Chapter 5

Loops

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Objectives

- To write programs for executing statements repeatedly using a while loop
- To control a loop with a sentinel value
- To obtain large input from a file using input redirection rather than typing from the keyboard
- To write loops using do-while statements
- To write loops using for statements
- To discover the similarities and differences of three types of loop statements
- To write nested loops
- To implement program control with break and continue

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Loops: an introduction

- A loop can be used to tell a program to execute statements repeatedly. count = 0;
- Using a loop statement, you simply tell the computer to display a string a hundred times without having to code the print statement a hundred times, as follows:

```
(count < 100)?
                         loop-continuation-condition
System.out.printIn("Welcome to Java!");
                                                                                           (b)
```

- The loop checks whether count < 100 is true. If so, it executes the loop body to display the message Welcome to Java! and increments count by 1.
- It repeatedly executes the loop body until count < 100 becomes false.
- When count < 100 is false (i.e., when count reaches 100), the loop terminates and the next statement after the loop statement is executed.
- In this example, you know exactly how many times the loop body needs to be executed because the control variable count is used to count the number of executions. This type of loop is known as a counter-controlled loop.

Loops: an introduction (cont'd)

- Loops are constructs that control repeated executions of a block of statements. Java provides three types of loop statements:
 - while loops,

int count = 0; _ while (count < 100)

- · do-while loops, and
- for loops.

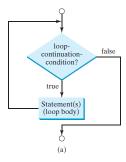
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The while loop

• A while loop executes statements repeatedly while the condition is true.

```
while (loop-continuation-condition) {
  // Loop body
  Statement(s);
```

- The loop-continuation-condition must always appear inside the parentheses.
- The braces enclosing the loop body can be omitted only if the loop body contains one or no statement.
- The part of the loop that contains the statements to be repeated is called the loop body.
- A one-time execution of a loop body is referred to as an iteration (or repetition) of the loop.
- Each loop contains a loop-continuation-condition, a Boolean expression that controls the execution of the body. It is evaluated each time to determine if the loop body is executed. If its evaluation is true, the loop body is executed; if its evaluation is false, the entire loop terminates and the program control turns to the statement that follows the while loop.



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The while loop: an example

Recall that Listing 3.1, AdditionQuiz.java, gives a program that prompts the user to enter
an answer for a question on addition of two single digits. Using a loop, you can now
rewrite the program to let the user repeatedly enter a new answer until it is correct,

```
LISTING 3.1 AdditionQuiz.java
    import java.util.Scanner;
    public class AdditionQuiz {
                                                                                          LISTING 5.1 RepeatAdditionQuiz.java
      public static void main(String[] args) {
  int number1 = (int)(System.currentTimeMillis() % 10);
                                                                                                   System.out.print(
                                                                                                   "What is " + number1 + " + " + number2 + "? ");
int answer = input.nextInt();
         int number2 = (int)(System.currentTimeMillis() / 7 % 10);
                                                                                          13
         // Create a Scanner
                                                                                          14
         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
                                                                                          15
                                                                                                   while (number1 + number2 != answer) {
                                                                                                      System.out.print("Wrong answer. Try again. What is
+ number1 + " + " + number2 + "? ");
                                                                                          16
11
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                       + number1 + " + " + number2 + "? ");
12
13
                                                                                          18
                                                                                                       answer = input.nextInt();
                                                                                          19
14
         int number = input.nextInt();
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15
                                                                                          21
                                                                                                   System.out.println("You got it!");
16
         System.out.println(
                             + number2 +
                                                " + answer + " is " +
17
           number1 +
           (number1 + number2 == answer));
18
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20
```

A case study on guessing numbers

- You will write a program that randomly generates an integer between 0 and 100, inclusive.
- The program prompts the user to enter a number continuously until the number matches the randomly generated number. For each user input, the program tells the user whether the input is too low or too high, so the user can make the next guess intelligently. Here is a

```
sample run: Guess a magic number between 0 and 100
                     Enter your guess: 50 -Enter
                     Your guess is too high
                     Enter your guess: 25 -- Enter
                     Your guess is too low
                     Enter your guess: 42 -- Enter
                     Your guess is too high
                     Enter your guess: 39 -- Enter
                     Yes, the number is 39
```

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A case study on guessing numbers (cont'd)

- How do you write this program? Do you immediately begin coding?
- No. It is important to *think before coding*. Think how you would solve the problem without writing a program.
- You need first to generate a random number between 0 and 100, inclusive, then to prompt the user to enter a guess, and then to compare the guess with the random number.
- It is a good practice to code incrementally one step at a time.
- For programs involving loops, if you don't know how to write a loop right away, you may first write the code for executing the loop one time, and then figure out how to repeatedly execute the code in a loop.
- · For this program, you may create an initial draft, as shown in Listing 5.2.

```
LISTING 5.2 GuessNumberOneTime.iava
 1 import java.util.Scanner;
    public class GuessNumberOneTime {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
         // Generate a random number to be guessed
int number = (int)(Math.random() * 101);
         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
 9
         System.out.println("Guess a m
                                            agic number between 0 and 100");
10
         // Prompt the user to guess the number
System.out.print("\nEnter your guess: ");
int guess = input.nextInt();
11
12
13
14
         if (guess == number)
15
           System.out.println("Yes, the number is " + number);
17
         else if (guess > number)
18
            System.out.println("Your guess is too high");
19
           System.out.println("Your guess is too low");
20
21
```

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A case study on guessing numbers (cont'd)

- When you run Listing 5.2, it prompts the user to enter a guess only once.
- To let the user enter a guess repeatedly, you may wrap the code in lines 11–20 in a loop as follows:

```
while (guess != number) {
   // lines 11-20 here
}
```

- This loop repeatedly prompts the user to enter a guess until guess matches number, then the loop should end.
- There is a compile error after adding the above loop, how to fix it?

```
LISTING 5.2 GuessNumberOneTime.java
    import java.util.Scanner;
    public class GuessNumberOneTime
      public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Generate a random number to be guessed
int number = (int)(Math.random() * 101);
         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
 8
         System.out.println("Guess a magic number between 0 and 100");
10
         // Prompt the user to guess the number
System.out.print("\nEnter your guess:
12
13
         int guess = input.nextInt();
14
         if (guess == number)
15
           System.out.println("Yes, the number is " + number);
16
17
         else if (guess > number)
18
           System.out.println("Your guess is too high");
         elsé
19
           System.out.println("Your guess is too low");
20
21
22 }
```

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Loop Design Strategies

 Writing a correct loop is not an easy task for novice programmers. Consider three steps when writing a loop.

```
Step 1: Identify the statements that need to be repeated.
```

Step 2: Wrap these statements in a loop like this:

```
while (true) {
   Statements;
```

Step 3: Code the **loop-continuation-condition** and add appropriate statements for controlling the loop.

```
while (loop-continuation-condition) {
   Statements;
   Additional statements for controlling the loop;
```

- Rewrite Listing 3.3, SubtractionQuiz.java so that it generates five questions. Follow the loop design strategy.
 - First identify the statements that need to be repeated. These are the statements for obtaining two random numbers, prompting the user with a subtraction question, and grading the question.
 - Second, wrap the statements in a loop.
 - Third, add a loop control variable and the loop-continuation-condition to execute the loop five times.
 - **LISTING 5.4** SubtractionQuizLoop.java is a solution to this requirement.

Controlling a Loop with a Sentinel Value

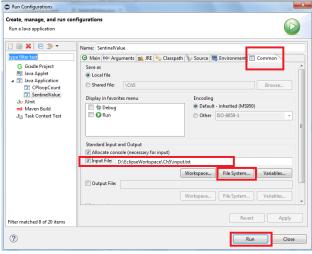
- Another common technique for controlling a loop is to designate a special value when reading and processing a set of values. This special input value, known as a sentinel value, signifies the end of the input.
- A loop that uses a sentinel value to control its execution is called a sentinel-controlled loop.
- Listing 5.5 writes a program that reads and calculates the sum of an unspecified number of integers. The input 0 signifies the end of the input.
- Note that if the first input read is 0, the loop body never executes, and the resulting sum is 0.

```
import java.util.Scanner;
                    public class SentinelValue {
                       /** Main method *
                       public static void main(String[] args) {
                         // Create a Scanner
                         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
                         // Read an initial data
                 10
                         System.out.print(
                            "Enter an integer (the input ends if it is 0): ");
                 11
                         int data = input.nextInt();
                 12
                 13
                 14
                         // Keep reading data until the input is 0
                         int sum = 0;
while (data != 0) {
                 15
                 16
                 17
                           sum += data;
                 18
                           // Read the next data
                 20
                           System.out.print(
                21
                              "Enter an integer (the input ends if it is 0): ");
                22
                           data = input.nextInt();
                23
                24
                         System.out.println("The sum is " + sum);
                25
                26
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```

LISTING 5.5 SentinelValue.java

Input and Output Redirections

- In the preceding example, if you have a large number of data to enter, it would be cumbersome to type from the keyboard.
- You can create an input file from eclipse directly via File → New → Untitled Text File.
- You can store the data separated by whitespaces in a text file, say input.txt. Remember to add a newline to the end of your input file.
- Open Run → Run Configurations.. window. At the configuration tabs, go to Common tab. There you can specify an input file.
- The program then takes the input from the file input .txt rather than having the user type the data from the keyboard at runtime.
- Similarly, there is output redirection, which sends the output to a file rather than displaying it on the console.



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Statement(s) (loop body)

loop-

continuation-

false

true

for loops

The do-while Loop

- A do-while loop is the same as a while loop except that it executes the loop body first and then checks the loop continuation condition.
- The do-while loop is a variation of the while loop. Its syntax is:

```
do {
   // Loop body;
   Statement(s);
} while (loop-continuation-condition);
```

 The loop body is executed first, and then the loop-continuationcondition is evaluated.

 Use a do-while loop if you have statements inside the loop that must be executed at least once.

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The do-while Loop: an example

 Rewrite the while loop in Listing 5.5 using a do-while loop, as shown in Listing 5.6. Which one is a more convenient choice and why?

```
LISTING 5.5 SentinelValue.java
                                                                                LISTING 5.6 TestDoWhile.java
1 import java.util.Scanner;
                                                                                    import java.util.Scanner;
   public class SentinelValue {
                                                                                    public class TestDoWhile {
     public static void main(String[] args) {
                                                                                       /** Main method *
                                                                                       public static void main(String[] args) {
       Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
                                                                                         int data;
                                                                                         int sum = 0:
       // Read an initial data
       System.out.print(
   "Enter an integer (the input ends if it is 0): ");
                                                                                         // Create a Scanner
                                                                                10
                                                                                         Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
       int data = input.nextInt();
                                                                                11
13
                                                                                          / Keep reading data until the input is 0
        // Keep reading data until the input is 0
                                                                                13
       int sum = 0;
while (data != 0) {
15
                                                                                           // Read the next data
                                                                                14
16
          sum += data;
                                                                                15
                                                                                           System.out.print(
                                                                                              Enter an integer (the input ends if it is 0): ");
18
                                                                                16
19
          // Read the next data
                                                                                17
                                                                                           data = input.nextInt():
         System.out.print(
                                                                                18
             Enter an integer (the input ends if it is 0): ");
                                                                                           sum += data;
         data = input.nextInt();
                                                                                         } while (data != 0);
                                                                                22
                                                                                         System.out.println("The sum is " + sum);
       System.out.println("The sum is " + sum);
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```

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The for Loop

A for loop has a concise syntax for writing loops. The syntax is:

```
for (initial-action; loop-continuation-condition; action-after-each-iteration) {
    // Loop body;
    Statement(s);
}
```

- A for loop generally uses a variable to control how many times the loop body is executed and when the loop terminates. This variable is referred to as a control variable.
- The initial-action often initializes a control variable, the action-after-eachiteration usually increments or decrements the control variable, and the loop-continuation-condition tests whether the control variable has reached a termination value.

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• for loops

The for Loop

Often you write a loop in the following common form:

```
for (int i = initialValue; i < endValue; i++) { equivalent to // Loop body ... int i = initialValue; // Initialize loop control variable while (i < endValue) // Loop body ... i++; // Adjust loop control variable }
```

- The control variable (that is variable i as in the code above) must be declared inside the control structure of the loop or before the loop.
- If the loop control variable is used only in the loop, and not elsewhere, it is a good programming practice to declare it in the initial-action of the for loop. For example: for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {...}
- If the variable is declared inside the loop control structure, it cannot be referenced outside the loop.

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The for Loop: flowchart

- The flowchart of the for loop is shown in Figure 5.3a
- Write the code for the flowchart in Figure 5.3b and write a sentence to state what the for loop does.

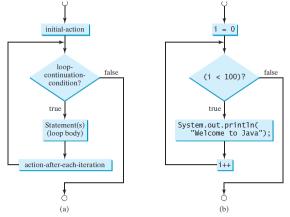


FIGURE 5.3 A for loop performs an initial action once, then repeatedly executes the statements in the loop body, and performs an action after an iteration when the loop-continuation-condition evaluates to true.

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The for Loop: some additional notes

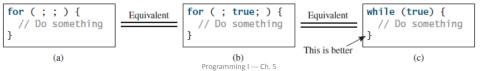
• The **initial-action** in a **for** loop can be a list of zero or more comma-separated variable declaration statements or assignment expressions. For example:

```
for (int i = 0, j = 0; i + j < 10; i++, j++) {
    // Do something
}</pre>
```

 The action-after-each-iteration in a for loop can be a list of zero or more commaseparated statements. For example:

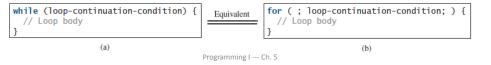
```
for (int i = 1; i < 100; System.out.println(i), i++);
```

- This example is correct, but it is a bad example, because it makes the code difficult to read.
 Normally, you declare and initialize a control variable as an initial action and increment or decrement the control variable as an action after each iteration.
- If the **loop-continuation-condition** in a **for** loop is omitted, it is implicitly **true**. Thus the statement given below in (a), which is an infinite loop, is the same as in (b). To avoid confusion, though, it is better to use the equivalent loop in (c).



Which loop to use?

- You can use a for loop, a while loop, or a do-while loop, whichever is convenient.
- The **while** loop and **for** loop are called *pretest loops* because the continuation condition is checked before the loop body is executed.
- The do-while loop is called a posttest loop because the condition is checked after the loop body is executed.
- The three forms of loop statements—while, do-while, and for—are expressively equivalent; that is, you can write a loop in any of these three forms.
- For example, a **while** loop in (a) in the following figure can always be converted into the **for** loop in (b).



Which loop to use? (cont'd)

• A **for** loop in (a) in the following figure can generally be converted into the **while** loop in (b) except in certain special cases

```
for (initial-action;
    loop-continuation-condition;
    action-after-each-iteration) {
    // Loop body;
}

(a)

[initial-action;
while (loop-continuation-condition) {
    // Loop body;
    action-after-each-iteration;
}
```

- In general, a **for** loop may be used if the number of repetitions is known in advance, as, for example, when you need to display a message a hundred times.
- A **while** loop may be used if the number of repetitions is not fixed, as in the case of reading the numbers until the input is **0**.
- A do-while loop can be used to replace a while loop if the loop body has to be executed before the continuation condition is tested.

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Nested Loops

- A loop can be nested inside another loop.
- Nested loops consist of an outer loop and one or more inner loops. Each time the outer loop is repeated, the inner loops are reentered, and started anew.
- Listing 5.7 presents a program that uses nested for loops to display a multiplication table.
- The program displays a title (line 5) on the first line in the output.
- The first for loop (lines 9–10) displays the numbers 1 through 9 on the second line.
- A dashed (-) line is displayed on the third line (line 12).

```
public class MultiplicationTable {
                   Main method
               public static void main(String[] args) {
                  // Display the table heading
                  System.out.println("
                                                     Multiplication Table");
                 // Display the number title
System.out.print(" ");
                 for (int j = 1; j <= 9; j++)
System.out.print(" " + j
        10
        11
                  System.out.println("\n-
        13
                  // Display table body
        14
        15
                  for (int i = 1; i \le 9; i++) {
                    System.out.print(i + " | ");
for (int j = 1; j <= 9; j++) {
    // Display the product and align properly</pre>
        16
        17
        18
                      System.out.printf("%4d", i * j);
        19
        20
        21
                    System.out.println();
        23
        24
            7
                                     Multiplication Table
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                                    2 3 4 5 6 7
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                       2
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                                       24 32 40 48
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                                   16
                                                          56
                                                               64
                                                                    72
```

27 36 45 54

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LISTING 5.7 MultiplicationTable.java

Keyword *break*

- The **break** and **continue** keywords provide additional controls in a loop.
- You have used the keyword break in a switch statement. You can also use break in a loop to immediately terminate the loop.
- Listing 5.12 presents a program to demonstrate the effect of using break in a loop.
- The program in Listing 5.12 adds integers from 1 to 20 in this order to sum until sum is greater than or equal to 100.
 Without the if statement (line 9), the program calculates the sum of the numbers from 1 to 20.
- But with the if statement, the loop terminates when sum becomes greater than or equal to 100.

```
LISTING 5.12 TestBreak.java
```

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```
public class TestBreak {
 2
      public static void main(String[] args) {
        int sum = 0;
        int number = 0;
        while (number < 20) {
          number++;
 8
          sum += number:
 9
          if (sum >= 100)
10
11
        }
12
13
        System.out.println("The number is " + number);
14
        System.out.println("The sum is " + sum);
15
    }
16
```

The number is 14 The sum is 105

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Keyword *continue*

- You can also use the continue keyword in a loop.
- When it is encountered, it ends the current iteration and program control goes to the end of the loop body.
- In other words, continue breaks out of an iteration while the break keyword breaks out of a loop.
- Listing 5.13 presents a program to demonstrate the effect of using continue in a loop.
- The program in Listing 5.13 adds integers from 1 to 20 except 10 and 11 to sum.
- When number becomes 10 or 11, the continue statement ends the current iteration so that the rest of the statement in the loop body is not executed; therefore, number is not added to sum when it is 10 or 11.

```
LISTING 5.13 TestContinue.java
   public class TestContinue {
      public static void main(String[] args) {
 3
        int sum = 0;
        int number = 0;
        while (number < 20) {
          number++;
          if (number == 10 || number == 11)
 8
            continue:
10
          sum += number;
11
12
13
        System.out.println("The sum is " + sum);
14
15
   }
                     The sum is 189
```

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Keyword break: with or without

- You can always write a program without using break or continue in a loop.
- Suppose you need to write a program to find the smallest factor other than 1 for an integer n (assume n >= 2).

```
int factor = 2;
while (factor <= n) {
    if (n % factor == 0)
        break;
    factor++;
}
System.out.println("The smallest factor other than 1 for "
        + n + " is " + factor);
</pre>
boolean found = false;
int factor = 2;
while (factor <= n & !found) {
    if (n % factor == 0)
        found = true;
else
    factor++;
}
System.out.println("The smallest factor other than 1 for '
        + n + " is " + factor);
</pre>
```

```
Programming is a creative endeavor. There are many different ways to write code. In fact, you can find a smallest factor using a rather simple code as follows:

int factor = 2;

while (factor <= n && n % factor != 0)

factor++;

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```

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Case Study: Displaying Prime Numbers

- Let's see how to display the first fifty prime numbers in five lines, each containing ten numbers.
- This is a complex program for novice programmers. The key to developing a
 programmatic solution for this problem, and for many other problems, is to break
 it into sub-problems and develop solutions for each of them in turn.
- Do not attempt to develop a complete solution in the first trial. Instead, begin by writing the code to determine whether a given number is prime, then expand the program to test whether other numbers are prime in a loop.
- The problem can be broken into the following tasks:
 - For **number** = **2**, **3**, **4**, **5**, **6**, . . ., test whether it is prime.
 - · Count the prime numbers.
 - Display each prime number, and display ten numbers per line.

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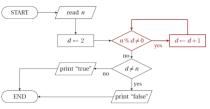
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Case Study: Displaying Prime Numbers (cont'd)

- An integer greater than 1 is *prime* if its only positive divisor is 1 or itself. For example, 2, 3, 5, and 7 are prime numbers, but 4, 6, 8, and 9 are not.
- To test whether a number is prime, check whether it is divisible by 2, 3, 4, and so on up to number/2. If a divisor is found, the number is not a prime.
- The algorithm can be described as follows:

```
Use a boolean variable isPrime to denote whether
  the number is prime; Set isPrime to true initially;

for (int divisor = 2; divisor <= number / 2; divisor++) {
  if (number % divisor == 0) {
    Set isPrime to false
    Exit the loop;
  }
}</pre>
```



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Case Study: Displaying Prime Numbers (cont'd)

- Obviously, you need to write a loop and repeatedly test whether a new number is prime.
- If the number is prime, increase the count by 1. The count is 0 initially. When it reaches 50, the loop terminates.

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Here is the algorithm for the problem:

- Set the number of prime numbers to be printed as a constant NUMBER_OF_PRIMES;
- Use count to track the number of prime numbers and set an initial count to 0;
- Set an initial number to 2;

```
while (count < NUMBER_OF_PRIMES) {
  Test whether number is prime;
  if number is prime {
    Display the prime number and increase the count;
  }
  Increment number by 1;
}</pre>
```

```
ublic class PrimeNumber {
    final int NUMBER_OF_PRIMES = 50; // Number of primes to display
    final int NUMBER_OF_PRIMES = 50; // Number of primes to display
    final int NUMBER_OF_PRIMES_PER_LINE = 10; // Display 10 per line
    int count = 0; // Count the number of prime numbers
    int number = 2; // A number to be tested for primeness
                                       System.out.println("The first 50 prime numbers are \n");
                     10
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19
                                                                                                                                                                                         count prime numbers
                                          // Assume the number is prime boolean isPrime = true; // Is the current number prime?
                                          // Test whether number is prime
for (int divisor = 2; divisor <= number / 2; divisor++) {
   if (number % divisor == 0) { // If true, number is not |
        isPrime = false; // Set isPrime to false
        break; // Exit the for loop</pre>
                                                                                                                                                                                         check primeness
                                                                                                                                                                                         exit loop
                     20
21
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25
                                           // Display the prime number and increase the count
                                           if (isPrime) {
   count++; // Increase the count
                                                                                                                                                                                         display if prime
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                                               if (count % NUMBER_OF_PRIMES_PER_LINE == 0) {
   // Display the number and advance to the new line
                                                   // Display the number and ad
System.out.println(number);
                                                   System.out.print(number + " ");
                     34
35
                                            // Check if the next number is prime
                                            number++;
                     36
37
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                                                                                                                                                                                        28
```

Case Study: Displaying Prime Numbers – another solution

 You can rewrite the loop (lines 16–21) without using the break statement, as follows:

```
for (int divisor = 2; divisor <= number / 2 && isPrime;
    divisor++) {
    // If true, the number is not prime
    if (number % divisor == 0) {
        // Set isPrime to false, if the number is not prime
        isPrime = false;
    }
}</pre>
```

• The output of Listing 5.15 is as follows:

```
The first 50 prime numbers are
2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19 23 29
31 37 41 43 47 53 59 61 67 71
73 79 83 89 97 101 103 107 109 113
127 131 137 139 149 151 157 163 167 173
179 181 191 193 197 199 211 223 227 229
```

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Chapter Summary

- There are three types of repetition statements: the **while** loop, the **do-while** loop, and the **for** loop.
- The part of the loop that contains the statements to be repeated is called the loop body.
- A one-time execution of a loop body is referred to as an iteration of the loop.
- An infinite loop is a loop statement that executes infinitely.
- In designing loops, you need to consider both the loop control structure and the loop body.
- The **while** loop checks the **loop-continuation-condition** first. If the condition is **true**, the loop body is executed; if it is **false**, the loop terminates.
- The do-while loop is similar to the while loop, except that the do-while loop executes the loop body first and then checks the loop-continuation-condition to decide whether to continue or to terminate.

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Chapter Summary

- The while loop and the do-while loop often are used when the number of repetitions is not predetermined.
- A sentinel value is a special value that signifies the end of the loop.
- The for loop generally is used to execute a loop body a fixed number of times.
- The while loop and for loop are called pretest loops because the continuation condition is checked before the loop body is executed.
- The **do-while** loop is called a *posttest loop* because the condition is checked after the loop body is executed.
- Two keywords, **break** and **continue**, can be used in a loop.
- The **break** keyword immediately ends the innermost loop, which contains the break.
- The **continue** keyword only ends the current iteration.

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Ideas for further practice

- How many times is the println statement executed? Set a breakpoint and run the code in debug mode to step-over to study the changes in the values of the variables.
- Set a breakpoint to study the changes in the values of the variables for these two sets of code as well.
- Read 5.8.1 Case Study: Finding the Greatest Common Divisor
- Read 5.10 Case Study: Checking Palindromes

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
  for (int j = 0; j < i; j++)
    System.out.println(i * j);</pre>
```

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Ideas for further practice

• Show the output of the following programs. (*Hint*: Draw a table and list the variables in the columns to trace these programs.)

```
public class Test {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    for (int i = 1; i < 5; i++) {
      int j = 0;
      while (j < i) {
            System.out.print(j + " ");
            j++;
      }
    }
}</pre>
```

```
public class Test {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int i = 5;
    while (i >= 1) {
      int num = 1;
      for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
            System.out.print(num + "xxxx");
            num *= 2;
      }
      System.out.println();
      i --;
      }
}
</pre>
```

```
public class Test {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    int i = 1;
    do {
      int num = 1;
      for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
            System.out.print(num + "G");
            num += 2;
      }
      System.out.println();
    i++:
    } while (i <= 5);
    }
}</pre>
```