

# Introduction to Java programming

## *Lecture 5: Classes and Objects*

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# Agenda de la semaine (INF311)

- Maintenant, **Amphi 5**: programmation objet (OO)
- Cet apres-midi: **TD3** (fonctions et recursion)
- Mercredi 28 Mai (**8h-12h15**) : **TD4** (tableaux et chaines)

# So far...: Executive summary

- **Lecture 1:** Variable, Expression, Assignment
- **Lecture 2:** Loops (`for while do`)  
Conditional structures (`if else switch`)  
Boolean predicate and connectors (`|| &&`)  
Loop escape `break`
- **Lecture 3:** functions (`static`) and recursion (terminal or not)
- **Lecture 4:** Objects

**2 Juin: Revisions generales pour la pale machine**

# Indenting source code (. java)

- Increase code readability
- Avoid mistyping bugs (matching { })

Source code formatter, pretty printer, beautifier

Different conventions are possible (but choose one)

Implemented more or less in Software (S/W) Nedit, Jcreator, Jindent, etc...

# Indenting source code (. java)

<http://java.sun.com/docs/codeconv/>

```
if (condition) {  
    statements;  
}
```

```
if (condition) {  
    statements;  
} else {  
    statements;  
}
```

```
if (condition) {  
    statements;  
} else if (condition) {  
    statements;  
} else {  
    statements;  
}
```

Examples for `if else` conditions



# Indenting source code (. java)

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {  
    statements;  
}
```

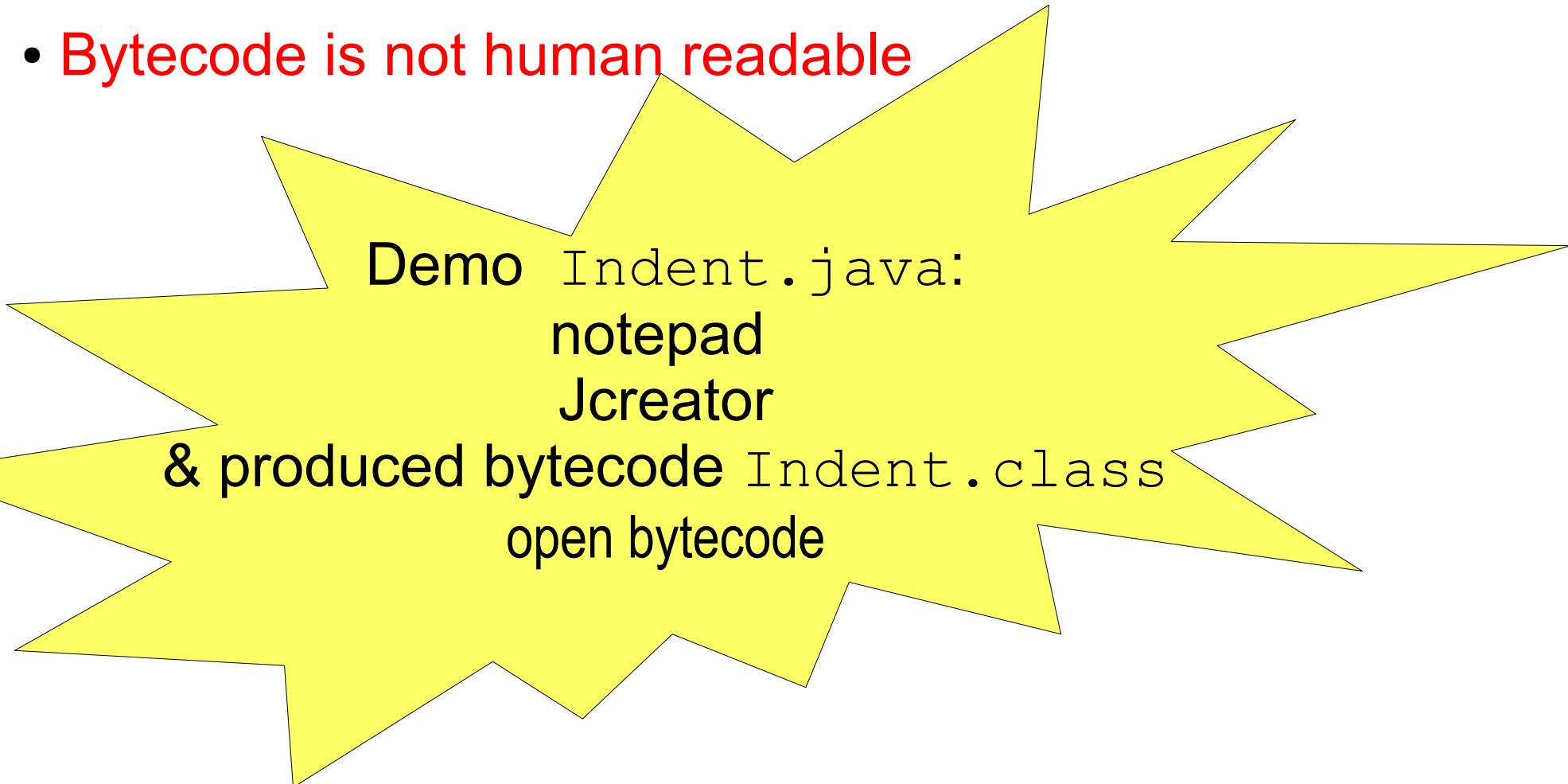
```
while (condition) {  
    statements;  
}
```

```
do {  
    statements;  
} while (condition);
```

<http://java.sun.com/docs/codeconv/>

# Indenting source code (.java)

- Bytecode size and indentation:  
Does not change fundamentally
- Bytecode is not human readable



Demo `Indent.java`:  
notepad  
Jcreator  
& produced bytecode `Indent.class`  
open bytecode

# Indenting source code (. java)

Sometimes in Java code (Internet), comments include commands for generating automatically documentation by other tools:  
... Like **javadoc** (paradigm literate programming, etc.)

La classe TC se trouve a:

<http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/informatique/profs/Julien.Cervelle/TC/>

	Change l'entrée des méthodes lire pour que la lecture se fasse à partir d'une chaîne
<code>static double</code>	<code><a href="#">lireDouble()</a></code> lecture d'un double sur l'entrée
<code>static void</code>	<code><a href="#">lireFichier</a>(java.lang.String fileName)</code> Change l'entrée des méthodes lire pour que la lecture se fasse à partir d'un fichier
<code>static int</code>	<code><a href="#">lireInt()</a></code> lecture d'un int sur l'entrée
<code>static java.lang.String</code>	<code><a href="#">lireLigne()</a></code> lecture d'une ligne sur l'entrée

**Class TC**

<http://java.sun.com/j2se/javadoc/>



# Functions in Java

- Static functions that returns a `type` (eventually `void`)
- Functions are called inside the `main` procedure (or in other function body)
- Displaying and calling function are different (be not confused with SciLab or Maple)  
`System.out.println(function()) ;`
- Java is a compiled OO language , not an interpreter

# Functions: void/display

**Java cannot cast void type into a String,  
so the compiler javac generates an error.  
(type checking)**

```
class Functions
{
    static void PascalTriangle(int depth)
    { // ...
        return ;
    }

    public static void main(String[] toto)
    {
        System.out.println(PascalTriangle(5));
    }
}
```

***'void' type not allowed here***

# Functions: void/display

Java is *not an interpreter* like SciLab or Maple

**Functions are called within a block of instructions...  
... not in the console!!!!**

```
class Functions  
{
```

```
    static double f(double x)  
    {return x;}
```

```
    static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
    }  
}
```

```
C:\J2>f(3)  
'f' n'est pas reconnu en tant que commande interne  
ou externe, un programme exécutable ou un fichier de commandes.
```

# Variables: static or not...

Static variables are declared in the **class body**

```
class Toto
{
static int count1, count2;
...
}
```

Otherwise non-static variables (usual) are declared in **function bodies** (main, etc.)

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{double x;int i;}
```

- Variables are kept in memory in their function scope { . . . }
- Static variables are kept in memory and can be shared by several functions...

# static or not...

```
class Functions
```

```
{  
    static int count1, count2;
```

```
    static void f1() {count1++;}
```

```
    static void f2() {count2++;}
```

```
    public static void main(String[] args)
```

```
    {
```

```
        count1=0;
```

```
        count2=0;
```

```
        for(int i=0;i<1000;i++)
```

```
        {
```

```
            double rand=Math.random();
```

```
            if (rand<0.5)
```

```
                {f1();}
```

```
            else
```

```
                {f2();}
```

```
        }
```

```
        System.out.println("count1:"+count1);
```

```
        System.out.println("count2:"+count2);
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```



# Java is pass by value

```
class BadSwap
```

```
{
```

```
    static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
    {
```

```
        int tmp;
```

```
        tmp=arg1;
```

```
        arg1=arg2;
```

```
        arg2=tmp;
```

```
    }
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{
```

```
    int a=3;
```

```
    int b=2;
```

```
    System.out.println("a:"+a+" b:"+b);
```

```
    swap(a,b);
```

```
    System.out.println("After the swap...");
```

```
    System.out.println("a:"+a+" b:"+b);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

**...and arrays and objects are pass by reference**



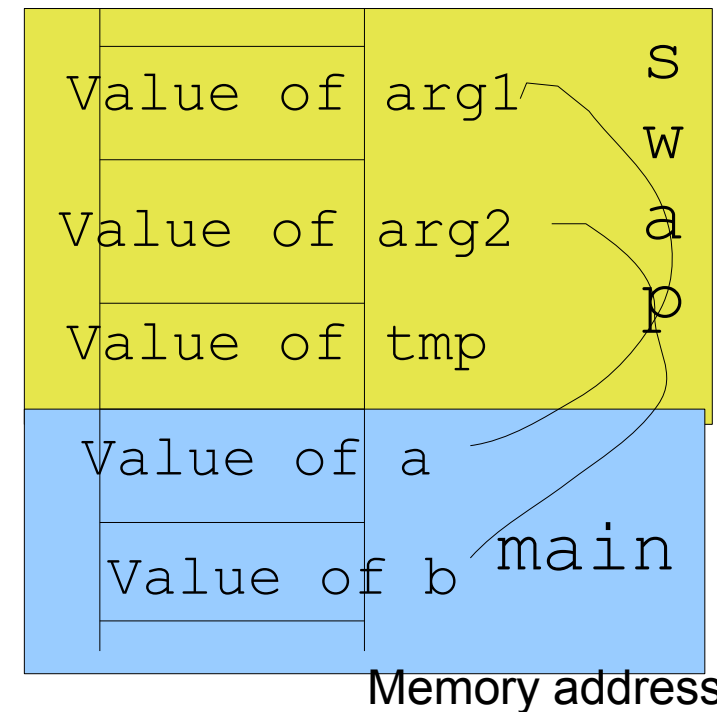
# Managing memory & functions

When calling a function  $f$ , the current function (`main`) indicates  
.....where to write the **value** of the result

To obtain the result, function  $f$  uses a **local memory**

In that local memory, **values** of arguments are available

```
//current function body {}  
int a=3,b=2;  
swap(a,b)
```

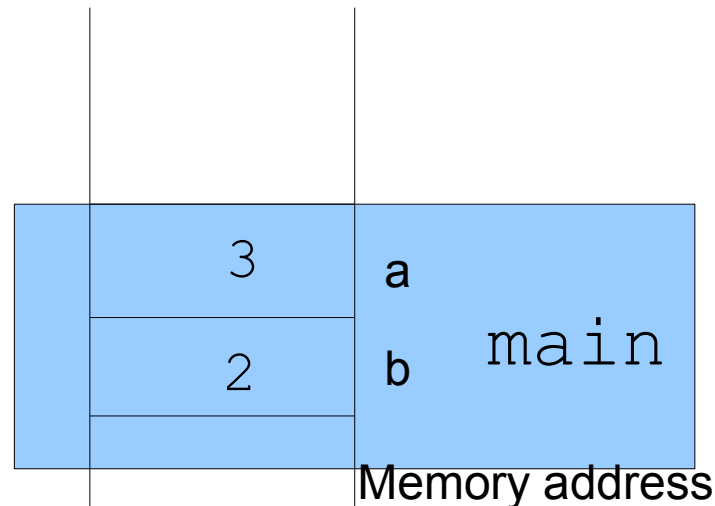


1. Create memory for local variables of function main
2. Assign values for a and b

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
{
    int tmp;

    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```



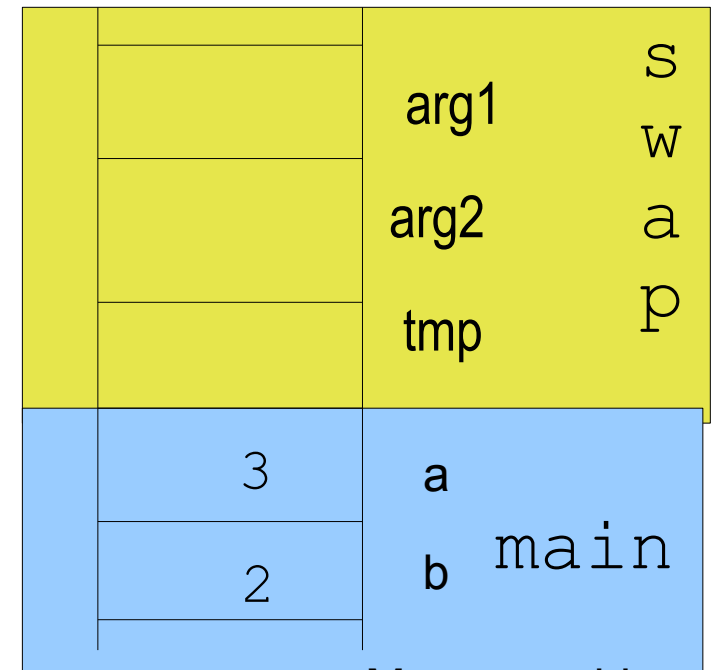


### 3. create local space for function swap

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
{
    int tmp;

    tmp=arg1;
    arg1=arg2;
    arg2=tmp;
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
{
    int a=3;
    int b=2;
    swap(a,b);
}
```



Memory address



## 4. evaluate expression for getting values of arg1 and arg2 swap(a,b) becomes swap(3,2)

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
{  
  int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

```
  tmp=arg1;  
  arg1=arg2;  
  arg2=tmp;  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)  
{
```

```
  int a=3;  
  int b=2;  
  swap(a,b);
```

```
}
```

	3	arg1	swap
	2	arg2	
	0	tmp	
	3	a	main
	2	b	

Memory address



## 5. Execute instruction `tmp=arg1`

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
{  
  int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

```
  tmp=arg1;  
  arg1=arg2;  
  arg2=tmp;  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{  
  int a=3;  
  int b=2;  
  swap(a,b) ;
```

```
}
```

	3	arg1	s
	2	arg2	w
	3	tmp	a
			p
	3	a	
	2	b	main

Memory address

## 6. Execute instruction `arg1=arg2`

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
{  
  int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

```
  tmp=arg1;  
  arg1=arg2;  
  arg2=tmp;  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{  
  int a=3;  
  int b=2;  
  swap(a,b);
```

```
}
```

	2	arg1	swap
	2	arg2	
	3	tmp	
	3	a	main
	2	b	

Memory addresses



## 7. Execute the sequence of instructions in the swap block

**Notice that here the swapped has been performed**

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
{  
    int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

```
    tmp=arg1;  
    arg1=arg2;  
    arg2=tmp;  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{  
    int a=3;  
    int b=2;  
    swap(a,b);
```

```
}
```

	2	arg1	swap
	3	arg2	
	3	tmp	
	3	a	main
	2	b	

Memory addresses



## 5. Execute the sequence of instructions in the swap block

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
{  
    int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

```
    tmp=arg1;  
    arg1=arg2;  
    arg2=tmp;  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)
```

```
{  
    int a=3;  
    int b=2;  
    swap(a,b);
```

```
}
```

	2	arg1	swap
	3	arg2	
	3	tmp	
	3	a	main
	2	b	

Memory addresses



8. Return result of function swap (here void!!!)
9. Release memory allocated for swap

```
static void swap(int arg1, int arg2)
```

```
{  
    int tmp; // 0 is default value
```

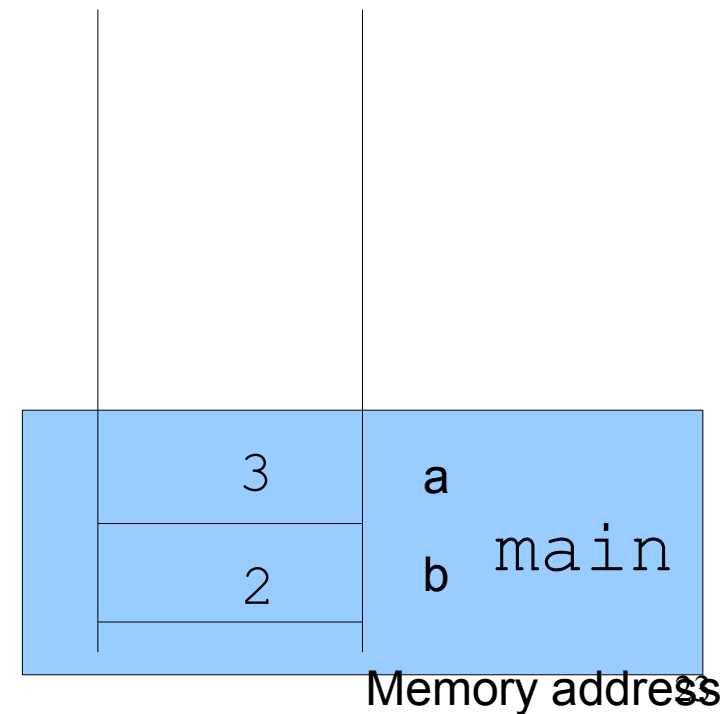
```
    tmp=arg1;  
    arg1=arg2;  
    arg2=tmp; // we omitted return ;  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] toto)  
{
```

```
    int a=3;  
    int b=2;  
    swap(a,b) ;
```

```
}
```

**Variables a and b  
have kept their original values**

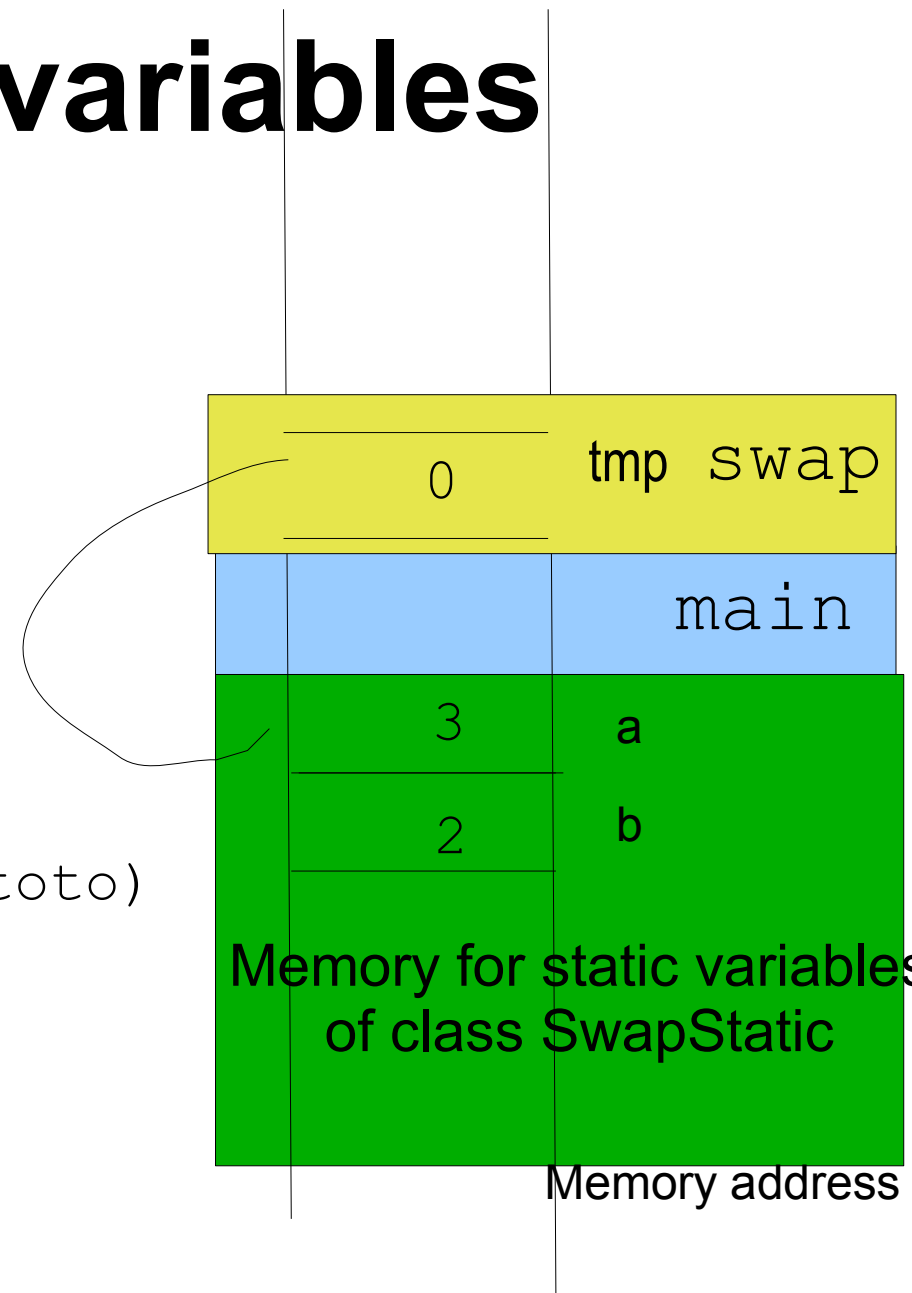


# Memory for static variables

```
class SwapStatic
{
    static int a,b;

    static void swap()
    {
        ...
    }

    public static void main(String[] toto)
    {
        a=3;
        b=2;
        swap();
    }
}
```





# By passing using static

```
class SwapStatic
{
    static int a,b;

    static void swap()
    {
        int tmp;// ok not to be static

        tmp=a;
        a=b;
        b=tmp;
    }

    public static void main(String[] toto)
    {
        a=3;
        b=2;

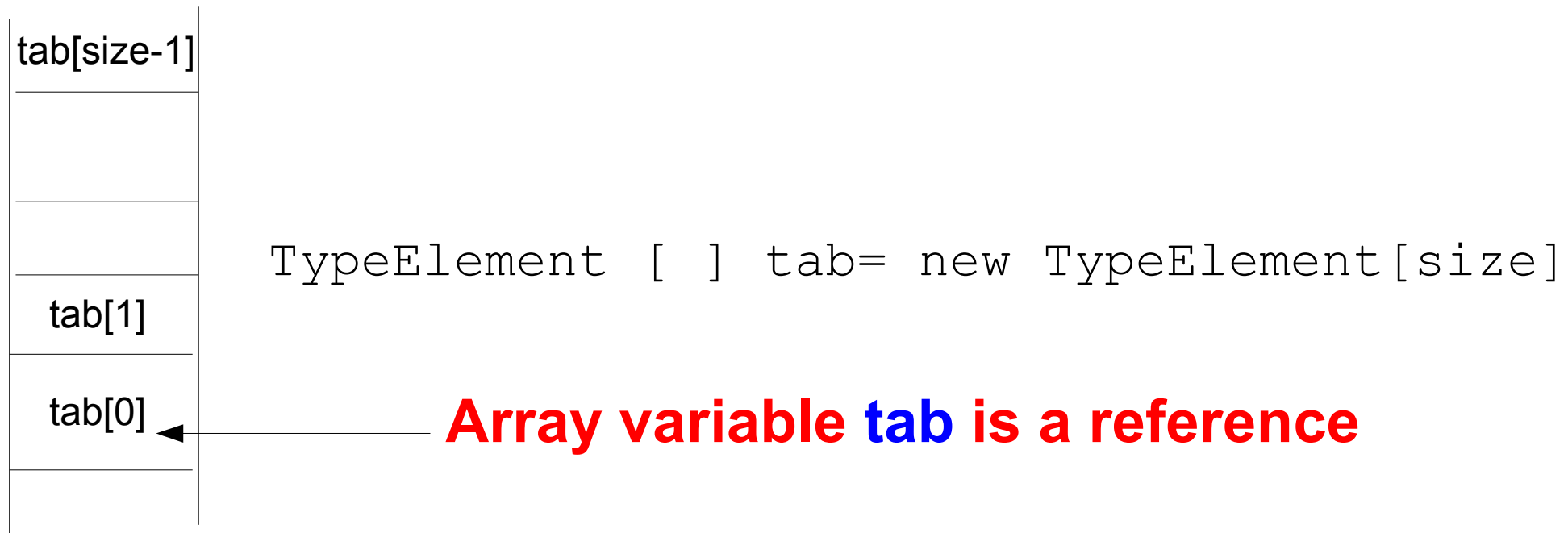
        System.out.println("a:"+a+" b:"+b);
        swap();
        System.out.println("After the swap...");
        System.out.println("a:"+a+" b:"+b);
    }
}
```



# Memory for arrays and pass by reference

Arrays are allocated a continuous memory location for storing TYPE elements

The value of the array variable is a reference to the beginning of the array



Memory for arrays (heap)

# Memory management using new

```
Type [] tab=new Type[Expression];
```

- Evaluate `Expression` to get an **integer value**.
- Arrays are stored not in the local function memory, but rather in the **global program memory**:  
heap, tas en francais
- A cell (array element) in the heap (program memory) is accessible by any function which has as a local (non-static) variable a reference to the array.

```

class ArrayReference
{

    public static void swap(int [] t, int i, int j)
    {
        int tmp;
        tmp=t[i];
        t[i]=t[j];
        t[j]=tmp;
    }

    public static void Display(int [] tab){... »

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        //int [] array=new int[10];
        int [] array={0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9};
        Display(array);
        swap(array,1,2);
        Display(array);
    }
}

```

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	2	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

# Memory management using new

```
class BuildArray{

    // Return a reference to an array
    public static int [] BuildArray(int size, int defaultval)
    {
        int [] result=new int[size];
        for(int i=0;i<size;i++) result[i]=defaultval;
        return result;
    }

    public static void Zero(int[] tab, int pos)
    {
        tab[pos]=0;
    }

    public static void main(String [] argarray)
    {
        int v []=BuildArray(10,4);
        Display(v);
        Zero(v,2);
        Display(v);
    }
}
```



4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
4	4	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Today...

# *Lecture 5: Classes and Objects*

# Synopsis of this lecture

- Objects and records (fields, *enregistrements*)
- Object constructors
- Class type variables: References
- Functions on objects: Methods
- Array of objects
- Examples

# Why do we need objects?

**Encapsulate** functions/data acting on a same domain

For example, the `String` type

Allows one to work on **complex entities**: **Data structures**

For examples:

- Dates are triplets of numbers (MM/DD/YYYY)
- 2D point with co-ordinates (x,y)
- Student: Lastname, Firstname, Group, etc.

These are called **object records** (fields)



**Java is an oriented-object (OO) programming language**



# Declaring classes and objects

- Choose record/field names (enregistrement)
- Define a type of each record
- Similar to variables but without keyword `static`
- Class is then a **new type** with name...  
... the class name

# Toy example

```
public class Date
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yyyy;
}
```

Fields (champs/enregistrements) are also called **object variables**  
Do not have the leading keyword `static`

Let `day` be a variable of type `Date` then

`day.dd` `day.mm` `day.yyyy`

are variables of type `int`

# Toy example

```
public class Student
{
    String Lastname;
    String Firstname;
    int Company;
    double [ ] Marks;
    . . .
}
```

Class Student encapsulates data attached to a student identity.

# Constructors

To use an object, we first need to **build** it

We construct an object using the instruction `new`

But first, we need to define a **constructor** for the class  
A constructor is a **method** (non-static function) ...  
...bearing the class' name

This method does not return a result but assigns...  
...values to the object's field

Use `this.field` to access field of the object

# Constructors

```
public class Date
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yyyy;
    // Constructor
    public Date(int day, int month, int year)
    {this.dd=day;
    this.mm=month;
    this.yyyy=year; }
}
```

Create an object of type Date

```
Date day=new Date(23,12,1971);
```

# Public class YYY stored in YYY.java

```
public class Date
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yyyy;

    public Date(int day, int month, int year)
    {
        this.dd=day;
        this.mm=month;
        this.yyyy=year;
    }
}
```

**Filename: Date.java**

```
class TestDate{
    public static void main(String args)
    {
        Date day=new Date(23,12,1971);
    }
}
```

**Filename: TestDate.java**



# Constructors

- Possibly several constructors (with different signatures)
- Best, to define a single one with all fields initialized
- Keyword `this` means the currently built object  
(*not compulsory* to write it explicitly but recommended)

```
public Date(int day, int month, int year)
{
    dd=day;
    this.mm=month;
    yyyy=year;
}
```

- If no constructor is built, the system uses the by-default one  
(not recommended)

```
Date day=new Date(); // see poly pp. 59-61
day.yyyy=1971;
```

# The `null` object

- This object is common to all classes
- Not possible to assign its fields
- Nor retrieve values of its fields, either  
(exception `NullPointerException` raised)
- Used for initializing a variable of type object:  
`Student stud=null;`
- It is often recommender to check if an object is null or not:

```
if ( stud!=null) stud.company=2;
```



# Functions/methods on objects

Objects can be parameters of functions

```
static TypeF F(Object1 obj1, ..., ObjectN objN)
```

Functions may return an object as a result:

```
static boolean isBefore (Date d1, Date d2)  
static Date readDate()
```

# Example

```
public class Date
{
    int dd;
    int mm;
    int yyyy;

    public static final String[ ] months={
        "January", "February", "March", "April", "May",
        "June", "July", "August", "September", "October",
        "November", "December"
    };

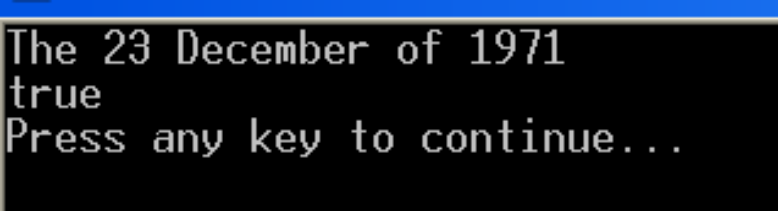
    // Constructor
    public Date(int day, int month, int year)
    {
        this.dd=day;
        this.mm=month;
        this.yyyy=year;
    }
}
```

# Example

```
class TestDate{
static void Display(Date d){
    System.out.println("The "+d.dd+"
"+Date.months[d.mm-1]+" of "+d.yyyy);
}
```

```
static boolean isBefore(Date d1, Date d2)
{
boolean result=true;
if (d1.yyyy>d2.yyyy) result=false;
if (d1.yyyy==d2.yyyy && d1.mm>d2.mm) result=false;
if (d1.yyyy==d2.yyyy && d1.mm==d2.mm && d1.dd>d2.dd)
result=false;
return result;
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
Date day1=new Date(23,12,1971);
Display(day1);
Date day2=new Date(23,6,1980);
System.out.println(isBefore(day1,day2));
}
```



```
The 23 December of 1971
true
Press any key to continue...
```

```

class TestDate{
...

static Date lireDate()
{
int jj, mm, aaaa;
System.out.println("Jour?");
jj=TC.lireInt();
System.out.println("Mois?");
mm=TC.lireInt();
System.out.println("Annee?");
aaaa=TC.lireInt();
Date day=new Date(jj,mm,aaaa);
return day;
}

```

```

Jour?
26
Mois?
06
Annee?
2003
The 26 June of 2003

```

```

public static void main(String[] args)
{
Display(lireDate());
}

```



# Variable of Type Object: Reference

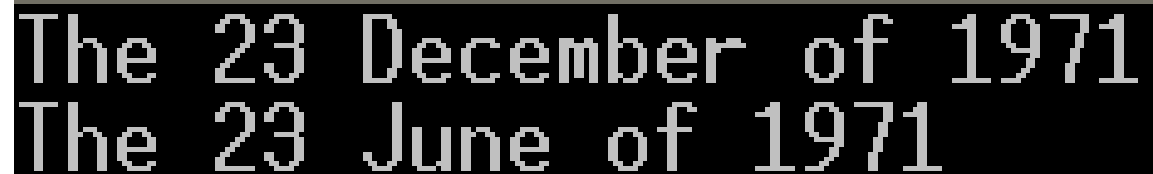
A variable of type Object is a **reference** on that object

It stores the memory address of this referenced object

Thus when we write:

```
Date day1=new Date(23,12,1971);  
Date day2=day1;
```

```
Display(day2);  
day2.mm=6;  
Display(day1);
```



The 23 December of 1971  
The 23 June of 1971

The date d1 is not copied, only the reference of...

...d1 is assigned to d2

# Copying objects...

**To copy (clone) an object to another we need to do it fieldwise**

```
// Two Scenarii:  
// day2 has already been created...  
day2.dd=day1.dd;  
day2.mm=day1.mm;  
day2.yyyy=day1.yyyy;  
  
// day2 object has not yet been created...  
static Date Copy(date day1)  
{  
    Date newdate=new Date (day1.dd,day1.mm,day1.yyyy);  
    return newdate;  
}  
...  
Date d2=Copy(d1);
```

# Comparing two objects...

Do not use `==` for object equality

To compare objects, use a **tailored predicate**:

```
static boolean isEqual(Date d1, Date d2)
{
    return (d1.dd == d2.dd &&
            d1.mm == d2.mm &
            d1.yyyy== d2.yyyy);
}
```

# Comparing two objects...

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    Date day1=new Date(23,12,1971);
    Date day2=day1; // beware not copying here.
    Just memory reference
    Date day3=new Date(23,12,1971);

    System.out.println(isEqual(day1,day3));

    System.out.println(day1);
    System.out.println(day2);
    System.out.println(day3);
}
```

```
true
Date@3e25a5
Date@3e25a5
Date@19821f
```

**Physical (memory) versus logical equality**



# Array of objects

- Since classes defines new types...  
... we can create **array of objects**

- To build an array of objects: `new nameT[sizearray]`

```
Date [ ] tabDates=new Date[31];
```

- When an array of object is built, the elements `Date[i]` are all initialized to the `null` object.

# Example

```
public class XEvent
{
    Date when;
    String what;

    public XEvent(Date d, String text)
    {
        this.when=d;
        this.what=text;
    }
}
```

Filename XEvent.java

```
public class Date
{
    ...
    void Display()
    {
        System.out.println(dd+" "+months[mm-1]+" "+yyyy);
    }
    ...
}
```

Filename Date.java

```
public class TestXEvent
{
    public static void Display(XEvent e)
    {
        System.out.print(e.what+": ");
        e.when.Display();
    }

    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Date d1=new Date(26,6,2008);
        XEvent e1=new XEvent(d1,"Birthday Julien");

        Display(e1);

        XEvent [] tabEvent=new XEvent[5];
        tabEvent[0]=e1;
    }
}
```

```

public class TestXEvent
{
    public static void Display(XEvent e)
    {
        System.out.print(e.what+": ");
        e.when.Display();
    }

    public static boolean older(XEvent e1, XEvent e2)
    {
        return Date.isBefore(e1.when,e2.when);
    }

    public static XEvent oldest(XEvent[] tab)
    {
        XEvent result=tab[0];
        for(int i=1;i<tab.length;++i)
            if (older(tab[i],result)) result=tab[i];
        return result;
    }

    public static void main(String [] args)
    {
        Date d1=new Date(26,6,2003);
        XEvent e1=new XEvent(d1,"Birthday Julien");
        Date d2=new Date(20,11,2000);
        XEvent e2=new XEvent(d2,"Birthday Audrey");
        Date d3=new Date(23,6,1971);
        XEvent e3=new XEvent(d3,"Birthday Me");
        Display(e1);
        XEvent [] tabEvent=new XEvent[3];
        tabEvent[0]=e1;tabEvent[1]=e2;tabEvent[2]=e3;
        System.out.print("Oldest person::");Display(oldest(tabEvent));
    }
}

```

```

Birthday Julien: 26 June 2003
Oldest person::Birthday Me: 23 June 1971
Press any key to continue...

```

# Objects with array members

Fields of objects may be arrays themselves

```
always built with new Type[sizearray]  
// sizearray might be an expression, i.e., 3*n+2
```

It is not necessary at compile time to know statically...  
.... the array sizes

```
class Polynome{  
int degree;  
double [ ] coefficients;  
};
```

# Strings: Basic objects in Java

- A string of character is **an object** with type **String**
- A variable of type String is a **reference** on that object:

```
String school= "Ecole Polytechnique";  
String vars=school;
```

- Once built, a string object **cannot** be modified
- Beware: use only for moderate length strings,  
otherwise use the **class StringBuffer**

# Class String: Some methods

A method is a function or procedure on an object class

Method Length(): gives the number of characters

```
String s= 'anticonstitutionnellement';  
System.out.println(s.length());
```

Method equals():

s1.equals(s2): Predicate that returns true **if and only if** the two strings s1 and s2 are made of the same sequence of characters.

```
String s1='Poincare';  
String s2=TC.lireMotSuivant();  
System.out.println(s1.equals(s2));
```

Beware: s1==s2 is different!

It compares the **reference** of the strings.  
(*Physical versus logical equality test*)

# Class String in action...

ngmethod.java

```
1 class stringmethod{
2
3
4
5     public static void main(String[] args)
6     {
7         String name="Ecole Polytechnique";
8         String promotion="2008";
9
10        String fullname=name+" "+promotion;
11
12        System.out.println(fullname);
13        System.out.println("Length:"+fullname.length());
14
15        System.out.println("Type a sentence so that I check whether it is Poincare or not");
16        String pattern="Poincare";
17        String query=TC.lireMotSuivant();
18
19        System.out.println(pattern.equals(query));
20    }
21 }
```

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```
Ecole Polytechnique 2008
Length:24
Type a sentence so that I check whether it is Poincare or not
Poincare
true
Press any key to continue...
```





# Class String: More methods

Method [charAt\(\)](#):

s.charAt(i) gives the character at the (i+1)th position in string s.

```
String s= "'3.14159265'";  
System.out.println(s.charAt(1));
```

## Method [compareTo\(\)](#):

`u.compareTo(v)` compares lexicographically the strings `u` with `v`.

```
String u='lien', v='lit', w='litterie';  
System.out.println(u.compareTo(v));  
System.out.println(v.compareTo(w));
```

## From Javadoc...

		Compares this String to another Object.
<code>int</code>	<u><code>compareTo</code></u> ( <u><code>String</code></u> anotherString)	Compares two strings lexicographically.

<http://java.sun.com/j2se/1.4.2/docs/api/java/lang/String.html>

# Lexicographic total order on strings

- If there is a position  $k$  at which strings differ:

`this.charAt(k) - anotherString.charAt(k) :`

```
String s1="Marin",s2="Martin"; // -11 from i to t
```

```
int index=3;// meaning 4th pos
```

```
System.out.println(s1.compareTo(s2));
```

```
System.out.println(s1.charAt(index)-s2.charAt(index));
```

- else the difference of string lengths:

`this.length() - anotherString.length() :`

```
String s3="Bien",s4="Bienvenue";
```

```
System.out.println(s3.compareTo(s4));
```

```
System.out.println(s3.length()-s4.length());
```

# Class String: More methods

od2.java

```
ss stringmethod2
```

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    String s="3.141559";

    System.out.println(s.charAt(1));

    String u="lien", v="lit", w="litterie";
    System.out.println(u.compareTo(v));
    System.out.println(v.compareTo(w));
}
```

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```
-15
-5
Press any key to continue...
```

# Demystifying the main function

```
class ClassName
{
    public static void main(String[ ] args)
    {
        ...
    }
}
```

Function main has an array of string of characters as arguments  
These strings are stored in args[0], args[1], ...  
... when calling java main s0 s1 s2 s3

Use Integer.parseInt() to convert a string into an integer

```
D:\J>javac main.java
D:\J>java main a small test to parse as a command line
0:a
1:small
2:test
3:to
4:parse
5:as
6:a
7:command
8:line
D:\J>
```



# Parsing arguments in the main function

parsingarg.java

```
1 class parsingarg{
2
3
4
5     public static void main(String[] args)
6     {
7
8         String first=args[0];
9
10        for(int i=1; i<args.length;i++)
11            if (first.compareTo(args[i])>0)
12                first=args[i];
13
14        System.out.println("Lexicographically maximum string is:"+first);
15    }
16
17 }
```

```
D:\J>java parsingarg lit lien litterie
Lexicographically maximum string is:lien
D:\J>
```

# Parsing arguments in the main function

parsingarg2.java

```
1 class parsingarg2{
2
3
4
5     public static void main(String[] args)
6     {
7
8         int first=0;
9
10        for(int i=1; i<args.length;i++)
11            if (Integer.parseInt(args[first])>Integer.parseInt(args[i]))
12                first=i;
13
14        System.out.println("Location of minimum argument:"+first);
15    }
16
17 }
```

```
D:\J>javac parsingarg2.java
```

```
D:\J>java parsingarg2 9 4 6 2 6 4 1 3 5 4 6
Location of minimum argument:6
```

```
D:\J>
```

# More evolved Java program skeleton...

```
class Point
{
int x,y;
Point(int xx, int yy){x=xx;y=yy;}

public void Display()
{System.out.println("("+x+", "+y+") ") }
} // end of class Point
```

```
class Skeleton
{
// Static class variables
static int nbpoint=0;
static double x;
static boolean [] prime;

static int f1(int p){return p/2;}
static int f2(int p){return 2*p;}


```

```
public static void main(String [] argArray)
{
    System.out.println(f2(f1(3))+ " versus (!=) "+f1(f2(3)));
    Point p,q;
    p=new Point(2,1); nbpoint++;
    q=new Point(3,4); nbpoint++;
    p.Display();q.Display();
}
}
```

2 versus (!=) 3  
(2,1)  
(3,4)