



# Chapter 4

## Control Statements: Part I; Assignment, ++ and -- Operators

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## OBJECTIVES

In this chapter you'll:

- Learn basic problem-solving techniques.
- Develop algorithms through the process of top-down, stepwise refinement.
- Use the `if` and `if...else` selection statements to choose between alternative actions.
- Use the `while` repetition statement to execute statements in a program repeatedly.
- Use counter-controlled repetition and sentinel-controlled repetition.
- Use the compound assignment operator, and the increment and decrement operators.
- Learn about the portability of primitive data types.



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## 4.1 Introduction

- ▶ Before writing a program to solve a problem, have a thorough understanding of the problem and a carefully planned approach to solving it.
- ▶ Understand the types of building blocks that are available and employ proven program-construction techniques.
- ▶ In this chapter we discuss
  - Java's `if`, `if...else` and `while` statements
  - Compound assignment, increment and decrement operators
  - Portability of Java's primitive types



## 4.2 Algorithms

- ▶ Any computing problem can be solved by executing a series of actions in a specific order.
- ▶ An **algorithm** is a procedure for solving a problem in terms of
  - the **actions** to execute and
  - the **order** in which these actions execute
- ▶ The “rise-and-shine algorithm” followed by one executive for getting out of bed and going to work:
  - (1) Get out of bed; (2) take off pajamas; (3) take a shower; (4) get dressed; (5) eat breakfast; (6) carpool to work.
- ▶ Suppose that the same steps are performed in a slightly different order:
  - (1) Get out of bed; (2) take off pajamas; (3) get dressed; (4) take a shower; (5) eat breakfast; (6) carpool to work.
- ▶ Specifying the order in which statements (actions) execute in a program is called **program control**.



## 4.3 Pseudocode

- ▶ **Pseudocode** is an informal language that helps you develop algorithms without having to worry about the strict details of Java language syntax.
- ▶ Particularly useful for developing algorithms that will be converted to structured portions of Java programs.
- ▶ Similar to everyday English.
- ▶ Helps you “think out” a program before attempting to write it in a programming language, such as Java.
- ▶ You can type pseudocode conveniently, using any text-editor program.
- ▶ Carefully prepared pseudocode can easily be converted to a corresponding Java program.
- ▶ Pseudocode normally describes only statements representing the actions that occur after you convert a program from pseudocode to Java and the program is run on a computer.
  - e.g., input, output or calculations.



## 4.4 Control Structures

- ▶ **Sequential execution:** Statements in a program execute one after the other in the order in which they are written.
- ▶ **Transfer of control:** Various Java statements, enable you to specify that the next statement to execute is *not* necessarily the *next* one in sequence.
- ▶ **Bohm and Jacopini**
  - Demonstrated that programs could be written *without* any **goto** statements.
  - All programs can be written in terms of only three control structures—the **sequence structure**, the **selection structure** and the **repetition structure**.
- ▶ When we introduce Java’s control-structure implementations, we’ll refer to them in the terminology of the *Java Language Specification* as “control statements.”



## 4.4 Control Structures (Cont.)

### *Sequence Structure in Java*

- ▶ Built into Java.
- ▶ Unless directed otherwise, the computer executes Java statements one after the other in the order in which they're written.
- ▶ The **activity diagram** in Fig. 4.1 illustrates a typical sequence structure in which two calculations are performed in order.
- ▶ Java lets you have as many actions as you want in a sequence structure.
- ▶ Anywhere a single action may be placed, we may place several actions in sequence.



## 4.4 Control Structures (Cont.)

### ***Selection Statements in Java***

- ▶ Three types of selection statements.
- ▶ **if** statement:
  - Performs an action, if a condition is *true*; skips it, if *false*.
  - **Single-selection statement**—selects or ignores a single action (or group of actions).
- ▶ **if...else** statement:
  - Performs an action if a condition is *true* and performs a different action if the condition is *false*.
  - **Double-selection statement**—selects between two different actions (or groups of actions).
- ▶ **switch** statement
  - Performs one of several actions, based on the value of an expression.
  - **Multiple-selection statement**—selects among *many different actions* (or *groups of actions*).



## 4.4 Control Structures (Cont.)

### *Repetition Statements in Java*

- ▶ Three **repetition statements** (also called **iteration statements** or **looping statements**)
  - Perform statements repeatedly while a **loop-continuation condition** remains *true*.
- ▶ **while** and **for** statements perform the action(s) in their bodies zero or more times
  - if the loop-continuation condition is initially false, the body will *not* execute.
- ▶ The **do...while** statement performs the action(s) in its body *one or more* times.
- ▶ **if, else, switch, while, do** and **for** are keywords.
  - Appendix C: Complete list of Java keywords.



## 4.4 Control Structures (Cont.)

### *Summary of Control Statements in Java*

- ▶ Every program is formed by combining the sequence statement, selection statements (three types) and repetition statements (three types) as appropriate for the algorithm the program implements.
- ▶ Can model each control statement as an activity diagram.
  - Initial state and a final state represent a control statement's entry point and exit point, respectively.
  - Single-entry/single-exit control statements
  - Control-statement stacking—connect the exit point of one to the entry point of the next.
  - Control-statement nesting—a control statement inside another.



## 4.5 if Single-Selection Statement

- ▶ Pseudocode

*If student's grade is greater than or equal to 60*

*Print "Passed"*

- ▶ If the condition is false, the Print statement is ignored, and the next pseudocode statement in order is performed.
- ▶ Indentation
  - Optional, but recommended
  - Emphasizes the inherent structure of structured programs
- ▶ The preceding pseudocode *If* in Java:

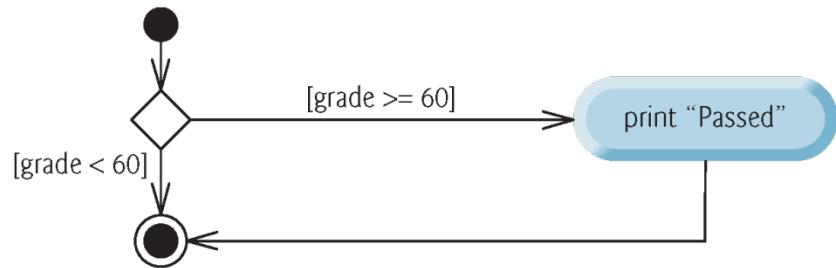
```
if (studentGrade >= 60)
    System.out.println("Passed");
```
- ▶ Corresponds closely to the pseudocode.



## 4.5 if Single-Selection Statement (Cont.)

### *UML Activity Diagram for an if Statement*

- ▶ Figure 4.2 *if* statement UML activity diagram.
- ▶ Diamond, or **decision symbol**, indicates that a decision is to be made.
- ▶ Workflow continues along a path determined by the symbol's **guard conditions**, which can be true or false.
- ▶ Each transition arrow emerging from a decision symbol has a guard condition (in square brackets next to the arrow).
- ▶ If a guard condition is true, the workflow enters the action state to which the transition arrow points.



**Fig. 4.2** | if single-selection statement UML activity diagram.



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement

- ▶ **if...else double-selection statement**—specify an action to perform when the condition is true and a different action when the condition is false.
- ▶ Pseudocode

```
If student's grade is greater than or equal to 60
    Print "Passed"
Else
    Print "Failed"
```

- ▶ The preceding *If...Else pseudocode statement in Java:*

```
if (grade >= 60)
    System.out.println("Passed");
else
    System.out.println("Failed");
```
- ▶ Note that the body of the **else** is also indented.



## Good Programming Practice 4.1

*Indent both body statements of an `if...else` statement.  
Many IDEs do this for you.*



## Good Programming Practice 4.2

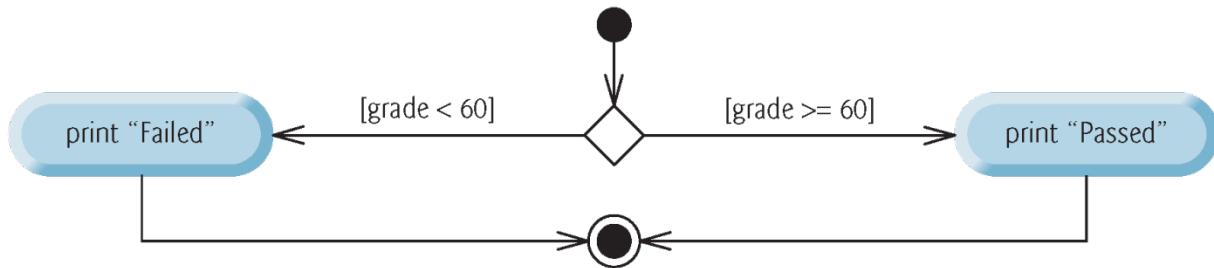
*If there are several levels of indentation, each level should be indented the same additional amount of space.*



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

### *UML Activity Diagram for an if...else Statement*

- ▶ Figure 4.3 illustrates the flow of control in the `if...else` statement.
- ▶ The symbols in the UML activity diagram (besides the initial state, transition arrows and final state) represent action states and decisions.



**Fig. 4.3** | if...else double-selection statement UML activity diagram.



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

### *Nested if...else Statements*

- A program can test multiple cases by placing `if...else` statements inside other `if...else` statements to create **nested `if...else statements`**.
- Pseudocode:

```
If student's grade is greater than or equal to 90
    Print "A"
else
    If student's grade is greater than or equal to 80
        Print "B"
    else
        If student's grade is greater than or equal to 70
            Print "C"
        else
            If student's grade is greater than or equal to 60
                Print "D"
            else
                Print "F"
```



## Error-Prevention Tip 4.1

*In a nested if...else statement, ensure that you test for all possible cases.*



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- ▶ This pseudocode may be written in Java as

```
if (studentGrade >= 90)
    System.out.println("A");
else
    if (studentGrade >= 80)
        System.out.println("B");
    else
        if (studentGrade >= 70)
            System.out.println("C");
        else
            if (studentGrade >= 60)
                System.out.println("D");
            else
                System.out.println("F");
```

- ▶ If **studentGrade**  $\geq 90$ , the first four conditions will be true, but only the statement in the **if** part of the first **if...else** statement will execute. After that, the **else** part of the “outermost” **if...else** statement is skipped.



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- ▶ Most Java programmers prefer to write the preceding nested **if...else** statement as

```
if (studentGrade >= 90)
    System.out.println("A");
else if (studentGrade >= 80)
    System.out.println("B");
else if (studentGrade >= 70)
    System.out.println("C");
else if (studentGrade >= 60)
    System.out.println("D");
else
    System.out.println("F");
```

- ▶ The two forms are identical except for the spacing and indentation, which the compiler ignores.



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

### Dangling-else Problem

- ▶ The Java compiler always associates an `else` with the immediately preceding `if` unless told to do otherwise by the placement of braces (`{` and `}`).
- ▶ Referred to as the **dangling-else** problem.
- ▶ The following code is not what it appears:

```
if (x > 5)
    if (y > 5)
        System.out.println("x and y are > 5");
else
    System.out.println("x is <= 5");
```

- ▶ Beware! This nested `if...else` statement does *not* execute as it appears. The compiler actually interprets the statement as

```
if (x > 5)
    if (y > 5)
        System.out.println("x and y are > 5");
else
    System.out.println("x is <= 5");
```



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- To force the nested `if...else` statement to execute as it was originally intended, we must write it as follows:

```
if (x > 5)
{
    if (y > 5)
        System.out.println("x and y are > 5");
}
else
    System.out.println("x is <= 5");
```

- The braces indicate that the second `if` is in the body of the first and that the `else` is associated with the *first if*.
- Exercises 4.27–4.28 investigate the dangling-`else` problem further.



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

### ***Blocks***

- ▶ The **if** statement normally expects only one statement in its body.
- ▶ To include several statements in the body of an **if** (or the body of an **else** for an **if...else** statement), enclose the statements in braces.
- ▶ Statements contained in a pair of braces (such as the body of a method) form a **block**.
- ▶ A block can be placed anywhere in a method that a single statement can be placed.
- ▶ Example: A block in the **else** part of an **if...else** statement:

```
if (grade >= 60)
    System.out.println("Passed");
else
{
    System.out.println("Failed");
    System.out.println("You must take this course again.");
}
```



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- ▶ *Syntax errors* (e.g., when one brace in a block is left out of the program) are caught by the compiler.
- ▶ A **logic error** (e.g., when both braces in a block are left out of the program) has its effect at execution time.
- ▶ A **fatal logic error** causes a program to fail and terminate prematurely.
- ▶ A **nonfatal logic error** allows a program to continue executing but causes it to produce incorrect results.



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- ▶ Just as a block can be placed anywhere a single statement can be placed, it's also possible to have an empty statement.
- ▶ The empty statement is represented by placing a semicolon ( ; ) where a statement would normally be.



## Common Programming Error 4.1

*Placing a semicolon after the condition in an `if` or `if...else` statement leads to a logic error in single-selection `if` statements and a syntax error in double-selection `if...else` statements (when the `if`-part contains an actual body statement).*



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

### *Conditional operator (?:)*

- ▶ Conditional operator (?:)—shorthand if...else.
- ▶ Ternary operator (takes *three* operands)
- ▶ Operands and ?: form a conditional expression
- ▶ Operand to the left of the ? is a boolean expression—evaluates to a boolean value (true or false)
- ▶ Second operand (between the ? and :) is the value if the boolean expression is true
- ▶ Third operand (to the right of the :) is the value if the boolean expression evaluates to false.



## 4.6 if...else Double-Selection Statement (Cont.)

- ▶ Example:

```
System.out.println(  
    studentGrade >= 60 ? "Passed" : "Failed");
```

- ▶ Evaluates to the string "Passed" if the boolean expression `studentGrade >= 60` is true and to the string "Failed" if it is false.



## Error-Prevention Tip 4.2

*Use expressions of the same type for the second and third operands of the ?: operator to avoid subtle errors.*



## 4.7 Student Class: Nested if...else Statement

### *Class Student*

- ▶ Class **Student** (Fig. 4.4) stores a student's name and average and provides methods for manipulating these values.
- ▶ The class contains:
  - instance variable **name** of type **String** to store a **Student**'s name
  - instance variable **average** of type **double** to store a **Student**'s average in a course
  - a constructor that initializes the **name** and **average**
  - methods **setName** and **getName** to set and get the **Student**'s name
  - methods **setAverage** and **getAverage** to *set* and *get* the **Student**'s average
  - method **getLetterGrade** (lines 49–65), which uses nested **if...else** statements to determine the **Student**'s letter grade based on the **Student**'s average



## 4.7 Student Class: Nested if...else Statement (Cont.)

- ▶ The constructor and method `setAverage` each use *nested if statements* to *validate* the value used to set the `average`—these statements ensure that the value is greater than `0.0` *and* less than or equal to `100.0`; otherwise, `average`'s value is left *unchanged*.
- ▶ Each if statement contains a *simple* condition. If the condition in line 15 is *true*, only then will the condition in line 16 be tested, and *only* if the conditions in both line 15 *and* line 16 are *true* will the statement in line 17 execute.



## Software Engineering Observation 4.1

*Recall from Chapter 3 that you should not call methods from constructors (we'll explain why in Chapter 10, Object-Oriented Programming: Polymorphism and Interfaces). For this reason, there is duplicated validation code in lines 15–17 and 37–39 of Fig. 4.4 and in subsequent examples.*



```
1 // Fig. 4.4: Student.java
2 // Student class that stores a student name and average.
3 public class Student
4 {
5     private String name;
6     private double average;
7
8     // constructor initializes instance variables
9     public Student(String name, double average)
10    {
11        this.name = name;
12
13        // validate that average is > 0.0 and <= 100.0; otherwise,
14        // keep instance variable average's default value (0.0)
15        if (average > 0.0)
16            if (average <= 100.0)
17                this.average = average; // assign to instance variable
18    }
19
20    // sets the Student's name
21    public void setName(String name)
22    {
23        this.name = name;
24    }
```

**Fig. 4.4** | Student class that stores a student name and average. (Part I of 3.)



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```
25
26     // retrieves the Student's name
27     public String getName()
28     {
29         return name;
30     }
31
32     // sets the Student's average
33     public void setAverage(double studentAverage)
34     {
35         // validate that average is > 0.0 and <= 100.0; otherwise,
36         // keep instance variable average's current value
37         if (average > 0.0)
38             if (average <= 100.0)
39                 this.average = average; // assign to instance variable
40     }
41
42     // retrieves the Student's average
43     public double getAverage()
44     {
45         return average;
46     }
47
```

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**Fig. 4.4** | Student class that stores a student name and average. (Part 2 of 3.)



```
48 // determines and returns the Student's letter grade
49 public String getLetterGrade()
50 {
51     String letterGrade = ""; // initialized to empty String
52
53     if (average >= 90.0)
54         letterGrade = "A";
55     else if (average >= 80.0)
56         letterGrade = "B";
57     else if (average >= 70.0)
58         letterGrade = "C";
59     else if (average >= 60.0)
60         letterGrade = "D";
61     else
62         letterGrade = "F";
63
64     return letterGrade;
65 }
66 } // end class Student
```

**Fig. 4.4** | Student class that stores a student name and average. (Part 3 of 3.)



## 4.7 Student Class: Nested if...else Statement (Cont.)

### *Class StudentTest*

- ▶ To demonstrate the nested if...else statements in class `Student`'s `getLetterGrade` method, class `StudentTest`'s main method creates two `Student` objects.
- ▶ Next, lines 10–13 display each `Student`'s name and letter grade by calling the objects' `getName` and `getLetterGrade` methods, respectively.



```
1 // Fig. 4.5: StudentTest.java
2 // Create and test Student objects.
3 public class StudentTest
4 {
5     public static void main(String[] args)
6     {
7         Student account1 = new Student("Jane Green", 93.5);
8         Student account2 = new Student("John Blue", 72.75);
9
10        System.out.printf("%s's letter grade is: %s%n",
11                          account1.getName(), account1.getLetterGrade());
12        System.out.printf("%s's letter grade is: %s%n",
13                          account2.getName(), account2.getLetterGrade());
14    }
15 } // end class StudentTest
```

```
Jane Green's letter grade is: A
John Blue's letter grade is: C
```

**Fig. 4.5** | Create and test Student objects.



## 4.8 while Repetition Statement

- ▶ Repetition statement—repeats an action while a condition remains true.
- ▶ Pseudocode

*While there are more items on my shopping list*

*Purchase next item and cross it off my list*

- ▶ The repetition statement's body may be a single statement or a block.
- ▶ Eventually, the condition will become false. At this point, the repetition terminates, and the first statement after the repetition statement executes.



## 4.8 while Repetition Statement (Cont.)

- ▶ Example of Java's **while** repetition statement: find the first power of 3 larger than 100. Assume **int** variable **product** is initialized to 3.

```
while (product <= 100)
    product = 3 * product;
```

- ▶ Each iteration multiplies **product** by 3, so **product** takes on the values 9, 27, 81 and 243 successively.
- ▶ When **product** becomes 243, **product <= 100** becomes false.
- ▶ Repetition terminates. The final value of **product** is 243.
- ▶ Program execution continues with the next statement after the **while** statement.



## Common Programming Error 4.2

*Not providing in the body of a while statement an action that eventually causes the condition in the while to become false normally results in a logic error called an infinite loop (the loop never terminates).*



## 4.8 while Repetition Statement (Cont.)

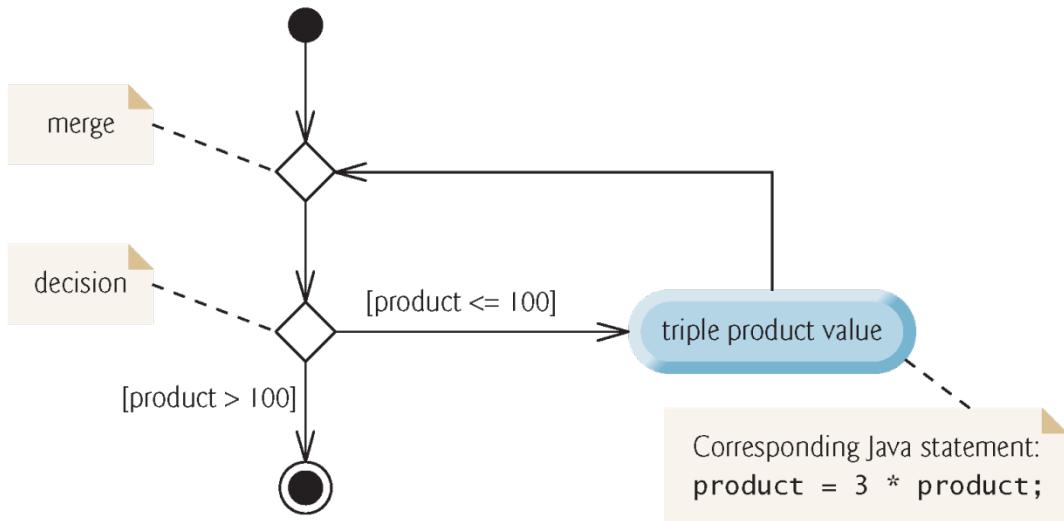
### *UML Activity Diagram for a while Statement*

- ▶ The UML activity diagram in Fig. 4.6 illustrates the flow of control in the preceding `while` statement.
- ▶ The UML represents both the **merge symbol** and the decision symbol as diamonds.
- ▶ The merge symbol joins two flows of activity into one.



## 4.8 while Repetition Statement (Cont.)

- ▶ The decision and merge symbols can be distinguished by the number of “incoming” and “outgoing” transition arrows.
  - A decision symbol has one transition arrow pointing to the diamond and two or more pointing out from it to indicate possible transitions from that point. Each transition arrow pointing out of a decision symbol has a guard condition next to it.
  - A merge symbol has two or more transition arrows pointing to the diamond and only one pointing from the diamond, to indicate multiple activity flows merging to continue the activity. None of the transition arrows associated with a merge symbol has a guard condition.



**Fig. 4.6** | while repetition statement UML activity diagram.



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition

- ▶ A class of ten students took a quiz. The grades (integers in the range 0-100) for this quiz are available to you. Determine the class average on the quiz.
- ▶ The class average is equal to the sum of the grades divided by the number of students.
- ▶ The algorithm for solving this problem on a computer must input each grade, keep track of the total of all grades input, perform the averaging calculation and print the result.



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition

### *Pseudocode Algorithm with Counter-Controlled Repetition*

- ▶ Use **counter-controlled repetition** to input the grades one at a time.
- ▶ A variable called a **counter** (or **control variable**) controls the number of times a set of statements will execute.
- ▶ Counter-controlled repetition is often called **definite repetition**, because the number of repetitions is known *before* the loop begins executing.



## Software Engineering Observation 4.2

*Experience has shown that the most difficult part of solving a problem on a computer is developing the algorithm for the solution. Once a correct algorithm has been specified, producing a working Java program from it is usually straightforward.*



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ A **total** is a variable used to accumulate the sum of several values.
- ▶ A **counter** is a variable used to count.
- ▶ Variables used to store totals are normally initialized to zero before being used in a program.



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- 1** Set total to zero
  - 2** Set grade counter to one
  - 3**
  - 4** While grade counter is less than or equal to ten
    - 5** Prompt the user to enter the next grade
    - 6** Input the next grade
    - 7** Add the grade into the total
    - 8** Add one to the grade counter
    - 9**
  - 10** Set the class average to the total divided by ten
  - 11** Print the class average
- 

**Fig. 4.7** | Pseudocode algorithm that uses counter-controlled repetition to solve the class-average problem.



```
1 // Fig. 4.8: ClassAverage.java
2 // Solving the class-average problem using counter-controlled repetition.
3 import java.util.Scanner; // program uses class Scanner
4
5 public class ClassAverage
6 {
7     public static void main(String[] args)
8     {
9         // create Scanner to obtain input from command window
10        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
11
12        // initialization phase
13        int total = 0; // initialize sum of grades entered by the user
14        int gradeCounter = 1; // initialize # of grade to be entered next
15
16        // processing phase uses counter-controlled repetition
17        while (gradeCounter <= 10) // loop 10 times
18        {
19            System.out.print("Enter grade: "); // prompt
20            int grade = input.nextInt(); // input next grade
21            total = total + grade; // add grade to total
22            gradeCounter = gradeCounter + 1; // increment counter by 1
23        }
}
```

**Fig. 4.8** | Solving the class-average problem using counter-controlled repetition.  
(Part 1 of 3.)



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```
24
25     // termination phase
26     int average = total / 10; // integer division yields integer result
27
28     // display total and average of grades
29     System.out.printf("%nTotal of all 10 grades is %d%n", total);
30     System.out.printf("Class average is %d%n", average);
31 }
32 } // end class ClassAverage
```

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**Fig. 4.8** | Solving the class-average problem using counter-controlled repetition.  
(Part 2 of 3.)



```
Enter grade: 67  
Enter grade: 78  
Enter grade: 89  
Enter grade: 67  
Enter grade: 87  
Enter grade: 98  
Enter grade: 93  
Enter grade: 85  
Enter grade: 82  
Enter grade: 100
```

```
Total of all 10 grades is 846  
Class average is 84
```

**Fig. 4.8** | Solving the class-average problem using counter-controlled repetition.  
(Part 3 of 3.)



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

### *Local Variables in Method main*

- ▶ Variables declared in a method body are local variables and can be used only from the line of their declaration to the closing right brace of the method declaration.
- ▶ A local variable's declaration must appear *before* the variable is used in that method.
- ▶ A local variable cannot be accessed outside the method in which it's declared.



## Common Programming Error 4.3

*Using the value of a local variable before it's initialized results in a compilation error. All local variables must be initialized before their values are used in expressions.*



### Error-Prevention Tip 4.3

*Initialize each total and counter, either in its declaration or in an assignment statement. Totals are normally initialized to 0. Counters are normally initialized to 0 or 1, depending on how they're used (we'll show examples of when to use 0 and when to use 1).*



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

### *Notes on Integer Division and Truncation*

- ▶ The program's output indicates that the sum of the grade values in the sample execution is 846, which, when divided by 10, should yield the floating-point number 84.6.
- ▶ The result of the calculation `total / 10` (line 26 of Fig. 4.8) is the integer 84, because `total` and 10 are both integers.
- ▶ Dividing two integers results in **integer division**—any fractional part of the calculation is **truncated** (i.e., *lost*).



## Common Programming Error 4.4

*Assuming that integer division rounds (rather than truncates) can lead to incorrect results. For example,  $7 \div 4$ , which yields 1.75 in conventional arithmetic, truncates to 1 in integer arithmetic, rather than rounding to 2.*



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

### *A Note About Arithmetic Overflow*

- ▶ In Fig. 4.8, line 21

```
total = total + grade; // add grade to total
```

- ▶ added each grade entered by the user to the total.
- ▶ Even this simple statement has a *potential* problem—adding the integers could result in a value that's *too large* to store in an `int` variable.
- ▶ This is known as **arithmetic overflow** and causes *undefined behavior*, which can lead to unintended results.



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ Figure 2.7's Addition program had the same issue in line 23, which calculated the sum of two `int` values entered by the user:

```
// add numbers, then store total in sum  
sum = number1 + number2;
```





## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ The maximum and minimum values that can be stored in an `int` variable are represented by the constants `MIN_VALUE` and `MAX_VALUE`, respectively, which are defined in class `Integer`.
- ▶ There are similar constants for the other integral types and for floating-point types.
- ▶ Each primitive type has a corresponding class type in package `java.lang`.



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ It's considered a good practice to ensure, *before* you perform arithmetic calculations like those in line 21 of Fig. 4.8 and line 23 of Fig. 2.7, that they will *not* overflow.
- ▶ The code for doing this is shown on the CERT website [www.securecoding.cert.org](http://www.securecoding.cert.org)—just search for guideline “NUM00-J.”
- ▶ The code uses the && (logical AND) and || (logical OR) operators, which are introduced in Chapter 5.
- ▶ In industrial-strength code, you should perform checks like these for all calculations.



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

### *A Deeper Look at Receiving User Input*

- ▶ Any time a program receives input from the user, various problems might occur. For example, in line 20 of Fig. 4.8

```
int grade = input.nextInt(); // input next grade
```

- ▶ we assume that the user will enter an integer grade in the range 0 to 100.
- ▶ However, the person entering a grade could enter an integer less than 0, an integer greater than 100, an integer outside the range of values that can be stored in an `int` variable, a number containing a decimal point or a value containing letters or special symbols that's not even an integer.



## 4.9 Formulating Algorithms: Counter-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ To ensure that inputs are valid, industrial-strength programs must test for all possible erroneous cases.
- ▶ A program that inputs grades should **validate** the grades by using **range checking** to ensure that they are values from 0 to 100.
- ▶ You can then ask the user to reenter any value that's out of range.
- ▶ If a program requires inputs from a specific set of values (e.g., nonsequential product codes), you can ensure that each input matches a value in the set.



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition

- ▶ *Develop a class-averaging program that processes grades for an arbitrary number of students each time it is run.*
- ▶ Sentinel-controlled repetition is often called **indefinite repetition** because the number of repetitions is not known before the loop begins executing.
- ▶ A special value called a **sentinel value** (also called a **signal value**, a **dummy value** or a **flag value**) can be used to indicate “end of data entry.”
- ▶ A sentinel value must be chosen that cannot be confused with an acceptable input value.



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

*Developing the Pseudocode Algorithm with Top-Down, Stepwise Refinement: The Top and First Refinement*

- ▶ Top-down, stepwise refinement
- ▶ Begin with a pseudocode representation of the **top**—a single statement that conveys the overall function of the program:
  - *Determine the class average for the quiz*
- ▶ The top is a *complete representation of a program*. Rarely conveys sufficient detail from which to write a Java program.



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ Divide the top into a series of smaller tasks and list these in the order in which they'll be performed.
- ▶ First refinement:
  - *Initialize variables*  
*Input, sum and count the quiz grades*  
*Calculate and print the class average*
- ▶ This refinement uses only the sequence structure—the steps listed should execute in order, one after the other.



## Software Engineering Observation 4.3

*Each refinement, as well as the top itself, is a complete specification of the algorithm—only the level of detail varies.*



## Software Engineering Observation 4.4

*Many programs can be divided logically into three phases: an initialization phase that initializes the variables; a processing phase that inputs data values and adjusts program variables accordingly; and a termination phase that calculates and outputs the final results.*



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

### *Proceeding to the Second Refinement*

- ▶ Second refinement: commit to specific variables.
- ▶ The pseudocode statement
  - Initialize variables*
- ▶ can be refined as follows:
  - Initialize total to zero*
  - Initialize counter to zero*



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ The pseudocode statement  
*Input, sum and count the quiz grades*
- ▶ requires repetition to successively input each grade.
- ▶ We do not know in advance how many grades will be entered, so we'll use sentinel-controlled repetition.



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ The second refinement of the preceding pseudocode statement is then

*Prompt the user to enter the first grade*

*Input the first grade (possibly the sentinel)*

*While the user has not yet entered the sentinel*

*Add this grade into the running total*

*Add one to the grade counter*

*Prompt the user to enter the next grade*

*Input the next grade (possibly the sentinel)*



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ The pseudocode statement

*Calculate and print the class average*

- ▶ can be refined as follows:

*If the counter is not equal to zero*

*Set the average to the total divided by the counter*

*Print the average*

*else*

*Print “No grades were entered”*

- ▶ Test for the possibility of *division by zero*—a *logic error* that, if undetected, would cause the program to fail or produce invalid output.



## Error-Prevention Tip 4.4

*When performing division (/) or remainder (%) calculations in which the right operand could be zero, test for this and handle it (e.g., display an error message) rather than allowing the error to occur.*



---

```
1 Initialize total to zero
2 Initialize counter to zero
3
4 Prompt the user to enter the first grade
5 Input the first grade (possibly the sentinel)
6
7 While the user has not yet entered the sentinel
8     Add this grade into the running total
9     Add one to the grade counter
10    Prompt the user to enter the next grade
11    Input the next grade (possibly the sentinel)
12
13 If the counter is not equal to zero
14     Set the average to the total divided by the counter
15     Print the average
16 else
17     Print "No grades were entered"
```

---

**Fig. 4.9** | Class-average pseudocode algorithm with sentinel-controlled repetition.



## Software Engineering Observation 4.5

*Terminate the top-down, stepwise refinement process when you've specified the pseudocode algorithm in sufficient detail for you to convert the pseudocode to Java. Normally, implementing the Java program is then straightforward.*



## Software Engineering Observation 4.6

*Some programmers do not use program development tools like pseudocode. They feel that their ultimate goal is to solve the problem on a computer and that writing pseudocode merely delays the production of final outputs. Although this may work for simple and familiar problems, it can lead to serious errors and delays in large, complex projects.*



---

```
1 // Fig. 4.10: ClassAverage.java
2 // Solving the class-average problem using sentinel-controlled repetition.
3 import java.util.Scanner; // program uses class Scanner
4
5 public class ClassAverage
{
6
7     public static void main(String[] args)
8     {
9         // create Scanner to obtain input from command window
10        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
11
12        // initialization phase
13        int total = 0; // initialize sum of grades
14        int gradeCounter = 0; // initialize # of grades entered so far
15
16        // processing phase
17        // prompt for input and read grade from user
18        System.out.print("Enter grade or -1 to quit: ");
19        int grade = input.nextInt();
20    }
}
```

---

**Fig. 4.10** | Solving the class-average problem using sentinel-controlled repetition.  
(Part I of 3.)



---

```
21 // loop until sentinel value read from user
22 while (grade != -1)
23 {
24     total = total + grade; // add grade to total
25     gradeCounter = gradeCounter + 1; // increment counter
26
27     // prompt for input and read next grade from user
28     System.out.print("Enter grade or -1 to quit: ");
29     grade = input.nextInt();
30 }
31
32 // termination phase
33 // if user entered at least one grade...
34 if (gradeCounter != 0)
35 {
36     // use number with decimal point to calculate average of grades
37     double average = (double) total / gradeCounter;
38 }
```

---

**Fig. 4.10** | Solving the class-average problem using sentinel-controlled repetition.  
(Part 2 of 3.)



```
39     // display total and average (with two digits of precision)
40     System.out.printf("%nTotal of the %d grades entered is %d%n",
41                     gradeCounter, total);
42     System.out.printf("Class average is %.2f%n", average);
43 }
44 else // no grades were entered, so output appropriate message
45     System.out.println("No grades were entered");
46 }
47 } // end class ClassAverage
```

```
Enter grade or -1 to quit: 97
Enter grade or -1 to quit: 88
Enter grade or -1 to quit: 72
Enter grade or -1 to quit: -1

Total of the 3 grades entered is 257
Class average is 85.67
```

**Fig. 4.10** | Solving the class-average problem using sentinel-controlled repetition.  
(Part 3 of 3.)



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

*Program Logic for Sentinel-Controlled Repetition vs. Counter-Controlled Repetition*

- ▶ Program logic for sentinel-controlled repetition
  - Reads the first value before reaching the `while`.
  - This value determines whether the program's flow of control should enter the body of the `while`. If the condition of the `while` is false, the user entered the sentinel value, so the body of the `while` does not execute (i.e., no grades were entered).
  - If the condition is true, the body begins execution and processes the input.
  - Then the loop body inputs the next value from the user before the end of the loop.



## Good Programming Practice 4.3

*In a sentinel-controlled loop, prompts should remind the user of the sentinel.*



## Common Programming Error 4.5

*Omitting the braces that delimit a block can lead to logic errors, such as infinite loops. To prevent this problem, some programmers enclose the body of every control statement in braces, even if the body contains only a single statement.*

## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)



### *Explicitly and Implicitly Converting Between Primitive Types*

- ▶ Integer division yields an integer result.
- ▶ To perform a floating-point calculation with integers, *temporarily* treat these values as floating-point numbers for use in the calculation.
- ▶ The **unary cast operator (double)** creates a temporary floating-point copy of its operand.
- ▶ Cast operator performs **explicit conversion** (or **type cast**).
- ▶ The value stored in the operand is unchanged.
- ▶ Java evaluates only arithmetic expressions in which the operands' types are *identical*.
- ▶ **Promotion** (or **implicit conversion**) performed on operands.
- ▶ In an expression containing values of the types `int` and `double`, the `int` values are promoted to `double` values for use in the expression.



## Common Programming Error 4.6

*A cast operator can be used to convert between primitive numeric types, such as `int` and `double`, and between related reference types (as we discuss in Chapter 10, Object-Oriented Programming: Polymorphism and Interfaces). Casting to the wrong type may cause compilation errors or runtime errors.*



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ Cast operators are available for any type.
- ▶ Cast operator formed by placing parentheses around the name of a type.
- ▶ The operator is a **unary operator** (i.e., an operator that takes only one operand).
- ▶ Java also supports unary versions of the plus (+) and minus (-) operators.
- ▶ Cast operators associate from right to left; same precedence as other unary operators, such as unary + and unary -.
- ▶ This precedence is one level higher than that of the **multiplicative operators** \*, / and %.
- ▶ Appendix A: Operator precedence chart



---

```
1 // Fig. 4.10: GradeBookTest.java
2 // Create GradeBook object and invoke its determineClassAverage method.
3
4 public class GradeBookTest
{
5     public static void main( String[] args )
6     {
7         // create GradeBook object myGradeBook and
8         // pass course name to constructor
9         GradeBook myGradeBook = new GradeBook(
10             "CS101 Introduction to Java Programming" );
11
12         myGradeBook.displayMessage(); // display welcome message
13         myGradeBook.determineClassAverage(); // find average of grades
14     } // end main
15 } // end class GradeBookTest
```

---

**Fig. 4.10** | GradeBookTest class creates an object of class GradeBook (Fig. 4.9) and invokes its determineClassAverage method. (Part I of 2.)



```
Welcome to the grade book for  
CS101 Introduction to Java Programming!
```

```
Enter grade or -1 to quit: 97
```

```
Enter grade or -1 to quit: 88
```

```
Enter grade or -1 to quit: 72
```

```
Enter grade or -1 to quit: -1
```

```
Total of the 3 grades entered is 257
```

```
Class average is 85.67
```

**Fig. 4.10** | GradeBookTest class creates an object of class **GradeBook** (Fig. 4.9) and invokes its **determineClassAverage** method. (Part 2 of 2.)



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

### *Floating-Point Number Precision*

- ▶ Floating-point numbers are not always 100% precise, but they have numerous applications.
- ▶ For example, when we speak of a “normal” body temperature of 98.6, we do not need to be precise to a large number of digits.
- ▶ Floating-point numbers often arise as a result of division, such as in this example’s class-average calculation.
- ▶ In conventional arithmetic, when we divide 10 by 3, the result is  $3.3333333\dots$ , with the sequence of 3s repeating infinitely.
- ▶ The computer allocates only a fixed amount of space to hold such a value, so clearly the stored floating-point value can be only an approximation.



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Sentinel-Controlled Repetition (Cont.)

- ▶ Owing to the imprecise nature of floating-point numbers, type `double` is preferred over type `float`, because `double` variables can represent floating-point numbers more accurately.
- ▶ In some applications, the precision of float and double variables will be inadequate.
- ▶ For precise floating-point numbers (such as those required by monetary calculations), Java provides class `BigDecimal` (package `java.math`), which we'll discuss in Chapter 8.



## Common Programming Error 4.7

*Using floating-point numbers in a manner that assumes they're represented precisely can lead to incorrect results.*



## 4.11 Formulating Algorithms: Nested Control Statements

- ▶ This case study examines **nesting** one control statement within another.
- ▶ A college offers a course that prepares students for the state licensing exam for real-estate brokers. Last year, ten of the students who completed this course took the exam. The college wants to know how well its students did on the exam. You've been asked to write a program to summarize the results. You've been given a list of these 10 students. Next to each name is written a 1 if the student passed the exam or a 2 if the student failed.



## 4.10 Formulating Algorithms: Nested Control Statements (Cont.)

- ▶ This case study examines **nesting** one control statement within another.
- ▶ Your program should analyze the results of the exam as follows:
  - Input each test result (i.e., a 1 or a 2). Display the message “Enter result” on the screen each time the program requests another test result.
  - Count the number of test results of each type.
  - Display a summary of the test results, indicating the number of students who passed and the number who failed.
  - If more than eight students passed the exam, print “Bonus to instructor!”



---

```
1 Initialize passes to zero
2 Initialize failures to zero
3 Initialize student counter to one
4
5 While student counter is less than or equal to 10
6   Prompt the user to enter the next exam result
7   Input the next exam result
8
9   If the student passed
10     Add one to passes
11   Else
12     Add one to failures
13
14 Add one to student counter
15
16 Print the number of passes
17 Print the number of failures
18
19 If more than eight students passed
20   Print "Bonus to instructor!"
```

---

**Fig. 4.11** | Pseudocode for examination-results problem.



## Error-Prevention Tip 4.5

*Initializing local variables when they're declared helps you avoid any compilation errors that might arise from attempts to use uninitialized variables. While Java does not require that local-variable initializations be incorporated into declarations, it does require that local variables be initialized before their values are used in an expression.*



```
1 // Fig. 4.12: Analysis.java
2 // Analysis of examination results using nested control statements.
3 import java.util.Scanner; // class uses class Scanner
4
5 public class Analysis
6 {
7     public static void main(String[] args)
8     {
9         // create Scanner to obtain input from command window
10        Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
11
12        // initializing variables in declarations
13        int passes = 0;
14        int failures = 0;
15        int studentCounter = 1;
16
17        // process 10 students using counter-controlled loop
18        while (studentCounter <= 10)
19        {
20            // prompt user for input and obtain value from user
21            System.out.print("Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): ");
22            int result = input.nextInt();
23
```

---

**Fig. 4.12** | Analysis of examination results using nested control statements. (Part I of 4.)



```
24     // if...else is nested in the while statement
25     if (result == 1)
26         passes = passes + 1;
27     else
28         failures = failures + 1;
29
30     // increment studentCounter so loop eventually terminates
31     studentCounter = studentCounter + 1;
32 }
33
34 // termination phase; prepare and display results
35 System.out.printf("Passed: %d%nFailed: %d%n", passes, failures);
36
37 // determine whether more than 8 students passed
38 if (passes > 8)
39     System.out.println("Bonus to instructor!");
40 }
41 } // end class Analysis
```

**Fig. 4.12** | Analysis of examination results using nested control statements. (Part 2 of 4.)



```
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 2
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Passed: 9
Failed: 1
Bonus to instructor!
```

---

**Fig. 4.12** | Analysis of examination results using nested control statements. (Part 3  
of 4.)



```
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 2
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 2
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 2
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 2
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Enter result (1 = pass, 2 = fail): 1
Passed: 6
Failed: 4
```

**Fig. 4.12** | Analysis of examination results using nested control statements. (Part 4 of 4.)



## 4.12 Compound Assignment Operators

- ▶ Compound assignment operators abbreviate assignment expressions.
- ▶ Statements like  
$$\text{variable} = \text{variable operator expression};$$
where operator is one of the binary operators +, -, \*, / or % can be written in the form  
$$\text{variable operator} = \text{expression};$$
- ▶ Example:  
 $c = c + 3;$ can be written with the addition compound assignment operator,  **$+=$** , as  
 $c += 3;$
- ▶ The  **$+=$**  operator adds the value of the expression on its right to the value of the variable on its left and stores the result in the variable on the left of the operator.



Assignment operator	Sample expression	Explanation	Assigns
<i>Assume:</i> int c = 3, d = 5, e = 4, f = 6, g = 12;			
$+=$	c += 7	c = c + 7	10 to c
$-=$	d -= 4	d = d - 4	1 to d
$*=$	e *= 5	e = e * 5	20 to e
$/=$	f /= 3	f = f / 3	2 to f
$\%=$	g %= 9	g = g % 9	3 to g

**Fig. 4.13** | Arithmetic compound assignment operators.



## 4.13 Increment and Decrement Operators

- ▶ Unary **increment operator**, `++`, adds one to its operand
- ▶ Unary **decrement operator**, `--`, subtracts one from its operand
- ▶ An increment or decrement operator that is prefixed to (placed before) a variable is referred to as the **prefix increment** or **prefix decrement operator**, respectively.
- ▶ An increment or decrement operator that is postfixified to (placed after) a variable is referred to as the **postfix increment** or **postfix decrement operator**, respectively.



Operator	Operator name	Sample expression	Explanation
<code>++</code>	prefix increment	<code>++a</code>	Increment <code>a</code> by 1, then use the new value of <code>a</code> in the expression in which <code>a</code> resides.
<code>++</code>	postfix increment	<code>a++</code>	Use the current value of <code>a</code> in the expression in which <code>a</code> resides, then increment <code>a</code> by 1.
<code>--</code>	prefix decrement	<code>--b</code>	Decrement <code>b</code> by 1, then use the new value of <code>b</code> in the expression in which <code>b</code> resides.
<code>--</code>	postfix decrement	<code>b--</code>	Use the current value of <code>b</code> in the expression in which <code>b</code> resides, then decrement <code>b</code> by 1.

**Fig. 4.14** | Increment and decrement operators.



## 4.12 Increment and Decrement Operators (Cont.)

- ▶ Using the prefix increment (or decrement) operator to add (or subtract) 1 from a variable is known as **preincrementing** (or **predecrementing**) the variable.
- ▶ Preincrementing (or predecrementing) a variable causes the variable to be incremented (decremented) by 1; then the new value is used in the expression in which it appears.
- ▶ Using the postfix increment (or decrement) operator to add (or subtract) 1 from a variable is known as **postincrementing** (or **postdecrementing**) the variable.
- ▶ This causes the current value of the variable to be used in the expression in which it appears; then the variable's value is incremented (decremented) by 1.



## Good Programming Practice 4.4

*Unlike binary operators, the unary increment and decrement operators should be placed next to their operands, with no intervening spaces.*



```
1 // Fig. 4.15: Increment.java
2 // Prefix increment and postfix increment operators.
3
4 public class Increment
5 {
6     public static void main(String[] args)
7     {
8         // demonstrate postfix increment operator
9         int c = 5;
10        System.out.printf("c before postincrement: %d\n", c); // prints 5
11        System.out.printf("    postincrementing c: %d\n", c++); // prints 5
12        System.out.printf(" c after postincrement: %d\n", c); // prints 6
13
14        System.out.println(); // skip a line
15
16        // demonstrate prefix increment operator
17        c = 5;
18        System.out.printf(" c before preincrement: %d\n", c); // prints 5
19        System.out.printf("    preincrementing c: %d\n", ++c); // prints 6
20        System.out.printf(" c after preincrement: %d\n", c); // prints 6
21    }
22 } // end class Increment
```

**Fig. 4.15** | Prefix increment and postfix increment operators. (Part I of 2.)



```
c before postincrement: 5  
    postincrementing c: 5  
c after postincrement: 6
```

```
c before preincrement: 5  
    preincrementing c: 6  
c after preincrement: 6
```

**Fig. 4.15** | Prefix increment and postfix increment operators. (Part 2 of 2.)



## Common Programming Error 4.8

*Attempting to use the increment or decrement operator on an expression other than one to which a value can be assigned is a syntax error. For example, writing `++(x + 1)` is a syntax error, because `(x + 1)` is not a variable.*



## Good Programming Practice 4.5

*Refer to the operator precedence and associativity chart (Appendix A) when writing expressions containing many operators. Confirm that the operators in the expression are performed in the order you expect. If you're uncertain about the order of evaluation in a complex expression, break the expression into smaller statements or use parentheses to force the order of evaluation, exactly as you'd do in an algebraic expression. Be sure to observe that some operators such as assignment (=) associate right to left rather than left to right.*



Operators					Associativity	Type	
<code>++</code>	<code>--</code>				right to left	unary postfix	
<code>++</code>	<code>--</code>	<code>+</code>	<code>-</code>	<i>(type)</i>	right to left	unary prefix	
<code>*</code>	<code>/</code>	<code>%</code>			left to right	multiplicative	
<code>+</code>	<code>-</code>				left to right	additive	
<code>&lt;</code>	<code>&lt;=</code>	<code>&gt;</code>	<code>&gt;=</code>		left to right	relational	
<code>==</code>	<code>!=</code>				left to right	equality	
<code>?:</code>					right to left	conditional	
<code>=</code>	<code>+=</code>	<code>-=</code>	<code>*=</code>	<code>/=</code>	<code>%=</code>	right to left	assignment

**Fig. 4.16** | Precedence and associativity of the operators discussed so far.



## 4.14 Primitive Types

- ▶ Appendix D lists the eight primitive types in Java.
- ▶ Java requires all variables to have a type.
- ▶ Java is a **strongly typed language**.
- ▶ Primitive types in Java are portable across all platforms.
- ▶ Instance variables of types **char**, **byte**, **short**, **int**, **long**, **float** and **double** are all given the value **0** by default. Instance variables of type **boolean** are given the value **false** by default.
- ▶ Reference-type instance variables are initialized by default to the value **null**.



## Portability Tip 4.1

*The primitive types in Java are portable across all computer platforms that support Java.*