CIS 110: Introduction to Computer Programming

Lecture 8

Hey (Objects), Listen!

(§ 3.2-3.3)

Outline

- Review: what is a library?
- The Math class
- The String class
- The Story Thus Far…

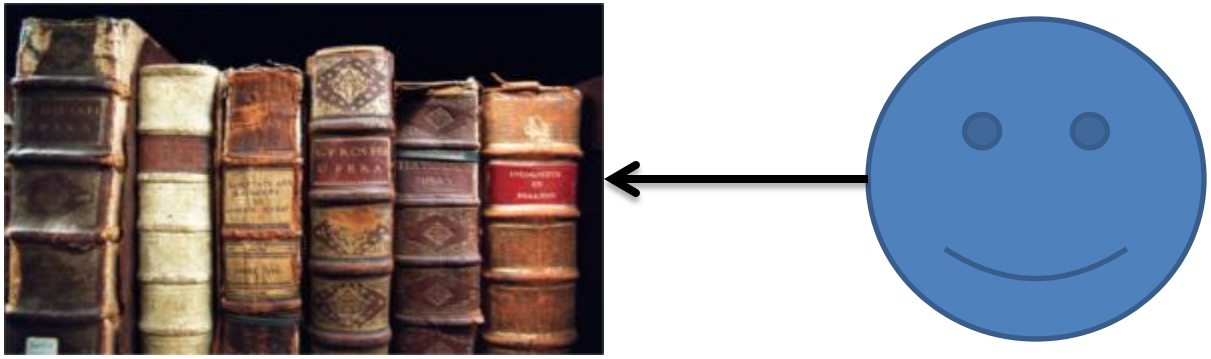
Announcements

- Homework 3 due tonight (11:59:59).
- Exam 1 on Wednesday.
  - See website for locations (based on time + name).
  - No homework or lab this week.
- Changes to exam protocol:
  - **ID required to turn in exam.**
  - Abbreviations for System.out.print(ln):
    - **S.O.PLN** and **S.O.P**
    - **All other code must be written out in full!**

What is a Library?

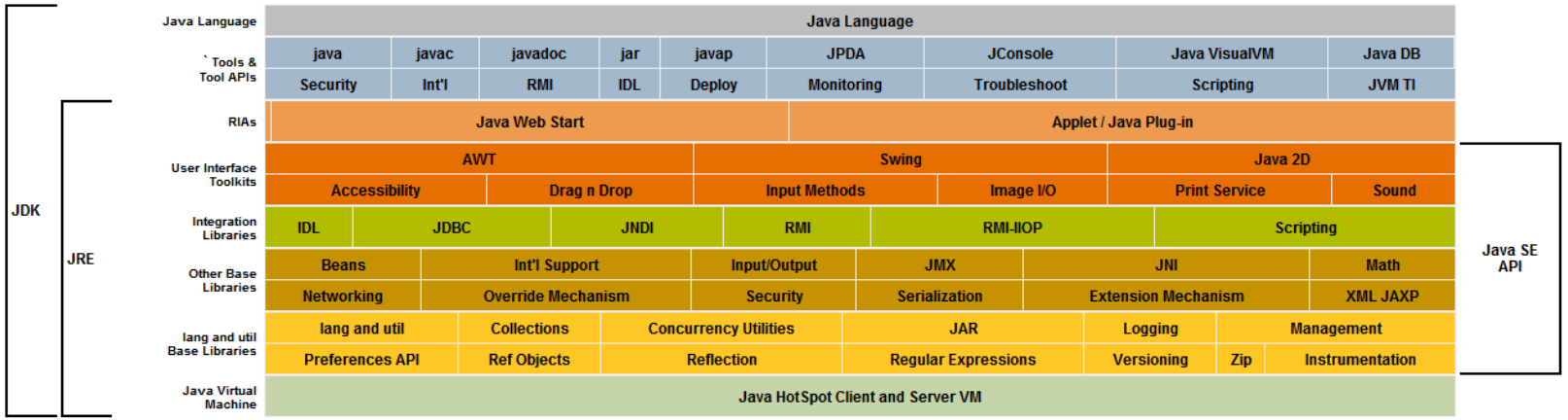
Review: Libraries

- *Libraries* are collections of classes that other people have written for us to use.
  - Motivation: avoid reinventing the wheel!
  - A particular *strength* of Java.
- Example: the DrawingPanel class



Learning a Programming Language

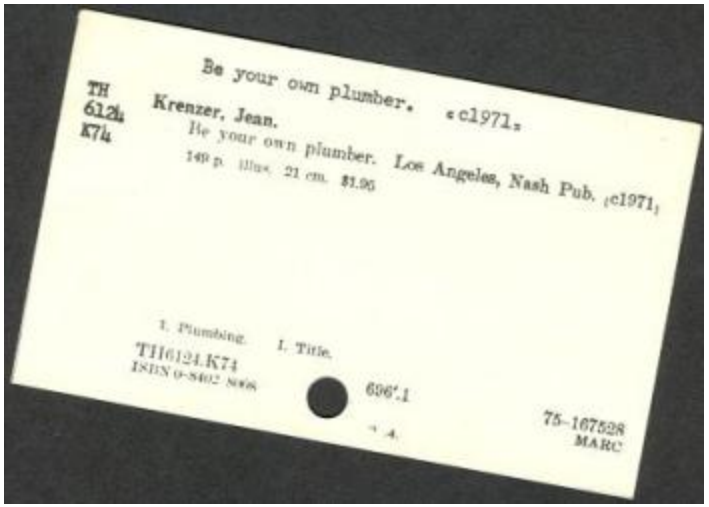
- Need to learn *two parts*:
  - *Language*: syntax, structure, etc.
  - *Libraries:* commonly-used functionality.
- Java's built-in library: the *Java Class Libraries*.



Description of Java Conceptual Diagram

Learning a Programming Language

- In reality, few people know the entire library.
  - People know where to *look stuff up when needed*.
  - In Java, this is the *javadoc API documentation*.
- For now, we focus on two particular classes:
  - The Math class.
  - The String class.



The Math Class

Demo (MathExamples.java)

Math Example

- Can we write a method that rounds a decimal to an integer?
  - MyMath.round(3.75) → 4
  - MyMath.round(3.25) → 3

```
public class MyMath {
  public static int round(double d) {
    return (int) (d + 0.5);
  }
}
```

Calling Methods from Other Classes

- Can't simply call sqrt from another class!

```
public class MathTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(sqrt(3.75)); // Bad!
  }
}
```

- sqrt is *out of scope* in MathTest.

Dot Notation for Static Methods and Constants

- Solution: clarify where sqrt comes from with *dot notation*.
  - *Syntax:* <class name>.<method name>().

```
public class MathTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(MyMath.sqrt(3.75));
  }
}
```

- Only works for static methods and constants.
  - *Not for local variables!*

The Math class

- Java already provides round in the Math class.
  - Best to not reinvent the wheel!

```
public class MathTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    System.out.println(Math.sqrt(3.75));
  }
}
```

Math Methods and Constants Sampler (See p. 150 for details)

```
Math.E
Math.PI
Math.abs(num)
Math.ceil(num)
Math.exp(num)
Math.floor(num)
Math.log(num)
Math.log10(num)
Math.max(num1, num2)
Math.min(num1, num2)
Math.pow(num1, num2)
Math.random()
Math.round(num)
Math.sin(num)
Math.sqrt(num)
Math.toDegrees(num)
Math.toRadians(num)
```

The String Class

Demo (StringExamples.java)

Recall: Objects Are Different From Primitives

- DrawingPanel is an object!
  - Different syntax for creation and method calls:

```
DrawingPanel p = new DrawingPanel(500, 500);
Graphics g = p.getGraphics();
```

- Remember objects contain *data* and *methods*.
  - e.g., DrawingPanel provides the getGraphics method.

Startling Fact: Strings Are Objects!

- Strings try to act like primitives…

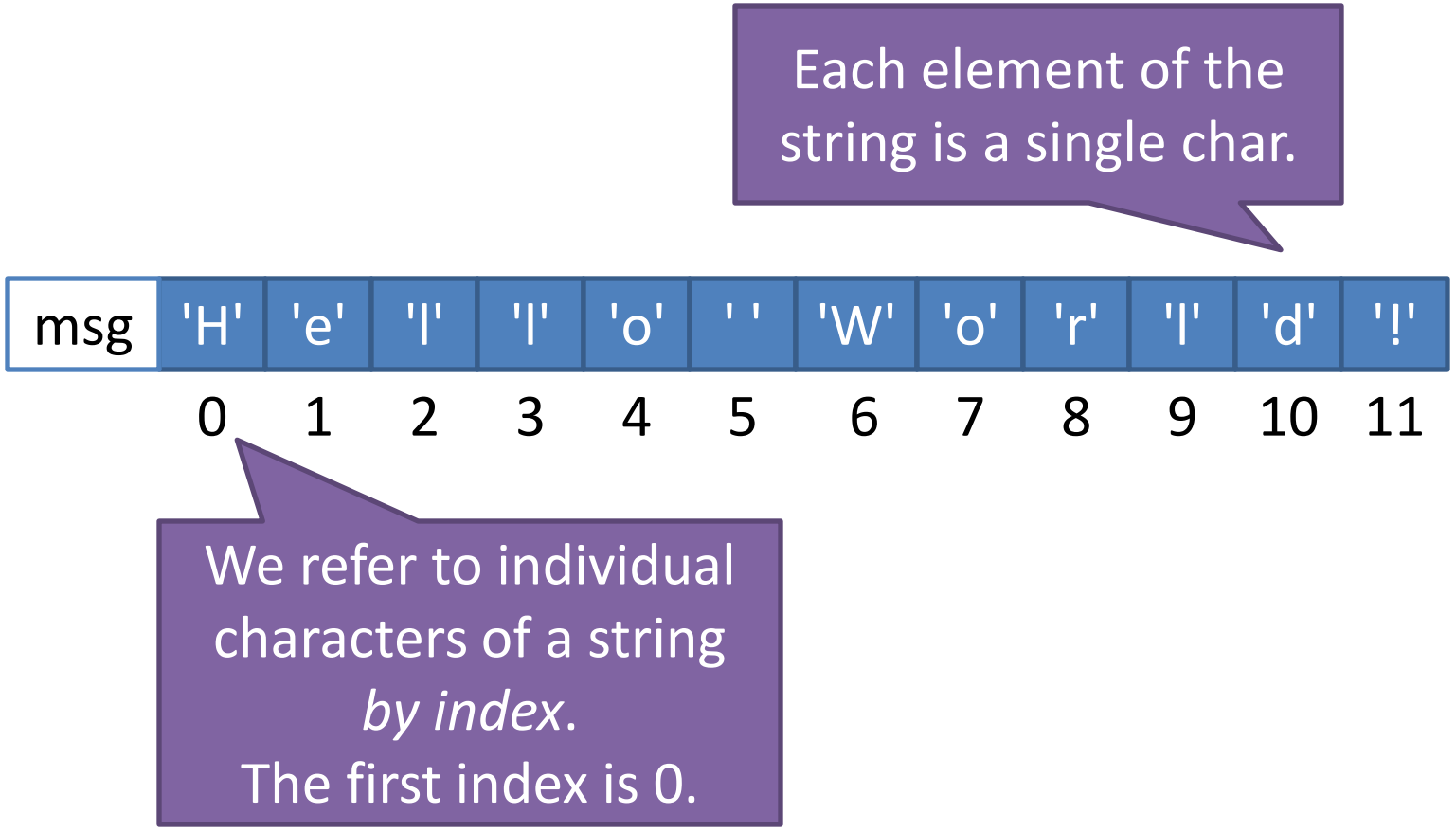
```
String msg = "hello world!"
```

- …but they're really objects!

```
System.out.println(msg.length());
// Prints out 12 --- the length of msg!
```

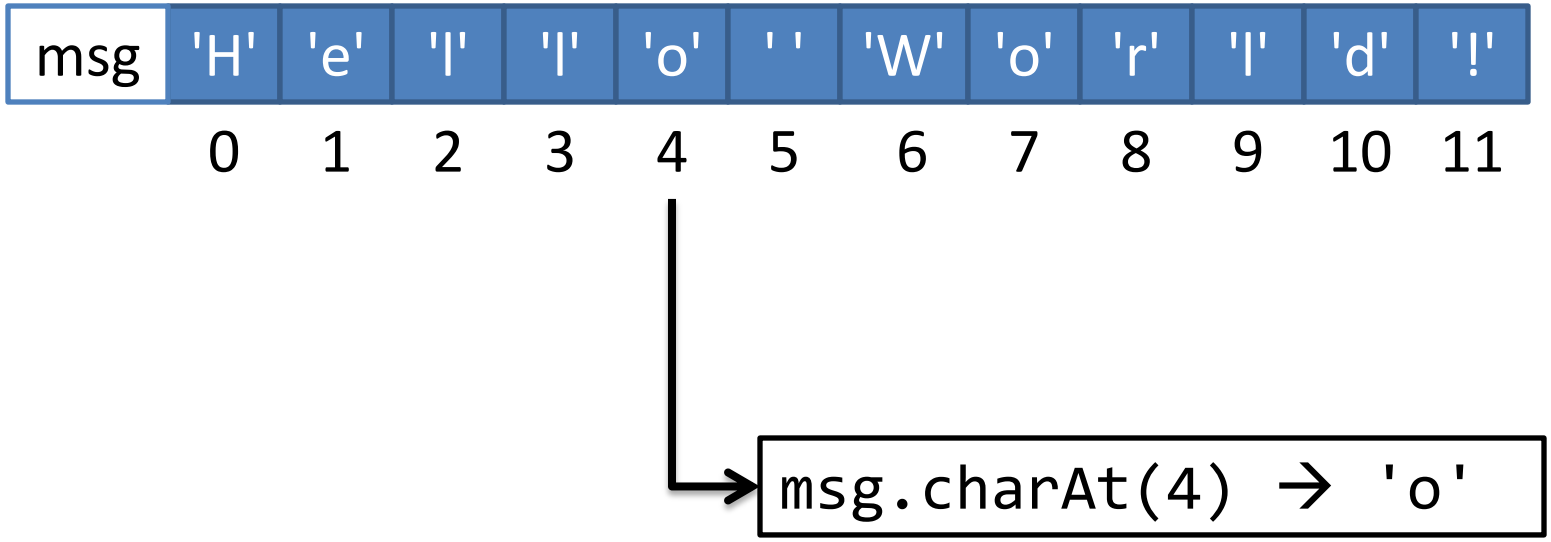
- What other methods does String provide?

Strings as sequence of characters



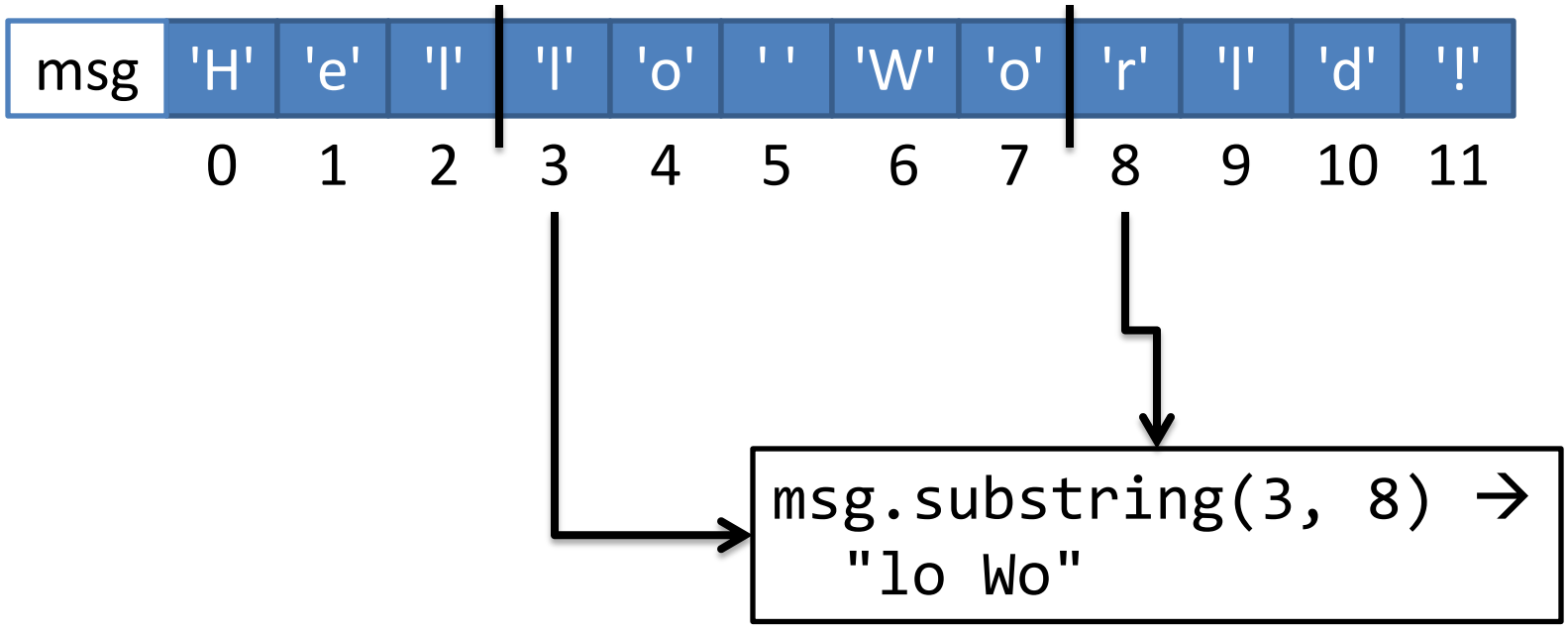
Example: charAt(index)

```
System.out.println(msg.charAt(4));
// Prints out 'o' --- the char at index 4
```



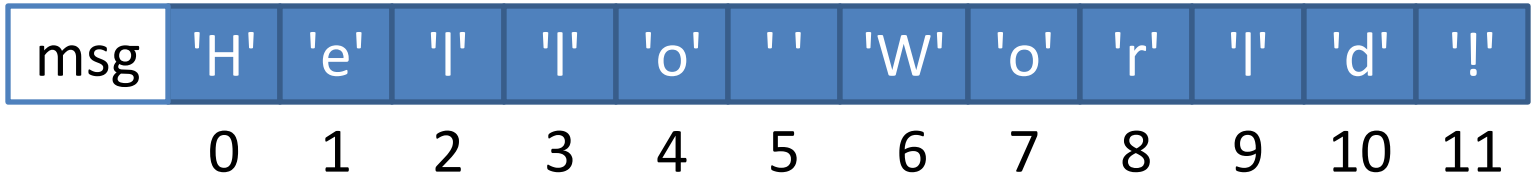
Example: substring(start, end)

```
System.out.println(msg.substring(3, 8));
// Prints out "lo Wo": the substring starting
// at index 3 and ending at index (8-1) = 7.
```



Runtime Errors From Bad Arguments

```
System.out.println(msg.charAt(12));
// Raises an exception since 12 is not valid!
```



Strings Are Immutable

```
String msg = "Hello World!";
msg.toUpperCase();
System.out.println(msg);      // Prints Hello World!
```

- String are *immutable*!
  - Methods calls on a String do not change that String.
  - Instead, methods *return new Strings* that are the result of the operation.

```
String msg = "Hello World!";
msg = msg.toUpperCase();
System.out.println(msg);      // Prints HELLO WORLD!
```

String Methods Sampler (See p. 162 for details)

```
charAt(index)
endsWith(text)
indexOf(text)
length()
startsWith(text)
substring(start, stop)
toLowerCase()
toUpperCase()
```

And The Story Thus Far…

Why Are We Here?

- Learning about *algorithmic thinking* via *computer programming!*
  1. Precision
  2. Decomposition
  3. Abstraction

Mental Model of Computation

Static methods
For loops

Class Constants
Parameters
Return values

Syntax: Declarations

```
// Class declarations
public class <name> {
  <methods>
}

// Method declaration
public static <type> <name>(<params>) {
  <statements>
}
```

Syntax: Statements

```
// Static method call
<name>(<params>);

// Static method call (another class)
<class>.<name>(<params>);

// Method call on an object
<object>.<name>(<params>);

// Variable declaration
<type> <name> = <expr>

// Variable assignment
<name> = <expr>
<name> += <expr>
<name++>
```

```
// For loop
for (<init>; <test>; <update>) {
  <statements>
}
```

Syntax: Expressions

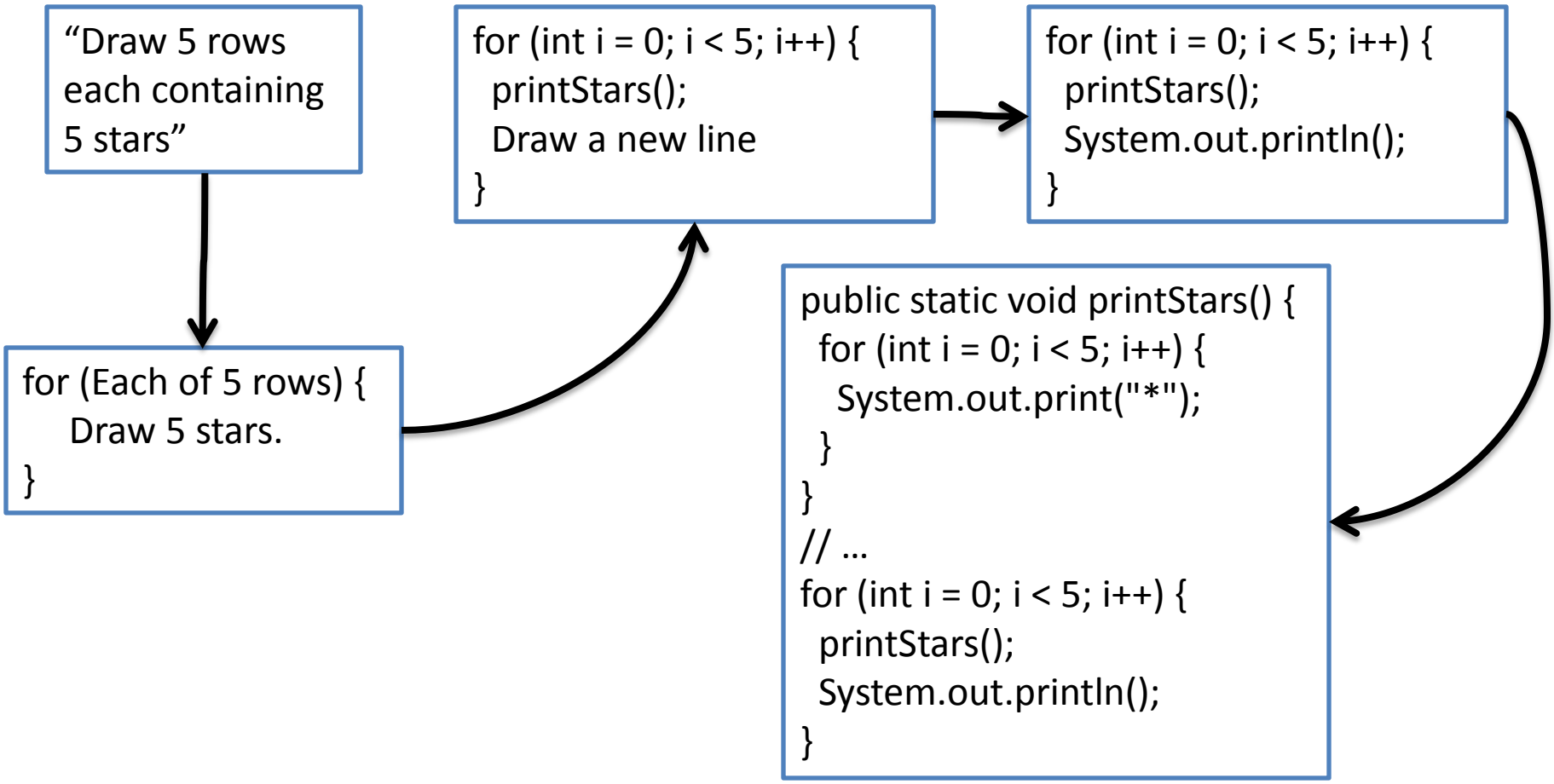
```
// All method calls if they return values (from previous slide)

// Variable use
<name>

// Literals
0  0.0  'c'  "hello!"

// Operators (+, -, *, /, %)
<expr> + <expr>
```

Decomposition: Break A Problem Into Sub-problems



Generalization: Make a Piece of Code Handle More Cases

```
public static void printStars() {
  for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    System.out.print("*");
  }
}
// …
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
  printStars();
  System.out.println();
}
```

```
public static void printStars(int n) {
  for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
    System.out.print("*");
  }
}

public static void printGrid(int n) {
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    printStars(n);
    System.out.println();
  }
}
```