

Object Oriented Programming

Chapter 7

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A Closer Look at Methods and Classes

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Overloading Methods

- **Method Overloading** is a feature that allows a class to have more than one **method** having the same name, if their argument lists are different.
1. Same method/constructor name
 2. Same class
 3. Different argument

```
Class A{  
    int x;  
    A(int id){  
        System.out.println("Account Create!");  
    }  
    A(int id, int name){  
        System.out.println("Account Create, thank you for your name!");  
  
    }  
    A(){  
        System.out.println("Account is not Create!");  
  
    }  
}
```

Overloading Methods

```
class Adder{  
    static int add(int a, int b){return a+b;}  
    static double add(double a, double b){return a+b;}  
}  
  
class TestOverloading2{  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
        System.out.println(Adder.add(11,11));  
        System.out.println(Adder.add(12.3,12.6));  
    }  
}
```

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```
class Box {  
    double width, height, depth;  
    Box(double w, double h, double d) {  
        width = w;  
        height = h;  
        depth = d;}  
    Box() {  
        width = -1; // use -1 to indicate  
        height = -1; // an uninitialized  
        depth = -1; // box}  
    Box(double len) {  
        width = height = depth = len;}  
    double volume() {  
        return width * height * depth;}}
```

Introducing final

- A variable can be declared as **final**. Doing so **prevents its contents from being modified**.
- This means that you must initialize a **final variable when it is declared**. For example:
 - `final int FILE_NEW = 1;`
 - `final int FILE_OPEN = 2;`
 - `final int FILE_SAVE = 3;`
 - `final int FILE_SAVEAS = 4;`
 - `final int FILE_QUIT = 5;`

Understanding static

Methods declared as **static** have several **restrictions**:

- They can only call other **static methods**.
- They must only access **static data**.
- They cannot refer to **this** or **super** in any way.
(The keyword **super** relates to inheritance and is described in the next chapter.)

A Closer Look at Argument Passing

- Call by value
- Call by reference

Call by value

- class **Test** {
- void meth(int i, int j) {
- i *= 2;
- j /= 2;}
- class **CallByValue** {
- public static void main(String args[]) {
- Test ob = new Test();
- int a = 15, b = 20;
- System.out.println("a and b before call: " + a + " " + b);
- ob.meth(a, b);
- System.out.println("a and b after call: " + a + " " + b);
- }}
- The output from this program is shown here:
- a and b before call: 15 20
- a and b after call: 15 20

Call by reference

```
class Test {  
    int a, b;  
    Test(int i, int j) {  
        a = i;  
        b = j;}  
    void meth(Test o) {  
        o.a *= 2;  
        o.b /= 2;  
    }  
}
```

Call by reference

```
class CallByRef {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        Test ob = new Test(15, 20);  
        System.out.println("ob.a and ob.b before call: " +  
            ob.a + " " + ob.b);  
        ob.meth(ob);  
        System.out.println("ob.a and ob.b after call: " +  
            ob.a + " " + ob.b);  
    }  
}
```

This program generates the following output:

ob.a and ob.b before call: 15 20

ob.a and ob.b after call: 30 10

Thank You!