

The if Statement and Practice Problems

CS 107

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The Simple if Statement

Use

To specify the conditions under which a statement or group of statements should be executed.

Form

```
if (boolean-expression)
    statement;
```

where `if` is a reserved word, `boolean-expression` is an expression that evaluates to `true` or `false`, and `statement` is a Java statement or a group of statements enclosed in curly braces (a compound statement).

Action

If the boolean expression is `true`, the specified statement is executed; otherwise it is not. In either case, execution continues with the next statement in the program.

Examples of Simple if

```
// grade is a char
if (grade == 'A')
    System.out.println("EXCELLENT WORK!");
```

```
// yards is an int
if (yards != 0)
    System.out.println("There were " + yards + " yards.");
```

```
// temperature, normalTemp and degreesOfFever are doubles;
// hasFever is a boolean variable
if (temperature > normalTemp) {
    degreesOfFever = temperature - normalTemp;
    hasFever = true;
}
```

The if-else Statement

Use

To choose exactly one out of two statements (possibly compound statements) to be executed; specifies the conditions under which the first statement is to be executed and provides an alternative statement to execute if these conditions are not met.

Form

```
    if (boolean-expression)
        statement-1;
    else
        statement-2;
```

where `if` and `else` are reserved words, `boolean-expression` is an expression that evaluates to `true` or `false`, and `statement-1` and `statement-2` are Java statements (possibly compound statements, i.e. a group of statements enclosed by curly braces).

Action

If the boolean expression is `true`, `statement-1` is executed and `statement-2` is skipped; otherwise `statement-1` is skipped and `statement-2` is executed. In either case, execution continues with the next statement in the program.

Examples of if-else

```
// numItems is an int; averageCost and totalCost are doubles
if (numItems >= 0)
    averageCost = totalCost / numItems;
else
    System.out.println("No items were purchased.");
```

```
final double POLLUTION_CUTOFF = 3.5;
// pollutionIndex is a double
if (pollutionIndex < POLLUTION_CUTOFF)
    System.out.println("Safe Condition");
else
    System.out.println("Hazardous Condition");
```

The Extended-if Statement

Use

To choose one statement (possibly compound) to be executed from among a group of statements (possibly compound); specifies the conditions under which each statement may be executed and may contain a default statement (in an **else** statement at the end) to be executed if *none* of these conditions are met. Note that in the absence of a final **else** clause, it may be the case that *none* of the statements are executed.

Form

```
if (boolean-expression-1)
    statement-1;
else if (boolean-expression-2)
    statement-2;
    .
    .
    .
else if (boolean-expression-n)
    statement-n;
else
    statement-default;
```

where **if** and **else** are reserved words, **boolean-expression-1**, **boolean-expression-2**, ..., **boolean-expression-n** are expressions that evaluate to **true** or **false**, and **statement-1**, **statement-2**, ..., **statement-n**, and **statement-default** are Java statements, possibly compound statements. (A compound statement is a group of statements enclosed by curly braces.)

Action

The boolean expressions are evaluated in the order of their appearance to determine the first expression that is **true**. The statement associated with that expression is executed, and execution continues with the first statement following the entire **if-else-if** construct. If none of the boolean expressions is **true**, the statement associated with the **else** statement is executed, and execution then continues with the statement following the construct. If none of the boolean expressions is **true** and the **else** clause is omitted, execution “falls through” to (continues with) the next statement in the program after the construct.

Examples of Extended-if

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Examples

```
// score is a double; grade is a char
```

```
if (score == 100) {
    grade = 'A';
    System.out.println("Superb");
}
else if (score >= 90) {
    grade = 'A';
    System.out.println("Excellent");
}
else if (score >= 80) {
    grade = 'B';
    System.out.println("Very Good");
}
else if (score >= 70) {
    grade = 'C';
    System.out.println("Good");
}
else if (score >= 60)
    grade = 'D';
else
    grade = 'F';
```

```
// Ch is a char
```

```
if ((Ch >= 'a') && (Ch <= 'z')) {
    // code to process lower-case letter
}
else if ((Ch >= 'A') && (Ch <= 'Z')) {
    // code to process upper-case letter
}
else if ((Ch >= '0') && (Ch <= '9')) {
    // code to process digit character
}
else {
    // code to process non-letter/non-digit characters
}
```

Practice Problems for all Types of if Statements

- What is wrong with the following if statement (there are at least 3 errors). The indentation indicates the desired behavior.

```
if numNeighbors >= 3 || numNeighbors = 4
    ++numNeighbors;
    System.out.println("You are dead!");
else
    --numNeighbors;
```

- Describe the output produced by this poorly indented program segment:

```
int number = 4;
double alpha = -1.0;
if (number > 0)
    if (alpha > 0)
        System.out.println("Here I am!");
else
    System.out.println("No, I'm here!");
System.out.println("No, actually, I'm here!");
```

- Consider the following if statement, where `doesSignificantWork`, `makesBreakthrough`, and `nobelPrizeCandidate` are all boolean variables:

```
if (doesSignificantWork) {
    if (makesBreakthrough)
        nobelPrizeCandidate = true;
    else
        nobelPrizeCandidate = false;
}
else if (!doesSignificantWork)
    nobelPrizeCandidate = false;
```

First, write a simpler if statement that is equivalent to this one. Then write a single assignment statement that does the same thing.

- Write if statements to do the following:
 - If character variable `taxCode` is 'T', increase price by adding the `taxRate` percentage of `price` to it.
 - If integer variable `opCode` has the value 1, read in double values for `X` and `Y` and calculate and print their sum.

- If integer variable `currentNumber` is odd, change its value so that it is now 3 times `currentNumber` plus 1, otherwise change its value so that it is now half of `currentNumber` (rounded down when `currentNumber` is odd).
- Assign `true` to the boolean variable `leapYear` if the integer variable `year` is a leap year. (A leap year is a multiple of 4, and if it is a multiple of 100, it must also be a multiple of 400.)
- Assign a value to double variable `cost` depending on the value of integer variable `distance` as follows:

Distance	Cost
-----	-----
0 through 100	5.00
More than 100 but not more than 500	8.00
More than 500 but less than 1,000	10.00
1,000 or more	12.00