

Decision Structures

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Outline

- ❑ Scanner Class
- ❑ if-else Statement
- ❑ Logical Operators
- ❑ Comparing String Objects
- ❑ Conditional Operator
- ❑ **switch** Statement

Scanner Class (1)

- ❑ To read input from the keyboard we can use the **Scanner** class.
- ❑ The **Scanner** class is defined in **java.util**, so we will use the following statement at the top of our programs:

```
import java.util.Scanner;
```

Scanner Class (2)

❑ Scanner objects work with `System.in`

❑ To create a `Scanner` object:

```
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner (System.in);
```

❑ Popular `Scanner` class methods

- `nextDouble()`

- `nextInt()`

- `nextLine()`

❑ Example

```
int hourlyWage;
```

```
hourlyWage = keyboard.nextInt();
```

If-else Statement (1)

- ❑ The `if` statement uses a **boolean** to decide whether the next statement or block of statements executes.

```
if (boolean expression is true) {  
    execute statement1;  
    execute statement2;  
    execute statement3;  
}
```

- ❑ Note that when the curly braces are not used, then only the next statement after the `if` condition will be executed conditionally.

If-else Statement (2)

- ❑ The **if-else** statement adds the ability to conditionally execute code when the **if** condition is false.

```
if (expression) {  
    statementOrBlockIfTrue1;  
    statementOrBlockIfTrue2;  
}  
else {  
    statementOrBlockIfFalse1;  
    statementOrBlockIfFalse2;  
}
```

If-else Statement (3)

- ❑ A *boolean expression* is any variable or calculation that results in a *true* or *false* condition.

Expression	Meaning
$x > y$	Is x greater than y?
$x < y$	Is x less than y?
$x \geq y$	Is x greater than or equal to y?
$x \leq y$	Is x less than or equal to y.
$x == y$	Is x equal to y?
$x != y$	Is x not equal to y?

If-else Statement (4): Example

```
if (x > y)
    System.out.println("X is greater than Y");
```

```
if (x == y)
    System.out.println("X is equal to Y");
```

```
if (x != y) {
    System.out.println("X is not equal to Y");
    x = y;
    System.out.println("However, now it is.");
}
```


If-else Statement (5): Example

```
if (x != y)
```

```
    System.out.println("X is not equal to Y");
```

```
    x = y;
```

```
    System.out.println("However, now it is.");
```

Only the first statement is executed conditionally!!

Lab (1)

□ Employee

□ EmployeeDemo2

Exercise (1)

- ❑ Please revise the `calSalary()` method in the `Employee` class
 - If the employee's working hours is more than the regular hours, calculate the overtime pay for the overtime hours as 1.8 of the base pay.

if-else-if Statements (1)

- ❑ The **if-else-if** statement makes certain types of nested decision logic simpler to write.
- ❑ Care must be used since **else** statements match up with the immediately preceding unmatched **if** statement.

if-else-if Statements (2)

```
if (expression_1) {  
    statement;           If expression_1 is true these statements are  
    statement;           executed, and the rest of the structure is ignored.  
    etc.  
}  
else if (expression_2) {  
    statement;           Otherwise, if expression_2 is true these statements are  
    statement;           executed, and the rest of the structure is ignored.  
    etc.  
}
```

Insert as many else if clauses as necessary

```
else {  
    statement;           These statements are executed if none of the  
    statement;           expressions above are true.  
    etc.  
}
```

Lab (2)

□ GradePointCalculator.java

- The user enters either A, B, or C, and the program prints out the grade point accordingly.

Logical Operators (1)

- ❑ Java provides two binary *logical operators* (**&&** and **||**) that are used to combine **boolean** expressions.
- ❑ Java also provides one *unary* (**!**) logical operator to reverse the truth of a **boolean** expression.

Logical Operators (2)

Operator	Meaning	Effect
&&	AND	Connects two boolean expressions into one. Both expressions must be true for the overall expression to be true.
 	OR	Connects two boolean expressions into one. One or both expressions must be true for the overall expression to be true. It is only necessary for one to be true, and it does not matter which one.
!	NOT	The ! operator reverses the truth of a boolean expression. If it is applied to an expression that is true, the operator returns false. If it is applied to an expression that is false, the operator returns true.

Lab (3)

□ LogicalAnd.java

- In this program, we ask the user to input the number of hours an employee worked, and the points earned las week. If the number of hours is greater than the regular hour AND the current exp is greater than 200, than the employee is qualified for the bonus.

Exercise (2)

□ Revise GradePointCalculator.java

- Please revise the program so that it will handle both uppercase and lowercase letter grade.

Logical Operators (3)

□ Order of Precedence

- The `!` operator has a higher order of precedence than the `&&` and `||` operators.
- The `&&` and `||` operators have a lower precedence than relational operators like `<` and `>`.

□ Parenthesis can be used to force the precedence to be changed.

Logical Operators (4)

Order of Precedence	Operators	Description
1	(unary negation) !	Unary negation, logical NOT
2	* / %	Multiplication, Division, Modulus
3	+ -	Addition, Subtraction
4	< > <= >=	Less-than, Greater-than, Less-than or equal to, Greater-than or equal to
5	== !=	Is equal to, Is not equal to
6	&&	Logical AND
7		Logical OR
8	= += -= *= /= %=	Assignment and combined assignment operators.

Exercise: Logic Operator

□ Given $x = 30$, $y = 25$, what is the result of following expression?

$!((y - x == 5) \&\& (x > 0))$

Comparing `String` Objects

- ❑ In most cases, you cannot use the logical operators to compare two `String` objects.
- ❑ In the `String` class, the `equals` method is case sensitive.
- ❑ In order to compare two `String` objects that might have different case, use:
 - `equalsIgnoreCase`

❑ Example

```
if (name.equalsIgnoreCase("france"))  
    .....
```

Other String Methods

```
3 public class StringMethods {
4
5     public static void main(String[] args) {
6         String message = "Java is great fun!";
7
8         String lowercaseMesassge=message.toLowerCase();
9         String uppercaseMessage=message.toUpperCase();
10        char letter = message.charAt(2);
11        int stringSize = message.length();
12
13        System.out.println(lowercaseMesassge);
14        System.out.println(uppercaseMessage);
15        System.out.println(letter);
16        System.out.println(stringSize);
17    }
18 }
19
```

Problems @ Javadoc Declaration Console

<terminated> StringMethods [Java Application] C:\eclipse\plugins\org.eclip

java is great fun!

JAVA IS GREAT FUN!

v

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Lab (4)

□ SecretWord.java

- When the user enters the secret word “professional,” the program prints out a success message; otherwise, print out an error message.

Conditional Operator (1)

❑ The **conditional operator** is a ternary (three operand) operator.

- You can use the conditional operator to write a simple statement that works like an **if-else** statement.

❑ Format

BooleanExpression ? Value1 : Value2

- If ***BooleanExpression*** is true, the value of the conditional expression is ***Value1***.
- If ***BooleanExpression*** is false, the value of the conditional expression is ***Value2***.

Conditional Operator (2)

```
z = x > y ? 10 : 5;
```

This line is functionally equivalent to:

```
if (x > y)
```

```
    z = 10;
```

```
else
```

```
    z = 5;
```

- Oftentime the conditional operator is used to supply a value.

Conditional Operator Example

```
7 public static void main(String[] args) {
8     // constants
9     final double BASE_FEE = 4.5; // regular charge per pound
10    final double OVERWEIGHT_FEE = 7; // charge for overweight package
11    final double WEIGHT_LIMIT = 20; // the threshold of overweight package
12
13    // variables used in the program
14    double weight; // weight of the package. To be entered by user
15    double charge; // charge of the package to be calculated.
16
17    // keyboard input
18    Scanner kb = new Scanner(System.in);
19
20    // get user input for the weight
21    System.out.print("Please enter the weight of the package: ");
22    weight = kb.nextDouble();
23
24    // calculate the charge based on the weight
25    // use the conditional operator to determine which fee to use in calculation
26    charge = weight * (weight <= WEIGHT_LIMIT ? BASE_FEE : OVERWEIGHT_FEE);
27
28    // show result
29    System.out.print("The total charge is: $" + charge);
30 }
```

Problems @ Javadoc Declaration Console

<terminated> PackageFee [Java Application] C:\eclipse\plugins\org.eclipse.justj.openjdk.hotspot.jre.full.win32.x86_64.jdk\bin\java.exe

Please enter the weight of the package: 25

The total charge is: \$175.0

switch Statement (1)

- ❑ The **if-else** statement allows you to make true / false branches.
- ❑ The **switch** statement allows you to use an ordinal value to determine how a program will branch.

switch Statement (2)

```
switch (SwitchExpression) {  
    case CaseExpression:  
        // place one or more statements here  
        break;  
    case CaseExpression:  
        // place one or more statements here  
        break;  
  
        // case statements may be repeated  
        //as many times as necessary  
    default:  
        // place one or more statements here  
}
```

switch Statement (3)

```
switch (SwitchExpression) {  
  
    ...  
  
}
```

- The **switch** statement will evaluate the *SwitchExpression*, which can be a **byte**, **short**, **int**, **long**, **char**, or **String**

switch Statement (4)

- ❑ Each **case** statement will have a corresponding *CaseExpression* that must be unique.

```
case CaseExpression:
```

```
    // place one or more statements here
```

```
    break;
```

- ❑ If the *SwitchExpression* matches the *CaseExpression*, the Java statements between the colon and the **break** statement will be executed.

switch Statement (5)

❑ **break** statement

- It ends the **case** statement.
- **break** statement is optional.

❑ If a **case** does not contain a **break**, then program execution continues into the next **case**.

❑ The **default** section is optional and will be executed if no *CaseExpression* matches the *SwitchExpression*.

Lab (5)

□ GradePointCalculatorWithSwitch.java

- The user enters either A, B, or C, and the program prints out the grade point accordingly.

Exercise

- ❑ Create a program that displays the price of a concert ticket based on users' input. The ticket price is based on the code entered, as shown below. If the user enters a number other than 1 to 4, the application should indicate the problem.

Class	Ticket Price
1	\$15
2	\$15
3	\$25
4	\$35
Other	Invalid