

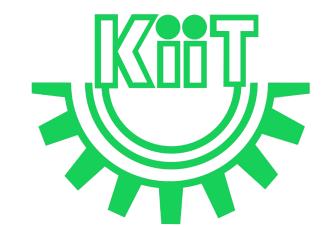
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finalize() method

- finalize method is invoked just before the object is destroyed
- finalize() method in Java is used to release all the resources used by the object before it is deleted/destroyed by the Garbage collector.
- finalize is not a reserved keyword, it's a method.
- Once the clean-up activity is done by the finalize() method, garbage collector immediately destroys the Java object.

finalize() method

- Java Virtual Machine(JVM) permits invoking of finalize() method only once per object.
- Implemented when the usual way of removing objects from memory is insufficient, and some special actions has to be carried out
- Implemented inside a class as:

protected void finalize() {......}

• finalize() is a method of the Object class in Java. The finalize() method is a non-static and protected method of java.lang.Object class.

finalize() method

- In Java, the Object class is superclass of all Java classes. Being an object class method finalize() method is available for every class in Java.
- Hence, Garbage Collector can call finalize() method on any Java object for clean-up activity.
- Once object is finalized JVM sets a flag in the object header to say that
 it has been finalized, and won't finalize it again. If user tries to use
 finalize() method for the same object twice, JVM ignores it.

Garbage collector

- Java considers unreferenced objects that are not being used by any program execution or objects that are no longer needed, as garbage.
- Garbage collection is the process of destroying unused objects and reclaiming the unused runtime memory automatically. By doing this memory is managed efficiently by Java.
- Garbage collection is carried out by the garbage collector.

Garbage collector

- The garbage collector is a part of Java Virtual Machine(JVM).
- Garbage collector checks the heap memory, where all the objects are stored by JVM, looking for unreferenced objects that are no more needed. And automatically destroys those objects.
- Garbage collector calls finalize() method for clean up activity before destroying the object.
- Java does garbage collection automatically; there is no need to do it explicitly, unlike other programming languages.

Garbage collector

• The garbage collector in Java can be called explicitly using the following method:

System.gc();

- System.gc() is a method in Java that invokes garbage collector which will destroy the unreferenced objects.
- System.gc() calls finalize() method only once for each object.

How does finalize() method work with Garbage Collection?

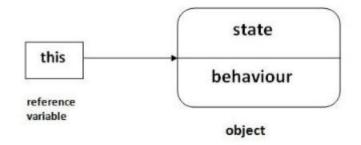
The JVM calls the garbage collector to delete unreferenced objects.
 After determining the objects that have no links or references, it calls the finalize() method which will perform the clean activity and the garbage collector destroys the object.

```
public class Demo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
       String a = "Hello World!";
       a = null; //unreferencing string object
    }
}
```

- For the program, when the String object a holds value Hello World! it has a reference to an object of the String class.
- But, when it holds a null value it does not have any reference.
- Hence, it is eligible for garbage collection. The garbage collector calls finalize() method to perform clean-up before destroying the object.

this keyword

• In Java, this is a reference variable that refers to the current object.



- Usages of this keyword:
 - this can be used to refer current class instance variable.
 - this can be used to invoke current class method (implicitly)
 - this() can be used to invoke current class constructor.
 - this can be passed as an argument in the method call.
 - this can be passed as argument in the constructor call.
 - this can be used to return the current class instance from the method.

- The this keyword can be used to refer current class instance variable.
- If there is ambiguity between the instance variables and parameters, this keyword resolves the problem of ambiguity.
- In order to find out the importance of this keyword, let us first understand what are the problems which can occur, if we do not use it.

```
class Student
     int rollno:
     String name;
     float fee:
     Student(int rollno, String name, float fee)
           rollno=rollno;
           name=name;
           fee=fee:
     void display()
           System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+fee);
class This1
      public static void main(String args[])
           Student s1=new Student(111,"ankit",5000f);
            Student s2=new Student(112,"sumit",6000f);
           s1.display();
           s2.display();
```

class Student int rollno: String name; float fee: Student(int rollno, String name, float fee) rollno=rollno; name=name; fee=fee: void display() System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+fee); class This1 public static void main(String args[]) Student s1=new Student(111,"ankit",5000f); Student s2=new Student(112,"sumit",6000f); s1.display(); s2.display(); 0 null 0.0 0 null 0.0

class Student int rollno: String name; float fee: Student(int rollno, String name, float fee) this.rollno=rollno: this.name=name; this.fee=fee: void display() System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+fee); class This2 public static void main(String args[]) Student s1=new Student(111,"ankit",5000f); Student s2=new Student(112,"sumit",6000f); s1.display(); s2.display();

The example on left side, has local variable parameters (i.e., formal arguments) and instance variables same.

Thus, we need to use this keyword to distinguish local variable and instance variable.

111 ankit 5000.0 112 sumit 6000.0

 However, if the local variables(formal arguments) and instance variables are different, there is no need to use this keyword.

```
class Student
     int rollno:
      String name;
     float fee:
      Student(int roll, String n, float f)
           rollno=roll;
           name=n;
           fee=f;
      void display()
           System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+fee);
class This3
      public static void main(String args[])
           Student s1=new Student(111,"ankit",5000f);
           Student s2=new Student(112,"sumit",6000f);
           s1.display();
                                                                                        111 ankit 5000.0
           s2.display();
                                                                                        112 sumit 6000.0
```

2) this: to invoke current class method

- We can invoke the method of the current class by using the this keyword.
- If we don't use the this keyword, compiler automatically adds this keyword while invoking the method.

```
class Delhi
      void m()
            System.out.println("Chole Bhature");
      void n()
            System.out.println("Tikki");
            //m();//same as this.m()
            this.m();
class Meerut
      public static void main(String args[])
            Delhi de=new Delhi();
            de.n();
```

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                                                                                        Tikki
           del.n();
                                                                                        Chole Bhature
```

• The this() constructor call can be used to invoke the current class constructor. It is used to reuse the constructor. In other words, it is used

for constructor chaining.

```
class A
      A()
            System.out.println("hello a");
      A(int x)
            this();
            System.out.println(x);
class This4
      public static void main(String args[])
            A a=new A(10);
```

 The program provided below helps in calling the default constructor from parameterized constructor:

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class This4
      public static void main(String args[])
            A a=new A(10);
                                                                                     hello a
```

 The program provided below helps in calling the parameterized constructor from default constructor:

```
class A
      A()
           this(5);
            System.out.println("hello a");
      A(int x)
            System.out.println(x);
class This5
      public static void main(String args[])
            A a=new A();
                                                                                     hello a
```

• The this() constructor call should be used to reuse the constructor from the constructor. It maintains the chain between the constructors i.e. it is used for constructor chaining.

```
class Student{
int rollno:
String name, course;
float fee;
Student(int rollno, String name, String course){
this.rollno=rollno:
this.name=name;
this.course=course;
Student(int rollno, String name, String course, float fee){
this.fee=fee:
this(rollno,name,course);
void display(){System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+course+"
"+fee);}
class This6{
public static void main(String args[]){
Student s1=new Student(111,"ankit","java");
Student s2=new Student(112, "sumit", "java", 6000f);
s1.display();
s2.display();
```

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class Student{
int rollno:
String name, course;
float fee:
Student(int rollno, String name, String course){
this.rollno=rollno:
this.name=name;
this.course=course;
                                                                      itp@iitp-HP-Notebook:~/Desktop/Web-Technology/class/Java-Objects and Classes$ javac This6.java
Student(int rollno, String name, String course, float fee){
                                                                      This6.java:12: error: call to this must be first statement in constructor
this.fee=fee:
this(rollno,name,course);
                                                                     this(rollno,name,course);
void display(){System.out.println(rollno+" "+name+" "+course+"
"+fee);}
                                                                       error
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                                                                      111 ankit java 0.0
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                                                                      112 sumit java 6000.0
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s2.display();
```

4) this: to pass as an argument in the method

 The this keyword can also be passed as an argument in the method. It is mainly used in the event handling.

```
class S2
      void m(S2 obj)
            System.out.println("method is invoked");
      void p()
            m(this);
      public static void main(String args[])
            S2 s1 = new S2();
                                                                               method is invoked
            s1.p();
```

Application of this that can be passed as an argument: In event handling (or) in a situation where we have to provide reference of a class to another one. It is used to reuse one object in many methods.

5) this: to pass as argument in the constructor call

• We can pass the this keyword in the constructor also. It is useful if we have to use one object in multiple classes.

```
class B{
A4 obj;
 B(A4 obj){
  this.obj=obj;
 void display(){
  System.out.println(obj.data);//using data member of A4 class
class A4{
 int data=10:
 A4(){}
 B b=new B(this);
 b.display();
 public static void main(String args[]){
 A4 a=new A4();
```

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A4 obj;
 B(A4 obj){
  this.obj=obj;
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  System.out.println(obj.data);//using data member of A4 class
class A4{
 int data=10:
 A4(){}
 B b=new B(this);
 b.display();
 public static void main(String args[]){
                                                                               10
 A4 a=new A4();
```

6) this: keyword can be used to return current class instance

• We can return this keyword as an statement from the method. In such case, return type of the method must be the class type (non-primitive).

Syntax:

```
return_type method_name(){
return this;
}
```

6) this: keyword can be used to return current class instance

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```
class A
      A getA()
            return this:
      void msg()
            System.out.println("Hello java");
class Test1
      public static void main(String args[])
            new A().getA().msg();
                                                                                Hello java
```

Method Overloading

- If a class has multiple methods such that they have the same name but different parameters, it is known as Method Overloading.
- Different ways to overload the method:
 - By changing the number of arguments
 - By changing the data type
- In Java, Method Overloading is not possible by changing the return type of the method only.
- When an overloaded method is called, Java looks for a match between the arguments used to call the method and the method's parameters.
- When no exact match can be found, Java's automatic type conversion can aid overload resolution

Method Overloading: Changing number of arguments

```
class Adder
      int add(int a,int b)
            return a+b;
      int add(int a,int b,int c)
            return a+b+c;
class Testoverloading
      public static void main(String[] args)
            Adder a1 = new Adder();
            System.out.println(a1.add(11,11));
            System.out.println(a1.add(11,11,11));
```

In this example, we have created two methods, first add() method performs addition of two numbers and second add method performs addition of three numbers.

Method Overloading: Changing number of arguments

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class Testoverloading
      public static void main(String[] args)
            Adder a1 = new Adder();
            System.out.println(a1.add(11,11));
            System.out.println(a1.add(11,11,11));
                                                                                 33
```

Method Overloading: Changing the datatype of arguments

```
class Adder
     int add(int a, int b)
           return a+b;
      double add(double a, double b)
           return a+b;
class Testoverloading1
      public static void main(String[] args)
            Adder a1 = new Adder();
            System.out.println(a1.add(11,11));
            System.out.println(a1.add(12.3,12.6));
```

In this example, we have created two methods that differs in data type. The first add method receives two integer arguments and second add method receives two double arguments.

Method Overloading: Changing the datatype of arguments

```
class Adder
     int add(int a, int b)
           return a+b;
     double add(double a, double b)
           return a+b;
class Testoverloading1
     public static void main(String[] args)
           Adder a1 = new Adder();
           System.out.println(a1.add(11,11));
                                                                               24.9
           System.out.println(a1.add(12.3,12.6));
```

Why Method Overloading is not possible by changing the return type of method only?

```
class Adder
      int add(int a,int b)
             return a+b;
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      double add(int a,int b)
                                                                        avac Testoverloading2.java
                                                                        Testoverloading2.java:7: error: method add(int,int) is already defined in class
             return a+b;
                                                                        Adder
                                                                               double add(int a,int b)
class Testoverloading2
                                                                         1 error
      public static void main(String[] args)
             Adder a1 = new Adder();
             System.out.println(a1.add(11,11));//ambiguity
```

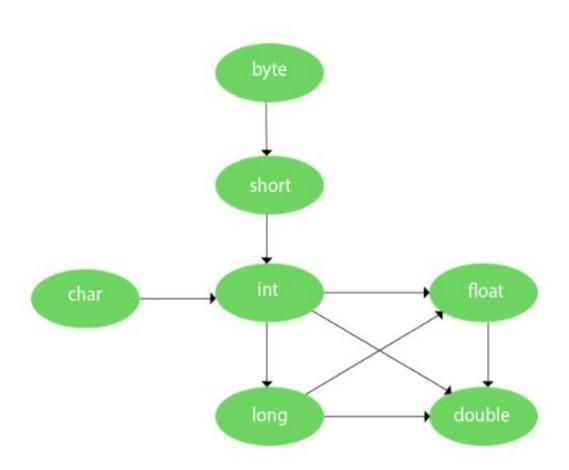
Can we overload java main() method?

 Yes, by method overloading. We can have any number of main methods in a class by method overloading. But JVM calls main() method which receives String array as arguments only.

```
class Mainoverloading
      public static void main(String[] args)
            System.out.println("main with String[]");
      public static void main(String args)
                                                                                   main with String[]
           System.out.println("main with String");
      public static void main()
            System.out.println("main without args");
```

Method Overloading and Type Promotion

One type is promoted to another implicitly if no matching datatype is found.



- As displayed in the diagram, byte can be promoted to short, int, long, float or double.
- The short datatype can be promoted to int, long, float or double.
- The char datatype can be promoted to int,long,float or double and so on.

Method Overloading and Type Promotion

One type is promoted to another implicitly if no matching datatype is found.

```
class Calculation
     void sum(int a,long b)
           System.out.println(a+b);
     void sum(int a,int b,int c)
           System.out.println(a+b+c);
     public static void main(String args[])
           Calculation obj=new Calculation();
 obj.sum(20,20);//now second int literal will be promoted to long
           obj.sum(20,20,20);
```

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     void sum(int a,long b)
           System.out.println(a+b);
     void sum(int a,int b,int c)
           System.out.println(a+b+c);
     public static void main(String args[])
                                                                                        40
           Calculation obj=new Calculation();
 obj.sum(20,20);//now second int literal will be promoted to long
                                                                                        60
           obj.sum(20,20,20);
```

- In Java, we can overload constructors like methods.
- The constructor overloading can be defined as the concept of having more than one constructor with different parameters, so that every constructor can perform a different task.

```
public class Stud
     //instance variables of the class
     int id;
     String name;
     Stud()
           System.out.println("Default constructor");
     Stud(int i, String n)
           id = i;
           name = n;
     public static void main(String[] args)
           //object creation
           Stud s = new Stud();
           System.out.println("\nDefault Constructor values: \n");
           System.out.println("Student Id: "+s.id + "\nStudent Name: "+s.name);
           System.out.println("\nParameterized Constructor values: \n");
           Stud student = new Stud(10, "David");
           System.out.println("Student Id: "+student.id + "\nStudent Name:
"+student.name);
```

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public class Stud
      //instance variables of the class
      int id;
      String name;
      Stud()
            System.out.println("Default constructor");
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                                                                                           ava Stud
      Stud(int i, String n)
                                                                                           Default constructor
            id = i;
                                                                                           Default Constructor values:
            name = n;
      public static void main(String[] args)
                                                                                           Student Id : 0
                                                                                           Student Name : null
            //object creation
            Stud s = new Stud();
            System.out.println("\nDefault Constructor values: \n");
                                                                                           Parameterized Constructor values:
            System.out.println("Student Id: "+s.id + "\nStudent Name: "+s.name);
                                                                                           Student Id : 10
            System.out.println("\nParameterized Constructor values: \n");
                                                                                           Student Name : David
            Stud student = new Stud(10, "David");
            System.out.println("Student Id: "+student.id + "\nStudent Name:
"+student.name);
```

- In the example on the previous slide, the Student class constructor is overloaded with two different constructors, I.e., default and parameterized.
- Sometimes, we use multiple constructors to initialize the different values of the class.
- We must also notice that the java compiler invokes a default constructor when we do not use any constructor in the class.
- However, the default constructor is not invoked if we have used any constructor in the class, whether it is default or parameterized. In this case, the java compiler throws an exception saying the constructor is undefined.

```
public class Colleges

String collegeld;
Colleges(String collegeld)

{
    this.collegeld = "IIT" + collegeld;
}
public static void main(String[] args)

{
    // TODO Auto-generated method stub
    Colleges clg = new Colleges(); //this can't create

colleges constructor now.
}
}

Public class Colleges class colleges cannot be applied to given types;
Colleges clg = new Colleges(); //this can't create colleges constructor now.

required: String
found: no arguments
reason: actual and formal argument lists differ in length
1 error

error

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1 error

error

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1 error
```

Passing Objects to Constructor

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Employee {
 String name;
                                                                          instance variables
 int age;
 public Employee(){}
 public Employee(String name, int age){
                                                                          parameterized constructor initializing
   this.name = name;
   this.age = age;}
                                                                          instance variables.
 public Employee copyObject(Employee std){
   this.name = std.name;
                                                                          Accepts an object of the current class
   this.age = std.age;
                                                                          and initializes the instance variables
   return std; }
 public void displayData(){
                                                                          with the variables of this object and
   System.out.println("Name: "+this.name);
                                                                          returns it.
   System.out.println("Age: "+this.age);
 public static void main(String[] args) {
   Scanner sc = new Scanner(System.in);
   System.out.println("Enter your name");
   String name = sc.next();
                                                                          Instantiating the Employee class and
   System.out.println("Enter your age ");
   int age = sc.nextInt();
                                                                          making a copy by passing it as an
   Employee std = new Employee(name, age);
                                                                          argument
                                                                                          to the coypObject()
   System.out.println("Contents of the original object");
   std.displayData();
                                                                          method.
   System.out.println("Contents of the copied object");
   Employee copyOfStd = new Employee().copyObject(std);
   copyOfStd.displayData();}}
```

- Below mentioned are some of the different mechanisms used for passing arguments to functions:
 - O value
 - O reference
 - o result
 - value-result
 - O name
- However, the two most used and common mechanisms are pass by value and pass by reference.

- Pass by Value: In the pass by value concept, the method is called by passing a copy
 of the original value. It does not affect the original parameter. Usually the parameters
 of simple types, i.e., primitive data types are utilized for serving the pass by value
 approach.
- Pass by reference: In the pass by reference concept, the method is called using an alias or reference of the actual parameter. It forwards the unique identifier of the object to the method. If we make any changes to the parameter's instance member, it would affect the original value.
- Note:- Java does not support pass by reference concept.

Pass by value

```
public class Passbyvalexp
     int a=100;
     void update(int a)
           a=a+100;
     public static void main(String args[])
     Passbyvalexp p=new Passbyvalexp();
           System.out.println(" Value (before change)="+p.a);
          p.update(500);
           System.out.println(" Value (after change)="+p.a);
```

Pass by value

```
public class Passbyvalexp
     int a=100;
     void update(int a)
          a=a+100;
    public static void main(String args[])
     Passbyvalexp p=new Passbyvalexp();
                                                                             Value (before change)=100
          System.out.println(" Value (before change)="+p.a);
          p.update(500);
          System.out.println(" Value (after change)="+p.a);
                                                                              Value (after change)=100
```

Command line arguments

- If arguments are passed at the time of running the java program, it is termed as command-line argument.
- The arguments passed from the console can be received in the java program and it can be used as an input.
- So, it provides a convenient way to check the behavior of the program for the different values. We can pass N (1,2,3 and so on) numbers of arguments from the command prompt.

```
class Cmdlineargs
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        System.out.println("Your first argument is: "+args[0]);
    }
}

System.out.println("Your first argument is: "+args[0]);
}

System.out.println("Your first argument is: "+args[0]);

Your first argument is: Sourajit

Your first argument is: Sourajit
```

Command line arguments

Passing multiple arguments in the console at the same time

Recursion

Recursion in java is a process in which a method calls itself continuously. A method
in java that calls itself is called recursive method.

Syntax

```
data_type methodname()
{
   //code to be executed
   methodname();//calling same method
}
```

```
public class Recurexp
{
    static void recur()
    {
        System.out.println("hello");
        recur();
    }

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

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public class Recurexp
{
    static void recur()
    {
        System.out.println("hello");
        recur();
    }

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

```
hello
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.StackOverflowError
```

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