

# The IF-ELSE Statement

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A byte size lesson in Java programming.

# Why use an IF statement?

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- In Java, the IF statement allows us to run a block of code based on a **condition**.
- If it is sunny, play outside.

```
if (condition) {  
    // play outside  
}
```

# Breaking it down

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```
if (condition) {  
  ...  
}
```

- The first part has the condition.
- If the condition is TRUE, then the block is run.




## Condition is true

```
int number = 10;  
  
if (number > 0) {  
    // code  
}  
  
// code after if
```

A red arrow originates from the opening curly brace of the if statement, points right, then down, and finally right again to point at the code inside the block, indicating that the code inside the if block is executed when the condition is true.

## Condition is false

```
int number = 10;  
  
if (number < 0) {  
    // code  
}  
  
// code after if
```

A red arrow originates from the opening curly brace of the if statement, points right, then down, and finally right again to point at the code after the if block, indicating that the code inside the if block is skipped and execution continues with the code after the if block when the condition is false.

# Let's test your understanding!

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- What will the output of the following code be?

```
int number = 10;  
  
// checks if number is less than 0  
if (number < 0) {  
    System.out.println("Number is negative.");  
}  
  
System.out.println("Statement outside if block");
```

# Taking it further, IF-ELSE

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```
if (condition) {  
    // codes in if block  
}  
else {  
    // codes in else block  
}
```

- Sometimes we want to have a different block for what to do if the condition is NOT met.
- **If** sunny, play outside, **else** stay inside.



## Condition is true

```
int number = 5;
```

```
if (number > 0) {  
    // code  
}
```

```
else {  
    // code  
}
```

```
// code after if...else
```

## Condition is false

```
int number = 5;
```

```
if (number < 0) {  
    // code  
}
```

```
else {  
    // code  
}
```

```
// code after if...else
```

# Let's test your understanding!

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- What will the output of the following code be?

```
int number = 10;

// checks if number is greater than 0
if (number > 0) {
    System.out.println("The number is positive.");
}

// execute this block
// if number is not greater than 0
else {
    System.out.println("The number is not positive.");
}

System.out.println("Statement outside if...else block");
```



- What will this code output?

```
String name = "Mark";  
  
if (name == "John") {  
    System.out.println("Hello John");  
}  
else {  
    System.out.println("Hi there!");  
}  
  
System.out.println("Welcome");
```

# Taking it further, IF-ELSE-IF

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```
if (condition1) {  
    // codes in if block  
}  
else if (condition2) {  
    // codes in else block  
}  
else{  
    // codes in else block  
}
```

- We can create an IF-ELSE-IF ladder to create a number of condition checks
- **If** sunny, play outside, **else if** cloudy play outside but take an umbrella **else** stay inside.

- What will this code output?

```
int score = 55;

if (score < 10) {
    System.out.println("Poor score");
}
else if (score < 50) {
    System.out.println("Almost passed");
}
else {
    System.out.println("Passed!");
}
```