

Java for Android:

for Loops

Code Walk Through 1

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Word Game Score Calculator

- User provides a word entered on their turn of a game
- Our job is to calculate a score
 - Two points awarded per letter
 - Points are doubled if:
 - Word is at least four characters, and
 - The number of vowels is greater than or equal to the number of consonants

Word Game Score Calculator

- To calculate a score we need to:
 1. Determine the number of characters
 2. Count the number of vowels
 3. Compare the number of vowels to the number of consonants

We'll address these one at a time...

Determine the number of characters

- To determine the number of characters, we can simply call the `length()` method of the `String` class:

```
//get word from Android UI  
String word = out.getWord();  
int numChars = word.length();
```

Count the number of vowels

- To determine the number of vowels, we will iterate over all character of the string and for each character determine if it is a vowel
 - Use a for-loop since the number of character is already known
- We can access a single character from the string using the `charAt()` method, indicating the index of the character we want
- Indices of the characters are zero-based

Count the number of vowels

- Loop over all the characters, using zero-based indexing:

```
for (int i=0; i<numChars; i++) {  
    char ch = word.charAt(i);  
    ...  
}
```

Count the number of vowels

- To count the number of vowels, we will use a cumulative sum loop:

```
int numVowels = 0;
for (int i=0; i<numChars; i++) {
    char ch = word.charAt(i);
    // if ch is a vowel, increment numVowels
}
```

Count the number of vowels

- To determine if a character is a vowel, we'll convert it to lower case and then compare it to 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', and 'u':

```
ch = Character.toLowerCase(ch);  
if (ch=='a' || ch=='e' || ch=='i' ||  
    ch=='o' || ch=='u') {  
    numVowels++;  
}
```


Code so far...

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String word = out.getWord(); //get word from Android UI  
int numChars = word.length();  
int numVowels = 0;  
for (int i=0; i<numChars; i++) {  
    char ch = word.charAt(i);  
    ch = Character.toLowerCase(ch);  
    if (ch=='a' || ch=='e' || ch=='i' ||  
        ch=='o' || ch=='u') {  
        numVowels++;  
    }  
}
```

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- Now we can compute the score:
 - Two points awarded per letter
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- Two points are awarded per letter:

```
int score = 2 * numChars;
```

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```
if (numChars >= 4 &&  
    numVowels >= (numChars-numVowels)) {  
    score = 2 * score;  
}
```

Here's our final code:

```
String word = out.getWord(); //get word from Android UI
int numChars = word.length();
int numVowels = 0;
for (int i=0; i<numChars; i++) {
    char ch = word.charAt(i);
    ch = Character.toLowerCase(ch);
    if (ch=='a' || ch=='e' || ch=='i' || ch=='o' || ch=='u') {
        numVowels++;
    }
}
int score = 2 * numChars;    // score two points per letter
if (numChars >= 4 && numVowels >= (numChars-numVowels)) {
    score = 2 * score;        // double the score when appropriate
}
out.println("Your score is: " + score);
```