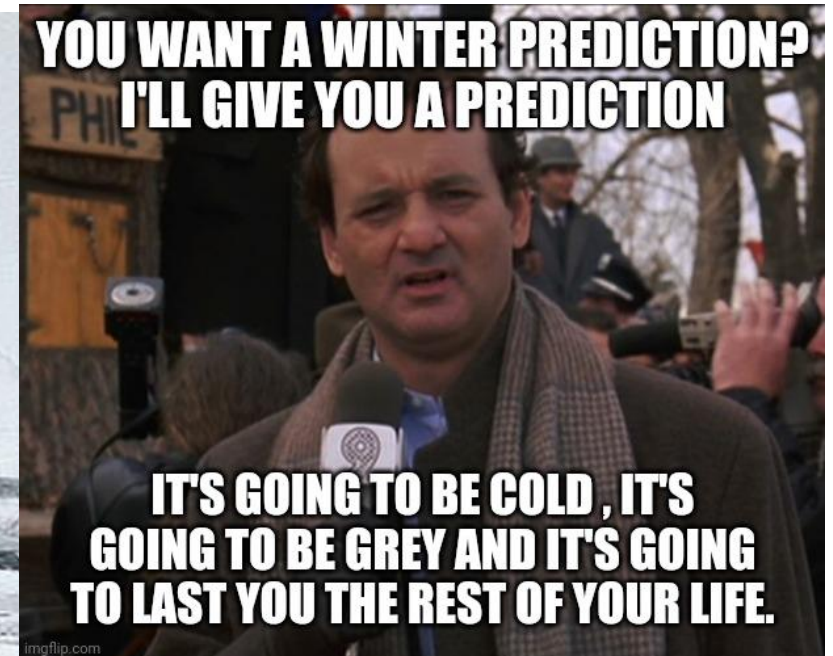


REPETITION

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REPETITION, OR *ITERATION*, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT CONCEPT WE'LL STUDY IN THIS CLASS

- The key to the power of computer programming is to recognize repetitive patterns and *generalize* those patterns
- Example: print the numbers 1-10 in the Console
- The only way we could do this knowing what we know now would be to use 10 separate `println()` statements

THE BRUTE FORCE SOLUTION

```
SKETCH_220130a
1 println(1);
2 println(2);
3 println(3);
4 println(4);
5 println(5);
6 println(6);
7 println(7);
8 println(8);
9 println(9);
10 println(10);
11
```



THE BRUTE FORCE SOLUTION: LIMITATIONS

- The brute force solution is correct...but what if we wanted all the numbers from 1 to 1000?
- Brute force involves way too much work (and way too much code!)
- Instead, we should look for a repetitive pattern
- Here, we want to do *the same thing* to each of the values starting with 1 and going up to 10 (print them to the console)



REPETITION IN PROGRAMMING: THE KEY

- We need to write the operation to be performed in a *general* way (using a **variable**)
- Here, the operation to be performed is

```
println(x);
```
- We want to do that for all the values from 1 to 10

USING A VARIABLE IN THIS SOLUTION

```
1 int x = 1;  
2  
3 println(x);  
4 x += 1;  
5 println(x);  
6 x += 1;  
7 println(x);  
8 x += 1;  
9 println(x);  
10 x += 1;  
11 println(x);  
12 x += 1;  
13 println(x);  
14 x += 1;  
15 println(x);  
16 x += 1;  
17 println(x);  
18 x += 1;  
19 println(x);  
20 x += 1;  
21 println(x);  
22  
23
```

WHAT OPERATIONS ARE BEING REPEATED?

- Done **once** at the beginning:

```
int x = 1;
```

- Done **ten times** in a row:

```
println(x);
```

```
x += 1;
```

THE `for` STATEMENT IN PROCESSING

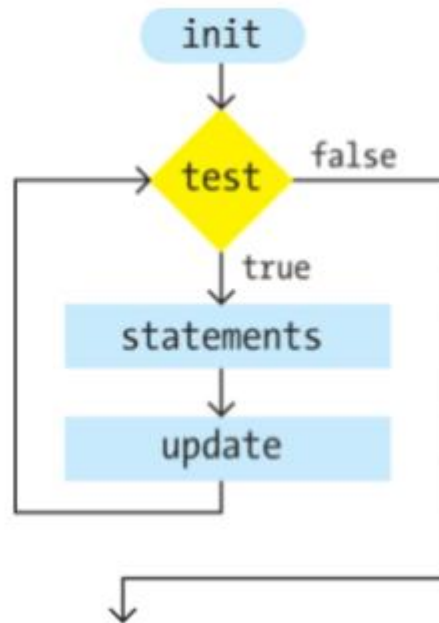
- Purpose: repeatedly execute a block of code a specific number of times

```
for (int x = 1; x <= 10; x++) {  
    println(x);  
}
```

- What if we wanted all the numbers from 1 to 1000? Much easier this way!

** `x++` could also be written as `x+=1` or `x = x + 1` ... they all work!

THE `for` STATEMENT IN PROCESSING: THE LOGIC



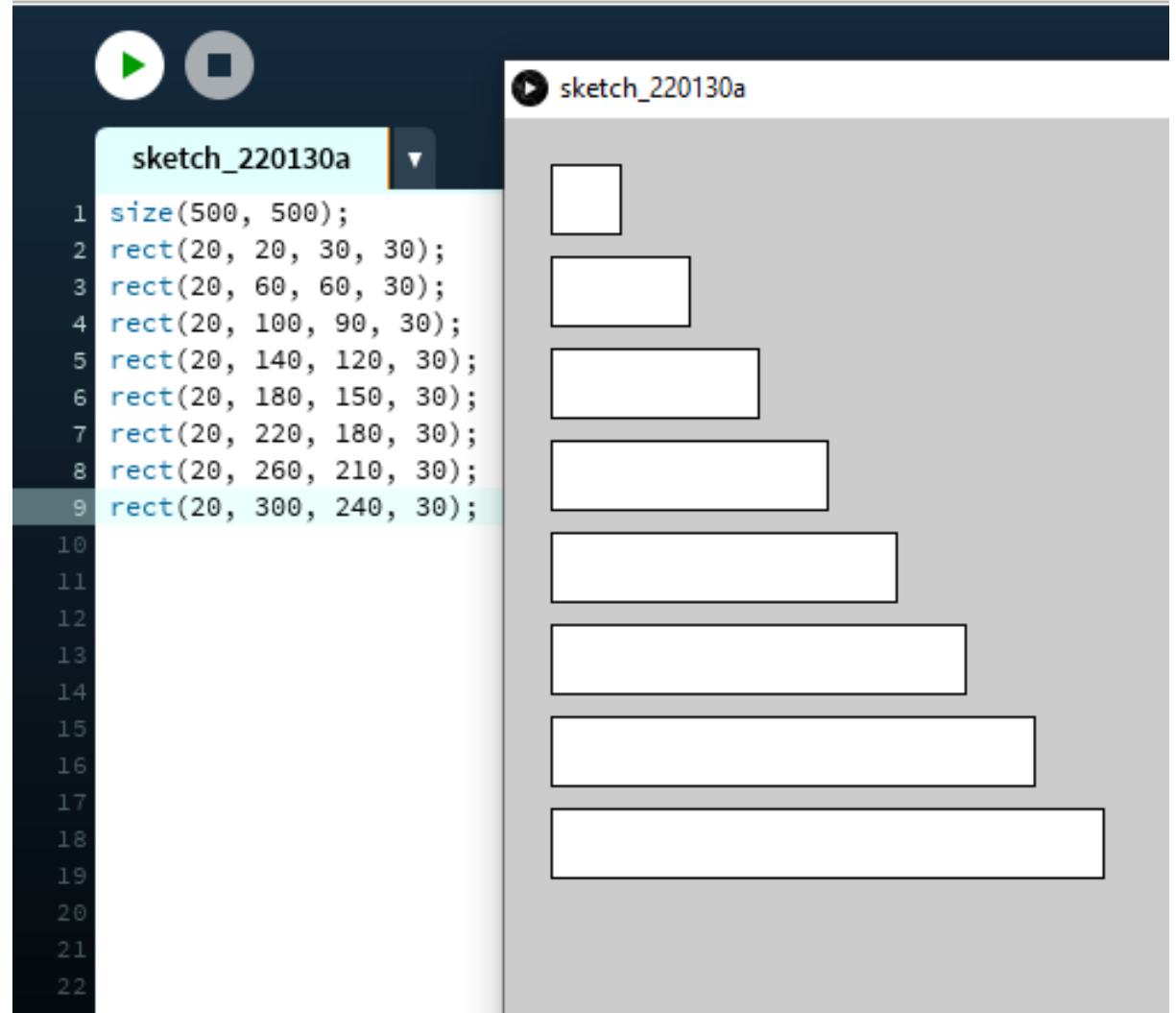
```
for (init; test; update) {  
    statements  
}
```

WHERE'S THE REPETITION?



WHERE'S THE REPETITION IN THE CODE?

- Consider this example – what does it do?
- What is changing from line to line, and what is staying the same?



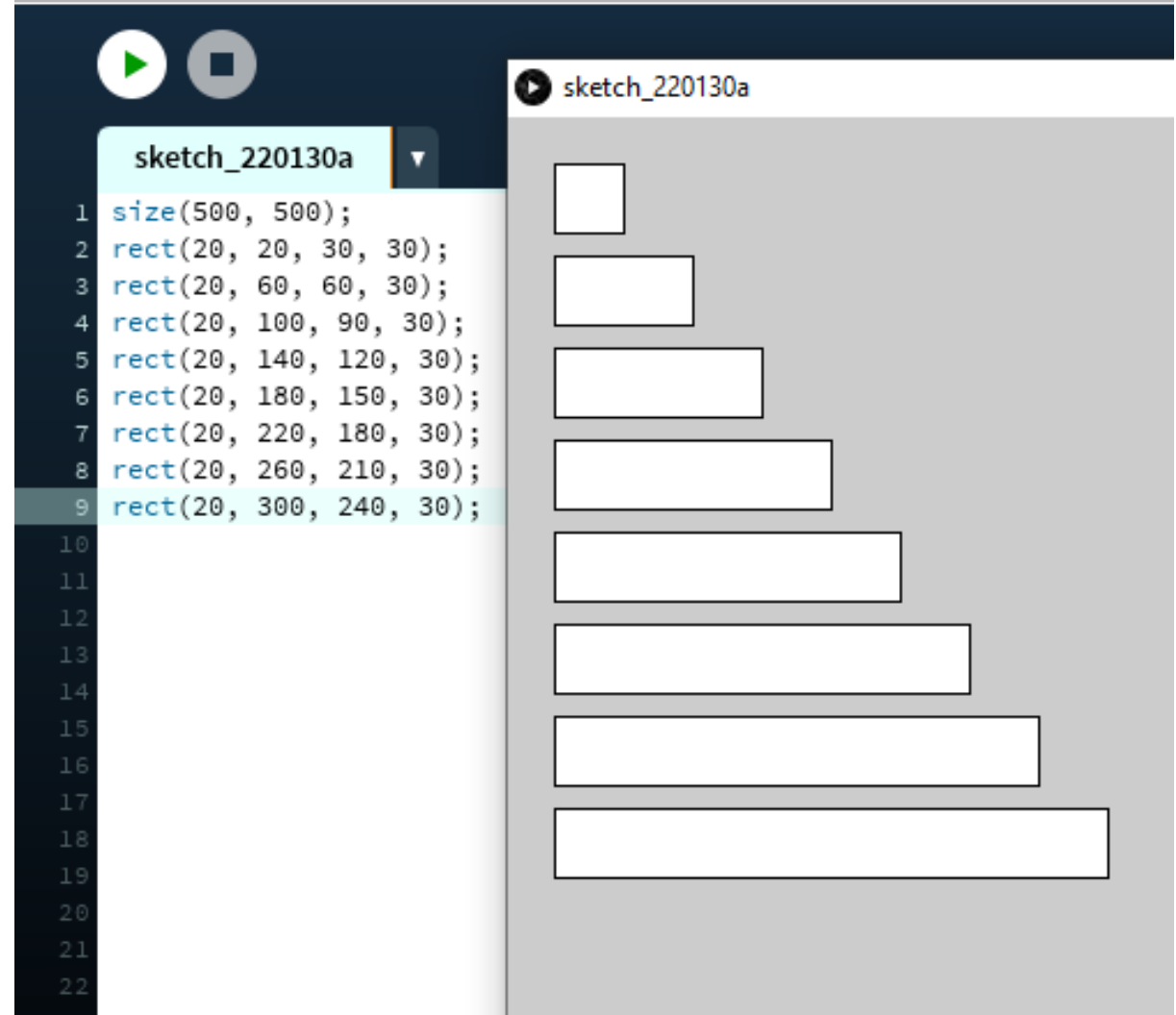
The image shows a code editor window on the left and a sketch window on the right. The code editor displays the following code for a sketch named 'sketch_220130a':

```
1 size(500, 500);  
2 rect(20, 20, 30, 30);  
3 rect(20, 60, 60, 30);  
4 rect(20, 100, 90, 30);  
5 rect(20, 140, 120, 30);  
6 rect(20, 180, 150, 30);  
7 rect(20, 220, 180, 30);  
8 rect(20, 260, 210, 30);  
9 rect(20, 300, 240, 30);
```

The sketch window, titled 'sketch_220130a', shows a visual representation of the code. It displays a series of nine white rectangles with black outlines, arranged vertically. Each rectangle has a width of 30 units and a height of 30 units. The x-coordinate for all rectangles is 20. The y-coordinate for each rectangle is 30 units greater than the previous one, starting from 20 and ending at 300. This results in a staircase-like pattern of rectangles.

WHAT'S CHANGING? WHAT'S THE SAME?

- The **vertical position** of each rectangle changes
- The **width** of each rectangle changes
- But the **horizontal position** and **length** of each rectangle stays the same
- How can we generalize this idea and use repetition?



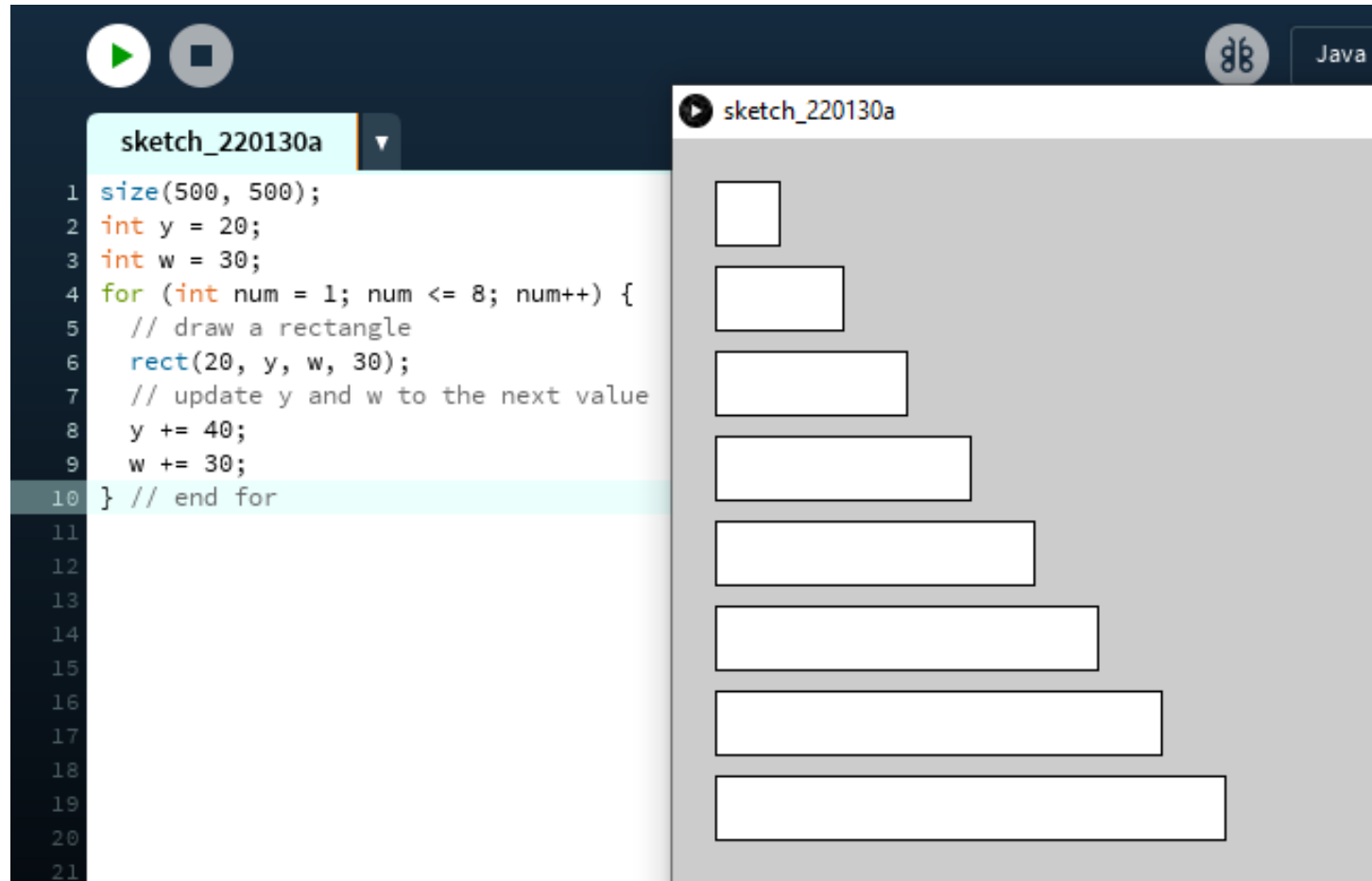
GENERALIZING WITH VARIABLES

- Write the statement *once*, with variables for what changes and constants for everything else
- We can use *y* for the vertical position and *w* for the width of the rectangle

```
rect(20, y, w, 30);
```

- *y* should start at 20 and *w* should start at 30
- Draw the rectangle, then increase *y* by 40 and increase *w* by 30
- Repeat this once for each rectangle to be drawn (in this case, that means 8 times)

HERE'S THE REPETITION!



The screenshot shows a Java IDE with a code editor on the left and a preview window on the right. The code editor displays a sketch named 'sketch_220130a' with the following code:

```
1 size(500, 500);
2 int y = 20;
3 int w = 30;
4 for (int num = 1; num <= 8; num++) {
5   // draw a rectangle
6   rect(20, y, w, 30);
7   // update y and w to the next value
8   y += 40;
9   w += 30;
10 } // end for
```

The preview window, also titled 'sketch_220130a', shows the result of the code: a series of 8 white rectangles with black outlines, arranged in a staircase pattern. Each rectangle is 20 units wide and 30 units high, and each subsequent rectangle is shifted 40 units to the right and 30 units down from the previous one.

- What if we want to make 5 rectangles, or 12?
- Just change the number of times the loop is executed!