



Chapter 1: **Java Basics**

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Title:

Java Basics

Key Words:

Variables, Data Types, Parameters, Conditional Statement, Loops, Arrays.

Summary:

This unit provides an overview of Java programming language basics.

Outcomes:

Student will learn in this unit:

- Using different data types.
- Passing parameters and returning values.
- Using conditional statements.
- Using loops.
- Dealing with arrays.

Plan:

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1. Data Types

Learning outcomes:

Using variables and data types.

Java's Variable

- **Variable:** A piece of the computer's memory that is given a name and type, and can store a value.
- A variable can be declared / initialized in one statement.
- Syntax:
`type name = value;`
- Example:

```
double myGPA = 3.95;  
int x = (11 % 3) + 12; // x will be 14
```

Java's primitive types:

- **primitive types:** 8 simple types for numbers, text, etc.
 - Java also has **object types**, which we'll talk about later

Name	Description	Examples
<code>int</code>	integers	42, -3, 0, 926394
<code>double</code>	real numbers	3.1, -0.25, 9.4e3
<code>char</code>	single text characters	'a', 'X', '?', '\n'
<code>boolean</code>	logical values	true, false

Type casting:

- **Type cast:** A conversion from one type to another.
 - To promote an `int` a `double` to get exact division from /
 - To truncate a `double` from a real number to an integer
- Syntax:
(type) expression
- Examples:

```
double result = (double) 19 / 5;    // 3.8
int result2 = (int) result;         // 3
int x = (int) Math.pow(10, 3);      // 1000
```

Increment and decrement:

shortcuts to increase or decrease a variable's value by 1

Shorthand	Equivalent longer version
variable++;	variable = variable + 1;
variable--;	variable = variable - 1;

- Examples:

```
int x = 2;
x++;                // x = x + 1;
                   // x now stores 3

double gpa = 2.5;
gpa--;              // gpa = gpa - 1;
                   // gpa now stores 1.5
```

Precedence:

- **Precedence:** Order in which operators are evaluated.

- Generally, operators evaluate left-to-right

1-2-3 is (1-2) -3 which is -4

- But * / % have a higher level of precedence than + -

1 + 3 * 4 is 13

6 + 8 / 2 * 3

6 + 4 * 3

6 + 12 is 18

- Parentheses can force a certain order of evaluation

(1 + 3) * 4 is 16

- Spacing does not affect order of evaluation

1 + 3 * 4 - 2 is 11

String concatenation:

- string concatenation: Using + between a string and another value to make a longer string.

"hello" + 42 is "hello42"

1 + "abc" + 2 is "1abc2"

"abc" + 1 + 2 is "abc12"

1 + 2 + "abc" is "3abc"

"abc" + 9 * 3 is "abc27"

"1" + 1 is "11"

4 - 1 + "abc" is "3abc"

- Use + to print a string and an expression's value together.
- Example:

```
System.out.println ("Grade:" + (95.1 + 71.9) / 2)
```

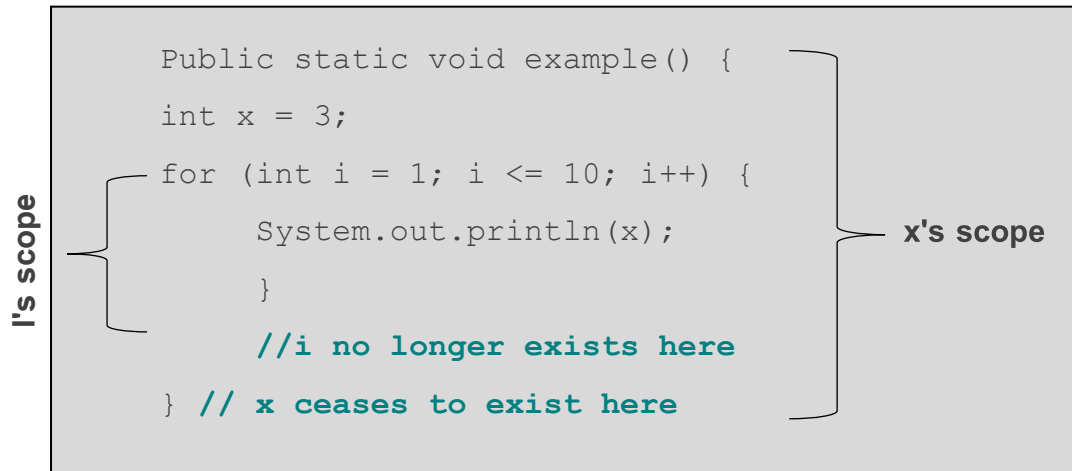
- Output: Grade: 83.5

Variable scope:

- **Scope:** The part of a program where a variable exists.

From its declaration to the end of the { } braces

- A variable declared in a for loop exists only in that loop.
- A variable declared in a method exists only in that method.



Class constants:

- **class constant:** A value visible to the whole program.
 - value can only be set at declaration
 - value can't be changed while the program is running
- Syntax:
`public static final type name = value;`

- name is usually in ALL_UPPER_CASE
- Examples:

```
public static final int DAYS_IN_WEEK = 7;  
public static final double INTEREST_RATE = 3.5  
public static final int SSN = 658234569;
```


Passing parameters:

- Declaration:

```
public void name (type name, ..., type name) {  
    statement(s);  
}
```

- Call:

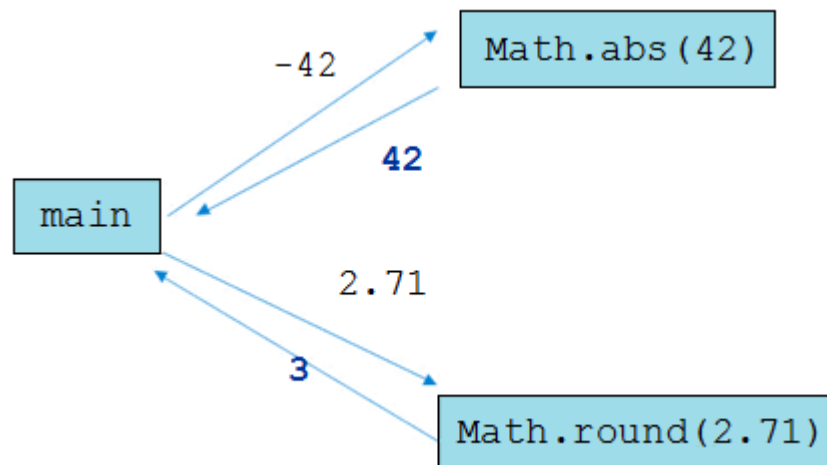
```
methodName (value, value, ..., value);
```

- Example:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    sayPassword(42);    //The password is: 42  
    sayPassword(12345); //The password is: 12345  
}  
  
public static void sayPassword(int code) {  
    System.out.println("The password is: " +  
        code);  
}
```

Return:

- **return:** To send out a value as the result of a method.
- The opposite of a parameter:
 - Parameters send information in from the caller to the method.
 - Return values send information out from a method to its caller.



Java's Math class:

Method name	Description
<code>Math.abs (value)</code>	absolute value
<code>Math.round (value)</code>	nearest whole number
<code>Math.ceil (value)</code>	rounds up
<code>Math.floor (value)</code>	rounds down
<code>Math.log10 (value)</code>	logarithm, base 10
<code>Math.max (value1, value2)</code>	larger of two values
<code>Math.min (value1, value2)</code>	smaller of two values
<code>Math.pow (base, exp)</code>	base to the exp power
<code>Math.sqrt (value)</code>	square root
<code>Math.sin (value)</code>	sine of an angle in radians
<code>Math.cos (value)</code>	cosine of an angle in radians
<code>Math.tan (value)</code>	tangent of an angle in radians
<code>Math.toDegrees (value)</code>	convert degrees to radians and back
<code>Math.toRadians (value)</code>	random double between 0 and 1
<code>Math.random ()</code>	sine of an angle in radians

Returning a value:

- Syntax:

```
public type name(parameters) { statements;  
  
...  
  
return expression;  
}
```

- Example:

```
// Returns the slope of the line between the given  
points.  
public double slope(int x1, int y1, int x2, int y2)  
{  
    double dy = y2 - y1;  
    double dx = x2 - x1;  
    return dy/dx;  
}
```

Strings:

- **string**: An object storing a sequence of text characters.

```
String name = "text";
```

```
String name = expression;
```

- Characters of a string are numbered with 0-based indexes:

```
String name = "P. Diddy";
```

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Char	P	.		D	i	d	d	y

- The first character's index is always 0
- The last character's index is 1 less than the string's length
- The individual characters are values of type `char`

String methods:

Method name	Description
<code>indexOf(str)</code>	index where the start of the given string appears in this string (-1 if it is not there)
<code>length()</code>	number of characters in this string
<code>substring(index1, index2)</code> or <code>substring(index1)</code>	number of characters in this string the characters in this string from <i>index1</i> (inclusive) to <i>index2</i> (exclusive); if <i>index2</i> omitted, grabs till end of string
<code>indexOf(str)</code>	index where the start of the given string appears in this string (-1 if it is not there)
<code>toLowerCase()</code>	a new string with all lowercase letters
<code>toUpperCase()</code>	a new string with all uppercase letters

- These methods are called using the dot notation

```
String gangsta = "Dr. Dre";  
System.out.println (gangsta.length()); // 7
```

String test methods:

Method	Description
<code>equals(str)</code>	whether two strings contain the same characters
<code>equalsIgnoreCase(str)</code>	whether two strings contain the same characters, ignoring upper vs. lower case
<code>startsWith(str)</code>	whether one contains other's characters at start
<code>endsWith(str)</code>	whether one contains other's characters at end
<code>contains(str)</code>	whether the given string is found within this one

```
String name = console.next();
if (name.startsWith("Dr.")) {
    System.out.println("Are you single?");
} else if (name.equalsIgnoreCase("LUMBERG")) {
    System.out.println("I need your TPS
    reports.");
}
```

The equals method:

- Objects are compared using a method named `equals`.

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("What is your name? ");
String name = console.next();
if (name.equals("Barney")) {
    System.out.println("I love you, you love me,");
    System.out.println("We're a happy family!");
}
```

Technically this is a method that returns a value of type `boolean`, the type used in logical tests.

Type char:

- `char`: A primitive type representing single characters.
 - Each character inside a `String` is stored as a `char` value.
 - Literal `char` values are surrounded with apostrophe (single-quote) marks, such as `'a'` or `'4'` or `'\n'` or `'\'`
 - It is legal to have variables, parameters, returns of type `char`

```
char letter = 'S';
System.out.println(letter); // S
```

- `char` values can be concatenated with strings.

```
char initial = 'P';
System.out.println(initial + " Diddy");// P Diddy
```


char vs. String:

- "h" is a String
- 'h' is a char (the two behave differently)
- String is an object; it contains methods

```
String s = "h";           // 'H'
s = s.toUpperCase();      // 1
int len = s.length();    // 1
char first = s.charAt(0); // 'H'
```

- Char: **is primitive; you can't call methods on it**

```
char c = 'h';
c = c.toUpperCase(); // ERROR: "cannot be dereferenced"
```

2. Java Basics: Statements

Learning outcomes:

conditional statements, loops, and arrays

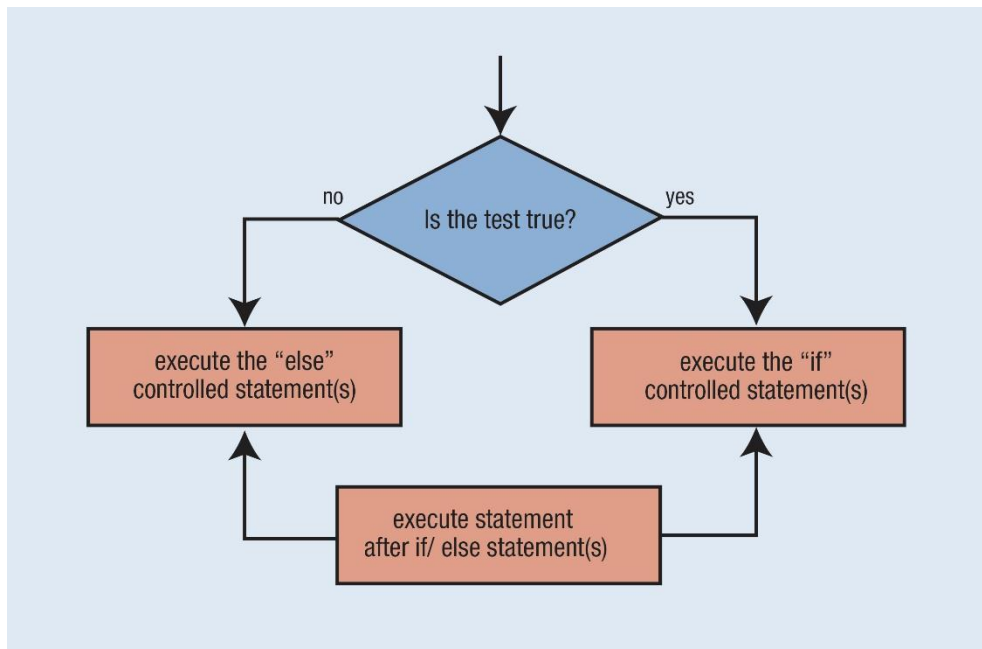
Relational expressions:

if/else

Executes one block if a test is true, another if false.

- Syntax:

```
if (test) {  
    statement(s) ;  
} else {  
    statement(s) ;  
}
```



- Example:

```
double gpa = console.nextDouble();

if (gpa >= 2.0) {
    System.out.println ("Welcome to Mars
    University!");
} else {
    System.out.println ("Application
    denied.");
}
```

- **A test** in an if is the same as in a for loop.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) { ...
```

```
if (i <= 10) { ...
```

- **These are** boolean expressions.

- Tests use *relational operators*:

Operator	Meaning	Example	Value
==	equals	1 + 1 == 2	true
!=	does not equal	3.2 != 2.5	true
<	less than	10 < 5	false
>	greater than	10 > 5	true
<=	less than or equal to	126 <= 100	false
>=	greater than or equal to	5.0 >= 5.0	true

Logical operators: &&, ||, !

Conditions can be combined using *logical operators*:

Operator	Description	Example	Result
&&	and	(2 == 3) && (-1 < 5)	false
	or	(2 == 3) (-1 < 5)	true
!	not	!(2 == 3)	true

Truth table:

p	q	p && q	p q	! p
true	true	true	true	false
true	false	false	true	false
false	true	false	true	true
false	false	false	false	true

Type boolean:

- **boolean**: A logical type whose values are true and false.
- **A test** in an `if`, `for`, or `while` is a `boolean` expression.
 - You can create `boolean` variables, pass `boolean` parameters, return `boolean` values from methods, ...
- Example

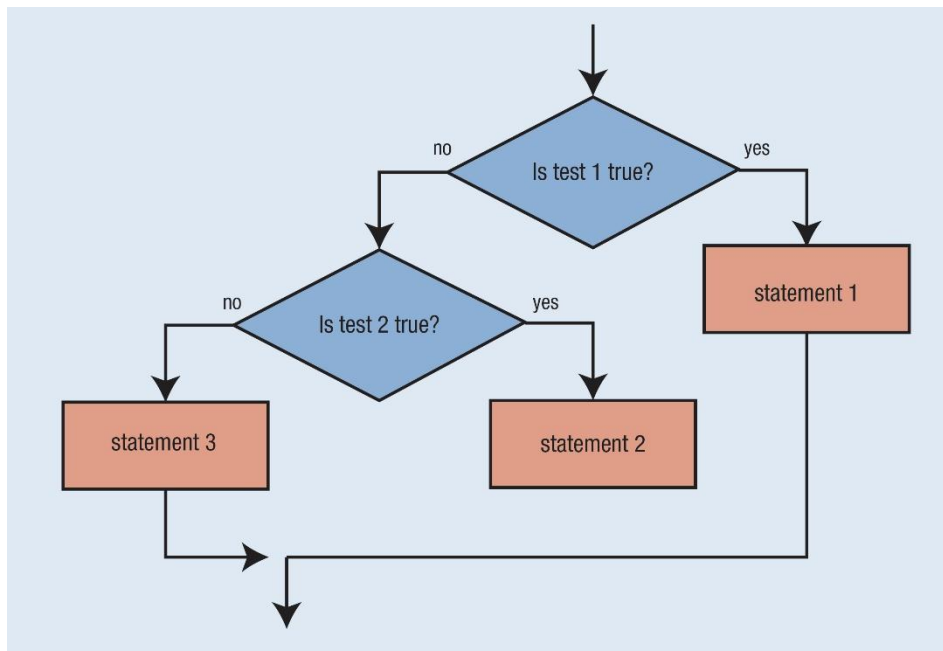
```
boolean minor = (age < 21);
boolean expensive = iPhonePrice > 200.00;
boolean iLoveCS = true;
if (minor) {
    System.out.println("Can't purchase alcohol!");
}
if (iLoveCS || !expensive) {
    System.out.println("Buying an iPhone");
}
```

If / else Structures:

- Exactly 1 path: (mutually exclusive)

- Syntax:

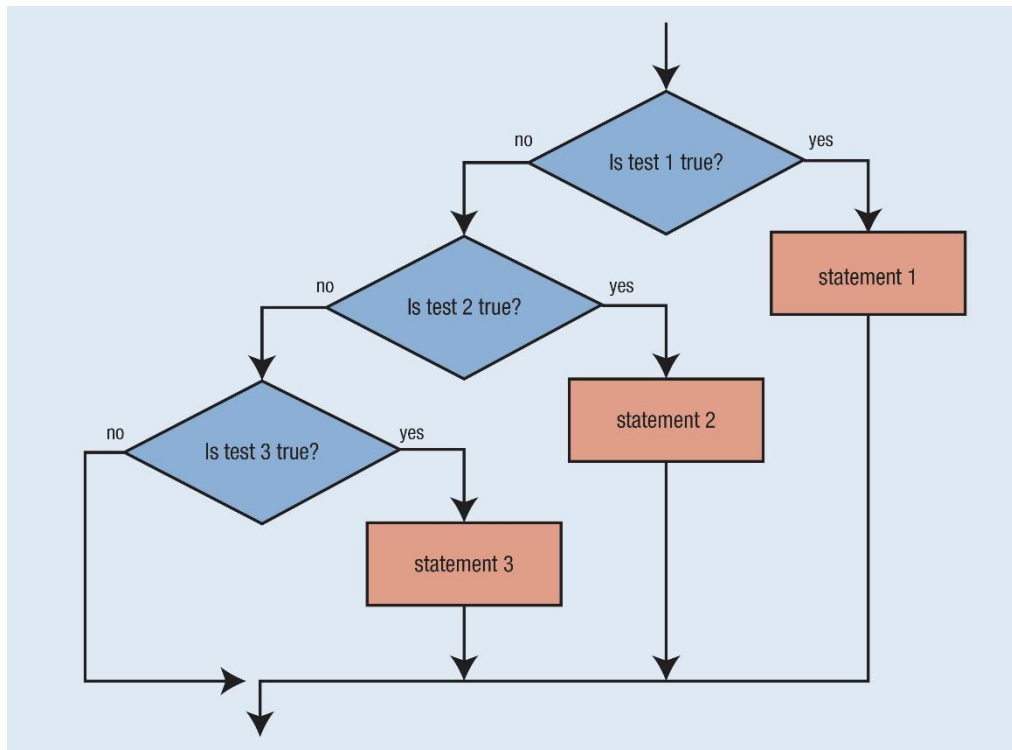
```
if (test) {  
    statement(s); statement(s);  
} else if (test) {  
    statement(s);  
} else {  
    statement(s);  
}
```



- 0 or 1 path:

- Syntax:

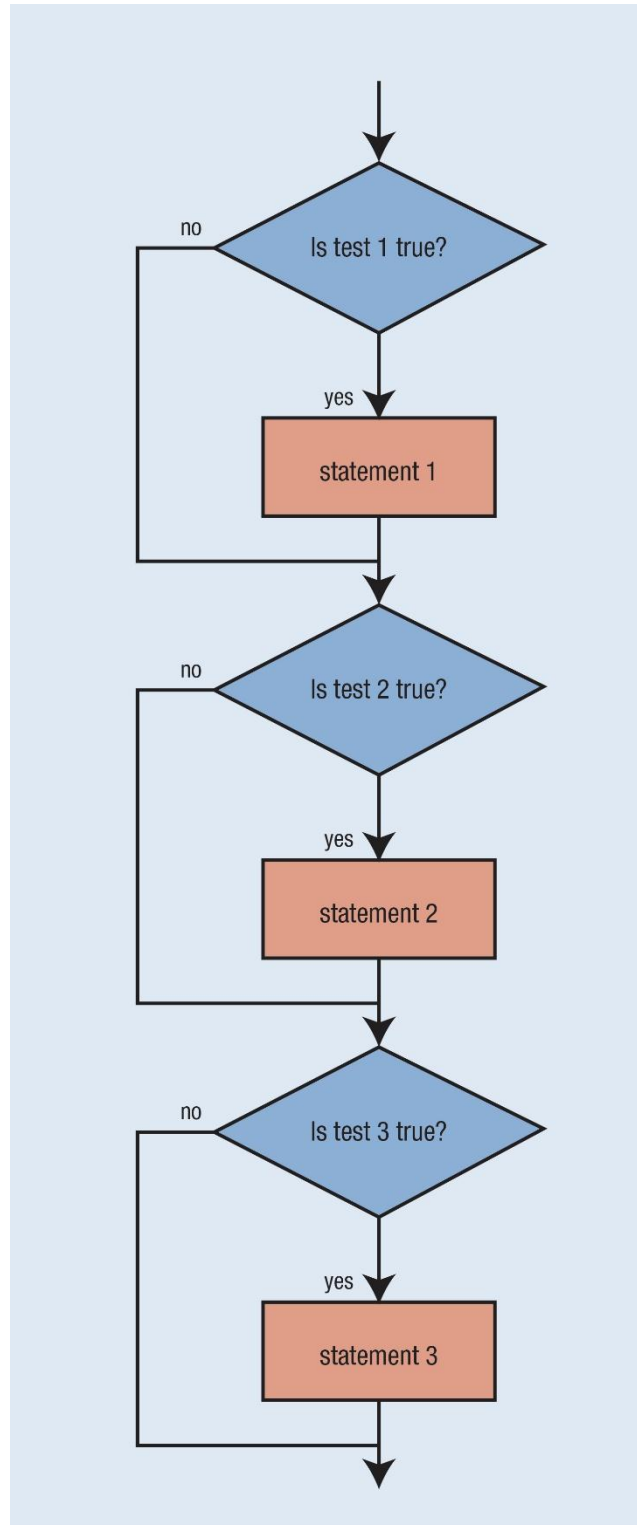
```
if (test) {  
  statement(s) ;  
} else if (test) {  
  statement(s) ;  
} else if (test) {  
  statement(s) ;  
}
```



- 0, 1, or many paths: (independent tests, not exclusive)

- Syntax:

```
if (test) {  
    statement(s);  
}  
if (test) {  
    statement(s);  
}  
if (test) {  
    statement(s);  
}
```

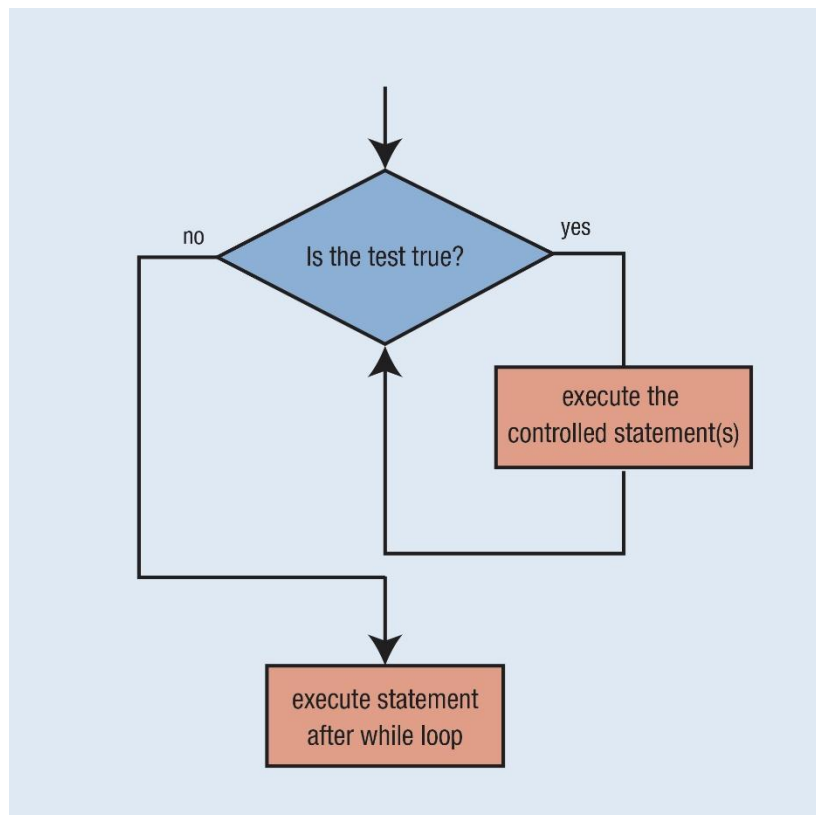


while loops:

- **while loop:** Repeatedly executes its body as long as a logical test is true.

- Syntax:

```
while (test) {  
    statement(s);  
}
```



- Example:

```
int num=1;           // initialization  
while (num <=200) {  // test  
    System.out.print(num + " ");  
    num = num * 2;    // update  
}
```

- Output: 1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128

The Random class:

- A **Random** object generates pseudo-random* numbers.
 - **Class Random** is found in the `java.util` package.

```
import java.util.*;
```

Method name	Description
<code>nextInt()</code>	returns a random integer
<code>nextInt(max)</code>	returns a random integer in the range <code>[0, max)</code> in other words, 0 to <code>max-1</code> inclusive
<code>nextDouble()</code>	returns a random real number in the range <code>[0.0, 1.0)</code>

- Example:

```
Random rand = new Random();  
int randomNumber = rand.nextInt(10);    // 0-9
```

break:

- **break** statement: Immediately exits a loop.
 - Can be used to write a loop whose test is in the middle.
 - Such loops are often called *"forever" loops* because their header's boolean test is often changed to a trivial `true`.
 - Syntax:

```
while (true) {  
    statement(s) ;  
    if (test) {  
        break ;  
    }  
    statement(s) ;  
}
```
 - Some programmers consider `break` to be bad style.

Arrays:

- **array**: object that stores many values of the same type.
 - **element**: One value in an array.
 - **index**: A 0-based integer to access an element from an array.

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	12	49	-2	26	5	17	-6	84	72	3

element 0	element 4	element 9
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Array declaration:

- Syntax:

type[] **name** = new **type**[**length**];

- Example:

```
int[] numbers = new int[10];
```

<i>index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Accessing elements:

- Syntax:

`name[index]` *// access*

`name[index] = value;` *// modify*

- Example:

```
numbers[0] = 27;
numbers[3] = -6;
System.out.println (numbers[0]);
if (numbers[3] < 0) {
    System.out.println("Element 3 is negative.");
}
```

<i>Index</i>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<i>value</i>	27	0	0	-6	0	0	0	0	0

Out-of-bounds:

- Legal indexes: between **0** and the **array's length - 1**.
 - Reading or writing any index outside this range will throw an `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException`.
- Example:

```
int[] data = new int[10];
System.out.println(data[0]);    // okay
System.out.println(data[9]);    // okay
System.out.println(data[-1]);   // exception
System.out.println(data[10]);   // exception
```

The length field:

- An array's `length` field stores its number of elements.

- Syntax:

name.length

- Example:

```
for (int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {  
    System.out.print(numbers[i] + " ");  
}  
// output: 0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14
```

- It does not use parentheses like a String's `.length()`.

Quick array initialization:

type[] name = {value, value, ... value};

- Example:

```
int[] numbers = {12, 49, -2, 26, 5, 17, -6};
```

<i>Index</i>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>value</i>	12	49	-2	26	5	17	-6

- Useful when you know what the array's elements will be.
- The compiler figures out the size by counting the values.

The Arrays class:

- Class `Arrays` in package `java.util` has useful static methods for manipulating arrays:

Method name	Description
<code>binarySearch(array, key)</code>	returns the index of the given value in a
<code>equals(array1, array2)</code>	returns <code>true</code> if the two arrays contain the same elements in the same order
<code>fill(array, value)</code>	sets every element in the array to have the
<code>sort(array)</code>	arranges the elements in the array into
<code>String toString (array)</code>	returns a string representing the array, such

Arrays as parameters:

- Declaration:

```
public type methodName(type[] name) {
```

- Example:

```
public double average(int[] numbers) {  
}
```

- Call:

```
methodName(arrayName);
```

- Example:

```
int[] scores = {13, 17, 12, 15, 11};  
double avg = average(scores);
```

Arrays as return:

- Declaring:

```
public type[] methodName(parameters) {
```

- Example:

```
public int[] countDigits(int n) {  
    int[] counts = new int[10];  
    ...  
    return counts;  
}
```

- Calling:

```
type[] name = methodName(parameters);
```

- Example:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    int[] tally = countDigits(229231007);  
    System.out.println(Arrays.toString(tally));  
}
```

Value semantics (primitives):

- **value semantics:** Behaviour where values are copied when assigned to each other or passed as parameters.
 - When one primitive variable is assigned to another, its value is copied.
 - Modifying the value of one variable does not affect others.

```
int x = 5;  
int y = x;    // x = 5, y =5  
y = 17;       // x = 5, y = 17  
x = 8;
```

Reference semantics (objects):

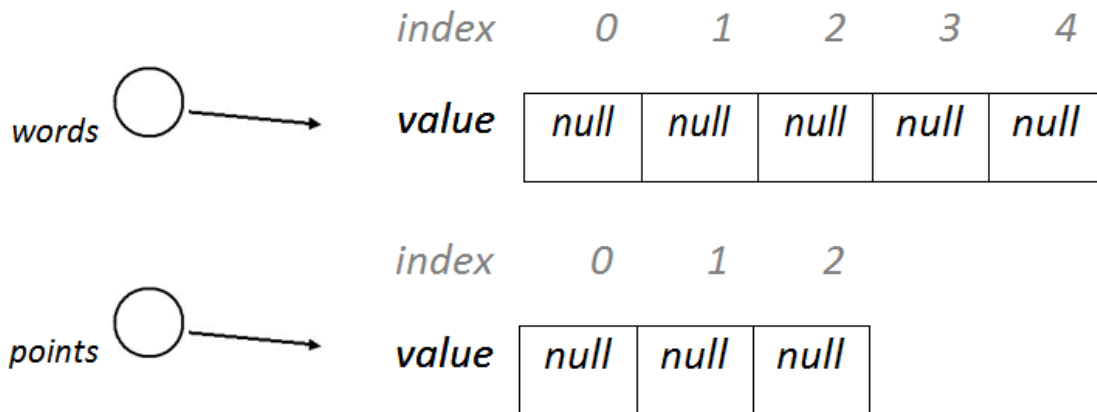
- **reference semantics:** Behaviour where variables actually store the address of an object in memory.
 - When one reference variable is assigned to another, the object is not copied; both variables refer to the same object.
 - Modifying the value of one variable *will* affect others.
- Example:

```
int[] a1 = {4, 5, 2, 12, 14, 14, 9};  
int[] a2 = a1; // refer to same array as a1  
a2[0] = 7;  
System.out.println (a1[0]);    // 7
```

Null:

- **null**: A reference that does not refer to any object.
 - Fields of an object that refer to objects are initialized to `null`.
 - The elements of an array of objects are initialized to `null`.
- Example:

```
String[] words = new String[5];  
Point[] points = new Point[3];
```



Null pointer exception:

- **dereference:** To access data or methods of an object with the dot notation, such as `s.length()`.
 - It is illegal to dereference null (causes an exception).
 - `null` is not any object, so it has no methods or data.

```
String[] words = new String[5];
System.out.println("word is: " + words[0]);
words[0] = words[0].toUpperCase();
```

- Output:
word is: null

Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.NullPointerException at Example.main
(Example.java:8)

Throwing exceptions:

- Syntax
`throw new ExceptionType();`
`throw new ExceptionType("message");`
- Generates an exception that will crash the program, unless it has code to handle (catch) the exception.
- Common exception types:
ArithmeticException, ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException, FileNotFoundException, IllegalArgumentException, IllegalStateException, IOException, NoSuchElementException, NullPointerException, RuntimeException, UnsupportedOperationException