

Object Parameters Example (Version 2.1)

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/***
 * This class demonstrates <i>primitive</i> and object parameters and
 * return values.<br> Here's more text after a html "break" tag.
 *
 * <p><b>To do:</b> Nothing. This just demonstrates embedded
 * html.</p>
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 */
public class ObjParms {
    /**
     * The value stored in the ObjParms object. Arbitrary units.
     */
    private int value;
    /**
     * Creates a ObjParms object containing the specified value.
     *
     * @param v The value to be stored.
     */
    public ObjParms(int v){
        value = v;
    }
    /**
     * Changes the value stored in the ObjParms object.
     *
     * @param v The new value to be stored.
     */
    public void setValue(int v) {
        value = v;
    }
    /**
     * Returns the value stored in the object.
     *
     * @return The value stored in the object.
     */
    public int getPrimitive() {
        return value;
    }
    /**
     * Returns a new object containing the same value as the existing
     * object.
     *
     * @return The new object.
     */
    public ObjParms getObject() {
        return new ObjParms(value);
    }
}
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/**
 * Changes the values of the passed parameters and returns the sum
 * of the new values. Changes to primitive parameters "go away"
 * while changes to the state of object parameters "stick."
 *
 * @param prim A primitive parameter.
 * @param obj An object parameter.
 *
 * @return The sum of the changed parameters.
 */
private int doSomething(int prim, ObjParms obj) {
    prim = 11; // Will this stick?
    obj.setValue(12); // How 'bout this?
    System.out.println("At end of doSomething... ");
    System.out.println("prim & obj are now: " + prim + ", " +
        obj.getPrimitive());
    return prim + obj.getPrimitive();
}
/**
 * Tries to change the object referenced by a passed object
 * parameter. This has no effect in calling program.
 *
 * @param obj An object parameter.
 */
private void doSomethingElse(ObjParms obj) {
    obj = new ObjParms(13); // What will this do?
    System.out.println("At end of doSomethingElse... ");
    System.out.println("obj is now: " + obj.getPrimitive());
}
/**
 * Used to demonstrate this class and parameter passing.
 *
 * @param args Command line arguments.
 */
public static void main(String[] args) {

    // Primitive & object parameter & primitive return demonstration.
    int x = 1;
    ObjParms op = new ObjParms(2);
    System.out.println("Before any calls... ");
    System.out.println("x & y are now: " + x + ", " +
        op.getPrimitive());
    int z = op.doSomething(x, op);
    System.out.println("After doSomething... ");
    System.out.println("x, y & z are now: " + x + ", " +
        op.getPrimitive() + ", " + z );

    // Object return demonstration.
    ObjParms newOp = new ObjParms(3);
    ObjParms nextOp = newOp.getObject();
    System.out.println("After getObject... ");
    System.out.println("newOp & nextOp are now: " +
        newOp.getPrimitive() + ", " + nextOp.getPrimitive());

    // Object parameter demonstration.
    nextOp.doSomethingElse(newOp);
    System.out.println("After doSomethingElse... ");
    System.out.println("newOp & nextOp are now: " +
        newOp.getPrimitive() + ", " + nextOp.getPrimitive());
}
}

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Output produced:

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Before any calls...
x & y are now: 1, 2
At end of doSomething...
prim & obj are now: 11, 12
After doSomething...
x, y & z are now: 1, 12, 23
After getObject...
newOp & nextOp are now: 3, 3
At end of doSomethingElse...
obj is now: 13
After doSomethingElse...
newOp & nextOp are now: 3, 3
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