

# CSE 121 – Lesson 8

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Today's playlist:  
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# Announcements, Reminders

- Alt Text video [walk-through](#) now available
- Programming Assignment 1 (P1) was due last night!
- Creative Project 2 (C2) releasing later today (due Feb 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Resubmission Cycle 1 (R1) due tomorrow, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> by 11:59pm
- Resubmission Cycle 2 (R2) opens tomorrow (due Feb 8<sup>th</sup>)
  - Eligible assignments: C0, P0, C1, P1
- Wednesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: Mid-term Formative Feedback in class
- Quiz 0 is tomorrow in your quiz section!
  - Quiz logistics [announced on Ed](#)

# Common Problem-Solving Strategies

- **Analogy** – Is this similar to another problem you've seen?
- **Brainstorming** – Consider steps to solve problem before jumping into code
  - Try to do an example "by hand" → outline steps
- **Solve sub-problems** – Is there a smaller part of the problem to solve?
- **Debugging** – Does your solution behave correctly?
  - What is it doing?
  - What do you expect it to do?
  - What area of your code controls that part of the output?
- **Iterative Development** – Can we start by solving a different problem that is easier?

# (Recall) Methods & Parameters

Definition: A value passed to a method by its caller

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

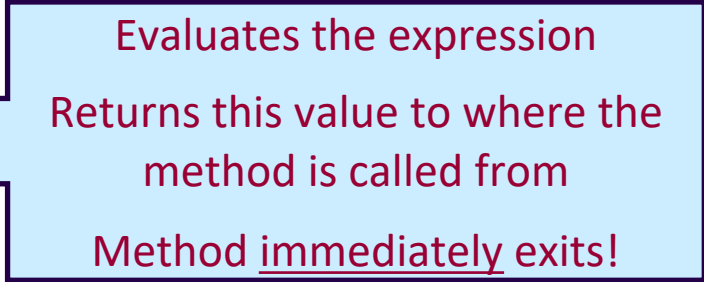
Calling a method with a parameter...

```
myMethod("Olivia Rodrigo"); // Prints out  
                             // "Olivia Rodrigo is  
                             // the best!"
```

# (Recall) Returns 1

Returns allow us to send values out of a method

```
public static <type> myMethod(<zero or more params>) {  
    ...  
    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(...);
```

## (Recall) Returns 2

Returns allow us to send values out of a method

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

Calling a method with a parameter...

```
String s = myMethod("Olivia Rodrigo"); // Prints and returns  
                                           // "Olivia Rodrigo is  
                                           // the best!"
```

# (Recall) Returns 3

Returns allow us to send values out of a method

```
public static String myMethod(String musicalAct) {  
    ...  
    return musicalAct + " is the best!"  
}
```

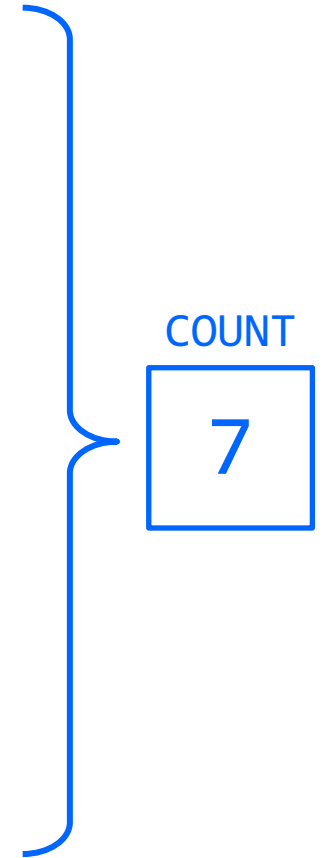
Calling a method with a parameter...

```
String s = myMethod("Olivia Rodrigo"); // Returns  
                                           // "Olivia Rodrigo is  
                                           // the best!"
```

# (Recall) Tricky Poll 1: Last line printed?

```
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();  
}
```

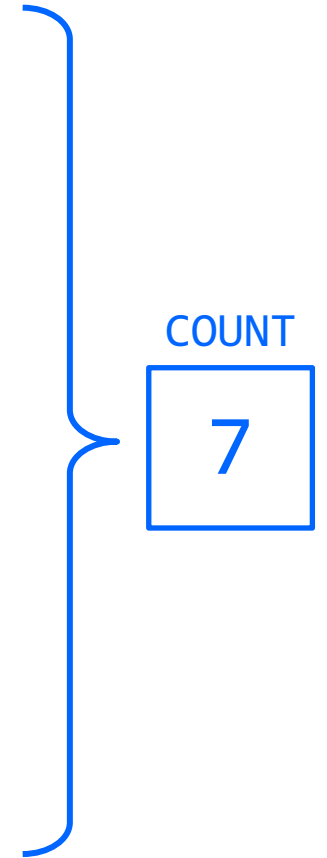




# Tricky Poll 1: Returnable

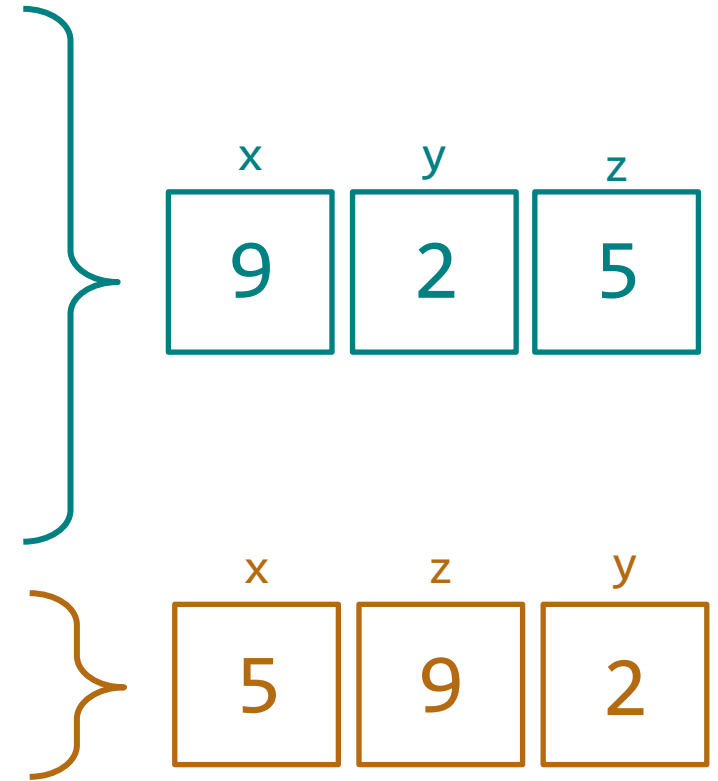
```
public static final int COUNT = 7;
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int count = 5;
    count = line(count);
    System.out.println("count is: " + count);
}
```

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



# Tricky Poll 2: x's, and y's, and z's, oh my.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    int x = 9;  
    int y = 2;  
    int z = 5;  
  
    mystery(z, y, x);  
  
    mystery(y, x, z);  
}  
  
public static void mystery(int x, int z, int y) {  
    System.out.println(z + " and " + (y - x));  
}
```



# Example of returns: Math class

Methods	Returns
<code>Math.abs(<i>value</i>)</code>	Absolute value of <i>value</i>
<code>Math.ceil(<i>value</i>)</code>	<i>value</i> rounded up
<code>Math.floor(<i>value</i>)</code>	<i>value</i> rounded down
<code>Math.max(<i>value1</i>, <i>value2</i>)</code>	Larger of the two given values
<code>Math.min(<i>value1</i>, <i>value2</i>)</code>	Smaller of the two given values
<code>Math.round(<i>value</i>)</code>	<i>value</i> rounded to the nearest whole number
<code>Math.sqrt(<i>value</i>)</code>	Square root of <i>value</i>
<code>Math.pow(<i>base</i>, <i>exp</i>)</code>	<i>base</i> to the <i>exp</i> power

# Math example

```
double value = 823.577564893;  
double roundedValue = (double) Math.round(value * 100) / 100;
```

# Poll in with your answer!



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What is the correct implementation of a maxDatingAge method?

**A.**

```
public static void maxDatingAge(int age) {  
    int maxDatingAge = age - 7 * 2;  
    return maxDatingAge;  
}
```

**B.**

```
public static void maxDatingAge(int age) {  
    int maxDatingAge = age - 7 * 2;  
}
```

**C.**

```
public static int maxDatingAge(int age) {  
    int maxDatingAge = (age - 7) * 2;  
    return maxDatingAge;  
}
```

**D.**

```
public static int maxDatingAge(int age) {  
    return (age - 7) * 2;  
}
```