

Classes

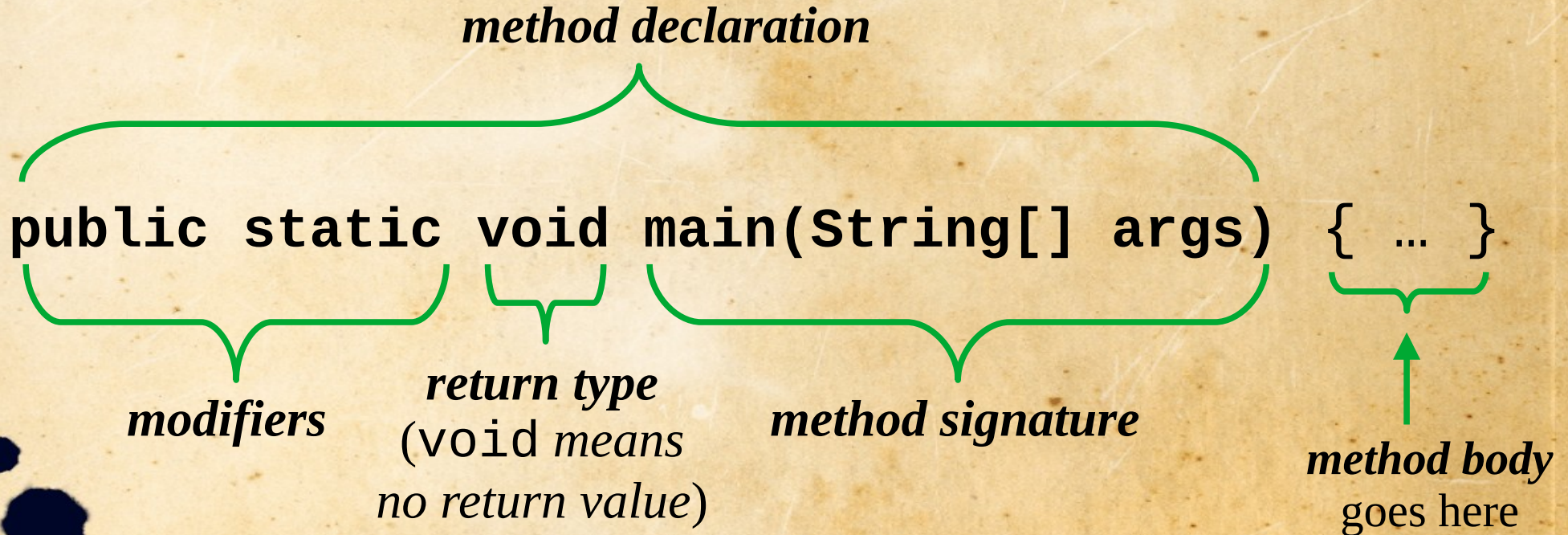
Writing `public static` Methods

Lecture Contents

- Review
 - Method Declaration Syntax
 - `static` Methods
 - Parameters
 - Return Values

Method Declaration Syntax

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- These are the parts of the *method signature*.
 - The method signature must be unique within a class.

method signature

main(String[] args)

*method
identifier
(label / name)*

parameters

A diagram illustrating the components of a Java method signature. The text 'main(String[] args)' is centered. A large green curly brace above it spans the entire text and is labeled 'method signature'. A smaller green curly brace below the text is positioned under 'main' and is labeled 'method identifier (label / name)'. Another green curly brace below the text is positioned under 'String[] args' and is labeled 'parameters'.

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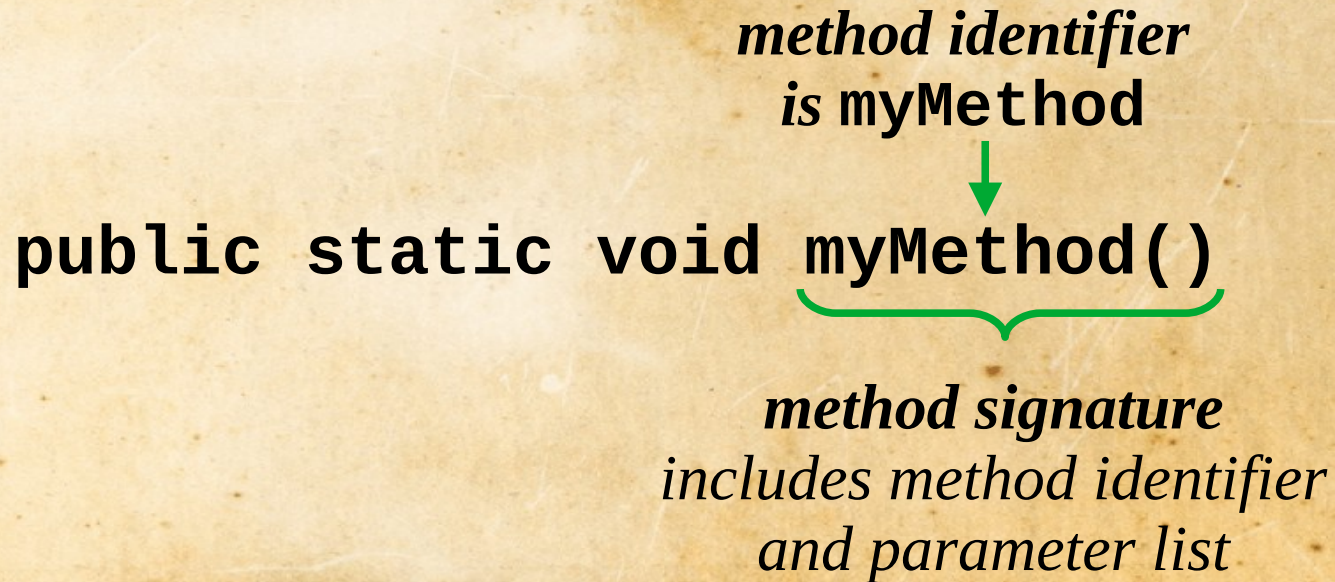
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public static void myMethod()

*method signature
includes method identifier
and parameter list*



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    }  
}
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- Methods in a class may be placed in any order.
 - The `main` method may come before or after other methods
 - Methods are within a class, NOT within another method

```
public class HelloWorld {  
  
    public static void myMethod( ) {  
        System.out.println("Hello World!");  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
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    }  
}
```

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Main program.
Hello World!

Calling a Simple `static` Method

- When the end of a method is reached, the program flow returns to where the method was called from, and continues execution.

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public class HelloWorld {  
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- When a `return` statement is encountered, the method does not continue. Program control returns to where the method was called from.

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        System.out.println("Hello World!");  
        return;  
        System.out.println("Not printed.");  
    }  
}
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        return;  
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}
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Hello World!
End of program.

Note: the compiler might highlight the error and not allow this code to run.

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 - **Methods with Parameters**
 - Return Values

Review of Declaring a Variable

- We declare a local variable using the syntax:

`<type> <identifier>`

- Examples:

```
int x;
```

```
String name;
```

- Or we can declare and initialize the variable:

```
double circumference = 2 * Math.PI * 2.5;
```

```
String str = "Hello World!";
```

Method Parameters

- Parameters are defined in the *method signature*.
- The parameter list is enclosed in parentheses and comes after the *method identifier*.
- A ***parameter*** is a local variable.
 - Notice the parameter declaration looks like any other variable declaration

```
public static void myMethod(String str)
```

Calling a Simple static Method

- Examine this method header.

*method identifier
is myMethod*

*parameter identifier
is str*

public static void myMethod(String str)

*this method does
not return a value*

*this method takes
one parameter of
type String*

The diagram shows the method header `public static void myMethod(String str)` with four green arrows pointing to its components. An arrow points from the text *method identifier is myMethod* to `myMethod`. Another arrow points from *parameter identifier is str* to `str`. A third arrow points from *this method does not return a value* to `void`. A fourth arrow points from *this method takes one parameter of type String* to `(String str)`.

A Method with One Parameter

```
public class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        myMethod("Hello World!");  
    }  
  
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}
```

Hello World!
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Multiple Parameters

```
public class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        printTime(3,30);  
    }  
  
    public static void printTime(int hour, int min) {  
        System.out.println(hour + ":" + min);  
    }  
}
```

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    }  
}
```

3:30

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    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int i = 3;  
        writeSquare(i);  
        writeSquare(i+2);  
    }  
  
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    }  
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    }  
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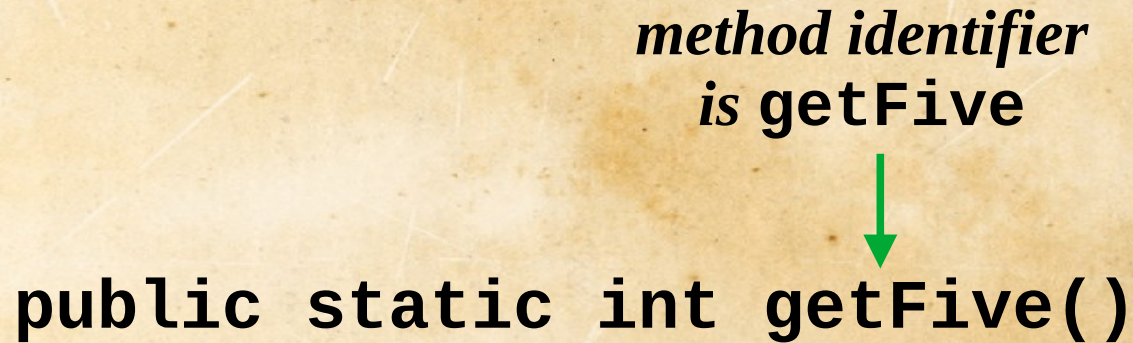
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Calling a Simple `static` Method

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*method identifier
is `getFive`*

`public static int getFive()`



*This method
returns a value of
type `int`*

*this method takes
no parameters*

Method Return Values

```
public class HelloWorld {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int i = getFive();  
        System.out.println("The method returned " + i + ".");  
    }  
  
    public static int getFive() {  
        return 5;  
    }  
}
```

The method returned 5.

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        return x * x;  
    }  
}
```

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Practice: calculateBMI method

- A person's body mass index (BMI) is calculated by the person's weight in kilograms divided by the square of the person's height.

$$BMI = \frac{weight [kg]}{(height [m])^2}$$

- Write a method `calculateBMI` that takes two double parameters – `weight` and `height`, and calculates the person's BMI.

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