

Chapter Six - Iteration

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Chapter Goals

- To be able to program loops with the `while` and `for` statements
 - To avoid infinite loops and off-by-one errors
 - To be able to use common loop algorithms
 - To understand nested loops
 - To implement simulations
- T** To learn about the debugger

`while` Loops

- A `while` statement executes a block of code repeatedly
- A condition controls how often the loop is executed

```
while (condition)
    statement
```

- Most commonly, the statement is a block statement (set of statements delimited by `{ }`)

Calculating the Growth of an Investment

- Want to know when has the bank account reached a particular balance:

```
while (balance < targetBalance)
{
    years++;
    double interest = balance * rate / 100;
    balance = balance + interest;
}
```

Execution of a `while` Loop

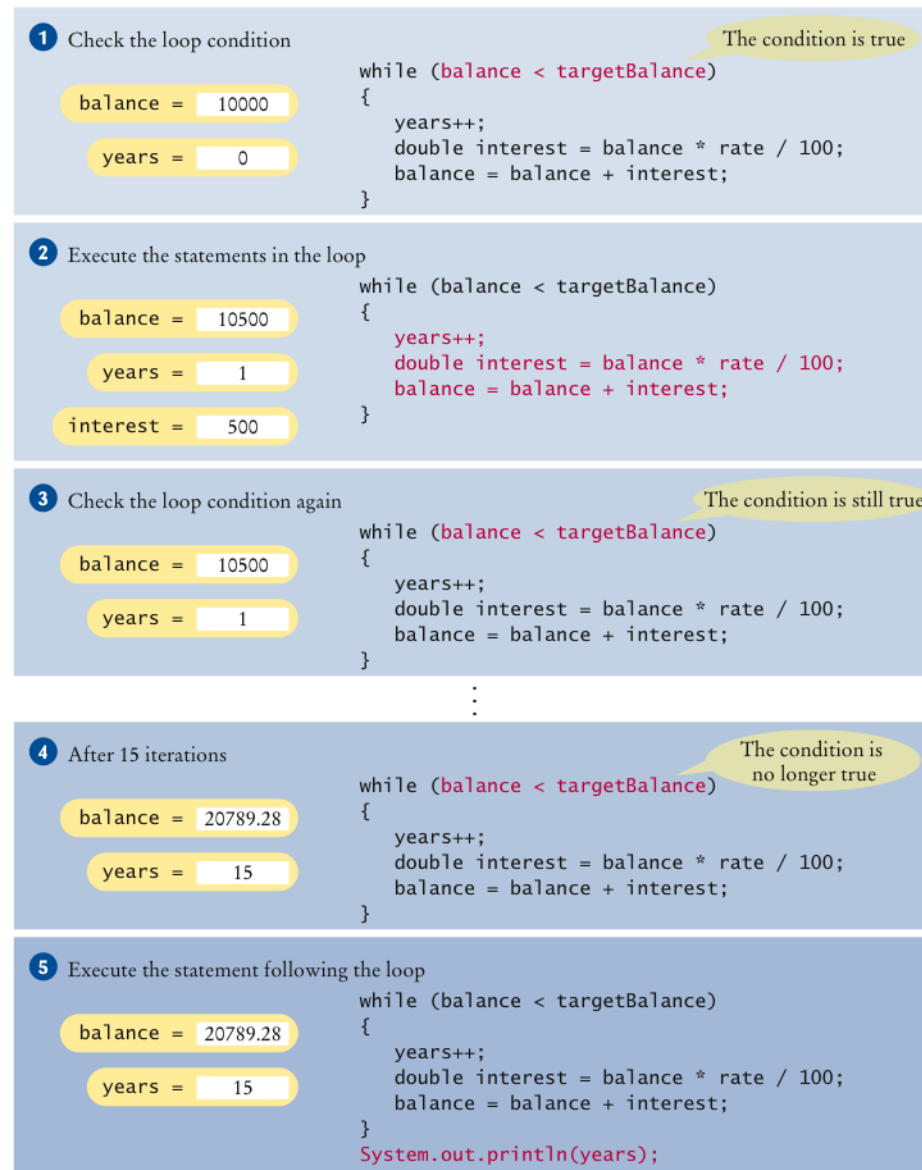


Figure 1 Execution of a `while` Loop

ch06/invest1/Investment.java

```
1  /**
2     A class to monitor the growth of an investment that
3     accumulates interest at a fixed annual rate.
4  */
5  public class Investment
6  {
7      private double balance;
8      private double rate;
9      private int years;
10
11     /**
12         Constructs an Investment object from a starting balance and
13         interest rate.
14         @param aBalance the starting balance
15         @param aRate the interest rate in percent
16     */
17     public Investment(double aBalance, double aRate)
18     {
19         balance = aBalance;
20         rate = aRate;
21         years = 0;
22     }
23
```

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ch06/invest1/Investment.java (cont.)

```
24    /**
25     * Keeps accumulating interest until a target balance has
26     * been reached.
27     * @param targetBalance the desired balance
28     */
29    public void waitForBalance(double targetBalance)
30    {
31        while (balance < targetBalance)
32        {
33            years++;
34            double interest = balance * rate / 100;
35            balance = balance + interest;
36        }
37    }
38
39    /**
40     * Gets the current investment balance.
41     * @return the current balance
42     */
43    public double getBalance()
44    {
45        return balance;
46    }
47
```

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ch06/invest1/Investment.java (cont.)

```
48      /**
49         Gets the number of years this investment has accumulated
50         interest.
51         @return the number of years since the start of the investment
52      */
53      public int getYears ()
54      {
55          return years;
56      }
57 }
```


ch06/invest1/InvestmentRunner.java

```
1  /**
2   * This program computes how long it takes for an investment
3   * to double.
4   */
5  public class InvestmentRunner
6  {
7      public static void main(String[] args)
8      {
9          final double INITIAL_BALANCE = 10000;
10         final double RATE = 5;
11         Investment invest = new Investment(INITIAL_BALANCE, RATE);
12         invest.waitForBalance(2 * INITIAL_BALANCE);
13         int years = invest.getYears();
14         System.out.println("The investment doubled after "
15                             + years + " years");
16     }
17 }
```

ch06/invest1/InvestmentRunner.java (cont.)

Program Run:

The investment doubled after 15 years

Animation 6.1: Tracing a Loop

Program Code

```
int i = 1;  
int s = 0;  
while (i <= 10)  
{  
    s = s + i;  
    i++;  
}
```

Local Variables

i	s
1 2	0 1

This animation demonstrates the process of hand tracing a loop. When you trace a loop, you keep track of the current line of code and the current values of the variables. Whenever a variable's value changes, you cross out the old value and write in the new value. Click on the "Next" button to see the next tracing step. It is a good idea for you to predict what action will occur *before* hitting the button. Keep clicking the "Next" button until the loop exits.

Tracing a Loop



while Loop Flowchart

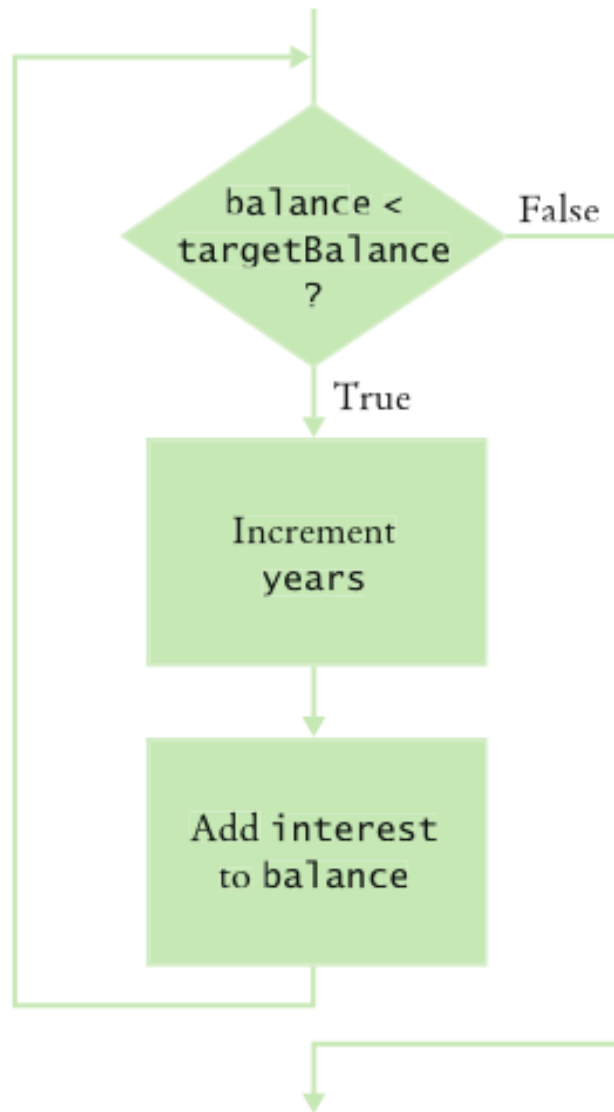


Figure 2 Flowchart of a while Loop

while Loop Examples

Table 1 while Loop Examples

Loop	Output
<pre>i = 5; while (i > 0) { System.out.println(i); i--; }</pre>	5 4 3 2 1
<pre>i = 5; while (i > 0) { System.out.println(i); i++; }</pre>	5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ...
<pre>i = 5; while (i > 5) { System.out.println(i); i--; }</pre>	(No output)
<pre>i = 5; while (i < 0) { System.out.println(i); i--; }</pre>	(No output)
<pre>i = 5; while (i > 0) ; { System.out.println(i); i--; }</pre>	(No output, program does not terminate)

Syntax 6.1 The `while` Statement

Syntax `while` (condition)
statement

Example

This variable is declared outside the loop and updated in the loop.

If the condition never becomes false, an infinite loop occurs.



```
double balance = 0;
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
.
```

```
while (balance < TARGET)
```

```
{
```

```
double interest = balance * RATE / 100;  
balance = balance + interest;
```

```
}
```

This variable is created in each loop iteration.

Beware of "off-by-one" errors in the loop condition.

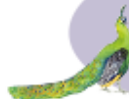


Don't put a semicolon here!



These statements are executed while the condition is true.

Lining up braces is a good idea.



Braces are not required if the body contains a single statement, but it's good to always use them.

Self Check 6.1

How often is the following statement in the loop executed?

```
while (false) statement;
```

Self Check 6.2

What would happen if `RATE` was set to `0` in the `main` method of the `InvestmentRunner` program?

Common Error: Infinite Loops

- Example:

```
int years = 0;
while (years < 20)
{
    double interest = balance * rate / 100;
    balance = balance + interest;
}
```

- Loop runs forever — must kill program

Common Error: Infinite Loops

- Example:

```
int years = 20;
while (years > 0)
{
    years++; // Oops, should have been years--
    double interest = balance * rate / 100;
    balance = balance + interest;
}
```

- Loop runs forever — must kill program

Common Error: Off-by-One Errors

- **Off-by-one error:** a loop executes one too few, or one too many, times
- **Example:**

```
int years = 0;
while (balance < 2 * initialBalance)
{
    years++;
    double interest = balance * rate / 100;
    balance = balance + interest;
}
System.out.println("The investment reached the target after " +
years + " years.");
```

- Should `years` start at 0 or 1?
- Should the test be `<` or `<=`?

Avoiding Off-by-One Error

- Look at a scenario with simple values:

initial `balance`: \$100

interest `rate`: 50%

after year 1, the `balance` is \$150

after year 2 it is \$225, or over \$200

so the investment doubled after 2 years

the loop executed two times, incrementing `years` each time

Therefore: `years` must start at 0, not at 1.

- interest `rate`: 100%

after one year: `balance` is `2 * initialBalance`

loop should stop

Therefore: must use `<`

- Think, don't compile and try at random

for Loops

- Example:

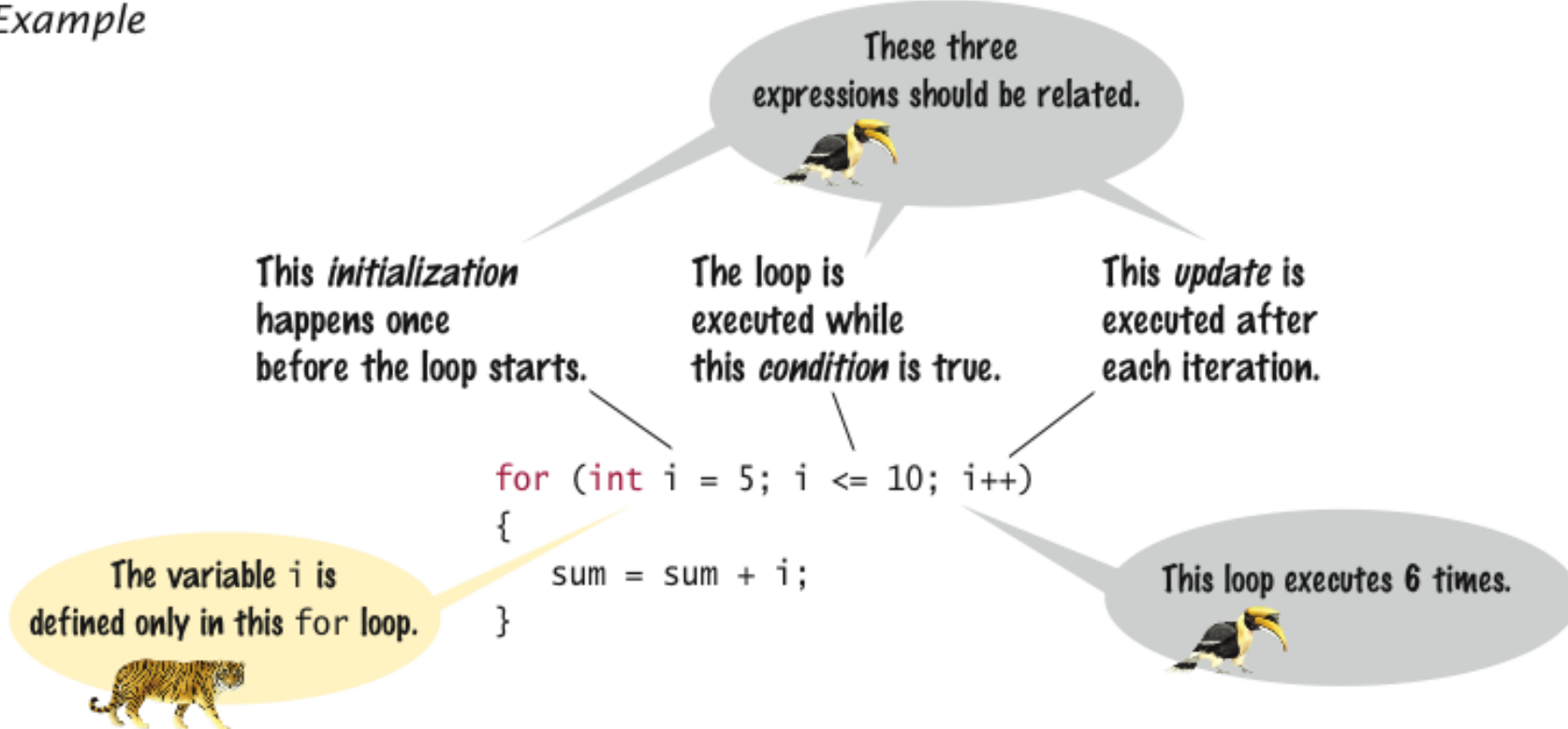
```
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)  
{  
    double interest = balance * rate / 100;  
    balance = balance + interest;  
}
```

- Use a `for` loop when a variable runs from a starting value to an ending value with a constant increment or decrement

Syntax 6.2 The `for` Statement

Syntax `for` (*initialization*; *condition*; *update*)
statement

Example



for Loop Flowchart

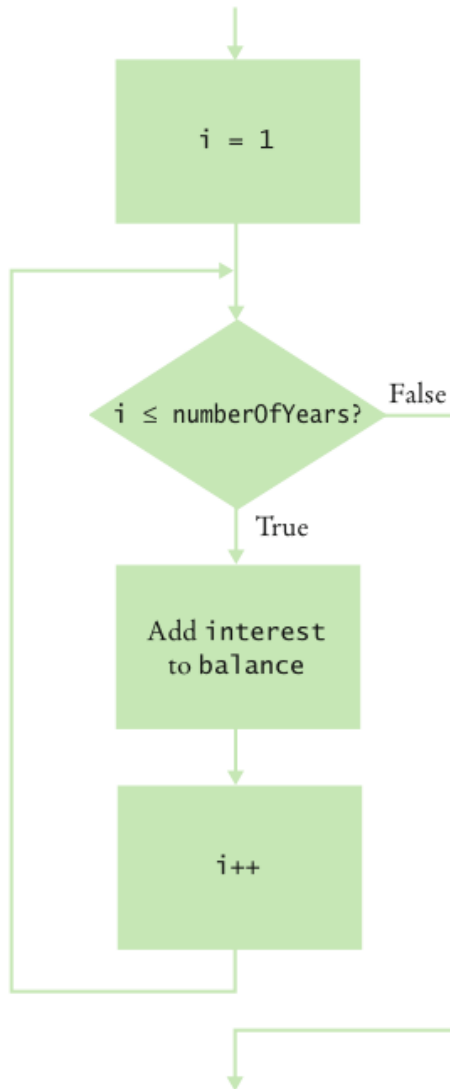


Figure 3 Flowchart of a for Loop

Execution of a `for` Loop

1 Initialize counter	<pre>for (int i = 1; i <= numberOfYears; i++) { double interest = balance * rate / 100; balance = balance + interest; }</pre>
<code>i = 1</code>	
2 Check condition	<pre>for (int i = 1; i <= numberOfYears; i++) { double interest = balance * rate / 100; balance = balance + interest; }</pre>
<code>i = 1</code>	
3 Execute loop body	<pre>for (int i = 1; i <= numberOfYears; i++) { double interest = balance * rate / 100; balance = balance + interest; }</pre>
<code>i = 1</code>	
4 Update counter	<pre>for (int i = 1; i <= numberOfYears; i++) { double interest = balance * rate / 100; balance = balance + interest; }</pre>
<code>i = 2</code>	
5 Check condition again	<pre>for (int i = 1; i <= numberOfYears; i++) { double interest = balance * rate / 100; balance = balance + interest; }</pre>
<code>i = 2</code>	

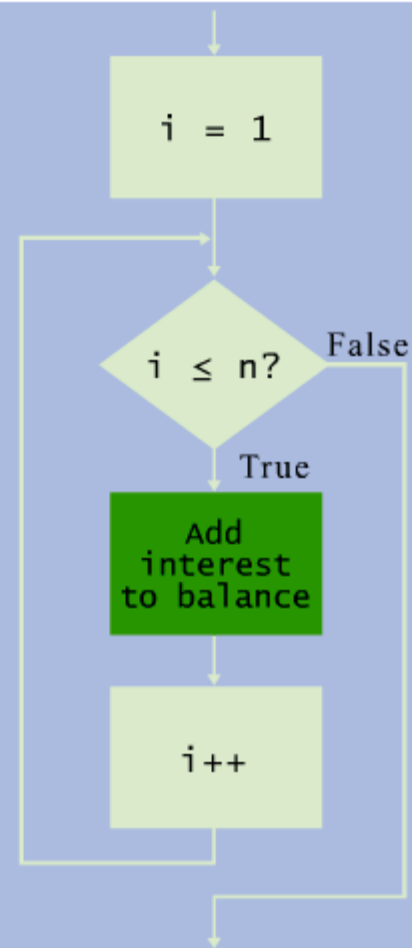
Figure 4 Execution of a `for` Loop

Animation 6.2: The `for` Loop

```
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)  
{  
    double interest = balance * rate / 100;  
    balance = balance + interest;  
}
```

i	n	balance	rate	interest
1	3	1000	10	100

The loop body is executed.



The for Loop



ch06/invest2/Investment.java

```
1  /**
2     A class to monitor the growth of an investment that
3     accumulates interest at a fixed annual rate
4  */
5  public class Investment
6  {
7      private double balance;
8      private double rate;
9      private int years;
10
11     /**
12        Constructs an Investment object from a starting balance and
13        interest rate.
14        @param aBalance the starting balance
15        @param aRate the interest rate in percent
16     */
17     public Investment(double aBalance, double aRate)
18     {
19         balance = aBalance;
20         rate = aRate;
21         years = 0;
22     }
23
```

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ch06/invest2/Investment.java (cont.)

```
24    /**
25     * Keeps accumulating interest until a target balance has
26     * been reached.
27     * @param targetBalance the desired balance
28     */
29    public void waitForBalance(double targetBalance)
30    {
31        while (balance < targetBalance)
32        {
33            years++;
34            double interest = balance * rate / 100;
35            balance = balance + interest;
36        }
37    }
38
39    /**
40     * Keeps accumulating interest for a given number of years.
41     * @param numberOfYears the number of years to wait
42     */
43    public void waitYears(int numberOfYears)
44    {
45        for (int i = 1; i <= numberOfYears; i++)
46        {
47            double interest = balance * rate / 100;
48            balance = balance + interest;
49        }
50        years = years + n;
51    }
```

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ch06/invest2/Investment.java (cont.)

```
52
53     /**
54         Gets the current investment balance.
55         @return the current balance
56     */
57     public double getBalance()
58     {
59         return balance;
60     }
61
62     /**
63         Gets the number of years this investment has accumulated
64         interest.
65         @return the number of years since the start of the investment
66     */
67     public int getYears()
68     {
69         return years;
70     }
71 }
```

ch06/invest2/InvestmentRunner.java

```
1  /**
2   * This program computes how much an investment grows in
3   * a given number of years.
4   */
5  public class InvestmentRunner
6  {
7      public static void main(String[] args)
8      {
9          final double INITIAL_BALANCE = 10000;
10         final double RATE = 5;
11         final int YEARS = 20;
12         Investment invest = new Investment(INITIAL_BALANCE, RATE);
13         invest.waitYears(YEARS);
14         double balance = invest.getBalance();
15         System.out.printf("The balance after %d years is %.2f\n",
16                           YEARS, balance);
17     }
18 }
```

Program Run:

The balance after 20 years is 26532.98

Self Check 6.3

Rewrite the `for` loop in the `waitYears` method as a `while` loop.

Self Check 6.4

How many times does the following for loop execute?

```
for (i = 0; i <= 10; i++)  
    System.out.println(i * i);
```

for Loop Examples

Table 2 for Loop Examples

Loop	Values of i	Comment
for (i = 0; i <= 5; i++)	0 1 2 3 4 5	Note that the loop is executed 6 times. (See Quality Tip 6.4 on page 240.)
for (i = 5; i >= 0; i--)	5 4 3 2 1 0	Use i-- for decreasing values.
for (i = 0; i < 9; i = i + 2)	0 2 4 6 8	Use i = i + 2 for a step size of 2.
for (i = 0; i != 9; i = i + 2)	0 2 4 6 8 10 12 14 ... (infinite loop)	You can use < or <= instead of != to avoid this problem.
for (i = 1; i <= 20; i = i * 2)	1 2 4 8 16	You can specify any rule for modifying i, such as doubling it in every step.
for (i = 0; i < str.length(); i++)	0 1 2 ... until the last valid index of the string str	In the loop body, use the expression str.charAt(i) to get the ith character.

Common Errors: Semicolons

- A missing semicolon:

```
for (years = 1;  
    (balance = balance + balance * rate / 100) < targetBalance;  
    years++)  
    System.out.println(years);
```

- A semicolon that shouldn't be there:

```
sum = 0;  
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++);  
    sum = sum + i;  
System.out.println(sum);
```

Common Loop Algorithm: Computing a Total

- Example — keep a *running total*: a variable to which you add each input value:

```
double total = 0;
while (in.hasNextDouble())
{
    double input = in.nextDouble();
    total = total + input;
}
```

Common Loop Algorithm: Counting Matches

- Example — count how many uppercase letters are in a string:

```
int upperCaseLetters = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < str.length(); i++)
{
    char ch = str.charAt(i);
    if (Character.isUpperCase(ch))
    {
        upperCaseLetters++;
    }
}
```

Common Loop Algorithm: Finding the First Match

- Example — find the first lowercase letter in a string:

```
boolean found = false;
char ch = '?';
int position = 0;
while (!found && position < str.length())
{
    ch = str.charAt(position);
    if (Character.isLowerCase(ch)) { found = true; }
    else { position++; }
}
```

Common Loop Algorithm: Prompting Until a Match is Found

- Example — Keep asking the user to enter a positive value < 100 until the user provides a correct input:

```
boolean valid = false;
double input;
while (!valid)
{
    System.out.print("Please enter a positive value < 100: ");
    input = in.nextDouble();
    if (0 < input && input < 100) { valid = true; }
    else { System.out.println("Invalid input."); }
}
```

Common Loop Algorithm: Comparing Adjacent Values

- Example — check whether a sequence of inputs contains adjacent duplicates such as 1 7 2 9 9 4 9:

```
double input = in.nextDouble();
while (in.hasNextDouble())
{
    double previous = input;
    input = in.nextDouble();
    if (input == previous) { System.out.println("Duplicate input"); }
}
```

Common Loop Algorithm: Processing Input with Sentinel Values

- Example — process a set of values
- **Sentinel value:** Can be used for indicating the end of a data set
- 0 or -1 make poor sentinels; better to use Q:

```
System.out.print("Enter value, Q to quit: ");
String input = in.next();
if (input.equalsIgnoreCase("Q"))
    We are done
else
{
    double x = Double.parseDouble(input);
    . . .
}
```

Loop and a Half

- Sometimes termination condition of a loop can only be evaluated in the middle of the loop
- Then, introduce a boolean variable to control the loop:

```
boolean done = false;
while (!done)
{
    Print prompt
    String input = read input;
    if (end of input indicated)
        done = true;
    else
    {
        Process input
    }
}
```


ch06/dataset/DataAnalyzer.java

```
1  import java.util.Scanner;
2
3  /**
4   * This program computes the average and maximum of a set
5   * of input values.
6   */
7  public class DataAnalyzer
8  {
9      public static void main(String[] args)
10     {
11         Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
12         DataSet data = new DataSet();
13
14         boolean done = false;
15         while (!done)
16         {
17             System.out.print("Enter value, Q to quit: ");
18             String input = in.next();
19             if (input.equalsIgnoreCase("Q"))
20                 done = true;
21             else
22             {
23                 double x = Double.parseDouble(input);
24                 data.add(x);
25             }
26         }
27     }
```

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ch06/dataset/DataAnalyzer.java (cont.)

```
28         System.out.println("Average = " + data.getAverage());
29         System.out.println("Maximum = " + data.getMaximum());
30     }
31 }
```

ch06/dataset/DataSet.java

```
1  /**
2   Computes information about a set of data values.
3  */
4  public class DataSet
5  {
6      private double sum;
7      private double maximum;
8      private int count;
9
10     /**
11      Constructs an empty data set.
12     */
13     public DataSet()
14     {
15         sum = 0;
16         count = 0;
17         maximum = 0;
18     }
19 }
```

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ch06/dataset/DataSet.java (cont.)

```
20    /**
21     * Adds a data value to the data set
22     * @param x a data value
23     */
24    public void add(double x)
25    {
26        sum = sum + x;
27        if (count == 0 || maximum < x) maximum = x;
28        count++;
29    }
30
31    /**
32     * Gets the average of the added data.
33     * @return the average or 0 if no data has been added
34     */
35    public double getAverage()
36    {
37        if (count == 0) return 0;
38        else return sum / count;
39    }
40
```

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ch06/dataset/DataSet.java (cont.)

```
41     /**
42         Gets the largest of the added data.
43         @return the maximum or 0 if no data has been added
44     */
45     public double getMaximum()
46     {
47         return maximum;
48     }
49 }
```

Program Run:

```
Enter value, Q to quit: 10
Enter value, Q to quit: 0
Enter value, Q to quit: -1
Enter value, Q to quit: Q
Average = 3.0
Maximum = 10.0
```

Self Check 6.5

How do you compute the total of all positive inputs?

Self Check 6.6

What happens with the algorithm in Section 6.3.5, Comparing Adjacent Values, when no input is provided at all? How can you overcome that problem?

Self Check 6.7

Why does the `DataAnalyzer` class call `in.next` and not `in.nextDouble`?

Self Check 6.8

Would the `DataSet` class still compute the correct maximum if you simplified the update of the `maximum` field in the `add` method to the following statement?

```
if (maximum < x) maximum = x;
```

Nested Loops

- Create triangle shape:

```
[]  
[] []  
[] [] []  
[] [] [] []
```

- Loop through rows:

```
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)  
{  
    // make triangle row  
}
```

- *Make triangle row* is another loop:

```
for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++)  
    r = r + "[]";  
r = r + "\n";
```

- Put loops together → Nested loops

ch06/triangle1/Triangle.java

```
1  /**
2   * This class describes triangle objects that can be displayed
3   * as shapes like this:
4   * []
5   * [][]
6   * [][][]
7   */
8  public class Triangle
9  {
10     private int width;
11
12     /**
13      * Constructs a triangle.
14      * @param aWidth the number of [] in the last row of the triangle.
15      */
16     public Triangle(int aWidth)
17     {
18         width = aWidth;
19     }
20 }
```

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ch06/triangle1/Triangle.java (cont.)

```
21     /**
22         Computes a string representing the triangle.
23         @return a string consisting of [] and newline characters
24     */
25     public String toString()
26     {
27         String r = "";
28         for (int i = 1; i <= width; i++)
29         {
30             // Make triangle row
31             for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++)
32                 r = r + "[]";
33             r = r + "\n";
34         }
35         return r;
36     }
37 }
```

ch06/triangle1/TriangleRunner.java

```
1  /**
2   * This program prints two triangles.
3   */
4  public class TriangleRunner
5  {
6      public static void main(String[] args)
7      {
8          Triangle small = new Triangle(3);
9          System.out.println(small.toString());
10
11         Triangle large = new Triangle(15);
12         System.out.println(large.toString());
13     }
14 }
```

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ch06/triangle1/TriangleRunner.java (cont.)

Program Run:

```
[]  
[] []  
[] [] []  
  
[]  
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[] [] []  
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[] [] [] [] []  
[] [] [] [] [] []  
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```

Nested Loop Examples

Table 3 Nested Loop Examples

Nested Loops	Output	Explanation
<pre>for (i = 1; i <= 3; i++) { for (j = 1; j <= 4; j++) { Print "*" } System.out.println(); }</pre>	<pre>**** **** ****</pre>	Prints 3 rows of 4 asterisks each.
<pre>for (i = 1; i <= 4; i++) { for (j = 1; j <= 3; j++) { Print "*" } System.out.println(); }</pre>	<pre>*** *** *** ***</pre>	Prints 4 rows of 3 asterisks each.

Nested Loop Examples

Table 3 Nested Loop Examples, continued

Nested Loops	Output	Explanation
<pre>for (i = 1; i <= 4; i++) { for (j = 1; j <= i; j++) { Print "*" } System.out.println(); }</pre>	<pre>* ** *** ****</pre>	Prints 4 rows of lengths 1, 2, 3, and 4.
<pre>for (i = 1; i <= 3; i++) { for (j = 1; j <= 5; j++) { if (j % 2 == 0) { Print "*" } else { Print "-" } } System.out.println(); }</pre>	<pre>-*-*- -*-*- -*-*-</pre>	Prints asterisks in even columns, dashes in odd columns.
<pre>for (i = 1; i <= 3; i++) { for (j = 1; j <= 5; j++) { if ((i + j) % 2 == 0) { Print "*" } else { Print " " } } System.out.println(); }</pre>	<pre>* * * * * * * *</pre>	Prints a checkerboard pattern.

Self Check 6.9

How would you modify the nested loops so that you print a square instead of a triangle?

Self Check 6.10

What is the value of `n` after the following nested loops?

```
int n = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++)
    for (int j = 0; j < i; j++)
        n = n + j;
```

Random Numbers and Simulations

- In a simulation, you repeatedly generate random numbers and use them to simulate an activity
- Random number generator

```
Random generator = new Random();  
int n = generator.nextInt(a); // 0 <= n < a  
double x = generator.nextDouble(); // 0 <= x < 1
```

- Throw die (random number between 1 and 6)

```
int d = 1 + generator.nextInt(6);
```

ch06/random1/Die.java

```
1  import java.util.Random;
2
3  /**
4   * This class models a die that, when cast, lands on a random
5   * face.
6   */
7  public class Die
8  {
9      private Random generator;
10     private int sides;
11
12     /**
13      * Constructs a die with a given number of sides.
14      * @param s the number of sides, e.g. 6 for a normal die
15      */
16     public Die(int s)
17     {
18         sides = s;
19         generator = new Random();
20     }
21
```

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ch06/random1/Die.java (cont.)

```
22      /**
23         Simulates a throw of the die
24         @return the face of the die
25      */
26      public int cast()
27      {
28          return 1 + generator.nextInt(sides);
29      }
30  }
```

ch06/random1/DieSimulator.java

```
1  /**
2   * This program simulates casting a die ten times.
3   */
4  public class DieSimulator
5  {
6      public static void main(String[] args)
7      {
8          Die d = new Die(6);
9          final int TRIES = 10;
10         for (int i = 1; i <= TRIES; i++)
11         {
12             int n = d.cast();
13             System.out.print(n + " ");
14         }
15         System.out.println();
16     }
17 }
```

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ch06/random1/DieSimulator.java (cont.)

Output:

6 5 6 3 2 6 3 4 4 1

Second Run:

3 2 2 1 6 5 3 4 1 2

Buffon Needle Experiment

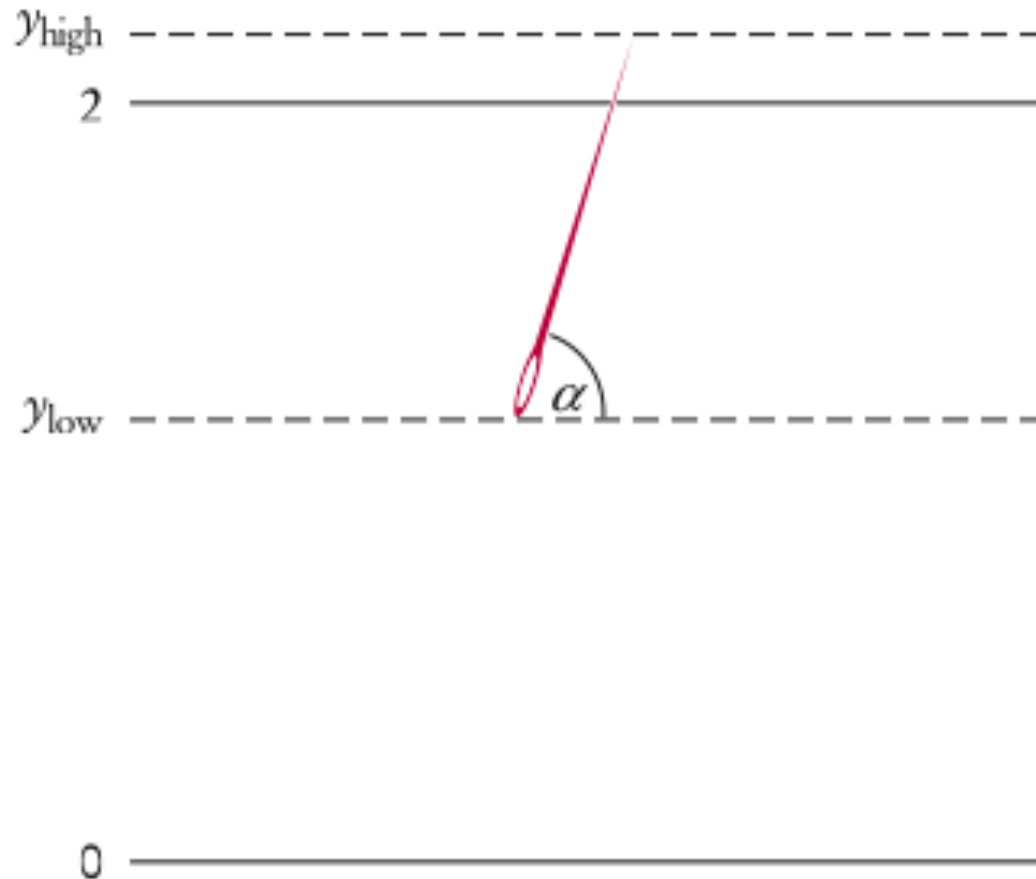


Figure 5 The Buffon Needle Experiment

Buffon Needle Experiment

Figure 6

When Does the
Needle Fall on a
Line?



Needle Position

- Needle length = 1, distance between lines = 2
- Generate random y_{low} between 0 and 2
- Generate random angle α between 0 and 180 degrees
- $y_{high} = y_{low} + \sin(\alpha)$
- Hit if $y_{high} \geq 2$

ch06/random2/Needle.java

```
1  import java.util.Random;
2
3  /**
4   * This class simulates a needle in the Buffon needle experiment.
5   */
6  public class Needle
7  {
8      private Random generator;
9      private int hits;
10     private int tries;
11
12     /**
13      * Constructs a needle.
14      */
15     public Needle()
16     {
17         hits = 0;
18         tries = 0;
19         generator = new Random();
20     }
21
```

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ch06/random2/Needle.java (cont.)

```
22    /**
23        Drops the needle on the grid of lines and
24        remembers whether the needle hit a line.
25    */
26    public void drop()
27    {
28        double ylow = 2 * generator.nextDouble();
29        double angle = 180 * generator.nextDouble();
30
31        // Computes high point of needle
32
33        double yhigh = ylow + Math.sin(Math.toRadians(angle));
34        if (yhigh >= 2) hits++;
35        tries++;
36    }
37
38    /**
39        Gets the number of times the needle hit a line.
40        @return the hit count
41    */
42    public int getHits()
43    {
44        return hits;
45    }
```

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ch06/random2/Needle.java (cont.)

```
46
47     /**
48         Gets the total number of times the needle was dropped.
49         @return the try count
50     */
51     public int getTries()
52     {
53         return tries;
54     }
55 }
```

ch06/random2/NeedleSimulator.java

```
1  /**
2   * This program simulates the Buffon needle experiment
3   * and prints the resulting approximations of pi.
4   */
5  public class NeedleSimulator
6  {
7      public static void main(String[] args)
8      {
9          Needle n = new Needle();
10         final int TRIES1 = 10000;
11         final int TRIES2 = 1000000;
12
13         for (int i = 1; i <= TRIES1; i++)
14             n.drop();
15         System.out.printf("Tries = %d, Tries / Hits = %8.5f\n",
16             TRIES1, (double) n.getTries() / n.getHits());
17
18         for (int i = TRIES1 + 1; i <= TRIES2; i++)
19             n.drop();
20         System.out.printf("Tries = %d, Tries / Hits = %8.5f\n",
21             TRIES2, (double) n.getTries() / n.getHits());
22     }
23 }
```

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ch06/random2/NeedleSimulator.java (cont.)

Program Run:

```
Tries = 10000, Tries / Hits = 3.08928
```

```
Tries = 1000000, Tries / Hits = 3.14204
```

Self Check 6.1 1

How do you use a random number generator to simulate the toss of a coin?

Self Check 6.12

Why is the `NeedleSimulator` program not an efficient method for computing π ?

Using a Debugger

- **Debugger:** a program to execute your program and analyze its run-time behavior
- A debugger lets you stop and restart your program, see contents of variables, and step through it
- The larger your programs, the harder to debug them simply by inserting print commands
- Debuggers can be part of your IDE (e.g. Eclipse, BlueJ) or separate programs (e.g. JSwat)
- Three key concepts:
 - *Breakpoints*
 - *Single-stepping*
 - *Inspecting variables*

The Debugger Stopping at a Breakpoint

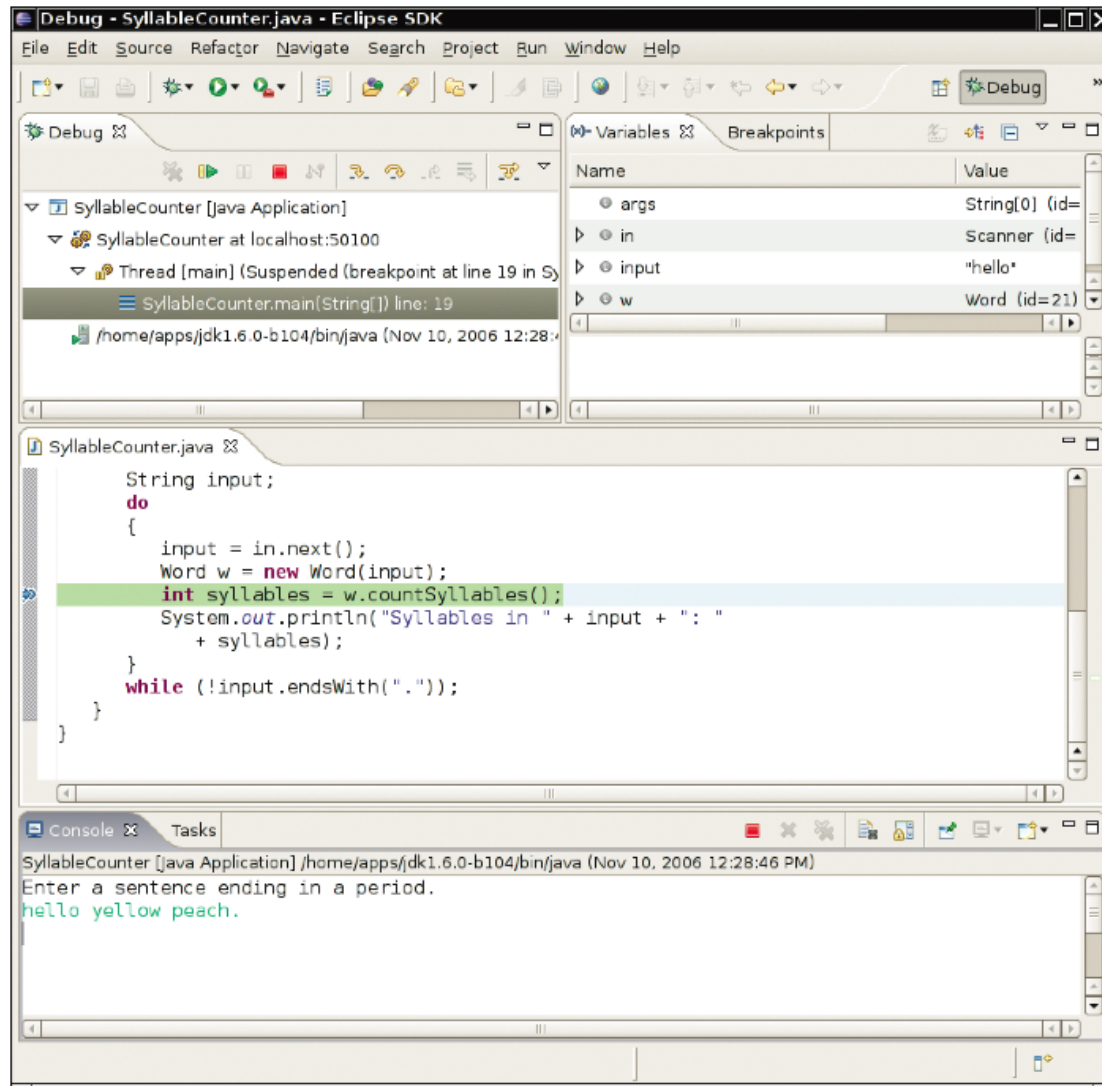
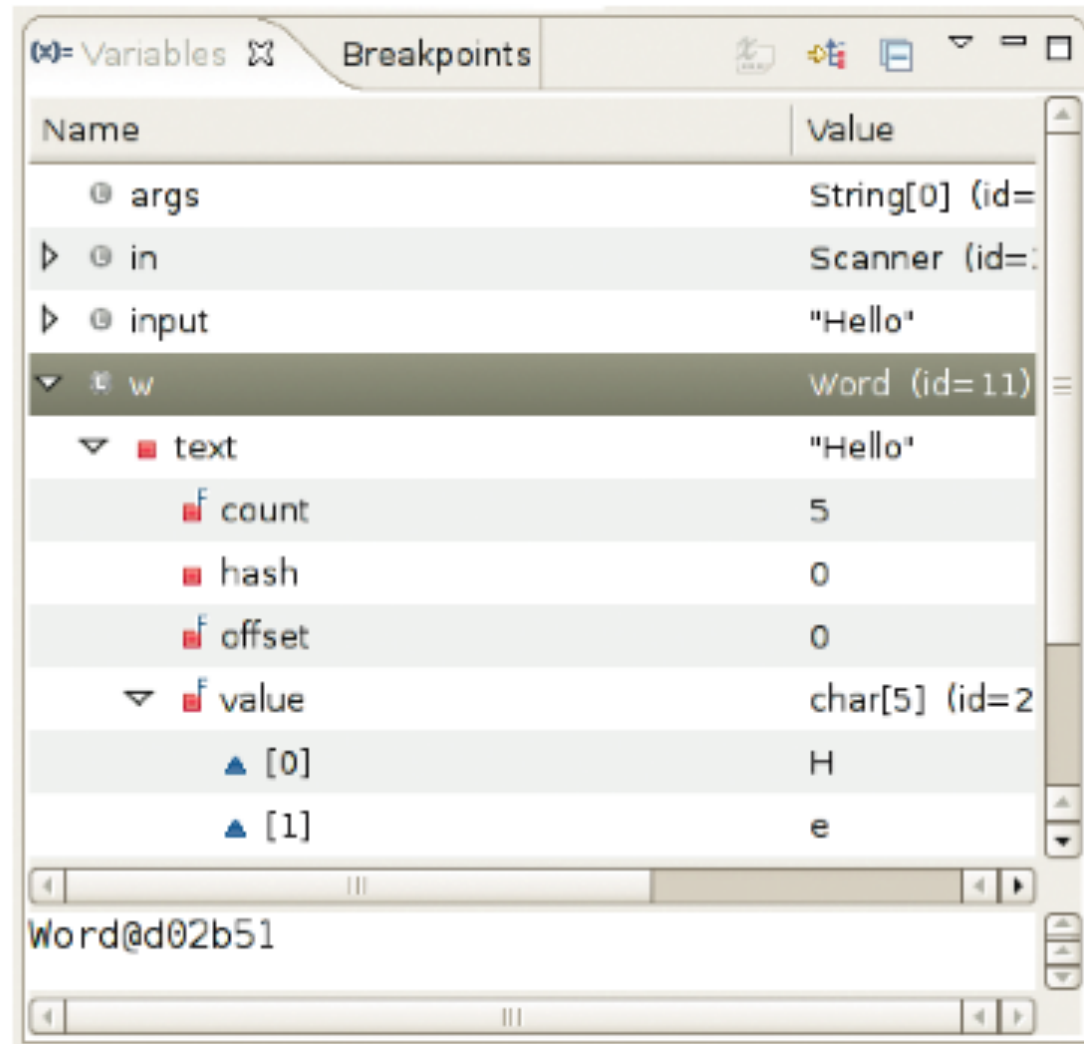


Figure 7 Stopping at a Breakpoint

Inspecting Variables

Figure 8
Inspecting Variables



Debugging

- Execution is suspended whenever a breakpoint is reached
- In a debugger, a program runs at full speed until it reaches a breakpoint
- When execution stops you can:
 - *Inspect variables*
 - *Step through the program a line at a time*
 - *Or, continue running the program at full speed until it reaches the next breakpoint*
- When program terminates, debugger stops as well
- Breakpoints stay active until you remove them
- Two variations of single-step command:
 - *Step Over: Skips method calls*
 - *Step Into: Steps inside method calls*

Single-step Example

- Current line:

```
String input = in.next();  
Word w = new Word(input);  
int syllables = w.countSyllables();  
System.out.println("Syllables in " + input + ": " +  
    syllables);
```

- When you step over method calls, you get to the next line:

```
String input = in.next();  
Word w = new Word(input);  
int syllables = w.countSyllables();  
System.out.println("Syllables in " + input + ": " +  
    syllables);
```

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Single-step Example (cont.)

- However, if you step into method calls, you enter the first line of the `countSyllables` method:

```
public int countSyllables()
{
    int count = 0;
    int end = text.length() - 1;
    ...
}
```

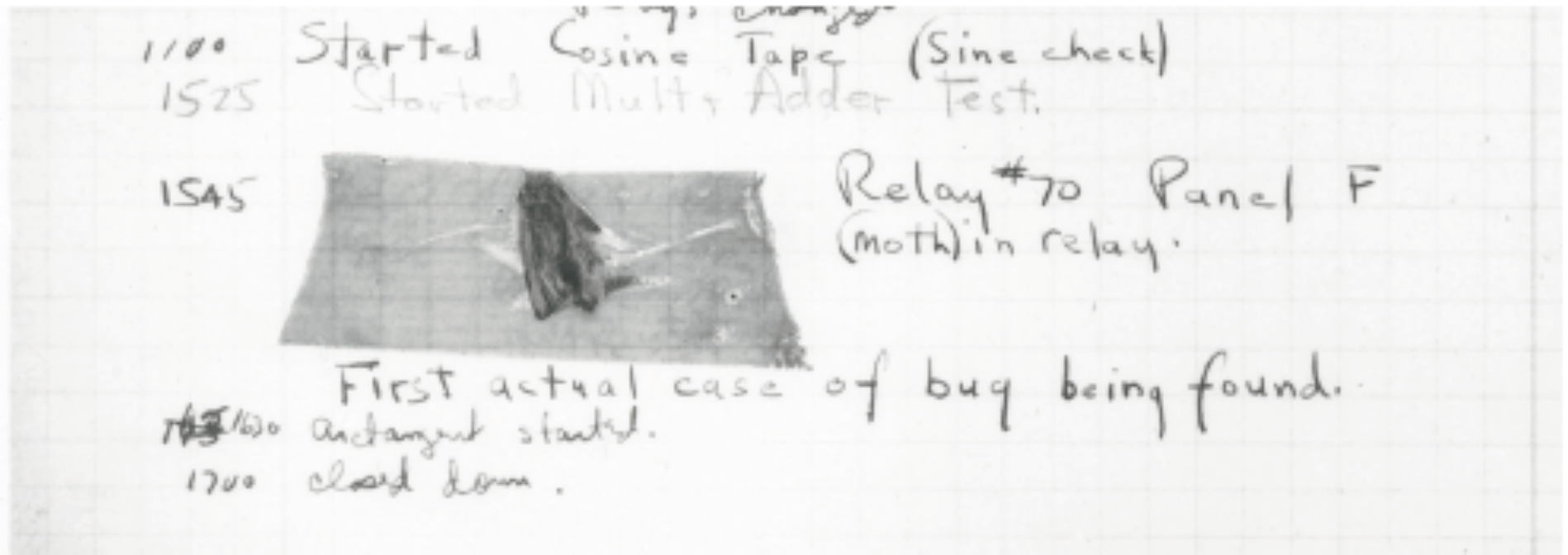
Self Check 6.13

In the debugger, you are reaching a call to `System.out.println`. Should you step into the method or step over it?

Self Check 6.14

In the debugger, you are reaching the beginning of a long method with a couple of loops inside. You want to find out the return value that is computed at the end of the method. Should you set a breakpoint, or should you step through the method?

The First Bug



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