Starting Another Activity in Java Android App. Java Programming Language Fundamentals (part 2)

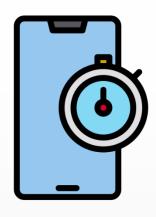
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Lessons learnt last time

- What is Firebase?
- History of Firebase
- Why use Firebase?
- General architecture
- Services
- Adding Firebase Realtime Database to Android app



What we gonna discuss today?

- Start another activity in the Java Android app
- Cast operator
- Conditional operators
- Equality operators
- Logical operators
- Multiplicative operators
- Relational operators
- Shift operators
- If-Else statement
- Switch statement
- Loop statements
- Try-catch exception handler
- Break statement and Labeled Break statement
- Continue statement and Labeled Continue statement



- Imagine we have an app that shows an activity that consists of a single screen with textView and editText fields, a Send button at least
- In this example, we add some code to the MainActivity that starts a new activity to display a message when the user taps the Send button

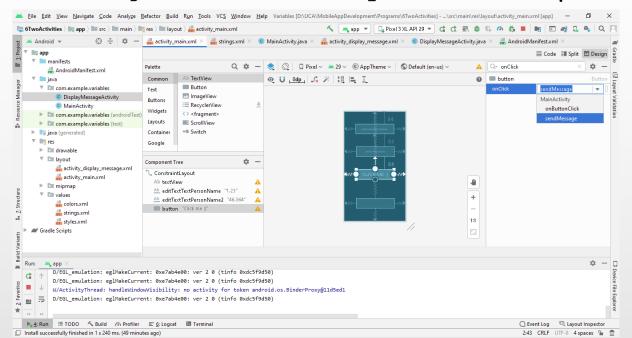
Respond to the Send button

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o In the file app>java>com.example.variables>MainActivity, add
the method sendMessage():
```

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
    }

    /** Called when the user taps the Send button */
    public void sendMessage(View view) {
        // Do something in response to button
    }
}
```

- Return to the activity_main.xml file to call the method from the button:
 - ° Select the button in the Layout Editor
 - o In the Attributes window, locate the onClick property and select sendMessage [MainActivity] from its drop-down list



- Build an intent
 - ° An Intent is an object that provides runtime binding between separate components, such as two activities. The Intent represents an app's intent to do something. We can use intents for a wide variety of tasks, but in this example, our intent starts

another activity.

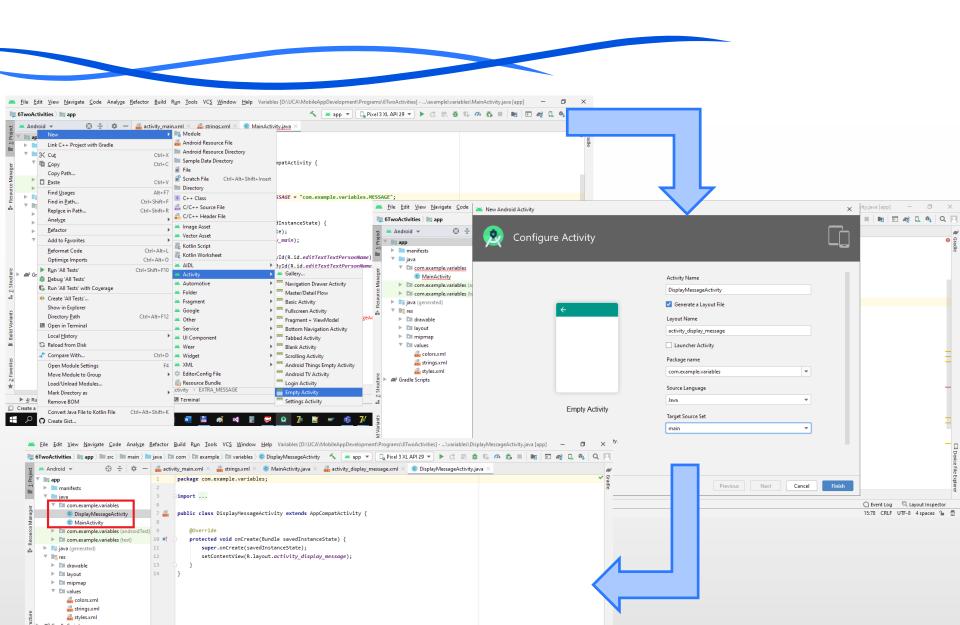
° In MainActivity, add the EXTRA_MESSAGE constant and the sendMessage() code, as shown:

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
    EditText editText;
    EditText editText2:
   TextView textView:
   public static final String EXTRA MESSAGE = "com.example.variables.MESSAGE"
    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
       setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
       editText = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.editTextTextPersonName);
       editText2 = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.editTextTextPersonName2);
       textView = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textView);
    /** Called when the user taps the Send button */
    public void sendMessage(View view) {
       Intent intent = new Intent( packageContext: this, DisplayMessageActivity.class);
       String message = editText.getText().toString();
       intent.putExtra(EXTRA MESSAGE, message);
       startActivity(intent);
```

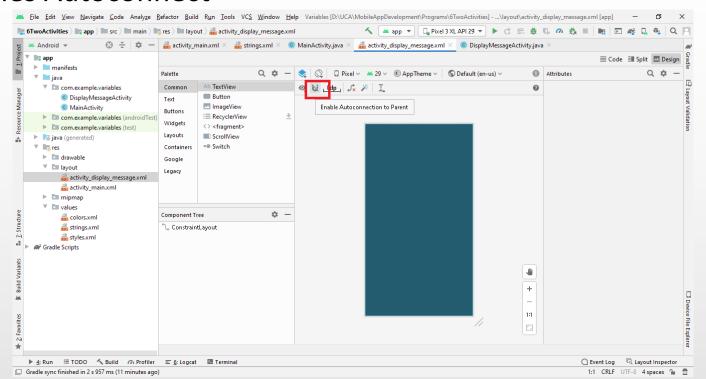
- An error still remains for DisplayMessageActivity, but that's okay now. We fix it later.
- Here's what's going on in sendMessage():
 - ° The Intent constructor takes two parameters, a Context and a Class
 - ° The Context parameter is used first because the Activity class is a subclass of Context
 - ° The Class parameter of the app component, to which the system delivers the Intent, is, in this case, the activity to start
 - ° The putExtra() method adds the value of EditText to the intent. An Intent can carry data types as key-value pairs called extras.
 - ° Our key is a public constant EXTRA_MESSAGE because the next activity uses the key to retrieve the text value. It's a good practice to define keys for intent extras with our app's package name as a prefix. This ensures that the keys are unique, in case our app interacts with other apps.
 - °The startActivity() method starts an instance of the DisplayMessageActivity that's specified by the Intent. Next, we need to create that class.

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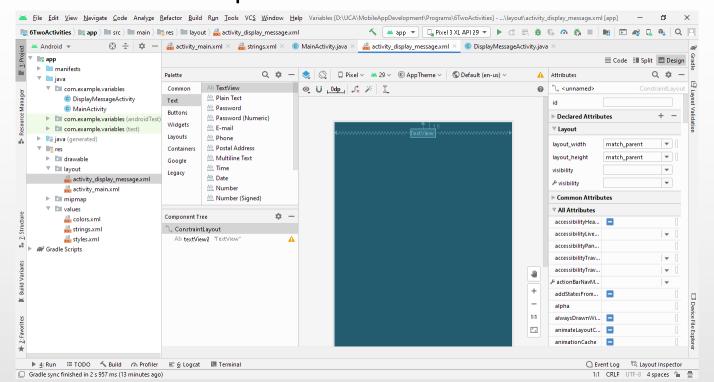
- Create the second activity
 - °In the Project window, right-click the app folder and select New>Activity>Empty Activity
 - °In the Configure Activity window, enter "DisplayMessageActivity" for Activity Name. Leave all other properties set to their defaults and click Finish.
- Android Studio automatically does three things:
 - ° Creates the DisplayMessageActivity file
 - ° Creates the layout file activity_display_message.xml, which corresponds with the DisplayMessageActivity file
 - Output
 Adds the required <activity> element in AndroidManifest.xml
- If we run the app and tap the button on the first activity, the second activity starts but is empty. This is because the second activity uses the empty layout provided by the template.



- Add a text view:
 - Open the file app>res>layout>activity_display_message.xml
 - ^o Click Enable Autoconnection to Parent in the toolbar. This enables Autoconnect



° In the Palette panel, click Text, drag a TextView into the layout, and drop it near the top-center of the layout so that it snaps to the vertical line that appears. Autoconnect adds left and right constraints in order to place the view in the horizontal center.



- ° Create one more constraint from the top of the text view to the top of the layout
- Optionally, we can make some adjustments to the text style if we expand textAppearance in the Common Attributes panel of the Attributes window, and change attributes such as textSize and textColor
- Display the message

onCreate() method: Override protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {

```
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
   super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
   setContentView(R.layout.activity_display_message);

// Get the Intent that started this activity and extract the string Intent intent = getIntent();

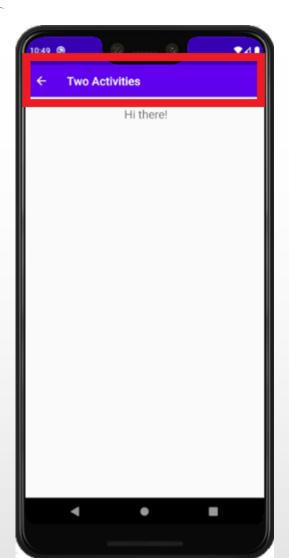
String message = intent.getStringExtra(MainActivity.EXTRA_MESSAGE);

// Capture the layout's TextView and set the string as its text
   TextView textView = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textView);
   textView.setText(message);
```

- Add upward navigation
 - Each screen in our app that is not the main entry point, which are all the screens that aren't the home screen, must provide navigation that directs the user to the logical parent screen in the app's hierarchy. To do this, add an Up button in the app bar.
 To add an Up button, we need to declare which activity is the logical parent in the AndroidManifest.xml file. Open the file at app>manifests>AndroidManifest.xml, locate the <activity>

tag for DisplayMessageActivity, and replace it with the





Cast operator



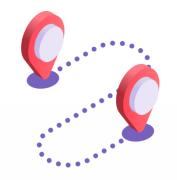
- The cast operator (type) attempts to convert the type of its operand to type. This operator exists because the compiler will not allow to convert a value from one type to another in which information will be lost without specifying the intention to do so (via the cast operator).
 - ° For instance, when presented with short s=1.65+3; the compiler can report an error because attempting to convert a 64-bit double precision floating-point value to a 16-bit signed short integer results in the loss of the fraction .65, so s would contain 4 instead of 4.65.
 - ° Recognizing that information loss might not always be a problem, Java permits us to state our intention explicitly by casting to the target type. For instance, short **s=(short)1.65+3**; tells the compiler that we want 1.65+3 to be converted to a short integer, and we understand that the fraction will disappear.

Cast operator (cont.)



- Java supports the following primitive-type conversions via cast operators:
 - ° Byte integer to character
 - ° Short integer to byte integer or character
 - ° Character to byte integer or short integer
 - ° Integer to byte integer, short integer, or character
 - ° Long integer to byte integer, short integer, character, or integer
 - ° Floating-point to byte integer, short integer, character, integer, or long integer
 - ° Double precision floating-point to byte integer, short integer, character, integer, long integer, or floating-point

Conditional operators



• The conditional operators are conditional AND (&&), conditional OR (||), and conditional (?:). First two operators always evaluate their left operand (a Boolean expression that evaluates to true or false) and conditionally evaluate their right operand (another Boolean expression). The third operator evaluates one of two operands based on a third Boolean operand.

Conditional operators (cont.)

```
FullscreenActivity onButtonClick()
       // operations to prevent the jarring behavior of controls going away
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       // while interacting with the UI.
       findViewById(R.id.dummy button).setOnTouchListener(mDelayHideTouchListener);
   public void onButtonClick(View view) {
       int age = 65;
       boolean stillWorking = true;
       String sl = "Result:\r\n" + Boolean.toString(age > 64 && stillWorking) + "\r\n";
       sl = sl + (age > 64 && stillWorking) + "\r\n";
       int value = 30:
                                                                                              Result:
       sl = sl + (value < 20 || value > 40) + "\r\n";
       value = 10;
                                                                                              true
       sl = sl + (value < 20 | | value > 40) + "\r\n";
                                                                                              false
       int numEmployees = 6;
                                                                                             false
       age = 65;
       sl = sl + (age > 64 && ++numEmployees > 5) + "\r\n";
                                                                                             true
       s1 = s1 + ("numEmployees = " + numEmployees) + "\r\n";
                                                                                             true
       age = 63;
       sl = sl + (age > 64 \&\& ++numEmployees > 5) + "\r\n";
                                                                                              numEmployees = 7
       s1 = s1 + ("numEmployees = " + numEmployees) + "\r\n";
                                                                                              false
       boolean b = true;
       int i = b ? 1 : 0; // 1 assigns to i
                                                                                              numEmployees = 7
       sl = sl + ("i = " + i) + "\r\n";
                                                                                             i = 1
       b = false:
       i = b ? 1 : 0; // 0 assigns to i
                                                                                              i = 0
       sl = sl + ("i = " + i);
       textView.setText(s1);
```

Equality operators

- The equality operators are equality (==) and inequality (!=). These operators compare their operands to determine whether they are equal or unequal. The first operator returns true when equal and the second operator returns true when unequal.
 - ° For instance, each of 2 == 2 and 2 != 3 evaluates to true, whereas each of 2 == 4 and 4 != 4 evaluates to false.

Logical operators



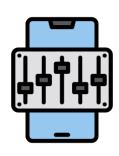
- The logical operators consist of logical AND (&), logical complement (!), logical exclusive OR (^), and logical inclusive OR (|). Although these operators are similar to their bitwise counterparts, whose operands must be integer/character, the operands passed to the logical operators must be Boolean.
 - ° For example, !false returns true. Also, when confronted with age>64 & stillWorking, logical AND evaluates both subexpressions; *there's no short-circuiting*. This same pattern holds for logical exclusive OR and logical inclusive OR.

Logical operators (cont.)

textView.setText(sl);

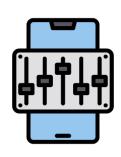
```
FullscreenActivity onButtonClick()
       int age = 65;
       boolean stillWorking = true;
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       sl = sl + (age > 64 \& stillWorking) + "\r\n";
       boolean result = true & true;
       sl = sl + ("true & true: " + result) + "\r\n";
       result = true & false;
       sl = sl + ("true & false: " + result) + "\r\n";
       result = false & true;
       sl = sl + ("false & true: " + result) + "\r\n";
       result = false & false;
       sl = sl + ("false & false: " + result) + "\r\n";
       result = true | true;
       sl = sl + ("true | true: " + result) + "\r\n";
                                                                    Result:
       result = true | false;
                                                                    true
       sl = sl + ("true | false: " + result) + "\r\n";
       result = false | true;
                                                                    true
       sl = sl + ("false | true: " + result) + "\r\n";
                                                                    true & true: true
                                                                    true & false: false
       result = false | false;
       sl = sl + ("false | false: " + result) + "\r\n";
                                                                    false & true: false
       result = true ^ true;
                                                                    false & false: false
       sl = sl + ("true ^ true: " + result) + "\r\n";
                                                                    true | true: true
       result = true ^ false;
                                                                    true | false: true
       sl = sl + ("true ^ false: " + result) + "\r\n";
                                                                    false | true: true
       result = false ^ true;
                                                                    false | false: false
       sl = sl + ("false ^ true: " + result) + "\r\n";
                                                                    true ^ true: false
       result = false ^ false;
                                                                    true ^ false: true
       sl = sl + ("false ^ false: " + result) + "\r\n";
                                                                    false * true: true
       int numEmployees = 1;
                                                                    false * false: false
       age = 65;
                                                                    false
       sl = sl + (age > 64 \& ++numEmployees > 2) + "\r\n";
       sl = sl + (numEmployees) + "\r\n";
```

Multiplicative operators



- The multiplicative operators consist of multiplication (*), division (/), and remainder (%).
 - ° Multiplication returns the product of its operands (such as 6*4 returns 24), integer division returns the quotient of dividing its left operand by its right operand (such as 6/4 returns 1), and remainder returns the remainder of dividing its left operand by its right operand (such as 6%4 returns 2).

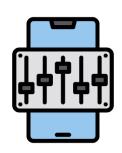
Relational operators



- The relational operators consist of larger than (>), larger than or equal to (>=), less than (<), less than or equal to (<=), and type checking (instanceof). First four operators compare their operands and return true when the left operand is larger than, larger than or equal to, less than, or less than or equal to the right operand. For instance, each of 5.0>3, 2>=2, 16.1<303.3, and 54.0<=54.0 evaluates to true.
- The type-checking operator (instanceof) is used to determine if an object belongs to a specific type, returning true when this is the case.

"abc" instanceof String returns true because "abc" is a String object.

Shift operators



- The shift operators consist of left shift (<<), signed right shift (>>), and unsigned right shift (>>>). Left shift shifts the binary representation of its left operand leftward by the number of positions specified by its right operand.
 - ° Each left shift is equivalent to multiplying by 2. For example, 2<<3 shifts binary representation left by three positions; the result is equivalent to multiplying 2 by 8. Each right shift is equivalent to dividing by 2. For instance, 16>>3 shifts binary representation right by three positions; the result is equivalent to dividing 16 by 8 (result is 2).
- Signed right shift includes the sign bit in the shift, whereas unsigned right shift ignores the sign bit. As a result, signed right shift preserves negative numbers, but unsigned right shift doesn't. For example, -4>>1 (the equivalent of -4/2) evaluates to -2, whereas -4>>>1 evaluates to 2147483646.

Shift operators (cont.)

```
FullscreenActivity onButtonClick()
                                            Android Emulator - 3.2 QVGA ADP2 API 21:5554
   public void onButtonClick(View view) {
       String sl = (2 \ll 3) + "\r\n";
       s1 = s1 + (16 >> 3) + "\r\n";
       s1 = s1 + (-4 >> 1) + "\r\n";
       s1 = s1 + (-4 >>> 1);
       textView.setText(s1);
   @Override
   protected void onPostCreate(Bundle save
       super.onPostCreate(savedInstanceSta
                                                16
       // Trigger the initial hide() short
       // created, to briefly hint to the
       // are available.
       delayedHide(100);
                                                2147483646
   private void toggle() {
       if (mVisible) {
           hide();
       } else {
           show();
```

If-Else statement

• The **if-else** statement evaluates a Boolean expression and executes one of two statements depending on whether this expression evaluates to true or false. This statement has the following syntax:

if (Boolean expression)
 statement1



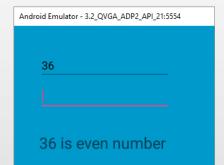
else

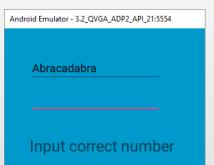
statement2

If-Else statement (cont.)

```
public void onButtonClick(View view) {
    String sl;
    try {
        Integer x;
        x=Integer.parseInt(editText.getText().toString());
        if ((x & 1) == 1) // Bitwise AND operator
            s1 = Integer.toString(x) + " is odd number";
        else
            s1 = Integer.toString(x) + " is even number";
    catch (Exception e)
        s1 = "Input correct number";
    textView.setText(s1);
```

23 is odd number





Switch statement

• The switch statement lets us choose from several execution paths more efficiently than with equivalent chained if-else statements:

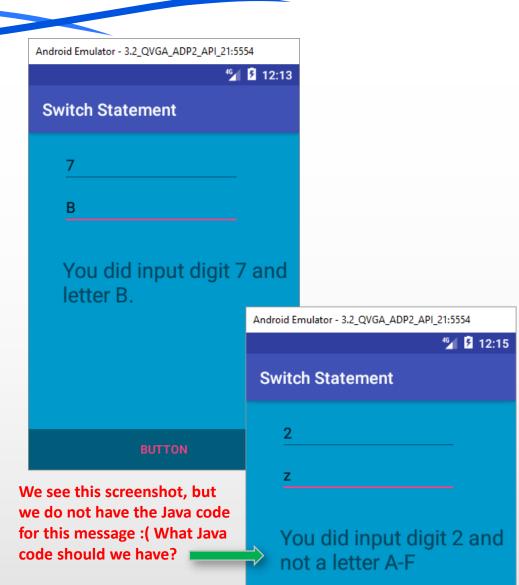
```
switch (selector expression)
{
    case value1: statement1 [break;]
    case value2: statement2 [break;]
    ...
    case valueN: statementN [break;]
    [default: statement]
}
```



° Switch consists of reserved word *switch*, followed by a selector expression in parentheses, followed by a body of cases. The selector expression is any expression that evaluates to an integer or character value.

Switch statement (cont.)

```
String sl = "";
int x = Integer.parseInt(editText.getText().toString());
char c = editText2.getText().toString().charAt(0);
try {
    switch (x) {
        case 0:
            s1 = "You did input digit 0 ";
            break:
        case 1:
            s1 = "You did input digit 1 ";
            break:
        case 2:
            s1 = "You did input digit 2 ";
            break:
        case 3:
            s1 = "You did input digit 3 ";
            break:
        case 4:
            s1 = "You did input digit 4 ";
            break:
        case 5:
            s1 = "You did input digit 5 ";
            break:
        case 6:
            s1 = "You did input digit 6 ";
            break:
        case 7:
            s1 = "You did input digit 7 ";
            break:
        case 8:
            s1 = "You did input digit 8 ";
            break:
```



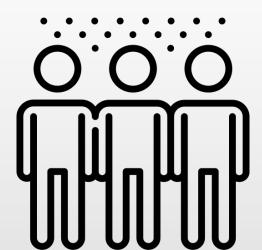
Switch statement (cont.)

 Why do we have the output "You did input <u>digit 1</u> and letter C" if we did input <u>digit 0</u> and letter C?

```
String s1 = "";
int x = Integer.parseInt(editText.getText().toString());
char c = editText2.getText().toString().charAt(0);
try {
  switch (x)
    case 0: s1="You did input digit 0 ";
    case 1: s1="You did input digit 1 "; break;
                                                  catch (Exception e) {
                                                       textView.setText("Input correct data");
    case 2: s1="You did input digit 2 "; break;
    case 3: s1="You did input digit 3 "; break;
    case 4: s1="You did input digit 4 "; break;
    case 5: s1="You did input digit 5 "; break;
    case 6: s1="You did input digit 6 "; break;
    case 7: s1="You did input digit 7 "; break;
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    case 8: s1="You did input digit 8 "; break;
    case 9: s1="You did input digit 9 "; break;
    default:
                                                                                               📆 ButtonExample
      s1 = "You did input not a digit ";
                                                                                            You did input digit 1 and
  switch (c)
                                                                                            letter C.
    case 'A': s1 = s1 + "and letter A."; break;
    case 'B': s1 = s1 + "and letter B."; break;
    case 'C': s1 = s1 + "and letter C."; break;
    case 'D': s1 = s1 + "and letter D."; break;
    case 'F': s1 = s1 + "and letter F."; break;
    default:
      s1 = s1 + "and not a letter A-F";
                                                                                              Input digit and char
  textView.setText(s1);
```

Loop statements: for, while, do-while

- Java provides three kinds of loop statements: *for, while,* and *do-while*.
- The break, labeled break, continue, and labeled continue statements are used in Java loops



Loop statements: for statement

• The *for statement* lets us loop over a statement a specific number of times or even indefinitely:

```
for ([initialize]; [test]; [update])
    statement
```

```
FullscreenActivity onButtonClick()

public void onButtonClick(View view) {

String sl = "";
    int x=0;
    //Sum of integers from 0 to 9
    for (int i=0; i<10; i++)
    { x = x + i; }
    sl = "Result:\r\n" + Integer.toString(x) + "\r\n";

The questions:

1. How can we use several control
    variables in one for-loop?

2. How can we code the nested for-loop?

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```

Loop statements: while statement

• The *while* statement repeatedly executes another statement while its Boolean expression evaluates to true:

while (Boolean expression) statement

```
FullscreenActivity onButtonClick()
                                                                                     Android Emulator - 3.2 QVGA ADP2 API 21:5554
       editText = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.editText);
       editText2 = (EditText) findViewBvId(R.id.editText2);
       textView = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textView);
       mVisible = true;
       mControlsView = findViewById(R.id.fullscreen content controls);
       mContentView = findViewById(R.id.fullscreen content);
       // Set up the user interaction to manually show or hide the system UI.
       mContentView.setOnClickListener((view) → { toggle(); });
                                                                                          Result:
                                                                                          45
       // Upon interacting with UI controls, delay any scheduled hide()
       // operations to prevent the jarring behavior of controls going away
       // while interacting with the UI.
       findViewById(R.id.dummy button).setOnTouchListener(mDelayHideTouchListener);
   public void onButtonClick(View view) {
       String sl = "":
       int x=0, i=0;
       //Sum of integers from 0 to 9
       while (i<10)
           x = x + i;
       s1 = "Result:\r\n" + Integer.toString(x);
       textView.setText(s1);
```

Loop statements: do-while statement

• The *do-while statement* repeatedly executes a statement while its Boolean expression evaluates to true:

statement
while (Boolean expression);

```
FullscreenActivity toggle()

public void onButtonClick(View view) {
    int i=0, x=0;
    //Sum of integers from 0 to 9
    //If i>9, we have incorrect result
    do
    {
        x = x + i;
        i++;
    }
    while (i<10);
    textView.setText("Result:\r\n" + Integer.toString(x));

Result:
45
```

Try-catch exception handler

- **try-catch** block of code is called exception handler. Also, the exception handler may optionally include the *finally* block.
- More than one exceptions may arise during the execution of a block of code; thus, more than one catch blocks can be associated with a single try:

```
try {}
catch (TypeOfException e) {}
catch (TypeOfException e) {}
. . . .
finally block
```



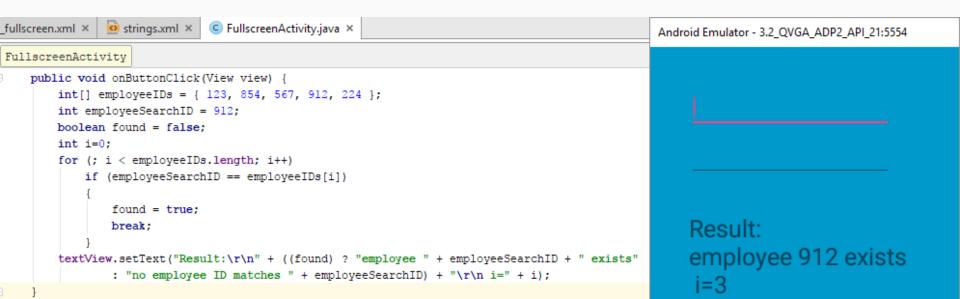
• The *finally* block is optional. The *finally* block encloses a block of code that will be definitely executed regardless of the thrown exception.

Try-catch exception handler (cont.)

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 FullscreenActivity onButtonClick()
         // Upon interacting with UI controls, delay any scheduled hide()
         // operations to prevent the jarring behavior of controls going away
         // while interacting with the UI.
         findViewById(R.id.dummy button).setOnTouchListener(mDelayHideTouchListener);
     public void onButtonClick(View view) {
         String sl = "";
         List list = new ArrayList();
         list.add(1);
                                                                                           java.lang.ArithmeticExce
         list.add(3);
                                                                                           ption: divide by zero
         list.add(0);
         try{
                                                                                           The finally block is
             //System.out.println("A list element is: "+list.qet(5));
             int x = Integer.parseInt(list.get(1).toString());
                                                                                           executed anyway:)
             int v = Integer.parseInt(list.get(2).toString());
             sl = "Division of x/y is: "+(x/y);
         }catch(IndexOutOfBoundsException e) {
             sl = sl + e.toString();
         }catch(ArithmeticException e) {
             sl = sl + e.toString();
         |finally{
             sl = sl + "\r\n" + "The finally block is executed anyway :)";
         textView.setText(sl);
```

Break statement and Labeled Break statement

- The **break** statement transfers execution to the first statement following a *switch* statement or a loop. This statement consists of reserved word *break* followed by a semicolon.
 - ° The *break* statement is also useful in the context of a finite loop. For example, consider a scenario where an array of values is searched for a specific value, and we want to exit the loop when this value is found.

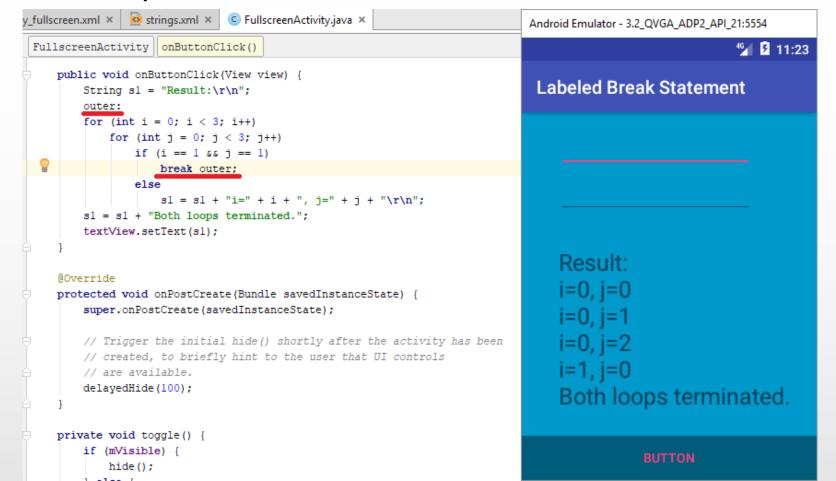


Break statement and Labeled Break statement (cont.)

- The labeled break statement transfers execution to the first statement following the loop that's prefixed by a label (an identifier followed by a colon). It consists of reserved word break, followed by an identifier for which the matching label must exist. Furthermore, the label must immediately precede a loop statement.
 - ° The labeled break is useful for breaking out of nested loops. The following example reveals the labeled break statement transferring execution to the first statement that follows the **outer** for loop:

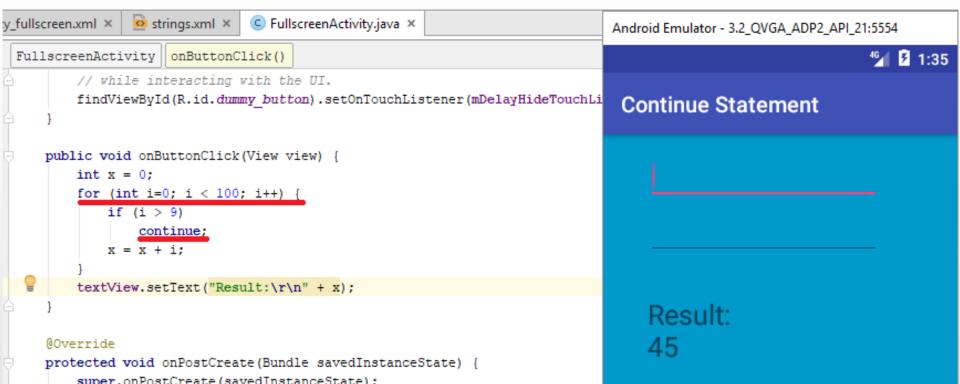
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An example of labeled break statement



Continue statement

• The *continue* statement skips the remainder of the current loop iteration, re-evaluates the loop's Boolean expression, and performs another iteration (if true) or terminates the loop (if false). *Continue* consists of reserved word *continue* followed by a semicolon.



Labeled Continue statement

 The labeled continue statement skips the remaining iterations of one or more nested loops and transfers execution to the labeled loop. It consists of reserved word continue, followed by an identifier for which a matching label must exist. Furthermore, the label must immediately precede a loop statement.

Labeled Continue statement

 Labeled continue is useful for breaking out of nested loops while still continuing to execute the labeled loop

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                                                               Android Emulator - 3.2_QVGA_ADP2_API_21:5554
 FullscreenActivity onPostCreate()
     public void onButtonClick(View view) {
         String sl = "Result:\r\n";
         for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++)
             for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++)
                 if (i == 1 && j == 1)
                     continue outer;
                 else
                                                                    Result:
                     sl = sl + "i=" + i + ", j=" + j + "\r\n";
         s1 = s1 + "Both loops terminated.";
                                                                    i=0, j=0
         textView.setText(sl);
                                                                    i=0, i=1
                                                                    i=1, j=0
     @Override
    protected void onPostCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
                                                                    i=2, j=0
         super.onPostCreate(savedInstanceState);
                                                                    i=2, j=1
         // Trigger the initial hide() shortly after the activ
         // created, to briefly hint to the user that UI conti
                                                                    Both loops terminated.
         // are available.
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Do you have any questions or comments?



