

Building Java Programs

Chapter 1

Lecture 1-2: Static Methods

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Comments

- **comment:** A note written in source code by the programmer to describe or clarify the code.
 - Comments are not executed when your program runs.

- Syntax:

`// comment text, on one line`

or,

`/* comment text; may span multiple lines */`

- Examples:

```
// This is a one-line comment.
```

```
/* This is a very long  
multi-line comment. */
```

Using comments

- Where to place comments:
 - at the top of each file (a "comment header")
 - at the start of every method (seen later)
 - to explain complex pieces of code
- Comments are useful for:
 - Understanding larger, more complex programs.
 - Multiple programmers working together, who must understand each other's code.

Comments example

```
/* Suzy Student, CS 101, Fall 2019  
   This program prints lyrics about ... something. */
```

```
public class BaWitDaBa {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        // first verse  
        System.out.println("Bawitdaba");  
        System.out.println("da bang a dang diggy diggy");  
        System.out.println();  
  
        // second verse  
        System.out.println("diggy said the boogy");  
        System.out.println("said up jump the boogy");  
    }  
}
```

Static methods

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Algorithms

- **algorithm:** A list of steps for solving a problem.
- Example algorithm: "Bake sugar cookies"
 - Mix the dry ingredients.
 - Cream the butter and sugar.
 - Beat in the eggs.
 - Stir in the dry ingredients.
 - Set the oven temperature.
 - Set the timer.
 - Place the cookies into the oven.
 - Allow the cookies to bake.
 - Spread frosting and sprinkles onto the cookies.
 - ...



Problems with algorithms

- *lack of structure*: Many tiny steps; tough to remember.
- *redundancy*: Consider making a double batch...
 - Mix the dry ingredients.
 - Cream the butter and sugar.
 - Beat in the eggs.
 - Stir in the dry ingredients.
 - Set the oven temperature.
 - Set the timer.
 - Place the first batch of cookies into the oven.
 - Allow the cookies to bake.
 - Set the timer.
 - Place the second batch of cookies into the oven.
 - Allow the cookies to bake.
 - Mix ingredients for frosting.
 - ...

Structured algorithms

- **structured algorithm:** Split into coherent tasks.

1 Make the cookie batter.

- Mix the dry ingredients.
- Cream the butter and sugar.
- Beat in the eggs.
- Stir in the dry ingredients.

2 Bake the cookies.

- Set the oven temperature.
- Set the timer.
- Place the cookies into the oven.
- Allow the cookies to bake.

3 Add frosting and sprinkles.

- Mix the ingredients for the frosting.
- Spread frosting and sprinkles onto the cookies.

...

Removing redundancy

- A well-structured algorithm can describe repeated tasks with less redundancy.

1 Make the cookie batter.

- Mix the dry ingredients.
- ...

2a Bake the cookies (first batch).

- Set the oven temperature.
- Set the timer.
- ...

2b Bake the cookies (second batch).

3 Decorate the cookies.

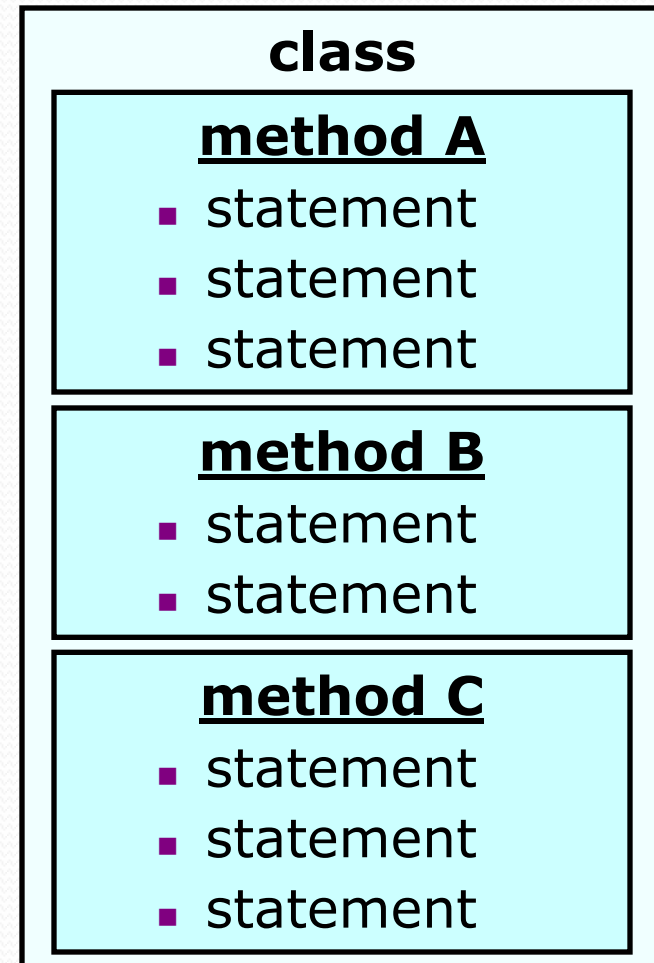
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A program with redundancy

```
public class BakeCookies {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("Mix the dry ingredients.");
        System.out.println("Cream the butter and sugar.");
        System.out.println("Beat in the eggs.");
        System.out.println("Stir in the dry ingredients.");
        System.out.println("Set the oven temperature.");
        System.out.println("Set the timer.");
        System.out.println("Place a batch of cookies into the oven.");
        System.out.println("Allow the cookies to bake.");
        System.out.println("Set the oven temperature.");
        System.out.println("Set the timer.");
        System.out.println("Place a batch of cookies into the oven.");
        System.out.println("Allow the cookies to bake.");
        System.out.println("Mix ingredients for frosting.");
        System.out.println("Spread frosting and sprinkles.");
    }
}
```

Static methods

- **static method:** A named group of statements.
 - denotes the *structure* of a program
 - eliminates *redundancy* by code reuse
- **procedural decomposition:** dividing a problem into methods
- Writing a static method is like adding a new command to Java.



Using static methods

1. Design the algorithm.

- Look at the structure, and which commands are repeated.
- Decide what are the important overall tasks.

2. **Declare** (write down) the methods.

- Arrange statements into groups and give each group a name.

3. **Call** (run) the methods.

- The program's `main` method executes the other methods to perform the overall task.

Design of an algorithm

```
// This program displays a delicious recipe for baking cookies.
public class BakeCookies2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Step 1: Make the cake batter.
        System.out.println("Mix the dry ingredients.");
        System.out.println("Cream the butter and sugar.");
        System.out.println("Beat in the eggs.");
        System.out.println("Stir in the dry ingredients.");

        // Step 2a: Bake cookies (first batch).
        System.out.println("Set the oven temperature.");
        System.out.println("Set the timer.");
        System.out.println("Place a batch of cookies into the oven.");
        System.out.println("Allow the cookies to bake.");

        // Step 2b: Bake cookies (second batch).
        System.out.println("Set the oven temperature.");
        System.out.println("Set the timer.");
        System.out.println("Place a batch of cookies into the oven.");
        System.out.println("Allow the cookies to bake.");

        // Step 3: Decorate the cookies.
        System.out.println("Mix ingredients for frosting.");
        System.out.println("Spread frosting and sprinkles.");
    }
}
```

Declaring a method

Gives your method a name so it can be executed

- Syntax:

```
public static void name() {  
    statement;  
    statement;  
    ...  
    statement;  
}
```

- Example:

```
public static void printWarning() {  
    System.out.println("This product causes cancer");  
    System.out.println("in lab rats and humans.");  
}
```

Calling a method

Executes the method's code

- Syntax:

name ();

- You can call the same method many times if you like.

- Example:

```
printWarning();
```

- Output:

```
This product causes cancer  
in lab rats and humans.
```

Program with static method

```
public class FreshPrince {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        rap();                // Calling (running) the rap method
        System.out.println();
        rap();                // Calling the rap method again
    }

    // This method prints the lyrics to my favorite song.
    public static void rap() {
        System.out.println("Now this is the story all about how");
        System.out.println("My life got flipped turned upside-down");
    }
}
```

Output:

```
Now this is the story all about how
My life got flipped turned upside-down
```

```
Now this is the story all about how
My life got flipped turned upside-down
```


Final cookie program

```
// This program displays a delicious recipe for baking cookies.
public class BakeCookies3 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        makeBatter();
        bake();           // 1st batch
        bake();           // 2nd batch
        decorate();
    }

    // Step 1: Make the cake batter.
    public static void makeBatter() {
        System.out.println("Mix the dry ingredients.");
        System.out.println("Cream the butter and sugar.");
        System.out.println("Beat in the eggs.");
        System.out.println("Stir in the dry ingredients.");
    }

    // Step 2: Bake a batch of cookies.
    public static void bake() {
        System.out.println("Set the oven temperature.");
        System.out.println("Set the timer.");
        System.out.println("Place a batch of cookies into the oven.");
        System.out.println("Allow the cookies to bake.");
    }

    // Step 3: Decorate the cookies.
    public static void decorate() {
        System.out.println("Mix ingredients for frosting.");
        System.out.println("Spread frosting and sprinkles.");
    }
}
```

Methods calling methods

```
public class MethodsExample {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        message1();
        message2();
        System.out.println("Done with main.");
    }

    public static void message1() {
        System.out.println("This is message1.");
    }

    public static void message2() {
        System.out.println("This is message2.");
        message1();
        System.out.println("Done with message2.");
    }
}
```

- **Output:**

```
This is message1.
This is message2.
This is message1.
Done with message2.
Done with main.
```

Control flow

- When a method is called, the program's execution...
 - "jumps" into that method, executing its statements, then
 - "jumps" back to the point where the method was called.

```
public class MethodsExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        message1 () ;  
  
        message2 () ;  
  
        System.out.println("...")  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

The diagram illustrates control flow with three boxed code snippets:

- Snippet 1 (top):** `public static void message1() { System.out.println("This is message1."); }`. An arrow points from the `message1 () ;` call in the main method to this snippet. Another arrow points from the closing brace of this snippet back to the `message1 () ;` call.
- Snippet 2 (middle):** `public static void message2() { System.out.println("This is message2."); message1 (); System.out.println("Done with message2."); }`. An arrow points from the `message2 () ;` call in the main method to this snippet. Another arrow points from the `message1 ();` call inside this snippet to the `message1 () ;` call in the main method.
- Snippet 3 (bottom):** `public static void message1() { System.out.println("This is message1."); }`. An arrow points from the `message1 ();` call inside the `message2` snippet to this snippet.

When to use methods

- Place statements into a static method if:
 - The statements are related structurally, and/or
 - The statements are repeated.
- You should not create static methods for:
 - An individual `println` statement.
 - Only blank lines. (Put blank `println`s in `main`.)
 - Unrelated or weakly related statements.
(Consider splitting them into two smaller methods.)

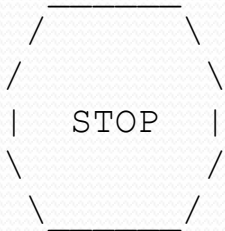
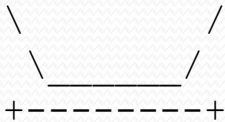
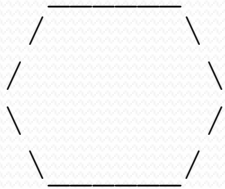
Drawing complex figures with static methods

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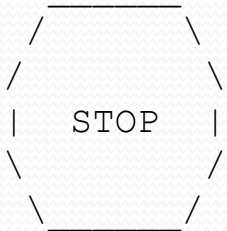
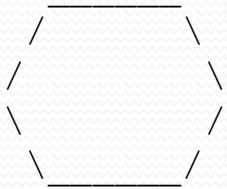
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Static methods question

- Write a program to print these figures using methods.



Development strategy



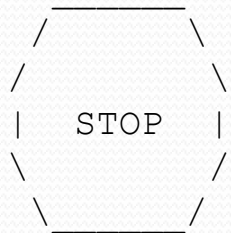
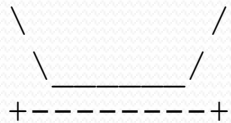
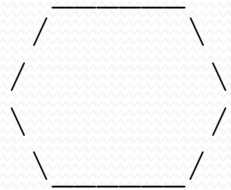
First version (unstructured):

- Create an empty program and `main` method.
- Copy the expected output into it, surrounding each line with `System.out.println` syntax.
- Run it to verify the output.

Program version 1

```
public class Figures1 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("      ");
        System.out.println(" /_____\\");
        System.out.println("/           \\");
        System.out.println("\\           /");
        System.out.println(" \\_____ /");
        System.out.println();
        System.out.println("\\           /");
        System.out.println(" \\_____ /");
        System.out.println("+-----+");
        System.out.println();
        System.out.println("      ");
        System.out.println(" /_____\\");
        System.out.println("/           \\");
        System.out.println("|   STOP   |");
        System.out.println("\\           /");
        System.out.println(" \\_____ /");
        System.out.println();
        System.out.println("      ");
        System.out.println(" /_____\\");
        System.out.println("/           \\");
        System.out.println("+-----+");
    }
}
```

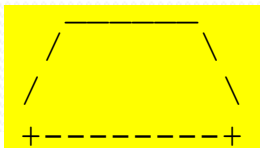
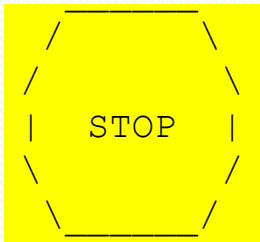
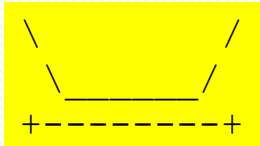
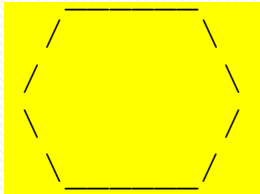

Development strategy 2



Second version (structured, with redundancy):

- Identify the structure of the output.
- Divide the `main` method into static methods based on this structure.

Output structure



The structure of the output:

- initial "egg" figure
- second "teacup" figure
- third "stop sign" figure
- fourth "hat" figure

This structure can be represented by methods:

- `egg`
- `teaCup`
- `stopSign`
- `hat`

Program version 2

```
public class Figures2 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        egg();
        teaCup();
        stopSign();
        hat();
    }

    public static void egg() {
        System.out.println("      ");
        System.out.println(" /      \\");
        System.out.println("/      \\");
        System.out.println("\\      /");
        System.out.println(" \\    /");
        System.out.println();
    }

    public static void teaCup() {
        System.out.println("\\      /");
        System.out.println(" \\    /");
        System.out.println("+-----+");
        System.out.println();
    }
    ...
}
```

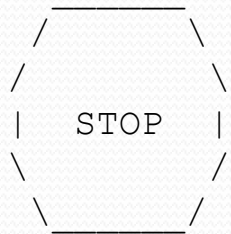
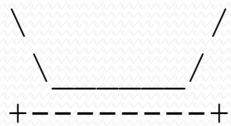
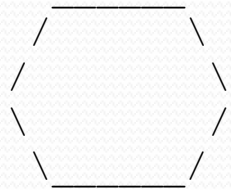
Program version 2, cont'd.

...

```
public static void stopSign() {  
    System.out.println("      ");  
    System.out.println(" /_____\\");  
    System.out.println("/           \\");  
    System.out.println("|   STOP   |");  
    System.out.println("\\           /");  
    System.out.println(" \\_____ /");  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

```
public static void hat() {  
    System.out.println("      ");  
    System.out.println(" /_____\\");  
    System.out.println("/           \\");  
    System.out.println("+-----+");  
}  
}
```

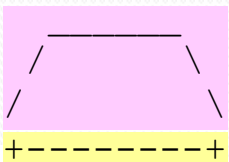
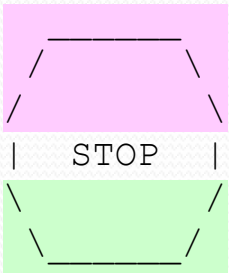
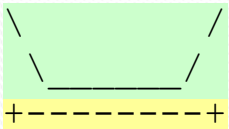
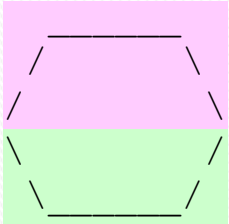
Development strategy 3



Third version (structured, without redundancy):

- Identify redundancy in the output, and create methods to eliminate as much as possible.
- Add comments to the program.

Output redundancy



The redundancy in the output:

- egg top: reused on stop sign, hat
- egg bottom: reused on teacup, stop sign
- divider line: used on teacup, hat

This redundancy can be fixed by methods:

- `eggTop`
- `eggBottom`
- `line`

Program version 3

```
// Suzy Student, CSE 138, Spring 2004
// Prints several figures, with methods for structure and redundancy.
public class Figures3 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        egg();
        teaCup();
        stopSign();
        hat();
    }

    // Draws the top half of an an egg figure.
    public static void eggTop() {
        System.out.println("      ");
        System.out.println(" /-----\\");
        System.out.println("/           \\");
    }

    // Draws the bottom half of an egg figure.
    public static void eggBottom() {
        System.out.println("\\           /");
        System.out.println(" \\-----/");
    }

    // Draws a complete egg figure.
    public static void egg() {
        eggTop();
        eggBottom();
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

...

Program version 3, cont'd.

...

```
// Draws a teacup figure.
```

```
public static void teaCup() {  
    eggBottom();  
    line();  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

```
// Draws a stop sign figure.
```

```
public static void stopSign() {  
    eggTop();  
    System.out.println("|  STOP  |");  
    eggBottom();  
    System.out.println();  
}
```

```
// Draws a figure that looks sort of like a hat.
```

```
public static void hat() {  
    eggTop();  
    line();  
}
```

```
// Draws a line of dashes.
```

```
public static void line() {  
    System.out.println("+-----+");  
}
```

```
}
```


Data and expressions

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Data types

- **type:** A category or set of data values.
 - Constrains the operations that can be performed on data
 - Many languages ask the programmer to specify types
 - Examples: integer, real number, string
- Internally, computers store everything as 1s and 0s
 - 104 → 01101000
 - "hi" → 01101000110101

Java's primitive types

- **primitive types**: 8 simple types for numbers, text, etc.
 - Java also has **object types**, which we'll talk about later

Name	Description	Examples
<code>int</code>	integers	<code>42, -3, 0, 926394</code>
<code>double</code>	real numbers	<code>3.1, -0.25, 9.4e3</code>
<code>char</code>	single text characters	<code>'a', 'X', '?', '\n'</code>
<code>boolean</code>	logical values	<code>true, false</code>

- Why does Java distinguish integers vs. real numbers?

Expressions

- **expression:** A value or operation that computes a value.
 - Examples: $1 + 4 * 5$
 $(7 + 2) * 6 / 3$
42
 - The simplest expression is a *literal value*.
 - A complex expression can use operators and parentheses.

Arithmetic operators

- **operator**: Combines multiple values or expressions.

+	addition
-	subtraction (or negation)
*	multiplication
/	division
%	modulus (a.k.a. remainder)

- As a program runs, its expressions are *evaluated*.
 - `1 + 1` evaluates to `2`
 - `System.out.println(3 * 4);` prints `12`
 - How would we print the text `3 * 4`?

Integer division with /

- When we divide integers, the quotient is also an integer.
 - $14 / 4$ is 3, not 3.5

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 4 \overline{) 14} \\ \underline{12} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 10 \overline{) 45} \\ \underline{40} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 52 \\ 27 \overline{) 1425} \\ \underline{135} \\ 75 \\ \underline{54} \\ 21 \end{array}$$

- More examples:

- $32 / 5$ is 6
- $84 / 10$ is 8
- $156 / 100$ is 1

- Dividing by 0 causes an error when your program runs.

Integer remainder with %

- The % operator computes the remainder from integer division.

- $14 \% 4$ is 2

- $218 \% 5$ is 3

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 4 \overline{) 14} \\ \underline{12} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 43 \\ 5 \overline{) 218} \\ \underline{20} \\ 18 \\ \underline{15} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

What is the result?

$$45 \% 6$$

$$2 \% 2$$

$$8 \% 20$$

$$11 \% 0$$

- Applications of % operator:

- Obtain last digit of a number: $230857 \% 10$ is 7

- Obtain last 4 digits: $658236489 \% 10000$ is 6489

- See whether a number is odd: $7 \% 2$ is 1, $42 \% 2$ is 0

Precedence

- **precedence:** Order in which operators are evaluated.

- Generally operators evaluate left-to-right.

$1 - 2 - 3$ is $(1 - 2) - 3$ which is -4

- But $*/\%$ have a higher level of precedence than $+/-$

$1 + 3 * 4$ is 13

$6 + 8 / 2 * 3$

$6 + 4 * 3$

$6 + 12$ is 18

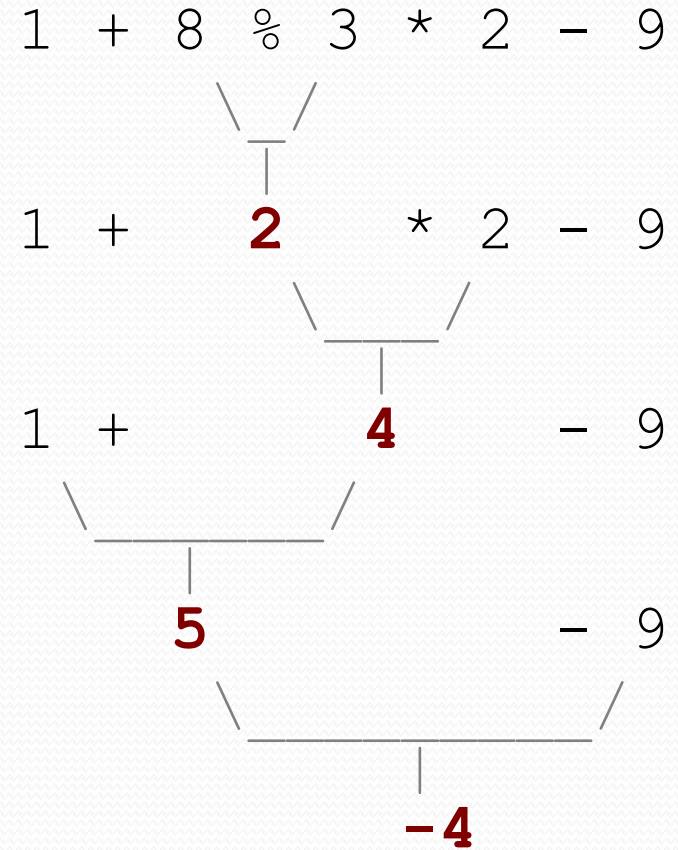
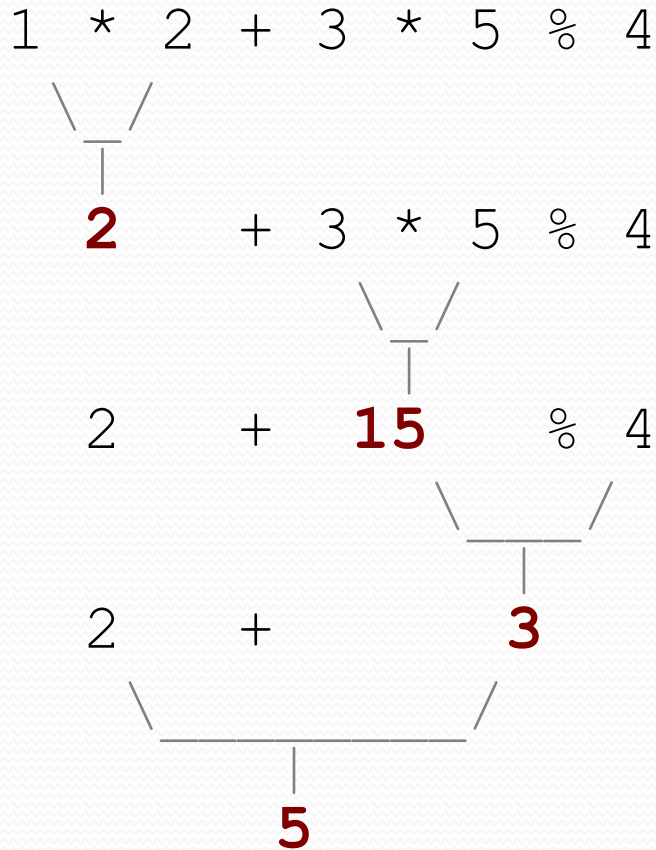
- Parentheses can force a certain order of evaluation:

$(1 + 3) * 4$ is 16

- Spacing does not affect order of evaluation

$1+3 * 4-2$ is 11

Precedence examples



Precedence questions

- What values result from the following expressions?
 - $9 / 5$
 - $695 \% 20$
 - $7 + 6 * 5$
 - $7 * 6 + 5$
 - $248 \% 100 / 5$
 - $6 * 3 - 9 / 4$
 - $(5 - 7) * 4$
 - $6 + (18 \% (17 - 12))$

Real numbers (type double)

- **Examples:** `6.022` , `-42.0` , `2.143e17`
 - Placing `.0` or `.` after an integer makes it a double.
- The operators `+-*/%()` all still work with double.
 - `/` produces an exact answer: `15.0 / 2.0` is `7.5`
 - Precedence is the same: `()` before `*/%` before `+-`

Real number example

$$2.0 * 2.4 + 2.25 * 4.0 / 2.0$$



4.8

$$+ 2.25 * 4.0 / 2.0$$



9.0

$$/ 2.0$$

4.8

+

4.8

+



4.5

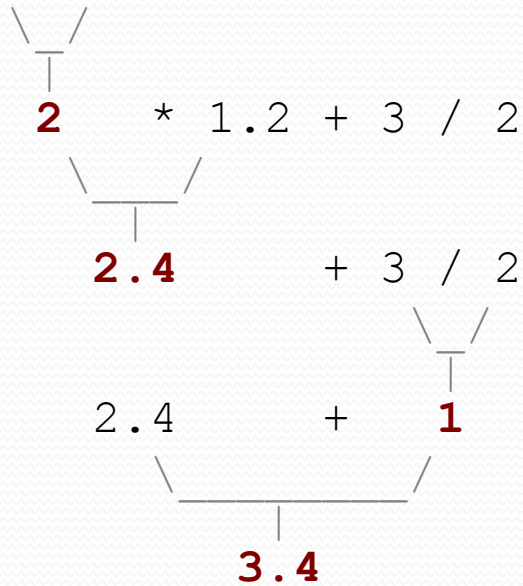


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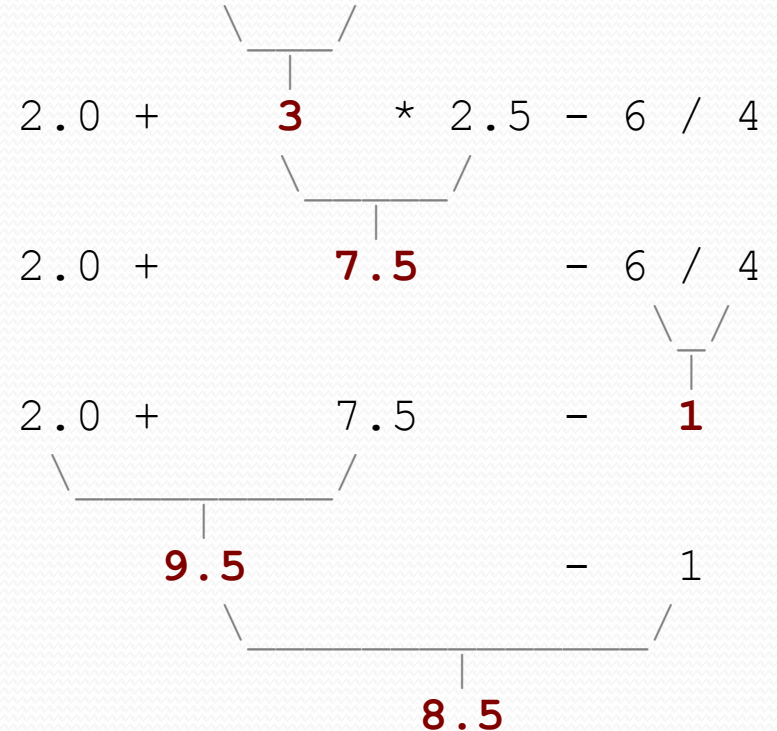
Mixing types

- When `int` and `double` are mixed, the result is a double.
 - `4.2 * 3` is `12.6`
- The conversion is per-operator, affecting only its operands.

`7 / 3 * 1.2 + 3 / 2`



`2.0 + 10 / 3 * 2.5 - 6 / 4`



- `3 / 2` is `1` above, not `1.5`.

String concatenation

- **string concatenation:** Using + between a string and another value to make a longer string.

"hello" + 42 is "hello42"

1 + "abc" + 2 is "1abc2"

"abc" + 1 + 2 is "abc12"

1 + 2 + "abc" is "3abc"

"abc" + 9 * 3 is "abc27"

"1" + 1 is "11"

4 - 1 + "abc" is "3abc"

- Use + to print a string and an expression's value together.

- `System.out.println("Grade: " + (95.1 + 71.9) / 2);`

- **Output:** Grade: 83.5