



Introduction to Java

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Java Methods

- Is a block of code
- Only runs when it is called
- Can pass data into a method - known as Parameters
- Used to perform actions - known as Functions
- To reuse code - Define the code once, and use it many times
- Declare within a class
- Java provides predefined functions too

Example : `System.out.println()`

Java Methods

- Example

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

method belongs to the Main class

no return value

name of the method

Java Methods

Call a Method

- write the method's name followed by two parentheses () and a semicolon;
- Example: `myMethod();`

```
public class Main {  
    static void myMethod() {  
        System.out.println("I just got executed!");  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        myMethod();  
    }  
}
```

// Outputs "I just got executed!"

Java Methods

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    }  
  
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    }  
}
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Java Methods Parameters

- Information can be passed to methods as parameters.
- Parameters act as variables inside the method.
- Parameters are specified after the method name, inside the parentheses.
- Can add as many parameters as you want, just separate them with a comma.

```
public class Main {  
    static void myMethod(String fname) {  
        System.out.println(fname + "Refsnes");  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        myMethod("Liam");  
        myMethod("Jenny");  
        myMethod("Anja");  
    }  
}
```

Java Methods Parameters

- `void` - indicates that the method should not return a value
- To return a value, use primitive data type instead of `void` and then `return` keyword inside the method.

```
public class Main {  
    static int myMethod(int x) {  
        return 5 + x;  
    }  
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    System.out.println(myMethod(3));  
}  
}
```


Java Methods Parameters

```
public class Main {  
    static int myMethod(int x, int y) {  
        return x + y;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println(myMethod(5, 3));  
    }  
}
```

Java Methods Parameters

- Store the result in a variable

```
public class Main {  
    static int myMethod(int x, int y) {  
        return x + y;  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int z = myMethod(5, 3);  
        System.out.println(z);  
    }  
  
} // Outputs 8 (5 + 3)
```

Java Methods Parameters

- A method with if else

```
public class Main {  
    static void checkAge(int age) {  
        if (age < 18) {  
            System.out.println("Access denied - You are not old enough!");  
        } else {  
            System.out.println("Access granted - You are old enough!");  
        }  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args)  
    {  
        checkAge(20);  
    }  
}
```

Java Method Overloading

- With method overloading, multiple methods can have the same name with different parameters:

```
int myMethod(int x)
```

```
float myMethod(float x)
```

```
double myMethod(double x,  
double y)
```

```
public class Main {  
    static int plusMethodInt(int x, int y) {  
        return x + y;  
    }  
    static double plusMethodDouble(double x, double y) {  
        return x + y;  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int myNum1 = plusMethodInt(8, 5);  
        double myNum2 = plusMethodDouble(4.3, 6.26);  
        System.out.println("int: " + myNum1);  
        System.out.println("double: " + myNum2);  
    }  
}
```

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    static int plusMethod(int x, int y) {  
        return x + y;  
    }  
    static double plusMethod(double x, double y) {  
        return x + y;  
    }  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int myNum1 = plusMethod(8, 5);  
        double myNum2 = plusMethod(4.3, 6.26);  
        System.out.println("int: " + myNum1);  
        System.out.println("double: " + myNum2);  
    }  
}
```

Java Scope

- Variables are only accessible inside the region and are created. This is called Scope.

Method Scope

- Variables declared directly inside a method are available anywhere in the method.

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Code here CANNOT use x  
        int x = 100;  
  
        // Code here can use x  
        System.out.println(x);  
    }  
}
```

Java Scope

Block Scope

- A block of code refers to all of the code between curly braces {}.
- Variables declared inside blocks of code are only accessible by the code between the curly braces

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // Code here CANNOT use x{  
        // This is a block  
        // Code here CANNOT use x  
  
        int x = 100;  
        // Code here CAN use x  
        System.out.println(x);  
    }  
    // The block ends here// Code here  
    CANNOT use x}}
```

Java Recursion

Recursion is the technique of making a function call itself.

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int result = sum(10);  
        System.out.println(result);  
    }  
    public static int sum(int k)  
    {  
        if (k > 0) {  
            return k + sum(k - 1);  
        }  
        else {return 0;}  
    }  
}
```

```
10 + sum(9)  
10 + ( 9 + sum(8) )  
10 + ( 9 + ( 8 + sum(7) ) )  
...  
10 + 9 + 8 + 7 + 6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 +  
sum(0)  
10 + 9 + 8 + 7 + 6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 + 0
```