

CHAPTER4 Flow of Control

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- ☐ As in most programming languages, *flow of control* in Java refers to its *branching* and *looping* mechanisms
- ☐ Java has several branching mechanisms: if-else, if, and switch statements
- ☐ Java has three types of loop statements: the while, do-while, and for statements
- ☐ Most branching and looping statements are controlled by Boolean expressions
 - ➤ A Boolean expression evaluates to either **true** or **false**
 - The primitive type boolean may only take the values true or false



Branching with an if-else Statement

☐ An if-else statement chooses between two alternative statements based on the value of a Boolean expression

```
if (Boolean_Expression)
  Yes_Statement
else
  No Statement
```

- > The Boolean_Expression must be enclosed in parentheses
- ➤ If the Boolean_Expression is true, then the Yes Statement is executed
- ➤ If the Boolean_Expression is false, then the No_Statement is executed



Compound Statements

- □ Each Yes_Statement and No_Statement branch of an if-else can be a made up of a single statement or many statements
- □ Compound Statement: A branch statement that is made up of a list of statements
 - ➤ A compound statement must always be enclosed in a pair of braces ({ })
 - A compound statement can be used anywhere that a single statement can be used



Compound Statements



Omitting the else Part

☐ The else part may be omitted to obtain what is often called an if statement

```
if (Boolean_Expression)
Action Statement
```

- ➤ If the Boolean_Expression is true, then the Action_Statement is executed
- ➤ The Action_Statement can be a single or compound statement
- ➤ Otherwise, nothing happens, and the program goes on to the next statement

```
if (weight > ideal)
  calorieIntake = calorieIntake - 500;
```



Nested Statements

- □if-else statements and if statements both contain smaller statements within them
 - For example, single or compound statements
- ☐ In fact, any statement at all can be used as a subpart of an if-else or if statement, including another if-else or if statement
 - Each level of a nested **if-else** or **if** should be indented further than the previous level
 - Exception: multiway if-else statements

```
public class SelectionStatements
{
   public static void main(String[] args){
     int number = 24;
     if(number % 2 == 0)
        System.out.print("The condition evaluated to true!");
     else
        System.out.print("The condition evaluated to false!");
   }
}
```



Multiway if-else Statements

- ☐ The multiway if-else statement is simply a normal if-else statement that nests another if-else statement at every else branch
 - ➤ It is indented differently from other nested statements
 - ➤ All of the **Boolean_Expressions** are aligned with one another, and their corresponding actions are also aligned with one another
 - The Boolean_Expressions are evaluated in order until one that evaluates to true is found
 - > The final **else** is optional



Multiway if-else Statement

```
if (Boolean Expression)
   Statement 1
else if (Boolean Expression)
   Statement 2
else if (Boolean Expression n)
   Statement n
else
  Statement For All Other Possibilities
```

```
public class MultiwayIfElse {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int a = 10;
    if(a>0){
      System.out.println("a>0");
    else if(a>1){
      System.out.println("a>1");
      else if(a>2){
      System.out.println("a>2");
```



- ☐ The **switch** statement is the only other kind of Java statement that implements *multiway* branching
 - ➤ When a **switch** statement is evaluated, one of a number of different branches is executed
 - The choice of which branch to execute is determined by a *controlling expression* enclosed in parentheses after the keyword **switch**
 - The controlling expression must evaluate to a **char**, **int**, **short**, or **byte**



- ☐ Each branch statement in a **switch** statement starts with the reserved word **case**, followed by a *constant* called a *case label*, followed by a colon, and then a sequence of statements
 - ➤ Each case label must be of the same type as the controlling expression
 - ➤ Case labels need not be listed in order or span a complete interval, but each one may appear only once
 - Each sequence of statements may be followed by a break statement (break;)



- ☐ There can also be a section labeled **default**:
 - The **default** section is optional, and is usually last
 - Even if the case labels cover all possible outcomes in a given switch statement, it is still a good practice to include a default section
 - It can be used to output an error message, for example
- When the controlling expression is evaluated, the code for the case label whose value matches the controlling expression is executed
 - If no case label matches, then the only statements executed are those following the **default** label (if there is one)



- The switch statement ends when it executes a break statement, or when the end of the switch statement is reached
 - When the computer executes the statements after a case label, it continues until a **break** statement is reached
 - ➤ If the **break** statement is omitted, then after executing the code for one case, the computer will go on to execute the code for the next case
 - If the **break** statement is omitted inadvertently, the compiler will not issue an error message



```
int a=4;
switch (a)
 case 1:
       System.out.println("1");
       break;
  case 2:
       System.out.println("2");
       break;
  case 3:
       System.out.println("3");
       break;
  default:
          System.out.println("default");
       break;
```



The Conditional Operator

- ☐ The *conditional operator* is a notational variant on certain forms of the if-else statement
 - ➤ Also called the *ternary operator* or *arithmetic if*
 - ➤ The following examples are equivalent:

- The expression to the right of the assignment operator is a *conditional* operator expression
- ➤ If the Boolean expression is true, then the expression evaluates to the value of the first expression (n1), otherwise it evaluates to the value of the second expression (n2)

```
int grade1 = 65;
int grade2 = 50;

System.out.println( grade1 >= 60 ? "Passed." : "Failed." );
System.out.println( grade2 >= 60 ? "Passed." : "Failed." );
```



Boolean Expressions

- ☐ A Boolean expression is an expression that is either **true** or **false**
- ☐ The simplest Boolean expressions compare the value of two expressions

```
time < limit
yourScore == myScore</pre>
```

- ➤ Note that Java uses two equal signs (==) to perform equality testing: A single equal sign (=) is used only for assignment
- A Boolean expression does not need to be enclosed in parentheses, unless it is used in an if-else statement



Java Comparison Operators

Display 3.3 Java Comparison Operators

MATH NOTATION	NAME	JAVA NOTATION	JAVA EXAMPLES
=	Equal to	==	x + 7 == 2*y answer == 'y'
≠	Not equal to	! =	score != 0 answer != 'y'
>	Greater than	>	time > limit
≥	Greater than or equal to	>=	age >= 21
<	Less than	<	pressure < max
≤	Less than or equal to	<=	time <=limit



Pitfall: Using == with Strings

- ☐ The equality comparison operator (==) can correctly test two values of a *primitive* type
- However, when applied to two *objects* such as objects of the **String** class, == tests to see if they are stored in the same memory location, not whether or not they have the same value
- ☐ In order to test two strings to see if they have equal values, use the method equals, or equalsIgnoreCase

```
string1.equals(string2)
string1.equalsIgnoreCase(string2)
```



Building Boolean Expressions

□ When two Boolean expressions are combined using the "and" (&&) operator, the entire expression is true provided both expressions are true
 ▷ Otherwise the expression is false
 □ When two Boolean expressions are combined using the "or" (| |) operator, the entire expression is true as long as one of the expressions is true
 ▷ The expression is false only if both expressions are false
 □ Any Boolean expression can be negated using the ! operator
 ▷ Place the expression in parentheses and place the ! operator in front of it
 □ Unlike mathematical notation, strings of inequalities must be joined by &&
 ▷ Use (min < result) && (result < max) rather than min

result < max



Evaluating Boolean Expressions

- ☐ Even though Boolean expressions are used to control branch and loop statements, Boolean expressions can exist independently as well
 - ➤ A Boolean variable can be given the value of a Boolean expression by using an assignment statement
- ☐ A Boolean expression can be evaluated in the same way that an arithmetic expression is evaluated
 - The only difference is that arithmetic expressions produce a number as a result, while Boolean expressions produce either true or false as their result

```
boolean madeIt = (time < limit) && (limit < max);</pre>
```



Truth Tables

Display 3.5 Truth Tables

AND				
Exp_1	Exp_2	Exp_1 && Exp_2		
true	true	true		
true	false	false		
false	true	false		
false	false	false		
OR				
Exp_1	Exp_2	Exp_1 Exp_2		
true	true	true		
true	false	true		
false	true	true		
false	false	false		

NOT			
Exp	! (Exp)		
true	false		
false	true		



Short-Circuit and Complete Evaluation

- ☐ Java can take a shortcut when the evaluation of the first part of a Boolean expression produces a result that evaluation of the second part cannot change
- ☐ This is called *short-circuit evaluation* or *lazy evaluation*
 - For example, when evaluating two Boolean subexpressions joined by &&, if the first subexpression evaluates to false, then the entire expression will evaluate to false, no matter the value of the second subexpression
 - ➤ In like manner, when evaluating two Boolean subexpressions joined by | |, if the first subexpression evaluates to true, then the entire expression will evaluate to true



Short-Circuit and Complete Evaluation

- ☐ There are times when using short-circuit evaluation can prevent a *runtime error*
 - ➤ In the following example, if the number of **kids** is equal to zero, then the second subexpression will not be evaluated, thus preventing a *divide by zero error*
 - ➤ Note that reversing the order of the subexpressions will not prevent this

```
if ((kids !=0) && ((toys/kids) >=2)) . . .
```

- ☐ Sometimes it is preferable to always evaluate both expressions, i.e., request complete evaluation
 - ➤ In this case, use the & and | operators instead of && and | |

```
int a = 1;
int b = 0;
if ((b !=0) && ((a/b) >=2)) 
System.out.println("bingo");

if ((b !=0) & ((a/b) >=2))
System.out.println("bingo again");
```



Precedence and Associativity Rules

- ☐ Boolean and arithmetic expressions need not be fully parenthesized
- ☐ If some or all of the parentheses are omitted, Java will follow *precedence* and *associativity* rules (summarized in the following table) to determine the order of operations
 - ➤ If one operator occurs higher in the table than another, it has *higher precedence*, and is grouped with its operands before the operator of lower precedence
 - ➤ If two operators have the same precedence, then *associativity rules* determine which is grouped first



Highest Precedence

Precedence and Associativity Rules

PRECEDENCE From highest at top to lowest at bottom. Operators in the same group have equal precedence. Dot operator, array indexing, and Left to right method invocation., [], () ++ (postfix, as in x++), -- (postfix) Right to left The unary operators: +, -, ++ (prefix, as in ++x), Right to left -- (prefix), and ! Right to left Type casts (Type) The binary operators *, /, % Left to right The binary operators +, -Left to right The binary operators <, >, <=, >= Left to right The binary operators ==, ! = Left to right The binary operator & Left to right The binary operator | Left to right The binary operator && Left to right The binary operator | | Left to right The ternary operator (conditional operator) ?: Right to left The assignment operators =, *=, /=, %=, +=, -=, & =, |= Right to left

Lowest Precedence



Evaluating Expressions

- ☐ In general, parentheses in an expression help to document the programmer's intent
 - Instead of relying on precedence and associativity rules, it is best to include most parentheses, except where the intended meaning is obvious
- ☐ *Binding*: The association of operands with their operators
 - A fully parenthesized expression accomplishes binding for all the operators in an expression
- ☐ Side Effects: When, in addition to returning a value, an expression changes something, such as the value of a variable
 - The assignment, increment, and decrement operators all produce side effects



- ☐ Perform binding
 - ➤ Determine the equivalent fully parenthesized expression using the precedence and associativity rules
- ☐ Proceeding left to right, evaluate whatever subexpressions can be immediately evaluated
 - These subexpressions will be operands or method arguments, e.g., numeric constants or variables
- ☐ Evaluate each outer operation and method invocation as soon as all of its operands (i.e., arguments) have been evaluated



- □ *Loops* in Java are similar to those in other high-level languages
- ☐ Java has three types of loop statements: the while, the do-while, and the for statements
 - The code that is repeated in a loop is called the *body* of the loop
 - Each repetition of the loop body is called an *iteration* of the loop



while statement

- ☐ A while statement is used to repeat a portion of code (i.e., the loop body) based on the evaluation of a Boolean expression
 - ➤ The Boolean expression is checked *before* the loop body is executed
 - When false, the loop body is not executed at all
 - ➤ Before the execution of each following iteration of the loop body, the Boolean expression is checked again
 - If true, the loop body is executed again
 - If false, the loop statement ends
 - ➤ The loop body can consist of a single statement, or multiple statements enclosed in a pair of braces ({ })

```
while (Boolean_Expression)
Statement
```

Or

```
int x = 3;
System.out.println("The value of x is:" + x);
while(x < 10)
{
     x+=3;
}
System.out.println("The value of x is:" + x);</pre>
```



do-while Statement

- ☐ A do-while statement is used to execute a portion of code (i.e., the loop body), and then repeat it based on the evaluation of a Boolean expression
 - > The loop body is executed at least once
 - The Boolean expression is checked *after* the loop body is executed
 - ➤ The Boolean expression is checked after each iteration of the loop body
 - If true, the loop body is executed again
 - If false, the loop statement ends
 - Don't forget to put a semicolon after the Boolean expression
 - ➤ Like the while statement, the loop body can consist of a single statement, or multiple statements enclosed in a pair of braces ({ })



do-while Syntax

```
do
    Statement
while (Boolean_Expression);
```

Or

```
int evenNumber = 2;
do
{
     System.out.println(evenNumber);
     evenNumber += 2;
}while(evenNumber <= 10);</pre>
```



Algorithms and Pseudocode

- ☐ The hard part of solving a problem with a computer program is not dealing with the syntax rules of a programming language
- ☐ Rather, coming up with the underlying solution method is the most difficult part
- An *algorithm* is a set of precise instructions that lead to a solution
 - An algorithm is normally written in *pseudocode*, which is a mixture of programming language and a human language, like English
 - ➤ Pseudocode must be precise and clear enough so that a good programmer can convert it to syntactically correct code
 - ➤ However, pseudocode is much less rigid than code: One needn't worry about the fine points of syntax or declaring variables, for example



The for Statement

- ☐ The **for** statement is most commonly used to step through an integer variable in equal increments
- ☐ It begins with the keyword **for**, followed by three expressions in parentheses that describe what to do with one or more *controlling variables*
 - ➤ The first expression tells how the control variable or variables are *initialized* or *declared* and *initialized* before the first iteration
 - The second expression determines when the loop should *end*, based on the evaluation of a Boolean expression *before* each iteration
 - The third expression tells how the control variable or variables are updated after each iteration of the loop body

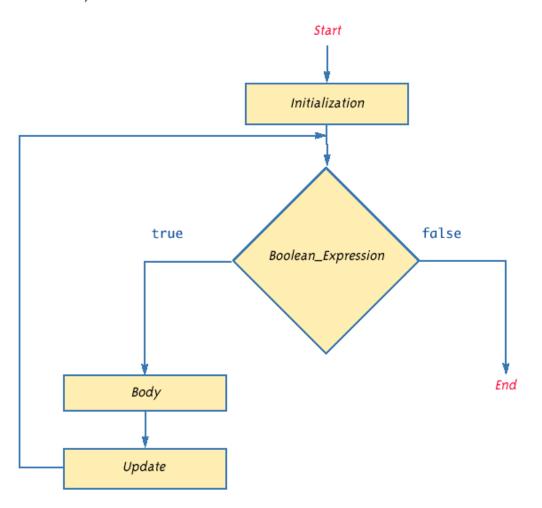


The for Statement Syntax

for (Initializing; Boolean_Expression; Update)
 Body
 The Body may consist of a single statement or a list of statements enclosed in a pair of braces ({ })
 Note that the three control expressions are separated by two, not three, semicolons
 Note that there is no semicolon after the closing parenthesis at the beginning of the loop

Semantics of the for Statement

Display 3.9 Semantics of the for Statement



Display 3.10 for Statement Syntax and Alternate Semantics (Part 1 of 2)

for STATEMENT SYNTAX:

SYNTAX:

```
for (Initialization; Boolean_Expression; Update)
    Body
```

EXAMPLE:



for Statement Syntax and Alternate Semantics

Display 3.10 for Statement Syntax and Alternate Semantics (Part 2 of 2)

EQUIVALENT while LOOP:

EQUIVALENT SYNTAX:

```
Initialization;
while (Boolean_Expression)
{
    Body
    Update;
}
```

EQUIVALENT EXAMPLE:

SAMPLE DIALOGUE

```
int sum = 0;
for(int i=1; i <= 3; i++)
{
     sum += i;
}
System.out.println("The total is: " + sum);</pre>
```

```
int evenSum = 0;
int oddSum = 0;
//loop through the numbers
for(int i=1; i <= 5; i++)</pre>
  if(i % 2 == 0)
    //even number
    evenSum += i;
  else
    oddSum += i;
System.out.println("Even sum = " + evenSum);
System.out.println("Odd sum = " + oddSum);
```



- A while, do-while, or for loop should be designed so that the value tested in the Boolean expression is changed in a way that eventually makes it false, and terminates the loop
- ☐ If the Boolean expression remains true, then the loop will run forever, resulting in an *infinite loop*
 - ➤ Loops that check for equality or inequality (== or !=) are especially prone to this error and should be avoided if possible



- ☐ Loops can be *nested*, just like other Java structures
 - ➤ When nested, the inner loop iterates from beginning to end for each single iteration of the outer loop

```
for (int row = 1; row <=3; row++)
{
  for (int column = 1; column <=2; column++){
    System.out.print("<"+row + "," + column+">");
  }
  System.out.println();
}
```



The break and continue Statements

- ☐ The **break** statement consists of the keyword **break** followed by a semicolon
 - ➤ When executed, the **break** statement ends the nearest enclosing switch or loop statement
- ☐ The continue statement consists of the keyword continue followed by a semicolon
 - ➤ When executed, the **continue** statement ends the current loop body iteration of the nearest enclosing loop statement
 - ➤ Note that in a **for** loop, the **continue** statement transfers control to the *update* expression
- ☐ When loop statements are nested, remember that any break or continue statement applies to the innermost, containing loop statement



The Labeled break Statement

- ☐ There is a type of **break** statement that, when used in nested loops, can end any containing loop, not just the innermost loop
- ☐ If an enclosing loop statement is labeled with an *Identifier*, then the following version of the break statement will exit the labeled loop, even if it is not the innermost enclosing loop:

break someIdentifier;

☐ To label a loop, simply precede it with an *Identifier* and a colon:

someIdentifier:



The exit Statement

- ☐ A break statement will end a loop or switch statement, but will not end the program
- The exit statement will immediately end the program as soon as it is invoked:

```
System.exit(0);
```

- ☐ The exit statement takes one integer argument
 - ➤ By tradition, a zero argument is used to indicate a normal ending of the program



- ☐ The two most common kinds of loop errors are unintended *infinite loops* and *off-by-one errors*
 - ➤ An off-by-one error is when a loop repeats the loop body one time too many or too few
 - This usually results from a carelessly designed Boolean test expression
 - ➤ Use of == in the controlling Boolean expression can lead to an infinite loop or an off-by-one error
 - This sort of testing works only for characters and integers, and should never be used for floating-point



Tracing Variables

- ☐ Tracing variables involves watching one or more variables change value while a program is running
- ☐ This can make it easier to discover errors in a program and debug them
- ☐ Many *IDE*s (*Integrated Development Environments*) have a built-in utility that allows variables to be traced without making any changes to the program
- ☐ Another way to trace variables is to simply insert temporary output statements in a program

```
System.out.println("n = " + n); // Tracing n
```

➤ When the error is found and corrected, the trace statements can simply be commented out



Generating Random Numbers

- ☐ The Random class can be used to generate pseudorandom numbers
 - Not truly random, but uniform distribution based on a mathematical function and good enough in most cases
- ☐ Add the following import

```
import java.util.Random;
```

☐ Create an object of type Random

```
Random rnd = new Random();
```



Generating Random Numbers

☐ To generate random numbers use the nextInt() method to get a random number from 0 to n-1

```
int i = rnd.nextInt(10);  // Random number from 0 to 9
```

☐ Use the nextDouble() method to get a random number from 0 to 1 (always less than 1)

```
double d = rnd.nextDouble(); // 0 \le d < 1
```



Simulating a Coin Flip

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```
1 import java.util.Random;
 2 public class CoinFlipDemo
 3 {
      public static void main(String[] args)
         Random randomGenerator = new Random();
         int counter = 1;
 9
         while (counter <= 5)</pre>
10
            System.out.print("Flip number " + counter + ": ");
11
12
            int coinFlip = randomGenerator.nextInt(2);
13
            if (coinFlip == 1)
14
                System.out.println("Heads");
15
            else
                System.out.println("Tails");
16
17
            counter++;
18
19
20 }
Sample Dialogue (output will vary)
  Flip number 1: Heads
  Flip number 2: Tails
  Flip number 3: Heads
  Flip number 4: Heads
  Flip number 5: Tails
```

```
import java.util.Random;

Random rand = new Random();
for(int i=0;i<100;i++){
   int x = rand.nextInt(40);
   System.out.println(x);</pre>
```



6.1 What will be the result of attempting to compile and run the following class?

```
public class IfTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    if (true)
    if (false)
     System.out.println("a");
    else
     System.out.println("b");
  }
}
```

Select the one correct answer.



- (a) The code will fail to compile because the syntax of the if statement is incorrect.
- (b) The code will fail to compile because the compiler will not be able to determine which if statement the else clause belongs to.
- (c) The code will compile correctly and display the letter a, when run.
- (d) The code will compile correctly and display the letter b, when run.
- (e) The code will compile correctly, but will not display any output.



6.9 What will be the result of attempting to compile and run the following code?

```
class MyClass {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    boolean b = false;
  int i = 1;
    do {
      i++;
      b = ! b;
    } while (b);
    System.out.println(i);
}
```

Select the one correct answer.



- (a) The code will fail to compile because b is an invalid conditional expression for the do-while statement.
- (b) The code will fail to compile because the assignment b = ! b is not allowed.
- (c) The code will compile without error and will print 1, when run.
- (d) The code will compile without error and will print 2, when run.
- (e) The code will compile without error and will print 3, when run.



- Q: An if selection statement executes if and only if:
 - (a)the Boolean condition evaluates to false.
 - (b)the Boolean condition evaluates to true.
 - (c)the Boolean condition is short-circuited.
 - (d)none of the above.



Q: A compound statemen s enclosed between:

- (a)[]
- (b){ }
- (c)() (d)< >



Q: The controlling expression for a switch statement includes all of the following types except:

- (a)char
- (b)int
- (c)byte



(d)double



- Q: The OR operator in Java is represented by:
 - (a)!
 - (b)&&
 - (c)|
 - (d)None of the above



- Q: The negation operator in Java is represented by:
 - (a)!
 - (b)&&
 - (c)||
 - (d)None of the above



Q: The looping mechanism that always executes at least once is the statement.

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- (a)if...else
- (b)do...while
- (c)While
- (d)for



Q: A mixture of programming language and human language is known as:

- (a)Algorithms
- (b)Recipes
- (c)Directions



(d)Pseudocode



Q: When the number of repetitions are known in advance, you should use a ______ statement.

(a)while
(b)do...while
(c)For
(d)None of the above



- Q: A _____ statement terminates the current iteration of a loop.
 - (a)Break
 - (b)Continue
 - (c)Switch
 - (d)Assert



☐ Please write a program to calculate the factorial value of a number

Console:

Please input a number:5 5!=120



☐ Please write a program to calculate the values of the following equation:

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} x^2$$

Console:

```
Please input a value for x:2
Please input a value for n:3
y=12
```



Please write a program to calculate the values of the following equation: $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

```
public class MathTest {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    double a = 1;
    double b = -3;
    double c = 2;

    double x = (-1*b + Math.sqrt(Math.pow(b, 2) - 4*a*c))/ 2*a;
    System.out.println(x);
}
```



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