

# ITI 1121. Introduction to Computing II<sup>†</sup>

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# Review

## Objectives:

1. Discussing several concepts related to data types
2. Understanding the implications of the differences between primitive and reference types
3. Reviewing call-by-value
4. Understanding the concept of scope

## Lectures:

- ▶ Pages 597–631 of E. Koffman and P. Wolfgang.

# Plan

1. What are variables and data types
2. Primitive vs reference
3. Comparison operators (primitive vs reference)
4. Auto-boxing/auto-unboxing;
5. Passing parameters
6. Scope
7. Memory management

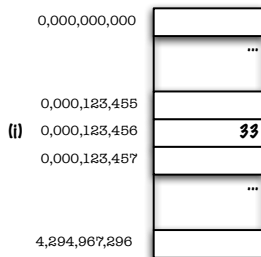
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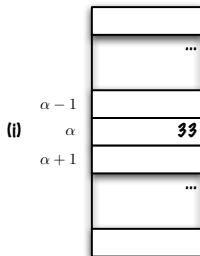
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I will be using Greek letters to designate memory locations (addresses) since in Java we don't know the location of "objects" and should not care!



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will produce an error at compile time; data types are therefore also useful to help detect errors in programs early on.

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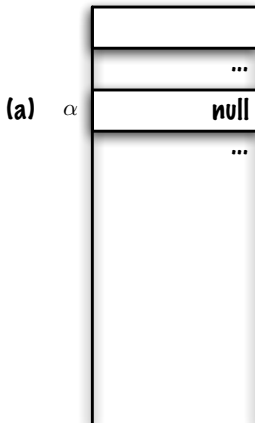
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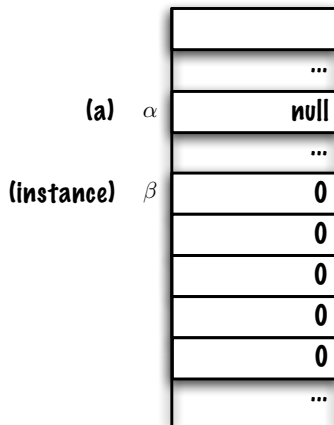
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⇒ The declaration of a reference variable only allocates memory to hold a reference (sometimes called pointer or address), *null* is a special value (literal), which does not reference an object



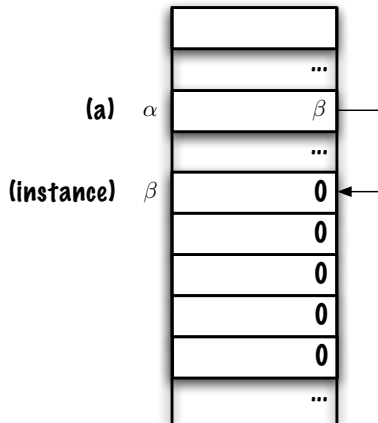
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⇒ The creation of a new instance, `new int [ 5 ]`, allocates memory to hold 5 integer values (and the housekeeping information). Each cell of the array is initialized with the default `int` value, which is 0.

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⇒ Finally, the reference of the newly created object is assigned to the location designed by the label **a**.

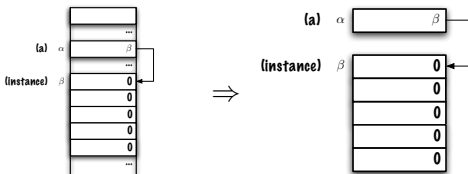
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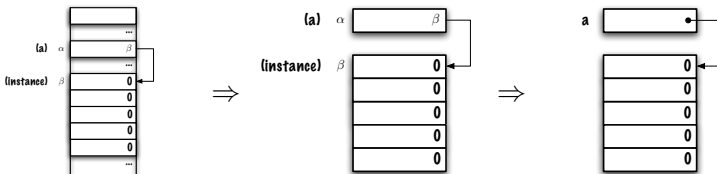
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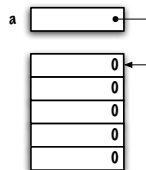
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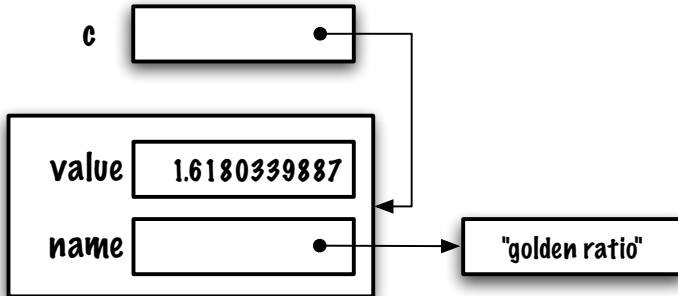
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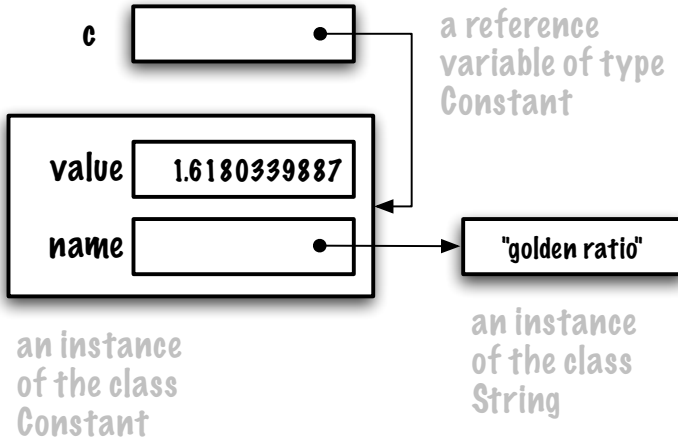
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Constant c;  
c = new Constant( "golden ratio", 1.61803399 );
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## Remember

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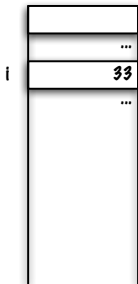
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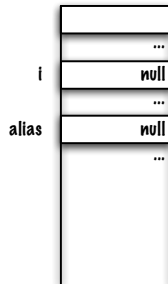
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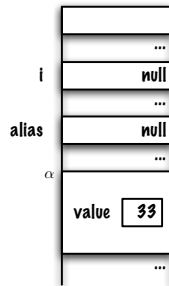
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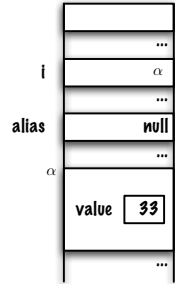
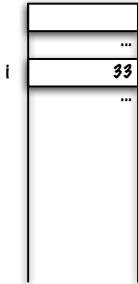
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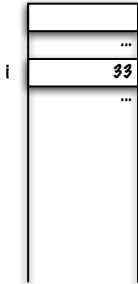


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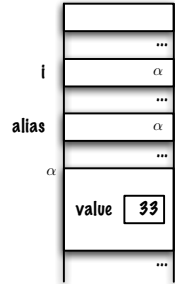
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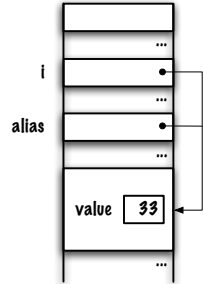
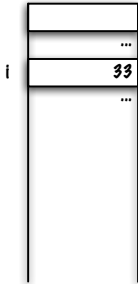
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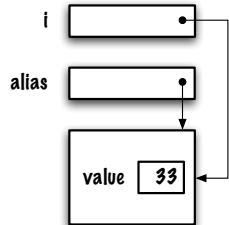


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is transformed into

```
i = new Integer( i.intValue() + 5 );
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where the value of the wrapper object designated by **`i`** is extracted, **unboxed**, with the method call, **`i.intValue()`**.

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where **System.currentTimeMillis()** returns the number of milliseconds elapsed since midnight, January 1, 1970 UTC (Coordinated Universal Time).

**System.nanoTime()** also exists.

## Billion-dollar mistake (Null reference)

“I call it my billion-dollar mistake. It was the invention of the null reference in 1965. At that time, I was designing the first comprehensive type system for references in an object oriented language (ALGOL W). My goal was to ensure that all use of references should be absolutely safe, with checking performed automatically by the compiler. **But I couldn't resist the temptation to put in a null reference, simply because it was so easy to implement.** This has led to innumerable errors, vulnerabilities, and system crashes, which have probably caused a billion dollars of pain and damage in the last forty years.”

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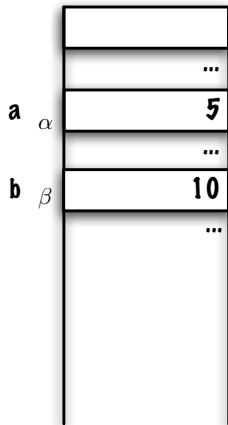
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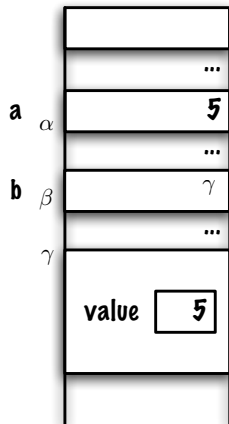
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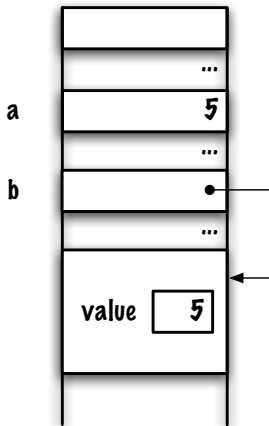
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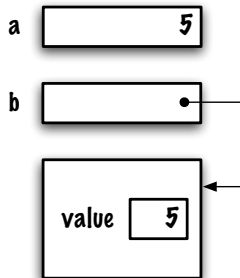


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## Comparison operators and reference types

What will be the result?

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}

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```
    if ( a < b ) {
        ^
```

1 error

## Remarks

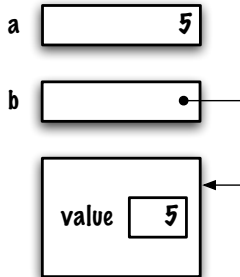
- ▶ These error messages are produced by pre-1.5 Java compilers
- ▶ Starting with Java 1.5, autoboxing masks the “problem”
- ▶ In order to get same behaviour with the two environments, let's use our wrapper, **MyInteger**

# Class MyInteger

```
class MyInteger {  
    int value;  
    MyInteger( int v ) {  
        value = v;  
    }  
}
```

```
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```

► Fix this!



# Solution

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```
int a = 5;
MyInteger b = new MyInteger( 5 );

if ( a < b.value ) {
    System.out.println( "a is less than b" );
} else if ( a == b.value ) {
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}
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⇒ Prints **"a equals b"**.

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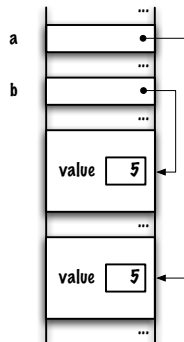
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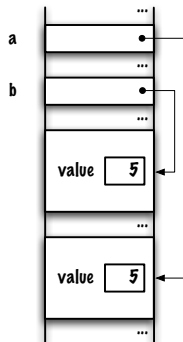
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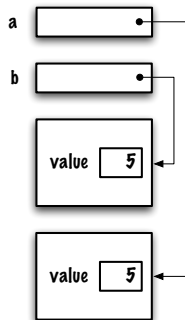


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} else {  
    System.out.println( "a does not b" );  
}
```

where **equals** could have been defined as an instance method:

```
public boolean equals( MyInteger other ) {  
    returns this.value == other.value;  
}
```

⇒ Would print “a equals b”.

## What will happen?

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⇒ Prints “**a == b**”, why? because **a** and **b** reference the same object (instance), in other words, the two memory locations are the same; we say that **b** is an **alias** for **a**.

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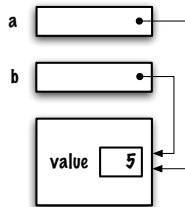
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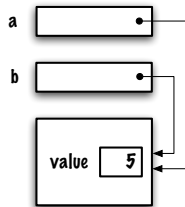
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⇒ prints **"a equals b"** because the two values are equal.

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if ( a.equals( b ) ) { ... }
```

vs

```
if ( a == b ) { ... }
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## Exercises

Experiment comparing these objects using **equals** and **==**, you might be surprised by the results.

```
String a = new String( " Hello" );
String b = new String( " Hello" );
int c[] = { 1, 2, 3 };
int d[] = { 1, 2, 3 };
String e = " Hello";
String f = " Hello";
String g = f + "";
```

In particular, try **a == b** and **e == f**.



## Definition: arity

The **arity** of a method is simply the number of parameters; a method may have no parameter, one parameter or many.

```

MyInteger() {
    this.value = 0;
}
MyInteger( int v ) {
    this.value = v;
}
int sum( int a, int b ) {
    return a + b;
}
  
```

## Definition: formal parameter

A **formal parameter** is a variable which is part of the definition of the method; it can be seen as a local variable of the body of the method.

```
int sum( int a, int b ) {  
    return a + b;  
}
```

⇒ **a** and **b** are formal parameters of **sum**.

## Definition: actual parameter

An **actual parameter** is the variable which is used when the method is called to supply the value for the formal parameter.

```
int sum( int a, int b ) {
    return a + b;
}
...
int midTerm, finalExam, total;
total = sum( midTerm, finalExam );
```

**midTerm** and **finalExam** are actual parameters of **sum**, when the method is called the value of the actual parameters is copied to the location of the formal parameters.

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- ▶ the execution of the calling method restarts with the next instruction

```
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    public static void increment( int a ) {  
        a = a + 1;  
    }  
  
    public static void main( String [] args ) {  
        int a = 5;  
        System.out.println( "before: " + a );  
        increment( a );  
        System.out.println( "after: " + a );  
    }  
}
```

What will printed?

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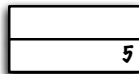
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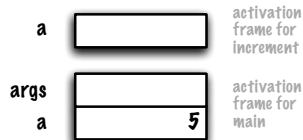
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Each **method call** has its own **activation frame**, which holds the parameters and local variables (here, **args** and **a**)

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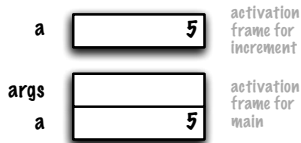


When **increment** is called a new activation frame is created



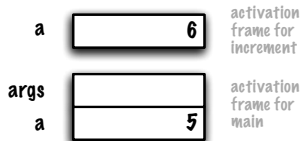
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The value of the **actual parameter** is copied to the location of the **formal parameter**

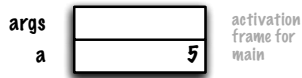
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}
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The execution of `a = a + 1` changes the content of the formal parameter `a`, which is a distinct memory location the local variable `a` of the `main` method

```

public static void increment( int a ) {
    a = a + 1;
}
public static void main( String[] args ) {
    int a = 5;
    increment( a );
> }
    
```



Control returns to the main method, the activation frame for **increment** is destroyed

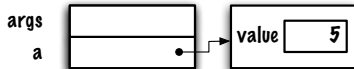
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    int value;
    MyInteger( int v ) {
        value = v;
    }
}
class Test {
    public static void increment( MyInteger a ) {
        a.value++;
    }
    public static void main( String [] args ) {
        MyInteger a = new MyInteger (5);
        System.out.println("before: " + a.value);
        increment(a);
        System.out.println("after: " + a.value);
    }
}
```

What will be printed out?

```

static void increment( MyInteger a ) {
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}
public static void main( String[] args ) {
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    increment( a );
}
  
```

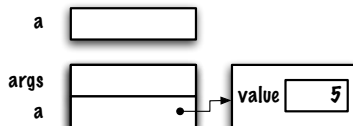


The local variable **a** of the **main** method is a reference to an instance of the class **MyInteger**

```

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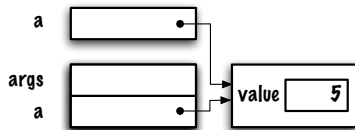
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Calling **increment**, creating a new activation frame

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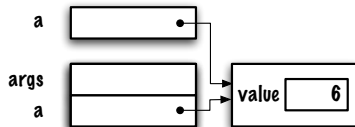
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Copying the **value** of the **actual parameter** into the **formal parameter** of **increment**

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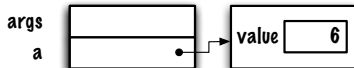


Executing **a.value++**



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Returning the control to the **main** method

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public class Test {  
    public static void display() {  
        System.out.println( "a = " + a );  
    }  
    public static void main( String [] args ) {  
        int a;  
        a = 9; // valid access, within the same block  
        if (a < 10) {  
            a = a + 1; // another valid access  
        }  
        display ();  
    }  
}
```

Is this a valid program?



```
public class Test {  
    public static void main( String [] args ) {  
        System.out.println( sum );  
        for ( int i=1; i<10; i++ ) {  
            System.out.println( i );  
        }  
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        }  
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Java is not immune to memory leaks as will see in a few weeks. . .

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