CHAPTER 4 - FLOW OF CONTROL (LOOPS)

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JAVA LOOP STATEMENTS: OUTLINE

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- The `do-while` statement
- The `for` Statement
- The Loop Body
- Initializing Statements
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JAVA LOOP STATEMENTS

- A portion of a program that repeats a statement or a group of statements is called a *loop.*
- The statement or group of statements to be repeated is called the *body* of the loop.
- A loop could be used to compute grades for each student in a class.
- There must be a means of exiting the loop.

THE `WHILE` STATEMENT

- Also called a `while` loop
- A `while` statement repeats while a controlling boolean expression remains true
- The loop body typically contains an action that ultimately causes the controlling boolean expression to become false.

THE `WHILE` STATEMENT

- Syntax

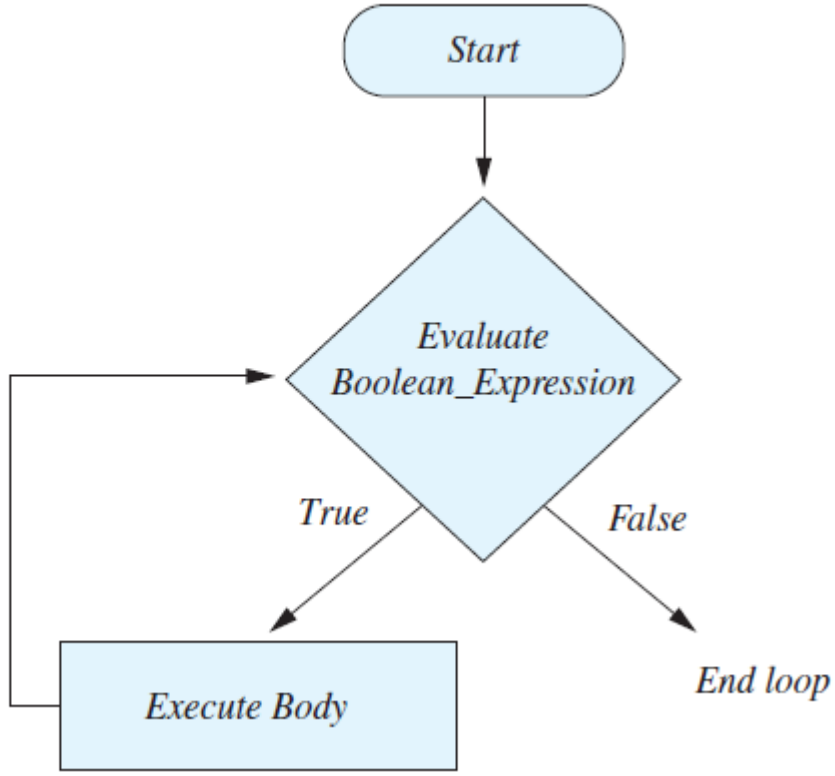
```
while (Boolean_Expression)
    Body_Statement
```

- or

```
while (Boolean_Expression)
{
    First_Statement
    Second_Statement
    …
}
```

THE `WHILE` STATEMENT

```
while (Boolean_Expression)
    Body
```



EXAMPLE

```
public class StarsPrint
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        int count=1,number=10;

        while ( count <= number )
        {
            System.out.print("*");
            count++;
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

```
**********
```

EXAMPLE 2

```
public class StarsPrint
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        int count=1,number=10;

        while ( count++ <= number )
            System.out.print("*");

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

```
**********
```

EXAMPLE 3

```
public class NumbersPrint
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        int count=1,number=10;

        while ( count <= number )
        {
            System.out.print( count + " , ");
            count++;
        }
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

```
1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , 5 , 6 , 7 , 8 , 9 , 10 ,
```

THE WHILE STATEMENT

LISTING 4.1 A while Loop

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class WhileDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int count, number;

        System.out.println("Enter a number");
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        number = keyboard.nextInt();

        count = 1;
        while (count <= number)
        {
            System.out.print(count + ", ");
            count++;
        }

        System.out.println();
        System.out.println("Buckle my shoe.");
    }
}
```

THE WHILE STATEMENT

Sample Screen Output 1

```
Enter a number:
2
1, 2,
Buckle my shoe.
```

Sample Screen Output 2

```
Enter a number:
3
1, 2, 3,
Buckle my shoe.
```

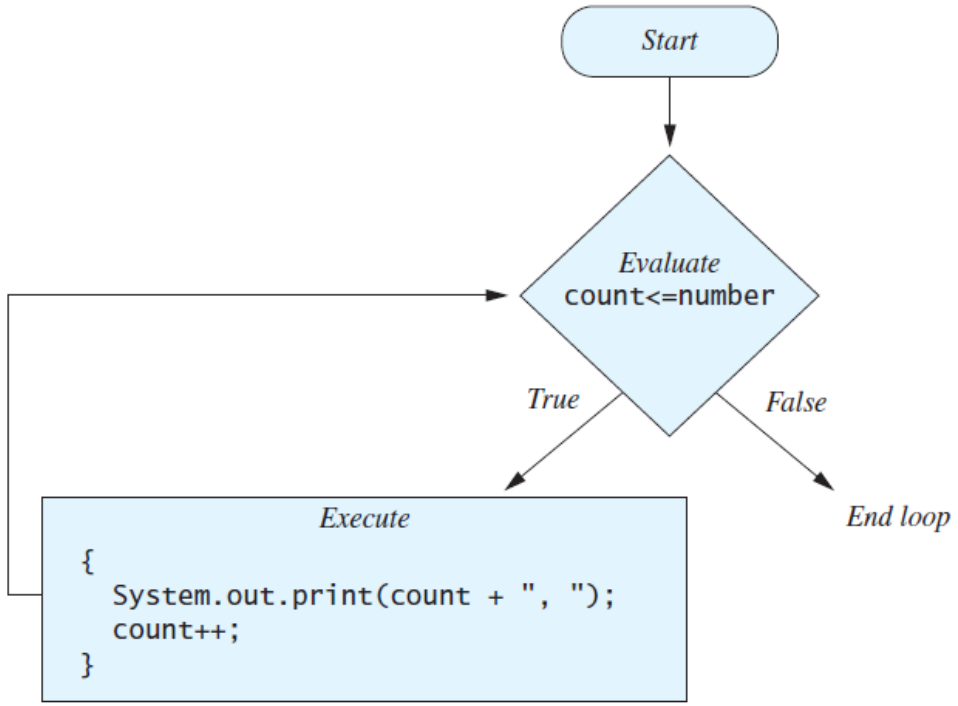
Sample Screen Output 3

```
Enter a number:
0
Buckle my shoe.
```

The loop body is iterated zero times.

THE WHILE STATEMENT

```
while (count <= number)
{
   System.out.print(count + ", ");
   count++;
}
```



CHALLENGE

- Write a program that utilizes loops to print increasing numbers as a triangle with a custom height as in the following examples:

Triangle height= 4

```
1
22
333
4444
```

Triangle height= 6

```
1
22
333
4444
55555
666666
```

THE `DO-WHILE` STATEMENT

- Also called a `do-while` loop
- Similar to a `while` statement, except that the loop body is executed at least once
- Syntax

```
do
    Body_Statement
while (Boolean_Expression);
```

- Don’t forget the semicolon!

THE DO-WHILE STATEMENT

LISTING 4.2 A do-while Loop

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class DoWhileDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int count, number;

        System.out.println("Enter a number");
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        number = keyboard.nextInt();

        count = 1;
        do
        {
           System.out.print(count + ", ");
           count++;
        } while (count <= number);

        System.out.println();
        System.out.println("Buckle my shoe.");
    }
}
```

THE DO-WHILE STATEMENT

Sample Screen Output 1

```
Enter a number:
2
1, 2,
Buckle my shoe.
```

Sample Screen Output 2

```
Enter a number:
3
1, 2, 3,
Buckle my shoe.
```

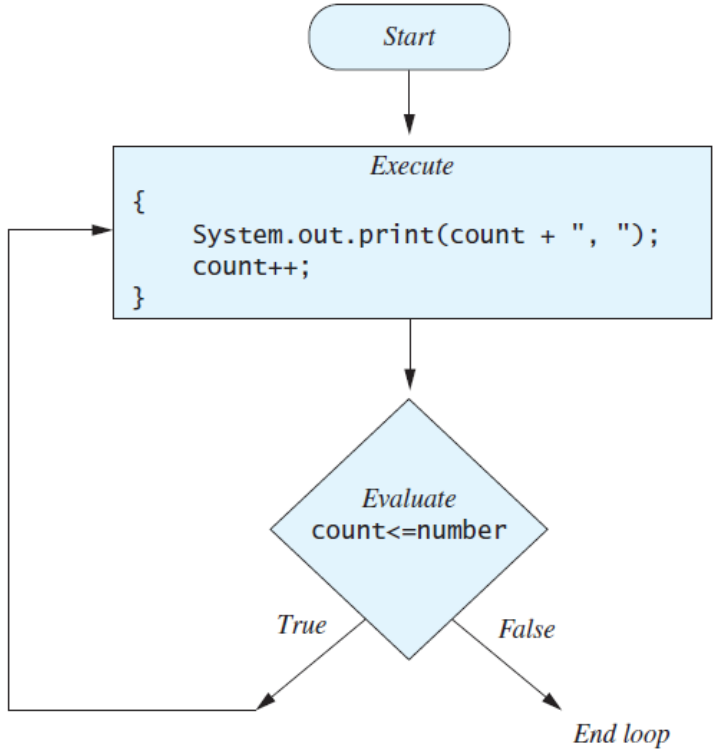
Sample Screen Output 3

```
Enter a number:
0
1,
Buckle my shoe.
```

The loop body always executes at least once.

THE DO-WHILE STATEMENT

```
do
{
   System.out.print(count + ", ");
   count++;
} while (count <= number);
```



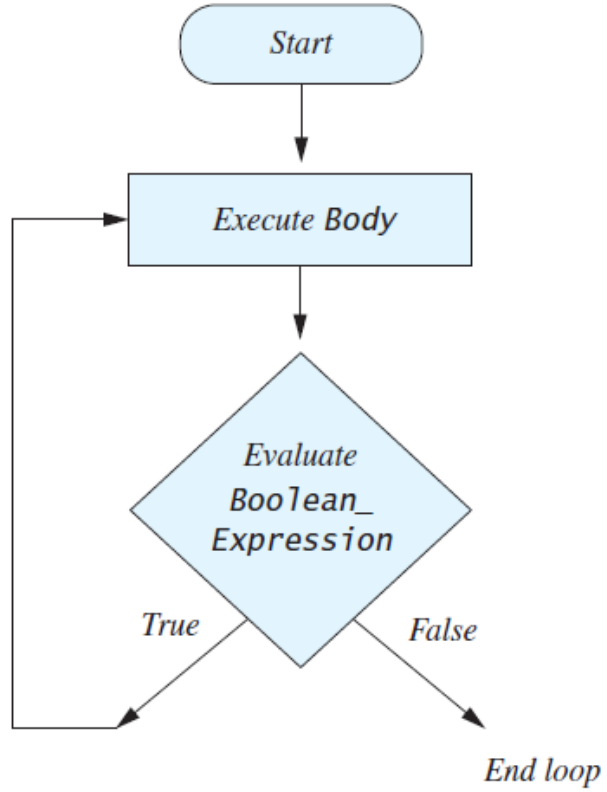
THE `DO-WHILE` STATEMENT

- First, the loop body is executed.
- Then the boolean expression is checked.
  - As long as it is true, the loop is executed again.
  - If it is false, the loop is exited.
- Equivalent `while` statement

```
Statement(s)_S1
while (Boolean_Condition)
    Statement(s)_S1
```

THE DO-WHILE STATEMENT

```
do
    Body
while (Boolean_Expression)
```



INFINITE LOOPS

- A loop which repeats without ever ending is called an *infinite loop.*
- If the controlling boolean expression never becomes false, a `while` loop or a `do-while` loop will repeat without ending.

NESTED LOOPS

- The body of a loop can contain any kind of statements, including another loop.

RECTANGLE DRAWING EXAMPLE

```
Enter the length of the rectangle: 5
Enter the width of the rectangle: 5
# # # # #
# # # # #
# # # # #
# # # # #
# # # # #
```

```
Enter the length of the rectangle: 2
Enter the width of the rectangle: 4
# # # #
# # # #
```

```java
import java.util.Scanner;
public class RectangleDrawing {
    public static void main (String [] args) {
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner (System.in);
        int length,width,currentL=0,currentW=0;

        System.out.println ("Enter the length of the rectangle:");
        length = keyboard.nextInt ();

        System.out.println ("Enter the width of the rectangle:");
        width = keyboard.nextInt ();

        if(length>0 && width>0)
        {
            while (currentL<length)
            {
                currentW=0;
                while(currentW<width)
                {
                    System.out.print("# ");
                    currentW++;
                }
                System.out.print("\n");
                currentL++;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

EQUIVALENT CODE

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class RectangleDrawing {
    public static void main (String [] args) {
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner (System.in);
        int length,width,currentL=0,currentW=0;

        System.out.println ("Enter the length of the rectangle:");
        length = keyboard.nextInt ();

        System.out.println ("Enter the width of the rectangle:");
        width = keyboard.nextInt ();

        if(length>0 && width>0)
            while (currentL++<length)
            {
                currentW=0;
                while(currentW++<width)
                    System.out.print("# ");
                System.out.print("\n");
            }
    }
}
```

EXAM AVERAGE CALCULATION EXAMPLE

- Computes the average of a list of (nonnegative) exam scores.
- Repeats computation for more exams until the user says to stop.

LISTING 4.4 Nested Loops *(part 1 of 2)*

```
import java.util.Scanner;
/**
Computes the average of a list of (nonnegative) exam scores.
Repeats computation for more exams until the user says to stop.
*/
public class ExamAverager
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("This program computes the average of");
        System.out.println("a list of (nonnegative) exam scores.");
        double sum;
        int numberOfStudents;
        double next;
        String answer;
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
```

```
        do
        {
            System.out.println();
            System.out.println("Enter all the scores to be averaged.");
            System.out.println("Enter a negative number after");
            System.out.println("you have entered all the scores.");
            sum = 0;
            numberOfStudents = 0;
            next = keyboard.nextDouble();
            while (next >= 0)
            {
               sum = sum + next;
               numberOfStudents++;
               next = keyboard.nextDouble();
            }
            if (numberOfStudents > 0)
                System.out.println("The average is " +
                                   (sum / numberOfStudents));
            else
                System.out.println("No scores to average.");

            System.out.println("Want to average another exam?");
            System.out.println("Enter yes or no.");
            answer = keyboard.next();
        } while (answer.equalsIgnoreCase("yes"));
    }
}
```

Sample Screen Output

```
This program computes the average of
a list of (nonnegative) exam scores.

Enter all the scores to be averaged.
Enter a negative number after
you have entered all the scores.
100
90
100
90
-1
The average is 95.0
Want to average another exam?
Enter yes or no.
yes

Enter all the scores to be averaged.
Enter a negative number after
you have entered all the scores.
90
70
80
-1
The average is 80.0
Want to average another exam?
Enter yes or no.
no
```

THE `FOR` STATEMENT

- A `for` statement executes the body of a loop a fixed number of times.
- Example

```
for (count = 1; count < 3; count++)
    System.out.println(count);
```

EXAMPLE

```
class ForDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {

        for(int i=1; i<11; i++)
        {
            System.out.println("Count is: " + i);
        }

    }
}
```

```
Count is: 1
Count is: 2
Count is: 3
Count is: 4
Count is: 5
Count is: 6
Count is: 7
Count is: 8
Count is: 9
Count is: 10
```

THE `FOR` STATEMENT

- Syntax

```
for (Initialization; Condition; Update)
   Body_Statement
```

- `Body_Statement` can be either a simple statement or a compound statement in `{}`.

THE `FOR` STATEMENT

- Corresponding `while` statement

```
Initialization
while (Condition)
    Body_Statement_Including_Update
```

THE FOR STATEMENT

LISTING 4.5 An Example of a for Statement

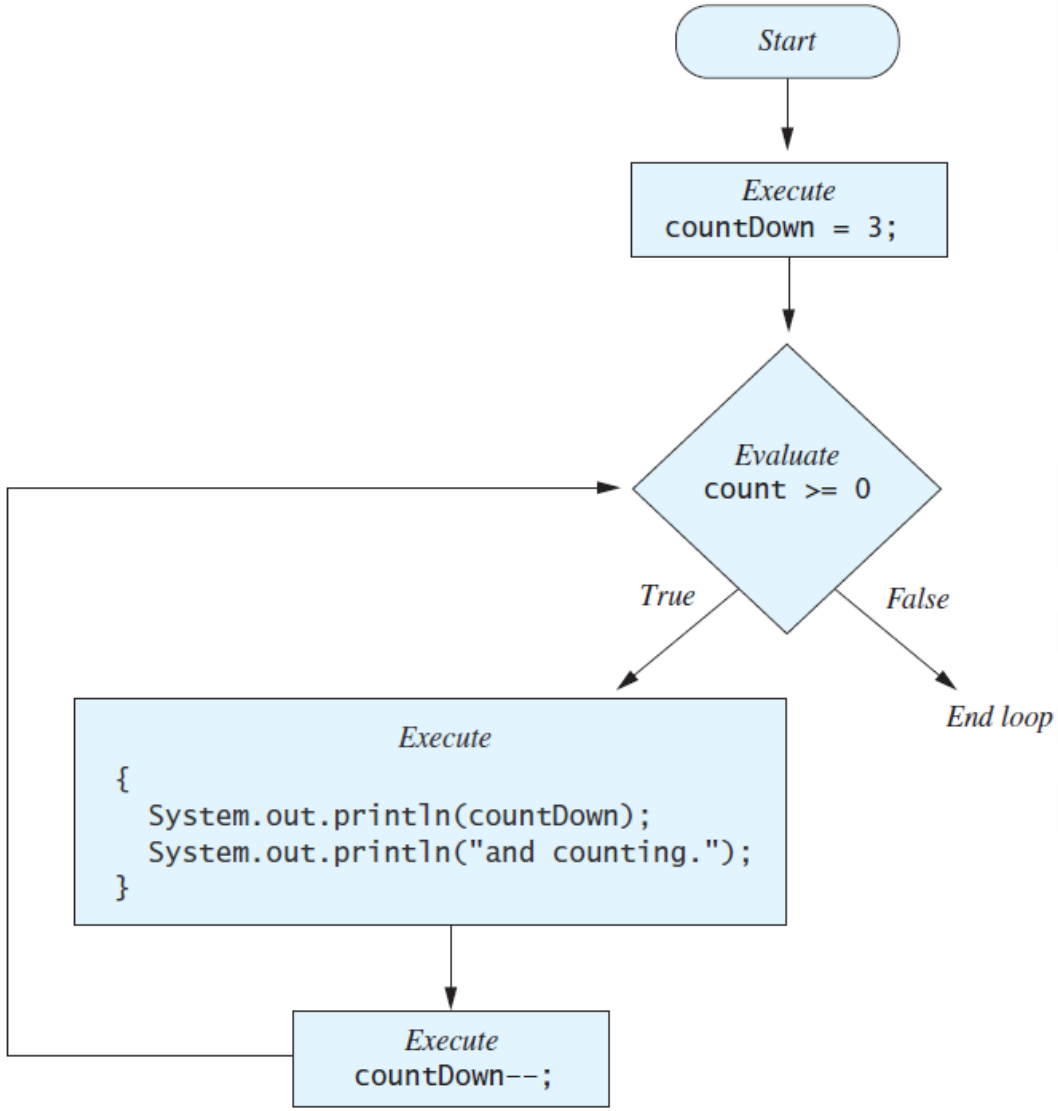
```
public class ForDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int countDown;
        for (countDown = 3; countDown >= 0; countDown--)
        {
            System.out.println(countDown);
            System.out.println("and counting.");
        }
        System.out.println("Blast off!");
    }
}
```

Screen Output

```
3
and counting.
2
and counting.
1
and counting.
0
and counting.
Blast off!
```

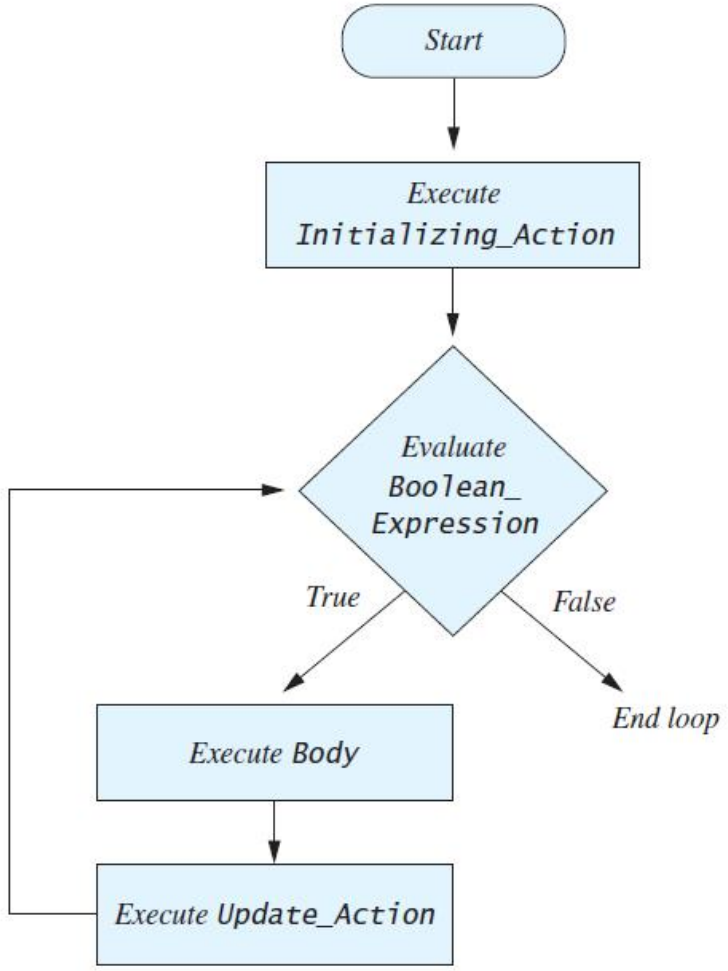
THE FOR STATEMENT

```
for (countDown = 3; countDown >= 0; countDown--)
{
    System.out.println(countDown);
    System.out.println("and counting.");
}
```



THE FOR STATEMENT

```
for (Initializing_Action; Boolean_Expression; Update_Action)
    Body
```



THE `FOR` STATEMENT

- Possible to declare variables within a `for` statement

```
int sum = 0;
for (int n = 1 ; n <= 10 ; n++)
    sum = sum + n * n;
```

- Note that variable `n` is local to the loop

THE FOR STATEMENT

- A comma separates multiple initializations
- Example

```
for (n = 1, product = 1; n <= 10; n++)
    product = product * n;
```

- Only one boolean expression is allowed, but it can consist of &&s, ||s, and !s.
- Multiple update actions are allowed, too.

```
for (n = 1, product = 1; n <= 10;
        product = product * n, n++);
```

THE LOOP BODY

- To design the loop body, write out the actions the code must accomplish.
- Then look for a repeated pattern.
  - The pattern need not start with the first action.
  - The repeated pattern will form the body of the loop.
  - Some actions may need to be done after the pattern stops repeating.

INITIALIZING STATEMENTS

- Some variables need to have a value before the loop begins.
  - Sometimes this is determined by what is supposed to happen after one loop iteration.
  - Often variables have an initial value of zero or one, but not always.
- Other variables get values only while the loop is iterating.

CONTROLLING NUMBER OF LOOP ITERATIONS

- If the number of iterations is known before the loop starts, the loop is called a *count-controlled loop.*
  - Use a `for` loop.
- Asking the user before each iteration if it is time to end the loop is called the *ask-before-iterating technique.*
  - Appropriate for a small number of iterations
  - Use a `while` loop or a `do-while` loop.

CONTROLLING NUMBER OF LOOP ITERATIONS

- For large input lists, a *sentinel value* can be used to signal the end of the list.
  - The sentinel value must be different from all the other possible inputs.
  - A negative number following a long list of nonnegative exam scores could be suitable.

```
90
0
10
-1
```

CONTROLLING NUMBER OF LOOP ITERATIONS

- Example - reading a list of scores followed by a sentinel value

```
int next = keyboard.nextInt();
while (next  >= 0)
{
   Process_The_Score
   next = keyboard.nextInt();
}
```

CONTROLLING NUMBER OF LOOP ITERATIONS

- Using a boolean variable to end the loop

LISTING 4.6 Using a Boolean Variable to End a Loop

```
import java.util.Scanner;
/**
 Illustrates the use of a boolean variable to end loop iteration.
*/
public class BooleanDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Enter nonnegative numbers.");
        System.out.println("Place a negative number at the end");
        System.out.println("to serve as an end marker.");
        int sum = 0;
        boolean areMore = true;
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        while (areMore)
        {
            int next = keyboard.nextInt();
            if (next < 0)
                areMore = false;
            else
                sum = sum + next;
        }
        System.out.println("The sum of the numbers is " + sum);
    }
}
```

Sample Screen Output

```
Enter nonnegative numbers.
Place a negative number at the end
to serve as an end marker.
1 2 3 -1
The sum of the numbers is 6
```

PROGRAMMING EXAMPLE

- Spending Spree
  - You have $100 to spend in a store
  - Maximum 3 items
  - Computer tracks spending and item count
  - When item chosen, computer tells you whether or not you can buy it
- Client wants adaptable program
  - Able to change amount and maximum number of items

LISTING 4.7 Spending Spree Program *(part 1 of 2)*

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class SpendingSpree
{
    public static final int SPENDING_MONEY = 100;
    public static final int MAX_ITEMS = 3;
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        boolean haveMoney = true;
        int leftToSpend = SPENDING_MONEY;
        int totalSpent = 0;
        int itemNumber = 1;
        while (haveMoney && (itemNumber <= MAX_ITEMS))
        {
            System.out.println("You may buy up to " +
                               (MAX_ITEMS - itemNumber + 1) +
                               " items");
            System.out.println("costing no more than $" +
                               leftToSpend + ".");
            System.out.print("Enter cost of item #" +
                             itemNumber + ": $");
            int itemCost = keyboard.nextInt();
            if (itemCost <= leftToSpend)
            {
                System.out.println("You may buy this item. ");
                totalSpent = totalSpent + itemCost;
                System.out.println("You spent $" + totalSpent +
                                   " so far.");
                leftToSpend = SPENDING_MONEY - totalSpent;
                if (leftToSpend > 0)
                    itemNumber++;
                else
                {
                    System.out.println("You are out of money.");
                     haveMoney = false;
                }
            }
```

```
                else
                    System.out.println("You cannot buy that item.");
            }
            System.out.println("You spent $" + totalSpent +
                               ", and are done shopping.");
    }
}
```

Sample Screen Output

```
You may buy up to 3 items
costing no more than $100.
Enter cost of item #1: $80
You may buy this item.
You spent $80 so far.
You may buy up to 2 items
costing no more than $20.
Enter cost of item #2: $20
You may buy this item.
You spent $100 so far.
You are out of money.
You spent $100, and are done shopping.
```

TRACING VARIABLES

- *Tracing variables* means watching the variables change while the program is running.
  - Simply insert temporary output statements in your program to print of the values of variables of interest
  - Or, learn to use the debugging facility that may be provided by your system.

LOOP BUGS

- Common loop bugs
  - Unintended infinite loops
  - Off-by-one errors
  - Testing equality of floating-point numbers
- Subtle infinite loops
  - The loop may terminate for some input values, but not for others.
  - For example, you can’t get out of debt when the monthly penalty exceeds the monthly payment.