

# Method Overloading, the `toString()`, and the `equals()` methods

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## Recall: Overloading Constructors

Overloading constructors allows us to have multiple ways of initializing an instance.

These constructors have different constructor signatures.

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## Activity: MyDate class

Modify your `MyDate` class to allow updating of date value by providing the new month, day, and year. The date value can also be updated by changing the month value, either by providing the numerical value of the new month or the name of the new month.

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- `(MyDate) obj` converts `obj` to a `MyDate` instance.

😊 Thank you! 😊