

CSE 121 Lesson 7: Methods, Parameters, Returns

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Today's playlist:
[121 24au lecture tunes](#)

Announcements, Reminders

- P1 is out, due next Tuesday October 22nd
 - Start early! This one is tough!
 - Doing P1 is *also* studying for the quiz!
- R1 released yesterday, due Thursday October 24
- Post-section work grades now on Canvas (!!)
 - in future: weekly-ish updates (but not instant)
- No PCM for next Wed :)

Quiz 0 (1/2)

- Quiz 0 is Thursday, Oct 24!
 - Big review opportunity: section on Tuesday, October 22nd
 - [Practice Quiz](#) is out!
 - stay tuned for potentially more resources
- General notes:
 - taken on your computer, in your quiz section
 - broadly: mostly focused on concepts, reading, and debugging code
 - covers material up to Wednesday's lecture (methods & parameters), but no further (e.g. no returns)

Quiz 0 (2/2)

- Policy notes
 - **Please read the policies & procedures in the practice quiz. You are responsible for following these rules.**
 - (live in lecture, let's go over some of these right now!!)
- Advice
 - do the practice quiz in an environment similar to the quiz: time yourself, only used allowed resources, etc.
 - organize your notes – open book doesn't mean “no notes required”!
 - go to section!!

(Review) Class Constants

A fixed value visible to the whole program (the entire *class*).

- Value can be set only at declaration; **cannot** be reassigned (so the value is constant)

```
public static final type NAME_OF_CONSTANT = expression;
```

(Review) Parameters

Definition: A value passed to a method by its caller

```
public static void myMethod(String musicalAct) {  
    System.out.print(musicalAct + " is the best!");  
    ...  
}
```

Calling a method with a parameter...

```
myMethod("Laufey"); // Laufey is the best!
```

(Review) Scope – in for loops

The part of a program where a variable exists.

- From its declaration to the end of the { } braces
- Ex: a variable declared in a for loop only exists in that loop

```
for (int outerLoop = 1; outerLoop <= 5; outerLoop++) {  
    System.out.println("outer loop iteration #" + outerLoop);  
    for (int innerLoop = 1; innerLoop <= 3; innerLoop++) {  
        System.out.println("    inner loop iteration #" + innerLoop);  
    }  
    System.out.println(outerLoop);  
}
```

innerloop's scope

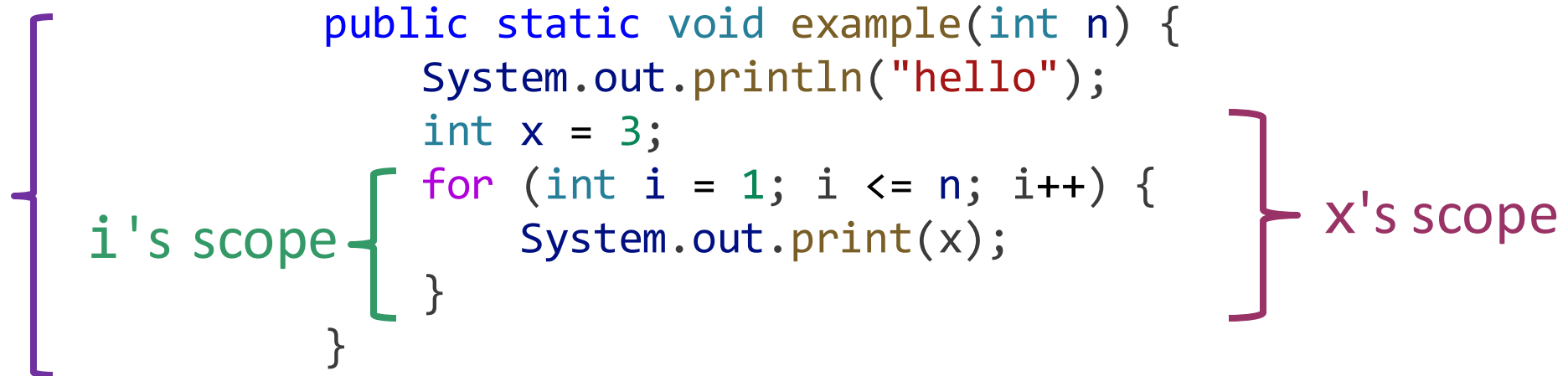
outerloop's scope

(Review) Scope – in methods

The part of a program where a variable exists.

- From its declaration to the end of the { } braces
- Ex: a variable declared in a method exists only in that method

n's scope



Poll in with your answer!



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What will be the **last line of output** from this code?

```
public static final int COUNT = 7;
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int count = 5;
    line(count);
    System.out.println("count is: " + count);
}
```

```
public static void line(int count) {
    for (int i = 1; i <= count; i++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    }
    count++;
    System.out.println();
}
```

A. count is: 1

B. count is: 5

C. count is: 6

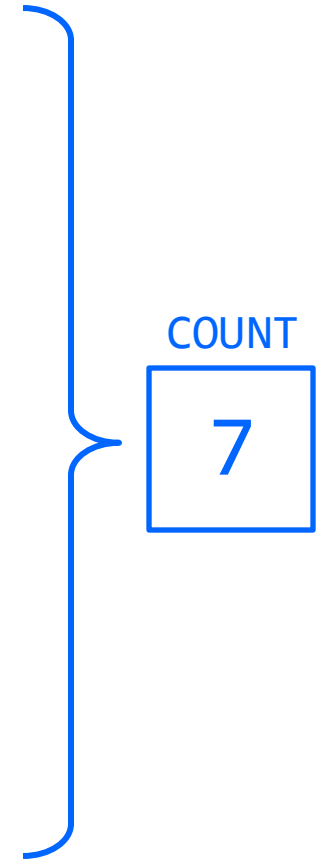
D. count is: 7

Walkthrough: Counting Counts

```
public static final int COUNT = 7;  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    int count = 5;  
    line(count);  
    System.out.println("count is: " + count);  
}
```



```
public static void line(int count) {  
    for (int i = 1; i <= count; i++) {  
        System.out.print("*");  
    }  
    count++;  
    System.out.println();  
}
```



(PCM) Returns

Returns allow us to send values *out of a method*

```
public static <type> myMethod(int num) {  
    System.out.print(num + " is the best!");  
    ...  
    return <value of correct type>  
}
```

Evaluates the expression

Returns this value to where
the method is called from

Method immediately exits

Calling a method that returns a value...

```
<type> result = myMethod(42);
```

(Recall) String Methods

Usage: `<string variable>.<method>(…)`

Method	Description
<code>length()</code>	Returns the length of the string.
<code>charAt(i)</code>	Returns the character at index <i>i</i> of the string
<code>indexOf(s)</code>	Returns the index of the first occurrence of <i>s</i> in the string; returns -1 if <i>s</i> doesn't appear in the string
<code>substring(i, j)</code> or <code>substring(i)</code>	Returns the characters in this string from <i>i</i> (inclusive) to <i>j</i> (exclusive); if <i>j</i> is omitted, goes until the end of the string
<code>contains(s)</code>	Returns whether or not the string contains <i>s</i>
<code>equals(s)</code>	Returns whether or not the string is equal to <i>s</i> (case-sensitive)
<code>equalsIgnoreCase(s)</code>	Returns whether or not the string is equal to <i>s</i> ignoring case
<code>toUpperCase()</code>	Returns an uppercase version of the string
<code>toLowerCase()</code>	Returns a lowercase version of the string

Returns & String Methods

```
String s = "bubblegum";
```

```
s = s.substring(7, 8).toUpperCase() + s.substring(8) + "ball";
```

```
s = "g".toUpperCase() + s.substring(8) + "ball";
```

```
s = "G" + s.substring(8) + "ball";
```

```
s = "G" + "um" + "ball";
```

Poll in with your answer!

To go from Celsius to Fahrenheit, you multiply by 1.8 and then add 32.
Which of these correctly implements this logic as a method?



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A.

```
public static void celsiusToF(double celsius) {  
    double fahrenheit = celsius * 1.8 + 32;  
    return fahrenheit;  
}
```

B.

```
public static void celsiusToF(double celsius) {  
    double fahrenheit = celsius * 1.8 + 32;  
}
```

C.

```
public static double celsiusToF(double celsius) {  
    int fahrenheit = celsius * 1.8 + 32;  
    return fahrenheit;  
}
```

D.

```
public static double celsiusToF(double celsius) {  
    return celsius * 1.8 + 32;  
}
```

Poll in with your answer!



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What value is returned from this method?

```
public static int returnExample() {  
    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
        return i;  
    }  
    return -1;  
}
```

A. -1

B. 0

C. 4

D. 5

Method Comments!

- Now that we know how to write methods, we have a new form of documentation (using comments) to write.
- Each method you write (except for main) should be accompanied by a short comment that describes what it does.
- **Be sure to comment on method behavior, and all parameters and returns of a method!**

```
// Randomly generates an addition problem where the
// operands are in the range 1-10 (inclusive), and prints the result
// rounded to two decimal places.
public static void addTwoRandomNumbers() {
    Random randy = new Random();
    int num1 = randy.nextInt(10) + 1;
    int num2 = randy.nextInt(10) + 1;
    int sum = num1 + num2;
    ...
}
```