Methods

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This is Method Man. He is part of the Wu Tang Clan. ☺

Civilization advances by extending the number of operations we can perform without thinking about them.

-Alfred North Whitehead

Learn How To:

1. Write a method that takes in input
2. Write a method that gives back output
3. Trace method calls using stacks

Calling Methods

```
turnRight();

move();        readInt("Int please! ");

println("hello world");
                              rect.getX();
drawRobotFace();

                rect.setLocation(10, 20);

preventGlobalWarming();
```


Defining a Method

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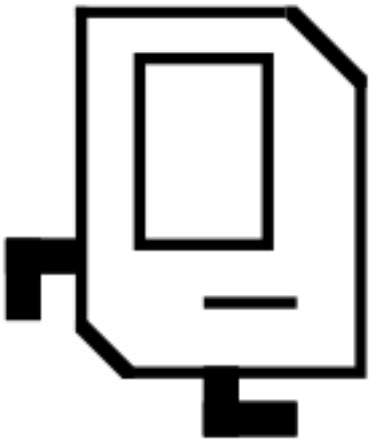
private void turnRight() {
    turnLeft();
    turnLeft();
    turnLeft();
}
```



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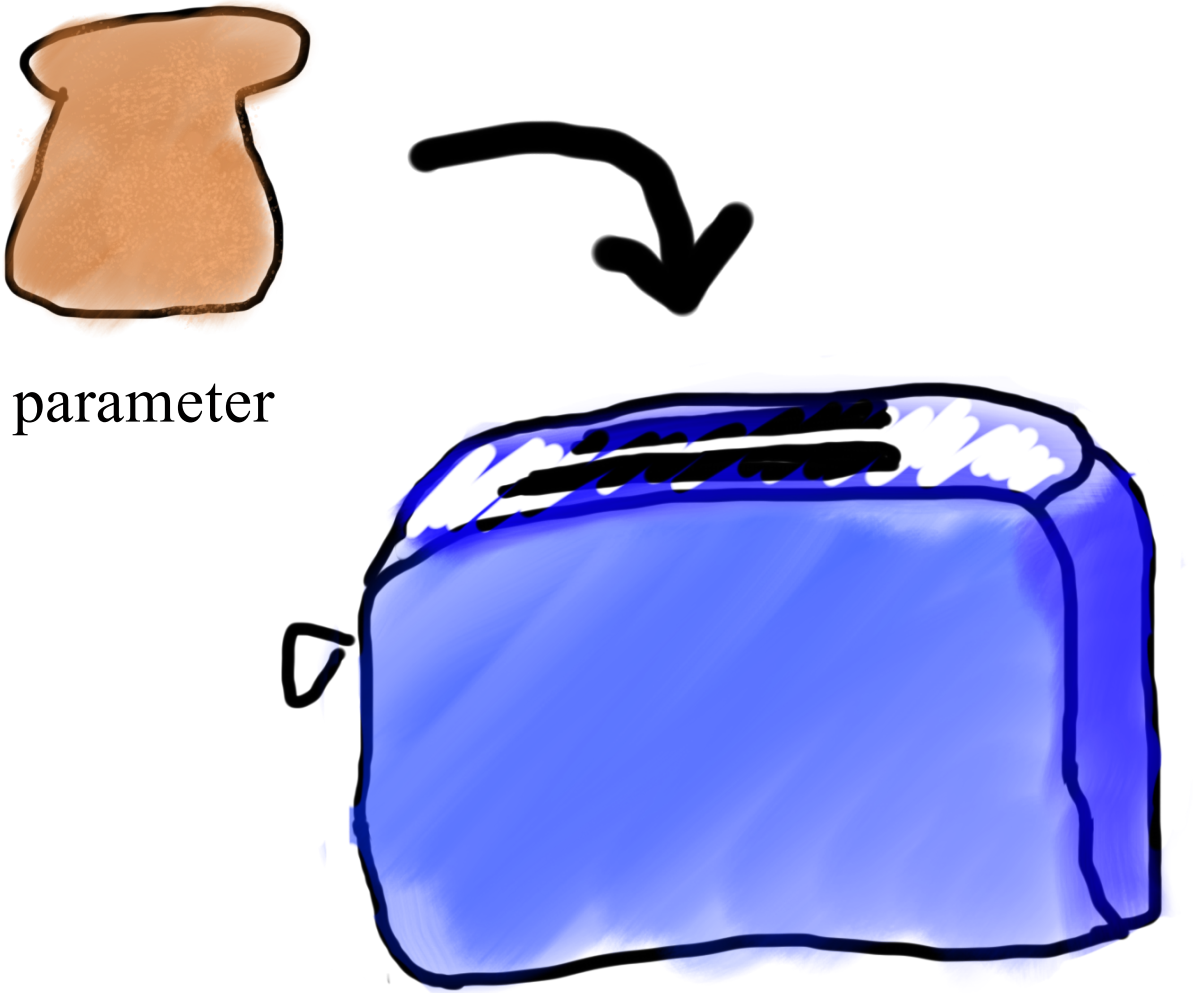

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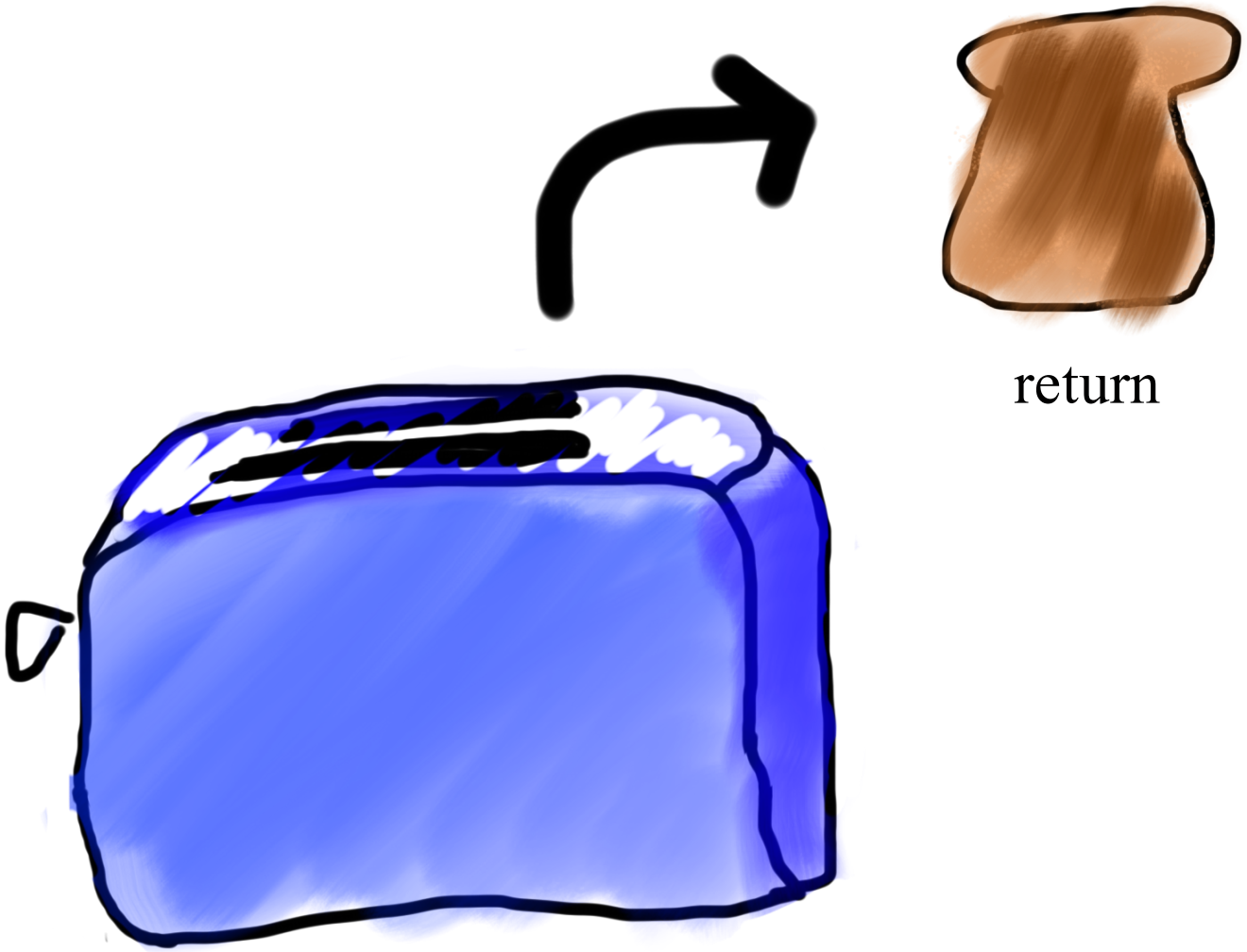

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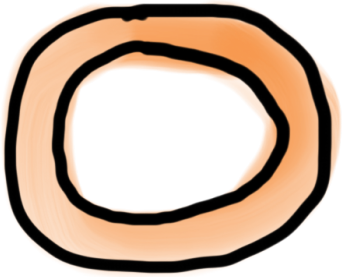

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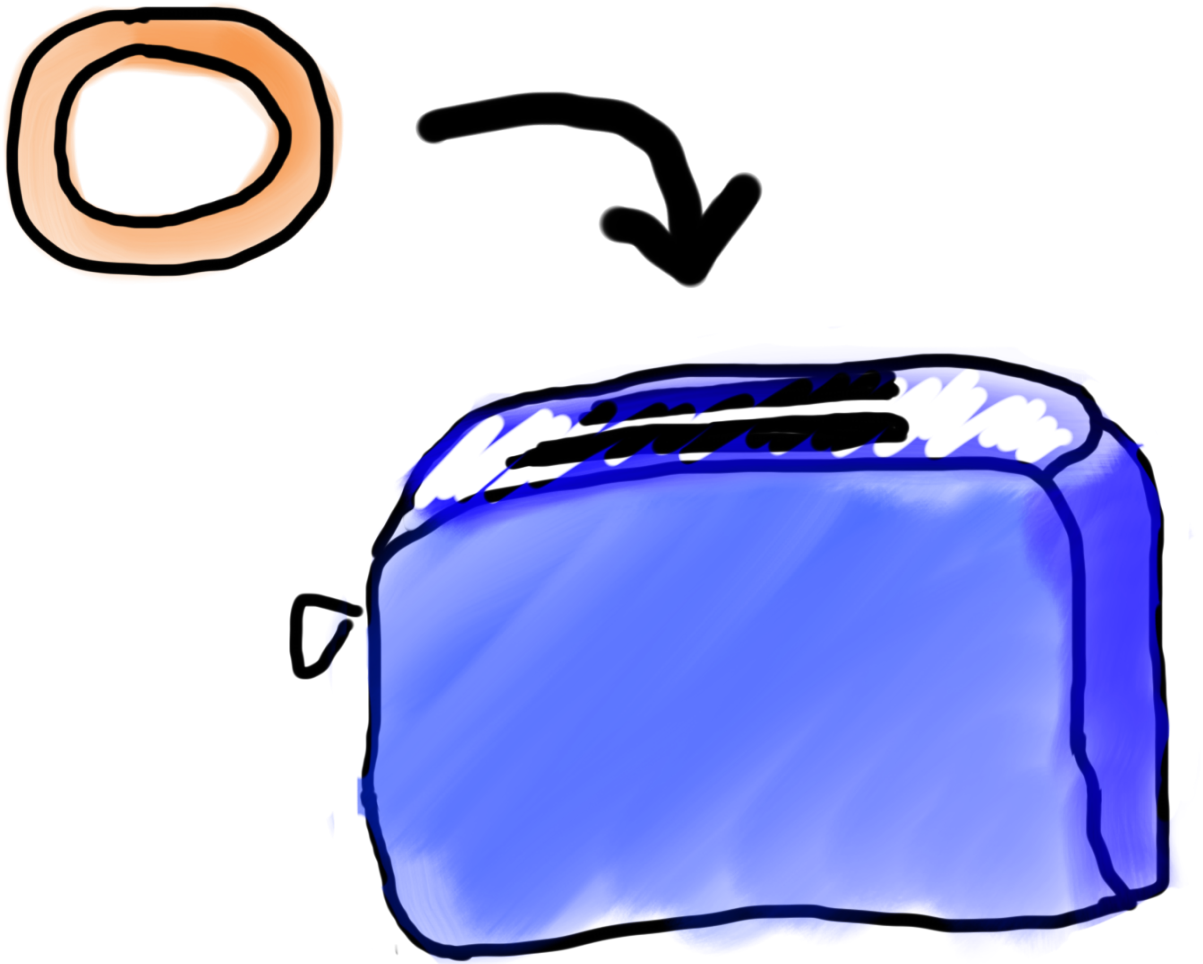

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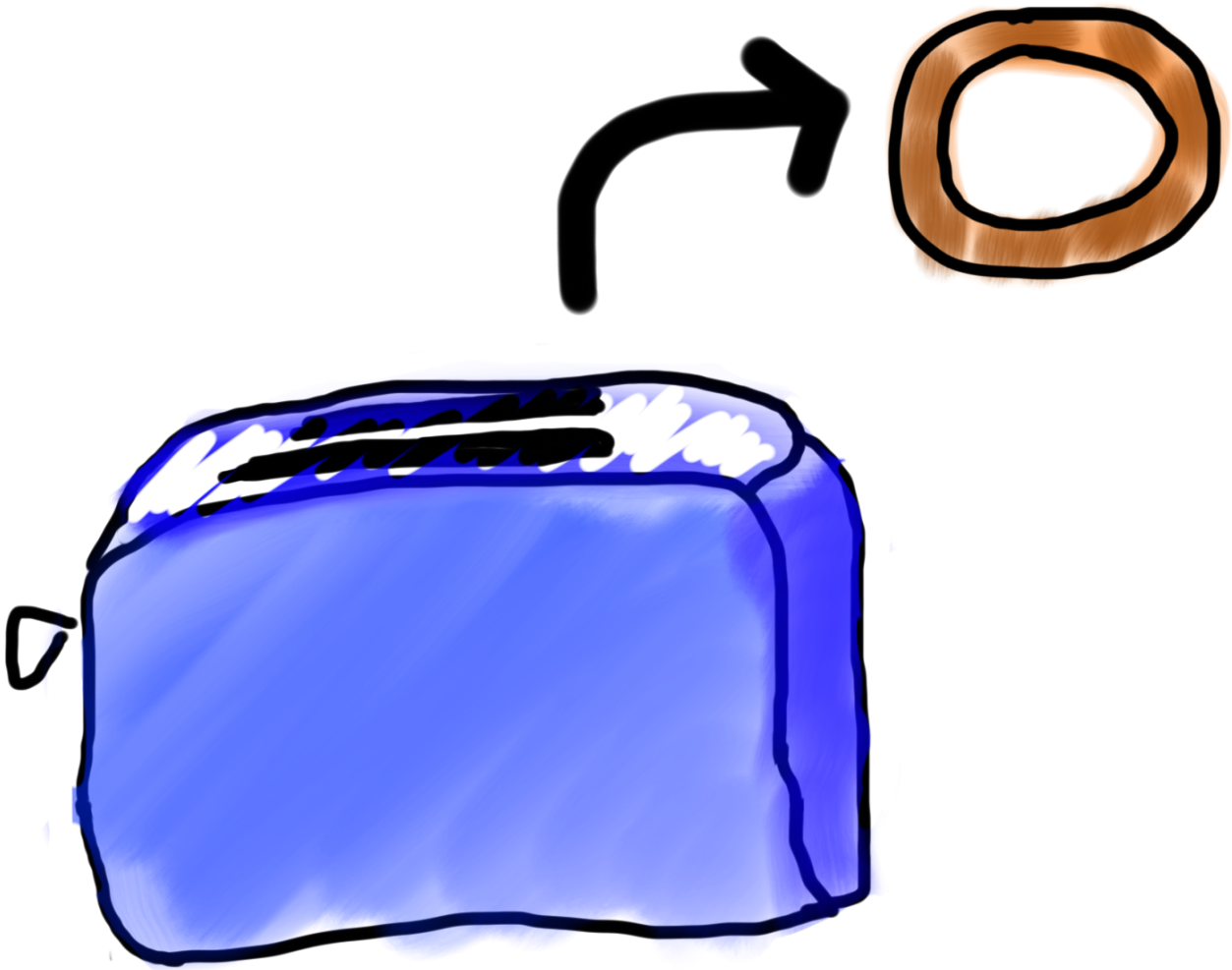

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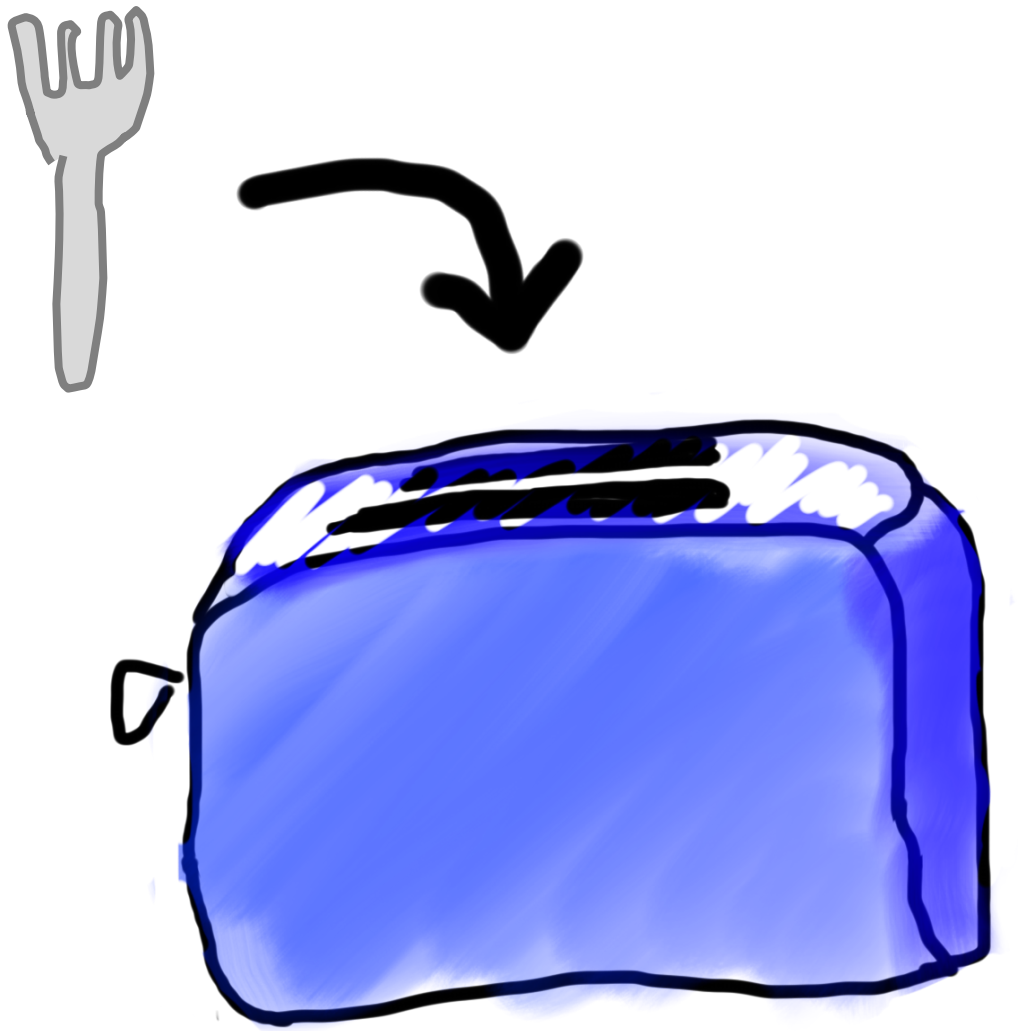

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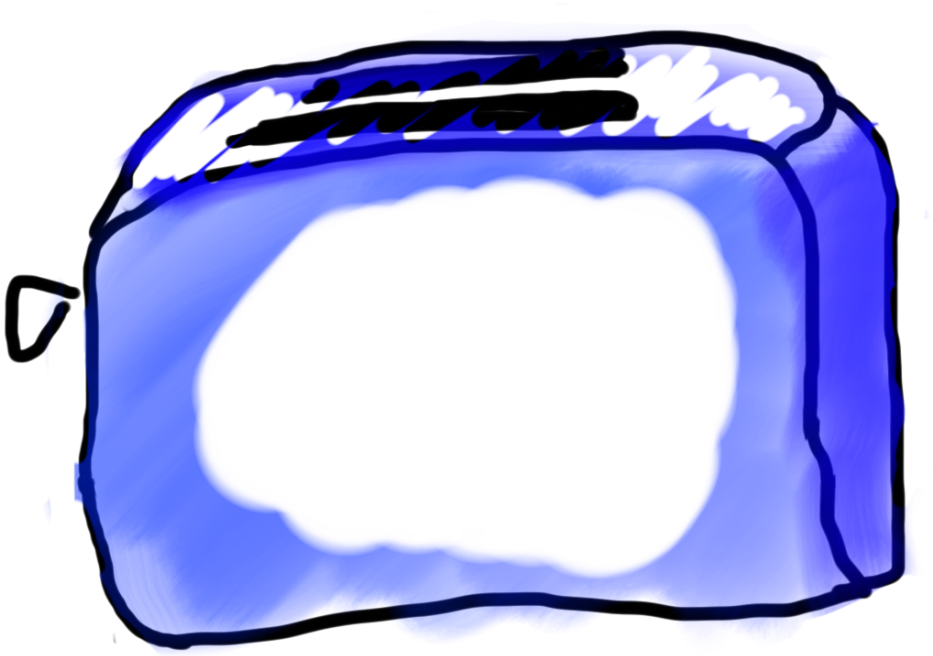

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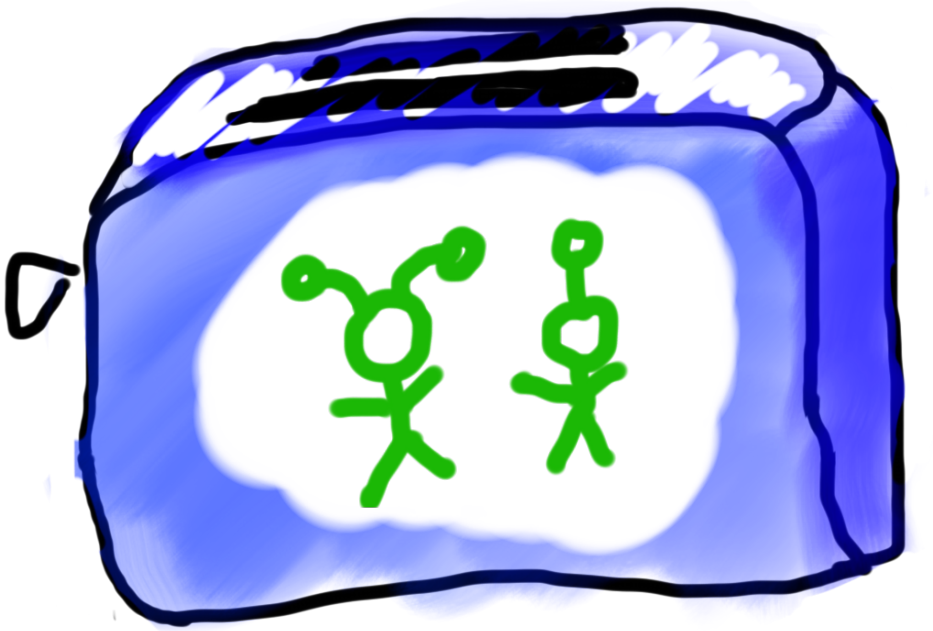

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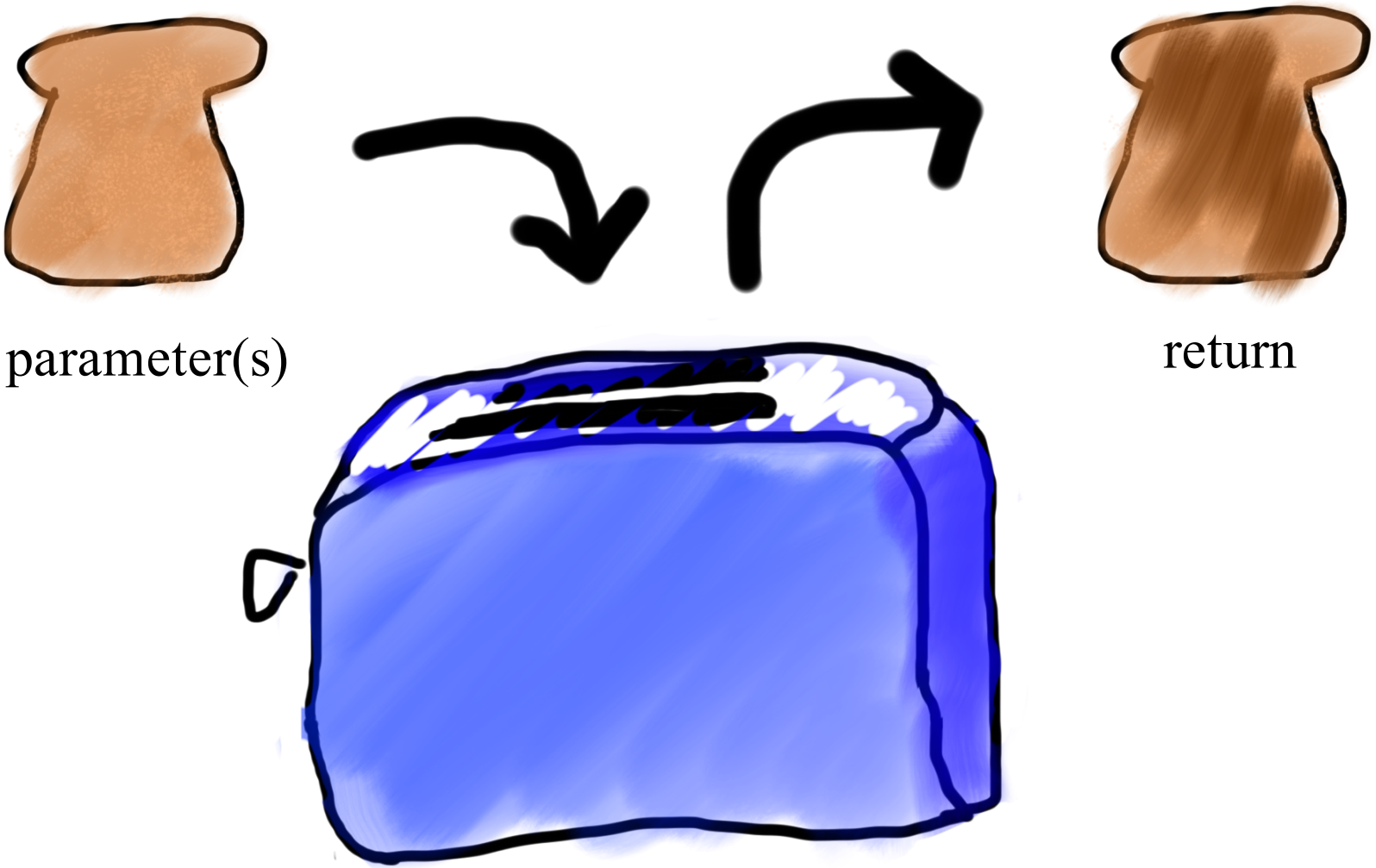

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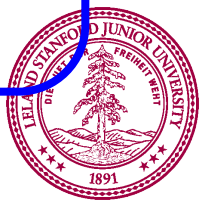

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Output expected

Input expected

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When a method ends it "returns"

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Also possible to return a value

Anatomy of a method

method "call"

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Formally

```
visibility type nameOfMethod(parameters) {
    statements
}
```

- ***visibility:*** usually **`private`** or **`public`**
- ***type:*** type returned by method (e.g., **`int`**, **`double`**, *etc.*)
  - Can be **`void`** to indicate that nothing is returned
- ***parameters:*** information passed into method

Learn by Example

Void Example

```
private void printIntro() {
    println("Welcome to class");
    println("It's the best part of my day.");
}


public void run() {
    printIntro();
}
```


Parameter and Return Example

```
private double metersToCm(double meters) {
    return 100 * meters;
}
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public void run() {
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    println(result);
}
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public void run() {
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}
```


Parameter Example

```
private void printOpinion(int num) {
    if(num == 5) {
        println("I love 5!");
    } else {
        println("Whattever");
    }
}

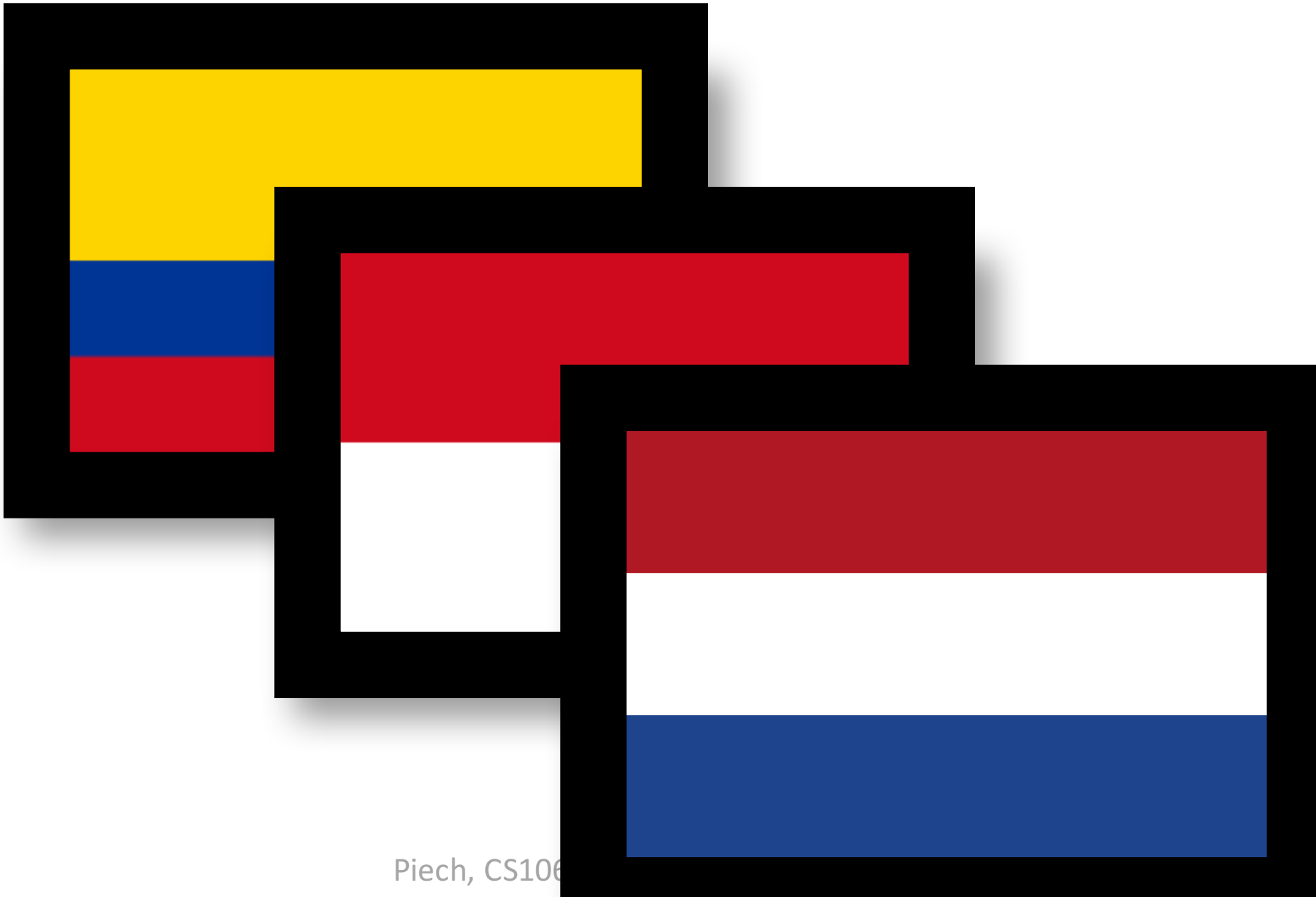
public void run() {
    printOpinion(5);
}
```


Multiple Parameters

```
private void max(int num1, int num2) {
    if(num1 >= num2) {
        return num1;
    }
    return num2;
}

public void run() {
    printOpinion(5);
}
```


Passing in Classes



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Understand the Mechanism

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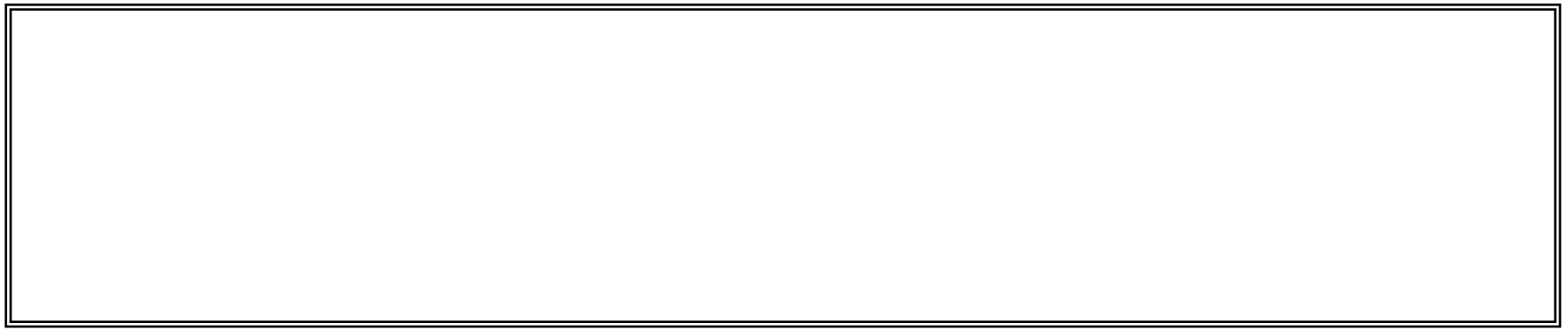
i 



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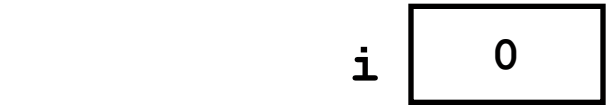

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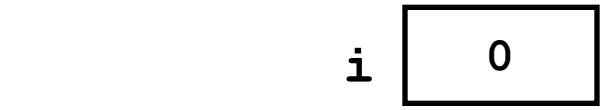

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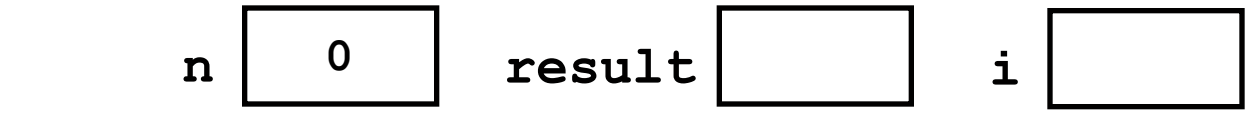

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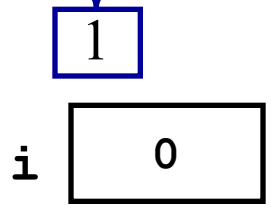

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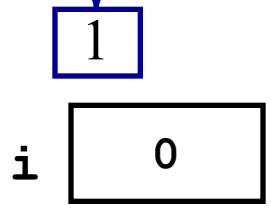


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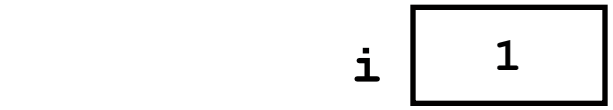


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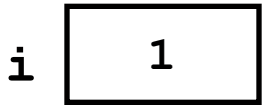


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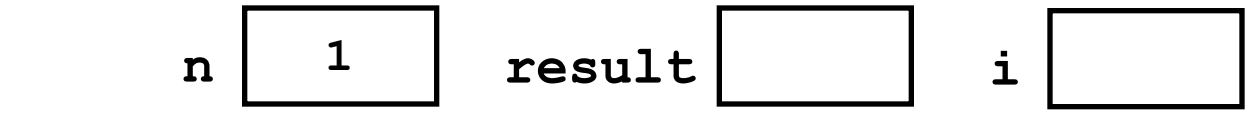


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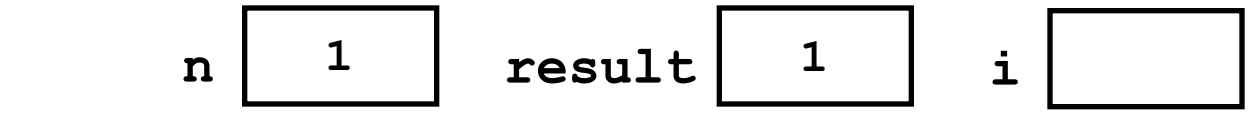

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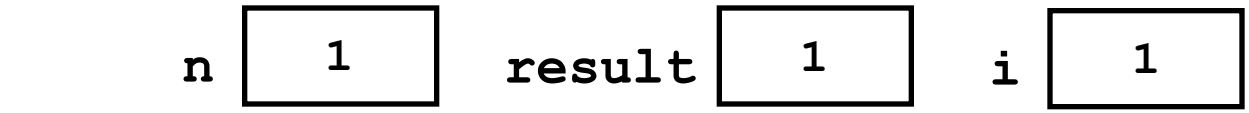

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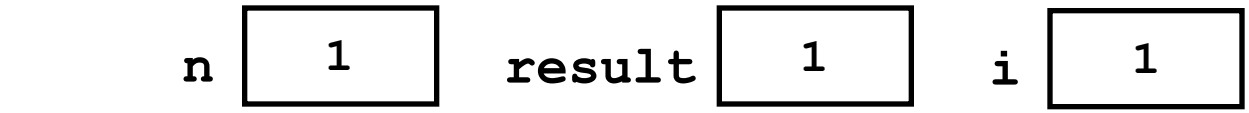

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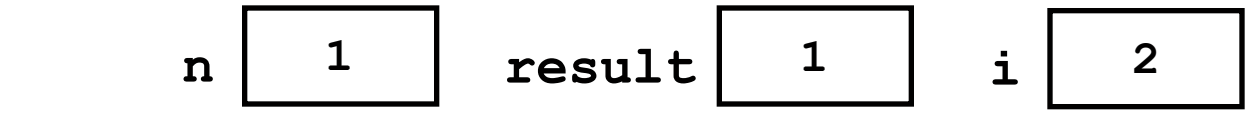


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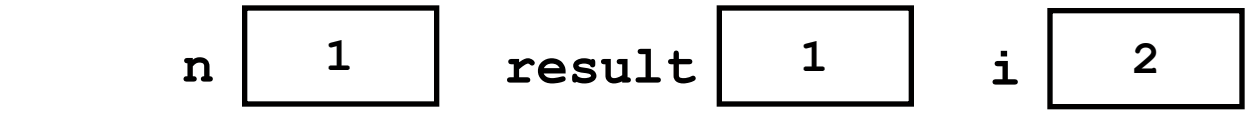

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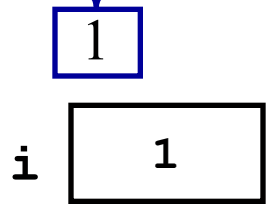


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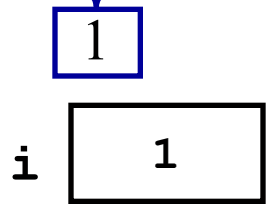


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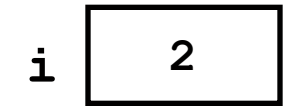


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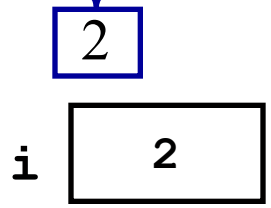


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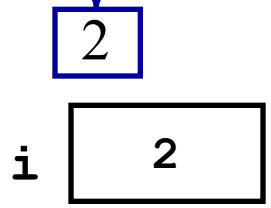


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```

```
public void run() {
    for(int i = 0; i < MAX_NUM; i++) {
        println(i + "! = " + factorial(i));
    }
}
```


```
0! = 1
1! = 1
2! = 2
```

```
public void run() {
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}
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i | 3

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```

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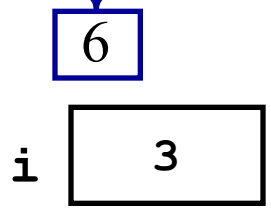


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2! = 2
```

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    for(int i = 0; i < MAX_NUM; i++) {
        println(i + "! = " + factorial(i));
    }
}
```
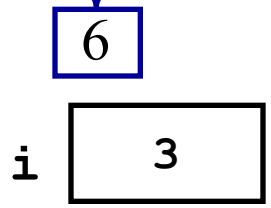




```
0! = 1
1! = 1
2! = 2
3! = 6
```

```
public void run() {
    for(int i = 0; i < MAX_NUM; i++) {
        println(i + "! = " + factorial(i));
    }
}
```


```
0! = 1
1! = 1
2! = 2
3! = 6
```

```
public void run() {
    for(int i = 0; i < MAX_NUM; i++) {
        println(i + "! = " + factorial(i));
    }
}
```


```
0! = 1
1! = 1
2! = 2
3! = 6
```

Bad Times With Methods

```
// NOTE: This program is buggy!!

private void addFive(int x) {
  x += 5;
}


public void run() {
  int x = 3;
  addFive(x);
  println("x = " + x);
}
```


Good Times With Methods

```
// NOTE: This program is feeling just fine...

private int addFive(int x) {
   x += 5;
   return x;
}

public void run() {
   int x = 3;
   x = addFive(x);
   println("x = " + x);
}
```


Variables are **not** passed!
Values are passed.

Pass by "Value"

More Examples

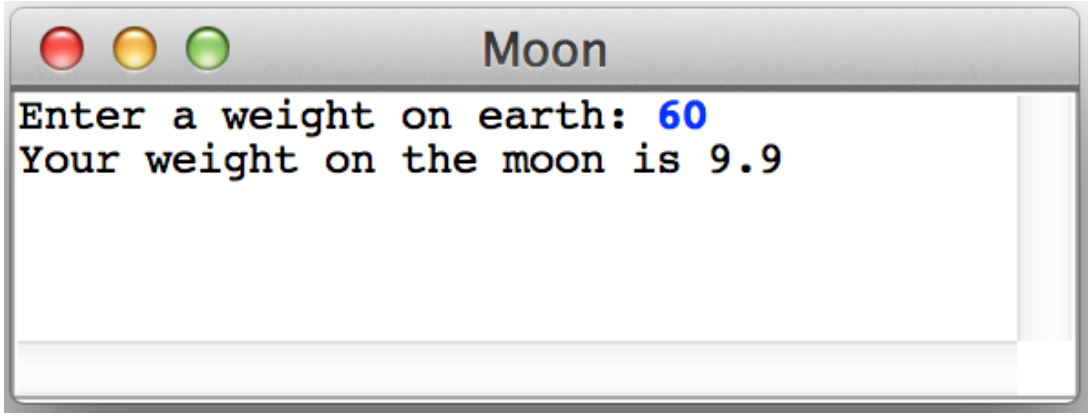
Changed Name

```
private void run() {
    int num = 5;
    cow(num);
}

private void cow(int grass) {
    println(grass);
}
```


Same Variable Name

```
private void run() {
    int num = 5;
    cow();
    println(num);
}

private void cow() {
    int num = 10;
    println(num);
}
```

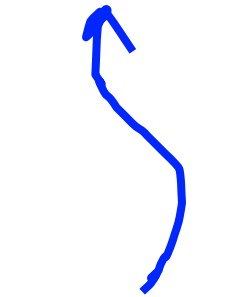

Method for Weight on Moon



* Your weight on the moon is 16.5% your weight on the earth

Methods Called on Objects

```
GRect rect = new GRect(20, 20);
rect.setColor(Color.Blue);
```



* We will talk about how to define these later in the class

No Methods in Methods

```
private void run() {
    println("hello world");
    private void sayGoodbye() {
        println("goodbye!");
    }
}
```

Illegal modifier for parameter goodbye, only final is permitted

No Methods in Methods

```
private void run() {
    println("hello world");
    sayGoodbye();
}

private void sayGoodbye() {
    println("goodbye!");
}
```


Remember Booleans?

Boolean Variable

```
boolean karelIsAwesome = true;

boolean myBool = 1 < 2;
```


Boolean Operations

```
boolean a = true;

boolean b = false;


boolean and = a && b;

boolean or = a || b;

boolean not = !a;
```


Is Divisible By

```
private void run() {
    for(int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {
        if(isDivisibleBy(i, 7)) {
            println(i);
        }
    }
}
```


Boolean Return

```
private void run() {
    for(int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {
        if(isDivisibleBy(i, 7)) {
            println(i);
        }
    }
}

private void isDivisibleBy(int a, int b) {
    if((a % b) == 0) {
        return true;
    } else {
        return false;
    }
}
```

Boolean Return

```
private void run() {
   for(int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {
      if(isDivisibleBy(i, 7)) {
         println(i);
      }
   }
}

private void isDivisibleBy(int a, int b) {
   return a % b == 0;
}
```


Learn How To:

1. Write a method that takes in input
2. Write a method that gives back output
3. Trace method calls using stacks

Extra Exercise

- Greek mathematicians took a special interest in numbers that are equal to the sum of their proper divisors (a proper divisor of *n* is any divisor less than *n* itself). They called such numbers ***perfect numbers***. For example, 6 is a perfect number because it is the sum of 1, 2, and 3, which are the integers less than 6 that divide evenly into 6. Similarly, 28 is a perfect number because it is the sum of 1, 2, 4, 7, and 14.
- Design and implement a Java program that finds all the perfect numbers between two limits. For example, if the limits are 1 and 10000, the output should look like this: