

# Fundamentals of Programming for Computational Linguists

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Part 4.1: Programming – Putting everything together

**Note: Please log in and start Eclipse!**

# Recap: Algorithm of the day

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```
students = ["Peter", "Mary", "Lisa", "John"]
```

```
x = -1
```

```
for each position from 1 to 4:
```

```
    if students[position] == "Lisa":
```

```
        x = position
```

```
print x
```

**What does this algorithm do? What will x contain?**

# Recap: Variables

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```
1 int a = 10;  
2 int b = 5;  
3  
4 // swap the two numbers  
5 a = b;  
6 b = a;  
7  
8 System.out.println(a);  
9 System.out.println(b);
```

**Not what we may have expected ...**



5  
5

# Recap: Variables

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```
1 int a = 10;
2 int b = 5;
3
4 // actual swap
5 int temp;
6 temp = a;
7 a = b;
8 b = temp;
9
10 System.out.println(a);
11 System.out.println(b);
```



5  
10

# Recap: if

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```
1 boolean a = true;
2 boolean b = false;
3
4 if (a & ! b) {
5     System.out.println("a and not b");
6 }
7 else {
8     System.out.println("the opposite");
9 }
```

# Recap: if

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```
1 int x = 15;
2 int y = 20;
3
4
5 if (y < x) {
6     System.out.println("y is smaller");
7 }
8 else {
9     System.out.println("y is not smaller");
10 }
```

# Looping with while

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```
1 int i = 0;  
2  
3 while (i < 4) {  
4   System.out.println(i);  
5   i = i + 1;  
6 }
```

```
0  
1  
2  
3
```

**Done!**

# Looping with while

---

```
1 int i = 1;
2
3 while (i <= 6) {
4     if (i % 3 == 0) {
5         System.out.println(i);
6     }
7     i = i + 1;
8 }
```

3  
6

**Done!**



# Looping with while

---

```
1 int i = 3;  
2  
3 while (i <= 6) {  
4     System.out.println(i);  
5     i = i + 3;  
6 }
```

3  
6

**Done!**

# Looping with while

---

```
1 int i = 0;  
2  
3 while (i < 5) {  
4     i = i + 1;  
5     System.out.println("bla");  
6 }
```

```
bla  
bla  
bla  
bla  
bla
```

# Looping with while

---

```
1 int i = 0;  
2 String result = "";  
3  
4 while (i < 5) {  
5     i = i + 1;  
6     result = result + "bla";  
7     System.out.println(result);  
8 }
```

```
bla  
blabla  
blablabla  
blablablabla  
blablablablabla
```

# Looping with while

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```
1 int i = 0;
2 int result = 0;
3
4 while (true) {
5     i = i + 1;
6     result = result + i;
7     System.out.println(result);
8 }
```

```
1
3
6
10
15
```

# Yesterday's assignments

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# Looping with for

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There's a special loop for counting things


```
1 int result = 0;
2
3 for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
4   result = result + i;
5 }
6
7 System.out.println(result);
```



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- **Question:** What does this program print?
- The for loop has three parts:
  - declaration of the **loop counter** `int i = 0;`
  - the loop condition `i < 5;`
  - the update `i++;`

`i++` means  
`i = i + 1`



# Example: Looping with for

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What does this loop print?

```
1 for (int i = 0; i < 7; i++) {  
2   System.out.println(i);  
3 }
```

0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6

# Example: Looping with for

---

What does this loop print?

```
1 for (int i = 0; i < 7; i++) {  
2   System.out.println(i + 2);  
3 }
```

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8



# Example: Looping with for

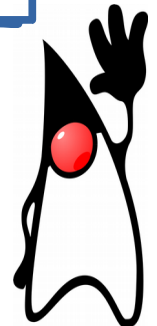
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What does this program print?

```
1 int result = 0;  
2  
3 for (int i = 1; i < 4; i++) {  
4   result = result + i;  
5 }
```

1  
3  
6

Exercises 3.1 & 3.2

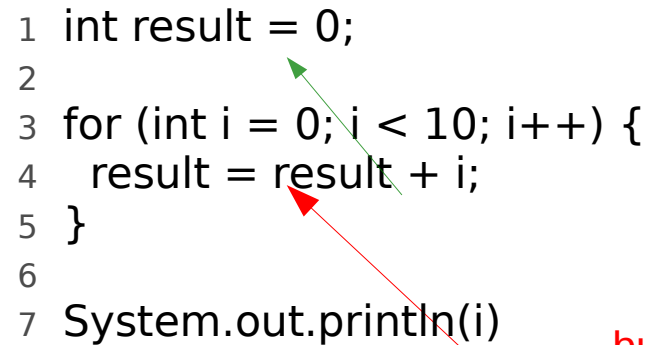


# Variable scope

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loop can access  
variables from  
outside ...

```
1 int result = 0;  
2  
3 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
4   result = result + i;  
5 }  
6  
7 System.out.println(i)
```



but variables  
from within the  
loop will be gone

- Variables live where they were declared!
- Variable **in loop** exists only **in loop**
- After the loop ends, the variable is gone

# Arrays

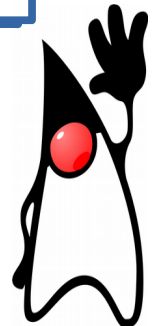
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Multiple variables of the same type that belong together

```
1 String[] studentNames = {"Mary", "Peter", "John"};
                                0       1       2
```

a sequence of 3  
String variables

Declare a new  
int array and put  
some numbers into it



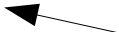
# Arrays

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What if we don't know the values before?

```
1 String[] studentNames = new String[3];  
2  
3 // later ...  
4 studentNames[0] = "Mary";  
5 studentNames[1] = "Peter";  
6 studentNames[2] = "Lisa";
```

a sequence of 3  
String variables



the "index"



# Arrays

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What if we access an element beyond the size of the array?

```
1 String[] studentNames = new String[3];  
2  
3 // later ...  
4 studentNames[4] = "Frank";
```



the 4<sup>th</sup> element?!

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 4  
at de.ims.javaclass.Testing.main(Arrays.java:4)
```

# Using arrays

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```
1 String[] studentNames = {"Mary", "Peter", "John"};
2
3 System.out.println(studentNames[1]);
4
5 studentNames[2] = "Paula";
6
7 System.out.println(studentNames.length);
8
9 System.out.println(studentNames);
```

```
Peter
3
[Ljava.lang.String;@15db9742
```

# Looping over arrays

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```
1 String[] studentNames = {"Mary", "Peter", "Paula"};  
2  
3 for (int i = 0; i < studentNames.length; i++) {  
4     System.out.println(studentNames[i]);  
5 }
```



```
Mary  
Peter  
Paula
```

# Putting things together

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```
1 String[] names = {"Sue", "Jeff", "Lisa", "Mary", "Daniel"};
2
3 String firstName = names[0];
4 String secondName = names[1];
5
6 System.out.println(firstName);
7 System.out.println(secondName);
8
9 System.out.println(names[0]);
10 System.out.println(names[1]);
11
12 String replacement = "Stephen";
13 names[0] = replacement;
14
15 System.out.println(names[0]);
16 System.out.println(firstName);
```

```
Sue
Jeff
Sue
Jeff
Stephen
Sue
```



# Putting things together

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```
1 String[] names = {"Sue", "Jeff", "Lisa", "Mary", "Daniel"};
2
3 int numberOfNames = names.length;
4 int highestIndex = numberOfNames - 1;
5
6 System.out.println(highestIndex);
7
8 String lastName = names[highestIndex];
9
10 System.out.println(lastName);
```



```
4
Daniel
```

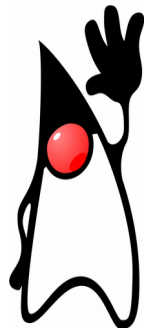
# Putting things together

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```
1 String[] names = {"Sue", "Jeff", "Lisa", "Mary", "Daniel"};
2
3 System.out.println(names[0]);
4 System.out.println(names.length);
5
6 System.out.println(names[2]);
7 System.out.println(names[1 + 2]);
8
9 int i = 4;
10 System.out.println(names[i]);
11
12 i = 2;
13 System.out.println(names[i]);
14
15 int aNumber = 3;
16 System.out.println(names[aNumber]);
17
18 System.out.println(names[aNumber - 2]);
19
20 System.out.println(names[names.length - 1]);
```

```
Sue
5
Lisa
Mary
Daniel
Lisa
Mary
Jeff
Daniel
```

Exercises 3.3 & 3.4



# Recap: Looping with for

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What does this loop print?

```
1 for (int i = 0; i < 7; i++) {  
2   System.out.println(i);  
3 }
```

0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6

# Recap: Looping with for

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What does this loop print?

```
1 for (int i = 0; i < 7; i++) {  
2   System.out.println(i + 2);  
3 }
```

2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8

# Fundamentals of Programming for Computational Linguists

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Part 4.2: Algorithms and functions

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# Recap: Arrays

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```
1 String[] names = {"Sue", "Jeff", "Lisa", "Mary", "Daniel"};
2
3 String nameAt2 = names[2];
4
5 System.out.println(nameAt2);
6
7 nameAt2 = "Amy";
8
9 System.out.println(nameAt2);
10 System.out.println(names[2]);
11
12 System.out.println(names.length);
```

```
Lisa
Amy
Lisa
5
```

# Recap: Looping with for

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What does this loop print?

```
1 for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
2   System.out.println(i);  
3 }
```

0  
1  
2  
3  
4

# Recap: Looping with for

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What does this loop print?

```
1 for (int i = 6; i > 1; i--) {  
2   System.out.println(i);  
3 }
```

```
6  
5  
4  
3  
2
```



# Recap: Looping with for

---

What does this loop print?

```
1 for (int i = 0; i < 7; i++) {  
2   System.out.println(7 - i);  
3 }
```

```
7  
6  
5  
4  
3  
2  
1
```

# Exercise: Looping with for

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What does this loop print?

```
1 String[] words = {"A", "B", "C"};
2
3 for (int i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {
4     System.out.println(words[i]);
5 }
```

A  
B  
C

# Exercise: Looping with for

---

What does this loop print?

```
1 String[] words = {"A", "B", "C", "D", "E"};
2
3 for (int i = 2; i < words.length; i++) {
4     System.out.println(words[i]);
5 }
```

C  
D  
E

# Exercise: Looping with for

---

What does this loop print?

```
1 String[] words = {"A", "B", "C"};
2 String result = "";
3
4 for (int i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {
5     result = result + words[i];
6 }
7
8 System.out.println(result);
```

ABC

# Exercise: Looping with for

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What does this loop print?

```
1 String[] words = {"A", "B", "C"};
2 String result = "";
3
4 for (int i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {
5     result = result + words[words.length - i];
6 }
7
8 System.out.println(result);
```

**ERROR**  
**!**

# Exercise: Looping with for

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What does this loop print?

```
1 String[] words = {"A", "B", "C"};
2 result = "";
3
4 for (int i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {
5     result = result + words[words.length - (i + 1)];
6 }
7
8 System.out.println(result);
```

CBA

# Nested loops

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```
1 for (int i = 1; i < 6; i++) {  
2   for (int j = 1; j < 6; j++) {  
3     System.out.print(i * j);  
4     System.out.print(" ");  
5   }  
6  
7   System.out.println();  
8 }
```

```
1 2 3 4 5  
2 4 6 8 10  
3 6 9 12 15  
4 8 12 16 20  
5 10 15 20 25
```

# More loops

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```
1 String[] words = {"A", "B", "C"};
2
3 for (int i = 0; i < words.length; i++) {
4     for (int j = 0; j < words.length; j++) {
5         System.out.println(words[i] + " " + words[j]);
6     }
7 }
8
```

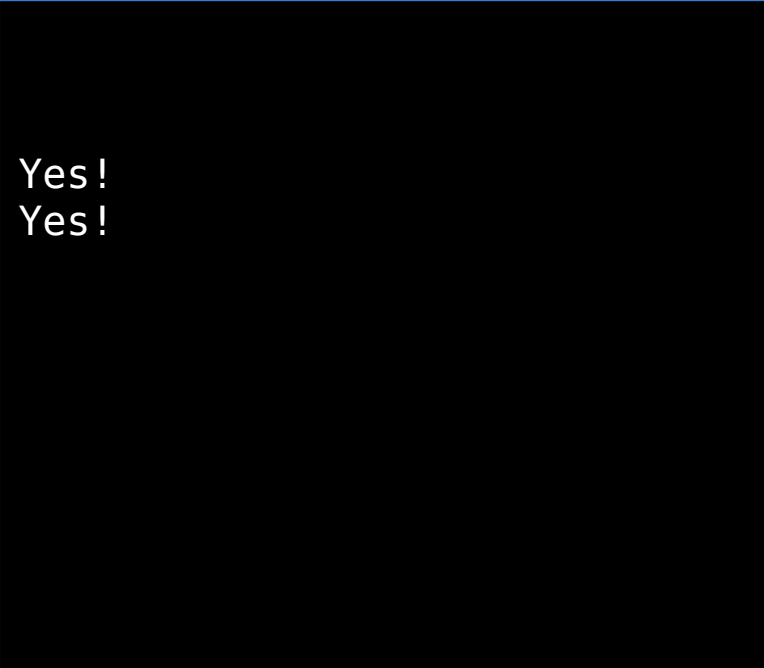
```
A A
A B
A C
B A
B B
B C
C A
C B
C C
```



# More loops

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```
1 int[] numbers1 = {1, 3, 5};
2 int[] numbers2 = {2, 1, 3};
3
4 for (int i = 0; i < numbers1.length; i++) {
5     for (int j = 0; j < numbers2.length; j++) {
6         if (numbers1[i] == numbers2[j]) {
7             System.out.println("Yes!");
8         }
9     }
10 }
11
```



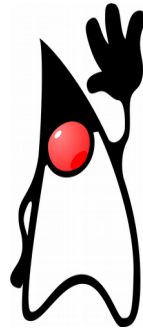
Yes!  
Yes!

# More loops

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```
1 String[] words1 = {"the", "book", "is", "long"};
2 String[] words2 = {"a", "parrot"};
3
4 for (int i = 0; i < words1.length; i++) {
5     for (int j = 0; j < words2.length; j++) {
6         System.out.println(words1[i] + " " + words2[j]);
7     }
8 }
9
```

Exercise 4.3 + 5



```
the a
the parrot
book a
book parrot
is a
is parrot
long a
long parrot
```

# More array operations

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## Sorting an array

```
1 int[] someNumbers = {7, 99, 3, 2, 15};  
2  
3 Arrays.sort(someNumbers);
```

```
[2, 3, 7, 15, 99]
```

## Printing an array

```
4 System.out.println(Arrays.toString(someNumbers))  
;
```

# Implementing an algorithm

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Imagine the following problems

1. Find out whether the word “platypus” occurs in *Harry Potter*
2. Find out whether the word “platypus” occurs in an English dictionary

**Is one of these problems easier than the other?**

**Why?**

In the dictionary, words are ordered alphabetically!

# Binary search

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1 2 3 6 8 10 17 29 35 41 42 49 60 77 87 90 120

**Question:** is the number 77 in the list?

**Idea:** “rule out” parts of the list

# Binary search (simplified)

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1 2 3 6 8 10 17 29 35 41 42 49 60 77 87 90 120

INPUT: integer array A, integer t

OUTPUT: true, if t is in A

```
1 l = 0
2 r = n - 1 // n is the length of A
3 while (not(l > r))
4     m = floor((l + r)/2)
5     if A[m] < t
6         l = m + 1
7     if A[m] > t
8         r = m - 1
9     if A[m] = t
10        print true
11        break
```

*in Java?*

# Summary: Arrays

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```
1 String[] studentNames = {"Mary", "Peter", "John"};
```

- An array is a sequence of variables of the same types
- We can access elements by index
- We can change elements
- The number of elements is fixed at the beginning
  - We cannot increase array with extra elements!
  - We cannot delete elements to decrease array!

# Functions

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```
1 class Example {
2   public static void main (String[] args) {
3     String[] words1 = ...;
4     String[] words2 = ...;
5     String[] words3 = ...;
6     String[] words4 = ...;
7
8     for (int i = words1.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
9       System.out.println(words1[i]);
10    }
11  }
12 }
```

**First question: what does this program do again?**

**What if I want to print the other arrays as well?**



# Functions

---

```
1 class Example {
2   public static void main (String[] args) {
3     String[] words1 = ...;
4     String[] words2 = ...;
5     String[] words3 = ...;
6     String[] words4 = ...;
7
8     for (int i = words1.length - 1; i >= 0; i++) {
9       System.out.println(words1[i]);
10    }
11
12    for (int i = words2.length - 1; i >= 0; i++) {
13      System.out.println(words2[i]);
14    }
15
16    for (int i = words3.length - 1; i >= 0; i++) {
17      System.out.println(words1[i]);
18    }
19
20    for (int i = words4.length - 1; i >= 0; i++) {
21      System.out.println(words4[i]);
22    }
23  }
24 }
```

# Functions

---

```
1 for (int i = words1.length - 1; i >= 0; i++) {  
2     System.out.println(words1[i]);  
3 }  
4
```

```
1 for (int i = someArray.length - 1; i >= 0; i++) {  
2     System.out.println(someArray[i]);  
3 }  
4
```

```
1 static void printArray (String[] someArray) {  
2     for (int i = someArray.length - 1; i >= 0; i++) {  
3         System.out.println(someArray[i]);  
4     }  
5 }
```

# Functions

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```
1 class Example {
2   static void printArray (String[] someArray) {
3     for (int i = someArray.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
4       System.out.println(someArray[i]);
5     }
6   }
7
8   public static void main (String[] args) {
9     String[] words1 = ...;
10    String[] words2 = ...;
11    String[] words3 = ...;
12    String[] words4 = ...;
13
14    printArray(words1);
15    printArray(words2);
16    printArray(words3);
17    printArray(words4);
18  }
19 }
```

# Functions with return values

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```
1 class Example {
2   public static void main (String[] args) {
3     System.out.println(4 * 4 + 3);
4     System.out.println(3 * 3 + 2);
5     System.out.println(5 * 5 + 4);
6     System.out.println(12 * 12 + 11);
7   }
8 }
```

```
19
11
29
155
```

Print statements do not pass information  
We cannot reuse results in later computations

**We want to be able to pass information to other methods/functions**

**We want to make our program more concise, write a line of code instead of possibly k lines for each possible variable**

# Functions with return values

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We need to specify the value to be returned and its type:

```
1 static int squarePlusSomething (int number) {  
2     int result = number * number + (number - 1);  
3     return result;  
4 }
```

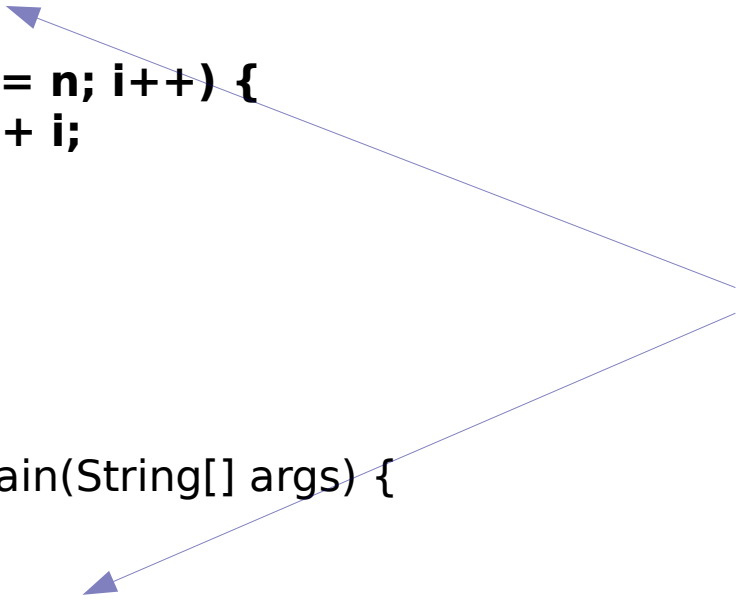
# Functions with return values

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- **Example:** a **function** that sums up all numbers up to n

```
1 class OurProgram {
2
3   static int sumUpTo(int n) {
4     int sum = 0;
5
6     for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
7       result = result + i;
8     }
9
10    return sum;
11  }
12
13
14  public static void main(String[] args) {
15    // ...
16  }
17 }
```

our program  
now has  
> 1 functions



# Functions with return values

---

```
1 static int sumUpTo(int n) {
2     int sum = 0;
3
4     for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
5         sum = sum + i;
6     }
7
8     return sum;
9 }
```

**Our function can be used in our main program as follows**

```
1 public static void main (String[] args) {
2     System.out.println(sumUpTo(3));
3     System.out.println(sumUpTo(10));
4     System.out.println(sumUpTo(22));
5 }
```

```
ente:~$ java Sum
6
55
253
```

# Functions (summing up)

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return type      function name      arguments

```
1 static int sumHowYouLike(int n, int m) {  
2   int sum = 0;  
3  
4   // some computation ...  
5  
6   return sum;  
7 }
```

return  
the "return value"

```
1 System.out.println(sumHowYouLike(3,2));
```

function  
is "called"

with the  
arguments  
3 and 2

return value  
is "inserted" here



# Functions (summing up)

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- You've seen some examples of functions before
- **Example 1:** the printing function

```
1 System.out.println(5);
```

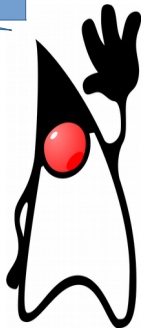
- **Question:** What's different between this function and our `sumUpTo(5)`?

- **Example 2:** the main function

```
1 public static void main (String[] args) {  
2  
3 }
```

Exercise 4.3

- **Question:** What's different between this function and the others?

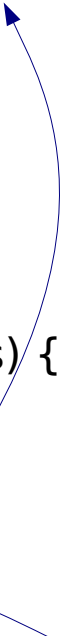


# Variable scope for functions


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```
1 static double circumference(double r) {
2   r = r * 2; // diameter
3
4   double result = r * 3.14;
5
6   return result;
7 }
8
9 public static void main(String[] args) {
10  int radius = 10;
11
12  double c = circumference(radius);
13
14  System.out.println(radius);
15
16  System.out.println(result);
17 }
18
```


value is copied



r is still  
10



error,  
result doesn't  
exist in main!



- Variables live where they were declared!
- Variable **in function** exists only **within function**
- Variable **in loop** exists only **in loop**
- Variable **in condition** exists only **in condition**

...

# String processing

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1 String sentence = "This is a nice sentence!";

## Lowercasing and uppercasing

2 System.out.println( sentence.toLowerCase() );

3 System.out.println( sentence.toUpperCase() );

```
this is a nice sentence!  
THIS IS A NICE SENTENCE!  
text  
awesome  
[This, is, a, nice, sentence!]
```

## Trimming


5 String manySpaces = "

6 System.out.println( manySpaces.trim() );

text

“;

removes the spaces  
around the string



## Replacement

5 String word = "awful";

6 word = word.replace("ful", "some");

7 System.out.println(word);

## Splitting at spaces

4 String[] tokens = sentence.split(" ");

5 System.out.println( Arrays.toString(tokens) );

# Some more string processing

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```
1 String sentence = "This is a nice sentence!";
```

## Length of a string

```
2 int length = sentence.length();  
3 System.out.println(length);
```

## Structure of the string

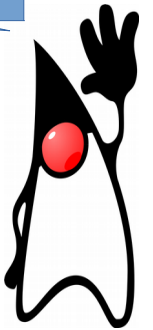
```
4 System.out.println( sentence.contains("ice") );  
5 System.out.println( sentence.startsWith("That") );  
6 System.out.println( sentence.endsWith("!") );
```

## Cutting parts

```
7 String part = sentence.substring(16,20);  
8 System.out.println( part );
```

```
24  
true  
false  
true  
ente
```

Exercise 4.4



# That's all!

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## What we covered

- Algorithms
- Basic programming
- Basic Java

## What's missing

- Practice
- Lots of neat built-in functionality
- Other programming languages
- OOP

# What's wrong with this program

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```
1 name = "Peter"  
2 i = 10  
3  
4 names = ["Mary", "Peter", "Sue"]  
5  
6 for name in names:  
7     print "Hi", name
```

## **Answer: Nothing, it's a program in Python**

- Types are not explicit anymore
- Loops can go directly over the list, no need for index
- Overall less verbose/cluttered
- **But: Internally, the things you learned here still apply!**
- **This is why you learned things the “hard” way first!**