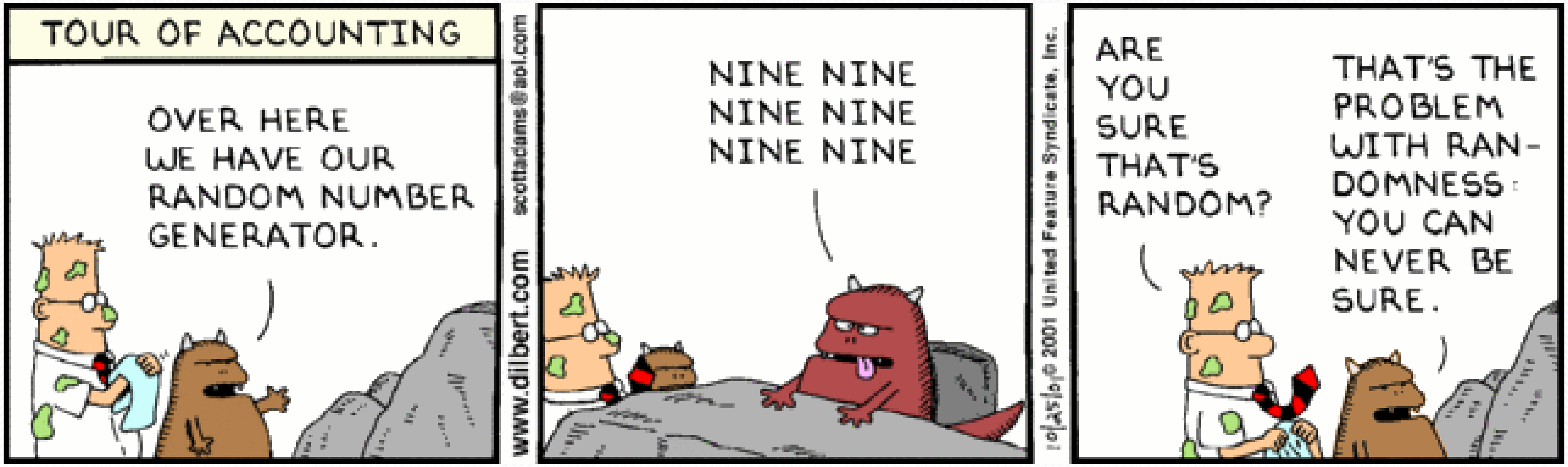
Building Java Programs

Chapter 5
Lecture 5-2: Random Numbers; procedural design

reading: 5.1, 5.6, 4.5


TOUR OF ACCOUNTING
OVER HERE WE HAVE OUR RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR.
NINE NINE NINE NINE NINE NINE
ARE YOU SURE THAT'S RANDOM?
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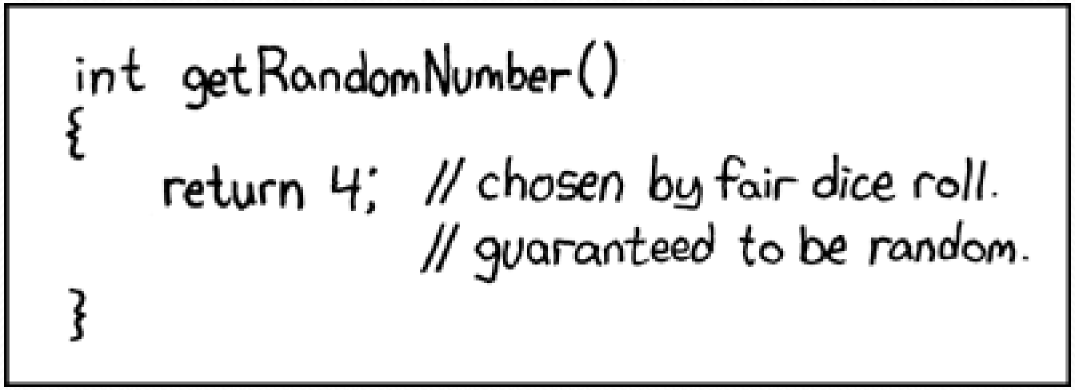


```
int getRandomNumber()
{
    return 4;  // chosen by fair dice roll.
               // guaranteed to be random.
}
```

http://xkcd.com/221/

The `Random` class

- A `Random` object generates *pseudo*-random numbers.
  - Class `Random` is found in the `java.util` package.

```
import java.util.*;
```

Method name	**Description**
`nextInt()`	returns a random integer
`nextInt(`**`max`**`)`	returns a random integer in the range [0, *max*) in other words, 0 to *max*-1 inclusive
`nextDouble()`	returns a random real number in the range [0.0, 1.0)

  - Example:

```
Random rand = new Random();
int randomNumber = rand.nextInt(10);    // 0-9
```

Generating random numbers

- Common usage: to get a random number from 1 to *N*

```
int n = rand.nextInt(20) + 1;    // 1-20 inclusive
```

- To get a number in arbitrary range [*min*, *max*] inclusive:

  name`.nextInt(`**size of range**`) + `**min**

  - Where **size of range** is (**max** `-` **min** `+ 1`)

  - Example: A random integer between 4 and 10 inclusive:

```
int n = rand.nextInt(7) + 4;
```

Random questions

- Given the following declaration, how would you get:

```
Random rand = new Random();
```

  - A random number between 1 and 47 inclusive?

```
int random1 = rand.nextInt(47) + 1;
```

  - A random number between 23 and 30 inclusive?

```
int random2 = rand.nextInt(8) + 23;
```

  - A random even number between 4 and 12 inclusive?

```
int random3 = rand.nextInt(5) * 2 + 4;
```

Random and other types

- nextDouble method returns a double between [0.0, 1.0)
  - Example: Get a random GPA value between [1.5, 4.0):

```
double randomGpa = rand.nextDouble() * 2.5 + 1.5;
```

- Any set of possible values can be mapped to integers
  - code to randomly play Rock-Paper-Scissors:

```
int r = rand.nextInt(3);
if (r == 0) {
    System.out.println("Rock");
} else if (r == 1) {
    System.out.println("Paper");
} else {   // r == 2
    System.out.println("Scissors");
}
```

Random question

- Write a program that plays an adding game.
  - Ask user to solve random adding problems with 2-5 numbers in the range from 1 - 10.
  - The user gets 1 point for a correct answer, 0 for incorrect.
  - The program stops after 3 incorrect answers.

```
4 + 10 + 3 + 10 = 27
9 + 2 = 11
8 + 6 + 7 + 9 = 25
Wrong! The answer was 30
5 + 9 = 13
Wrong! The answer was 14
4 + 9 + 9 = 22
3 + 1 + 7 + 2 = 13
4 + 2 + 10 + 9 + 7 = 42
Wrong! The answer was 32
You earned 4 total points
```

Random answer

```
// Asks the user to do adding problems and scores them.
import java.util.*;

public class AddingGame {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        Random rand = new Random();

        // play until user gets 3 wrong
        int points = 0;
        int wrong = 0;
        while (wrong < 3) {
            int result = play(console, rand);   // play one game
            if (result == 0) {
                wrong++;
            } else {
                points++;
            }
        }

        System.out.println("You earned " + points + " total points.");
    }
```

Random answer 2

```
    ...
    // Builds one addition problem and presents it to the user.
    // Returns 1 point if you get it right, 0 if wrong.
    public static int play(Scanner console, Random rand) {
        // print the operands being added, and sum them
        int operands = rand.nextInt(4) + 2;
        int sum = rand.nextInt(10) + 1;
        System.out.print(sum);

        for (int i = 2; i <= operands; i++) {
            int n = rand.nextInt(10) + 1;
            sum += n;
            System.out.print(" + " + n);
        }
        System.out.print(" = ");

        // read user's guess and report whether it was correct
        int guess = console.nextInt();
        if (guess == sum) {
            return 1;
        } else {
            System.out.println("Wrong! The answer was " + total);
            return 0;
        }
    }
}
```

Procedural design

reading: 4.5

Recall: BMI program

Formula for body mass index (BMI):

$$BMI = \frac{weight}{height^2} \times 703$$

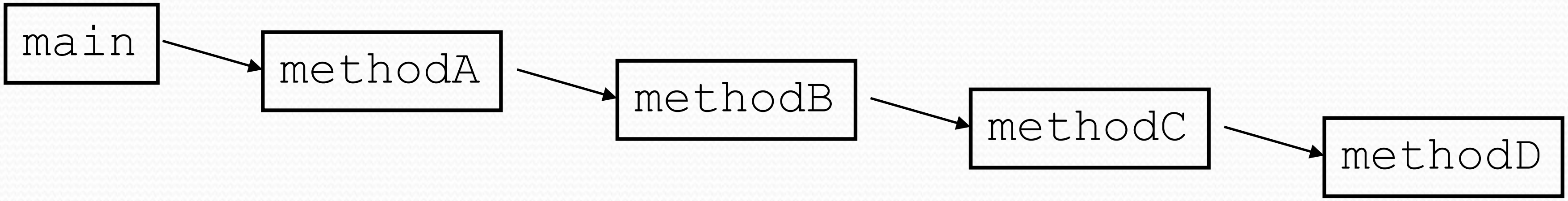
BMI	Weight class
below 18.5	underweight
18.5 - 24.9	normal
25.0 - 29.9	overweight
30.0 and up	obese

- Write a program that produces output like the following:

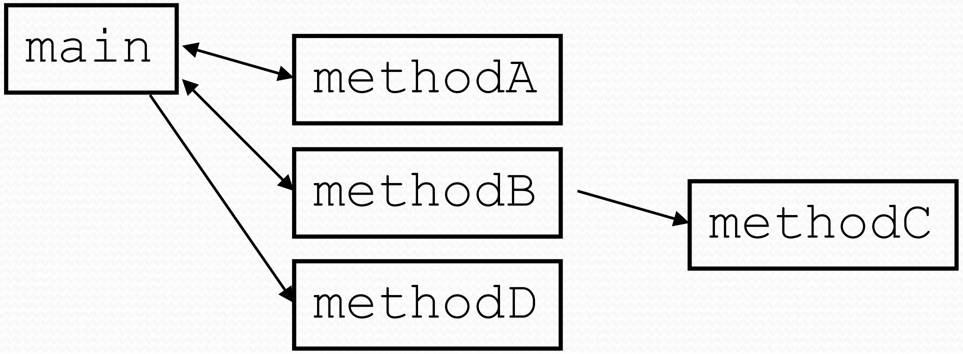
```
This program reads data for two people and
computes their body mass index (BMI).

Enter next person's information:
height (in inches)? 70.0
weight (in pounds)? 194.25

Enter next person's information:
height (in inches)? 62.5
weight (in pounds)? 130.5

Person 1 BMI = 27.868928571428572
overweight
Person 2 BMI = 23.485824
normal
Difference = 4.3831045714285715
```

"Chaining"

- main should be a concise summary of your program.
  - It is bad if each method calls the next without ever returning (we call this *chaining*):



- A better structure has main make most of the calls.
  - Methods must return values to main to be passed on later.



Bad "chain" code

```
public class BMI {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println("This program reads ... (etc.)");
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        person(console);
    }

    public static void person(Scanner console) {
        System.out.println("Enter next person's information:");
        System.out.print("height (in inches)? ");
        double height = console.nextDouble();
        getWeight(console, height);
    }

    public static void getWeight(Scanner console, double height) {
        System.out.print("weight (in pounds)? ");
        double weight = console.nextDouble();
        computeBMI(console, height, weight);
    }

    public static void computeBMI(Scanner s, double h, double w) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Procedural heuristics

1. Each method should have a clear set of responsibilities.
2. No method should do too large a share of the overall task.
3. Minimize coupling and dependencies between methods.
4. The main method should read as a concise summary of the overall set of tasks performed by the program.
5. Data should be declared/used at the lowest level possible.