practically) everywhere
- Methods don't declare propagation



Propagation detection: compilation error

```
import java.io.IOException;

public class TestTime {
    public Time readTime(String fname) throws IOException {
        ... new java.io.FileReader(fname) ...
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        TestTime tt = new TestTime();
        Time wakeUp = tt.readTime("wakeup.txt");
        wakeUp.aMinutePassed();
    }
}
```



Propagation detection: compilation error eliminated

```
import java.io.IOException;

public class TestTime {
    public Time readTime(String fname) throws IOException {
        ... new java.io.FileReader(fname) ...
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
        TestTime tt = new TestTime();
        Time wakeUp = tt.readTime("wakeup.txt");
        wakeUp.aMinutePassed();
    }
}
```



Exception handling (**catch** an exception)

```
import java.io.IOException;

public class TestTime {
    public Time readTime(String fname) throws IOException {
        ... new java.io.FileReader(fname) ...
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        TestTime tt = new TestTime();
        try {
            Time wakeUp = tt.readTime("wakeup.txt");
            wakeUp.aMinutePassed();
        } catch(IOException e) {
            System.err.println("Could not read wake-up time.");
        }
    }
}
```



Exception handling

The program can continue in spite of the problem

```
public class Receptionist {
    ...
    public Time[] readWakeupTimes(String[] fnames) {
        Time[] times = new Time[fnames.length];
        for(int i = 0; i < fnames.length; ++i) {
            try {
                times[i] = readTime(fnames[i]);
            } catch(java.io.IOException e) {
                times[i] = null;    // no-op
                System.err.println("Could not read " + fnames[i]);
            }
        }
        return times; // maybe sort times before returning?
    }
}
```





The try-catch statement

```

<try-catch-statement> ::= try <block-statement>
                        <catch-list>
                        <optional-finally-part>

<catch-list> ::= ""
              | <catch-part> <catch-list>

<catch-part> ::= catch (<exceptions> <identifier>)
                  <block-statement>

<exceptions> ::= <identifier>
               | <identifier> | <exceptions>

<optional-finally-part> ::= ""
                        | finally <block-statement>
  
```



Multiple catch-clauses

```
public static Time parse(String str) {
    String errorMessage;
    try {
        String[] parts = str.split(":");
        int hour = Integer.parseInt(parts[0]);
        int minute = Integer.parseInt(parts[1]);
        return new Time(hour, minute);
    } catch (NullPointerException e) {
        errorMessage = "Null parameter is not allowed!";
    } catch (ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
        errorMessage = "String must contain \":\"!";
    } catch (NumberFormatException e) {
        errorMessage = "String must contain two numbers!";
    }
    throw new IllegalArgumentException(errorMessage);
}
```





Multiple exceptions in a single `catch`-clause

```
public static Time parse(String str) {
    try {
        String[] parts = str.split(":");
        int hour = Integer.parseInt(parts[0]);
        int minute = Integer.parseInt(parts[1]);
        return new Time(hour, minute);
    } catch (NullPointerException
            | ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException
            | NumberFormatException e) {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Can't parse time!");
    }
}
```



The try-finally statement

```
public static Time readTime(String fname) throws IOException {
    var in = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(fname));
    Time time;
    try {
        String line = in.readLine();
        time = parse(line);
    } finally {
        in.close();
    }
    return time;
}
```




The **finally** clause gets executed in any case

```
public static Time readTime(String fname) throws IOException {
    var in = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(fname));
    try {
        String line = in.readLine();
        return parse(line);
    } finally {
        in.close();
    }
}
```



The try-catch-finally statement

```
public static Time readTime(String fname) throws IOException {
    var in = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(fname));
    try {
        String line = in.readLine();
        return parse(line);
    } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
        System.err.println(e);
        System.err.println("Using default value!");
        return new Time(0,0);
    } finally {
        in.close();
    }
}
```



Nesting try-statements

```

public static Time readTimeOrUseDefault(String fn) {
    try {
        var in = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(fn));
        try {
            String line = in.readLine();
            return parse(line);
        } finally {
            in.close();
        }
    } catch(IOException | IllegalArgumentException e) {
        System.err.println(e);
        System.err.println("Using default value!");
        return new Time(0,0);
    }
}

```



The *try-with-resources* statement

```
public static Time readTimeOrUseDefault(String fn) {
    try (
        var in = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(fn))
    ) {
        String line = in.readLine();
        return parse(line);
    } catch(IOException | IllegalArgumentException e) {
        System.err.println(e);
        System.err.println("Using default value!");
        return new Time(0,0);
    }
}
```



Exception handling

These are practically equivalent

try-finally

```
BufferedReader in = ...;
try {
    String line = in.readLine();
    return parse(line);
} finally {
    in.close();
}
```

try-with-resources

```
try (
    BufferedReader in = ...
) {
    String line = in.readLine();
    return parse(line);
}
```



A more sophisticated case: copying a file

```
static void copy(String in, String out) throws IOException {
    try (
        FileInputStream infile = new FileInputStream(in);
        FileOutputStream outfile = new FileOutputStream(out)
    ) {
        int b;
        while((b = infile.read()) != -1) {    // idiom!
            outfile.write(b);
        }
    }
}
```



Documentation comment

```
/** May throw AssertionError. */  
public void setHour(int hour) {  
    assert 0 <= hour && hour <= 23;  
    this.hour = hour;  
}
```



Documenting potentially erroneous use

```
/**
    Blindly sets the hour property to the given value.
    Use it with care: only pass {@code hour} satisfying
    {@code 0 <= hour && hour <= 23}.
 */
public void setHour(int hour) {
    this.hour = hour;
}
```




javadoc Time.java

PACKAGE **CLASS** TREE DEPRECATED INDEX HELP

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SEARCH:



SUMMARY: NESTED | FIELD | CONSTR | METHOD DETAIL: FIELD | CONSTR | METHOD

Constructor Summary

Constructors

Constructor	Description
Time()	

Method Summary

All Methods Instance Methods Concrete Methods

Modifier and Type	Method	Description
int	getHour()	
int	getMinute()	
void	oneMinutePassed()	
void	setHour(int hour)	Blindly sets the hour property to the given value.





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getHour

```
public int getHour()
```

getMinute

```
public int getMinute()
```

setHour

```
public void setHour(int hour)
```

Blindly sets the hour property to the given value. Use it with care: only pass hour satisfying $0 \leq \text{hour} \leq 23$.





A typical (and stupidly verbose) doc comment

```
/**
 * Sets the hour property. Only pass an {@code hour}
 * satisfying {@code 0 <= hour && hour <= 23}.
 * @param hour The value to be set.
 * @throws IllegalArgumentException
 *     If the supplied value is not between 0 and 23,
 *     inclusively.
 */
public void setHour(int hour) {
    if (0 <= hour && hour <= 23) {
        this.hour = hour;
    } else {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid hour!");
    }
}
```



javadoc Time.java

setHour

```
public void setHour(int hour)
```

Sets the hour property. Only pass an hour satisfying $0 \leq \text{hour} \leq 23$.

Parameters:

hour - The value to be set.

Throws:

java.lang.IllegalArgumentException - If the supplied value is not between 0 and 23, inclusively.



Syntax highlighting

```
/**
 * Sets the hour property. Only pass an {@code hour}
 * satisfying {@code 0 <= hour && hour <= 23}.
 * @param hour The value to be set.
 * @throws IllegalArgumentException
 *     If the supplied value is not between 0 and 23,
 *     inclusively.
 */
public void setHour( int hour ){
    if( 0 <= hour && hour <= 23 ){
        this.hour = hour;
    } else {
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid hour!");
    }
}
```

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Implementing rational numbers

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    private int numerator, denominator;
    /* class invariant: denominator > 0 */

    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) {
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }
}
```



Getter-setter

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    private int numerator, denominator;

    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }

    public void setDenominator(int denominator) {
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }

    public int getDenominator() { return denominator; }

    ...
}
```



How to use this class

```
import numbers.Rational;
public class Main {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Rational p = new Rational(1,3);
        Rational q = new Rational(1,2);
        p.multiplyWith(q);
        println(p);           // 1/6
        println(q);           // 1/2
    }
    private static void println(Rational r) {
        System.out.println(r.getNumerator()+"/"+r.getDenominator())
    }
}
```




Arithmetics

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    private int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }
    public int getNumerator() { return numerator; }
    public int getDenominator() { return denominator; }
    public void setNumerator(int numerator) { ... }
    public void setDenominator(int denominator) { ... }

    public void multiplyWith(Rational that) {
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;
    }
    ...
}
```



Doc comment

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {

    ...
    /**
     * Set {@code this} to {@code this} * {@code that}.
     * @param that Non-null reference to a rational number,
     *           it will not be changed in the method.
     * @throws NullPointerException When {@code that} is null
     */
    public void multiplyWith(Rational that) {
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;
    }

    ...
}
```



Sequencing operations

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    ...
    public Rational multiplyWith(Rational that) {
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;
        return this;
    }
    ...
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,3);
Rational q = new Rational(1,2);
p.multiplyWith(q).multiplyWith(q).divideBy(q);
println(p);
```



Class-wide method (function)

```
public class Rational {  
    private final int numerator, denominator;  
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }  
    public int numerator(){ return numerator; }  
    public int denominator(){ return denominator; }  
  
    public static Rational times(Rational left, Rational right)  
        return new Rational(left.numerator * right.numerator,  
                             left.denominator * right.denominator);  
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,3), q = new Rational(1,2);  
Rational r = Rational.times(p,q);
```

Class-wide method (procedure)

```
public class Rational {  
    private int numerator, denominator;  
    ...  
    public static void multiplyInPlace(Rational left,  
                                       Rational right) {  
        left.numerator *= right.numerator;  
        left.denominator *= right.denominator;  
    }  
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,3), q = new Rational(1,2);  
Rational.multiplyLeftWithRight(p,q);
```



A different approach

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    ...
    public void multiplyWith(Rational that) { ... }
    public Rational times(Rational that) { ... }
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,3);
Rational q = new Rational(1,2);
p.multiplyWith(q);
println(p);           // 1/6
Rational r = p.times(q);
println(r);           // 1/12
println(p);           // 1/6
```



Implementation

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    private int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }
    ...
    public Rational times(Rational that) {
        return new Rational(this.numerator * that.numerator,
                             this.denominator * that.denominator);
    }
    public void multiplyWith(Rational that) {
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;
    }
}
```



Implementation

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    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }
    ...
    public Rational times(Rational that) {
        return new Rational(this.numerator * that.numerator,
                             this.denominator * that.denominator);
    }
    public Rational multiplyWith(Rational that) {
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;
        return this;
    }
}
```




There is no operator overloading in Java!

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    private int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }
    ...
    public Rational operator*(Rational that) { // compilation error
        return new Rational(this.numerator * that.numerator,
                             this.denominator * that.denominator);
    }
    public Rational operator*=(Rational that) { // compilation error
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;
        return this;
    }
}
```



Object state never modified

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    private int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) {
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }
    public int getNumerator() { return numerator; }
    public int getDenominator() { return denominator; }
    public Rational times(Rational that) { ... }
    public Rational plus(Rational that) { ... }
    ...
}
```



Using unmodifiable fields

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    private final int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) {
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }
    public int getNumerator() { return numerator; }
    public int getDenominator() { return denominator; }
    public Rational times(Rational that) { ... }
    public Rational plus(Rational that) { ... }
    ...
}
```



Multiple methods with the same name

```
public class Rational {  
    ...  
    public void multiplyWith(Rational that) {  
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;  
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;  
    }  
  
    public void multiplyWith(int that) {  
        this.numerator *= that;  
    }  
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,3), q = new Rational(1,2);  
p.multiplyWith(q);  
p.multiplyWith(2);
```



Tricky rules: “matching more precisely”

```
static void m(long n) { ... }  
static void m(float n) { ... }  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    m(3);  
}
```



Matching “equally precisely”

```
static void m(long n, float m) { ... }
static void m(float m, long n) { ... }
public static void main(String[] args) {
    m(4,2);
}
```

Foo.java:5: error: reference to m is ambiguous

```
    m(4,2);
```

```
    ^
```

both method m(long,float) in Foo

and method m(float,long) in Foo match

1 error



Multiple constructors in a class

```
public class Rational {  
    ...  
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) {  
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
        this.numerator = numerator;  
        this.denominator = denominator;  
    }  
  
    public Rational(int value) {  
        numerator = value;  
        denominator = 1;  
    }  
}
```



```
Rational p = new Rational(1,3), q = new Rational(3);
```



Overloading

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 - ◊ declared (static) type of actual parameters
- Compilation error:
 - ◊ If no overloaded variant matches the call
 - ◊ If multiple overloaded variant equally matches the call
- Note: **overriding** is different from **overloading**



Is this correct?

```
public class Rational {  
    ...  
  
    public void multiplyWith(Rational that) {  
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;  
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;  
    }  
  
    public Rational multiplyWith(Rational that) {  
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;  
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;  
        return this;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



Meaningful overloading

```
public class Rational {  
    ...  
    public void set(int numerator, int denominator) {  
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
        this.numerator = numerator;  
        this.denominator = denominator;  
    }  
  
    public void set(Rational that) {  
        if (that == null) throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
        this.numerator = that.numerator;  
        this.denominator = that.denominator;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



Default value for parameters?

```
public class Rational {
    ...
    public void set(int numerator, int denominator) {
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }
    public void set(int value) {
        set(value, 1);
    }
    public void set() {
        set(0);
    }
    ...
}
```



Default parameter values – Java does not have this

```
public class Rational {
    ...
    public Rational(int numerator = 0, int denominator = 1) {
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }

    public void set(int numerator = 0, int denominator = 1) {
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }
    ...
}
```




Constructors may call each other

```
public class Rational {
    ...
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) {
        if (denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }
    public Rational(int value) {
        this(value, 1);           // this must be the first statement
    }
    public Rational() {
        this(0);
    }
    ...
}
```



Replacing constructors with factory methods

e.g. `Rational.zero()` instead of `new Rational(0)`

```
public class Rational {
    ...
    private Rational(int numerator, int denominator) {
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }
    public static Rational make(int numerator, int denominator) {
        return new Rational(numerator, denominator);
    }
    public static Rational valueOf(int val) {return make(val, 1);}
    public static Rational oneOver(int den) {return make(1, den);}
    public static Rational zero() { return make(0, 1); }
}
```



Parameter passing techniques

- Textual substitution
- Call-by-value
- Call-by-value-result
- Call-by-result
- Call-by-reference
- Call-by-sharing
- Call-by-name
- Call-by-need



Parameter passing in Java

Call-by-value

parameters of primitive types

```
public void setNumerator( int numerator ){  
    this.numerator = numerator;  
}
```

Call-by-sharing

parameters of reference types (the reference is passed by value)

```
public static void multiplyLeftWithRight( Rational left,  
                                           Rational right ){  
    left.numerator *= right.numerator;  
    left.denominator *= right.denominator;  
}
```



Call-by-value

```
public void setNumerator( int numerator ){  
    this.numerator = numerator;  
    numerator = 0;  
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,3);  
int two = 2;  
p.setNumerator(two);  
println(p);  
System.out.println(two);
```



Call-by-sharing

```
public static void multiplyLeftWithRight( Rational left,
                                           Rational right ){
    left.numerator *= right.numerator;
    left.denominator *= right.denominator;
    left = new Rational(9,7);
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,3), q = new Rational(1,2);
Rational.multiplyLeftWithRight(p,q);
println(p);
```



Variable number of arguments

```
static int sum( int[] nums ){  
    int s = 0;  
    for( int n: nums ){ s += n; }  
    return s;  
}  
  
sum( new int[] {1,2,3,4,5,6} )
```



Variable number of arguments

```
static int sum( int[] nums ){
    int s = 0;
    for( int n: nums ){ s += n; }
    return s;
}
```

```
sum( new int[] {1,2,3,4,5,6} )
```

```
static int sum( int... nums ){
    int s = 0;
    for( int n: nums ){ s += n; }
    return s;
}
```

```
sum(1,2,3,4,5,6)
```




Global constants

```
public static final int WIDTH = 80;
```

- static (class-wide) field
- bit similar to `#define` in C
- similar to `const` in C (not completely the same)
- convention: ALL_CAPS identifier



Final field

- E.g. global constant WIDTH
- Or instance fields of Rational
- Once assigned, never re-assigned
- Must be assigned during object initialisation
 - ◊ “blank final” is allowed

```
public class Rational {
    private final int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) {
        this.numerator = numerator;
        this.denominator = denominator;
    }
    ...
}
```



Final local variable

```
public class Rational {  
    ...  
    public void simplify() {  
        final int gcd = gcd(numerator, denominator);  
        numerator /= gcd;  
        denominator /= gcd;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```



Final formal parameter

Erroneous

```
static java.math.BigInteger factorial(final int n) {
    assert n > 0;
    java.math.BigInteger result = java.math.BigInteger.ONE;
    while (n > 1) {
        result = result.multiply(java.math.BigInteger.valueOf(
            --n;
        ));
    }
    return result;
}
```



Final formal parameter

Correct

```
static java.math.BigInteger factorial(final int n) {  
    assert n > 0;  
    java.math.BigInteger result = java.math.BigInteger.ONE;  
    for (int i=n; i>1; --i) {  
        result = result.multiply(java.math.BigInteger.valueOf(i));  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```



Mutable versus Immutable

Mutable object state

```
public class Rational {
    private int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }
    public int getNumerator() { return numerator; }      ...
    public void setNumerator(int numerator) { ... }      ...
    public void multiplyWith(Rational that) { ... }
```

Immutable object state

```
public class Rational {
    private final int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }
    public int getNumerator() { return numerator; }
    public int getDenominator() { return denominator; }
    public Rational times(Rational that) { ... }
```



An alternative naming convention

```
public class Rational {  
    private final int numerator, denominator;  
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }  
    public int numerator() { return numerator; }  
    public int denominator() { return denominator; }  
    public Rational times(Rational that) { ... }  
}
```

```
System.out.println(p.numerator() + "/" + p.denominator());
```

An alternative naming convention + mutable + overloading

```
public class Rational {  
  
    private int numerator, denominator;  
  
    public int numerator() { return numerator; }  
    public void numerator(int numerator) {  
        this.numerator = numerator;  
    }  
  
    ...  
}  
  
p.numerator(3);  
System.out.println(p.numerator());
```




Public immutable object state

```
public class Rational {
    public final int numerator, denominator;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) { ... }
    public Rational times(Rational that) { ... }
    ...
}
```

Hard to change representation!



Changing the representation

```
public class Rational {
    private final int[] data;
    public Rational(int numerator, int denominator) {
        if(denominator <= 0) throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        data = new int[]{ numerator, denominator };
    }
    public int numerator() { return data[0]; }
    public int denominator() { return data[1]; }
    public Rational times(Rational that) { ... }
}
```



Side note

```
int[] t = new int[3];  
t = new int[4];
```

```
int[] s = {1,2,3};  
s = {1,2,3,4}; // compilation error  
s = new int[]{1,2,3,4};
```



final reference

```
final Rational p = new Rational(1,2);  
p.setNumerator(3);  
p = new Rational(1,4); // compilation error
```



final reference

```
final Rational p = new Rational(1,2);
p.setNumerator(3);
p = new Rational(1,4); // compilation error

final int[] data = new int[2];
data[0] = 3;
data[1] = 4;
data = new int[3]; // compilation error
```



Representing character sequences

- `java.lang.String`: immutable

```
String num42 = "42";
```

```
String num42 = num42.reverse();
```

```
String num4224 = num42 + fortytwo;
```



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for (char c = 'a'; c <= 'z'; ++c) {  
    sb.append(c).append(',');  
}  
sb.deleteCharAt(sb.length()-1); // cut last comma  
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- `char[]`: mutable



Performance?

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}  
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String letters = sb.toString();
```

```
String letters = "";  
for (char c = 'a'; c <= 'z'; ++c) {  
    letters += (c + ",");  
}  
letters = letters.substring(0, letters.length()-1);
```



A class definition that looks good, but...

```
package numbers;

public class Rational {
    ...
    public void multiplyWith(Rational that) {
        this.numerator *= that.numerator;
        this.denominator *= that.denominator;
    }
    public void divideBy(Rational that) {
        if (that.numerator == 0)
            throw new ArithmeticException("Division by zero!");
        this.numerator *= that.denominator;
        this.denominator *= that.numerator;
    }
}
```



What about not completely disjoint parameters?

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package numbers;
public class Rational {
    ...
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        this.numerator *= that.denominator;
        this.denominator *= that.numerator;
    }
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,2);
p.divideBy(p);
```



Escaping of object state

```
public class Rational {
    private int[] data;
    ...
    public int getNumerator() { return data[0]; }
    public int getDenominator() { return data[1]; }
    public void set(int[] data) {
        if (data == null || data.length != 2 || data[1] <= 0)
            throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.data = data;
    }
}
```

```
int[] cheat = {3,4};
Rational p = new Rational(1,2); p.set(cheat);
cheat[1] = 0;           // p.getDenominator() == 0    :-)
```




Escaping object state because of clumsy *getter*

```
public class Rational {
    private final int[] data;
    ...
    public int getNumerator() { return data[0]; }
    public int getDenominator() { return data[1]; }
    public int[] get() { return data; }
}
```

```
Rational p = new Rational(1,2);
int[] cheat = p.get();
cheat[1] = 0;           // p.getDenominator() == 0    :-)
```



Defensive copy

```
public class Rational {  
    private final int[] data;  
    public Rational(int[] data) {  
        if (data == null || data.length != 2 || data[1] <= 0)  
            throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
        this.data = new int[]{ data[0], data[1] };  
    }  
    public void set(int[] data) { /* similarly */ }  
    public int[] get() {  
        return new int[]{ data[0], data[1] };  
    }  
}
```



Immutable objects need not be copied

```
public class Person {
    private String name;
    private int age;
    public Person(String name, int age) {
        if (name == null || name.trim().isEmpty() || age < 0)
            throw new IllegalArgumentException();
        this.name = name;
        this.age = age;
    }
    public String getName() { return name; }
    public int getAge() { return age; }
    public void setName(String name) { ... this.name = name; }
    public void setAge(int age) { ... this.age = age; }
}
```




Aliasing in an array

```
Rational rats[2]; // compilation error
```

```
Rational rats[] = new Rational[2]; // = {null,null};
```

```
Rational[] rats = new Rational[2]; // preferred
```

```
rats[0] = new Rational(1,2);
```

```
rats[1] = rats[0];
```

```
rats[1].setDenominator(3);
```

```
System.out.println(rats[0].getDenominator());
```

- mutable versus immutable



Array may contain the same object multiple times

```
/**
    ...
    PRE: rats != null
    ...
*/
public static void increaseAllByOne(Rational[] rats) {
    for (Rational r: rats) {
        r.setNumerator(r.getNumerator() + r.getDenominator());
    }
}
```



Doc comment

```
/**
 * ...
 * PRE: rats != null and (i!=j => rats[i] != rats[j])
 * ...
 */
public static void increaseAllByOne(Rational[] rats) {
    for (Rational r: rats) {
        r.setNumerator(r.getNumerator() + r.getDenominator());
    }
}
```



Arrays of arrays

- Java does not support multi-dimensional arrays (row- or column-first)
- Array of arrays (array of references)

```
int[][] matrix = {{1,0,0},{0,1,0},{0,0,1}};
```

```
int[][] matrix = new int[3][3];  
for (int i=0; i<matrix.length; ++i) matrix[i][i] = 1;
```

```
int[][] matrix = new int[5][];  
for (int i=0; i<matrix.length; ++i) matrix[i] = new int[i];
```



Aliasing again – seems like a bug

```
Rational[] [] matrix =  
    { {new Rational(1,2), new Rational(1,2)},  
      {new Rational(1,2), new Rational(1,2)},  
      {new Rational(1,2), new Rational(1,2)} };
```

```
Rational half = new Rational(1,2);  
Rational[] halves = {half, half};  
Rational[] [] matrix = {halves, halves, halves};
```