

A still life photograph featuring a large burlap sack filled with dark brown coffee beans on the left. A silver metal scoop lies on a bed of coffee beans in the foreground. To the right, a white ceramic cup filled with coffee sits on a matching saucer, also surrounded by beans. The background is a dark wooden surface. The word "Methods" is written in large, bold, yellow letters across the center of the image.

Methods

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Methods

- Enable you to separate statements into code blocks.
- Can be called whenever appropriate.
- Can “invoke” each other.
- Can call themselves(recursion)

All programs use methods. Applications begin with the method called **main**.

Why Are Methods Necessary?

- If you do not use methods you are not using object orientation.
- Methods make programs more readable and more maintainable.
- Methods make development and maintenance quicker.
- Methods are central to reusable software.
- Methods avoid duplication.

Methods Syntax

```
[modifiers] return_type method_name ([parameters])  
    { method_body }
```

- **modifiers** - Java keywords that can be used to modify the way methods are stored or how they run.
- **return_type** - Methods used to calculate a value or query an object for a variable.
- **method_name** – Identifier that will be used to call the method.
- **parameters** - Sequences of statements that perform a task.
- **method_body** - Methods that perform a task.

Calling Methods

- After you define a method, you can:
 - Call a method from within the same class
 - Use method's name followed by a parameter list in parentheses
 - Call a method that is in a different class
 - You must indicate to the compiler which class contains the method to call
 - Use nested calls
 - Methods can call methods, which can call other methods, and so on
- Calling method resumes at point after it called the worker method

Using the **return** Statement

- Immediate return
- Return with a conditional statement

```
static void exampleMethod( ){  
    int su;  
    //...  
    System.out.println("Hello");  
    if (su < 10)  
        return;  
    System.out.println("World");  
}
```

Returning Values

- Declare the method with non-void type
- Add a return statement with an expression
 - Sets the return value
 - Returns to caller
- Non-void methods must return a value

```
static int twoPlusTwo( ) {  
    int a,b;  
    a = 2;  
    b = 2;  
    return a + b;  
}
```

```
int x;  
x = twoPlusTwo( );  
System.out.println(x);
```

Receiving Return Values

- The return value is returned to the same place in your code where you called it from
- You can combine the call and the use of the return value in one line, when using the return value.

```
int value = t.add(2, 4) ;
```


Declaring and Calling Parameters

■ Declaring parameters

- Place between parentheses after method name
- Define type and name for each parameter

■ Calling methods with parameters

- Supply a value for each parameter

```
static void methodWithParameters(int n, String y)
{ ... }

methodWithParameters(2, "Hello, world");
```

Call by Value (Pass by Value)

- Default mechanism for passing parameters:
 - Parameter value is copied
 - Variable can be changed inside the method
 - Has no effect on value outside the method
 - Parameter must be of the same type or compatible type

```
static void addOne(int x){  
    x++; // Increment x  
}  
public static void main(String [] args){  
    int k = 6;  
    addOne(k);  
    System.out.println(k);  
    // Display the value 6, not 7  
}
```

Call by Reference in Java

- What are reference parameters?
 - A reference to memory location
- Using reference parameters
 - Match types and variable values
 - Changes made in the method affect the caller
 - Assign parameter value before calling the method

```
static void addOne(Test test){  
    test.su++; // Increment test.su  
}  
public static void main(String [] args){  
    Test t = new Test();  
    addOne(t);  
    System.out.println(t.su); // Display the value 6  
}  
  
class Test{  
    int su = 5;  
}
```

Varargs (Variable Arguments)

- This facility eliminates the need for manually boxing up argument lists into an array when invoking methods that accept variable-length argument lists.

```
2 public class VarargsDemo {  
3     public static void main(String[] args) {  
4         // TODO Auto-generated method stub  
5         new VarargsDemo().test(5,6,7,8,9);  
6     }  
7     void test(int ... array){  
8         for(int i=0; i < array.length; i++){  
9             System.out.printf("array[%d] = %d\n", i, array[i]);  
10        }  
11    }  
12 }
```

```
array[0] = 5  
array[1] = 6  
array[2] = 7  
array[3] = 8  
array[4] = 9
```

Using Recursive Methods

- A method can call itself
 - Directly
 - Indirectly
- Useful for solving certain problems

```
void printTest(int n){  
    System.out.print(n + "\t");  
    if(n == 3) return;  
    else    printTest(n + 1);  
}
```

Using Recursive Methods (Cont.)

```
void display(int n){    //1부터 3까지 출력하기
    System.out.printf("%d\t", n);
    if(n == 3 ) return;
    else display(n+1);
}
```

```
int fibonacci(int n){    //피보나치수열 계산하기
    if( n <= 2 ) return 1;
    else return fibonacci(n - 2) + fibonacci( n - 1);
}
```

```
int factoria(int n) {    //factoria 값 구하기
    if( n == 0) return 1;
    else return n * factoria( n-1 );
}
```

```
int hap (int n) {    // 1부터 n까지의 합 구하기
    int dab;
    if ( n == 1 ) return 1;
    else dab = n + hap(n-1);
    return dab;
}
```


Method Overloading

- Methods that share a name in a class
 - Distinguished by examining parameter lists

```
class OverloadingExample {  
    static int add(int a, int b){  
        return a + b;  
    }  
    static int add(int a, int b, int c) {  
        return a + b + c;  
    }  
    public static void main(String [] args){  
        System.out.println(add(1,2) + add(1,2,3));  
    }  
}
```

Method Signatures

- Method signatures must be unique within a class
- Signature definition

Forms Signature Definition

- Name of method
- Parameter type

No Effect on Signature

- Name of parameter
- Return type of method

static Methods

- Must be preceded with the name of their class and the dot operator(“.”)
- When to use `static`.
- Example of a method: `Math.random()`.
- Why `main()` is `static`.