

## 5. Conditionals and Loops

- Objectives - when we have completed this set of notes, you should be familiar with:
  - flow of control: sequence, selection, iteration
  - boolean expressions
  - selection: if and if-else statements
  - iteration: while statement (a.k.a. while loop)
  - equality, relational, and logical operators
  - block statements
  - comparing objects
  - nested while loops
  - the ArrayList class
  - file input using the File and Scanner classes
  - Iterators



## Flow of Control

- The order of statement execution in a method is called the **flow of control**
  - **Sequence** - Unless specified otherwise, the order of statement execution through a method is sequential; i.e., one statement after another
  - **Selection** - statements that allow us to decide whether or not to execute a particular statement (or block of statements); that is, select among alternatives  
Examples: *if*, *if-else*, *switch* statements
  - **Iteration** (repetition) - statements that allow us to execute a statement (or block of statements) over and over, repetitively; i.e., loop back through the block  
Examples: *while*, *do-while*, *for* statements (a.k.a. loops)
- **Boolean expressions** (which evaluate to true or false) are used by Selection and Iteration statements (except *switch* and *for each*) to determine whether a statement (or block of statements) is executed



## Flow of Control

- When we read source code, the sequence, selection, and iteration is relative to the method we're reading
  - Example: In the main method, we may have sequence, selection, and iteration. If one of the statements invokes/calls a method, then we jump (or step-in in debug mode) to that method where we will again encounter sequence and possibly selection and/or iteration while the flow of control is this method
- You can use the debugger to follow the detailed flow of control (see examples in later slides)



## Boolean Expressions

- Boolean expression: an expression that evaluates to true or false.
  - Example: (where num1 and num2 are int values)
- A boolean variable can be assigned the result of a boolean expression:
  - Example: (where email references a String object)

```
boolean validEmail = email.contains("@");
```

*boolean expression*



## Boolean Expressions

- An **if** statement uses a boolean expression as its condition (recall if and if-else statements with simple boolean expressions were introduced in 02\_Data\_and\_Expressions)

Example: if temp is greater than 80 then print "Stay indoors."

*boolean expression*

```
if (temp > 80) {  
    System.out.println("Stay indoors.");  
}
```

- Now let's look at more complex boolean expressions



## Operators

- Equality and Relational Operators (review):
  - Must have compatible operands (only numeric types can be used with ordering operators: <, >, <=, >=); evaluate to **true** or **false**
  - Have lower precedence than arithmetic operators

Operator	Meaning
==	equal to
!=	not equal to
<	less than
>	greater than
<=	less than or equal to
>=	greater than or equal to



# Operators

- Logical operators - have boolean operands, evaluate to a boolean result (**true** or **false**), logical operators (except unary !) have lower precedence than relational operators

Operator	Meaning
!	Logical NOT (applied before &&,   )
&&	Logical AND (applied before   )
	Logical OR

- Example: A String *mail* is a valid email address if it contains an @ symbol **and** its length **is greater than or equal to 5 and** it does **not** contain a space.

```
if (mail.contains('@') && mail.length() >= 5
    && !mail.contains(' ')) {
    System.out.println("Valid e-mail address!");
}
```



# Operators

## (Java Lang. Spec. - Conditional Operators)

- The && and || operators are "short circuited"
  - If the first argument of the || is true, the other argument is not evaluated
  - If the first argument of the && is false, then the second argument is not evaluated
- Suppose that strIn is a String. Which of the two *if* clauses will cause a run-time error if strIn is equal to null?

```
if (strIn != null && strIn.length() > 0)
    or...
if (strIn.length() > 0 && strIn != null)
```



## ***if / if-else Statements***

- Example: "If the temperature (temp) is greater than 80 and humidity is greater than or equal to 60, then tell the user to stay indoors"

```
if (temp > 80 && humidity >= 60) {  
    System.out.println("Hot: Stay indoors.");  
}
```



## ***if / if-else Statements***

- Suppose you wanted to add "... otherwise, tell the user that the weather is good."

```
if (temp > 80 && humidity >= 60) {  
    System.out.println("Hot: Stay indoors.");  
}  
else {  
    System.out.println("Weather is good.");  
}
```



## *if / if-else* Statements

- What if there were other specific conditions that require a different action?
  - If the temperature > 80 and humidity >= 60, tell user it's hot. **if**
  - Otherwise, if the temperature < 40, tell the user it's cold. **else if**
  - For any other condition, tell the user that the weather is good. **else**



## *if / if-else* Statements

```
if (temp > 80 && humidity >= 60) {  
    System.out.println("Hot: Stay indoors.");  
}  
else if (temp < 40) {  
    System.out.println("Cold: Stay indoors.");  
}  
else {  
    System.out.println("Weather is good.");  
}
```



## ***if / if-else* Statements**

- An *if* statement can be any number of *else if* blocks (*else* block containing an *if* statement)

```
if (condition1) {  
}  
else  
    if (condition2) {  
        // . . .  
    }  
    else if (conditionN) {  
        // . . .  
    }  
    else {  
        // . . .  
    }  
}
```

usually written like  
this to improve  
readability

```
if (condition1) {  
}  
else if (condition2) {  
    // . . .  
}  
else if (conditionN) {  
    // . . .  
}  
else {  
    // . . .  
}
```

- The *else* (or *else if*) clause is optional
- Examples: [If\\_Else\\_Example.java](#) [Triangle.java](#)



## ***while* Loop**

- Suppose we want a block of statements to execute as long as a certain condition is true
- A ***while*** statement will repeat a block of code until its condition is no longer true
- The debugger is a useful tool when using loops
- Example: print all numbers from 1 to 10

```
int count = 1;  
while (count <= 10) {  
    System.out.println(count);  
    count++;  
}
```

[Count1.java](#)



## **while Loop**

- Example: [NumbersSet.java](#)
  - Return a String that includes all even numbers between two specified values inclusive.
    - Begin with count set to the lower number.
    - While count is less than or equal to the higher number...
      - Add count to the output string if it is divisible by 2
      - Increment count
    - Return the output string
  - Return a String that includes all divisors between two specified values.



## **java.util.ArrayList**

- The ArrayList class holds a set of objects of type Object (so any reference type is okay)
- Includes operations to add and remove elements, find the index of an element, determine if the list is empty, and determine the number of items in the list
- Your class should include an import statement

```
import java.util.ArrayList;
```
- Then in a method declare an instance

```
ArrayList names = new ArrayList();
```





## ArrayList

- You can (and should) specify what type of objects the list will hold using a generic type:
- The ArrayList names only holds objects of type String:

```
ArrayList<String> names = new ArrayList<String>();
```

- The ArrayList titles only holds objects of type Book:

```
ArrayList<Book> titles = new ArrayList<Book>();
```



## ArrayList

- See the Java API for a list of ArrayList methods. Commonly used methods are:
  - add: adds an object to the list
  - remove: removes an object or the object at a specified index
  - get: returns the object at the specified index
  - indexOf: returns the index of the specified object (indexed from 0)
  - size: returns the number of objects in the list
- See [TriangleList.java](#) Also see textbook



## Comparing Data

- Recall that characters (`char`) correspond to numbers
  - Letters A through Z: numerical values 65 to 90
  - Letters a through z: numerical values 97 to 122
  - What happens if you add 32 to an upper-case char value?  
`char value = 'G' + 32;`
  - You can thus use relational and equality operators on char values as well. Suppose that `letterValue` is of type `char`...

```
if (letterValue >= 65 && letterValue <= 90)
{
    System.out.println("Capital letter");
}
```



## Comparing Data

- You can also use equality operators (`==` and `!=`) on objects, but remember that reference variables hold memory addresses. The results may not be what you expect!
- Try the following in interactions:

```
String s1 = new String("Red Sox");
String s2 = new String("Red Sox");
s1 == s2
false
```



## Comparing Data

- Instead, use the **equals** method to compare objects.
  - Returns a boolean representing whether the objects are equal as defined in the class.
  - You can find out how the equals method works by consulting the Java API for the class.
- For the String class, objects are compared based on the characters that they contain.

```
▶ String s1 = new String("Red Sox");  
▶ String s2 = new String("Red Sox");  
▶ s1.equals(s2)  
true
```



## Comparing Data

- The **compareTo** method is also available to some classes, but returns an int value

```
int comparison = obj1.compareTo(obj2);
```

- Interpreting the return value:
  - Less than 0 indicates  $\text{obj1} < \text{obj2}$
  - Equal to 0 indicates  $\text{obj1}$  is equal to  $\text{obj2}$
  - Greater than 0 indicates  $\text{obj1} > \text{obj2}$
- Class-specific; check the Java API for each class to see how objects are compared.



## Comparing Data

- The **compareTo** method compares Strings based on the value of its characters.
- What does the following code print?

```
String food1 = "Apple", food2 = "Banana";
if (food1.compareTo(food2) < 0) {
    System.out.println(food1 + " before " + food2);
}
else if (food1.compareTo(food2) > 0) {
    System.out.println(food2 + " before " + food1);
}
else {
    System.out.println(food2 + " and " + food1
        + " are the same");
}
```

Prints: Apple before Banana



## Comparing Data

- Remember that any upper case value will have a lower value than any lower case value

```
String food1 = "apple", food2 = "Carrot";
if (food1.compareTo(food2) < 0) {
    System.out.println(food1 + " before " + food2);
}
else if (food1.compareTo(food2) > 0) {
    System.out.println(food2 + " before " + food1);
}
else {
    System.out.println(food2 + " and " + food1
        + " are the same");
}
```

Prints: Carrot before apple



## Comparing Data

- The String class has the ***equalsIgnoreCase*** and ***compareToIgnoreCase*** methods

```
String food1 = "apple", food2 = "Carrot";  
if (food1.compareToIgnoreCase(food2) < 0) {  
    System.out.println(food1 + " before " + food2);  
}  
else if (food1.compareToIgnoreCase(food2) > 0) {  
    System.out.println(food2 + " before " + food1);  
}  
else {  
    System.out.println(food2 + " and " + food1  
        + " are the same");  
}
```

Prints: apple before Carrot



## Indentation Revisited

- Remember that indentation in the Java language is for the human reader, and is ignored by the computer

```
if (total > MAX)  
    System.out.println ("Error!!");  
    errorCount++;
```

Despite what is implied by the indentation, the increment will occur whether the condition is true or not



## Block Statements

- Several statements can be grouped together into a **block** statement delimited by braces
- A block statement can be used wherever a statement is called for in the Java syntax rules

```
if (total > MAX)
{
    System.out.println ("Error!!");
    errorCount++;
}
```

- Our coding standard (supported by Checkstyle) requires blocks in *if* statements



## Nested *if* Statements

- The block of statements executed as a result of an *if* statement or *else* clause could contain other *if* and/or *if-else* statements
- These are called *nested if statements*
- An *else* clause is matched to the last unmatched *if* (no matter what the indentation implies)
- Braces can be used to specify the *if* statement to which an *else* clause belongs
- See [Taxes.java](#)



## Infinite Loops

- A statement in the body of a *while* loop eventually must make the loop condition false
- Otherwise, we have an *infinite loop*, which will execute until the program is interrupted from outside the loop (usually by the user)
- Common logical error
- Double check the logic of a program to ensure that your loops will terminate normally



## Infinite Loops

- An example of an infinite loop:

```
int count = 1;
while (count <= 25)
{
    System.out.println (count);
    count = count - 1;
}
```

- This loop will continue executing until interrupted ("Control-C" in DOS window or "End" on jGRASP Run I/O tab) or until an underflow error occurs

[CountInfinite.java](#)



## Nested Loops

- Similar to nested `if` statements, loops can be nested as well
- That is, the body of a loop can contain another loop
- For each iteration of the outer loop, the inner loop iterates completely



## Nested Loops

- How many times will the string "Here" be printed?

```
count1 = 1;
while (count1 <= 10)
{
    count2 = 1;
    while (count2 <= 20)
    {
        System.out.println ("Here");
        count2++;
    }
    count1++;
}
```

**10 \* 20 = 200**





## Nested Loops

- Example: Read in a line of text from the user; print the words in reverse order; query the user to do again; repeat if "y".
- Strategy:
  - Use an outer loop to read lines of text
  - Use an inner loop to store words in an ArrayList
  - Print the ArrayList
  - Print the elements of the ArrayList in order (using a loop)
  - Print the elements of the ArrayList in reverse order (using a loop)
  - Repeat?

[ReverseWords.java](#)



## Reading from a File

- Example: Read in a lines of text from a file; print the lines in reverse order; query the user to do again.
- Strategy:
  - Use an outer loop to read file name from user
  - Use an inner loop to read lines from file and store in an ArrayList
  - Print the ArrayList
  - Print the elements of the ArrayList in order (using a loop)
  - Print the elements of the ArrayList in reverse order (using a loop)
  - Repeat?

[ReverseLinesReadFromFile.java](#)

Also, see [ReverseWordsFromFile.java](#)

[ReadItemsFromFile.java](#)



# Reading from a File

## Points to Remember

- Import statements:  

```
import java.io.File;  
import java.io.IOException;
```
- Include throws clause with main  

```
public static void main(String[] args)  
    throws IOException
```
- Create a Scanner object on a new File object where fileName is String  

```
Scanner scanFile =  
    new Scanner(new File(fileName));
```
- Read the input using: `scanFile.nextLine()`
- Close Scanner object: `scanFile.close();`

[TriangleListApp.java](#)



## *break and continue*

- A **break** statement in a loop will skip the rest of the code in that iteration and exit the loop
- The **continue** statement will skip the rest of the code in that iteration and move to the next iteration of the loop
- The **break** and **continue** statements for loops are generally used in conjunction with an *if* statement inside a loop
- In chapter 6, you will see how to use a break statement when writing a switch statement

[BreakWhileExample.java](#)

[ContinueWhileExample.java](#)



# Iterators

- An *iterator* is an object that allows you to process a collection of items one at a time (lets you step through each item in turn and process it as needed)
- An iterator object has a `hasNext` method that returns true if there is at least one more item to process
- The `next` method returns the next item
- Iterator objects are defined using the `Iterator` interface, which is discussed further in Chapter 6



# Iterators

- Several classes in the Java standard class library are iterators
- The `Scanner` class is an iterator
  - the `hasNext` method returns true if there is more data to be scanned
  - the `next` method returns the next scanned token as a string
- The `Scanner` class also has variations on the `hasNext` method for specific data types (such as `hasNextInt`)



## Iterators

- The fact that a `Scanner` is an iterator is particularly helpful when reading input from a file
- Suppose we wanted to read and process a list of URLs stored in a file
- One scanner can be set up to read each line of the input until the end of the file is encountered
- Another scanner can be set up for each URL to process each part of the path
- See page 242-243 in the book on your own



## Summary Conditionals and Loops

- You should now be familiar with:
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  - boolean expressions
  - selection: if and if-else statements
  - iteration: while loops
  - equality, relational, and logical operators
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  - comparing objects
  - nested while loops
  - Iterators
  - the `ArrayList` class
  - file input using the `File` and `Scanner` classes

