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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. */`

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Using comments

- Comments are useful for:
 - Understanding larger, more complex programs.
 - Working in teams – understanding each other's code.
 - Augmenting your own memory!
 - Brainstorming.
- 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

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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");
    }
}
```

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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 for 10 minutes.
 - Place the cookies into the oven.
 - Allow the cookies to bake.
 - Spread frosting and sprinkles onto the cookies.
 - ...



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Problems with algorithms

- **lack of structure:** Many steps; tough to follow.
- **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 for 10 minutes.
 - Place the first batch of cookies into the oven.
 - Allow the cookies to bake.
 - Set the timer for 10 minutes.
 - Place the second batch of cookies into the oven.
 - Allow the cookies to bake.
 - Mix ingredients for frosting.
 - ...

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Structured algorithms

- **structured algorithm:** Split into coherent tasks.
 - 1 Make the 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 for 10 minutes.
 - Place the cookies into the oven.
 - Allow the cookies to bake.
 - 3 Decorate the cookies.**
 - Mix the ingredients for the frosting.
 - Spread frosting and sprinkles onto the cookies.

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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 for 10 minutes.
 - ...
 - 2b Bake the cookies (second batch).**
 - Repeat Step 2a
 - 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 for 10 minutes.");
        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 for 10 minutes.");
        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.");
    }
}
    
```

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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.

class

method A

- statement
- statement
- statement

method B

- statement
- statement

method C

- statement
- statement
- statement

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Using static methods

- Design** (think about) the algorithm.
 - Look at the structure, and which commands are repeated.
 - Decide what are the important overall tasks.
- Declare** (write down) the methods.
 - Arrange statements into groups and give each group a name.
- Call** (run) the methods.
 - The program's `main` method executes the other methods to perform the overall task.

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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 for 10 minutes.");
        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 for 10 minutes.");
        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.");
    }
}
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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.");
}
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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.
```

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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
```

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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 for 10 minutes.");
        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.");
    }
}
```

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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.
```

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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() {
        message1();
        message2();
        System.out.println("Done with message2.");
    }
    ...
}

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.");
}

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

```

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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.)

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Drawing complex figures with static methods

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(Ch. 1 Case Study: DrawFigures)

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Static methods question

- Write a program to print these figures using methods.

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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.

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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(" \      /");
        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("  /  \");
        System.out.println(" /    \");
        System.out.println("/      \");
        System.out.println(" \      /");
        System.out.println("  \    /");
        System.out.println("   \  /");
        System.out.println("    \/");
        System.out.println("-----");
    }
}

```

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Development strategy 2

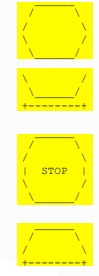


Second version (structured, with redundancy):

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

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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`

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Program version 2

```

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

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

```

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Program version 2, cont'd.

```


...
public static void stopSign() {
    System.out.println("\n");
    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();
}

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

```

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Development strategy 3

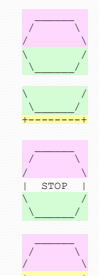


Third version (structured, without redundancy):

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

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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`

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Program version 3

```
// Suzy Student, CSE 138, Spring 2094
// 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();
    }

    ...
}
```

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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() {
    line();
}

// Draws a line of dashes.
public static void line() {
    System.out.println("+-----+");
}
}
```

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