

## \* Functions / Methods in JAVA

- Functions / Method (in java):
- A method is a block of code which only runs when it is called.
- To reuse code: define the code once, & use it many times

Syntax:

```

public class Main {
    static void myMethod() {
        // code
    }
}
    
```

→ this method myMethod() does not have a return value  
 → name of method  
 → public class Main {  
 access-modifier return-type method () {  
 // code  
 return statement; }  
 }  
 }

fn ends here

- method () calling the function  
↓  
name of function

### • return-type:-

A return statement causes the program control to transfer back to the caller of a method. A return type may be primitive type like int, char, or void type (return nothing)

⇒ There are a few important things to understand about returning the values:

- The type of data returned by a method must be compatible with the return type specified by the method

eg: if return type of some method is boolean, we cannot return an integer.

- The variable receiving the value returned by a method must also be compatible with the return type specified for the method.

⇒ Pass by value:

- eg 1: `main()` { `name = "a";` `greet(name);` }

creating  
copy of  
value of  
name

i.e passing value  
of the reference

```
main() {
    name = "a";
    greet(name);
}

static void greet(name) {
    print(name)
}
```

name → a  
naam → a

- eg 2:

```
psvm() {
    name = "a";
    change(name);
    print(name);
}
```

creating  
copy

```
change(naam) {
```

```
    naam = "b";
```

name → a  
naam → a

name → a  
naam → b

Since it is creating  
inside f<sup>n</sup> it will  
not change org<sup>n</sup> one

not changing original  
object, just creating new

\* Points to be noted:

- 1 primitive data type like int, short, char, byte etc.  
↳ just pass value
- 2 object & reference;  
↳ passing value of reference variable.

eg-1: 

```
psum() {  
    a = 10;  
    b = 20;  
    swap(a, b);  
}
```

a → 10  
b → 20 ] but not here

```
swap(num1, num2) {  
    temp = num1;  
    num1 = num2;  
    num2 = temp;  
}
```

temp → 10  
num1 → 20  
num2 → 10 ] at fn scope level they are swapped

Here, they just pass the value

eg-2:

arr → [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

nums  
nums[0] = 99 [now the value of 0th position in nums will change which also changes value of arr[0]]

arr → [99, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
nums

Here, passing value of reference variable



## \* Scopes :-

### • Function scope :

variables declared inside a method / function scope (means inside method) can't be accessed outside the method.

eg :- psvm() {

}

all() {

int x;

}

X ←

can't be accessed

outside

### • block scope :

psvm() {

int a = 10;

int b = 20;

}

int a = 5; X

a = 100; ✓

int c = 20;

}

c = 10; X

int c = 15; ✓

a = 50; ✓

}

→ variables initialized outside

the block can be updated inside

the box.

→ variables initialised inside

the block cannot be updated

outside the box but can

be reinitialized outside

the block,

variables like "a" here, is declared

outside the block, updated inside the

block and can also be updated

outside the block,

### • loop scope :

variables declared inside loop are having loop scope.

⇒ Shadowing :

Shadowing in Java is the practice of using variables in overlapping scopes with the same name where the variable in low-level scope overrides the variables of high-level scope. Here the variable at high-level scope is shadowed by low-level scope variable,

```
eg:- public class shadowing {
        static int x = 90;
        psvm() {
            System.out.println(x);
            x = 50;
            System.out.println(x);
        }
    }
```

→ 90  
↓  
50

// here high-level scope is shadowed by low-level scope.

⇒ Variable Arguments :

Variable Arguments is used to take a variable number of arguments. A method that takes a variable number of arguments is a arrays method.

Syntax :-

```
static void fun(int ... a) {
    // method body
}
```

Here, would be array of type of type int[]

parameters.

=> method/function overloading.

Function Overloading happens when two functions have same name.

eg-1) `func() {`

`//code`

`}`

`func() {`

`//code`

`}`

X Function overloading

eg-2)

`fun(int a) {`

`//code`

`}`

`fun(int a, int b) {`

`//code`

`}`

This is allowed having different arguments with same method name.

=> At compile time, it decides which  $f^n$  to run.

=> Armstrong number:

Suppose there is number  $\rightarrow 153$

$$153 \rightarrow (1)^3 + (5)^3 + (3)^3 = 1 + 125 + 27$$

$$= 153$$