Random Numbers AP CS / Java

The primary tool for generating random numbers is the Math.random() method.

Math.random() returns a double uniformly distributed from the range [0, 1).

We can use this method directly to make certain events happen with a given probability. For example, if we want to use the color red 30% of the time and blue the other 70%:

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if(Math.random() < .3){
    g2.setColor(Color.RED);
}else{
    g2.setColor(Color.BLUE);
}</pre>
```

Often, we need random integers. This can be achieved by manipulating Math.random() with multiplication, addition and casting to an int.

A few examples:

Note that when multiplying Math.random()*10, 10 itself is not a possible output. This product yields doubles from [0, 10), and when cast to an int, we get 10 ints starting at 0, ending with 9.

Sample usage: