

LEC 06

**CSE 121**

# Methods & Parameters

**Questions during Class?****Raise hand or send here****sli.do #cse121****BEFORE WE START*****Talk to your neighbors:***

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- Practice Problem
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# Announcements, Reminders

- Resubmission Cycle 0 (R0) due tomorrow, Thursday April 24
- P1: Election Simulator out today, due Tuesday April 29
- Quiz 0 is on Thursday, April 24 (in your registered quiz section)
  - can't make it? email Miya ASAP
- Reminder: [Ed Shortcuts page!](#)

# A bit more on Quiz 0

- Taken on paper, in your registered quiz section
  - [Quiz logistics in detail](#)
- Broadly: focused on concepts, reading, writing, and debugging code
- Main topics: printing, datatypes, expressions, variables, Strings, for loops
- You get to bring one sheet of notes (8.5x11in, or standard A4)
  - We are also providing a [reference sheet](#) on the exam

## Resources:

- [Practice quizzes](#)
- [Review session recording](#)
- Quiz section problems!

# A bit more on P1

1. this is a big jump from C1. **Start early!**
2. P1 does *not* require you to use methods (though you can!).
  - advice: feeling shaky on writing methods? don't do it for P1
3. advice: don't put off P1 to study for Quiz 0
  - easy way to fall behind in the class

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# Last Time: Random

A Random **object** generates *pseudo-random* numbers.

`nextInt(max)` returns a pseudo-random `int` value from `[0, max)`  
i.e. between 0 and `max-1`

Random	rand	= new Random();
type	name	Random creation code

`rand.nextInt(6) + 1`

# Last Time: Random

A Random **object** generates pseudo-random numbers.

- the Random **class** is found in the `java.util` **package**; to use, need  
`import java.util.*;`
- we can “seed” the generator to make it behave deterministically

Method	Description
<code>nextInt()</code>	Returns a random integer
<code>nextInt(max)</code>	Returns a random integer in the range $[0, max]$ , or in other words, 0 to $max-1$ inclusive
<code>nextDouble()</code>	Returns a random double in the range $[0.0, 1.0]$

# Last Time: Math

Calling:  
**Math.<method>(...)**

Method	Description
<code>Math.abs(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns the absolute value of <i>value</i>
<code>Math.ceil(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns <i>value</i> rounded up
<code>Math.floor(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns <i>value</i> rounded down
<code>Math.max(<i>value1</i>, <i>value2</i>)</code>	Returns the larger of the two values
<code>Math.min(<i>value1</i>, <i>value2</i>)</code>	Returns the smaller of the two values
<code>Math.round(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns <i>value</i> rounded to the nearest whole number* note: need to cast result to int (it's complicated!)
<code>Math.sqrt(<i>value</i>)</code>	Returns the square root of <i>value</i>
<code>Math.pow(<i>base</i>, <i>exp</i>)</code>	Returns <i>base</i> raised to the <i>exp</i> power

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# PCM: Methods

Writing our own **methods** allows us to define our own commands!  
(naming conventions for methods are same as variables: camelCased)

```
public static void myMethod() {  
    /**/  
     Your code here  
    */  
}
```



# Practice: Think



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```
public class HelloGoodbye {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        welcome();  
        hello();  
        goodbye();  
    }  
  
    public static void hello() {  
        System.out.print("Hello! ");  
        glad();  
    }  
  
    public static void goodbye() {  
        System.out.println("Goodbye!");  
    }  
  
    public static void welcome() {  
        System.out.print("Welcome! ");  
        glad();  
    }  
  
    public static void glad() {  
        System.out.println("Glad you're here.");  
    }  
}
```

**What is the output of this program?**

A.

Welcome! Glad you're here.  
Hello! Glad you're here.  
Goodbye!

C.

Welcome! Hello! Goodbye!

B.

Welcome!  
Hello!  
Goodbye!

D.

Welcome!  
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# Practice: Pair

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# PCM: Parameters

Definition: a value passed to a method by its caller. “Like” a variable!

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

Calling a method with a parameter...

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

# PCM: Scope, Redux

Our scope rules also apply to methods and parameters!

- General rule: from its **declaration to the next closing brace, }**
- a variable declared in a method only exists in that method!

```
public static void example(int n) {  
    System.out.println("hello");  
    int x = 3;  
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {  
        System.out.print(x);  
    }  
}
```

The diagram illustrates the scope of variables in the provided Java code. Three curly braces are placed around specific parts of the code to indicate their respective scopes:

- A green brace on the left, spanning from the opening brace of the method definition to the closing brace at the end of the block, is labeled "i's scope".
- A purple brace in the middle, spanning from the declaration of variable *x* to the closing brace of the *for* loop, is labeled "x's scope".
- A blue brace on the right, spanning from the declaration of variable *n* to the closing brace of the entire method, is labeled "n's scope".

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# New: Method Comments

Each method you write (except main) should have a short comment!

```
// 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;  
    ...  
}
```

# New: Class Constants

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

Value is set at declaration, **cannot** be reassigned – value is *constant*.

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