

Fundamentals of Java

Selection

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The "if" statement

```
if (condition)
{
    statement1;
    statement2;
    statement3;
}
```

If the condition is true,
then execute the statements.

The "if" statement - example

```
System.out.print("What is your score? ");  
int score = keyboard.nextInt();  
  
if (score >= 85)  
{  
    System.out.println("Well done!");  
    System.out.println("Your grade is HD.");  
}
```

The "if/else" statement

```
System.out.print("What is your score? ");  
int score = keyboard.nextInt();  
  
if (score >= 85)  
{  
    System.out.println("Your grade is HD.");  
}  
else  
{  
    System.out.println("Better luck next time.");  
}
```

Nested if/else statements

```
if (score >= 85)
{
    System.out.println("Your grade is HD.");
}
else
{
    if (score >= 75)
    {
        System.out.println("Your grade is D.");
    }
    else
    {
        System.out.println("Better luck next time.");
    }
}
```

Braces

The opening { and closing } braces are used to group a sequence of statements together as a single unit.

Braces are required around more than one statement.

Braces are not required around a single statement.

Optional braces removed

```
if (score >= 85)
    System.out.println("Your grade is HD.");
else
    if (score >= 75)
        System.out.println("Your grade is D.");
    else
        if (score >= 65)
            System.out.println("Your grade is C.");
        else
            if (score >= 50)
                System.out.println("Your grade is P.");
            else
                System.out.println("Your grade is Z.");
```

Cascading if/else

A long chain of nested if/else statements is called a cascading if/else statement.

(It looks like a cascading waterfall).

The problem: cascading if/else statements quickly drift to the right, and off the page.

Programmers have a special way to format cascading if/else statements (next slide...)

Optional braces removed

```
if (score >= 85)
    System.out.println("Your grade is HD.");
else if (score >= 75)
    System.out.println("Your grade is D.");
else if (score >= 65)
    System.out.println("Your grade is C.");
else if (score >= 50)
    System.out.println("Your grade is P.");
else
    System.out.println("Your grade is Z.");
```

This is exactly the same code sequence, only with different whitespace formatting.

The compiler ignores whitespace, so this is exactly the same program to the compiler.

Common mistake #1

```
int x = 92;  
if (x < 10)  
    System.out.println("hello");  
    System.out.println("hello");  
  
System.out.println("hello");
```

How many times is "hello" printed?

Common mistake #1

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int x = 92;  
if (x < 10)  
    System.out.println("hello");  
    System.out.println("hello");  
  
System.out.println("hello");
```

How many times is "hello" printed?

Answer: twice!

Common mistake #2

```
int x = 92;  
if (x < 10);  
    System.out.println("hello");
```

```
System.out.println("hello");
```

How many times is "hello" printed?

Common mistake #2

```
int x = 92;  
if (x < 10);  
    System.out.println("hello");
```

```
System.out.println("hello");
```

How many times is "hello" printed?

Answer: twice!

Indentation style

Java ignores TABs, spaces and newlines.

But humans do not ignore them.

Use TABs, spaces and newlines to make your code readable by other humans.

Indentation style

Use a TAB to shift code to the right in the following cases:

- The contents of a class declaration
- The contents of a method declaration
- The contents of an "if"
- The contents of an "else"
- ... more cases to come...

Compound conditions - AND

```
if (score >= 65 && score < 75)  
    System.out.println("Your score is average.");
```

If the score is greater than or equal to 65
AND the score is less than 75
THEN print "Your score is average."

Compound conditions - OR

```
if (yearsMarried == 25 || yearsMarried == 50)  
    System.out.println("Happy Anniversary!");
```

If yearsMarried equals 25

OR yearsMarried equals 50

THEN print "Happy Anniversary!"

Compound conditions - NOT

!A means NOT A.

```
if (!(yearsMarried == 25 || yearsMarried == 50)
    System.out.println("It is not your
anniversary.");
```

An equivalent expression is:

```
if (yearsMarried != 25 && yearsMarried != 50)
    System.out.println("It is not your
anniversary.");
```

Translating English to Java

If your age is at least 18 and either your bank balance is over \$10,000 or your salary is at least \$40,000 then ...

Which translation is correct?

If your age is at least 18 and either your bank balance is over \$10,000 or your salary is at least \$40,000 then ...

Translation #1

```
if (age >= 18 && balance > 10000 || salary >= 40000) ...
```

Translation #2

```
if (age >= 18 && (balance > 10000 || salary >= 40000)) ...
```

Which translation is correct?

If your age is at least 18 and either your bank balance is over \$10,000 or your salary is at least \$40,000 then ...

Translation #1 (incorrect)

```
if (age >= 18 && balance > 10000 || salary >= 40000) ...
```

Translation #2 (correct)

```
if (age >= 18 && (balance > 10000 || salary >= 40000)) ...
```

The "boolean" primitive type

The condition of an "if" statement is an expression of type "boolean". You can declare a variable of type boolean.

```
boolean passed = grade >= 50;  
if (passed)  
    System.out.println("You passed!");
```

This is equivalent to:

```
if (grade >= 50)  
    System.out.println("You passed!");
```

Boolean expressions

<code>A == B</code>	A is equal to B
<code>A != B</code>	A is not equal to B
<code>A > B</code>	A is greater than B
<code>A < B</code>	A is less than B
<code>A >= B</code>	A is greater than or equal to B
<code>A <= B</code>	A is less than or equal to B
<code>A && B</code>	A is true AND B is true
<code>A B</code>	A is true OR B is true
<code>!A</code>	A is not true
<code>(A)</code>	A

Primitive vs object equality

```
int x = 3;  
int y = 3;  
if (x == y) System.out.println("equal");
```

```
Circle c1 = new Circle(2.0);  
Circle c2 = new Circle(2.0);  
if (c1 == c2) System.out.println("equal");
```

Is `x == y`?

Is `c1 == c2`?

Primitive vs object equality

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Circle c1 = new Circle(2.0);  
Circle c2 = new Circle(2.0);  
if (c1 == c2) System.out.println("equal");
```

Is `x == y`? **YES**

Is `c1 == c2`? **NO!**

Object equality

The `==` equality operator on objects compares whether the two operands refer to the **SAME** object.

In this case, `c1` and `c2` are **NOT** the same object. They are different circle objects that "happen" to have the same radius.

```
Circle c1 = new Circle(2.0);  
Circle c2 = new Circle(2.0);
```

Object equality

Compare:

```
Circle c1 = new Circle(2.0);  
Circle c2 = new Circle(2.0);  
Circle c3 = c1;
```

Is `c1 == c2`? No.

Is `c1 == c3`? Yes.

Comparing similar objects

If you want to test whether two circles are the same size, then use:

```
if (c1.getRadius() == c2.getRadius())
```

Usually programmers define a method called "equals" which you should use:

```
if (c1.equals(c2))
```

The equals method

```
public class Circle
{
    private double radius;
    ...
    public boolean equals(Circle other)
    {
        return this.radius == other.radius;
    }
}
```

Switch statement

A more efficient alternative to the cascading if/else.

```
switch (place) {  
    case 1:  
        System.out.println("Gold medal!");  
        break;  
    case 2:  
        System.out.println("Silver medal!");  
        break;  
    case 3:  
        System.out.println("Bronze medal!");  
        break;  
    default:  
        System.out.println("Sorry, you did not place.");  
        break;  
}
```

Switch entry and exit points

The entry point of the switch statement is the case that matches the argument `place`.

The exit point of the switch statement is the first `break` statement to be reached after the entry point.

Normally, use one `break` for each case.

If you forget to `break`, the case will fall through to the next case!!!

Switch - missing break

```
switch (place) {  
    case 1:  
        System.out.println("Gold medal!");  
    case 2:  
        System.out.println("Silver medal!");  
    case 3:  
        System.out.println("Bronze medal!");  
    default:  
        System.out.println("Sorry, you did not place.");  
}
```

If place is 2, this will print:

Silver medal!

Bronze medal!

Sorry, you did not place.

Intentionally missing a break

```
switch (month) {  
    case 9:  
    case 4:  
    case 6:  
    case 11:  
        System.out.println("30 days.");  
        break;  
    case 2:  
        if (year % 4 == 0)  
            System.out.println("29 days.");  
        else  
            System.out.println("28 days.");  
        break;  
    default:  
        System.out.println("31 days.");  
        break;  
}
```