

Inf1B

Conditionals and Loops¹

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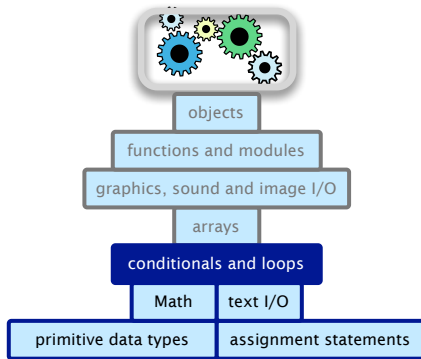
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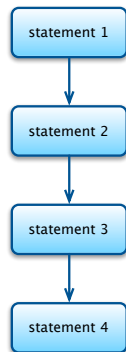


Conditional Statements

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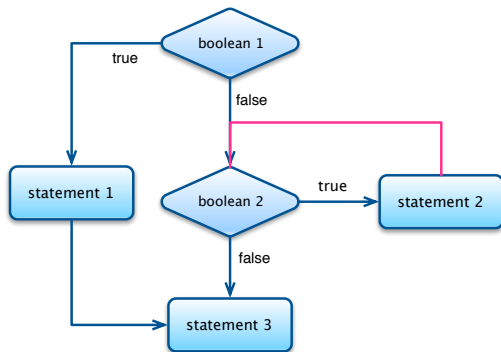
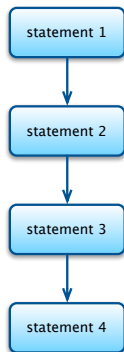
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- ▶ **Conditionals** and **loops** enable us to choreograph control flow



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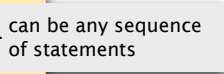
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}  
else {  
    statement F;  
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The diagram shows a light gray box with the text "can be any sequence of statements". Two black arrows originate from this box: one points to the underlined "statement I;" inside the if block, and the other points to the underlined "statement F;" inside the else block.

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if (x > y) {
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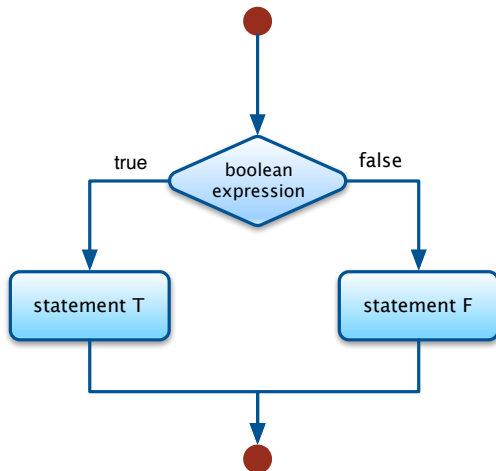
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    int t = x;  
    x = y;  
    y = t;
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sequence of statements

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}
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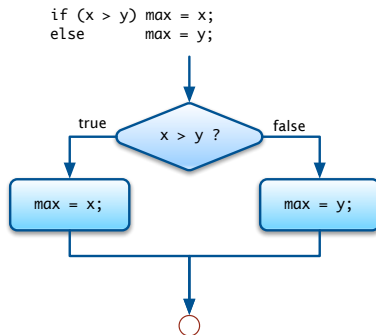
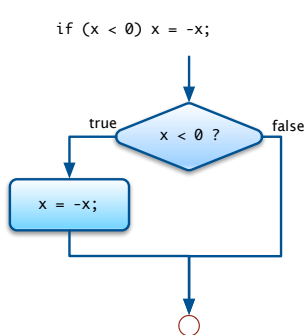
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If Statement: Examples

absolute value

```
if (x < 0) x = -x;
```

put x and y into ascending order (swap)

```
if (x > y) {  
    int temp = x;  
    x = y;  
    y = temp;  
}
```

maximum of x and y

```
if (x > y) max = x;  
else     max = y;
```


error check for division operation

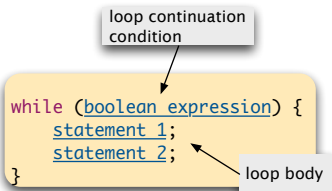
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if (den == 0) {  
    System.out.println("Division by zero");  
} else {  
    System.out.println("Quotient = " + num / den);  
}
```

Loops (While)

While Loop

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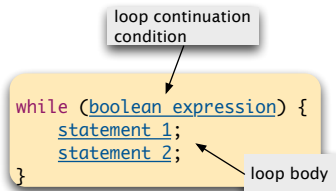
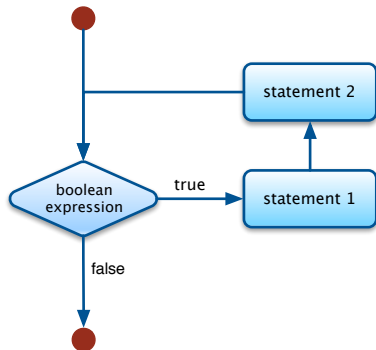


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```
i
0
```

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7	128	false		

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Powers of Two

```
public class PowersOfTwo {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int n = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);  
        int i = 0;  
        int val = 1;  
        while (i <= n) {  
            System.out.println(i + " " + val);  
            i = i + 1;  
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        }  
    }  
}
```

```
% java PowersOfTwo 3  
0 1  
1 2  
2 4  
3 8
```

While Loop Challenge

Q: Is anything wrong with the following version of PowersOfTwo?

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A: Need curly braces around statements in while loop. Otherwise, only the first of the statements is executed before returning to while condition; enters an infinite loop, printing 0 1 for ever.

(How to stop an infinite loop? At the Linux command-line, hit Control-c.)

The Increment Operator

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int val = 1;
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}
```

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Loops (For)

For Loop

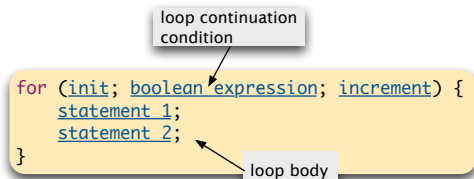
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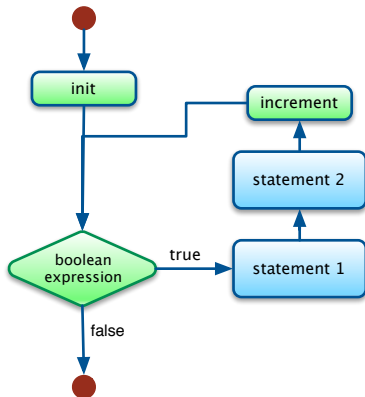
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```
for (init; boolean expression; increment) {  
    statement 1;  
    statement 2;  
}
```

loop continuation
condition

loop body



Anatomy of a For Loop

*initialize another
variable in a separate
statement*

*declare and initialize
a loop control variable*

*loop continuation
condition*

*increment loop
variable*

```
int val = 1;
```

```
for ( int i = 0 ; i <= N ; i++ ) {
```

```
    System.out.println(i + " " + val);  
    val = 2 * val;
```

```
}
```

loop body

For Loop: Powers of Two

Print the first n powers of 2. Set $n = 6$.

► Double `val` each time.

```
int val = 1;
for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++) {
    System.out.println(i + " " + val);
    val = 2 * val;
}
```

```
val
1
```

► Start Again

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}
```

val	i
1	0

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}
```

val	i	$i \leq n$
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8			

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64			

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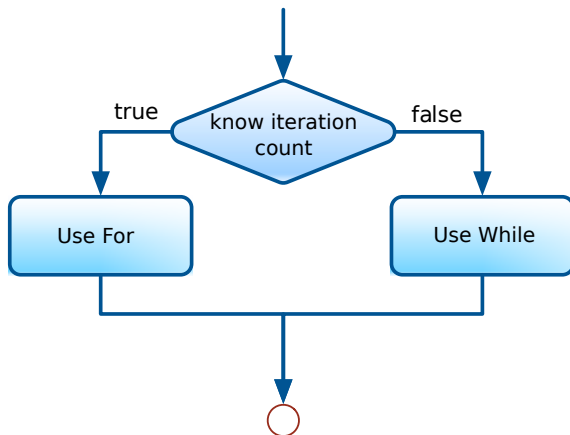
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64	6	true	6	64
128	7	false		

► Start Again

When to use While and when to use For?

Rule of thumb



Let's practice that



TOP HAT

Bailing Out Early

What if you need to leave a loop early?

Sometimes you don't want to end the execution of a loop but instead break out early, e.g. for search algorithms.

- ▶ `break`: allows you to break out of a loop immediately

What if you need to leave a loop early?

Breaking out early

```
1  // find first number dividable by n
2  int start = 50;
3  int end = 5000;
4  int n = 344;
5  for(int i = start; i < end; i++) {
6      if (i % n == 0) {
7          System.out.println("Number found: " + i);
8          break;
9      }
10     // some complex calculations
11 }
```

What if you need to leave a loop early?

At other times, you might want to skip a loop iteration for certain input and continue with the next one, e.g. when processing data and skipping invalid entries.[5px]

- ▶ **continue**: allows you to skip the remainder of the loop body and continue with the next iteration

What if you need to leave a loop early?

Skipping iterations

```
1  // skip numbers dividable by n
2  int start = 0;
3  int end = 100;
4  int n = 5;
5  for (int i = start; i < end; i++) {
6      if (i % n == 0) {
7          continue;
8      }
9
10     // run some complex calculations
11 }
```

Nested Conditionals



Nested If Statements

How to classify Scottish weather:

degrees C	verdict
< -5	wear a sweater
-5 to 0	nippy
1 to 10	normal
> 10	roastin'

4 mutually exclusive
alternatives

Nested If Statements

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```
String verdict;  
if (temp < -5) verdict = "wear a sweater";  
else {  
    if (temp < 1) verdict = "nippy";  
    else {  
        if (temp < 11) verdict = "normal";  
        else verdict = "roastin'";  
    }  
}
```

Nested If Statements

We don't necessarily need all those braces.

```
public class ScottishWeather {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        String verdict;  
        int temp = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);  
        if (temp < -5) verdict = "wear a sweater";  
        else if (temp < 1) verdict = "nippy";  
        else if (temp < 11) verdict = "normal";  
        else verdict = "roastin'";  
        System.out.println("Verdict: " + verdict);  
    }  
}
```

Output

```
% java ScottishWeather -1
```

```
Verdict: nippy
```

```
% java ScottishWeather 1
```

```
Verdict: normal
```

Nested If Statements

Is there anything wrong with the logic of the following code?

degrees C	verdict
< -5	wear a sweater
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1 to 10	normal
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```
String verdict;  
int temp = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);  
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if (temp >= 11) verdict = "roastin'";
```

Summary

Control flow:

- ▶ Sequence of statements that are actually executed in a program run.
- ▶ Conditionals and loops: enable us to choreograph the control flow.

Control Flow	Description	Examples
straight-line programs	all statements are executed in the order given	
conditionals	certain statements are executed depending on the values of certain variables	if, if-else
loops	certain statements are executed repeatedly until certain conditions are met	while, for

Reading

Java Tutorial

pp68-86, i.e. Chapter 3 *Language Basics* from *Expressions, Statements and Blocks* to the end of the chapter.

Objects First

Appendix C.2 - C.3, Appendix D.1 - D.3