Building Java Programs
Chapter 4

Conditional Execution

Conditional Logic

Reading

- Building Java Programs, Ch. 4.1 - 4.5

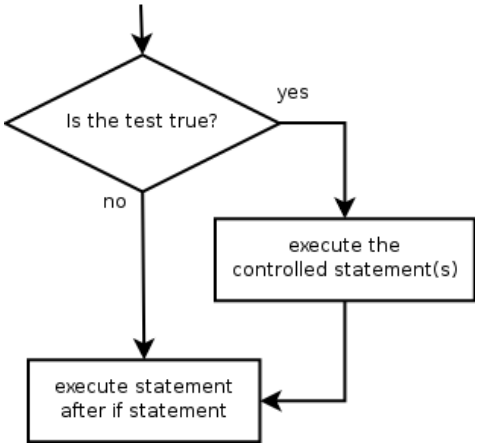
Learning Outcomes

- if / else statements
- Relational & logical operators
- Object equality
- Testing multiple conditions
- Conditions in loops
- Conditions in methods
- Comparing strings

The `if` statement

Executes a block of statements only if a test is true

```
if (test) {
    statement;
    ...
    statement;
}
```



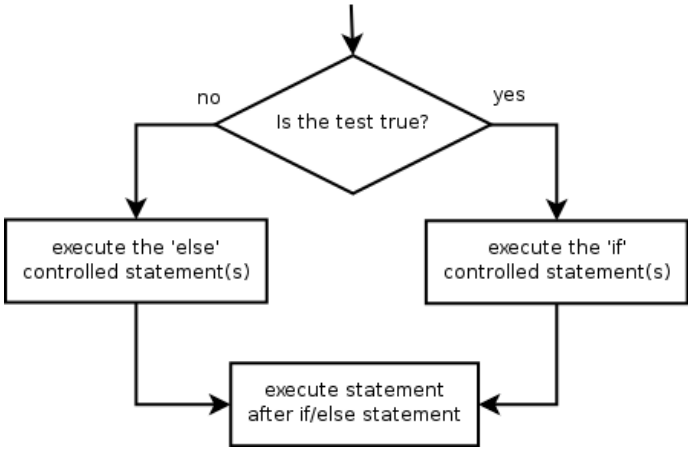
- Example:

```
double gpa = console.nextDouble();
if (gpa >= 2.0) {
    System.out.println("Application accepted.");
}
```

The `if/else` statement

Executes one block if a test is true, another if false

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else {
    statement(s);
}
```



- Example:

```
double gpa = console.nextDouble();
if (gpa >= 2.0) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Mars University!");
} else {
    System.out.println("Application denied.");
}
```

Relational expressions

- `if` statements and `for` loops both use logical tests.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) { ...
if (i <= 10) { ...
```

  – These are `boolean` expressions, seen in Ch. 5.

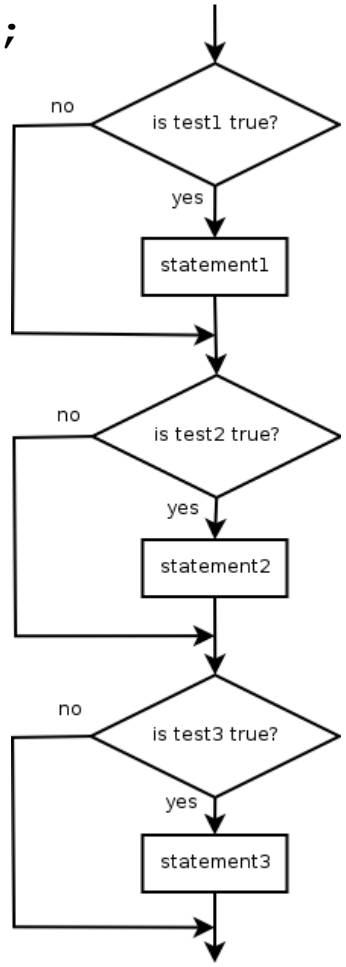
- Tests use relational operators:

Operator	Meaning	Example	Value
`==`	equals	`1 + 1 == 2`	`true`
`!=`	does not equal	`3.2 != 2.5`	`true`
`<`	less than	`10 < 5`	`false`
`>`	greater than	`10 > 5`	`true`
`<=`	less than or equal to	`126 <= 100`	`false`
`>=`	greater than or equal to	`5.0 >= 5.0`	`true`

Misuse of `if`

- What's wrong with the following code?

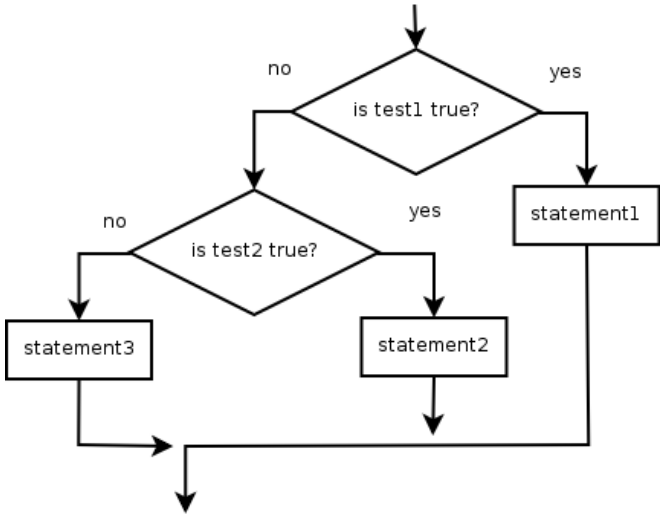
```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("What percentage did you earn? ");
int percent = console.nextInt();
if (percent >= 90) {
    System.out.println("You got an A!");
}
if (percent >= 80) {
    System.out.println("You got a B!");
}
if (percent >= 70) {
    System.out.println("You got a C!");
}
if (percent >= 60) {
    System.out.println("You got a D!");
}
if (percent < 60) {
    System.out.println("You got an F!");
}
...
```



Nested `if/else`

Chooses between outcomes using many tests

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else {
    statement(s);
}
```



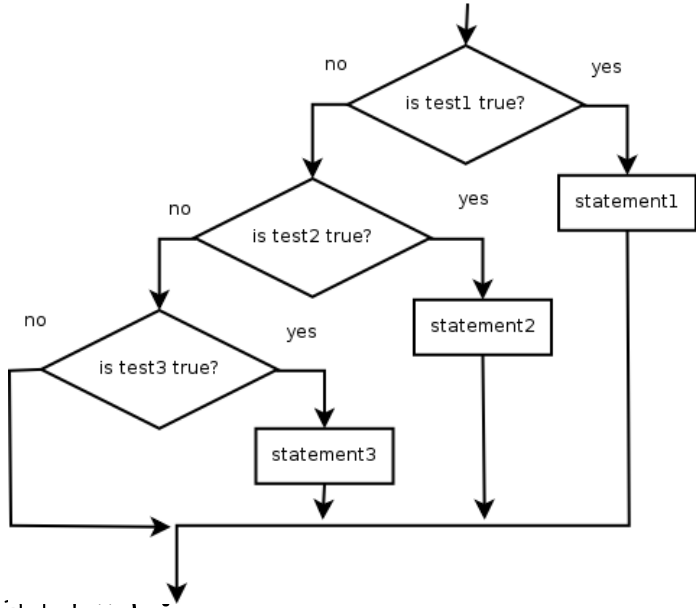
- Example:

```
if (x > 0) {
    System.out.println("Positive");
} else if (x < 0) {
    System.out.println("Negative");
} else {
    System.out.println("Zero");
}
```

Nested `if/else/if`

- If it ends with `else`, exactly one path must be taken.
- If it ends with `if`, the code might not execute any path.

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
```



- Example:

```
if (place == 1) {
    System.out.println("Gold medal!");
} else if (place == 2) {
    System.out.println("Silver medal!");
} else if (place == 3) {
    System.out.println("Bronze medal.");
}
```

Nested `if` structures

- exactly 1 path (mutually exclusive)

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else {
    statement(s);
}
```

- 0 or 1 path (mutually exclusive)

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
```

- 0, 1, or many paths (independent tests; not exclusive)

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
```

Which nested `if/else`?

- **(1) if/if/if (2) nested if/else (3) nested if/else/if**
  - Whether a user is lower, middle, or upper-class based on income.
    - **(2)** nested `if / else if / else`
  - Whether you made the dean's list (GPA ≥ 3.8) or honor roll (3.5-3.8).
    - **(3)** nested `if / else if`
  - Whether a number is divisible by 2, 3, and/or 5.
    - **(1)** sequential `if / if / if`
  - Computing a grade of A, B, C, D, or F based on a percentage.
    - **(2)** nested `if / else if / else if / else if / else`

Nested `if/else` question

Formula for body mass index (BMI):

$$BMI = \frac{weight}{height^2} \times 703$$

BMI	Weight class
below 18.5	underweight
18.5 - 24.9	normal
25.0 - 29.9	overweight
30.0 and up	obese

- Write a program that produces output like the following:

```
This program reads data for two people and
computes their body mass index (BMI).

Enter next person's information:
height (in inches)? 70.0
weight (in pounds)? 194.25

Enter next person's information:
height (in inches)? 62.5
weight (in pounds)? 130.5

Person 1 BMI = 27.868928571428572
overweight
Person 2 BMI = 23.485824
normal
Difference = 4.3831045714285715
```

Nested `if/else` answer

```
// This program computes two people's body mass index (BMI) and
// compares them.  The code uses Scanner for input, and parameters/returns.

import java.util.*;  // so that I can use Scanner

public class BMI {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        introduction();
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);

        double bmi1 = person(console);
        double bmi2 = person(console);

        // report overall results
        report(1, bmi1);
        report(2, bmi2);
        System.out.println("Difference = " + Math.abs(bmi1 - bmi2));

    }

    // prints a welcome message explaining the program
    public static void introduction() {
        System.out.println("This program reads data for two people and");
        System.out.println("computes their body mass index (BMI).");
        System.out.println();
    }
...
```

Nested `if/else`, cont'd.

```
    // reads information for one person, computes their BMI, and returns it
    public static double person(Scanner console) {
        System.out.println("Enter next person's information:");
        System.out.print("height (in inches)? ");
        double height = console.nextDouble();

        System.out.print("weight (in pounds)? ");
        double weight = console.nextDouble();
        System.out.println();

        double bodyMass = bmi(height, weight);
        return bodyMass;
    }

    // Computes/returns a person's BMI based on their height and weight.
    public static double bmi(double height, double weight) {
        return (weight * 703 / height / height);
    }

    // Outputs information about a person's BMI and weight status.
    public static void report(int number, double bmi) {
        System.out.println("Person " + number + " BMI = " + bmi);
        if (bmi < 18.5) {
            System.out.println("underweight");
        } else if (bmi < 25) {
            System.out.println("normal");
        } else if (bmi < 30) {
            System.out.println("overweight");
        } else {
            System.out.println("obese");
        }
    }
}
```

Logical operators

- Tests can be combined using logical operators:

Operator	Description	Example	Result
`&&`	and	`(2 == 3) && (-1 < 5)`	`false`
`||`	or	`(2 == 3) || (-1 < 5)`	`true`
`!`	not	`!(2 == 3)`	`true`

- "Truth tables" for each, used with logical values p and q:

p	q	p && q	p || q
true	true	true	true
true	false	false	true
false	true	false	true
false	false	false	false

p	!p
true	false
false	true

Evaluating logic expressions

- Relational operators have lower precedence than math.

```
5 * 7 >= 3 + 5 * (7 - 1)
5 * 7 >= 3 + 5 * 6
35    >= 3 + 30
35    >= 33
true
```

- Relational operators cannot be "chained" as in algebra.

```
2 <= x <= 10
true   <= 10
error!
```

(assume that `x` is `15`)

  – Instead, combine multiple tests with `&&` or `||`

```
2 <= x && x <= 10
true   && false
false
```

Logical questions

- What is the result of each of the following expressions?

```
int x = 42;
int y = 17;
int z = 25;
```

```
- y < x && y <= z
- x % 2 == y % 2 || x % 2 == z % 2
- x <= y + z && x >= y + z
- !(x < y && x < z)
- (x + y) % 2 == 0 || !((z - y) % 2 == 0)
```

  - Answers: `true`, `false`, `true`, `true`, `false`

- Exercise: Write a program that prompts for information about a person and uses it to decide whether to date them.

Factoring `if/else` code

- **factoring**: Extracting common/redundant code.
  - Can reduce or eliminate redundancy from `if/else` code.

- Example:

```
if (a == 1) {
    System.out.println(a);
    x = 3;
    b = b + x;
} else if (a == 2) {
    System.out.println(a);
    x = 6;
    y = y + 10;
    b = b + x;
} else {  // a == 3
    System.out.println(a);
    x = 9;
    b = b + x;
}
```

```
System.out.println(a);
x = 3 * a;
if (a == 2) {
    y = y + 10;
}
b = b + x;
```

`if/else` with `return`

```
// Returns the larger of the two given integers.
public static int max(int a, int b) {
    if (a > b) {
        return a;
    } else {
        return b;
    }
}
```

- Methods can return different values using `if/else`
  - Whichever path the code enters, it will return that value.
  - Returning a value causes a method to immediately exit.
  - All paths through the code must reach a `return` statement.

All paths must return

```
public static int max(int a, int b) {
    if (a > b) {
        return a;
    }
    // Error: not all paths return a value
}
```

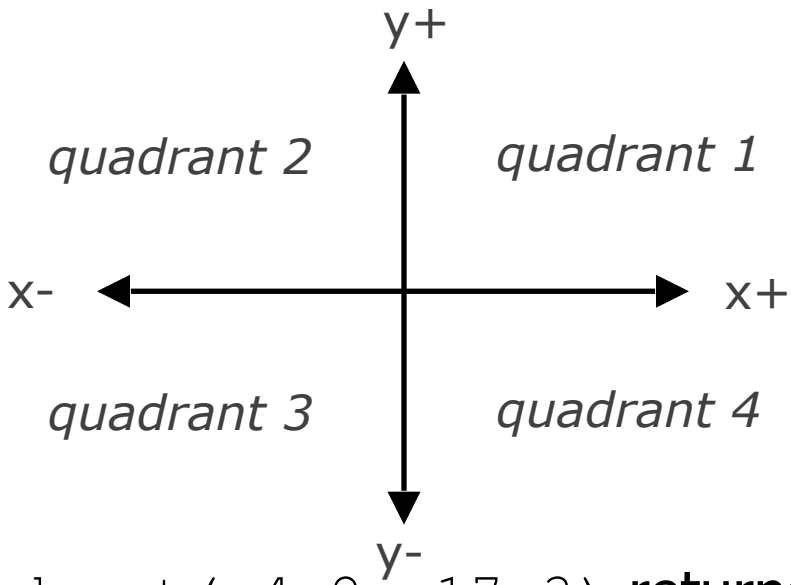
- The following also does not compile:

```
public static int max(int a, int b) {
    if (a > b) {
        return a;
    } else if (b >= a) {
        return b;
    }
}
```

  – The compiler thinks `if/else/if` code might skip all paths, even though mathematically it must choose one or the other.

`if/else`, `return` question

- Write a method `quadrant` that accepts a pair of real numbers x and y and returns the quadrant for that point:



  - Example: `quadrant(-4.2, 17.3)` returns `2`
    - If the point falls directly on either axis, return `0`.

if/else, return answer

```
public static int quadrant(double x, double y) {
    if (x > 0 && y > 0) {
        return 1;
    } else if (x < 0 && y > 0) {
        return 2;
    } else if (x < 0 && y < 0) {
        return 3;
    } else if (x > 0 && y < 0) {
        return 4;
    } else {      // at least one coordinate equals 0
        return 0;
    }
}
```

`if/else`, `return` question

- Write a method `countFactors` that returns the number of factors of an integer.
  - `countFactors(24)` returns `8` because

    1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, and 24 are factors of 24.

- Solution:

```
// Returns how many factors the given number has.
public static int countFactors(int number) {
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i <= number; i++) {
        if (number % i == 0) {
            count++;  // i is a factor of number
        }
    }
    return count;
}
```

Comparing strings

- Relational operators such as < and == fail on objects.

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("What is your name? ");
String name = console.next();
if (name == "Barney") {
    System.out.println("I love you, you love me,");
    System.out.println("We're a happy family!");
}
```

  – This code will compile, but it will not print the song.

  – `==` compares objects by references (seen later), so it often gives `false` even when two `String`s have the same letters.

The `equals` method

- Objects are compared using a method named `equals`.

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("What is your name? ");
String name = console.next();
if (name.equals("Barney")) {
    System.out.println("I love you, you love me,");
    System.out.println("We're a happy family!");
}
```

  – Technically this is a method that returns a value of type `boolean`, the type used in logical tests.

`String` test methods

Method	Description
`equals(`**str**`)`	whether two strings contain the same characters
`equalsIgnoreCase(`**str**`)`	whether two strings contain the same characters, ignoring upper vs. lower case
`startsWith(`**str**`)`	whether one contains other's characters at start
`endsWith(`**str**`)`	whether one contains other's characters at end
`contains(`**str**`)`	whether the given string is found within this one

```
String name = console.next();
if (name.startsWith("Prof")) {
    System.out.println("When are your office hours?");
} else if (name.equalsIgnoreCase("STUART")) {
    System.out.println("Let's talk about meta!");
}
```