



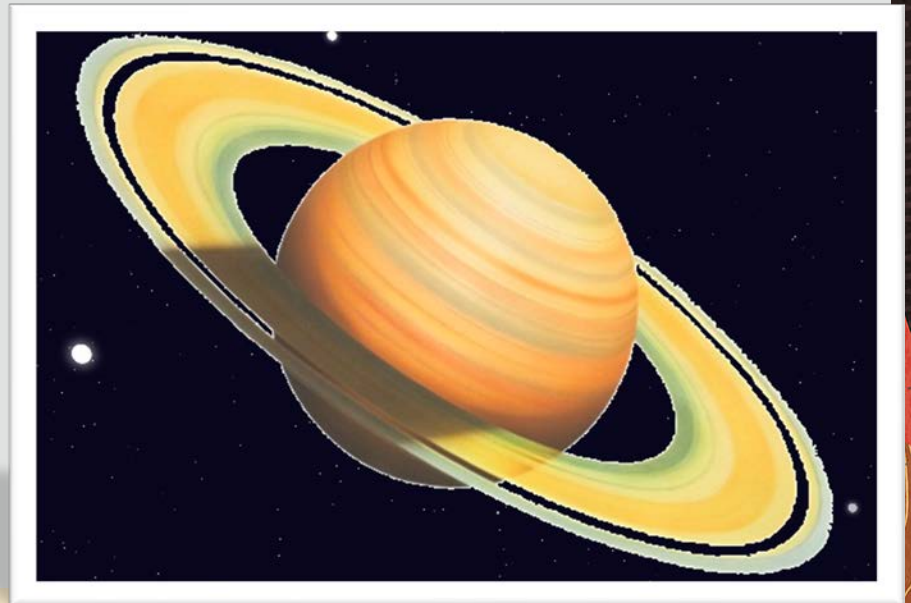
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Java Foundations

6-1 for Loops

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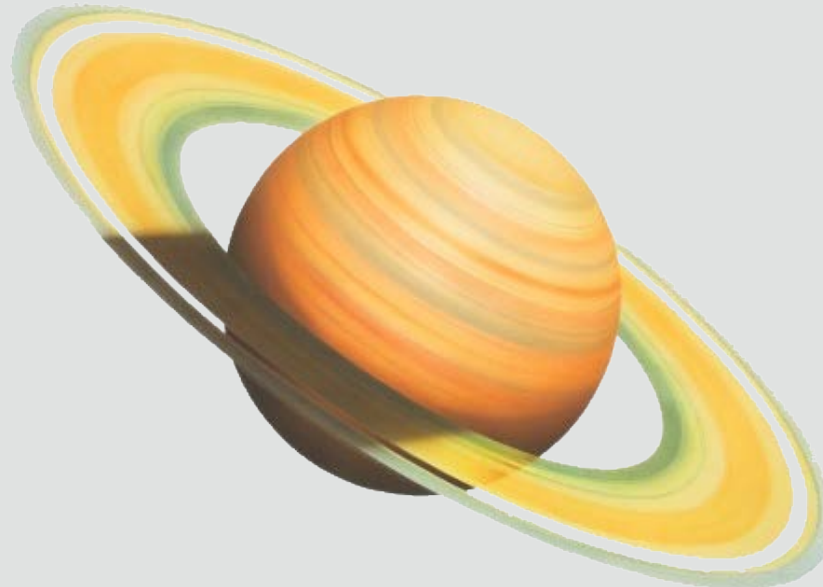
Objectives:

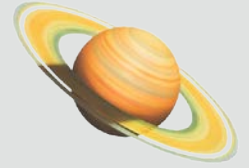
- This lesson covers the following objectives:
 - Understand the components of the standard for loop
 - Understand how to create and use a for loop
 - Understand variable scope
 - Understand debugging techniques
 - Explain how infinite loops occur in Java



Mission to Saturn's Rings

- We're going to launch a rocket ship
- Its mission is to study Saturn's rings
- Do you have any thoughts on how to program a countdown timer?





The Countdown

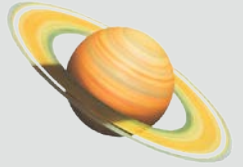
- Counting down from 10 requires 10 lines of code

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");  
System.out.println(10);  
System.out.println(9);  
System.out.println(8);  
System.out.println(7);  
System.out.println(6);  
System.out.println(5);  
System.out.println(4);  
System.out.println(3);  
System.out.println(2);  
System.out.println(1);  
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```



The Countdown

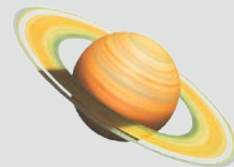
- Counting down from 100 would require 100 lines of code
- That would be painful and tedious to program.
- Is there a more practical way to write this program?
- Can the code easily accommodate any starting value?



The Countdown

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");  
System.out.println(100);  
System.out.println(99);  
System.out.println(98);  
System.out.println(97);  
System.out.println(96);  
System.out.println(95);  
...  
...  
...  
...  
...  
...  
System.out.println(2);  
System.out.println(1);  
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```





Can Variables Help?

- Variables are somewhat helpful
- But we still have to copy and paste the same lines of code until 0 prints

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
```

```
int i = 10;
```

```
System.out.println(i);
```

```
i--;
```

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System.out.println(i);
```

```
i--;
```

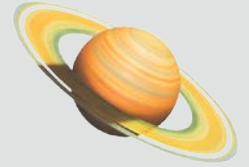
```
System.out.println(i);
```

```
i--;
```

```
...
```

```
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```






Repeating Code

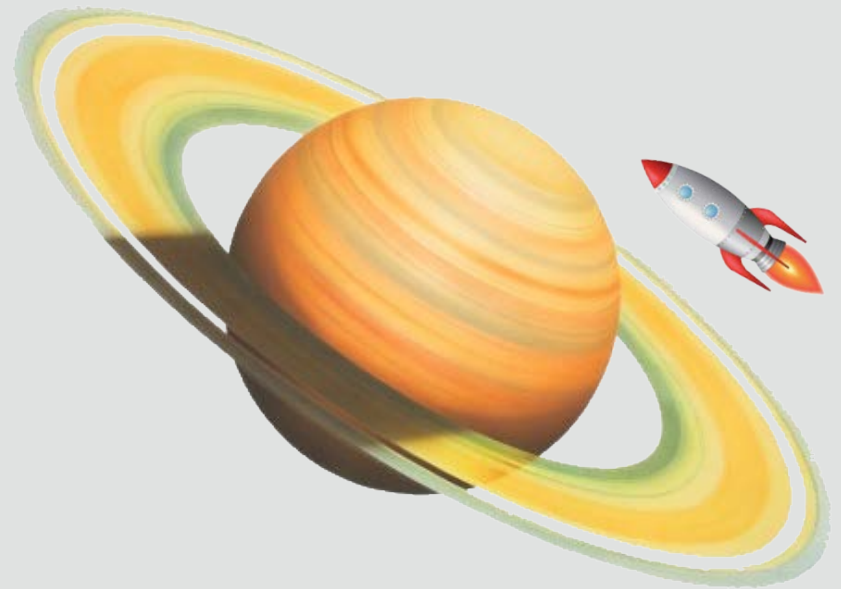
- Can we make the same lines of code repeat a variable number of times?
- Lines 7–10 show the block of code we want to repeat
- Remember the line-by-line nature of programs:
 - When the program reaches line 10 ...
 - We want to loop back to line 7

```
5  int i = 10;
6
7  {
8      System.out.println(i);
9      i--;
10 }
```



Loop Statements

- Loop statements are used to repeat lines of code.
- Java provides three types of loops:
 - for
 - while
 - do-while



Repeating Behavior



```
while (!areWeThereYet) {  
  
    read book;  
    argue with sibling;  
    ask, "Are we there yet?";  
  
}  
  
Woohoo!;  
Get out of car;
```



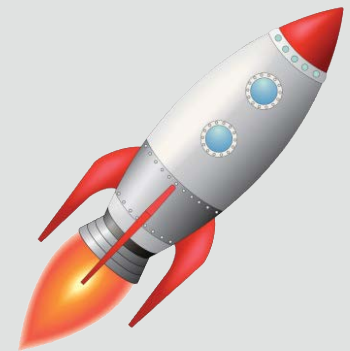
Loops

- Loops are used in programs for repeated execution of one or more statements until a terminating condition is reached
 - Until an expression is false
 - or
 - For a specific number of times:
 - I want to print the numbers from 1 to 10
 - I want to compute the sum of numbers in a given range
- A for loop executes a known number of times
 - for loops are also called definite loops

What We Know

- In the Countdown scenario, here's what we know:

What We Know	Technical Name	Code
When the loop starts ...	Initialization Expression	<code>int i = 10;</code>
Continue looping if ...	Condition Expression	<code>i >= 0;</code>
After each loop ...	Update Expression	<code>i--;</code>
Code to repeat	Code Statements	<code>System.out.println(i);</code>



for Loop Overview

- Syntax:

```
for(initialization; condition; update){  
    Code statement(s)  
    Code statement(s) }  
} //end for
```

- The initialization expression initializes the loop, it's executed only once, as the loop begins
- When the condition expression evaluates to false, the loop terminates
- The update expression is invoked after each iteration through the loop, this expression can increment or decrement a value
- Each expression should be separated with a semicolon (;)

Initialization Expression

- Performed once as the loop begins
- Tells the compiler what variable (called a loop counter) is used in the loop
- Can start at any value, not just 10

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");  
  
for(int i = 10; i >= 0; i--) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
}//end for  
  
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```

Condition Expression

- Looping continues as long as this boolean expression is true
- It uses comparison operators:
 - (==, !=, <, >, <=, >=)

```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
```

```
for(int i = 10; i >= 0; i--) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
} //end for
```

```
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```

Update Expression

- This statement is executed after each iteration of the for loop
- It's used to update the loop counter

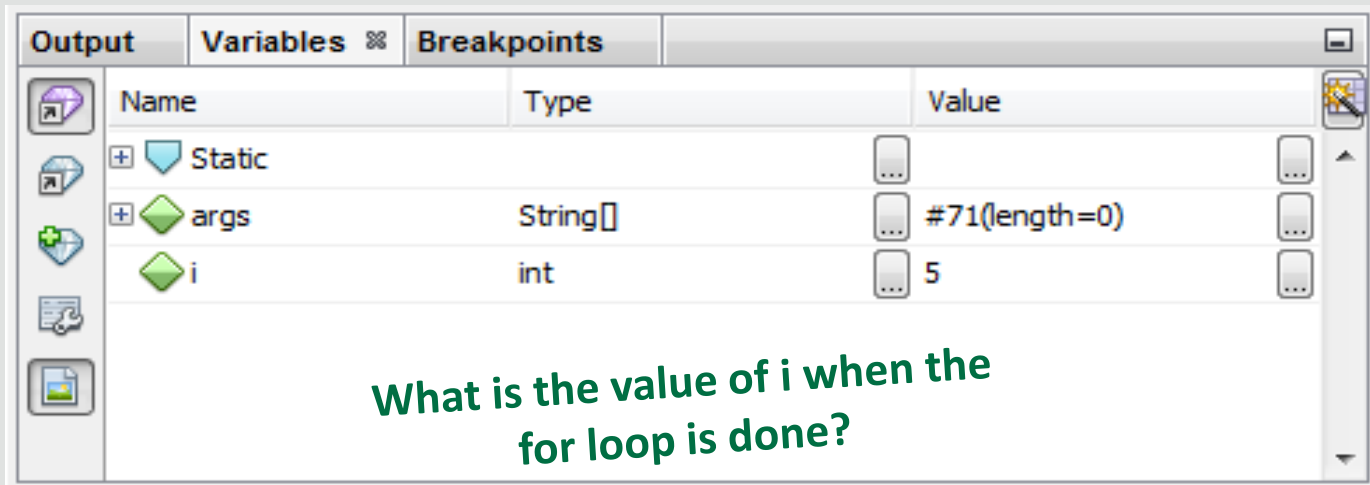
```
System.out.println("Countdown to Launch: ");
```

```
for(int i = 10; i >= 0; i--) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
} //end for
```

```
System.out.println("Blast Off!");
```

Exercise 1, Part 1

- Create a new project and add the Countdown.java file to the project
- Set a breakpoint in Countdown.java and observe...
 - How the **for** loop affects code execution
 - How the value of **i** changes



Name	Type	Value
Static		
args	String[]	#71(length=0)
i	int	5

What is the value of i when the for loop is done?

Exercise 1, Part 2

- Can you modify the code to count up from 0 to 5?
- Can you modify the code to count all even numbers from 0 to 20?

Do I Need the Update Expression?

- What if I wrote my loop like this?

```
for(int i = 10; i >= 0; ) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
    i--;  
} //end for
```

- This works, too!
- But you may not want to code this way, as your loops may become more complicated

Omitting Expressions in the for Loop

- Each expression in the header is optional
- But there are risks when you omit an expression:
 - No initialization:
 - No initialization is performed
 - There may be no loop counter
 - No condition:
 - The loop condition is always considered to be true
 - The loop is an infinite loop
 - No update:
 - No increment operation is performed
 - The loop counter keeps the same value

Omitting All Expressions in the for Loop

- Examine the following code:
 - All three expressions in the for loop can be omitted
 - The loop repeats infinitely

```
for(;;){  
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java");  
}//end for
```

Exercise 2

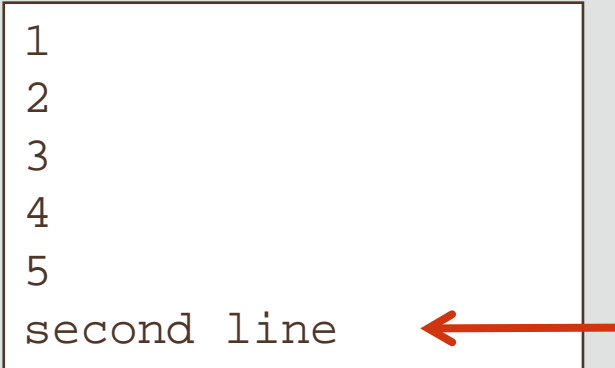
- Add the file `InfiniteLoop.java` to the project you created for exercise 1
- Execute `InfiniteLoop.java` and observe the output
- Modify the `for` loop in `InfiniteLoop.java` to print “**Hello**” five times

Multiple statements within a loop body

- To execute multiple statements within a body ...
- Enclose the statements within a pair of curly braces
- Otherwise, only the first statement in the body is executed

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 5; i++)  
System.out.println(i);  
System.out.println("second line");
```

- Output:



```
1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
second line
```

One Use of the for Loop

- The for loop provides a compact way to iterate over a range of values
- Repetition without the for loop:

```
//Prints the square of 1 through 5
System.out.println("1 squared = " + 1 * 1);
System.out.println("2 squared = " + 2 * 2);
System.out.println("3 squared = " + 3 * 3);
System.out.println("4 squared = " + 4 * 4);
System.out.println("5 squared = " + 5 * 5);
```

- Repetition with the for loop:

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 5; i++){
    System.out.println("i squared = " + i * i);
} //end for
```

i Is the Loop Counter

- Every example we've seen relies on the loop counter

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 5; i++){  
    System.out.println("i squared = " + i * i);  
}//end for
```

- i can:
 - Be printed
 - Have its value changed
 - Be used in calculations
- This is great for:
 - Counting
 - Calculating values quickly

Understanding Variable Scope

- But `i` exists only within the for loop
 - This is known as the scope of `i`
 - `i` no longer exists when the for loop terminates
 - If `i` is used to calculate values, we'll never get those values out of the for loop
- Did you observe `i` disappear when you debugged `Countdown.java`?

```
for(int i = 1; i <= 5; i++){  
    System.out.println("i squared = " + i * i);  
}//end for
```

Variable Scope: Example

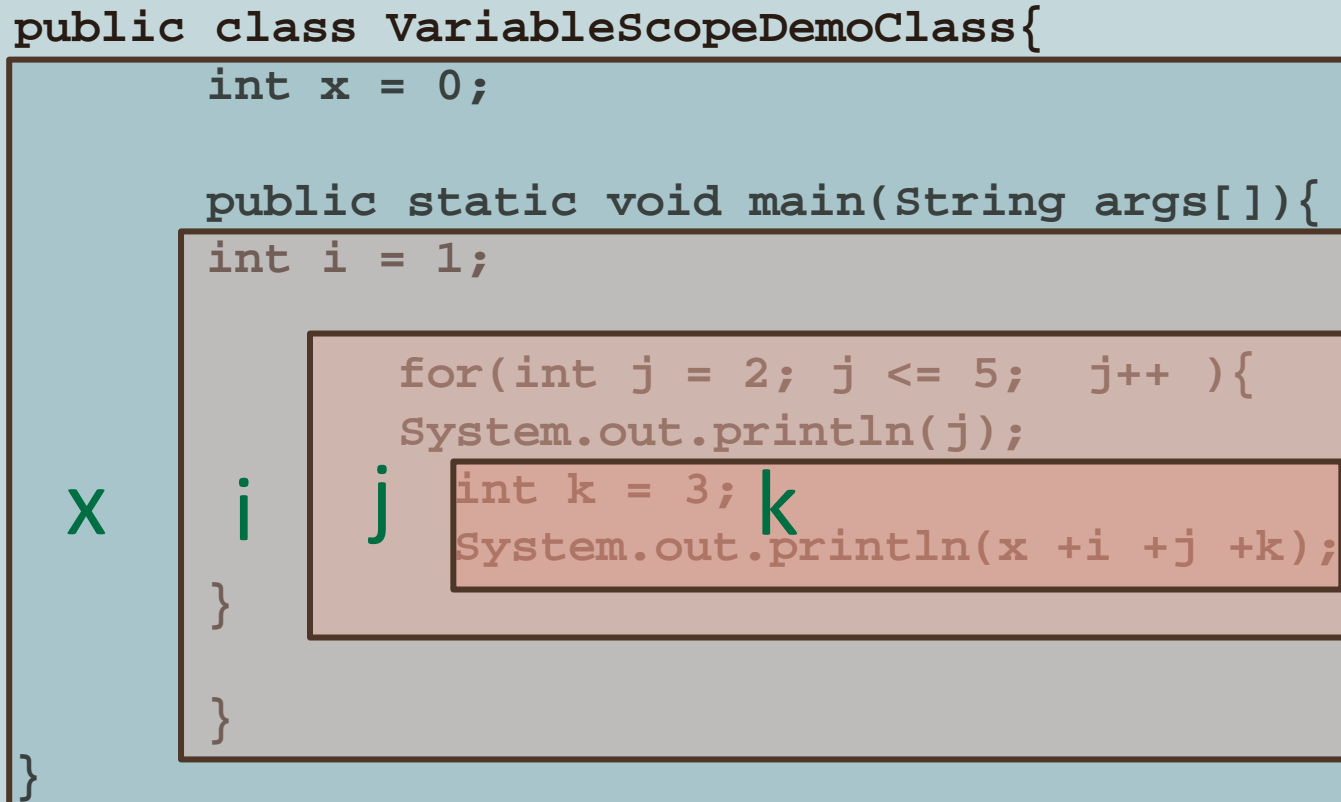
- Variable `i` declared in the for loop is a local variable and cannot be accessed outside the loop
- Compiler error is generated at line 8

```
1  public class VariableScopeDemo {  
2  
3      public static void main(String args[]){  
4  
5          for(int i = 0; i <= 5; i++ ){  
6              System.out.println("i: " +i);  
7          }//end for  
8      → System.out.println("i: " +i);  
9          }//end method main  
10 }//end class VariableScopeDemo
```

Variable Scope

- Variables cannot exist before or outside their block of code

```
public class VariableScopeDemoClass{  
    int x = 0;  
  
    public static void main(String args[]){  
        int i = 1;  
        for(int j = 2; j <= 5; j++ ){  
            int k = 3;  
            System.out.println(x + i + j + k);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Another Use for Loops

- Suppose you need to find the sum of four numbers

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Add4Integers {
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.println("This program adds four numbers.");
        System.out.println("Type each number, followed by Enter.");
        int n1 = in.nextInt();
        int n2 = in.nextInt();
        int n3 = in.nextInt();
        int n4 = in.nextInt();
        int total = n1 + n2 + n3 + n4;
        System.out.println("The total is " + total + ".");
    } //end method main
} //end class Add4Integers
```

Another Use - for Loops

- This approach is cumbersome to program if you want to add 100 values

```
int n1 = in.nextInt();  
int n2 = in.nextInt();  
int n3 = in.nextInt();  
int n4 = in.nextInt();  
  
...  
int n100 = in.nextInt();  
int total = n1 + n2 + n3 + n4 +... + n100;
```

- Can a for loop make this program shorter?
- Can a for loop help find the sum of a variable number of integers?

Using Scope with for Loops

- This can be solved using ...
 - A for loop with variables of different scope

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class PracticeCode {
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
        int N = 100;
        int total = 0;
        System.out.println("This program adds " + N + " numbers.");
        for(int i = 0; i < N; i++){
            System.out.println("Enter your next number:");
            int value = in.nextInt();
            total += value;
        } //end for
        System.out.println("The total is " + total + ".");
    } //end method main
}
```


Scope

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class PracticeCode {
public static void main(String[] args){
    Scanner in = new Scanner(System.in);
    int N = 100;
    int total = 0;
    System.out.println("This program adds " + N + " numbers.");
    for(int i = 0; i < N; i++){
        System.out.println("Enter your next number:");
        int value = in.nextInt();
        total += value;
    } //end for
    System.out.println("The total is " + total + ".");
} //end method main
```

N

total

i

value

Exercise 3

- Add the file `ScopeTest.java` to the project you created for exercise 1
- `ScopeTest.java` is broken
- Can you fix it?
- You should get the following output:

```
-64 32 16 8 4 2 1
```

```
-0 1 2 3 4 5
```

```
-5 4 3 2 1 0
```

```
-2 4 8 16 32 64
```

Variable Already Defined

- i is created before the for loop
- Another i can't exist within the same scope
- One of these variables needs a different name

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
```

```
    int i = 0;
```

i

```
    for(int i = 64; i > 0; i=i/2 ) {  
        System.out.print(i + " ");  
    }
```

```
}
```

Out of Scope

- j can't exist outside the scope where it was created
- A different j can be created if the scopes don't overlap

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    for(int j = 0; j<=5; j++){  
        j System.out.print(j + " ");  
    }  
  
    for(int j = 5; j>=0; j--){  
        j System.out.print(j + " ");  
    }  
  
    for(int k = 2; k<=64; k=k*2){  
        k System.out.print(j + " ");  
    }  
}
```

Do I Need the Initialization Expression?

- What if I wrote my loop like this?

```
int i = 10;  
for(; i >= 0; i--){  
    System.out.println(i);  
} //end for
```

- This works, too!
 - But i exists outside the scope of the for loop
 - If i is only meant to be a loop counter, the variable is wasting memory
 - Keep the scope narrow (as small as possible)
 - Stray variables complicate code and increase the potential for bugs

Summary

- In this lesson, you should have learned how to:
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 - Understand how to create and use a for loop
 - Understand variable scope
 - Understand debugging techniques
 - Explain how infinite loops occur in Java





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