











Method overloading

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- Different methods can have the same name
- A method has a *signature*: method name and the parameter types (including the order)
- In a class, all methods must have different signatures
- The return type is not part of the signature
- E.g., the abs method in the Math class

```
class Interval {
  private double base; // low end
  private double width; // interval width
  public static final double maxWidth=5;
  public Interval(double b, double w) {
    setBase(b);
    setWidth(w);
  }
  public Interval() {}
    /* An Interval with base b and maxWdith */
  public Interval(double b) {
    setBase(b);
    setWidth(maxWidth);
  }
    this(b,maxWidth)
  }
  // other methods below
```







```
public class Person {
    private String name;
    private int age;

    public static final int LEGALage=18;
    /** Constructor */
    public Person(String name, int age)
    { this.name= name; this.age= age; }
    /** =This Person is an adult */
    public boolean isAdult()
    { return age >= LEGALage; }
    /** =String description of this Person */
    public String toString()
    { return name + " is " + age; }
} // class Person
```

Modify Person class

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- Modify Person class to store data about a Person's best friend: add another instance variable friend
- What should be the type of the field friend?
- Add two more methods to the class definition: makeFrend, beFriendOf

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```
/** Make a friend with Person p */
public void makeFriend(Person p) {
}
/** Become a friend of Person p */
public void beFriendOf(Person p) {
}
```









Array length and default values Once created, an array has a fixed length, held in the array's constant called length: int[] counts= new int[4]; System.out.println(counts.length); // will print 4 System.out.println(counts[2]); // Array components have default // values. Above statement will // print 0









