

Java Basic Program

Module 1

1. Introduction part, Languages Programing, Java history, JDK, "hello World"
2. Project, package, Class, method
3. Variables. Keyboard input
4. Variables and data types
5. Consultation

Module 2

1. TEST #1 and second part Compilation and constructor
2. Methods and Random ways
3. Practice and examples with methods
4. boolean. Boolean expressions
5. Consultation

Module 3

1. if-else-if
2. Switch, ternary operator
3. Loops, for
4. Loops, while, do while
5. Consultation

Module 4

1. Arrays in Java
2. Arrays search and sort
3. String, StringBuilder, StringBuffer, practice
4. TEST #2 and second part Class and Object
5. Consultation

Module 5 (Optional)

1. Method main() for the test and introduction to JUnit testing
2. Practice, repetitions, console Lottery game
3. Practice, implementation of the distribution of cards in Poker
4. Summarizing and Introduction to the professional course program and the profession Back-end developer in Java
5. Consultation (questions)

INTRODUCTION TO **JAVA**

OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING IN DEPTH

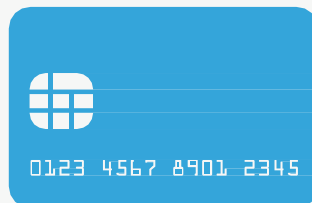
PRIMARY CONCEPTS: CLASS AND OBJECT

- ▶ **Class** describes **template** (blueprint) of something with **state** and **behaviour**
- ▶ **Object** is **concrete instance** of that class with set state

EXAMPLE: BANK CARD (STATE)

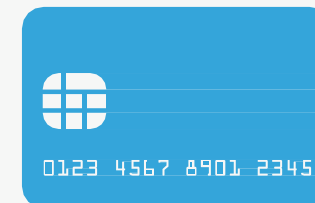
Class

- A. Bank Name
- B. Payments Processor
- C. Name on Card
- D. Card Number
- E. Expiration Date
- F. Security Code



Object

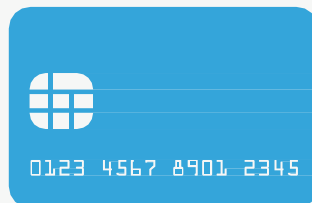
- A. Citadele Banka
- B. Master Card
- C. John Doe
- D. 5224 9989 7556 2871
- E. 12/2022
- F. 218



EXAMPLE: BANK CARD (BEHAVIOUR)

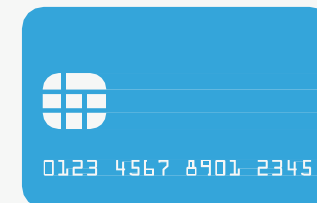
Class

- A. Get balance
- B. Deposit funds
- c. Withdraw funds



Object

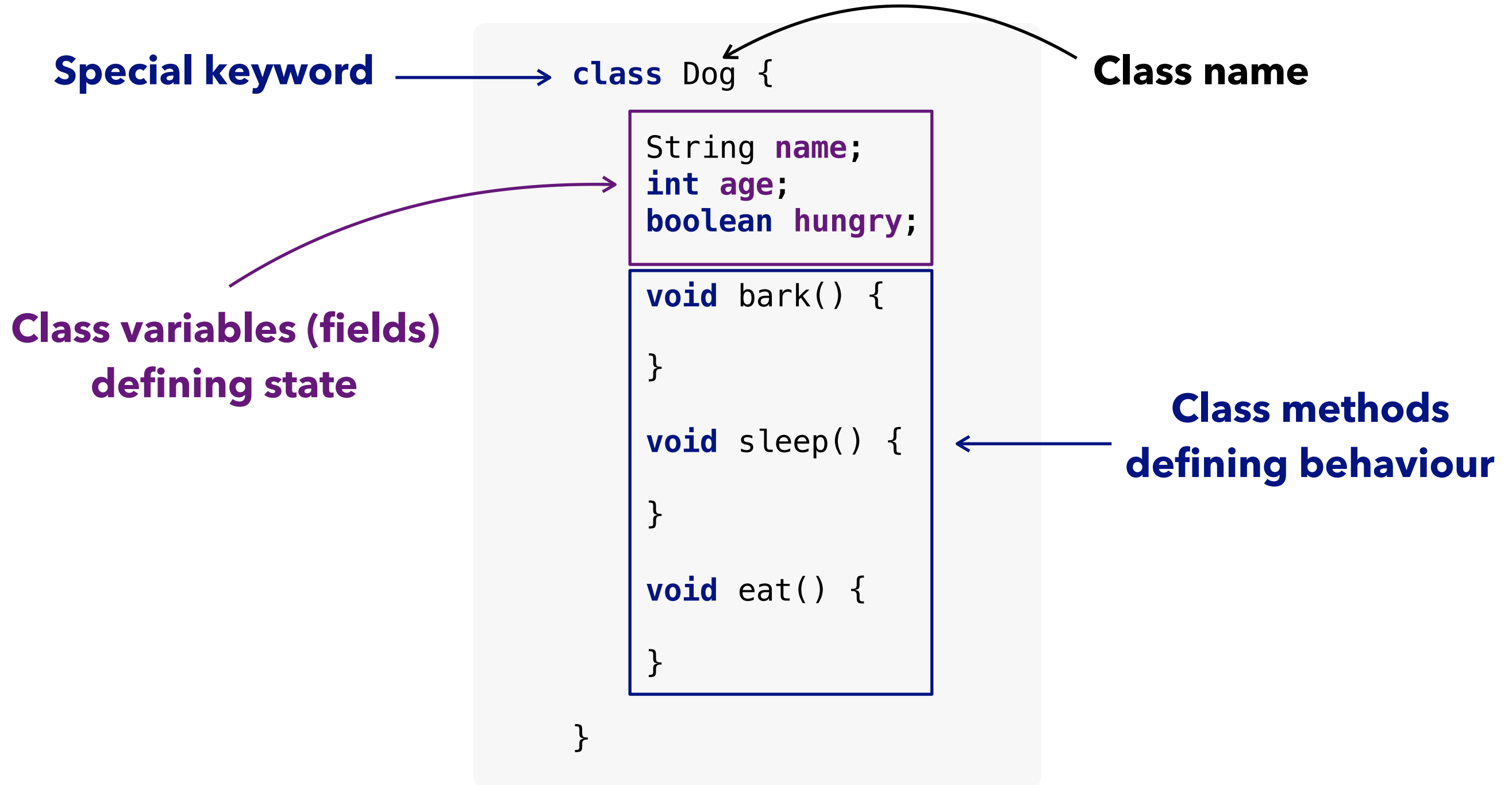
- A. Get balance
- B. Deposit funds
- c. Withdraw funds



CLASS DECLARATION IN JAVA: SYNTAX

```
class ClassName {  
  
    type variable1;  
    type variable2;  
    ...  
    type variableN;  
  
    method1() {}  
    method2() {}  
    ...  
    methodN() {}  
  
}
```

CLASS DECLARATION IN JAVA: EXAMPLE BREAKDOWN



OBJECT INSTANTIATION IN JAVA: SYNTAX

- ▶ Object instantiation **without** assignment
- ▶ Object instantiation **with** assignment

```
new Class();
```

```
Class var = new Class();
```

OBJECT INSTANTIATION IN JAVA: SYNTAX

- ▶ Object instantiation **without** assignment
- ▶ Object instantiation **with** assignment

```
2 new Dog();
```

```
Dog myDog = new Dog();
```

OBJECT INSTANTIATION BREAKDOWN

**Variable data type
equals to class name**

Class type

Assignment operator

```
Dog myDog = new Dog();
```

**Operator instantiating
a new object**

Variable name

Constructor call

THREE-STEP PROCESS OF OBJECT CREATION

1. Declaration - object variable **declaration** of a **class type**
2. Instantiation - the process of **creating** an object with **new** operator
3. Initialisation - the process of object **construction** by **setting its initial state**

CONSTRUCTORS

- ▶ **Every class** has a constructor
- ▶ If **explicit** constructor(s) is **not specified** in code, Java Compiler will generate **default** constructor implicitly
- ▶ **Each time** a new object is created, **at least one** constructor will be **invoked**
- ▶ **Each** defined constructor must have **unique** signature (i.e. ordered number and type of arguments)

CONSTRUCTOR DECLARATION IN JAVA: EXAMPLE BREAKDOWN

**Explicit default
constructor without
arguments**



```
public class Dog {  
    private String name;  
    public Dog() {  
    }  
  
    public Dog(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
}
```



**Explicit constructor
with argument
and initialisation**

MEMORY OVERVIEW

MEMORY TYPES

- ▶ Java Heap Memory
 - ▶ Created **objects are stored** in the heap space
 - ▶ Lives from the **start till the end** of application execution
 - ▶ Objects stored in heap are **globally** accessible
- ▶ Java Stack Memory
 - ▶ Contains **local primitive variables** and **reference variables** to objects in heap space
 - ▶ Lives only within method execution, **short-lived**
 - ▶ **Bound** to the **current** execution thread

METHODS

OVERVIEW

METHOD DEFINITION

- ▶ Java method is a **collection of statements** that are grouped together to perform an operation
 - ▶ Invoking `System.out.println()` method actually **executes several statements** in order to display a message on the console
- ▶ Describes **behaviour** of class or **actions** that object can perform
- ▶ Method **either** produces output or not

METHOD DECLARATION IN JAVA: SYNTAX

**Defines the access type
of the method**

Defines method name

```
modifier returnType methodName (arg1, arg2, ..., argN) {  
    //body  
}
```

The diagram illustrates the syntax of a Java method declaration. A light gray rounded rectangle contains the code snippet. Four blue arrows point from descriptive text blocks to specific parts of the code: one from 'Defines the access type of the method' to 'modifier', one from 'Defines method name' to 'methodName', one from 'Specifies return type for methods producing output' to 'returnType', and one from 'List of parameters, it is type, order and number' to the parameter list '(arg1, arg2, ..., argN)'.

`modifier returnType methodName (arg1, arg2, ..., argN) {`

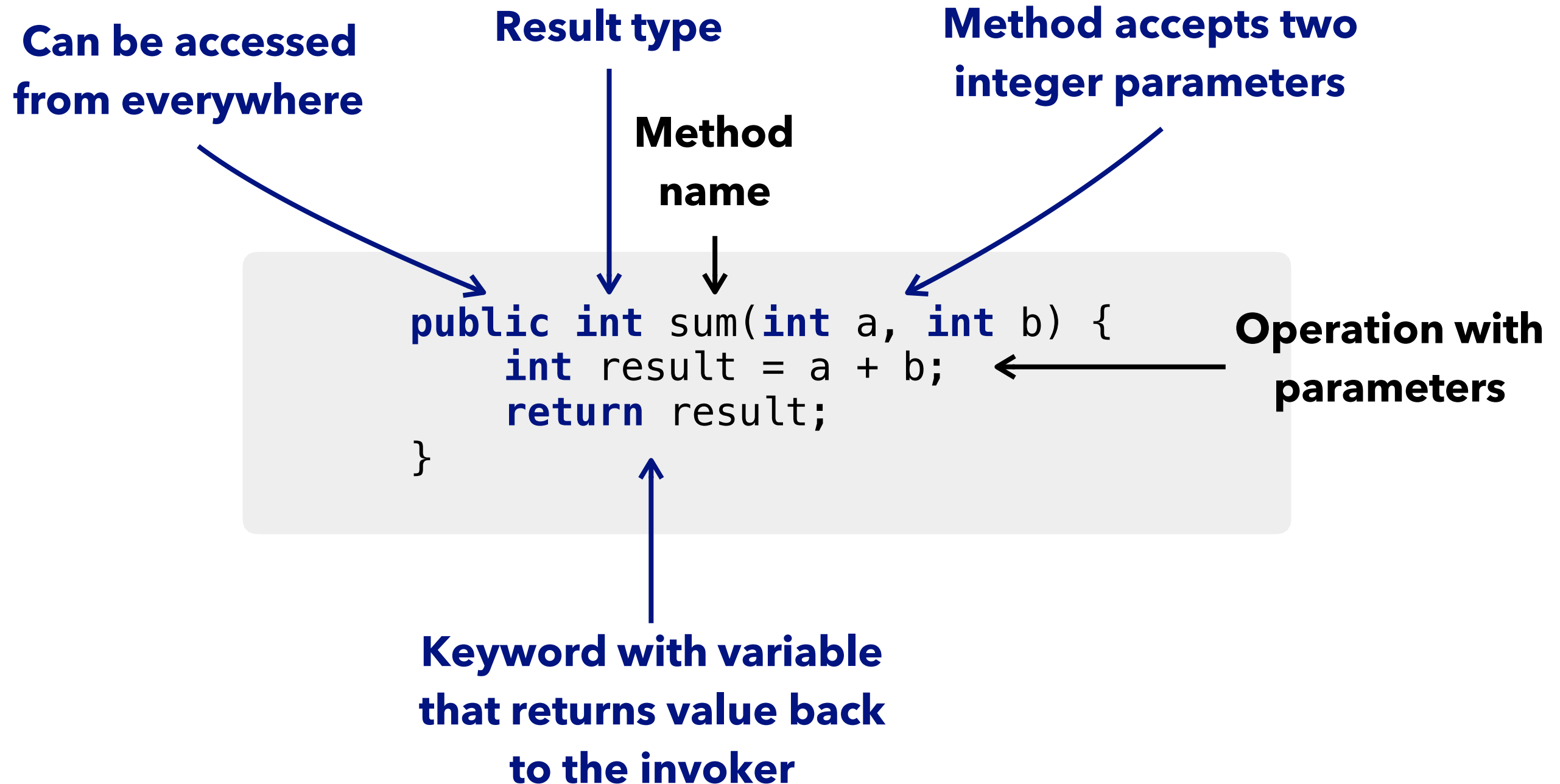
`//body`

`}`

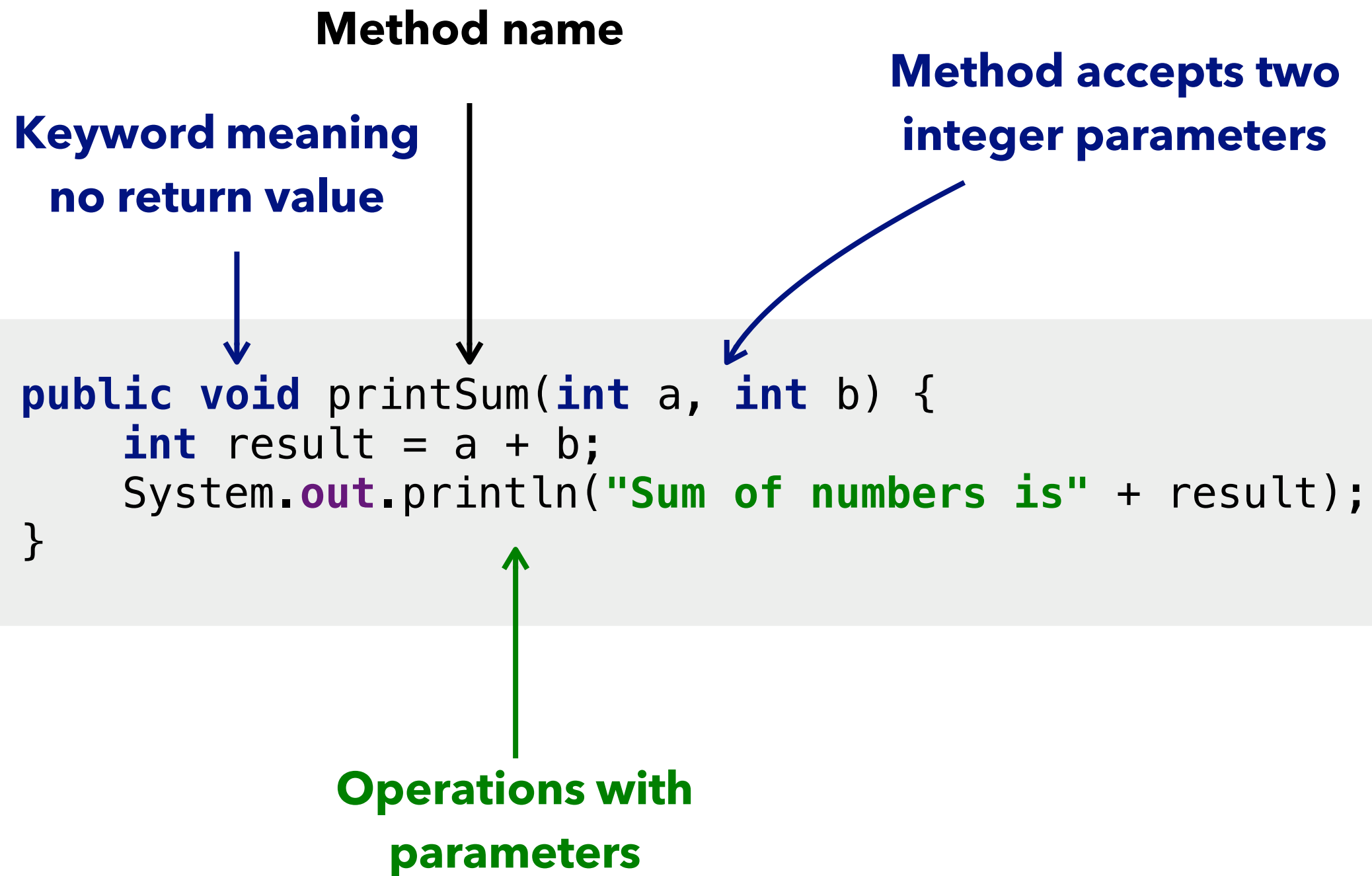
**Specifies return type
for methods
producing output**

**List of parameters, it is
type, order and number**

METHOD DECLARATION IN JAVA: WITH RETURN EXAMPLE



METHOD DECLARATION IN JAVA: WITHOUT RETURN EXAMPLE



A BIT MORE ABOUT RETURNING RESULT

- ▶ After **completion** method returns to the code that **invoked** it
- ▶ Whether method returns value or not is **declared** in method signature
 - ▶ When type is **void** - return statement is **unnecessary**, however can be stated
 - ▶ Other type - return statement is **necessary**

ACCESSING AND CHANGING OBJECT STATE: GETTERS & SETTERS

- ▶ In OOP another party should not be able to **access** object state directly
- ▶ To keep things **safe**, one can
 - ▶ **Retrieve** object state via get methods (getters)
 - ▶ **Change** object state via set methods (setters)

GETTERS & SETTERS DECLARATION

Getters

```
public class Person {  
  
    private String name;  
    private int age;  
  
    public String getName() {  
        return name;  
    }  
  
    public void setName(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
  
    public int getAge() {  
        return age;  
    }  
  
    public void setAge(int age) {  
        this.age = age;  
    }  
}
```

Setters

GETTERS & SETTERS USAGE

```
public class PersonTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Person person = new Person();  
        person.setName("JohnDoe");  
        person.setAge(32);  
  
        String personName = person.getName();  
        int personAge = person.getAge();  
  
        System.out.println("Hisname is " + personName);  
        System.out.println("He is " + personAge + " years old");  
    }  
}
```

CLEAN CODE **PRACTICES**

BAD CODE AND GOOD CODE

Bad

```
public class Cat {  
    privateString n;  
  
    public String getN() {  
        return n;  
    }  
  
    public void setN(String n) {  
        this.n = n;  
    }  
  
    public void v() {  
        System.out.println("Meow");  
    }  
}
```

Good

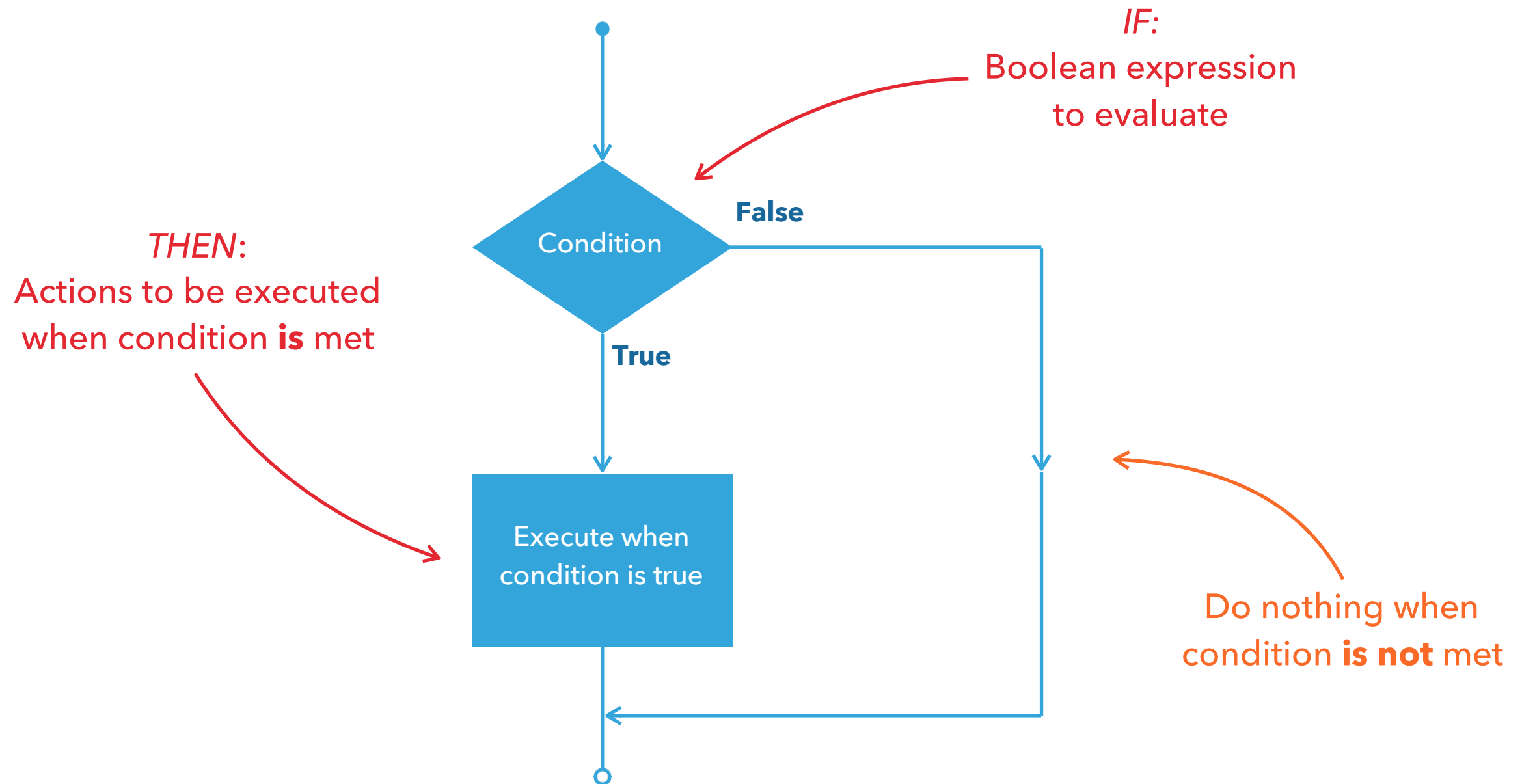
```
public class Cat {  
    privateString name;  
  
    public String getName() {  
        return name;  
    }  
  
    public void setName(String name) {  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
  
    public void voice() {  
        System.out.println("Meow");  
    }  
}
```

CONDITIONAL FLOW CONTROL

CONDITIONAL STATEMENTS

- ▶ **Control** code execution by specifying **certain conditions**
 - ▶ When conditional statement is **met** (equals to '**true**')
 - ▶ When conditional statement is **not met** (equals to '**false**')
 - ▶ There are **two** main conditional statements:
 - ▶ **If** statement
 - ▶ **Switch** statement

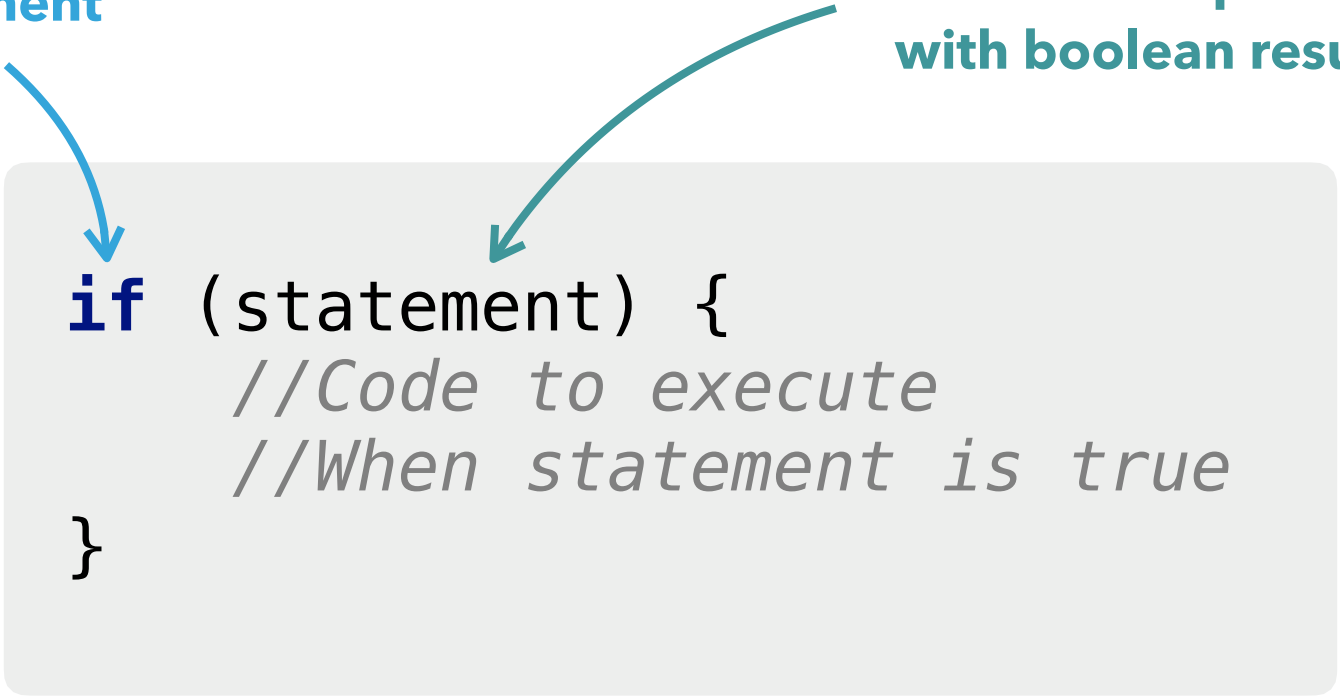
DECISION MAKING FLOWCHART: IF



IF STATEMENT: SYNTAX

Keyword specifying
conditional statement

Variable or expression
with boolean result



```
if (statement) {  
    //Code to execute  
    //When statement is true  
}
```

IF STATEMENT: EXAMPLE

Boolean variable expression

```
boolean flag = true;

if (flag) {
    System.out.print("True");
}
```

Inline expression

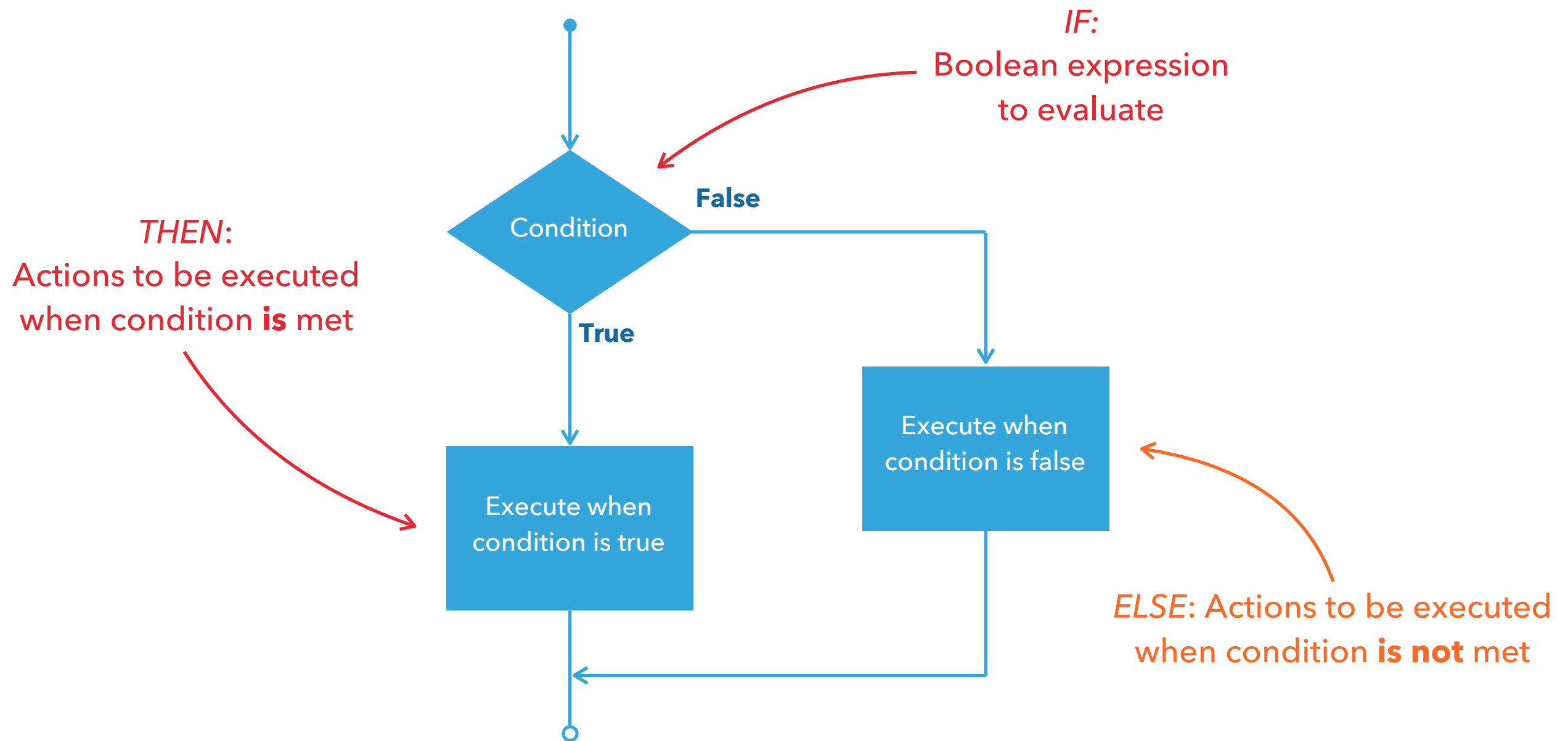
```
int x = 5;

if (x > 10) {
    System.out.print("x > 10");
}
```


IF STATEMENT RULES RECAP

- ▶ Consists of a **boolean expression** followed by **one or more** statements
- ▶ Boolean expression can be **composed** of multiple subexpressions

DECISION MAKING FLOWCHART: IF – ELSE



IF – ELSE STATEMENT: SYNTAX

Keyword specifying
conditional statement

Variable or expression
with boolean result

```
if (statement) {  
    //Code to execute  
    //When statement is true  
} else {  
    //Code to execute  
    //When statement is false  
}
```

Keyword specifying
alternative code block

IF – ELSE STATEMENT: EXAMPLE

Boolean variable expression

```
boolean flag = false;

if (flag) {
    System.out.print("True");
} else {
    System.out.print("False");
}
```

Inline expression

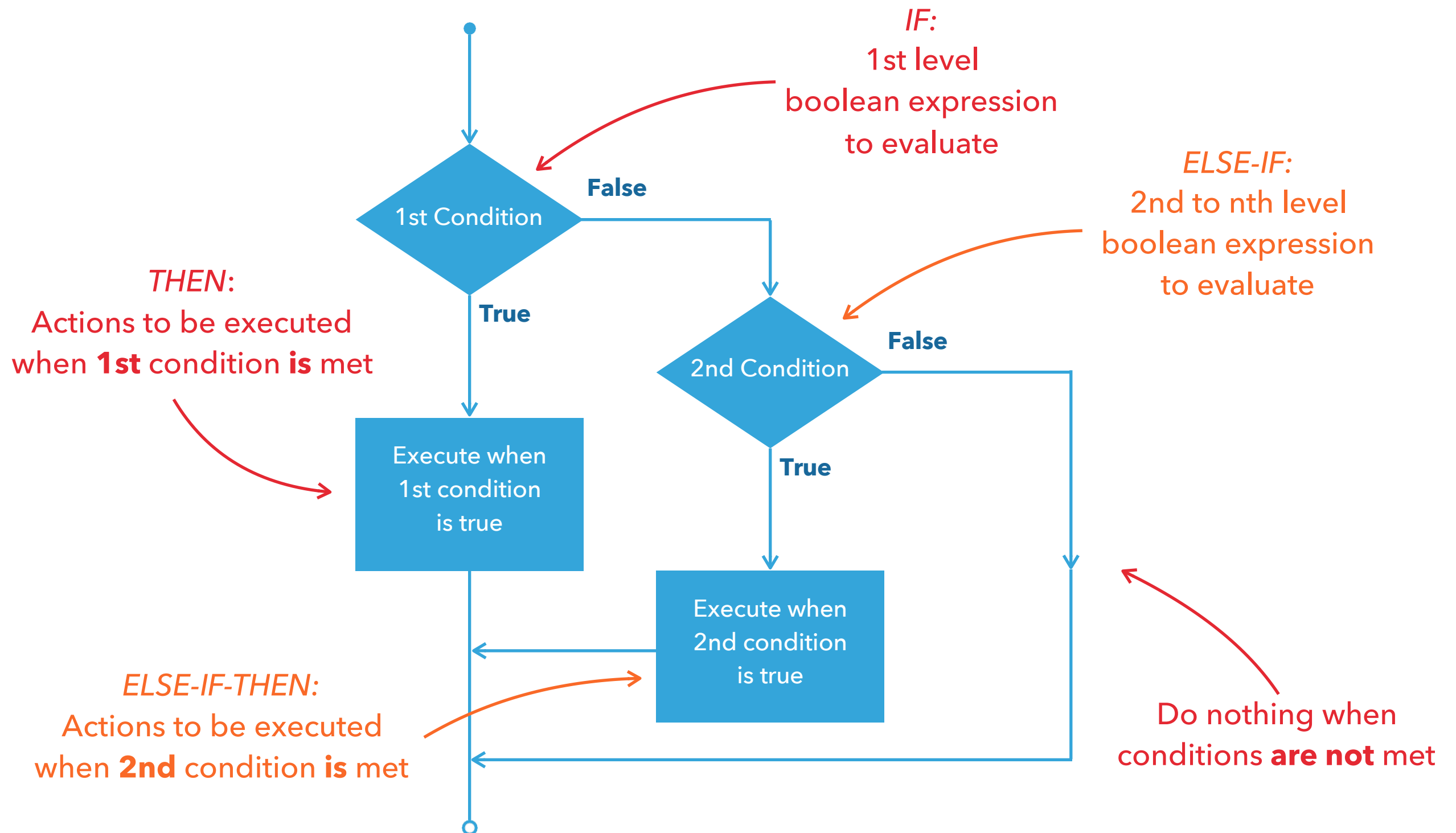
```
int x = 5;

if (x > 10) {
    System.out.print("x > 10");
} else {
    System.out.print("x <= 10");
}
```

IF – ELSE STATEMENT RULES RECAP

- ▶ If statement can be followed by an **optional** else statement, which executes when the boolean expression is **false**

DECISION MAKING FLOWCHART: IF – ELSE IF



IF – ELSE IF STATEMENT: SYNTAX

Keyword specifying
conditional statement

Variable or expression
with boolean result

```
if (statement1) {  
    //Code to execute  
    //When statement1 is true  
}  
else if (statement2) {  
    //Code to execute  
    //When statement2 is true  
}
```

Keyword specifying
alternative conditional
code block

IF – ELSE IF STATEMENT: EXAMPLE

Boolean variable expression

```
boolean flag1 = false;
boolean flag2 = true;

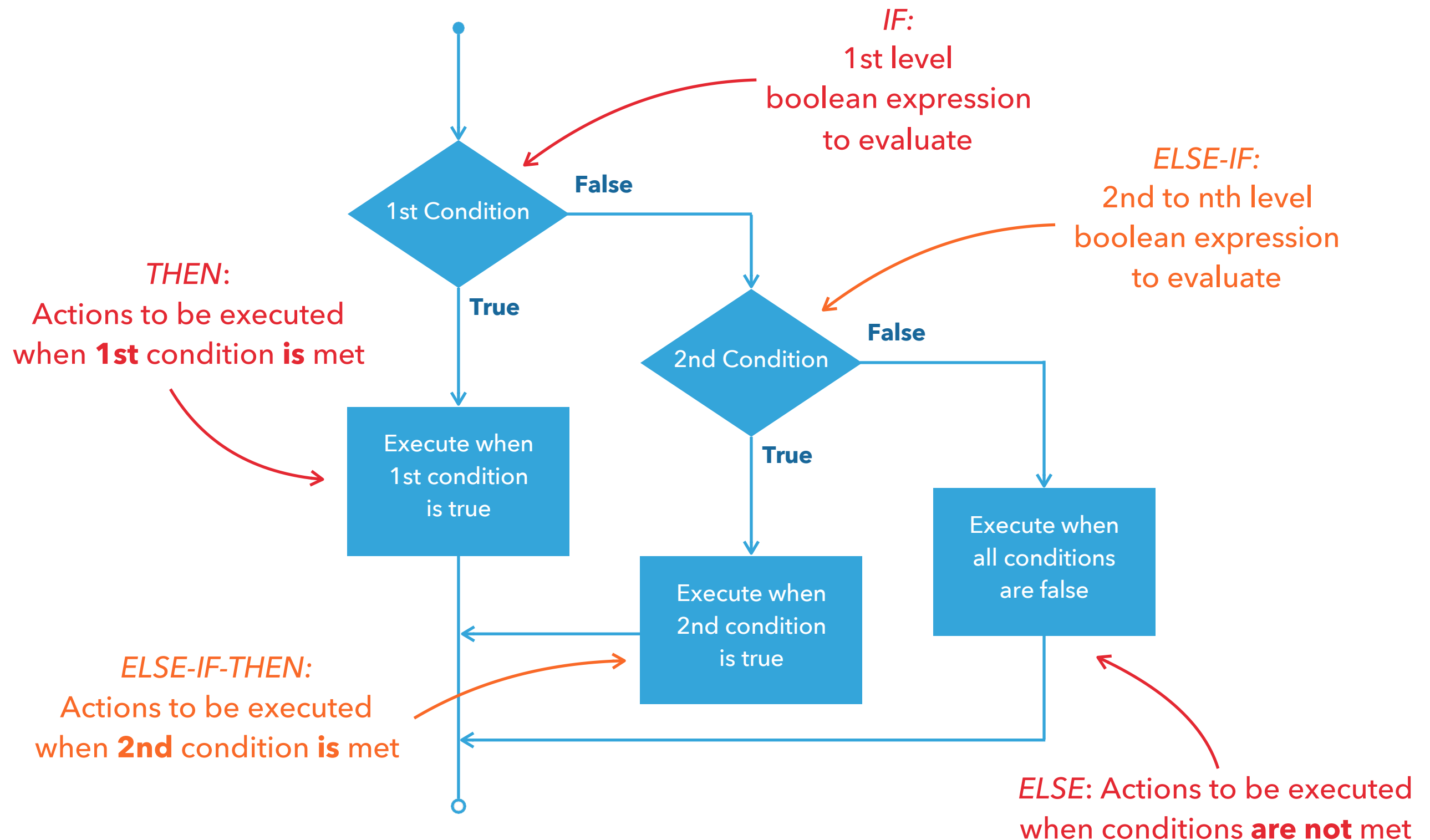
if (flag1) {
    System.out.print("flag1");
} else if (flag2) {
    System.out.print("flag2");
}
```

Inline expression

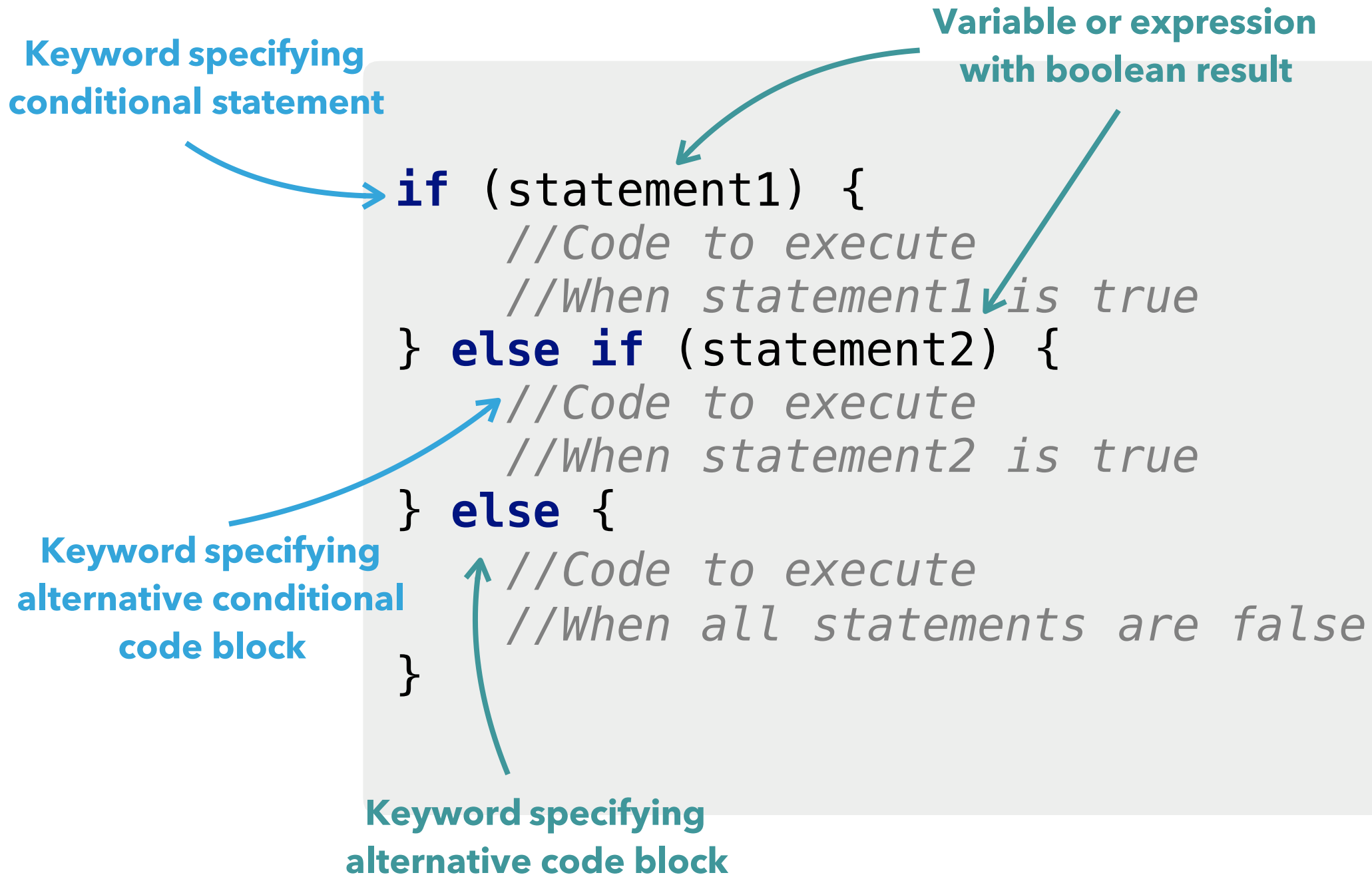
```
int x = 7;

if (x == 3) {
    System.out.print("x == 3");
} else if (x == 7) {
    System.out.print("x == 7");
}
```


DECISION MAKING FLOWCHART: IF - ELSE IF - ELSE



IF - ELSE IF - ELSE STATEMENT: SYNTAX



IF – ELSE IF – ELSE STATEMENT: EXAMPLE

Boolean variable expression

```
boolean flag1 = false;
boolean flag2 = false;

if (flag1) {
    System.out.print("flag1");
} else if (flag2) {
    System.out.print("flag2");
} else {
    System.out.println("none");
}
```

Inline expression

```
int x = 7;

if (x == 3) {
    System.out.print("x == 3");
} else if (x == 7) {
    System.out.print("x == 7");
} else {
    System.out.print("NOTA");
}
```

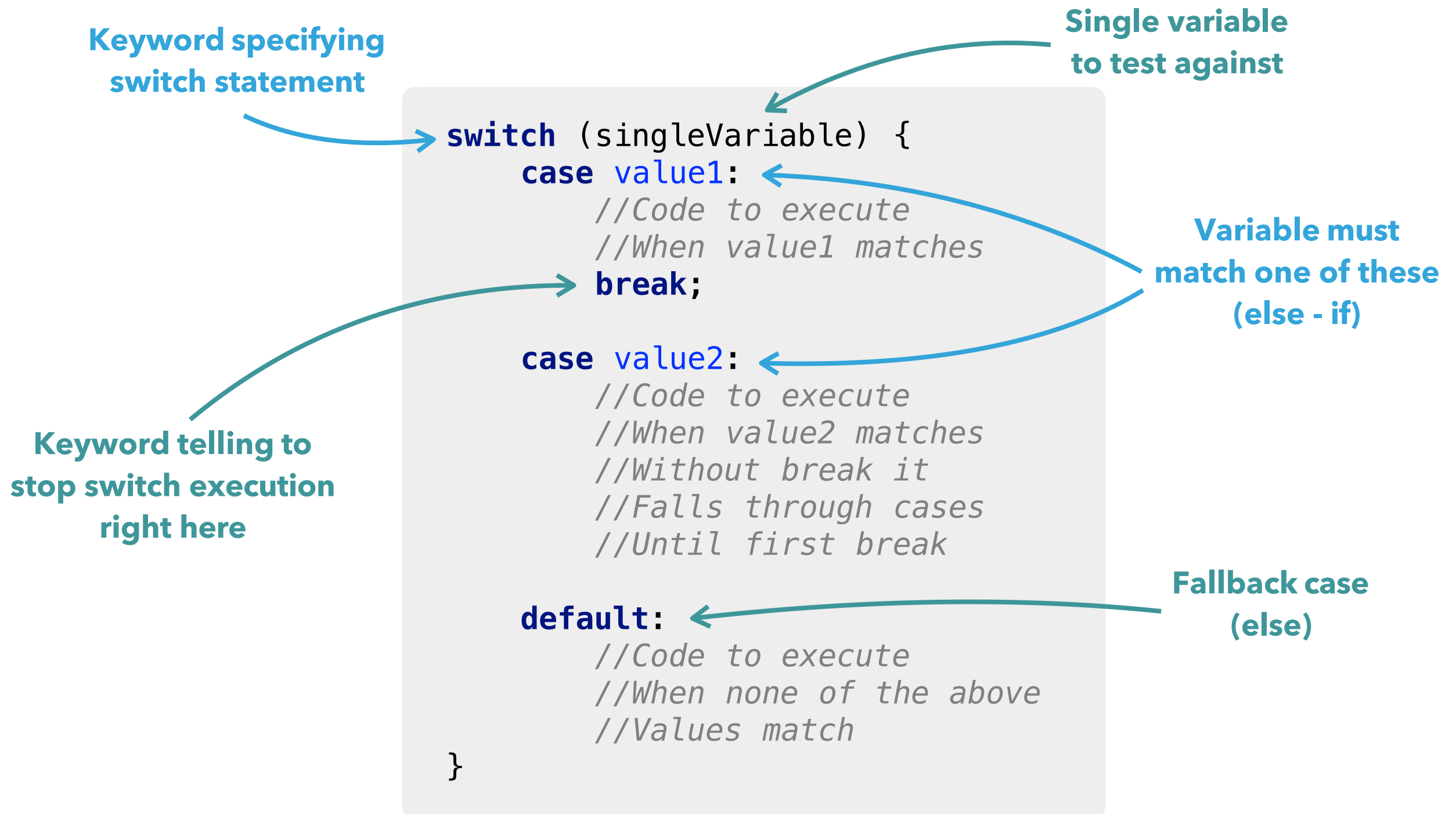
IF – ELSE IF – ELSE STATEMENT RULES RECAP

- ▶ An if can have **zero** or **one** else's and its must come after any else if's
- ▶ An if can have **zero** to **many** else if's and they must come **before** else
- ▶ Once an else if **succeeds**, **none** of the **remaining** else if's or else's will be tested

SWITCH STATEMENT OVERVIEW

- ▶ Provides an **effective** way to deal with a section of code that could branch in **multiple directions** based on **single variable**
- ▶ **Doesn't** support the conditional operators that the **if statement** does
- ▶ **Can't** handle **multiple** variables

SWITCH STATEMENT: SYNTAX



SWITCH STATEMENT: EXAMPLE

```
String drink = "coffee";

switch (drink) {
    case "coffee":
        System.out.println("I would go for Java!");
        break;

    case "tea":
        System.out.println("Everything but Lipton");
        break;

    default:
        System.out.println("Ugh.. What?");
}
```

BUILDING BOOLEAN EXPRESSIONS

THE EQUALITY AND RELATIONAL OPERATORS

Operator	Operation
==	Equal to
!=	Not equal to
>	Greater than
>=	Greater than or equal to
<	Less than
<=	Less than or equal to

CONDITIONAL OPERATORS

Operator	Operation
&&	Conditional AND
	Conditional OR
!	Conditional NOT

COMPLEX BOOLEAN STATEMENT EXAMPLE

Check if x is greater than 5

Make sure that BOTH statements are true

Check if x is lesser than 15

```
int x = 10;  
if ((x > 5) && (x < 15)) {  
    System.out.print("Within bounds!");  
}
```

The diagram illustrates the components of a complex boolean statement in Java. It features three annotations with arrows pointing to specific parts of the code: 'Check if x is greater than 5' points to the condition '(x > 5)', 'Make sure that BOTH statements are true' points to the logical AND operator '&&', and 'Check if x is lesser than 15' points to the condition '(x < 15)'. The code itself is enclosed in a light gray rounded rectangle and shows a variable 'x' initialized to 10, followed by an if-statement that checks if 'x' is both greater than 5 and less than 15. If true, it prints 'Within bounds!'.



BASIC CODE

TESTING APPROACH

TASK OBJECTIVES

1. Write class that returns **max number** from two given numbers
2. Write test scenarios to **verify** method works as **expected**
3. **Run** test scenarios

1. WRITE CLASS SOLVING GIVEN PROBLEM

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

2.A. WRITE TEST CLASS WITH VERIFICATION SCENARIOS

```
public class QuickMathsTest {  
    public void test1() {  
        QuickMaths victim = new QuickMaths();  
  
        int a = 3;  
        int b = 5;  
  
        int expectedResult = 5;  
        int actualResult = victim.max(3, 5);  
  
        check(actualResult, expectedResult, "test1");  
    }  
  
    public void check(int actualResult, int expectedResult, String testName) {  
        if (actualResult == expectedResult) {  
            System.out.println(testName + " has passed!");  
        } else {  
            System.out.println(testName + " has failed!");  
            System.out.println("Expected " + expectedResult + " but was " + actualResult);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

2.B. INSTANTIATE TEST CLASS AND CALL VERIFICATION METHODS

```
public class QuickMathsTest {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        QuickMathsTest testRunner = new QuickMathsTest();  
        testRunner.test1();  
    }  
    ...  
}
```


3. RUN AND CHECK RESULTS

test1 has passed!

Process finished with exit code 0

LOOPING STATEMENTS

OVERVIEW

- ▶ There may be situation when you need to execute a block of code several **number of times**
- ▶ A loop statement **allows** us to execute a statement or group of statements **multiple times**
- ▶ Looping statements available:
 1. while
 2. for
 3. do...while

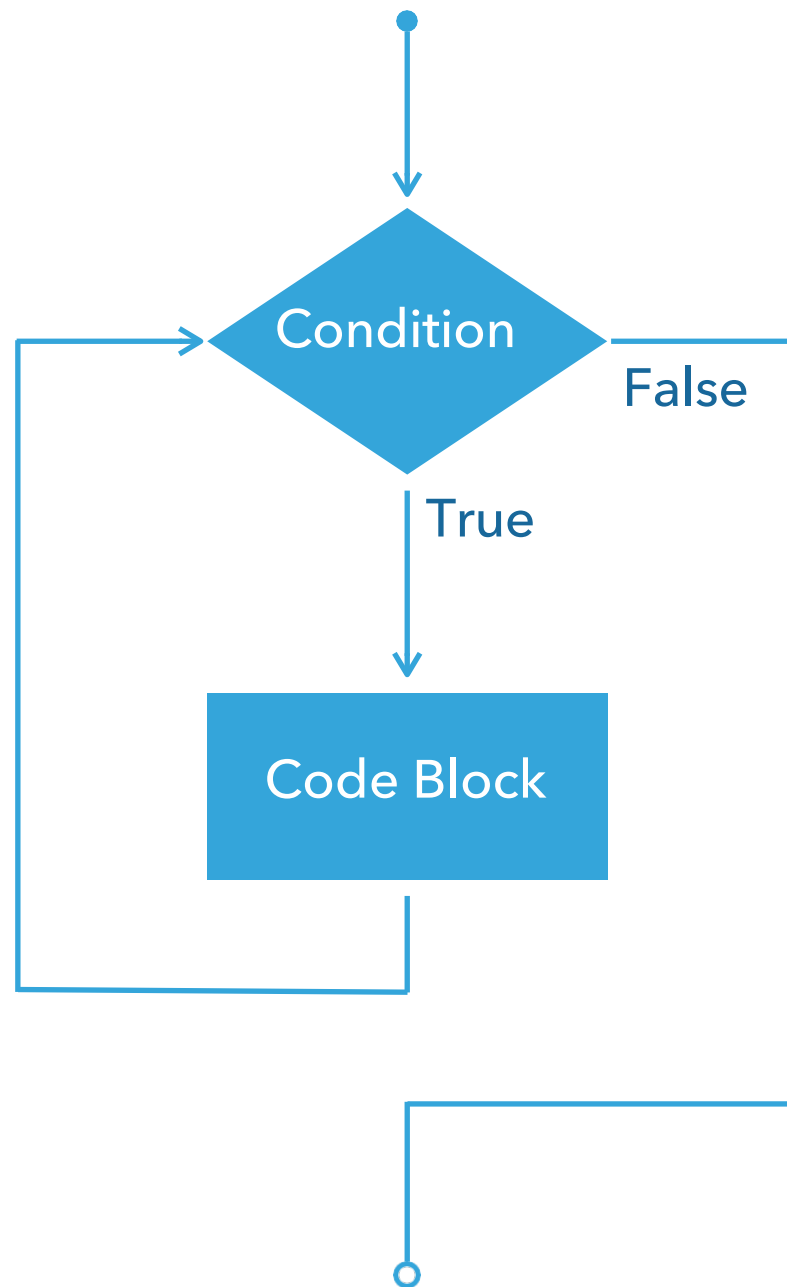
COMMON LOOPS STRUCTURE

- ▶ There is a **control variable**, called the **loop counter**
- ▶ Loop variable must be **initialized**
- ▶ The **increment or decrement** of the control variable, which is modified each time the iteration of the loop occurs
- ▶ The **loop condition** that determines if the looping should continue or the program should break from it

WHILE LOOP: SUMMARY

- ▶ Repeats a statement or block of statements **while** its controlling boolean expression is **true**
- ▶ Boolean expression is evaluated **before** the first iteration of the loop, hence **executed zero or many times**
- ▶ Usually used when number of iterations **depends**

WHILE LOOP: FLOWCHART



WHILE LOOP: SYNTAX

while loop
declaration keyword

Loop condition

```
while (expression) {  
    statement...;  
}
```

Statement(s) that executed inside
of the loop body

WHILE LOOP: CODE EXAMPLE

Code

```
int i = 0;
while (i < 5) {
    System.out.print("i = " + i + "; ");
    i++;
}
```

Console output

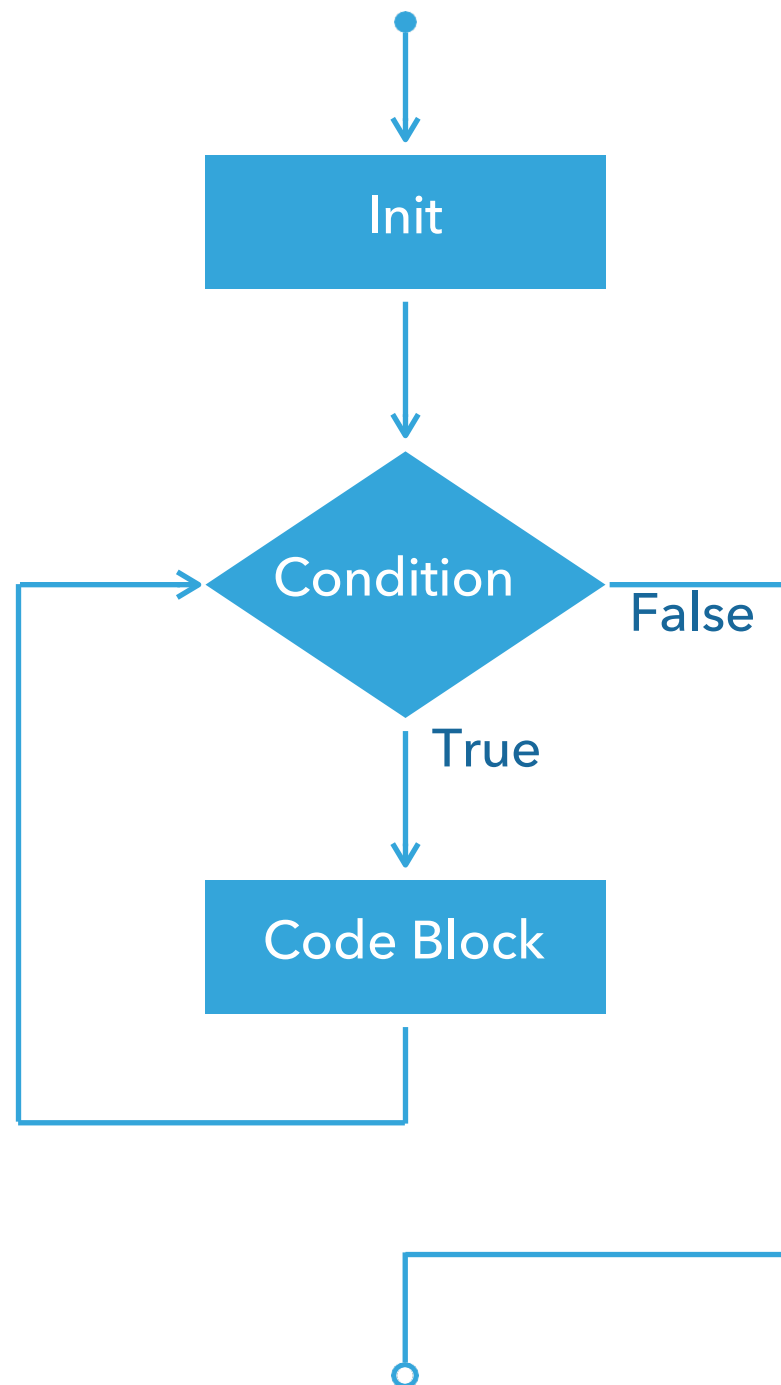
```
i = 0; i = 1; i = 2; i = 3; i = 4;
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```

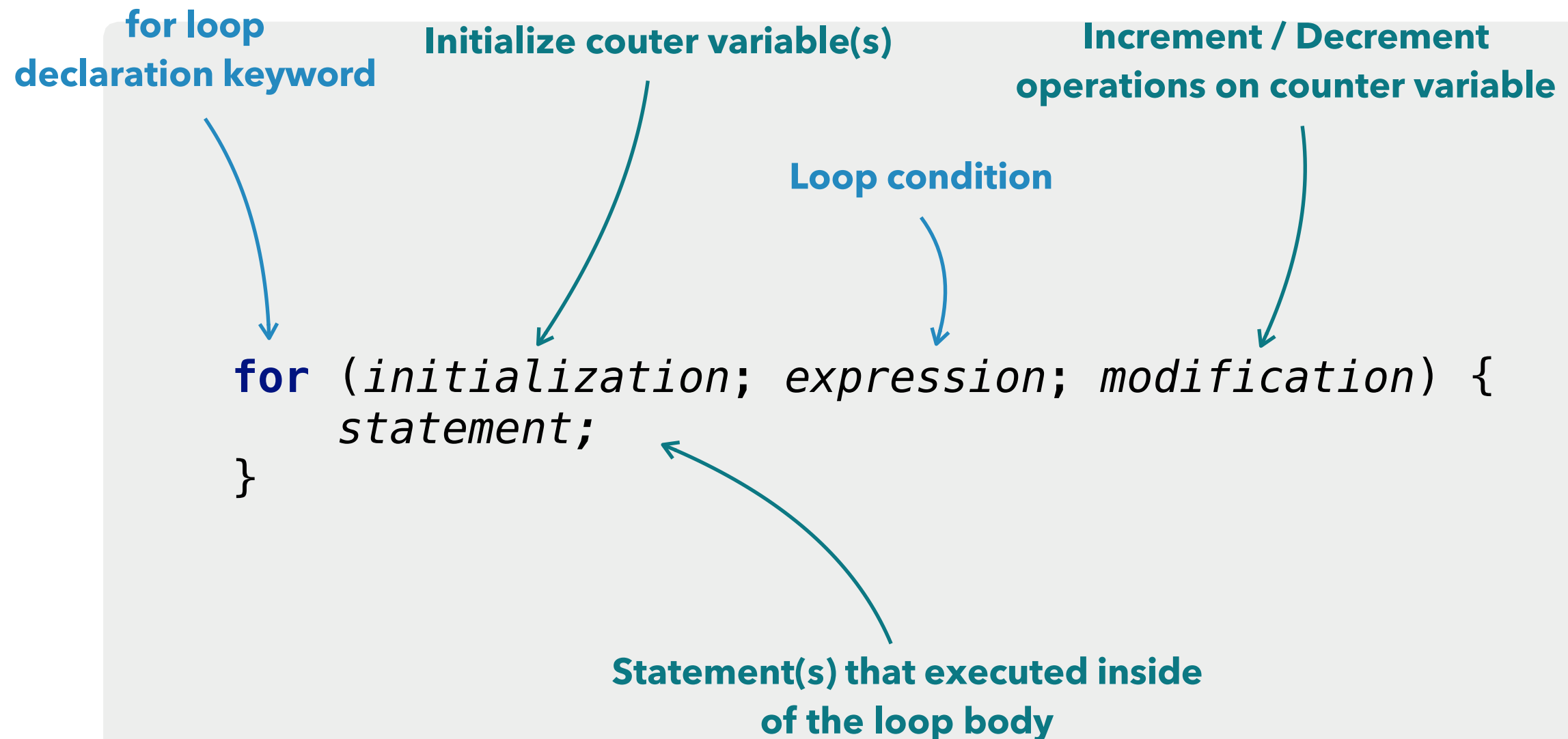

FOR LOOP: SUMMARY

- ▶ Control structure that allows us to repeat certain operations by **incrementing** or **decrementing** and **evaluating** a **loop counter**
- ▶ Boolean expression is evaluated **before** the first iteration of the loop, hence **executed zero or many times**
- ▶ Usually used when number of **iterations** are known in advance

FOR LOOP: FLOWCHART



FOR LOOP: SYNTAX



FOR LOOP: CODE EXAMPLE

Code

```
for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {  
    System.out.print("i=" + i + "; ");  
}
```

Console output

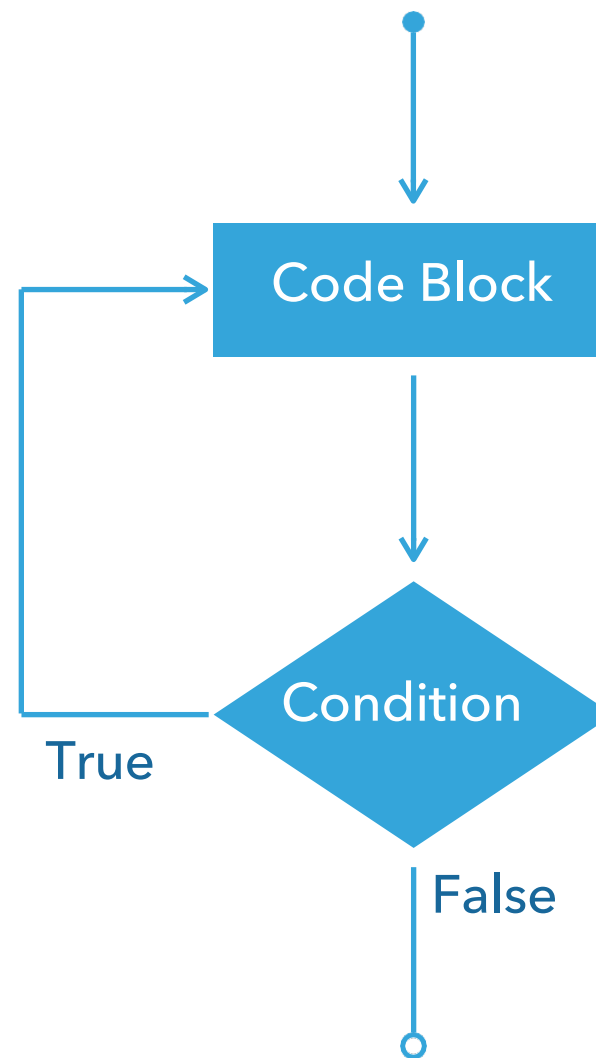
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i = 0; i = 1; i = 2; i = 3; i = 4;
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```

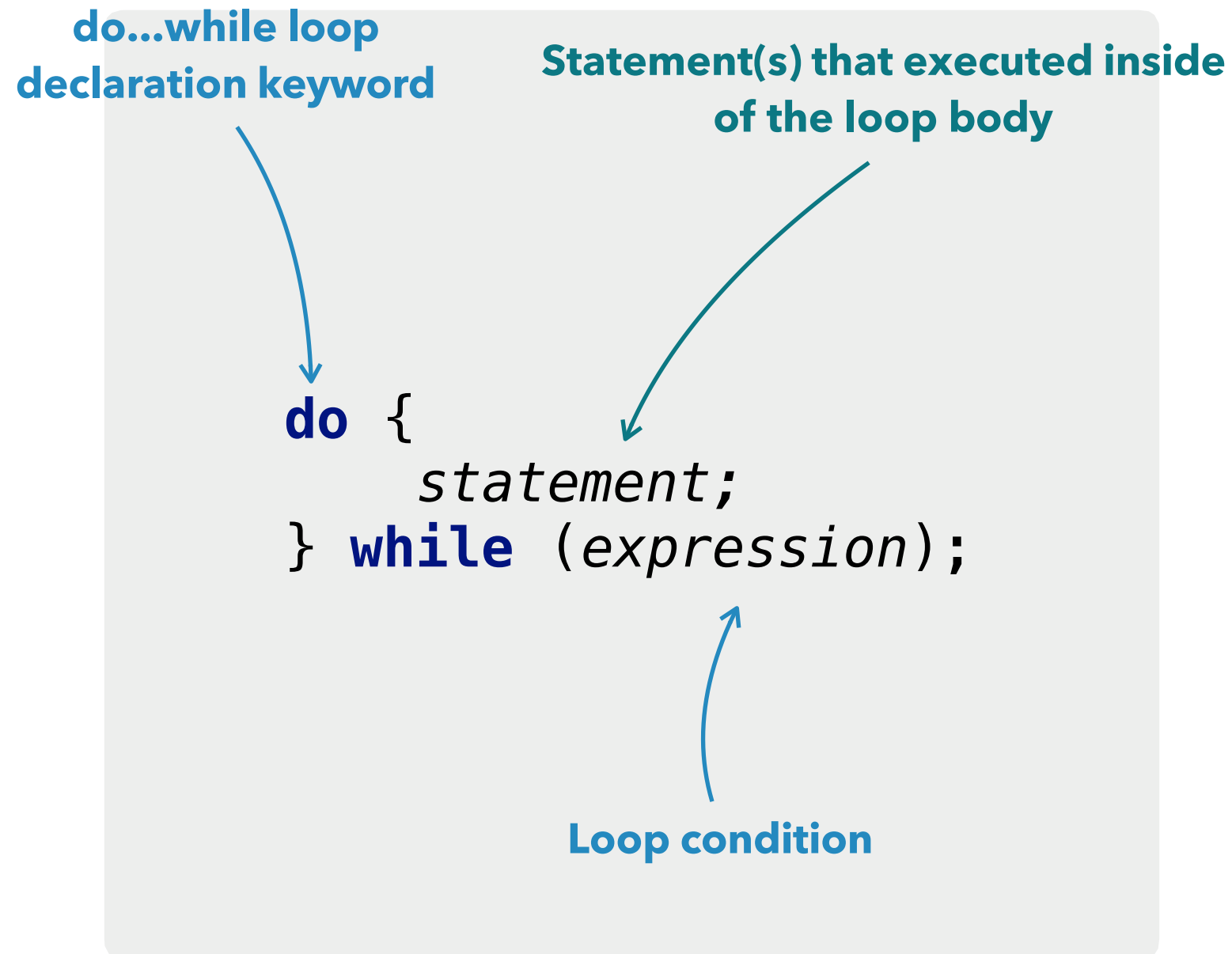
DO WHILE LOOP: SUMMARY

- ▶ Repeats a statement or block of statements **while** its controlling boolean expression is **true**
- ▶ Boolean expression is evaluated **after** the first iteration of the loop, hence **executed one or many times**
- ▶ Usually used when number of **iterations** are known in advance

DO WHILE LOOP: FLOWCHART



DO WHILE LOOP: SYNTAX



DO WHILE LOOP: CODE EXAMPLE

Code

```
int i = 0;
do {
    System.out.print("i = " + i + "; ");
    i++;
} while (i < 5);
```

Console output

```
i = 0; i = 1; i = 2; i = 3; i = 4;
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```


BRANCHING **STATEMENTS IN** **LOOPS**

BRANCHING STATEMENTS IN LOOPS

- ▶ Branching statements are used to **change normal flow** of execution **based** on some **condition**
- ▶ Branching statements available in loops:
 1. break
 2. continue

BREAK STATEMENT: OVERVIEW

- ▶ Terminates the **innermost** for, while, do...while statement
- ▶ When the break statement encountered, the loop is immediately **terminated** and the program control resumes at the next statement following the loop

BREAK STATEMENT: EXAMPLE

Code

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    if (i == 3) {  
        break;  
    }  
    System.out.print("i = " + i + "; ");  
}
```

Console output

```
i = 0; i = 1; i = 2;
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```

CONTINUE STATEMENT: OVERVIEW

- ▶ In a **for loop**, the **continue** keyword causes control to **immediately** jump to the **modification statement**
- ▶ In a **while** or **do...while** loop, causes control to **immediately** jump to the **boolean expression**

CONTINUE STATEMENT: EXAMPLE

Code

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {  
    if (i % 2 == 0) {  
        continue;  
    }  
    System.out.print("i = " + i + "; ");  
}
```

Console output

```
i = 1; i = 3; i = 5; i = 7; i = 9;
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```

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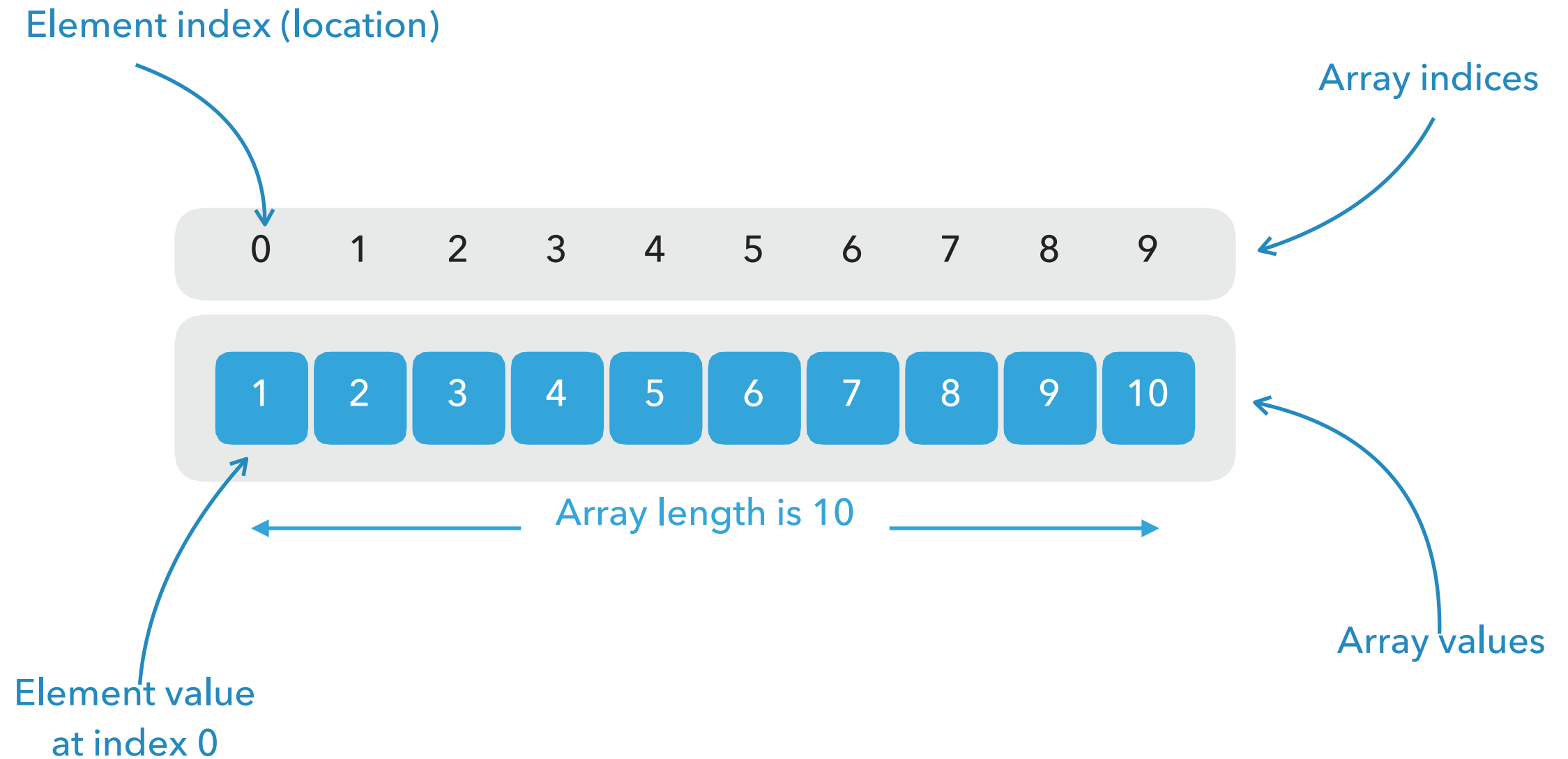
ARRAYS

OVERVIEW

DEFINITION

- ▶ An array is a **container** object that holds a **fixed** number of values of a **single type**
- ▶ The **length** of an array is established when the array is **created**
- ▶ **After** creation, its **length is fixed**

ARRAYS VISUALISATION



ARRAYS DECLARATION: SYNTAX

- ▶ Array declaration **without** instantiation

```
type[] name;
```

- ▶ Array declaration **with** instantiation

```
type[] name = new type[size];
```

- ▶ Array declaration **with** inline initialization

```
type[] name = {var1, ..., varN};
```

ARRAY DECLARATION: INSTANTIATION CODE EXAMPLE

Code

```
int[] leapYears = new int[3];  
leapYears[0] = 2020; leapYears[1]= 2016; leapYears[2] = 2012;  
System.out.println("Leap years = " + Arrays.toString(leapYears));
```

Console output

```
Leap years = [2020, 2016, 2012]
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```

ARRAY DECLARATION: INLINE INITIALIZATION CODE EXAMPLE

Code

```
int[] leapYears = {2020, 2016, 2012};  
System.out.println("Leap years = " + Arrays.toString(leapYears));
```

Console output

```
Leap years = [2020, 2016, 2012]
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```

PROCESSING ARRAYS

WORKING WITH ARRAYS

- ▶ When working with arrays, **loops** are often used because of array **iterable** nature
- ▶ Array contains elements of the **single type** and **size** is **fixed** and known in advance

1. EXAMPLE: PRINTING ARRAY CONTENT

```
public class PrintingArrayDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String[] alphabet = new String[5];  
  
        alphabet[0] = "A";  
        alphabet[1] = "B";  
        alphabet[2] = "C";  
        alphabet[3] = "D";  
        alphabet[4] = "E";  
  
        for (int i = 0; i < alphabet.length; i++){  
            System.out.println "[" + i + "]: " + alphabet[i]);  
        }  
    }  
}
```


2. EXAMPLE: SUM OF ARRAY ELEMENTS

```
public class SumOfArrayElementsDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int[] numbers = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};  
        int sum = 0;  
  
        for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {  
            sum += numbers[i];  
        }  
  
        System.out.println("Sum = " + sum);  
    }  
}
```

3. EXAMPLE: FIND SMALLEST ELEMENT IN ARRAY

```
public class SmallestArrayElementDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int[] numbers = {61, 97, 4, 37, 12};  
        int min = numbers[0];  
  
        for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {  
            if (numbers[i] < min) {  
                min = numbers[i];  
            }  
        }  
  
        System.out.println("min = " + min);  
    }  
}
```

ADVANCED ITERATION METHODS

FOR EACH (ENHANCED) LOOP: SUMMARY

- ▶ For each loop, also known as enhanced loop, is **another way** to traverse the array
- ▶ There is **no use** of the **index** or rather the **counter variable**
- ▶ Data type declared in the foreach **must match** the data type of the array that you are iterating
- ▶ Can access only **current** element
- ▶ **Significantly** reduces amount of code

FOR EACH (ENHANCED) LOOP: SYNTAX

for each loop declaration

```
type[] name = {var1, ..., varN};
```

```
for (type item : name) {  
    statements...  
}
```

Iterator
specification

Statement(s) that executed inside
of the loop body

FOR EACH (ENHANCED) LOOP: CODE EXAMPLE

```
public class ForEachDemo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String[] dogBreeds = {  
            "Beagle",  
            "Golden Retriever",  
            "Pug",  
            "Shiba Inu"  
        };  
  
        for (String breed : dogBreeds) {  
            System.out.println(breed);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

STATIC KEYWORD OVERVIEW

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- ▶ The keyword static indicates that the particular member belongs to a **type itself**, rather than to an **instance** of that type
- ▶ Only **one instance** of that static member is created which is **shared** across all instances of class
- ▶ **Can be applied** to the following elements:
 - ▶ Fields (variables)
 - ▶ Methods
 - ▶ Inner methods
 - ▶ Static code block

STATIC FIELDS

- ▶ Exactly a single copy of static field is created and shared among instances of that class
- ▶ No matter how many times class is initialized.. Always single copy of static field

1. STATIC FIELDS CODE EXAMPLE: MESSAGE CLASS

```
public class Message {  
    public static int instancesCreated = 0;  
  
    private String text;  
  
    public Message(String text) {  
        this.text = text;  
  
        System.out.println("Creating message = '" + text + "'");  
        instancesCreated++;  
    }  
}
```

2. STATIC FIELDS CODE EXAMPLE: MESSAGE CLASS

Code

```
System.out.println("Created = " + Message.instancesCreated);  
Message greeting = new Message("Hi!");  
Message question = new Message("How are you?");  
Message farewell = new Message("Goodbye!");  
System.out.println("Created = " + Message.instancesCreated);
```

Console output

```
Created = 0  
Creating message = 'Hi!'  
Creating message = 'How are you?'  
Creating message = 'Goodbye!'  
Created = 3
```

REASONS TO USE STATIC FIELDS

- ▶ When the value of variable is **independent** of objects
- ▶ When the value is supposed to be **shared** across all objects

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ▶ Since static fields belong to a class, they can be accessed directly using class name and don't need any object reference
- ▶ Static variables can only be declared at the class level
- ▶ Static fields can be accessed without object initialization
- ▶ Although static field can be accessed through reference, access via class name is preferred

STATIC METHODS

- ▶ Also belong to a **class** instead of the object
- ▶ Can be called **without** creating the object of the class in which they reside
- ▶ Generally used to perform an operation that is **not dependent** upon instance creation
- ▶ Widely used to create utility classes so that they can be obtained **without creating** a new object of these classes

1. STATIC METHODS CODE EXAMPLE: MATHS CLASS

```
public class QuickMaths {  
    public static int min(int[] numbers) {  
        if (numbers.length == 0) {  
            return 0;  
        }  
  
        int min = numbers[0];  
  
        for (int number : numbers) {  
            if (number < min) {  
                min = number;  
            }  
        }  
  
        return min;  
    }  
}
```

2. STATIC METHODS CODE EXAMPLE: MATHS CLASS

Code

```
int[] values = {44, 65, 61, 16, 89};  
int result = QuickMaths.min(values);  
System.out.println("result = " + result);
```

Console output

```
result = 16
```

```
Process finished with exit code 0
```


REASONS TO USE STATIC METHODS

- ▶ To **access** or manipulate static variables and other static members that don't depend upon objects
- ▶ Widely used in **stateless** utility classes

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- ▶ Static methods cannot be **overridden**
- ▶ Instance methods can **directly access** both **instance methods** and **instance variables**
- ▶ Instance methods can **directly access** both **static variables** and **static methods**
- ▶ Static methods **can access** all **static variables** and other **static methods**
- ▶ Static methods **cannot** access instance variables and instance methods directly; only via **object reference**

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