

JAVA PROGRAMMING BASICS

Module 2: Java Object-oriented Programming

Training program

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Methods declaration 1/3

- A *method* in Java is a block of statements that has a name and can be executed by calling (*invoking*) it from some other place in your program

Modifiers **Return type** **Name** **Parameters list**

public static double someMeth(String prm1, int prm2)

<Parameter type(s)>

throws Exception {

Exceptions list

... //Method body

}

Modifiers: public, protected, omitted (package-private) private, static, final, abstract, synchronized, native

Return type: primitive, reference, void

Methods declaration 2/3

- Two of the components of a method declaration comprise the *method signature*—the method's name and the parameter types

Method contract

Method signature

```
1. public int doJob(String prm1, int prm2) {  
2.     int result = prm1.length() + prm2;  
3.     return result;  
4. }
```

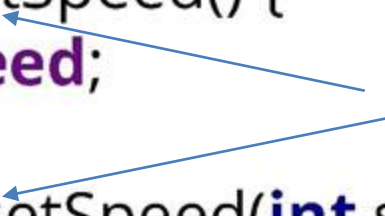
Method body

Method contract = Signature + Return type

Methods declaration 3/3

```
1. public class Car {  
2.     //...  
3.     private int speed;  
4.     //...  
5.     public int getSpeed() {  
6.         return speed;  
7.     }  
8.     public void setSpeed(int speed) {  
9.         this.speed = speed;  
10.    }  
11. }
```

starts with verb



End of the method: complete all operators OR return
OR Exception

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Passing arguments to a method 1/4

- *Parameters* refers to the list of variables in a method declaration.
- *Arguments* are the actual values that are passed in when the method is invoked. When you invoke a method, the arguments used must match the declaration's parameters in type and order.

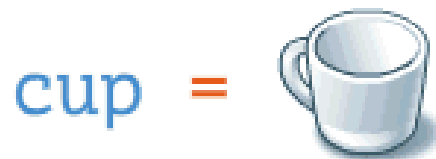
PassPrimTypeToVoidMeth

PassRefTypeToVoidMeth

PassParameterWithCopy

Passing arguments to a method 2/4

pass by reference



fillCup()

pass by value



fillCup()

Final modifier for method arguments

1. **public void** test(**final** String s) {

2. s = "abcd";

3. // ...

4. }

5. **public void** test(**final int** i) {

6. i++;

7. // ...

8. }

9. **public void** test(**final int**[] arr) {

10. arr[0] = 100;

11. arr = new int[10];

12. // ...

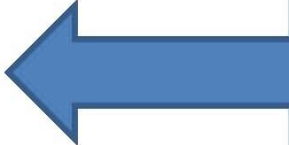
13. }



can not be reassigned
to another reference



Value of i can not be
changed



Can change array
element value, but can
not be reassigned to
another reference

See [finalargpkg](#)

Class field shadowing by method parameter

```
1. public class Car {  
2.     //...  
3.     public int speed;  
4.     //...  
5.     public int getSpeed() {  
6.         return speed;  
7.     }  
8.     public void setSpeed(int speed) {  
9.         this.speed = speed;  
10.    }  
11.}
```

class field shadowing

Return from method

```
public class MyClass {  
    public int meth1(){  
        return 0;  
    }  
    public int meth2(){  
        return (byte)0;  
    }  
    public String meth3() {  
        return null;  
    }  
    public void meth4(){  
        return;  
    }  
}
```

void methods may contain
return statement



The return statement need not be the *last statement* in a method,
but it must be the *last statement to execute* in a method

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See `varargspkg`

since Java 5

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Instance or STATIC methods or constructors
can be defined as overloaded

See [methoverloading](#)