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# Code Duplication is Evil

Abstraction  
is  
Good

# Incremental improvement

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Remember: programs which are too information-sparse are evil, programs which are too dense are extremely hard to maintain.



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What is still wrong with our code?

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# Return values

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// doesn't work:
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Think about:

```
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return 5;  
x = 5;
```



# functions and procedures

- A *function*: return a value
- A *procedure*: does not return a value
- A function call: used as an *expression*
- A procedure call: used as a *statement*
- Considering functions calls as statements are in bad form

# Global Variables

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Convenience: ↑↑      local reasoning ↓↓↓↓

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In Java, wrapped in a class.

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class Foo {  
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In Ocaml:

```
let x = ref 5
let reset _ = x := 0

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      reset ()
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# Shadowing in Java (and C)

```
class Prog {  
    static int n;  
  
    static int f (final int x) {  
        int p = 5;  
        return n + p + x;  
    }  
  
    static int g (final int x) {  
        int n = 5;  
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Note: the above is **shadowing**, whereas in Java

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works by **assignment**.

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Commentary: overloading is **extremely convenient**. Except in the presence of sub-typing, when it becomes **very complicated**. Java has sub-typing.