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    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println(StrictMath.sin(0.3));  
    }  
}
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Because the sin method is native.

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public static native double sin(double a);
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A method that is implemented in a language other than Java but that is invoked from a Java app.

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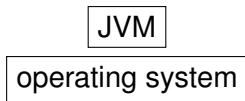
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- Allows programmers to use code that has been already implemented in other languages.
- May increase the performance.
- May support certain platform-dependent features.

Many of the classes of the Java standard library include native methods.

Java Native Interface (JNI)

JNI provides the infrastructure for Java code to use libraries written in other languages such as C, C++ and assembly.



Invoking a native method can be viewed as transferring the execution from the JVM to the operating system, since the native code will be executed outside the JVM and will run on the operating system.

Sheng Liang. *Java Native Interface: Programmer's Guide and Specification*. Prentice Hall. 1999.

Handling Native Methods

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JPF provides several ways to handle native methods.

- Using model classes.
- Using native peers.
- Using a combination of model classes and native peers.
- Using the extension jpf-nhandler.

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For example, we approximate the sine function with the Bhaskara I's sine approximation formula:

$$\sin(a) = \frac{16a(\pi - a)}{5\pi^2 - 4a(\pi - a)}$$

```
package java.lang;

public class StrictMath {
    public static double sin(double a) {
        return 16 * a * (Math.PI - a) /
            (5 * Math.PI * Math.PI -
             4 * a * (Math.PI - a));
    }
}
```

- The model class `StrictMath` is part of the package `java.lang`.
- The model class only contains one method, whereas the original `StrictMath` class contains many more.

To ensure that JPF verifies the model class, rather than the original class, we need to add the model class to JPF's class path.

```
target=Sine
```

```
classpath=C:/Users/franck/workspace/examples/bin
```

In this case, the directory

```
C:\Users\franck\workspace\examples\bin\java\lang
```

should contains the file `StrictMath.class`.