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Java Logic and Repetition

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Lecture Topics

- Relational and Logical Operators
- Decision Structures
 - If/If-Else Structures
 - Switch Structures
 - Conditional Operator
- String Comparison

- Repetitive Structures
 - While Loops
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- Branching Statements
- Infinite Loops
- Random Number Generators

Colors/Fonts

 Local Variable Names **Brown** Primitive data types **Fuchsia** Literals Blue Keywords Orange Object names Green Operators/Punctuation – Black Field Names Lt Blue Method Names **Purple** Parameter Names Gold Comments Gray Package Names **Pink**

Source Code - Consolas
Output - Courier New

Relational Operators

- Java's relational operators are the same as Python's.
 - Each operator returns true or false
 - == Equality Operator
 - != Inequality Operator
 - > Greater Than Operator
 - < Less Than Operator
 - >= Greater Than or Equal To Operator
 - <= Less Than or Equal To Operator</p>

Logical Operators

• Java's logical operators behave like Python's, but they are symbols instead of keywords.

```
&& And Operator| Or Operator (Shift+\ on keyboard)! Not Operator
```

Operator Precedence

0. ()

Expressions in parentheses are always evaluated first.

1. !, -

Not Operator, Unary Negation (-5)

2. *, /, %

Multiplication, Division, Modulus

3. +, -

Addition, Subtraction

4. <, >, <=, >=

Less than (or equal), Greater than (or equal)

5. ==, !=

Equal to, Not equal to

6. &&

And Operator

7. ||

Or Operator

8. =, +=, -=, *=, /=, %= Assignment and Augmented Assignment

If Statements

- An if statement in Java works like if statements in Python.
 - The code will be "skipped" if its Boolean expression evaluates to false.
- The syntax for an if statement in Java is shown below.
 - The biggest difference from Python is the inclusion of braces and the condition must be in parentheses.

```
if(Boolean Expression) {
   //code that will be
   //executed if the Boolean Expression
   //evaluates to true
}
```

If Statement

```
int length = 50;
int maxLength = 100;
if(length >= 0 && length < maxLength) {</pre>
  System.out.print("This is a ");
  System.out.println("valid length.");
This is a valid length.
```

Else Clauses

- An else clause in Java works like an else clause in Python.
- The syntax for an else clause in Java is shown below.

```
if(Boolean Expression) {
    //code that will be
    //executed if the condition
    //evaluates to true
}
else {
    //code that will be
    //executed if the condition
    //evaluates to false
}
```

Else Clause

```
int day = 10;
if(day > 0 && day <= 30) {
  System.out.print("This is a valid ");
  System.out.println("day in September.");
else {
  System.out.print("This is not a valid ");
  System.out.println("day in September.");
This is a valid day in September.
```

Else Clause

```
int day = 31;
if(day > 0 && day <= 30) {
  System.out.print("This is a valid ");
  System.out.println("day in September.");
else {
  System.out.print("This is not a valid ");
  System.out.println("day in September.");
This is not a valid day in September.
```

Else If Clauses

- An else if clause in Java works like an elif clause in Python.
 - There is no elif keyword in Java.
- The syntax for an else if clause in Java is shown below.

```
if(Boolean Expression 1) {
   //code that will be executed if the expression
   //evaluates to true
}
else if(Boolean Expression 2) {
   //code that will be executed if Boolean Expression 1 was false
   //and this Boolean Expression 2 evaluates to true
}
else {
   //code that will be executed if no previous expressions
   //evaluated to true
}
```

Else If Clauses

```
double temp = 215.5;
if(temp <= 32.0) {
  System.out.println("Water will freeze.");
else if(temp >= 212.0) {
  System.out.println("Water will boil.");
else {
  System.out.println("Water will be liquid.");
Water will boil.
```

If-Else Structure Rules

- The rules are the same as Python.
- If Statements
 - Must always be first.
 - May be followed by any number of else if clauses.
 - May be followed by one else clause.
- Else If Clauses
 - Optional.
 - Must follow an if statement or else if clause.
 - No limit to the number of else if clauses.
 - May be followed by one else clauses.
- Else Clauses
 - Optional.
 - Must follow an if statement or else if clause.
 - Always the last clause.

• A variable's *scope* determines where that variable can be used/accessed in a program.

• As we have seen, variables must be declared before the program can use them to store data.

 Such a variable's scope will generally be the lines of code that follow its declaration.

```
int value1 = 10;
System.out.print("Value 1 is: " + value1);
int value2 = 17;
System.out.print("Value 2 is: " + value2);
int sumOfValues = value1 + value2;
System.out.print("The sum is: " + sumOfValues);
```

- A variable that is only accessible within a particular method, if statement, else clause, while loop, etc. has *local scope*.
 - Usually called a local variable.

- It is possible to have variables with *class scope*.
 - These variables are accessible anywhere within a class.
 - Usually called *global variables*.
 - We will see the use of different types of global variables when we move into object-oriented programming.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
   double totalAmount = 21.0;
   System.out.print("Total cost with shipping: $");
   if(totalAmount >= 30.0) {
      System.out.printf("%.2f", totalAmount);
   else {
      double amountPlusShipping = totalAmount + 10.0;
      System.out.println("%.2f", amountPlusShipping);
   System.out.print("Program Complete.");
```

- A *switch structure* is a decision structure that allows multiple execution paths.
 - Unlike an if-else structure that only allows one execution path.
 - Python does not have a switch structure.
- Values used in a switch structure are limited to:
 - Primitive Types: int, char, byte, short
 - Object Types: String, Character, Byte, Short, Integer
 - Enumerated types (Not shown in this lecture.)

- A switch structure contains (in braces):
 - Collections of statements that are each labeled by the keyword case.
 - A last, optional collection of statements that are labeled by the keyword default.

- The switch structure takes the value of the variable given to it, and tries to match it to a case.
 - It will execute that case's statements when it finds a match.
 - If a match was not found, and a default case is present, it will execute the default case's statements.

The value 4 doesn't match any of the cases, so the default case is executed.

This is the default.

The value 5 matched a case, so that case's code is executed.
But it doesn't stop there... it keeps going, executing all following cases.

The number is five. The number is six. This is the default.

- This is the difference between if-else structures and switch structures.
 - In an if-else structure, there is only one execution path.
 - In a switch structure, there can be multiple execution paths.

```
int myNumber = 6;
if(myNumber == 5) {
    System.out.print("The number ");
    System.out.println("is five.");
}
else if(myNumber == 6) {
    System.out.print("The number ");
    System.out.println("is six.");
}
else {
    System.out.print("This is ");
    System.out.println("the default.");
}
```

```
int myNumber = 6;
switch(myNumber) {
  case 5:    System.out.print("The number ");
        System.out.println("is five.");
  case 6:    System.out.print("The number ");
        System.out.println("is six.");
  default:    System.out.print("This is ");
        System.out.println("the default.");
}
```

Break Statements

 Using a break statement will prevent a case from falling through to the next case.

Break Statements

```
int myNumber = 5;
switch(myNumber) {
  case 5: System.out.print("The number ");
           System.out.println("is five.");
  case 6: System.out.print("The number ");
           System.out.println("is six.");
           break;
 default: System.out.print("This is ");
           System.out.println("the default.");
 The number is five.
 The number is six.
```

Switch Structures (Strings)

```
String moneyString = "USD";
switch(moneyString) {
  case "MXN": System.out.println("Peso");
              break;
  case "EUR": System.out.println("Euro");
              break;
  case "USD": System.out.println("US Dollar");
              break;
              System.out.println("Unknown Currency");
  default:
  US Dollar
```

Break Statements

 A switch structure with a break after every case has no benefit over an equivalent if-else structure.

```
int myNumber = 5;
if(myNumber == 5) {
    System.out.print("The number ");
    System.out.println("is five.");
}
else if(myNumber == 6) {
    System.out.print("The number ");
    System.out.println("is six.");
}
else {
    System.out.print("This is ");
    System.out.println("the default.");
}
```

- Also called "conditional operator" or "ternary operator".
- Uses three operands.

Boolean Expression ? then do this : else do this

```
int fiveItems = 5;
int tenItems = 10;
boolean wantsTenItems = true;
int choice = 0;
choice = wantsTenItems ? tenItems : fiveItems;
System.out.println(choice);
10
```

```
int fiveItems = 5;
int tenItems = 10;
boolean wantsTenItems = false;
int choice = 0;
choice = wantsTenItems ? tenItems : fiveItems;
System.out.println(choice);
```

```
int fiveItems = 5;
int tenItems = 10;
boolean wantsTenItems = false;
int choice = 0;
                                                      Equivalent to
choice = wantsTenItems ? tenItems : fiveItems;
System.out.println(choice);
                                                       if(wantsTenItems) {
                                                           choice = tenItems;
                                                       else {
                                                           choice = fiveItems;
```

```
int fiveItems = 5;
int tenItems = 10;
                                                       Removed
boolean wantsTenItems = false;
int choice = 0;
choice = wantsTenItems ? tenItems : fiveItems;
System.out.println(wantsTenItems ? tenItems : fiveItems);
                                   Can be used in a method
                                   call to decide which to use
                                   as an argument
```

```
String stateName = "PENNSYLVANIA";
String stateAbbr = "PA";
boolean fullStateName = true;
String choice = "";

choice = fullStateName ? stateName.toLowerCase() : stateAbbr.toLowerCase();

System.out.println(choice);

pennsylvania
```

```
String stateName = "PENNSYLVANIA";
String stateAbbr = "PA";
boolean fullStateName = false;
String choice = "";

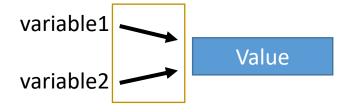
choice = fullStateName ? stateName.toLowerCase() : stateAbbr.toLowerCase();
System.out.println(choice);
```

String Pool

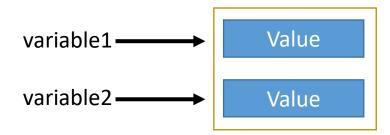
- In Java, when you assign a literal to a String variable, that value is added to a special section of memory called the String Pool.
- When you assign another String variable the same literal, it references the same value in the pool.
 - Java does this to help save space.

String Comparison

- There are two ways to test the equality of Strings:
 - 1. Testing if two String variables *reference* the same value in memory.



2. Testing if the *values* of two String variables are the same.



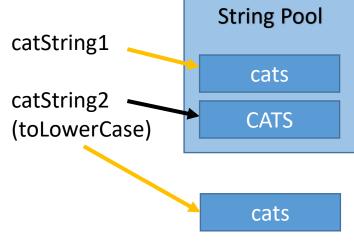
• When you compare two String variables (in Java) using the == or != operators, it tests if the *reference* is the same, not the value.

```
String catString1 = "Cats";
String catString2 = "Cats";
true
if(catString1 == catString2) {
    System.out.println("The Strings are equal");
}
```

```
String catString1 = "cats";
String catString2 = "CATS";

if(catString1 == catString2.toLowerCase()) {
    System.out.println("The Strings are equal");
}
```

• The references are compared, not the values.



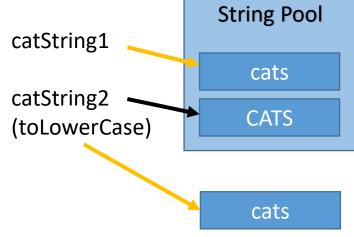
```
String catString1 = "Cats";
String dogString1 = "Dogs";

true

if(catString1 != dogString1) {
    System.out.println("The Strings are not equal");
}
```

```
String catString1 = "cats";
String catString2 = "CATS";
if(catString1 != catString2.toLowerCase()) {
    System.out.println("The Strings are not equal");
}
```

• The references are compared, not the values.



String Comparison (Value)

• To compare the *values* of two Strings, use the String object's **equals** method.

```
String catString1 = "Cats";
String dogString1 = "Dogs";

false
if(catString1.equals(dogString1)) {
    System.out.println("The Strings are equal");
}
else {
    System.out.println("The Strings are not equal");
}
```

String Comparison (Value)

• To test for inequality, negate the result by using the not operator.

```
String catString1 = "Cats";
String dogString1 = "Dogs";

if(!catString1.equals(dogString1)) {
    System.out.println("The Strings are not equal");
}
else {
    System.out.println("The Strings are equal");
}
```

String Comparison (Value)

- The equals method is case sensitive.
- To ignore upper or lowercase characters when comparing the values of two Strings, use the String object's **equalsIgnoreCase** method.

```
String catString1 = "Cats";
String catString2 = "CATS";

true

if(catString1.equalsIgnoreCase(catString2)) {
    System.out.println("The Strings are equal");
}
else {
    System.out.println("The Strings are not equal");
}
```

String Comparison (Length)

- The length method returns the number of characters in a String.
 - Includes any whitespace.

```
String helloString = "Hello World!";
int totalCharacters = helloString.length();
if(totalCharacters == 12) {
}
```

String Comparison (Starting text)

 The startsWith method checks to see if the String begins with the value provided.

String Comparison (Starting text)

The startsWith method is case sensitive.

```
String hello = "Hello World!";

false
if(hello.startsWith("h")) {
}
```

String Comparison (Starting text)

```
String hello = "Hello World!";

true

if(hello.startsWith("Hello W")) {
}
```

String Comparison (Ending text)

• Similar to the startsWith method, the endsWith method tests if the String *ends* with a particular character sequence.

```
String hello = "Hello World";

true
if(hello.endsWith("d")) {
}
```

String Comparison (Ending text)

The endsWith method is case sensitive.

```
String hello = "Hello World";

false
if(hello.endsWith("D")) {
}
```

String Comparison (Ending text)

String methods

| Method | Return Type | Description | Possible Exceptions |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|---------------------|
| equals(String) | boolean | Returns true if the strings are equal, false if not equal; Case sensitive. | None |
| equalsIgnoreCase(String) | boolean | Returns true if the strings are equal, false if not equal; Case insensitive. | None |
| length() | int | Returns the length of the String (number of characters; includes symbols and whitespace) | None |
| startsWith(String) | boolean | Returns true if the String begins with the supplied String, false if it does not. | None |
| endsWith(String) | boolean | Returns true if the String ends with the supplied String, false if it does not. | None |

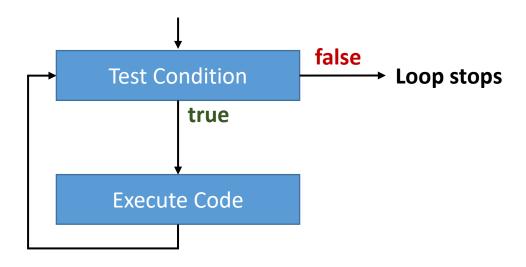
While Loops

- A while loop repeats as long as its Boolean expression is true.
- The syntax for a Java while loop is shown below.

```
while(Boolean Expression) {
   //code that will be
   //executed as long as the
   //Boolean Expression is true
}
```

While Loop (Flow Chart)

A while loop is a pre-test, sentinel-controlled loop.



While Loop

```
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Enter a number between 1 and 10: ");
int input = Integer.parseInt(keyboard.nextLine());
while(input < 1 || input > 10) {
  System.out.println("Error. Try again.");
  System.out.print("Enter a number between 1 and 10: ");
  input = Integer.parseInt(keyboard.nextLine());
System.out.print("Thank you!");
                                    Enter a number between 1 and 10: 11
                                    Error. Try Again.
                                    Enter a number between 1 and 10: 7
                                    Thank you!
```

While Loop

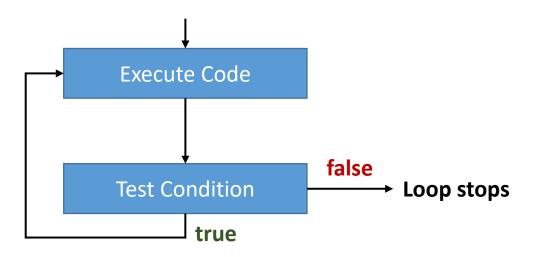
```
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Enter word: ");
String input = keyboard.nextLine();
while(!input.equalsIgnoreCase("exit")) {
  System.out.println("toUpperCase: " + input.toUpperCase());
 //Prompt for input again
  System.out.print("Enter word: ");
                                                     Enter word: cat
  input = keyboard.nextLine();
                                                      toUpperCase: CAT
                                                     Enter word: dog
System.out.print("Goodbye!");
                                                      toUpperCase: DOG
                                                     Enter word: llama
                                                      toUpperCase: LLAMA
                                                     Enter word: exit
                                                      Goodbye!
```

Do-While Loop

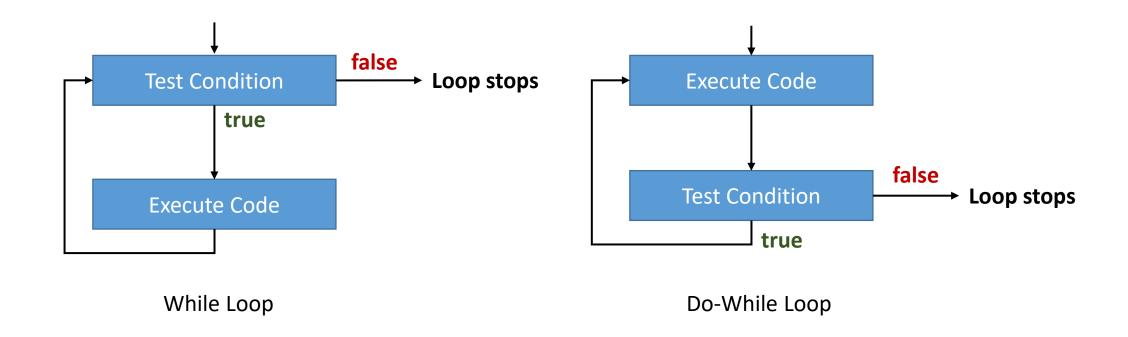
- A do-while loop is a post-test, sentinel-controlled loop.
- It will always iterate at least once.
 - Unlike the while loop that tests the condition before the first iteration, the dowhile loop tests the condition after the first iteration.
- In many cases, the behavior of a do-while loop will be equivalent to the same while loop.

```
do {
    //Code that executes at least once
    //and iterates as long as the
    //condition is true
} while(Boolean expression);
    Semicolon!
```

Do-While Loop (Flow Chart)



While vs. Do-While Loop



Do-While Loop

This do-while loop verifies that the user's input was non-negative.

```
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
int sales = 0;
do {
   System.out.print("Enter the total sales for the store: ");
   sales = Integer.parseInt(keyboard.nextLine());
} while(sales < 0);</pre>
System.out.print("Thank you.");
Enter the total sales for the store: -100
Enter the total sales for the store: -5
Enter the total sales for the store: 10
Thank you.
```

Increment (Unary Addition) Operator

- The increment/unary addition operator ++ adds one to the value of a numeric variable.
 - Python does not have this operator.

```
int testNumber = 5;
testNumber++; //Value of testNumber is now 6
```

Increment (Unary Addition) Operator

- The increment operator can come before the variable name (prefix) or after the variable name (postfix).
- Both increment the variable by one.

```
int testNumber = 5;
```

• Prefix:

```
++testNumber;
```

Postfix:

```
testNumber++;
```

Prefix Unary Addition

- With prefix, 1 will be added **before** the value is returned.
 - This usually will only matter when you are performing the increment as you assign the value to another variable.
 - Example:

```
int testNumber = 5;
int otherNumber = ++testNumber;
```

- In the second line...
 - 1 will be added to testNumber, making the value of testNumber to be 6
 - This new value of 6 will be assigned to otherNumber.

Postfix Unary Addition

- With postfix, 1 will be added after the value is returned.
 - Example:

```
int testNumber = 5;
int otherNumber = testNumber++;
```

- In the second line...
 - The value of testNumber, which is 5, is assigned to otherNumber.
 - 1 is then added to testNumber, making the value of testNumber 6.

Decrement (Unary Subtraction) Operator

- The decrement/unary subtraction operator -- subtracts one from the value of a numeric variable.
 - Python doesn't have this operator, either.

```
int testNumber = 5;
testNumber--; //Value of testNumber is now 4
```

Decrement (Unary Subtraction) Operator

- The decrement operator can come before the variable name (prefix) or after the variable name (postfix).
- Both decrement the variable by one.

```
int testNumber = 5;
```

Prefix:

```
--testNumber;
```

Postfix:

```
testNumber --;
```

Prefix Unary Subtraction

- With prefix, 1 will be subtracted **before** the value is returned.
 - This usually will only matter when you are performing the decrement as you assign the value to another variable.
 - Example:

```
int testNumber = 5;
int otherNumber = --testNumber;
```

- In the second line...
 - 1 will be subtracted from testNumber, making the value of testNumber 4
 - This new value of 4 will be assigned to otherNumber.

Postfix Unary Subtraction

- With postfix, 1 will be subtracted after the value is returned.
 - Example:

```
int testNumber = 5;
int otherNumber = testNumber--;
```

- In the second line...
 - The value of testNumber, which is 5, is assigned to otherNumber.
 - 1 is then subtracted from testNumber, making the value of testNumber 4.

Increment and Decrement Operators

• To recap:

- Prefix increment/decrement: 1 is added/subtracted **before** the value is returned or used.
- Postfix increment/decrement: 1 is added/subtracted after the value is returned or used.

• If you just want to add or subtract 1 to/from a numeric value, pre/postfix doesn't matter.

For Loops

• A *for loop* is a pre-test, count-controlled loop.

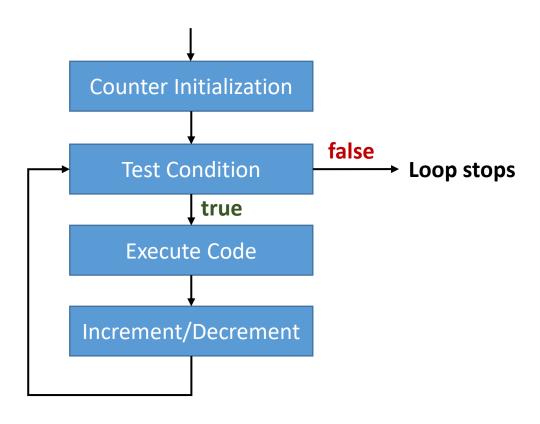
- Java has two types of for loops:
 - An enhanced for loop (Like Python's)
 - A traditional ("C-Style") for loop.
- Java's enhanced for loop will be demonstrated in a future lecture.

For Loop

- A traditional for loop has three parts, separated by semicolons:
 - Initialization- Declares an int variable to be used as a control counter.
 - <u>Termination Condition</u>- A Boolean expression tested at the beginning of each iteration.
 - If true, the loop's code executes; If false, the loop stops.
 - Increment/Decrement- Happens at the end of each iteration; Normally increments or decrements the control counter.

```
for(initialization; termination; increment/decrement) {
   //Code that executes each iteration
}
```

For Loop (Flow Chart)



For Loop

```
Initialization- Here, we have initialized an int (named "counter") to the value 1.

for(int counter = 1; counter <= 5; counter++) {
    System.out.println("Lap #" + counter);
}

System.out.println("Finished!");
```

Note- The "counter" variable is only accessible *inside* the loop.

```
for(int counter = 1; counter <= 5; counter++) {</pre>
  System.out.println("Lap #" + counter);
System.out.println("Finished!");
Lap #1
Lap #2
Lap #3
Lap #4
Lap #5
Finished!
```

```
for(int i = 3; i <= 7; i++) {
    System.out.println("Number: " + i);
}</pre>
```

Number: 3

Number: 4

Number: 5

Number: 6

Number: 7

```
for(int i = 3; i >= 0; i--) {
    System.out.println("Number: " + i);
}
```

Number: 3

Number: 2

Number: 1

Number: 0

Unlike previous examples that increment or decrement by one, this example shows that we can increment or decrement by a larger step.

```
for(int i = 2; i < 10; i += 2) {
    System.out.println("Number: " + i);
}</pre>
```

Number: 2

Number: 4

Number: 6

Number: 8

For, While, and Do-While Loops

- "C-Style"/Traditional For Loops
 - Pre-test, count-controlled.
 - Use when you need to iterate over a range of numbers.

While Loop

- Pre-test, sentinel-controlled.
- Use when you need to iterate as long as a condition is and remains true.

Do-While Loop

- Post-test, sentinel-controlled.
- Use when you need to iterate at least one time and possibly more times.

Branching Statements

- There are two branching statements that allow us to either:
 - Immediately exit a loop.
 - Immediately begin the next iteration.

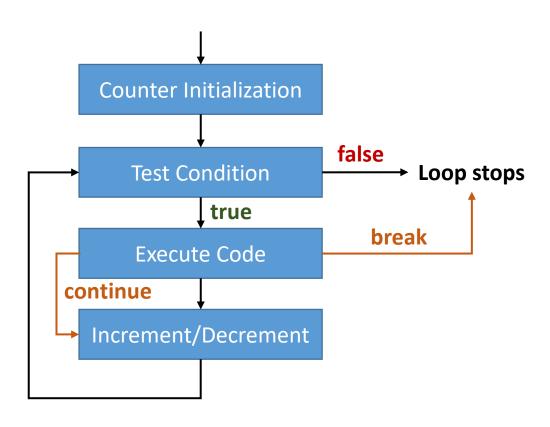
break;

- We have already seen the break statement when using a switch.
- It works in a similar fashion in a loop. Once encountered, the loop will immediately stop where it is. The code following the loop structure will begin to be executed.

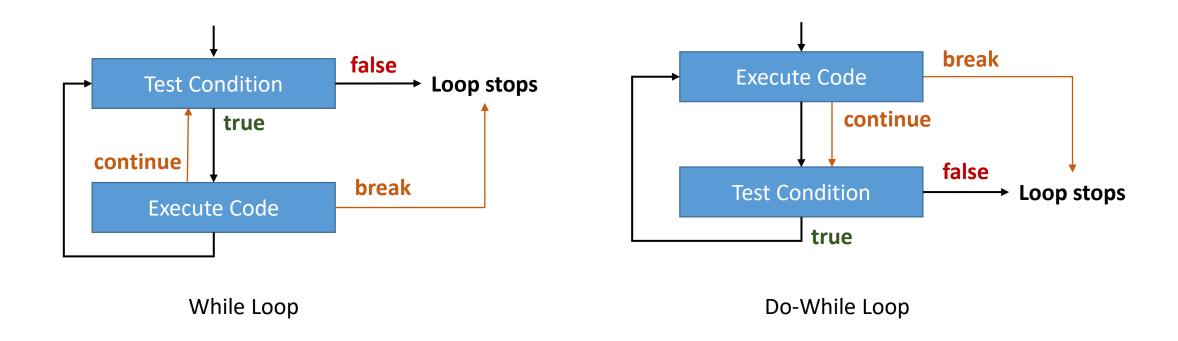
continue;

 Once encountered, the loop will immediately stop where it is and begin the next iteration.

For Loop (Updated Flow Chart)



While & Do-While Loop (Flow Charts)



break statement

```
for(int myInt = 1; myInt < 11; myInt++) {
    if(myInt > 5) {
        break;
    }
        Number: 3
        Number: 4
    System.out.println("Number: " + myInt);
        Number: 5
        All done!
System.out.println("All done!");
```

- This loop normally would have printed "Number: 1" through "Number: 10"
- However, once the value of myInt is greater than 5, the break statement will be encountered.
- The loop will exit immediately and resume the code outside of the loop.

continue statement

```
for(int myInt = 2; myInt <= 11; myInt++) {
    if(myInt % 2 == 1) {
        continue;
    }
    System.out.println("Number: " + myInt);
}
System.out.println("All done!");
All done!</pre>
Number: 2
Number: 4
Number: 6
Number: 8
Number: 10
```

- If myInt is odd, the continue statement will be encountered.
- Instead of finishing the iteration, the loop begins the next iteration.

Nested Loops

- A nested loop is a loop within a loop.
- For every iteration of the outer loop, the inner loop will be iterated to completion.

```
for(int row = 1; row <= 5; row++) {
    for(int column = 1; column <= row; column++) {
        System.out.print("#");
    }
    System.out.println();
    ####
}</pre>
```

Be sure to use different names for your counters. Any variables declared in outer loops will be accessible by inner loops, including the outer loop's counter.

Infinite For Loops

- An infinite loop is a loop that does not stop or exit.
- In many cases, an infinite loop is the result of poor programming.

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
                                            Number: 0
                                            Number: 0
                                            Number: 0
  System.out.println("Number: " + i);
                                             • • •
                                            Number: 1
for(int i = 1; i <= 10; i--) {
                                            Number: 0
  System.out.println("Number: " + i);
                                            Number: -1
                                            Number: -2
```

Infinite While Loops

```
boolean done = false;
int myInt = 0;
while(!done) {
    myInt++;
    System.out.println("Number: " + myInt);
}

Number: 1
Number: 2
Number: 3
Number: 4
Number: 5
...
```

Infinite Loops

- Sometimes, infinite loops can be useful.
 - For example, perpetually getting user input until they enter a command to exit or a valid entry.

- However, when we intentionally create an infinite loop, we will want to provide some way for the loop to exit.
 - Use a break statement to stop the loop.

"For-ever" Statement

• A for loop with no initialization, termination, or increment creates an infinite loop colloquially called a "for-ever loop".

"For-ever" Loop

```
for(;;) {
  System.out.print("Enter a command: ");
  String command = keyboard.nextLine();
  if(command.equalsIgnoreCase("Exit")) {
    break;
  else {
    System.out.println("You entered: " + command);
```

Infinite While Loop

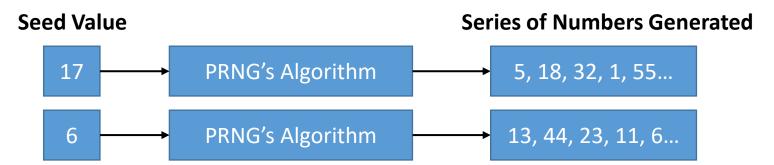
Infinite Do-While Loop

Random Number Generators

- A random number generator is software or hardware that produces a random number.
 - A *random number* is number chosen from a set of possible values, each with the same probability of being selected.
- A Pseudo-Random Number Generator (PRNG) uses a mathematical algorithm to generate a series of seemingly random numbers.
 - Software Generators
- A True Random Number Generator (TRNG) uses an unpredictable physical means to generate random numbers.
 - Hardware Generators

Random Number Generators

- As stated, PRNGs use an algorithm to generate the series of numbers.
- A **seed** is a number provided to a PRNG as an input to its algorithm.



- Using the same seed will produce the same series of numbers.
 - If you know how the PRNG's algorithm works and the seed that's being used, you will know the series of numbers it will generate.
 - Hence why it is pseudo-random.

• Java's Random object is used as a PRNG.

```
Import the Random object from java.util
import java.util.Random; 
                                       The Random object can be used as a Random Number Generator
public class RandomNumberGenerator {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       //Create a new instance of the Random object.
       //Uses a seed generated by the JVM.
       Random myGenerator = new Random();
       //Assigns a random number between 0 and 4 to someNumber.
       int someNumber = myGenerator.nextInt(5);
```

Must be imported.

```
import java.util.Random;
```

Must be instantiated.

Random myGenerator = new Random();

- The nextInt() method accepts one int argument
 - Returns a number from the range from zero up to, but not including, the argument's value.
- Draws a random number between 0 and 9:

```
int someNumber = myGenerator.nextInt(10);
```

• Draws a random number between 0 and 100:

```
int someNumber = myGenerator.nextInt(101);
```

Draws a random number between 1 and 5:

• Results:

myGenerator.nextInt(5)
$$\longrightarrow$$
 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4
myGenerator.nextInt(5)+1 \longrightarrow 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5
Range of possible numbers
that could be generated

Draws a random number between 21 and 29:

• Results:

- An argument can be provided at instantiation.
 - Will act as the generator's seed value.

- However, this will always generate the same series of numbers every time.
 - The generator's algorithm doesn't change.
 - If the seed remains the same, the algorithm will produce the same output.

```
import java.util.Random;
public class RandomNumberGenerator {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       //Create a new instance of the Random object.
       //Uses a supplied seed.
       Random myGenerator = new Random(1034);
       //Assigns a random number between 0 and 4 to someNumber.
       int someNumber = myGenerator.nextInt(5);
```