# **More Branching**

- In this lecture, we will cover:
  - conditional expression / ternary statement
  - switch statement
  - enum

### Your future in CS

I used to include this on my slides, but since these slides have changed - going to just leave it up here for every notebook. I get a lot of questions about more programming courses, the concentrations, and minors in computer science. Here is a brief reminder.

CS 165 – Next Course In Sequence, also consider CS 220 (math and stats especially)

- CO Jobs Report 2021 77% of all new jobs in Colorado require programming
- 60% of all STEM jobs requires advanced (200-300 level)
- 31% of all Bachelor of Arts degree titled jobs also required coding skills
- 2016 Report found on average jobs that require coding skills paid \$22,000 more
- Concentrations in CS:
  - Computer science has a number of concentrations.
    - General concentration is the most flexible, and even allows students to double major or minor pretty easily.
    - Software Engineering
    - Computing Systems
    - Human Centered Computing
    - Networks and Security
    - Artificial Intelligence
    - Computer Science Education.
  - Minors:
    - Minor in Computer Science choose your own adventure minor
    - Minor in Machine Learning popular with stats/math, and engineering
    - Minor in Bioinformatics Biology + Computer Science

# If/Else Statement a Review

```
if(/*condition is true*/) {
    // do something
}else {
    // do something if condition is false
}
```

A common case is to set a variable or value based on a condition:

```
In [1]:
boolean isOn = true;
int lightStrength = -1;
if(isOn) {lightStrength = 100;}
else {lightStrength = 0;}

System.out.println(lightStrength);
```

100

### **Student Practice**

- · Create a new Java file
- Instead the main or additional static methods
  - Create if/else statements that set a value to a variable
  - It can be whatever you want (see above)

# **Conditional Expressions / Ternary Statements**

- terms used inter-changeably
- A way to write a *simple* if/else on one line.

```
In [3]: String time = 10 > 5 ? "hello" : "goodbye";
System.out.println(time);// what is printed?
hello
```

# **Conditional Expression format**

• condition ? value if true : value if false

This is most commonly used with variable assignment, but doesn't have to be.

```
In [5]: System.out.println(-10 > 5 ? "Greater!" : "Smaller!");
Smaller!
```

### **Student Practice**

Rewrite the statements you wrote earlier as Ternary statements! Discuss them at the table.

#### Overall

Do you have to use conditional statements? nope, not at all. Can just make things easier.

### **Switch Statements**

First, let's practice if/else if/else statements.

- Write an if/else statement that
- Checks to see if a student\_class (String variable) is:
  - "Fencing"
    - Then set meeting\_info (String variable) to "Wednesday, 4:30PM"
  - "Boxing"
    - Then set meeting\_info (String variable) to "Thursday, "5:00 PM"
  - "Aikido"
    - Then set meeting\_info (String variable) to "Monday, 6:00 AM"
  - "Nothing" or null
    - Then set meeting\_info to the empty String ("")

```
In [6]:
    public String getClassTime(String class_taught) {
        String meeting_time = "";
        if(class_taught.equalsIgnoreCase("fencing")) {
            meeting_time = "Wednesday, 4:30 PM";
        }else if(class_taught.equalsIgnoreCase("boxing")) {
            meeting_time = "Thursday, 5:00 PM";
        }else if(class_taught.equalsIgnoreCase("aikido")) {
            meeting_time = "Monday, 6:00 AM";
        }else {
            meeting_time = "";
        }
        return meeting_time;
}

System.out.println(getClassTime("Fencing"));
```

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### **Switch Statements**

- A statement that is a bunch of equal equivalencies is common
- switch statements were developed for that reason
- Format
  - Note: this format is for Java < 1.15 (and the more common way to do it)</li>
    - java 1.15 they updated the format, but it is backwards compatible to the old format
    - Moral of the story, don't like IntellJ write them for you!

```
break;
                      case "vex":
                      faeType = "Mesmer";
                      break;
                  default:
                      faeType = "human";
              return faeType;
          }
 In [9]: System.out.println(switchTest("trick"));
          System.out.println(switchTest("vex"));
          System.out.println(switchTest("kenzie"));
         Sage
         Mesmer
         human
         System.out.println(switchTest("Vex!")); // given the code above, what is printed?
In [10]:
```

human

### **Student Practice**

Write the if/else if/else you wrote above as a switch statement!

```
In [23]:
         public String getClassTime2(String class_taught) {
              String meeting_time = "";
              switch(class_taught.toLowerCase()) {
                  case "fencing":
                      meeting_time = "Wednesday, 4:30 PM";
                      break;
                  case "boxing":
                      meeting_time = "Thursday, 5:00 PM";
                      break;
                  case "aikido":
                      meeting_time = "Monday, 6:00 AM";
                      break;
                  default:
                      meeting time = "";
              return meeting_time;
          System.out.println(getClassTime2("Fencing"));
```

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# **Enum**

- Strings have a lot of variability
- Wouldn't it be great if we could define a small 'subset' of items
- Introducing Enum

```
public enum Names {
In [16]:
            DYSON,
```

```
TRICK,
BO,
AIFE,
VEX,
KENZIE
}
```

- The enum you create is type (like objects are types)
- Actually a special object
  - Don't let the javadoc confuse you!
- Writing them is meant to be simple, the above would be in a file called Names.java

```
public static String switchTest2(Names name){ // notice the parameter
In [19]:
              String faeType;
              switch(name) {
                  case DYSON:
                      faeType = "Werewolf";
                      break;
                  case TRICK:
                      faeType = "Sage";
                      break;
                  case BO:
                  case AIFE:
                      faeType = "Succubus";
                      break;
                          case VEX:
                      faeType = "Mesmer";
                      break;
                  default:
                      faeType = "human";
              return faeType;
          System.out.println(switchTest2(Names.BO));
          System.out.println(switchTest2(Names.VEX));
          System.out.println(switchTest2(Names.KENZIE));
         Succubus
         Mesmer
         human
In [20]:
         System.out.println(switchTest2(Names.ALICE)); // won't even compile
             System.out.println(switchTest2(Names.ALICE)); // won't even compile
         cannot find symbol
           symbol: variable ALICE
```

### **Student Practice**

- Create an Enum called MAClasses
  - Populate it with FENCING, BOXING, AIKIDO
- Add another switch statement that uses the enum instead of strings!

```
In [21]: public enum MAClasses {
```

```
FENCING, BOXING, AIKIDO
         }
In [24]: public String getClassTime3(MAClasses class_taught) {
             String meeting_time = "";
             switch(class_taught) {
                  case FENCING:
                      meeting_time = "Wednesday, 4:30 PM";
                  case BOXING:
                      meeting_time = "Thursday, 5:00 PM";
                      break;
                  case AIKIDO:
                      meeting_time = "Monday, 6:00 AM";
                      break;
                  default:
                      meeting time = "";
             return meeting_time;
         }
         System.out.println(getClassTime3(MAClasses.FENCING));
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In [26]: // Also you can convert between Strings and Enums (helpful for the final project)
         System.out.println(MAClasses.BOXING.toString());
         MAClasses classType = MAClasses.valueOf("FENCING");
         System.out.println(getClassTime3(classType));
         BOXING
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```

## **Overall**

Both ternary and switch statements are optional, but extremely useful!

Enums are used commonly to help create safer code