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# Java Foundations

6-1 for Loops





#### **Objectives:**

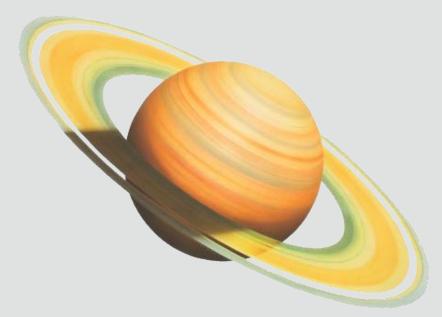
- This lesson covers the following objectives:
  - Understand the components of the standard for loop
  - -Understand how to create and use a for loop
  - -Understand variable scope
  - Understand debugging techniques
  - -Explain how infinite loops occur in Java





### Mission to Saturn's Rings

- We're going to launch a rocket ship
- Its mission is to study Saturn's rings
- Do you have any thoughts on how to program a countdown timer?







#### The Countdown

Counting down from 10 requires 10 lines of code

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
System.out.println(10);
System.out.println(9);
System.out.println(8);
System.out.println(7);
System.out.println(6);
System.out.println(5);
System.out.println(4);
System.out.println(3);
System.out.println(2);
System.out.println(1);
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```



#### The Countdown

- Counting down from 100 would require 100 lines of code
- That would be painful and tedious to program.
- Is there a more practical way to write this program?
- Can the code easily accommodate any starting value?





#### The Countdown

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
System.out.println(100);
System.out.println(99);
System.out.println(98);
System.out.println(97);
System.out.println(96);
System.out.println(95);
System.out.println(2);
System.out.println(1);
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```





### Can Variables Help?

- Variables are somewhat helpful
- But we still have to copy and paste the same lines of code until 0 prints

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
int i = 10;
System.out.println(i);
i--;
System.out.println(i);
i--;
System.out.println(i);
i--;
...
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```



# Repeating Code

- Can we make the same lines of code repeat a variable number of times?
- Lines 7–10 show the block of code we want to repeat

• Remember the line-by-line nature of programs:

```
-When the program reaches line 10 ...
```

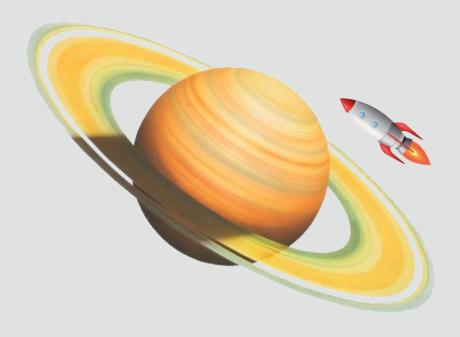
-We want to loop back to line 7

```
5 int i = 10;
6
7 {
8     System.out.println(i);
9     i--;
10 }
```



#### **Loop Statements**

- Loop statements are used to repeat lines of code.
- Java provides three types of loops:
  - -for
  - -while
  - -do-while





#### Repeating Behavior



```
while (!areWeThereYet) {
   read book;
   argue with sibling;
   ask, "Are we there yet?";
}
Woohoo!;
Get out of car;
```



#### Loops

- Loops are used in programs for repeated execution of one or more statements until a terminating condition is reached
  - -Until an expression is false
    - or
  - -For a specific number of times:
    - I want to print the numbers from 1 to 10
    - I want to compute the sum of numbers in a given range
- A for loop executes a known number of times
  - -for loops are also called definite loops



#### What We Know

• In the Countdown scenario, here's what we know:

What We Know	Technical Name	Code
When the loop starts	Initialization Expression	int i = 10;
Continue looping if	Condition Expression	i >= 0;
After each loop	Update Expression	i;
Code to repeat	Code Statements	System.out.println(i);





### for Loop Overview

```
for(initialization; condition; update){
     Code statement(s)
     Code statement(s)
}//end for
Body
```

- The initialization expression initializes the loop, it's executed only once, as the loop begins
- When the condition expression evaluates to false, the loop terminates
- The update expression is invoked after each iteration through the loop, this expression can increment or decrement a value
- Each expression should be separated with a semicolon (;)



#### **Initialization Expression**

- Performed once as the loop begins
- Tells the compiler what variable (called a loop counter) is used in the loop
- Can start at any value, not just 10

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
for(int i = 10; i >= 0; i--) {
        System.out.println(i);
}//end for
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```



### **Condition Expression**

- Looping continues as long as this boolean expression is true
- It uses comparison operators:

```
-(==, !=, <, >, <=, >=)
```

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
for(int i = 10; i >= 0; i--) {
        System.out.println(i);
}//end for
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```

#### **Update Expression**

- This statement is executed after each iteration of the for loop
- It's used to update the loop counter

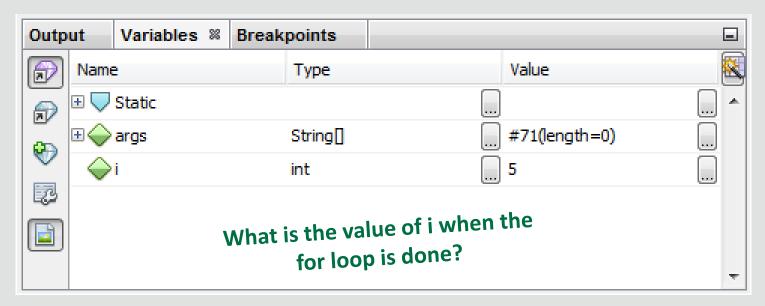
```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
for(int i = 10; i >= 0; i--) {
        System.out.println(i);
}//end for
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```



#### Exercise 1, Part 1



- Import and open the ForLoopsEx project
- Set a breakpoint in Countdown. java and observe...
  - -How the for loop affects code execution
  - How the value of i changes





#### Exercise 1, Part 2



- Can you modify the code to count up from 0 to 5?
- Can you modify the code to count all even numbers from 0 to 20?



#### Do I Need the Update Expression?

• What if I wrote my loop like this?

```
for(int i = 10; i >= 0; ) {
         System.out.println(i);
         i--;
}//end for
```

- This works, too!
- But you may not want to code this way, as your loops may become more complicated



### Omitting Expressions in the for Loop

- Each expression in the header is optional
- But there are risks when you omit an expression:
  - -No initialization:
    - No initialization is performed
    - There may be no loop counter
  - -No condition:
    - The loop condition is always considered to be true
    - The loop is an infinite loop
  - -No update:
    - No increment operation is performed
    - The loop counter keeps the same value



#### Omitting All Expressions in the for Loop

- Examine the following code:
  - -All three expressions in the for loop can be omitted
  - -The loop repeats infinitely

```
for(;;){
         System.out.println("Welcome to Java");
}//end for
```



#### Exercise 2



- Import and open the ForLoopsEx project
- Execute InfiniteLoop. java and observe the output
- Modify the for loop in InfiniteLoop. java to print "Hello" five times



# Multiple statements within a loop body

- To execute multiple statements within a body ...
- Enclose the statements within a pair of curly braces
- Otherwise, only the first statement in the body is executed

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 5; i++)
System.out.println(i);
System.out.println("second line");</pre>
```

•Output:

```
1
2
3
4
5
second line
```



### One Use of the for Loop

- The for loop provides a compact way to iterate over a range of values
- Repetition without the for loop:

```
//Prints the square of 1 through 5
System.out.println("1 squared = " + 1 * 1);
System.out.println("2 squared = " + 2 * 2);
System.out.println("3 squared = " + 3 * 3);
System.out.println("4 squared = " + 4 * 4);
System.out.println("5 squared = " + 5 * 5);
```

• Repetition with the for loop:

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 5; i++){
         System.out.println("i squared = " + i * i);
}//end for</pre>
```



### i Is the Loop Counter

Every example we've seen relies on the loop counter

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 5; i++){
         System.out.println("i squared = " + i * i);
}//end for</pre>
```

- i can:
  - Be printed
  - -Have its value changed
  - -Be used in calculations
- This is great for:
  - -Counting
  - Calculating values quickly



### Understanding Variable Scope

- But i exists only within the for loop
  - -This is known as the scope of i
  - -i no longer exists when the for loop terminates
  - -If i is used to calculate values, we'll never get those values out of the for loop
- Did you observe i disappear when you debugged Countdown.java?

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 5; i++){
         System.out.println("i squared = " + i * i);
}//end for</pre>
```



### Variable Scope: Example

- Variable i declared in the for loop is a local variable and cannot be accessed outside the loop
- Compiler error is generated at line 8

```
public class VariableScopeDemo {

public static void main(String args[]){

for(int i = 0 i <= 5; i++ ){
    System.out.println("i: " +i);
}//end for

System.out.println("i: " +i);
}//end method main

//end class VariableScopeDemo</pre>
```



### Variable Scope Animation

Variables cannot exist before or outside their block of

code

```
public class VariableScopeDemoClass{
       int x = 0;
      public static void main(String args[]){
      int i = 1;
             for(int j = 2; j <= 5; j++ ){
             System.out.println(j);
                int k = 3;
                System.out.println(x +i +j +k);
```



#### Another Use for Loops

- Suppose you need to find the sum of many numbers
  - -Assume readInt()is a method that accepts input via Scanner

```
public class Add4Integers {
   public static void main(String[] args){
      println("This program adds four numbers.");
      int n1 = readInt("Enter n1: ");
      int n2 = readInt("Enter n2: ");
      int n3 = readInt("Enter n3: ");
      int n4 = readInt("Enter n4: ");
      int total = n1 + n2 + n3 + n4;
      println("The total is " + total + ".");
   }//end method main
   ...
}//end class Add4Integers
```



#### Another Use for Loops

 This approach is cumbersome to program if you want to add 100 values

```
int n1 = readInt("Enter n1: ");
int n2 = readInt("Enter n2: ");
int n3 = readInt("Enter n3: ");
int n4 = readInt("Enter n4: ");
...
int n100 = readInt("Enter n100: ");
int total = n1 + n2 + n3 + n4 +... + n100;
```

- Can a for loop make this program shorter?
- Can a for loop help find the sum of a variable number of integers?



#### Using Scope with for Loops

- This can be solved using ...
  - A for loop
  - -Variables of different scope

```
public static void main(String[] args){
    int final N = 100;
    int total = 0;
    println("This program adds " + N + " numbers.");

    for(int i = 0; i < N; i++){
        int value = readInt(" ? ");
            total += value;
    }//end for
    println("The total is " + total + ".");
}//end method main</pre>
```



#### Scope

- This can be solved using ...
  - -A for loop
  - -Variables of different scope

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

int final N = 100;
int total = 0;
println("This program adds " + N + " numbers.");

N
for(int i = 0; i < N; i++){
   int value = readInt(" ? ");
   total += value;
}

println("The total is " + total + ".");
}</pre>
```



#### Exercise 3



- Import and open the ForLoopsEx project
- •ScopeTest.java is broken
- Can you fix it?
- You should get the following output:



## Variable Already Defined

- i is created before the for loop
- Another i can't exist within the same scope
- One of these variables needs a different name

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    int i = 0;
    for(int i = 64; i >0; i=i/2){
        System.out.print(i +" ");
    }
}
```



### Out of Scope

- j can't exist outside the scope where it was created
- A different j can be created if the scopes don't overlap

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
     for(int j = 0; j < = 5; j + +){
         System.out.print(j +" ");
     for(int j = 5; j > = 0; j - - ){
         System.out.print(j +" ");
     for(int k = 2; k < = 64; k = k*2){
      System.out.print(j)+"
```



#### Do I Need the Initialization Expression?

• What if I wrote my loop like this?

```
int i = 10;
for(; i >= 0; i--){
         System.out.println(i);
}//end for
```

- This works, too!
  - -But i exists outside the scope of the for loop
  - If i is only meant to be a loop counter, the variable is wasting memory
  - Keep the scope narrow (as small as possible)
  - -Stray variables complicate code and increase the potential for bugs



#### Summary

- In this lesson, you should have learned how to:
  - Understand the components of the standard for loop
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