

Java Programming Foundations 1

Week 4: Beginning Control Flow

- Introduction to control flow and conditionals.
- The `if` statement.
- `if else` and `else`.
- The `switch` statement.

What is control flow?

Control flow is the order in which statements are executed

What are conditionals?

Conditionals determine which path your code will take

Run code only when a condition is met

Think "if this, then that"

Control flow and conditionals in everyday language

Example: you're at your favorite restaurant about to order.

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- they have the fish is the condition,
- I will order fish is the result when the condition is met.

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- I will get a ticket is the result when the condition is met.

Example: you want to buy orange juice

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- I have at least \$2.75 is the condition,
- I will buy an orange juice is the result when the condition is met.

Control flow in Java

The **if** statement.

Example

```
if (yourHeightInFeet >= 5) {  
    System.out.println("You are allowed to enter the ride.");  
}
```

Use an **if** statement when you want code to run only when a condition is met.

In Java, statements like **if** are referred to as conditionals

The **if** statement's syntax

```
// Code before the if statement, this always runs.  
  
if (/* condition */) {  
    // Code to run when `condition` is true.  
    // ...  
}  
  
// Code after the if statement, this always runs.
```

What can I put as my **condition**?

```
// Code before the if statement, this always runs.  
  
if (/* condition */) {  
    // Code to run when `condition` is true.  
    // ...  
}  
  
// Code after the if statement, this always runs.
```

The **condition** can be any **boolean** expression

The **condition** can be anything that evaluates to **true** or **false**

boolean values are either **true** or **false**

Boolean operators: **boolean** values

- `a && b`, the and operator, both `a` and `b` are `true`.
- `a || b`, the or operator, either `a` or `b` are `true`.
- `!a`, the not operator, the inverse (opposite) of `a`.

Boolean logic exercises: `boolean` values

1. `true && true`
2. `true && false`
3. `false && true`
4. `false && false`
5. `true || true`
6. `true || false`
7. `false || true`
8. `false || false`
9. `!true`
10. `!false`

Comparison operators: `char`, `int`, and `double` values

- `a == b`, `a` is equal to `b`.
- `a != b`, `a` is not equal to `b`.
- `a > b`, `a` is greater than `b`.
- `a >= b`, `a` is greater than or equal to `b`.
- `a < b`, `a` is less than `b`.
- `a <= b`, `a` is less than or equal to `b`.

Comparison operator exercises: `char`, `int`, and `double` values

1. `42 == 42`
2. `42 != 42`
3. `84 > 32`
4. `84 < 32`
5. `43 <= 32`
6. `54 <= 54`
7. `12 <= 13`

Reminder: **if** statement's syntax

```
// Code before the if statement, this always runs.  
  
if (/* condition */) {  
    // Code to run when `condition` is true.  
    // ...  
}  
  
// Code after the if statement, this always runs.
```

Let's write some code: if I have at least \$2.75, then I will buy an orange juice.

```
public class Sample01 {  
    // ***If*** I have at least $2.75, ***then*** I will buy an orange juice.  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        double money = 5.65;  
  
        System.out.println("You have " + money);  
  
        if (money >= 2.75) {  
            System.out.println("You will buy orange juice");  
        }  
  
        System.out.println("Done running program.");  
    }  
}
```

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Sample02 {
    // ***If*** I have at least $2.75, ***then*** I will buy an orange juice.
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.print("Please enter how much money you have: ");
        double money = input.nextDouble();

        System.out.println("You have " + money);

        if (money >= 2.75) {
            System.out.println("You will buy orange juice");
        }

        System.out.println("Done running program.");
    }
}
```


Example: you want to buy orange juice

If I have at least \$2.75 and the store sells orange juice, ***then*** I will buy an orange juice.

Example: you want to buy orange juice

- *If* I have at least \$2.75 and the store sells orange juice, *then* I will buy an orange juice.
- I have at least \$2.75 and the store sells orange juice is the condition,
 - There are two parts to this condition and both must be true in order to proceed:
 - a. I have at least \$2.75 must be true
 - b. the store sells orange juice must be true
- I will buy an orange juice is the result when the condition is met.

Let's write some code: update previous example to use new condition

if statements: the **else** clause

Think "if this is true, then do A, otherwise do B"

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- *If* they have the fish, *then* I will get the fish, *otherwise* I will get a salad.
- they have the fish is the condition,
- I will get the fish is the result when the condition is met,
- I will get a salad is the result when the condition is not met.

Syntax of an **if** statement with an **else** clause

```
// Code before the if statement, this always runs.  
  
if (/* condition */) {  
    // Code to run when `condition` is true.  
    // ...  
} else {  
    // Code to run when `condition` is not true.  
    // ...  
}  
  
// Code after the if statement, this always runs.
```


Let's write some code

```
public class Sample03 {  
    // ***If*** they have the fish,  
    // ***then*** I will get the fish,  
    // ***otherwise*** I will get a salad.  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        boolean fishIsAvailable = true;  
  
        if (fishIsAvailable) {  
            System.out.println("I will get the fish");  
        } else {  
            System.out.println("I will get a salad");  
        }  
  
        System.out.println("Done running program.")  
    }  
}
```

if statements: the **else if** constructor

Use an **if** statement with an **else if** constructor when you are choosing between multiple options all of which have conditions.

Example: you want either orange juice, or a smoothie, or water depending on what's available.

If the store has orange juice, ***then*** I will get orange juice, ***otherwise if*** the store has smoothies, ***then*** I will get a smoothie, ***otherwise if*** the store has water, ***then*** I will get water.

Example: you want either orange juice, or a smoothie, or water depending on what's available.

- *If* the store has orange juice, **then** I will get orange juice, **otherwise if** the store has smoothies, **then** I will get a smoothie, **otherwise if** the store has water, **then** I will get water.
- the store has orange juice is the first condition,
- I will get orange juice is the result when the first condition is met,
- the store has smoothies is the second condition,
- I will get a smoothie is the result when the second condition is met,
- the store has water is the third condition,
- I will get water is the result when the third condition is met.

Order of conditions matters

Syntax of an **if** statement with an **else if** constructor

```
if (/* conditionA */) {  
    // Code to run when `conditionA` is true.  
    // ...  
} else if (/* conditionB */) {  
    // Code to run when `conditionB` is true.  
    // ...  
}
```


Let's write some code: if the store has orange juice, then I will get orange juice, otherwise if the store has smoothies, then I will get a smoothie, otherwise if the store has water, then I will get water.

```
public class Sample04 {  
    // ***If*** the store has orange juice, ***then*** I will get orange juice,  
    // ***otherwise if*** the store has smoothies, ***then*** I will get a  
    // smoothie, ***otherwise if*** the store has water, ***then*** I will get  
    // water.  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        boolean hasOrangeJuice = true;  
        boolean hasSmoothies = true;  
        boolean hasWater = true;  
  
        if (hasOrangeJuice) {  
            System.out.println("I will get orange juice");  
        } else if (hasSmoothies) {  
            System.out.println("I will get a smoothie");  
        } else if (hasWater) {  
            System.out.println("I will get water");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

What happens if we don't use `else if` and only use `if` statements?

When to use what?

- Use an `if` statement when you want code to run only when a condition is met.
- Use an `if` statement with an `else` clause when you are choosing between an option with a condition and a default option.
- Use an `if` statement with an `else if` constructor when you are choosing between multiple options all of which have conditions.

Putting it all together

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```
if (/* conditionA */) {  
    // Code to run when `conditionA` is true.  
    // ...  
} else if (/* conditionB */) {  
    // Code to run when `conditionB` is true.  
    // ...  
} else {  
    // Code to run when none of the previous conditions are true.  
    // ...  
}
```

Putting it all together

```
if (/* conditionA */) {  
    // Code to run when `conditionA` is true.  
    // ...  
} else if (/* conditionB */) {  
    // Code to run when `conditionB` is true.  
    // ...  
} else if (/* conditionC */) {  
    // Code to run when `conditionC` is true.  
    // ...  
} else {  
    // Code to run when none of the previous conditions are true.  
    // ...  
}
```

if statements must start with an **if**

The **else** is optional

Let's write some code: convert percentage grade to letter grade

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Sample06 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.print("What is your grade? ");
        double grade = input.nextDouble();

        if (grade < 0 || grade > 100) {
            System.out.println("You grade must be between 0 to 100");
        } else if (grade >= 90) {
            System.out.println("You get an A");
        } else if (grade >= 80) {
            System.out.println("You get a B");
        } else if (grade >= 70) {
            System.out.println("You get a C");
        } else {
            System.out.println("You get an F");
        }
    }
}
```

Note that you can have multiple statements inside of the curly brackets.

Nested conditionals

if statements inside of **if** statements

```
if (/* conditionA */) {  
    // This code runs when `conditionA` is true.  
  
    if (/* conditionB */) {  
        // This code runs when `conditionA` and `conditionB` are both true.  
    }  
  
    // This code runs when `conditionA` is true.  
}
```

Let's write some code: if the store is open then buy juice, or smoothie, or water.

```
public class Sample05 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        boolean storeIsOpen = true;  
  
        boolean hasOrangeJuice = true;  
        boolean hasSmoothies = true;  
        boolean hasWater = true;  
  
        if (storeIsOpen) {  
            if (hasOrangeJuice) {  
                System.out.println("I will get orange juice");  
            } else if (hasSmoothies) {  
                System.out.println("I will get a smoothie");  
            } else if (hasWater) {  
                System.out.println("I will get water");  
            }  
        } else {  
            System.out.println("The store is closed");  
        }  
    }  
}
```


A note on formatting your code.

For easier to read code, pay attention to your indentation.

A note on the syntax of `if` statements

The curly brackets are optional but you are encouraged to always include them.

```
if (hasOrangeJuice)  
    System.out.println("I will get orange juice");
```

What could go wrong if I exclude curly brackets?

Let's write some *bad* code

```
public class Sample05 {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        boolean storeIsOpen = true;  
  
        boolean hasOrangeJuice = false;  
        boolean hasSmoothies = false;  
        boolean hasWater = false;  
  
        if (storeIsOpen)  
            if (hasOrangeJuice)  
                System.out.println("I will get orange juice");  
            else if (hasSmoothies)  
                System.out.println("I will get a smoothie");  
            else if (hasWater)  
                System.out.println("I will get water");  
        else  
            System.out.println("The store is closed");  
    }  
}
```

Common mistakes with `if` statements

- Multiple statements without curly brackets.
- Dangling `else`.
- Misplaced semicolons.

The **switch** statement.

switch statements are similar to **if** statements.

The **switch** statement's syntax

```
// Code before the switch statement, this always runs.

switch (/* expression */) {
  case /* comparisonA */:
    // Code to run when `expression` is equal to `comparisonA`
    // ...
    break;

  case /* comparisonB */:
    // Code to run when `expression` is equal to `comparisonB`
    // ...
    break;

  default:
    // Code to run when none of the previous conditions were met.
    // ...
    break;
}

// Code after the switch statement, this always runs.
```

Let's look at an example

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Sample06 {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.println("How would you like to travel?");
        System.out.print("Enter an option between 1 and 3: ");
        int option = input.nextInt();

        switch (option) {
            case 1:
                System.out.println("Option 1 gets you a car");
                break;

            case 2:
                System.out.println("Option 2 gets you a bike");
                break;

            case 3:
                System.out.println("Option 3 gets you roller blades");
                break;

            default:
                System.out.println("You did not enter a valid option");
                break;
        }
    }
}
```

How does **case** work?

```
int option = input.nextInt();

switch (option) {
    case 1:
        System.out.println("Option 1 gets you a car");
        break;

    case 2:
        System.out.println("Option 2 gets you a bike");
        break;

    case 3:
        System.out.println("Option 3 gets you roller blades");
        break;

    default:
        System.out.println("You did not enter a valid option");
        break;
}
```

How does **switch** and **case** compare to an **if** statement?

Using a **switch** statement

```
switch (option) {  
    case 1:  
        System.out.println("Option 1 gets you a car");  
        break;  
}
```

Using an **if** statement

```
if (option == 1) {  
    System.out.println("Option 1 gets you a car");  
}
```

What does `break` do?

```
switch (option) {  
    case 1:  
        System.out.println("Option 1 gets you a car");  
        break;  
  
    case 2:  
        System.out.println("Option 2 gets you a bike");  
        break;  
  
    case 3:  
        System.out.println("Option 3 gets you roller blades");  
        break;  
  
    default:  
        System.out.println("You did not enter a valid option");  
        break;  
}
```


What does `default` do?

```
switch (option) {  
    case 1:  
        System.out.println("Option 1 gets you a car");  
        break;  
  
    case 2:  
        System.out.println("Option 2 gets you a bike");  
        break;  
  
    case 3:  
        System.out.println("Option 3 gets you roller blades");  
        break;  
  
    default:  
        System.out.println("You did not enter a valid option");  
        break;  
}
```

What happens if we don't include the **break** statement?

Common mistakes

- Missing `break` statement.

Hint: how to read a character (a single letter) from user input

```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
char character = input.next().charAt(0);
```

Hint: comparing `char` values

```
char myLetter = 'a';  
  
if (myLetter == 'a') {  
    // ...  
} else if (myLetter == 'b') {  
    // ...  
} else {  
    // ...  
}
```