

Methods, Parameters, and Scope

Lecture 6

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Announcements

- Assignment 1 is due at **10am tomorrow morning.**
 - **Practice submitting today to make sure you know how to do it!**
- No lecture or sections Thursday for 4th of July.
 - If your section is cancelled, please try to attend a Wednesday section or Friday's section (11:30am in Skilling Auditorium)
- No LalR Wednesday, July 3rd due to Holiday

Announcements

- **Quick Note:** If you joined the class late, you will receive your lecture assignments for Lecture Feedback on Monday, July 8th.

Duke, the Java mascot!

Hi! My name is Duke!



Plan for Today

- Review: Shorthand Operators, Constants, If, While, For
- Remember Methods?
- Making a Sandwich
- A Variable Love Story

Review: Shorthand Operators

Shorthand:

// +, -, /, *, % any value

variable += value;

x -= 3;

y /= 5;

z *= someValue;

k %= 10;

Equivalent Longer Version:

variable = variable + value;

x = x - 3;

y = y / 5;

z = z * someValue;

k = k % 10;

// add or subtract exactly 1

x++;

x = x + 1;

y--;

y = y - 1;

Review: Constants

```
public class ReceiptForFive extends ConsoleProgram {  
    private static final double TAX_RATE = 0.08;  
    private static final double TIP_RATE = 0.2;  
    public void run() {  
        double subtotal1 = readDouble("Meal cost? $");  
        double tax1 = subtotal * TAX_RATE;  
        double tip1 = subtotal * TIP_RATE;  
        double total1 = subtotal1 + tax1 + tip1;  
        println("Total for person 1: $" + total1);  
        ...  
        double subtotal5 = readDouble("Meal cost? $");  
        double tax5 = subtotal * TAX_RATE;  
        double tip5 = subtotal * TIP_RATE;  
        double total5 = subtotal1 + tax1 + tip1;  
        println("Total for person 5: $" + total5);  
    }  
}
```

much better



Review: Relational Operators

Operator	Meaning	Example	Value
<code>==</code>	equals	<code>1 + 1 == 2</code>	true
<code>!=</code>	does not equal	<code>3.2 != 2.5</code>	true
<code><</code>	less than	<code>10 < 5</code>	false
<code>></code>	greater than	<code>10 > 5</code>	true
<code><=</code>	less than or equal to	<code>126 <= 100</code>	false
<code>>=</code>	greater than or equal to	<code>5.0 >= 5.0</code>	true

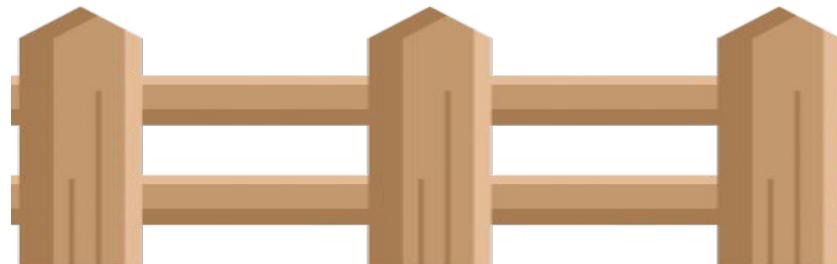
* all have equal precedence

Review: Sentinel Loops

```
// fencepost problem!  
// ask for number - post  
// add number to sum - fence
```

```
int sum = 0;  
int num = readInt("Enter a number: ");  
while (num != -1) {  
    sum += num;  
    num = readInt("Enter a number: ");  
}  
println("Sum is " + sum);
```

Ask for # Update sum Ask for # Update sum Ask for #



Review: Using the For Loop Variable

```
// Adds up the numbers 1 through 42
int sum = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= 42; i++) {
    sum += i;
}
println("Sum is " + sum);
```

???

I have a question...



Making Sandwiches

Would someone make me a sandwich, please?



Making Sandwiches

Let's make a method that will make Duke a sandwich!



Methods

A **method** is a set of new instructions we've created!

Example of a comment explaining Pre and Post conditions.

```
/* Method description.  
 * Pre: What we assume is true beforehand.  
 * Post: What we promise is true afterwards.  
 */  
private void nameOfMethod(){  
  
    // commands go in here!  
}
```

Making Sandwiches

```
/* We will make Duke a sandwich.  
 * Pre: n/a  
 * Post: We will have a completed sandwich  
 */  
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/* We will make Duke a sandwich.  
 * Pre: n/a  
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 */  
private void makeASandwich(){  
    Pretend we've added a new  
    primitive variable type called "food".  
}
```

Making Sandwiches

```
/* We will make Duke a sandwich.  
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private void makeASandwich(food bread, food veg, food protein, food spread){  
}
```

By using **parameters** we can tell our method what the ingredients for our sandwich are!

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    food sandwich = bread + veg + protein + spread + bread;  
}
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Making Sandwiches

Wait, but you never gave
me the sandwich. :(



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    food sandwich = bread + veg + protein + spread + bread;  
  
    return sandwich;By using a return statement a method  
    can give back, or return, information  
    to the rest of your code!  
}
```

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Since our method is returning information, it's no longer **void**. We change void to the **type of data we are returning!**

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Making Sandwiches

Thanks!



Methods w/ Parameters and Return Statements

```
/* We will do x, y, and z actions and return methodType data
* Pre: What we assume is true beforehand.
* Post: What we promise is true afterwards.
*/
visibility methodType methodName(paramType paramName){
    commands;
    return dataThatIsMethodType;
}
```

Methods w/ Parameters and Return Statements

1 **Visibility:**

Usually **public** or **private**

2 **Types:**

methodType is the type of data returned by the method. This is **void** when the method doesn't return any data.

3 **paramType** is the type of data that particular parameter is. Parameters are information the method needs in order for it to work!



The diagram shows a method definition with three numbered callouts (1, 2, 3) pointing to specific parts of the code. Callout 1 points to the **visibility** keyword. Callout 2 points to the **return** keyword. Callout 3 points to the **paramType** placeholder in the parameter list.

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Explained Another Way...

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The parameters are the ingredients you need to make it.

You have to return something of the same type that the recipe promised.

If something's the wrong type, you're missing ingredients, the recipe promised a cake, but you return spaghetti... something is seriously wrong with your recipe!

Explained Another Way...

A method is like a recipe. You give it a name and tell us what type of thing it will make!

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You have to return something that matches what the recipe promised.

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A Few Examples

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private void printHello(){  
    println("hello world");  
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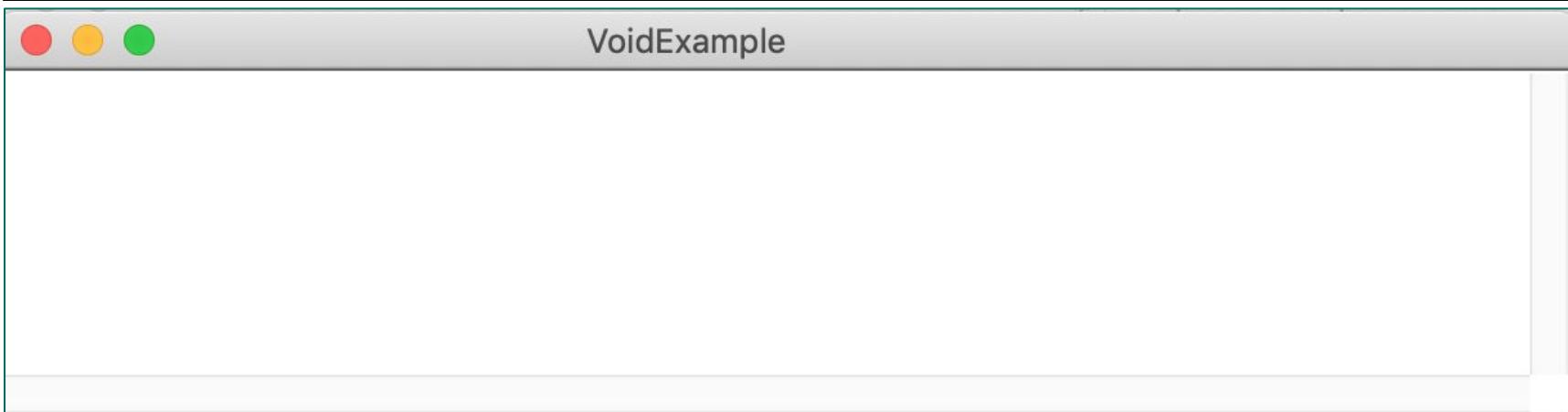
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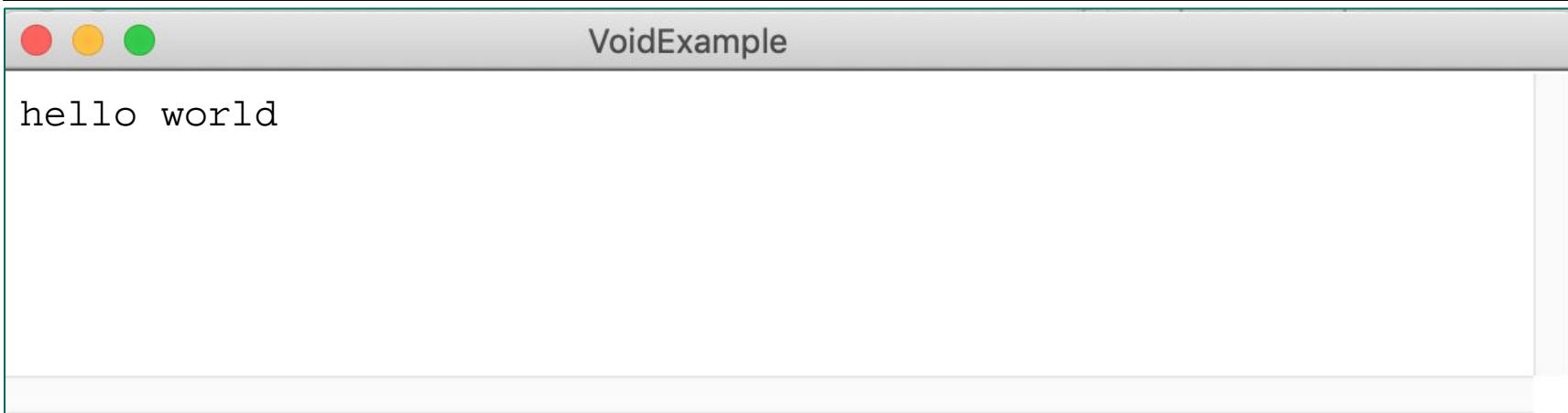
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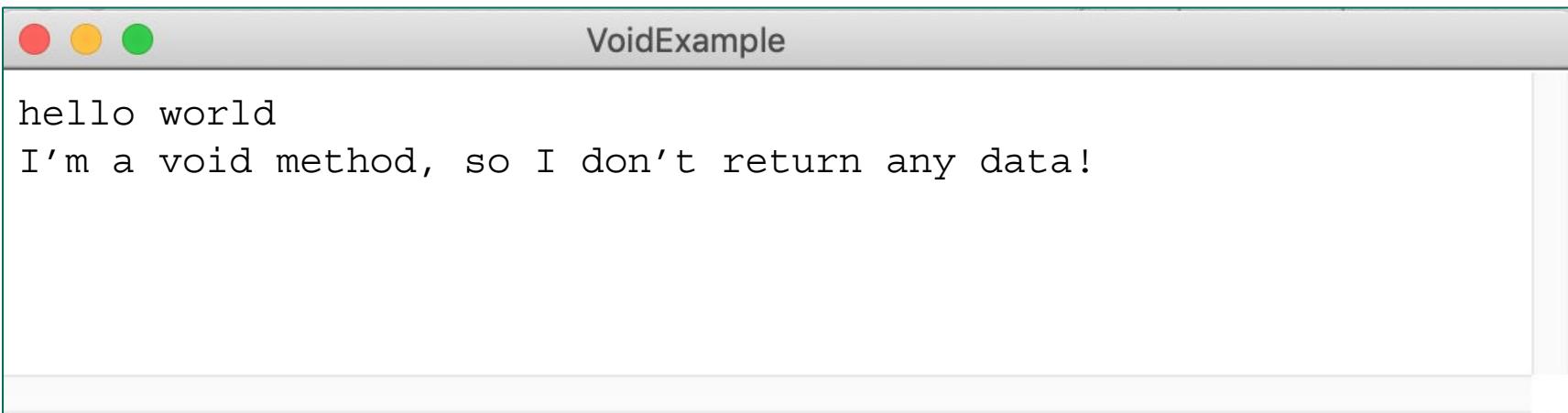
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A screenshot of a Java application window titled "VoidExample". The window has three colored window buttons (red, yellow, green) on the top-left. The title bar is grey with the text "VoidExample". The main content area is white and displays the text "hello world".

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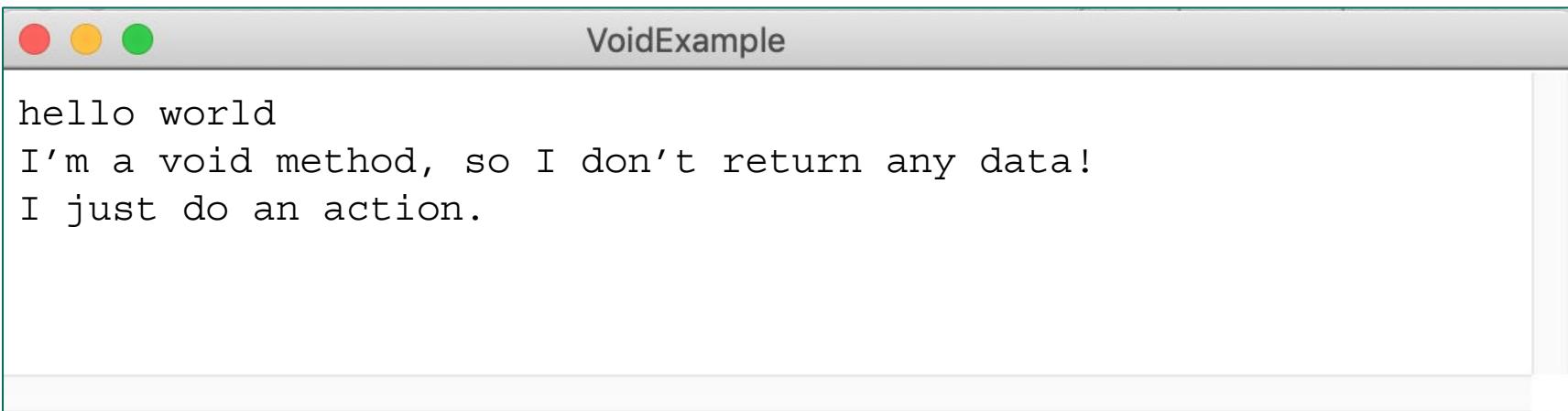


The screenshot shows a Java application window titled "VoidExample". The window has three colored window buttons (red, yellow, green) on the top-left. The main area of the window displays the output of the "printHello" method. The text is in black font and is wrapped in a red rectangular box. It contains three lines of text: "hello world", "I'm a void method, so I don't return any data!", and "I just do an action.".

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ParameterReturnExample [completed]

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5.0
num1

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calculateAverage(5, 10)



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The average is 7.5

7.5

average

Now, Time for a Story

Now, Time for a Story

It's time to hear a **Variable Love Story**.



A Variable Love Story

romeo was lonely and looking
for love...

```
public void run(){  
    int romeo = 18;  
}
```

A Variable Love Story

What's this? That sounds great!

```
public void run(){  
    int romeo = 18;  
    findRomance();  
}
```

*Like a dating site, but for variables

A Variable Love Story

“But, soft! what light through yonder window
breaks?
It is the east, and Juliet is the sun.”
~ romeo, probably

```
public void run(){
    int romeo = 18;
    findRomance();
}

private void findRomance(){
    int juliet = 13;

    int trueLove = romeo + juliet;
}
```

A Variable Love Story

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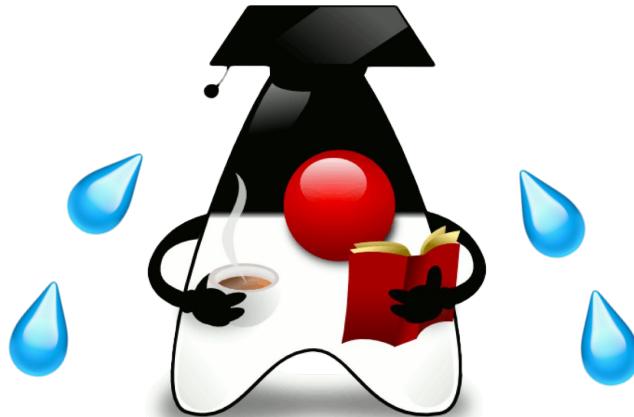
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A Variable Love Story

What about **trueLove**???



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A Variable Love Story

romeo only exists between those two brackets!

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A Variable Love Story

`romeo` only exists between those two brackets!

Once we enter `findRomance`, `romeo` essentially disappears.

How can we make `romeo` exist inside of `findRomance`?

```
public void run(){  
    int romeo = 18;  
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}  
  
private void findRomance(){  
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```

A Variable Love Story

What about using
parameters?



A Variable Love Story

We'll add a parameter to `findRomance`!

This means `findRomance` needs more information (aka an extra ingredient) in order to work.

```
public void run(){
    int romeo = 18;
    findRomance();
}

private void findRomance(int r){
    int juliet = 13;

    int trueLove = romeo + juliet;
}
```

A Variable Love Story

At the beginning of the code, we'll pass **romeo** into our **findRomance** method.

Now, our parameter **r** will be equal to what **romeo** was equal to!

So, **r + juliet** is essentially equal to **romeo + juliet**.

```
public void run(){
    int romeo = 18;
    findRomance(romeo);
}

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A Variable Love Story

What does this mean?

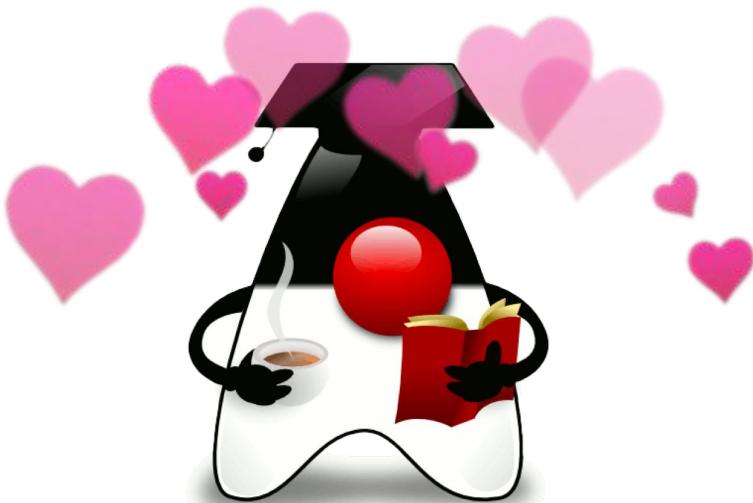
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A Variable Love Story

trueLove at last!



*We do not condone relationships of 13 and 18 year olds. Blame Shakespeare.

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A Variable Love Story: Scope

Scope is the idea that variables only exist inside a certain block of code.

In Java, a variable is **born when it is declared**.

A variable **terminates when it hits the ending bracket** of the code block in which it was declared.

```
public void run(){
    int newVariable = 0; // I am born!
    ...
    ...
    ...
} // I hope I haven't bored you. Goodbye.
```

A Variable Love Story: Scope

The variable only exists from its declaration to the end of its current code block.

```
while (conditionAIsTrue){  
  
    if (conditionBIsTrue){  
  
        ...  
        int newVariable = 0; // I am born!  
        ...  
  
    } // I'm bored with it all. Goodbye.  
}
```

A Variable Love Story: Scope

This won't work!

```
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        ...  
        int newVariable = 0; // I am born!  
        ...  
  
    } // I'm bored with it all. Goodbye.  
}  
  
println(newVariable);
```

A Variable Love Story: Scope

It doesn't exist before it's declared, and it doesn't exist outside of its current code block!

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Do this!

It's easier to read and debug,
and we remove variables from
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Plan for Today

- Review: Shorthand Operators, Constants, If, While, For
- Remember Methods?
- Making a Sandwich
- A Variable Love Story

Reminders

- Assignment 1 is due at **10am tomorrow morning.**
 - **Practice submitting today to make sure you know how to do it!**
- No lecture or sections Thursday for 4th of July.
 - If your section is cancelled, please try to attend a Wednesday section or Friday's section (11:30am in Skilling Auditorium)
- No LalR Wednesday, July 3rd due to Holiday