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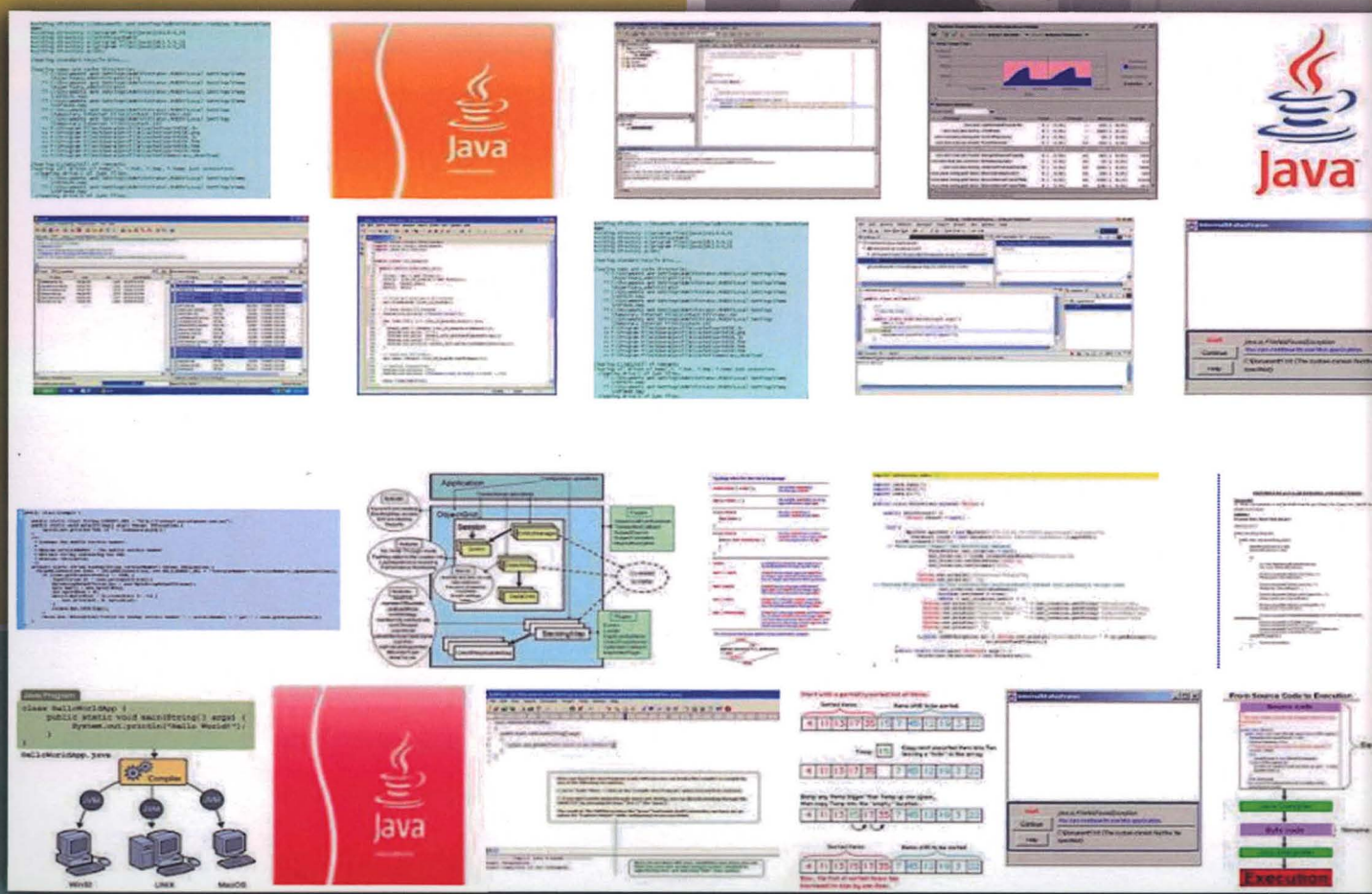

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Chapter 24

Return Statement

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Abstract

Return statement are simply a way in Java where a method returns an answer after it has completed its execution. In this experiment the use of return statement inside a method is discussed. The students will learn how to use return statements in various situations and how to exit a method also with it.

24.1 Return Statement

A method, unless void, returns a value of the specified type to the calling method using the *return* statement. The key points to remember are:

- The return statement is used to immediately quit the method and return a value:

return *expression*;

The type of the return value or expression must match the method's declared return type.

- So a return statement does two things: quits the method and (unless void) returns a value to the calling method.
- It is up to the calling method to decide whether it wants to use the returned value

```
sometype x = someMethod(...);
```

- or ignore it:

```
someMethod(...);
```