

## Routines: Void Methods in Java

Methods are the basic Big building blocks of programs.

Methods are often called sub-Programs or procedures.

There are two very different kinds of methods:

**functions**, also called **type** methods, and  
**routines**, also called **void** methods.

Void methods will be considered here first; type methods come later.

**Void methods** do some action (called a side-effect); they do not return any value;

**Type methods** return some value; they do not do an action.

Examples of void methods include output methods such as:

**outputInt**, **outputDouble**, **outputString**, **outputLnInt**, etc.

Such void methods stand alone, and end with a semicolon;

they are not parts of other expressions.

Definition of other void methods will be done here.

Many of these methods will also involve outputs, such as:

**outRow (many, mark)**, which outputs a row of many marks,

**spellout (number)**, which spells out a number in English,

**formatMoney (amount)** which prints an amount in a good form,

**sidePlot ()** plots out some arithmetic functions or formulas.

**OutRow (num, str)** is an example of a void method that involves two slots num and str (often called parameters or arguments). When this method is used or called in a command like:

```
outRow (7, "Ho ");
```

it prints out the string "Ho " for a total of 7 times in a row, as:

```
Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho
```

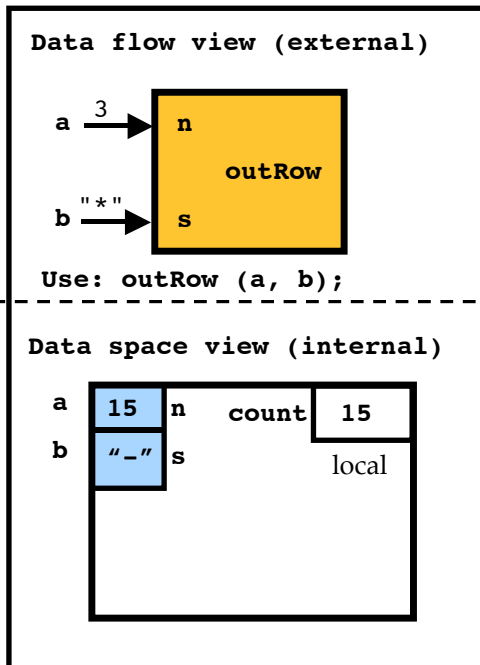
Similarly, the call

```
outRow(30, "-")
```

outputs a row of 30 dashes as follows:

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Graphic of a void method



**Externally**, this method can be viewed as a black box, which has two input slots (also called parameters):

**a**, is an integer number of repetitions, and  
**b**, is the string which is being repeated.

**Internally** the two slots are labelled **n** and **s**, and there is a matching between these two; **a** is passed to **n**, and **b** is passed to **s**.

The order is very important, so that

```
outRow ("Ho ", 30);
```

has no meaning, and is an error;  
the number is expected first.

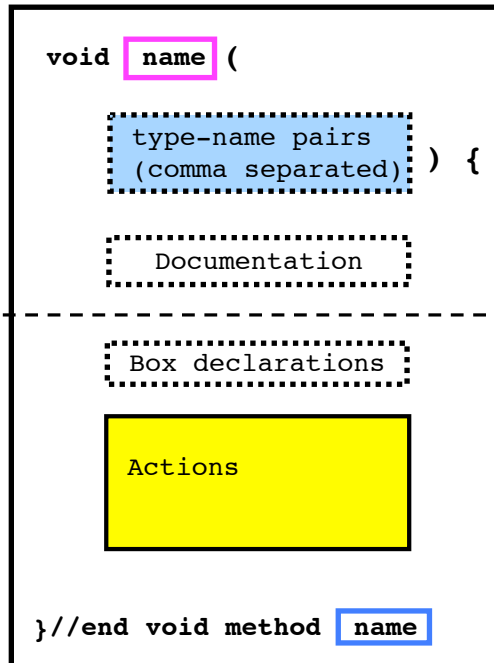
Local, or temporary boxes include the count, which is hidden from the outside. Another box outside of this method may have this same name, count.

**Definition** of a void method is shown below; it consists of two main parts:

**Header** is the part which gives the name, list of slots, and goal is shared with others;

**Body** is the part with local or temporary boxes and local actions which are hidden from others.

Syntax of void method definition



header

slots  
(args)  
pass in

Goal &  
contract

local  
boxes

body

end

Example: outRow void method

```
void outRow (  
    int n,  
    String s ) {  
    // Does output n strings s  
    // not followed by a new line  
    // Need integer n, (n >= 0)  
  
    int count;  
    count = 0  
  
    while (count < n) {  
        JJS.outputString (s);  
        count ++;  
    } //end while  
  
    // can put newline here  
} //end void method outRow
```

Share WHAT

Hide HOW

The header provides a **contract** between the creator and user of a method.

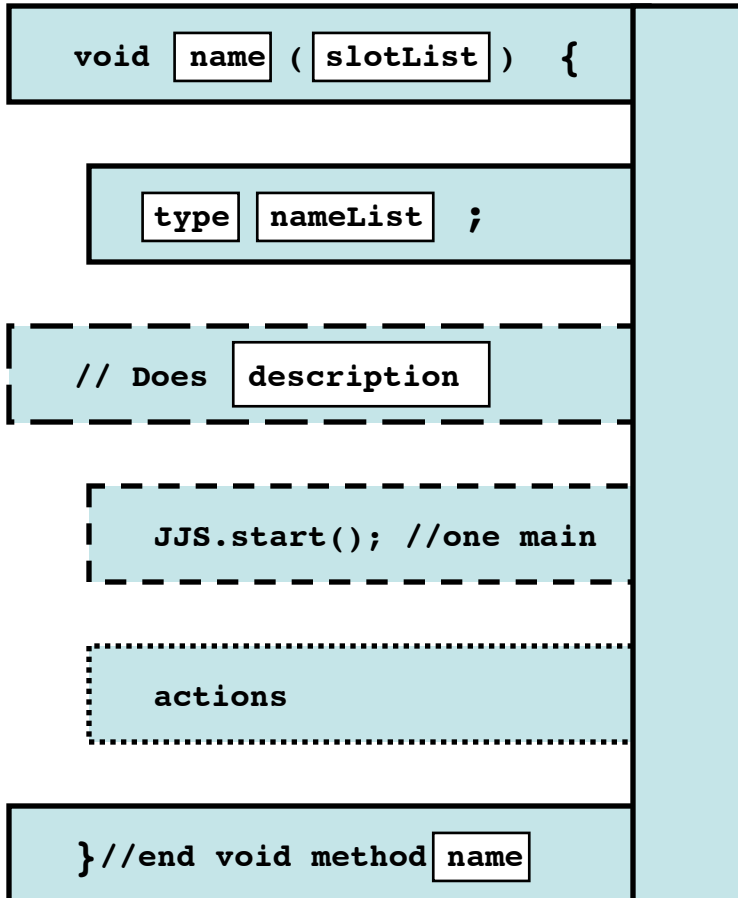
**Does**, is also called a **post-condition**; it indicates the outcome of the method.

**Need**, is a **pre-condition**, indicating what the method requires to satisfy the contract.

In this case the number of repetitions, n, must be a non-negative integer.

If n is provided as a real value, or a string, or boolean or negative the contract is broken.

**Syntax of a void method** is shown below, at the left; Two examples of void methods are at the right. main0 calls outRow(5, "Ho ") to print out a row of 5 Hos, "Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho". It also underlines them.



JJS.start() is a command that can appear in at most one void method; It indicates the starting method, and is usually in the main void method.

```
void main0() {
    int count;
    // Does reuse outRow method

    JJS.start();

    outRow (5, "Ho ");
    JJS.outputLnString ("");//newline

    outRow (14, "-" );
    JJS.outputLnString (" ");

} //end void method main0
```

```
void
outRow (int many, String marks) {
    int count;
    // Does output a row of many marks
    // Needs (many >= 0)
    count = 0;
    while (count < many) {
        JJS.outputString (marks);
        count = count + 1;
    } //end while
} //end void method outRow
```

```
Ho Ho Ho Ho Ho
-----
```

Another example of a main program using the outRow method follows.  
It prompts for string, enters it, and “sandwiches” the whole string.

```
// Name An Onymous

void main1() {
    int len;
    String str;
    // Does "box" a string using outRow
    JJS.start();

    JJS.outputLnString ("Enter any string ");
    str = JJS.inputString();
    JJS.outputLnString (str);

    len = str.length();

    // output a row of dashes (-)
    outRow (len, "-");
    JJS.outputLnString(" ");

    JJS.outputLnString(str);

    // Output a row of equals (=)
    outRow (len, "=");
    JJS.outputLnString(" ");

} //End void method main1
```

```
void
outRow (int many, String marks) {
    int count;
    // Does output a row of many marks
    // Needs (many >= 0)
    count = 0;
    while (count < many) {
        JJS.outputString (marks);
        count = count + 1;
    } //end while
} //end void method outRow
```

```
Enter a string
Once upon a time there lived 3 bulls
-----
Once upon a time there lived 3 bulls
=====
```

**Spellout(number)** is a routine which prints out the passed number in English.

```
// Name An Onymous
void main2() {
    int number;
    // Does spell out some small numbers
    JJS.start();
    JJS.outputLnString ("Enter an integer ");
    number = JJS.inputInt ();

    spellOut (number);
    JJS.outputLn();
} //end void method main2
```

```
void spellOut (int num) {
    //no local, temporary boxes
    // Needs positive int (0 to 3)
    // Does write out the int number
    if (num == 0) {
        JJS.outputString ("zero " );
    } else if (num == 1) {
        JJS.outputString ("one " );
    } else if (num == 2) {
        JJS.outputString ("two " );
    } else if (num == 3) {
        JJS.outputString ("three ");
    } //grow more here
    } else {
        JJS.outputInt (num);
    } //end if
} //end void method spellOut
```

```
Enter an integer
2
two

Enter an integer
4
4

Enter an integer
-2
-2
```

```
// Name An Onymous
void main3() {
    int num, tens, units;
    // Does write ints 0 to 100 in English
    JJS.start();

    JJS.outputLnString ("Enter an int: ");
    num = JJS.inputInt ();

    if (num < 10) {
        spellDigit (num);
    }else if (num < 20) {
        spellTeen (num);
    }else{
        tens = num / 10;
        spellTens (10 * tens);

        units = (num % 10);
        if ( (units) != 0) {
            spellDigit (units);
        }//end if
    }//end if
} //end void method main3
```

```
void spellDigit (int num) {
    // Need (0 <= num) && (num < 10)
    // Does write digits 0 to 9 in English
```

```
void spellTeen (int num) {
    // Need (11 <= num) && (num < 20)
    // Does write numbers 11 to 19 in English
```

```
void spellTens (int num) {
    // Need (10 <= num) && (num < 100) &&
    // Does write out int numbers 10 to 99
```

```
Enter an int:
0
zero

Enter an int:
13
thirteen

Enter an int:
30
thirty

Enter an int:
53
fifty three

Enter an int:
123
???? three
```

Does show the use of three methods  
(given as **stubs**, not in detail)  
defined by assertions:

**Does:** is a post-condition  
**Need:** is a pre-condition

SpellDigit has details which are very  
similar to spellOut; you do the others.

```
// Name An Onymous
void main4() {
    double amt;
    // Does show use of formatMoney method
    JJS.start() {

        JJS.outputLnString ("Enter dollars ");
        amt = JJS.inputDouble ();

        formatMoney (amt);
        JJS.outputString ("\n");

    } //end void method main4
}
```

**FormatMoney** prints out money amounts in a proper way.

```
void
    formatMoney (double amt) {
        int iAmt, dollars, cents;
        // Does write money in form $ddd.cc
        // Need real input (amt >= 0.0)
        amt    = 100.0 * amt; // in cents
        iAmt   = JJS.doubleToInt (amt + 0.5);
        cents  = iAmount % 100;
        JJS.outputString ("$$$"); //Optional
        JJS.outputDouble (dollars);
        JJS.outputString (".");
        if (cents <= 9) {
            JJS.outputString ("0");
        } //end if cents is small
        JJS.outputInt (cents);
    } //end void method formatMoney
```

```
Enter dollars
1234.567
$1234.57

Enter dollars
1.2
$1.20

Enter dollars
0.1
$0.10

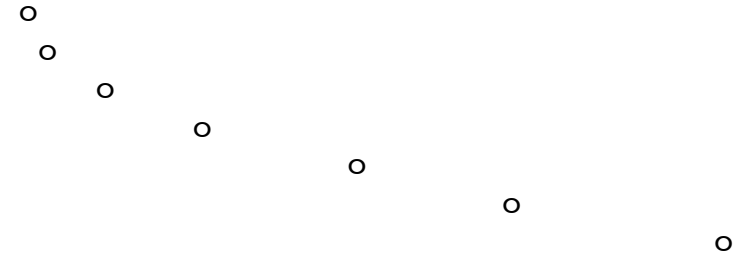
Enter dollars
0.995
$1.00
```



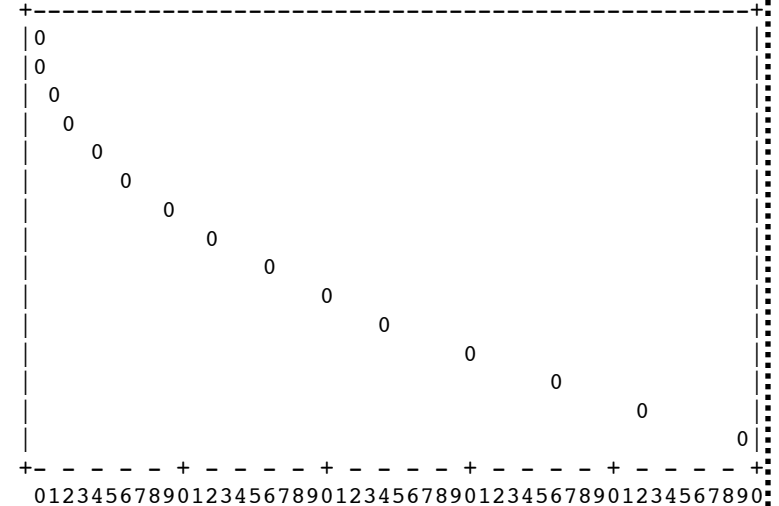
## SidePlot, another way to use outRow

```
// Name An Onymous
void main5() {
    double x,y; //real values
    int iY;      //rounded y
    // Does a side plot of y = f(x) using outRow
    JJS.start() {
        x = 0.0;
        while (x <= 6.0) {
            // Compute y and digitize it to iY
            y = 2*x*x; //f(x) is quadratic
            iY = JJS.doubleToInt (y + 0.5); // round
            outRow (iY, " ");                // blanks
            JJS.outputString ("o");        // do mark
            JJS.outputString ("\n");       // newline
            x = x + 0.5;
        } //end while
    } //end void method main5
```

```
void outRow (int many, String marks) {
    // Does output a row of many marks
    // without using any local boxes
    // Not in APJS, as slots are changed!
    while (many != 0) {
        JJS.outputString (marks);
        many = many - 1;
    } //end while
} //end void method outRow
```



(ultimate output; you enhance it so)



## Many ways to do outRow (including the For and recursion).

```
// Name An Onymous
void main6() {
    int num;    //number of repetitions
    String str; //string to be repeated
    // Does show many ways to do outRow method
    JJS.start() {
        JJS.outputLnString ("Enter an integer ");
        num = JJS.inputInt ();
        JJS.outputLnInt (num);

        JJS.outputLnString ("Enter any string ");
        str = JJS.inputString ();
        JJS.outputLnString (str);

        outRow (num, st);

        JJS.outputString("\n");
    } //end void method main6
```

```
Enter an integer
7
Enter a string
----+
-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
```

```
void
outRow (int many, String marks) {
    // Does output a row of many marks
    // Uses the For loop
        for (int i = 0; i < many; i++) {
            JJS.outputString (marks);
        } //end for
    } //end void method outRow
```

In the following version, note that  
**outRow** calls itself (called recursion)  
but with different slots each time.  
Try to trace it.

```
void
outRow (int many, String marks) {
    // Does output a row of many marks
    // using recursion, calling itself!
    // Need (many >= 0)
        if (many != 0) {
            JJS.outputString (marks);
            outRow (many - 1, marks);
        } //end while
    } //end recursive method outRow
```

## Problems on Routines

### 1. More SpellOut

Enhance the SpellOut routine to spell more values , up to 10.

### 2. SpellTeen Stubs

Complete the stubs to spell out the teens (11 to 19).

### 3. SpellTens

ReUse spellDigit and spellTeen to spell out ints from 0 to 99.

### 4. Format Gas

Change FormatMoney to format any reals to three decimal points.

### 5. Break Greetings

Use outRow to display a greeting (say "Happy Anniversary") by writing many lines, but putting a gap after every fifth one.

### 6. OutGreetPair

ReUse outRow to output a string greeting, two to a line.

For example "Happy Birthday" can be written 21 as 10 full lines with one half line.

## Short Routines

It may be convenient to write various common commands in a short way.

For example, rather than writing

`JJS.outputString(s)` or `System.out.print(s)`

a shorter way would be to create a void method `outStr` and Re-call it often:

`outStr(s);`

Write void methods for the following

`outStr(s)` which is a simple way to call to output a specified string.

`outLnStr(s)` which outputs a string followed by a new line

`outLine()` which is a short way to output a new line,

`outLnInt(i)` which outputs an int followed by a new line

`outIntSpace(i)` which prints an int `i` followed by a space (not a new line)

`outPrompt(s)` which prints out the specified prompt (followed by new line)

`outReal(r)` which prints out a real value `r` followed by a space

Do also some of your own.

## Helpful Routines

Write routines to display the following;  
You need not include all the details  
(exclude the repeated parts)

1. **outWeek(day)** which prints out “Sunday” for day 0, etc..
2. **outWeek1(day)** which outputs “Sunday” for day 1, etc...  
Hint: ReUse!
3. **outMonth(num)** which prints out “January” for day 1, etc..
4. **outMorse(digit)** which prints out a given digit in Morse code.

## **BIG-DIGITS**

### **1. DrawADigit**

Write a method `drawDigit(d)` which draws the decimal digit specified but on it's side consisting of "Bixels" 8 high.

For example `drawDigit(4)` draws the following:

```
    0000
    0
00000000
```

### **2. drawPercent**

Write another method `drawPercent(p)` which draws any percentage  $p$  (from 0 to 100) as a series of 1, 2, or 3 such `bigDigits` on their side.

### **3. drawInt**

Write another method `drawInt(i)` which draws any given integer  $i$  as a `bigInt`.

### **4. drawChr(c)**

Write many method to draw a given capitalized character from "A" to "Z"; This may be best done with a team.

### **5. More For BigDigits;**

Include the `outPeriod()`, `outDollar()`, `outSpace`, `outSpaces(n)`, etc

## More draw Routines

1. **drawBigTime(mil)** for given military time mil.

2. **drawBigLowerLetters(low)**: bigger team  
for all 16 lower case letters,  
But done with a total height of 12 bixels.

3. **drawBigLetter(x)**: team project  
for all 26 capital letters of the alphabet.

4. **drawADie(dots)**, showing any of the 6 faces, such as

```
+-----+
| 0 0 0 |
|       |
| 0 0 0 |
+-----+
```

5. **DrawATotem Pole**