# The else Statement

Use the <a href="else">else</a> statement to specify a block of code to be executed if the condition is <a href="false">false</a>.

## **Syntax**

```
if (condition) {
   // block of code to be executed if the condition is true
} else {
   // block of code to be executed if the condition is false
}
```

## Example

```
int time = 20;
if (time < 18) {
   System.out.println("Good day.");
} else {
   System.out.println("Good evening.");
}</pre>
```

```
// Outputs "Good evening."
```

## The else if Statement

Use the else if statement to specify a new condition if the first condition is false.

## **Syntax**

```
if (condition1) {
   // block of code to be executed if condition1 is true
} else if (condition2) {
   // block of code to be executed if the condition1 is false and condition2
is true
} else {
   // block of code to be executed if the condition1 is false and condition2
is false
```

Example

```
int time = 22;
if (time < 10) {
    System.out.println("Good morning.");
} else if (time < 20) {
    System.out.println("Good day.");
} else {
    System.out.println("Good evening.");
}
// Outputs "Good evening."</pre>
```