

# Chapter 18

## static methods



# static method



```
class Welcome{  
  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
        System.out.println("Welcome to suresh techs, I am learning Java.");  
        System.out.println("My name is suresh, I will get job soon");  
        System.out.println(1);  
        System.out.println(2);  
        System.out.println(3);  
        System.out.println(4);  
        System.out.println("\"Suresh techs\" is 5 star");  
    }  
}
```



# Tell me one thing

- Can we **call a method of one class in another class?**
- Try to call **getRollno()** method from **StaticDemo** class
- We can call **getRollno()** method only by creating instance(object) of Student class
- But, **static methods can be called** from other classes **without creating objects**

```
student1 = new Student();
student1.setName("John");
student1.setStudyClass("Btech 3rd year");
student1.setRollno(63);
student1.marks = 90;
// student1.totalStudents = 1;

System.out.println(student1.getName());
System.out.println(student1.getStudyClass());
System.out.println(student1.getRollno());
System.out.println(student.college);
```

# static method

- **Static methods** belong to a **class** rather than object
- So it **can be called** directly by using **classname.methodname**
- create a **static method** named **getTotalStudents()** and it should return **totalStudents** value

```
static int getTotalStudents () {  
    return totalStudents;  
}
```

So, there is no need to create an object to call a static method of a class from outside

That's why main method needs to be a static method as JVM doesn't need to create an object to call the method from outside – (java classname)

```
System.out.println("Total students: "+Student.getTotalStudents());
```

# static method

Can be accessed from everywhere

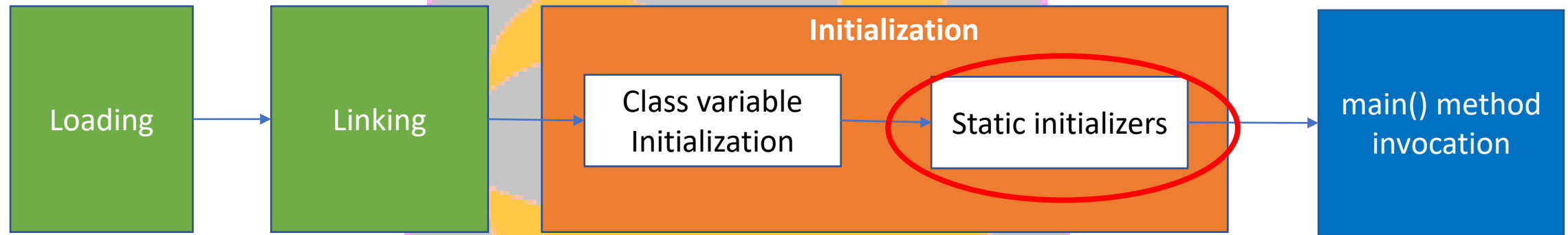
Don't need to create an object

Doesn't return anything

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```

# Points to remember

- Only the **main() method** which is static will be called by the **JVM automatically**, **not all the static methods will be called automatically**



**Static variables are also called class variables and class initialization will initialize static variables**

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}
```

A blue arrow points from the 'Static initializers' box in the diagram to the `main` method in the code snippet, showing that the `main` method is the static method invoked by the JVM.

# Points to remember – very important

- Instance methods can directly access both instance methods and instance variables
- Instance methods can also access static variables and static methods directly
- Static methods can access all static variables and static methods directly

## TASK

👉 Static methods can't access instance variables and instance methods directly. They need object reference to access.

# Task – Suresh Techs Viewer

- Create a class named **Viewer**
- Think of the state of Viewer
  - Name of type **String**
  - IsLiked of type **boolean**
  - IsSubscribed of type of **boolean**

```
class Viewer{  
    String name;  
    boolean isLiked;  
    boolean isSubscribed;  
  
    public static void main(String[] args){  
        .  
    }  
}
```

- Create **instance variables** for the **three states**

```
error: non-static variable name cannot be referenced from a static context  
System.out.println(name);  
                   ^
```

- Create main method
- Print **value of name** in the main method



# Task

- Create **object of the Viewer** and access name
- Set **name** of the viewer as **Suresh**
- Set **isLiked** to **true** and **isSubscribed** to false
- Display **name, isLiked, isSubscribed**
- Create a method called **thankYou()** and that method should perform below operation

- Thank you Suresh
- If liked
  - Thank you for liking this video
- If subscribed
  - Thank you subscribing our channel
- If liked & subscribed
  - Thank you for liking and subscribing

```
class Viewer{
    String name;
    boolean isLiked;
    boolean isSubscribed;

    public static void main(String[] args){
        Viewer v1 = new Viewer();
        System.out.println("Name: "+v1.name);
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    Viewer v1 = new Viewer();
    v1.name = "Suresh";
    v1.isLiked = true;
    v1.isSubscribed = false;
    System.out.println("Name: "+v1.name);
    System.out.println("Liked: "+v1.isLiked);
    System.out.println("Subscribed: "+v1.isSubscribed);
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    Viewer v1 = new Viewer();
    v1.name = "Suresh";
    v1.isLiked = true;
    v1.isSubscribed = false;
    System.out.println("Name: "+v1.name);
    System.out.println("Liked: "+v1.isLiked);
    System.out.println("Subscribed: "+v1.isSubscribed);
    thankYou();
}
```

```
void thankYou(){
    System.out.println("Thank you "+name);
    if(isLiked && isSubscribed){
        System.out.println("Thank you for liking and subscribing");
    }else if(isLiked){
        System.out.println("Thank you for liking");
    }else if(isSubscribed){
        System.out.println("Thank you for subscribing");
    }
}
```

```
error: non-static method thankYou() cannot be referenced from a static context
thankYou();
^
```

# Create a static method

- Create a static method called **wish()**
- Which should say **“Welcome to suresh techs, all the very best for your future. You will get JOB for sure”**

```
static void wish(){  
    System.out.println("Welcome to suresh techs, all the very best for your future"  
        +"You will get JOB for sure");  
}
```

Call wish() method from thankYou() method

# Calling wish() method from thankYou() method



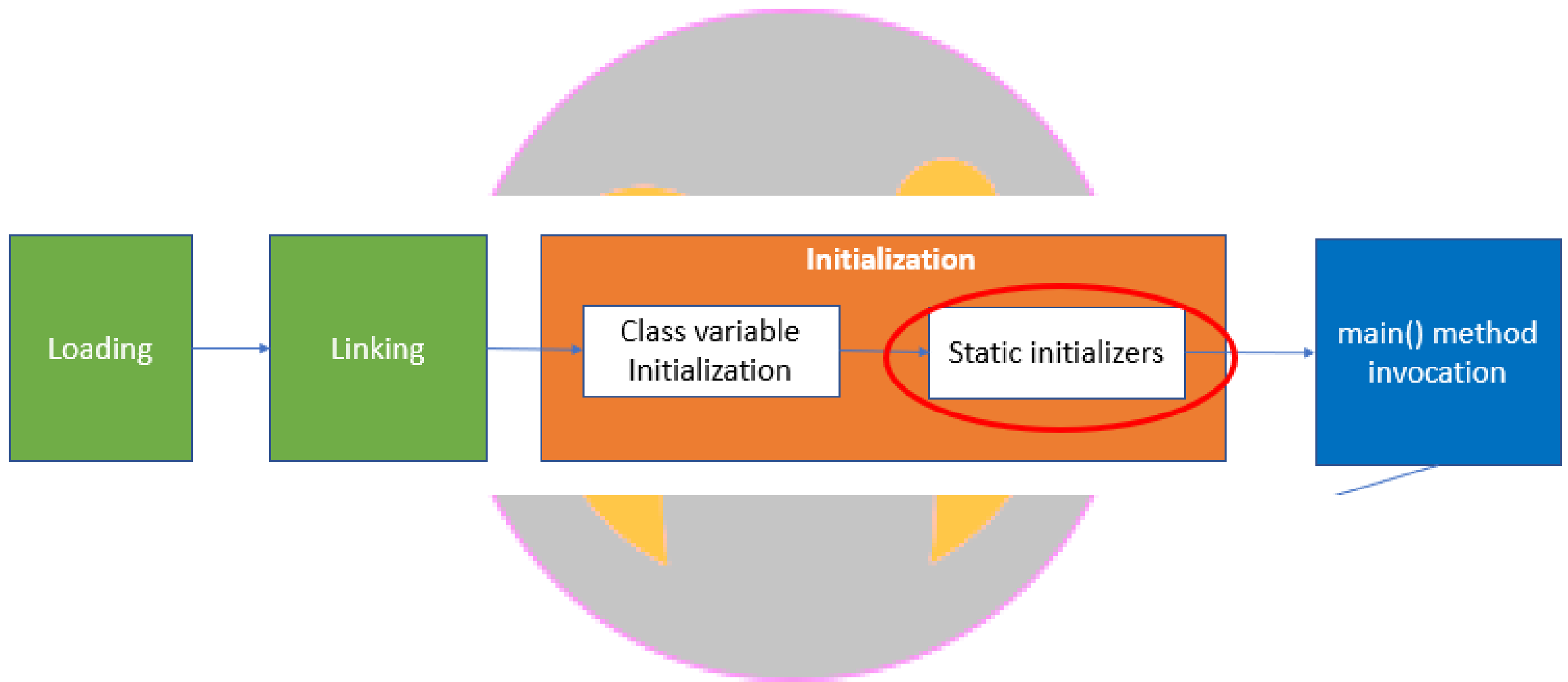
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    }
    wish();
}

static void wish(){
    System.out.println("Welcome to suresh techs, all the very best for your future"
        +"You will get JOB for sure");
}
```

# Let's look those important points – very important

- **Instance methods** can directly access **both instance methods and instance variables**
- **Instance methods** can also access **static variables and static methods directly**
- **Static methods** can access **all static variables and static methods directly**

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```
public static void main(String[] args){  
    System.out.println("Variables Demo");  
    int a, b, c, d;  
    a = 10;  
    b = 20;  
    c = -20;
```

Local variables

```
class Student{  
    String name;  
    String studyClass;  
    int rollno;  
    double percentage;  
    House h;  
    static String college="Suresh Techs College";  
    int marks;  
    static int totalStudents;
```

Instance variables & instance methods

Static variables & static methods

Every **variable** is assigned a **data type** that describes the **type** and **quantity** of value it can hold

# What next?

Data types in detail





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