

OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

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USING OBJECTS AS PARAMETERS

// Objects may be passed to methods.

```
class Test {
    int a, b;

    Test(int i, int j) {
        a = i;
        b = j; }

    // return true if o is equal to the invoking object
    boolean equals(Test o) {
        if(o.a == a && o.b == b) return true;
        else return false;
    }
}

class PassOb {
    public static void main(String args[]) {

        Test ob1 = new Test(100, 22);
        Test ob2 = new Test(100, 22);
        Test ob3 = new Test(-1, -1);

        System.out.println("ob1 == ob2: " + ob1.equals(ob2));
        System.out.println("ob1 == ob3: " + ob1.equals(ob3));
    }
}
```

Output:

```
ob1 == ob2: true
ob1 == ob3: false
```

EXAMPLE

Output:

```
Volume of mybox1 is 3000.0
Volume of mybox2 is -1.0
Volume of cube is 343.0
Volume of clone is 3000.0
```

```
class Box {
    double width;
    double height;
    double depth;

    Box(Box ob) { // pass object to constructor
        width = ob.width;
        height = ob.height;
        depth = ob.depth;    }

    Box(double w, double h, double d) {
        width = w;
        height = h;
        depth = d;    }

    Box() {
        width = -1;
        height = -1;
        depth = -1;    }

    Box(double len) {
        width = height = depth = len;    }
```

```
double volume() {
    return width * height * depth;    }

class OverloadCons2 {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        Box mybox1 = new Box(10, 20, 15);
        Box mybox2 = new Box();
        Box mycube = new Box(7);
        Box myclone = new Box(mybox1);

        vol = mybox1.volume();
        System.out.println("Volume of mybox1 is " + vol);

        vol = mybox2.volume();
        System.out.println("Volume of mybox2 is " + vol);

        vol = mycube.volume();
        System.out.println("Volume of cube is " + vol);

        vol = myclone.volume();
        System.out.println("Volume of clone is " + vol);    } }
```

ARGUMENT PASSING

- there are two ways that a computer language can pass an argument to a subroutine.
 - *call-by-value*
 - *call-by-reference*
- Java uses **both** approaches, depending upon what is passed.
- In Java, when you pass a **primitive type** to a method, it is passed by value.
- When you pass an **object** to a method, it is call-by-reference.
- *When a primitive type is passed to a method, it is done by use of call-by-value. Objects are implicitly passed by use of call-by-reference.*

EXAMPLE

Output:

ob.a and ob.b before call: 15 20
ob.a and ob.b after call: 30 10

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

RETURNING OBJECTS

Output:

```
ob1.a: 2  
ob2.a: 12  
ob2.a after second increase: 22
```

A method can return any type of data, including class types.

```
class Test {  
    int a;  
    Test(int i) {  
        a = i; }  
  
    Test incrByTen() {  
        Test temp = new Test(a+10);  
        return temp; } }  
  
class RetOb {  
    public static void main(String args[]) {  
        Test ob1 = new Test(2);  
        Test ob2;  
        ob2 = ob1.incrByTen();  
        System.out.println("ob1.a: " + ob1.a);  
        System.out.println("ob2.a: " + ob2.a);  
        ob2 = ob2.incrByTen();  
        System.out.println("ob2.a after second increase: "+ ob2.a); } }
```