

# Introduction to programming and computer science

## Lecture 2: constants, booleans loops, control structures

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# Recap of Lecture 1



## Variables, Assignments, Expressions

## TDs: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



TD: travaux dirigés

FAQs: Foire aux questions



# Upper case versus Lower case

Java **distinguishes** between uppercases (A..Z) and lowercases (a..z) 

 Unix *differentiates* upper/lower case filenames

```
class UpperLowerCase
{
    public static void main (String arguments[])
    {
        int MyVar;
        // this variable is different from MyVar
        int myvar;

        // Generate a syntax error at compile time:
        // cannot find symbol variable myVar
        System.out.println(myVar);
    }
}
```



# Reserved keywords

You *cannot* choose reserved keywords for variable names:

```
class ReservedKeyword
{public static void main (String arg[]){
    double x,y;
    // Generate a syntax error:
    // "not a statement"
    int import;
    }
}
```

## Reserved keywords in Java:

abstract	default	if	private	throw
boolean	do	implements	protected	throws
break	double	<u>import</u>	public	transient
byte	else	instanceof	return	try
case	extends	int	short	void
catch	final	interface	static	volatile
char	finally	long	super	while
class	float	native	switch	
const	for	new	synchronized	
continue	goto	package	this	



# Displaying versus Computing

- You need to display if you'd like to see the result of evaluating an expression
- `System.out.println` displays on the console *with* a return carriage
- `System.out.print` displays on the console *without* a return carriage

> 2 + 2;

4

> ifactor(203490);

(2) (3)<sup>2</sup> (5) (7) (17) (19)

Confusing in Maple:  
Interpreter: compute:display

Java is not Maple nor SciLab!



# Output: Displaying values & messages

- `System.out.println(stringname)`: displays a string with a return carriage
- `System.out.print(stringname)`: displays a string *without* return line
- `System.out.println(value)`: converts (cast) numerical value into a string and displays it
- `System.out.println("The value of x is "+x)`:  
Converts the numerical value of x into a string and concatenate that string with the constant string "The value of x is "

```
println.java
1 class println
2 {
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5         double x=Math.E;
6         int i=23;
7         int a=25;
8         int b=1024;
9
10        System.out.println(x);
11        System.out.println(i);
12
13        System.out.print(a); System.out.print(b);
14
15        System.out.print("\n");
16
17        System.out.print("The value of x is "+x);
18    }
19 }
20
21
22
23
```

## More on System.out.print[ln]

Equivalences of stream output:

`System.out.print('\n') = System.out.println('');`  
`System.out.print('Hello INF311 \n') = System.out.println('INF311');`

```
stream.java
1 class stream
2 {
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5         System.out.print("Hello INF311! \n");
6         System.out.println("Hello INF311!");
7
8         // Now a question... showing the difference between math and languages
9
10        int i=23;
11
12        System.out.println("The value of i+1 is "+i+1);
13
14        // Beware of + operator for strings and numbers !!!
15    }
16 }
17
18
19
20
21
```

Priority order+casting operations...

## Display: String concatenations...

Cumbersome to type several

`System.out.println` and `System.out.print`



Shortcut: **String concatenations** « + »...

Operator (expression)

```
int a=1, b=-2;
System.out.print("a="); System.out.print(a);
System.out.print(" b="); System.out.println(b);

System.out.println("a="+a+" b="+b);

String s1="Lecture in", s2=" Java";
String s=s1+s2; // string concatenation
System.out.println(s);
```

```
a=1 b=-2
a=1 b=-2
Lecture in Java
```

# Reading input in Java: Class TC

Writing on the console using `System.out.print[ln]`

But unfortunately *no equivalent* for `System.in` !!!




There are good reasons that you'll understand once you master Java...



We *created* tailored *input functions* for reading int, double, etc.  
(proprietary code of Ecole Polytechnique)

```
System.out.print("Input an integer (+<Enter>):");
int a=TC.lireInt();
System.out.print("Input a real (+<Enter>):");
double b=TC.lireDouble();
```

```
System.out.println("I read:"+a+" "+b);
```

 [http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/informatique/INF311/TD\\_08/index.html](http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/informatique/INF311/TD_08/index.html)

# General purpose class TC

1. Download the class TC from:

[http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/informatique/INF311/TD\\_08/index.html](http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/informatique/INF311/TD_08/index.html)

Courtesy of Julien Cervelle (and many others):

<http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/profs/informatique/Julien.Cervelle/TC/>

<http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/profs/informatique/Julien.Cervelle/TC/TC.html>

2. Compile it:

prompt% `javac TC.java`



Press Enter!!!

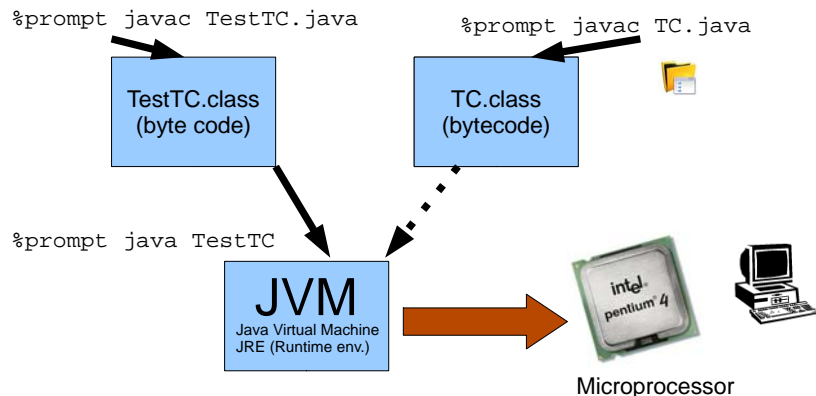
It produces a file named **TC.class**  
(Java byte code)

Class TC	
java.lang.Object L.tc	
public class TC extends java.lang.Object	
Classe regroupant les fonctions pratiques pour le Tronc Commun.	
Constructor Summary	
TC()	
Method Summary	
static void	afficheChar(char c) affiche un caractère sur la sortie
static void	afficheDouble(double d) affiche un double sur la sortie
static void	afficheInt(int i) affiche un int sur la sortie

Java source code are in **\*.java**, compiled code in **\*.class**

# Source code **.java** vs **byte code .class**

 Java source code are in **\*.java**, compiled code in **\*.class**  
Always upload in TD the java source code: **File.java** !!!



Executing a java program invokes loading the java byte code **.class** to the JVM  
The Java Virtual Machine (JVM) translates instructions to microprocessor instructions

# Java programs with input and output

## I/O= Input/output

More with **class TC : TC.lireLigne();**

(gestions des entrees/sorties simplifiees en francais)

```
askname.java
1 class askname
2 {
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5         // String a type in Java for manipulating strings of characters
6
7         String firstname,lastname;
8
9
10
11         System.out.print("What is your family name ?");
12         lastname=TC.lireLigne();
13
14         System.out.print("What is your first name ?");
15         firstname=TC.lireLigne();
16
17         System.out.println("Welcome to INF311 "+firstname+" "+lastname);
18
19
20     }
21
22 }
```

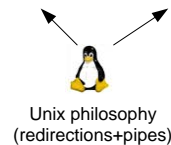
```
What is your family name ?Nielsen
What is your first name ?Frank
Welcome to INF311 Frank Nielsen
Press any key to continue...
```

# Input/output (I/O) redirections

The **console** is the *default* for both input and output

Redirect input/output from/to text files as well using « < » and « > »

```
class Redirection{
public static void main(String args[])
{
int integer=TC.lireInt();
double real=TC.lireDouble();
System.out.println("Integer="+integer);
System.out.println("Real="+real);
}
}
```



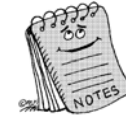
Console: prompt% java Redirection

```
5
223.2
Integer=5
Real=223.2
```

# Input/output (I/O) redirections

Redirect input/output from/to text files as well using « < » and « > »

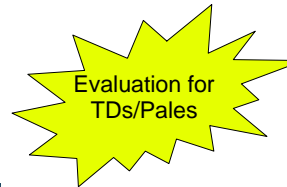
Create a file text input.txt and type an integer followed by a real



```
input.txt - Bloc-notes
Fichier Edition Format Affichage ?
27
2.71
```

[user%machine] java Redirection < input.txt

prompt%java Redirection < input.txt > output.txt



```
output.txt - Bloc-notes
Fichier Edition Format Affichage ?
Integer=27
Real=2.71
```

output.txt

# Conditional structure: IF ... ELSE ...

From Exercise 3 of TD1

```
int h1 = 1, m1 = 56, s1 = 15;
System.out.print("hh mm ss : ");
int h2 = TC.lireInt();
int m2 = TC.lireInt();
int s2 = TC.lireInt();
int hs1 = 3600*h1 + 60*m1 + s1;
int hs2 = 3600*h2 + 60*m2 + s2;
int d=hs2-hs1;

if (d>0) System.out.println("larger");
else
    if (d<0) System.out.println("smaller");
    else System.out.println("identical");
```

Boolean predicate  
true or false

Parenthesis (blocks) of IF

Elif in Maple **is** « else if » in Java (no shortcut)

# Syntax, compilation, and bugs

A syntactically correct program compiled but:

- It does not mean that it is bug free!
- A bug yield an **unexpected result**, or worse a **system crash**



```
class QuadraticEquation
{
public static void main(String[] arg)
{
double a,b,c; // choose a=1, b=1, c=1

a=TC.lireInt();
b=TC.lireInt();
c=TC.lireInt();

double delta=b*b-4.0*a*c;
double root1, root2;

// BEWARE: potentially Not a Number (NaN) for neg. discriminant!
root1= (-b+Math.sqrt(delta))/(2.0*a);
root2= (-b+Math.sqrt(delta))/(2.0*a);
}
}
```

# Declaring constants

```
/* Declare a constant (not a variable)
to bypass using Math.PI */
```

```
final double PI = 3.14; // constant
```

## Numeric bug in predicate !



```
// Constant
```

```
final double PI = 3.14;
```

```
int a=1;
```

```
double b=a+PI;
```

```
Incorrect result
a=1 b=4.1400000000000001 PI=3.14
```

```
if (b==4.14) // Equality test are dangerous!!!
```

```
System.out.println("Correct result");
```

```
else
```

```
{System.out.println("Incorrect result");
```

```
System.out.println("a="+a+" b="+b+" PI="+PI);
```

```
}
```



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# Syntax and compilation

Syntax errors are easy program bugs (mistyping?)

...But *syntactically correct* program may be difficult to understand

```
int i=3;
```

```
// syntax below is valid!
```

```
int var=i+++i;
```

## What is the value of var?

Protecting Java Source with Code obfuscation  
Avoid reverse engineering of applications

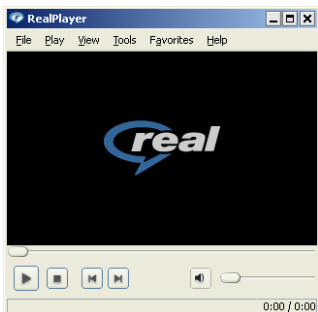


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# Java at home (in the dorms, caserts)



Poll ! ... (laptop, Java, Windows)

1. Install the **free** Java Development Kit (JDK)



<http://java.sun.com/javase/downloads/index.jsp>

2. Install Integrated Development Env. Jcreator v3.5



<http://www.jcreator.com/>



Basic guide at <http://www.dix.polytechnique.fr/INF311/>

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Click on telecharger (download)



Introduction to Eclipse

<http://www.enseignement.polytechnique.fr/profs/informatique/Julien.Cervelle/eclipse/>

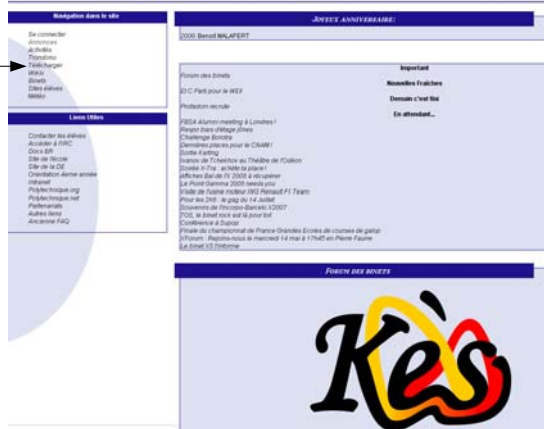


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Today...

## Lecture 2: constants, booleans loops, control structures

## Program: Data, computations + workflow

The **control structures** define the set of instructions being executed (aiguillage des trains)

For example, a **branching condition**:

In Java, we do not use the word then

```
if (a<b) [then]
    c=a; // Do-something-1
else
    c=b; // Do-something-2
```

There are two potential instructions paths depending on the predicate:

- $a < b$ ,  $\rightarrow c = a$ ;
- or
- $a \geq b$ ,  $\rightarrow c = b$ ;



$c$  is selected as  
the **minimum**  
of  $a$  and  $b$



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# Controlling program **workflow**

Two kinds:

- **Branching** tests: (if else, switch)
- **Repeat** structure: Loop (while, for)



```
1 class branchingprog
2 {
3     public static void main (String[] args){
4         int a,b,c;
5
6         a=3;
7         b=15;
8
9         if (a<b) // Predicate
10             c=a; // Block true
11         else
12             c=b; // Block false
13
14         System.out.println("c has value:"+c);
15
16     }
17 }
18
19 }
```

Predicate: **true** or **false**

if there is a numerical error at that stage we take the wrong flow and this yields a bug, with potential disastrous effects.

**Key difference with maths.**

```
c has value:3
Press any key to continue...
```



# Annotating programs: **comments!**

Writing comments is good for (1) **yourself** and for (2) **others** to proofread and debug your code



D. Knuth

In fact, there are some *paradigms* to write in a *single file* both

- the clean documentations, and
- the code.

Exempla gratia (e.g.) cweb, **Literate programming**, etc.

<http://www.literateprogramming.com/>

In INF311, we rather write short programs, so we consider the standard comments:

// This is a single line comment

/\* I can also write comments on several lines by using these delimiters \*/



# Comments: single versus multiple lines (Jcreator IDE)

```
1 class comments{
2     // This is a comment of my program stored in filename comments.java
3
4     // This is the *** magic formula that we will explain later on ***
5
6     public static void main (String[] args)
7     {
8         double a,b;
9         double x,y;
10
11         /* The equation of a non vertical line is y=mx+b
12         If, I need vertical lines too, I rather choose
13         to write the equation as ax+by+c=0 as the equation
14         with homogeneous coordinates (a,b,c)
15         */
16
17         x=3;
18         a=1;
19         b=-2;
20
21         y=a*x+b;
22
23         /* My editor in Java
24         * just add the * in from of any newline automatically so that
25         * comments look prettier
26         */
27
28         System.out.println("ax+by=y+ for x="+x+" with a="+a+" b="+b);
29
30     }
31 }
32
33 }
```

```
ax+by=1.0 for x=3.0 with a=1.0 b=-2.0
Press any key to continue...
```



# Comments... with errors!

```
1 class commenterror
2 {
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5         // I like to write /* many programs
6         sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
7
8         /*
9         This comment further shows that we cannot imbricate
10        other complex comments in a several-line comment structure
11        /* it does not work.
12        it yields a syntactical error
13        */
14
15     }
16 }
```

The compiler is **verbose**: Try to fix the first error first (greedy approach)

```
Configuration: <Default>
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:8: ';' expected
sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:8: ';' expected
sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:8: '(' expected
sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:8: ';' expected
sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:8: illegal start of expression
sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:17: illegal start of expression
*/
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:17: illegal start of expression
*/
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:18: illegal start of expression
*/
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\commenterror.java:19: illegal start of expression
*/
Process completed.
```



Comments...  
repaired... = *Syntactically correct* program

```
1 class commentnoerror {
2 {
3
4 public static void main (String[] args)
5 {
6
7 // I like to write
8 /* many programs
9 sometimes it is disturbing for the compiler */
10
11
12
13 /* This comment further shows that we cannot imbricate
14 other complex comments in a several-line comment structure
15 */
16 // it does not work.
17 // it yields a syntactical error
18 }
19 }
20 }
```



Do not forget:  
Writing good comments is as important as writing source code  
You will thank yourself for doing this once you look back at your programs **months later**



# Structures of Java programs

- Comments // or /\* \*/
- Constants (Math.PI, etc.)
- Variables (typed) with valid identifiers (not reserved keyword)
- Operators +, -, /, %, etc. for expressions
- Reserved language keywords: if, for, while, etc.

A **set of instructions** is called a **block**  
Blocks can be delimited by *parenthesis* **{Block}**

```
{ // This is a block
// (non control structure inside it)
var1=Expression1;
var2=Expression2;
var3=Expression3;
...
}
```



## Structures of java programs: **Blocks**

```
1 class blocks {
2 {
3
4 public static void main (String[] arguments)
5 {
6 // This is the main block for the procedure called "main"
7 // observe the parenthesis that delimit the block
8
9 double a,b,c;
10
11 a=2;
12 b=3;
13 c=5;
14
15 if (a+b==c) {
16 // This is a block delimited by parenthesis
17 System.out.println("a+b=");
18 Block 1
19 }
20 else
21 {
22 // This is another block
23 System.out.println("a+b is not equal to c");
24 Block 2
25 }
26 }
27 }
28 }
29 }
30 }
31 }
32 }
33 }
34 }
```

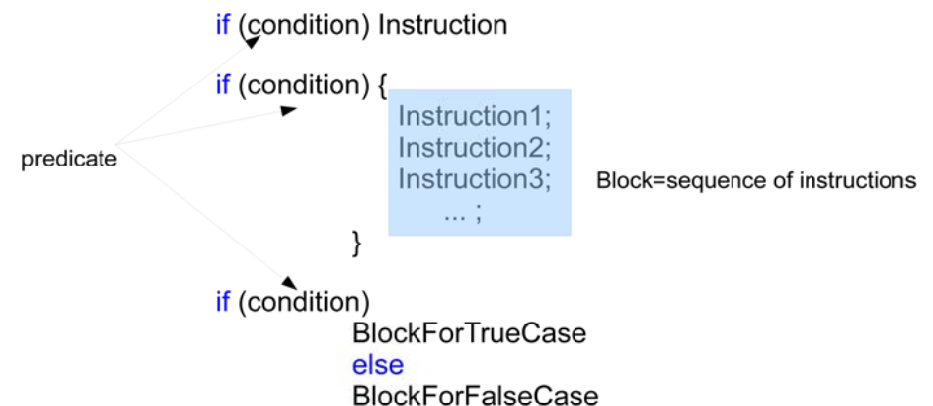
Principal block

```
a+b=c
Press any key to continue...
```



## Conditional structures: **if (predicate) Block1 else Block2**

Essential control structure for executing a (block of) operations if a condition is true  
(or false for the else-Block)





## Conditional structures: Compact form if (predicate) Inst1 else Inst2

Conditional instruction for single instruction block can be called using the **ternary operator** (3 operands) « ? : »

**BoolOperand1 ? TypeOperandTrue2 : TypeOperandFalse3**

```
double x1=Math.PI;  
double x2=Math.E;
```

```
double min=(x1>x2)? x2 : x1; // min value  
double diff= (x1>x2)? x1-x2 : x2-x1; // absolute val.  
System.out.println(min+" difference with max="+diff);
```

2.718281828459045 difference with max=0.423310825130748



## Instructions and conditions

Instructions always terminate with a semi colon ;  
(except potentially the last one in a block)

A set of instructions encapsulated in { } is a **block**  
The block has the **same** syntax as an instruction

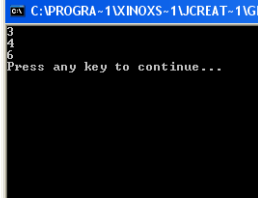
Variables *can be declared* in a block

A condition is a **boolean expression**  
that returns either **true** or **false** :  
**= A predicate**



## Variables and blocks

```
scope.java  
1 class scope  
2 {  
3     public static void main (String[] args)  
4     {  
5         int i=3;  
6         int j=4;  
7  
8         System.out.println(i);  
9  
10        {  
11            int ii=4;  
12            System.out.println(ii);  
13  
14            j=6;  
15        }  
16        System.out.println(j);  
17    }  
18 }  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23
```



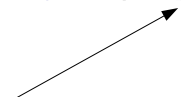
Very different from C++!  
(Java better controls the syntax of programs, **better semantic**)

We cannot declare twice a same variable in encapsulated block



## Variables and blocks: **Scopes**

```
scope.java  
1 class scope  
2 {  
3     public static void main (String[] args)  
4     {  
5         int i=3;  
6         int j=4;  
7  
8         System.out.println(i);  
9  
10        {  
11            int ii=4;  
12            System.out.println(ii);  
13  
14            j=6;  
15            int l=3;  
16        }  
17        System.out.println(j);  
18        System.out.println(l);  
19    }  
20 }  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27
```



**Error!!! Variable l is not defined in the block it here**

```
Configuration: <Default>  
D:\Enseignements\INF311\Lectures2008\prog-inf311.2\scope.java:22: cannot find symbol  
symbol : variable l  
location: class scope  
    System.out.println(l);  
1 error  
Process completed.
```



# Boolean operators for comparisons

**a==b** Test of equality (for basic types)  
**a!=b** Test for difference [ equivalent to **!(a==b)** ]

## Inequalities:

**a<b** True if and only if (iff.)  $a < b$   
**a<=b** True iff.  $a < b$  or  $a = b$   
**a>b** True iff.  $a > b$   
**a>=b** True iff.  $a > b$  or  $a = b$

Beware:  $a=b$  is assignment not test (test of equality is  $==$ )



Typing helps you avoid this mistake:

```
int a=3;
if (a=3) System.out.println("THEN-PART");
else System.out.println("ELSE-PART");
```

incompatible types found : int  
required: boolean



# Boolean operators for comparisons

```
eqineq.java
1 class eqineq
2 {
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5         int a=2008;
6         int b=2007;
7         int c=2008;
8
9         boolean test1, test2;
10
11         if (a==b) System.out.println("Equality of a=b");
12         else System.out.println("a is different from b");
13
14         if (a==c) System.out.println("Equality of a=c");
15         else System.out.println("a is different from c");
16
17         test1=(a==b);
18         test2=(a!=b);
19
20         System.out.println("test1 "+test1+" should be equivalent to test2:"+test2);
21
22         if (c>=a) System.out.println("c>=a");
23         if (b<=a) System.out.println("b<=a");
24         System.out.println("That is all folks!");
25     }
26 }
```

```
a is different from b
Equality of a=c
test1 false should be equivalent to test2:false
c>=a
b<=a
That is all folks!
Press any key to continue...
```



# Boolean operators for comparisons

Boolean comparisons are of type boolean

```
class Boolean{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        boolean b1 = (6-2) == 4;
        boolean b2 = 22/7 == 3+1/7.0 ;
        boolean b3 = 22/7 == 3+ 1/7;

        System.out.println(b1); // true
        System.out.println(b2); // false
        System.out.println(b3); // true
    }
}
```

$(6-2) == 4$  evalutes to true but  $22/7 == 3+1.0/7$  evaluates to false



# More on boolean operators: Tables

Unary operator:  
NOT !

!	
true	false
false	true

Binary **connector operators**:  
AND &&

&&	true	false
true	true	false
false	false	false

OR ||

	true	false
true	true	true
false	true	false



# Priority order for boolean expressions

Lazy evaluation of boolean binary operators:

- If a is **false** we do *not need* to evaluate b in `a && b`
- If a is **true** we do *not need* either to evaluate b in `a || b`

lazyevaluation.java

```
1 class lazyeval{
2     public static void main (String[] args)
3     {
4         double x=3.14, y=0.0;
5         boolean test1, test2;
6
7
8
9
10
11
12 // Here division by zero yields a problem
13 // But this is prevented in the && by first checking whether the denominator is
14 // zero or not
15 if ((y!=0.0) && (x/y>2.0))
16 { // Do nothing
17 }
18 else
19 { // Block
20     test1=(y!=0.0);
21     test2=(x/y>2.0);
22     System.out.println("Test1:"+test1+" Test2:"+test2);
23     System.out.println("We did not evaluate x/y that is equal to "+(x/y));
24 }
25
26 // Here, again we do not compute x/y since the first term is true
27 if ((y==0.0) || (x/y>2.0))
28 { // Block
29     System.out.println("Actually, again, we did not evaluate x/y that is equal to "+(x/y));
30 }
31 }
32 }
33
34
35
36
37
38 }
```

```
C:\PROGRA-1\XINOS-1\JCREAT-1\GE2001.exe
Test1:false Test2:true
We did not evaluate x/y that is equal to Infinity
Actually, again, we did not evaluate x/y that is equal to Infinity
Press any key to continue...
```



# Few remarks

Key difference between **assignment (=)** and **logical test ==**

Do not forget the semi-colon at the end of **Instructions**;

✓ **Indent** your code and structure it into blocks for clarity  
Think of **nested if** control structures

```
if (condition1)
{BlockT1;}
else
{
    if (condition2)
    {BlockT2;}
    else {BlockF2;}
}
```

Nested if



# Nested conditionals (nested if)

nestedif.java

```
1 class nestedif
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5         boolean condition1=false;
6         boolean condition2=false;
7         boolean condition3=false;
8
9
10
11
12
13
14 if (condition1){
15     }
16 else if (condition2)
17 {
18     }
19 else if (condition3)
20 {
21     }
22 else
23 {System.out.println("Else here!");}
24 }
25 }
26 }
27 }
28 }
```

```
C:\PROGRA-1\XINOS-1\JCREAT-1\GE2001.exe
Else here!
Press any key to continue...
```

Set *curly brackets { }* to increase code readability



# Loops: While/do for iterations

## Structure for iterating

- Process a **single instruction** or a **block** until the given boolean expression is **true** (thus may loop forever... and program may not terminate)
- Boolean expression is **re-evaluated at each round**
- We can exit the loop at any time using the keyword **break**;

```
while (boolean_expression)
    single_instruction;
```

```
while (boolean_expression)
{ block_instruction; }
```

```
do
{ block_instruction; }
while (boolean_expression);
```

At least, the loop is executed once.



# Loops: Euclid' GCD algorithm

## Greatest common divisor of two integers a and b

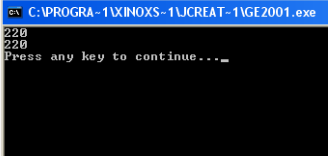
While

Do

```

gcd2.java
1 class gcd2{
2
3
4 public static void main(String[] arg)
5 {
6
7     int a= 231232*4*5*11;
8     int b= 123*4*5*11;
9
10    while (a!=b)
11    {
12        if (a>b) a=a-b;
13        else b=b-a;
14    }
15
16    System.out.println(a);
17
18    a= 231232*4*5*11;
19    b= 123*4*5*11;
20
21    // Now use the do expression in java to perform the same task
22
23
24    do
25    {
26        if (a>b) a=a-b;
27        else b=b-a;
28    } while (a!=b);
29
30    System.out.println(a);
31
32
33
34
35

```



# Loops: Newton's method

Converge to a root of the function f

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

Use to calculate the *square root* function  
 $f(x)=x*x-a$

double a = 2.0, x, xold;

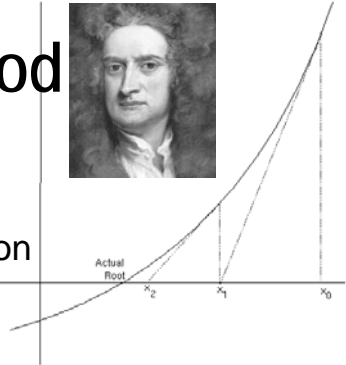
```

x = a;
do{
    xold = x;
    // compute one iteration
    x = (xold+a/xold)/2;
    System.out.println(x);
}while(Math.abs(x-xold) > 1e-10);

```

Setting  
 $y=f'(x_{prev})(x-x_{prev})+f(x_{prev})=0$   
 give new value for x

1.5  
 1.4166666666666665  
 1.4142156862745097  
 1.4142135623746899  
 1.4142135623730949



# Loops: Syracuse and termination conjecture

```

do
{ block_instruction;
while (boolean_expression);

```

Replace x by x/2 (for x odd) and x by 3x+1 (for x even)  
 Start from any given x, does the replacing alway terminate (x=1)

```

do{
    if ((n%2)==0)
        n/=2; // divide by 2
    else
        n=3*n+1;
}while (n>1);

```



Nobody knows whether this programs stops for any given input (open problem)  
 No counter example from simulation so far but no termination proof too!



# Loops: Perpetual movements...

Easy to do when programming.... ESC key or Control-C to escape!



Always ensure that loops terminate when programming

```

int i=0;
while (true)
    i++;

for(i=0;i>=0;i++)
    ; // common mistyping error

for(i=0;i>=0;i++)
{ }

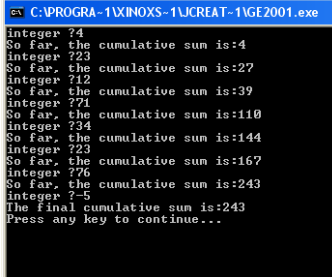
```



## Loops: Breaking the loop with break

Read a sequence of **non-negative natural integers** and compute the cumulative sum of the sequence.

```
readn.java
1 class readn{
2
3
4 public static void main(String[] args)
5 {
6     int n,sum=0;
7
8     // A forever loop here
9     while(true)
10    {
11        System.out.print("integer ?");
12        n=TC.lireInt(); // call function lireInt on class TC
13
14        if (n<0) break;
15        sum+=n; //equivalent to sum=sum+n;
16
17        System.out.println("So far, the cumulative sum is:"+sum);
18    }
19
20    System.out.println("The final cumulative sum is:"+sum);
21
22 }
23 }
```



Observe the shortcut:

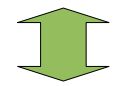
**sum+=n;** that is equivalent to assignment **sum=sum+n;**



## Loops: For... iterations

- Allows one to execute a block of instructions, and
- Increment the counter at each round
- Semantically equivalent to a while loop
- Often used for program readability (e.g., for a range of integers)

```
for(instruction1; boolean_condition; instruction2)
    block_instruction3;
```



**Equivalence with While construction**

```
instruction1;
while (boolean_condition)
{block_instruction3;
 instruction2;}
```



## Loops: For... iterations

```
for(instruction1; boolean_condition; instruction2)
    block_instruction3;
```

```
class ForLoop
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        int i, n=10;
        int cumulLoop=0;

        for(i=0;i<n;i++) cumulLoop+=i;

        int cumul=(n*(n-1))/2; // closed-form solution
        System.out.println(cumulLoop+" closed-form:"+cumul);
    }
}
```

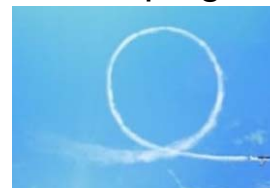
**We get 45**



## Loops: For... iterations (unlooping)

```
int cumulLoop=0;
for(i=0;i<n;i++) cumulLoop+=i;
```

Unlooping...



```
int cumulLoop=0;
i=0; // Initialization
cumulLoop+=i;
i++; // i=1 now
// i<n so we continue...
cumulLoop+=i;
i++; // i=2 now
// i<n so we continue...
cumulLoop+=i;
...
cumulLoop+=i; // i=n-1
i++; // i=n now
// i is not i<n so we stop...
```


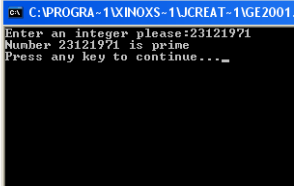




# Examples of for loop: IsPrime

Program that determines whether a given integer is prime or not.

```
isprime.java
1 class isprime{
2     public static void main(String[] args)
3     {
4         System.out.print("Enter an integer please:");
5         long k=0,n=TC.lireLong(); // reads a long number
6         boolean prime=true;
7
8         if ((n==1) || (n>2 && n%2 ==0) || (n>3 && n%3==0))
9             prime=false;
10        else
11        {
12            k=(long)(Math.sqrt(n)+1);
13            for(long i=5; i<k; i=i+6)
14                if ((n%i==0) || n%(i+2)==0)
15                {
16                    prime=false;
17                    System.out.println("Exit the loop with k="+k);
18                    break;
19                }
20        }
21
22        // Output result to console
23        if (prime)
24            System.out.println("Number "+n+" is prime");
25        else
26            System.out.println("Number "+n+" is NOT prime.");
27    }
28 }
29
30
31
32
33
```



209=11x19



# Multiple choices: switch

Avoid nested if-else structures for multiple choices

```
class ProgSwitch
{public static void main(String arg[]){
    System.out.print("Input a digit in [0..9]:");
    int n=TC.lireInt();

    switch(n)
    {
        case 0: System.out.println("zero"); break;
        case 1: System.out.println("one"); break;
        case 2: System.out.println("two"); break;
        case 3: System.out.println("three"); break;
        default: System.out.println("Above three!");
                break;
    }
}}
```



# Natural integers and int

Difference between mathematics (infinite precision) and computing.

Computing: **discrete algorithms** working on **finite representations** of numbers

**Source of many bugs !!!**

Typically, an algorithm can be correct but its implementation buggy because of **numerical errors**.

**int**: maximum machine-representable int is  $2^{31}-1$  (in the old days, written as  $2^{**}31-1$ )

**long**: maximum machine-representable long is  $2^{63}-1$

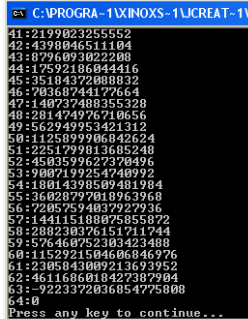


# Overflow problems...

A toy example



```
overint.java
1 class overint{
2     public static void main(String[] args)
3     {
4         int n=64;
5         long s=1;
6         int i;
7
8         for(i=1; i<=n; i=i+1)
9             { s*=2;
10              System.out.println(i+"*s");
11            }
12    }
13 }
14
15
16
17
18
19
```



Computes  $2^i$ s, but at some point  $2^{64}$  cannot fit 64-bit, we get first  
- negative number (leading bit set to 1 by the arithmetic logic unit - ALU)  
- then zero!!!!



# Overflow problems: revisited

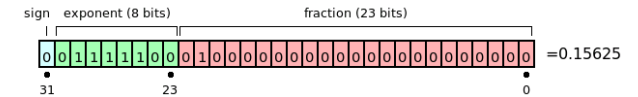
Declaration  
inside the For

Increment:  
i++  
or  
++i

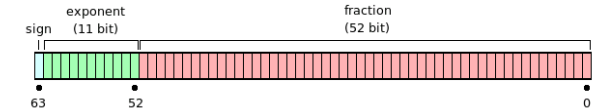
**Multiplication is just a *bit shift* << to the right**

## Floating points & numerical precisions

32-bit IEEE 754 floating point.



64-bit IEEE 754 floating point.



- **float** (32-bit) or **double** (64-bit) have sign, exponent and mantissa parts
- Examples: float a=0.3; float b=2e-8 (scientific engineering); float c=1.1f;
- Math class contains important "**constants**": Math.PI, Math.E, etc.  
and transcendental functions: Math.log(), Math.exp(), Math.sin(), Math.cos()

```
mathfunc.java |
1 class transfunc{
2
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5
6         System.out.println(Math.log(Math.E));
7         System.out.println(Math.cos(Math.PI));
8
9     }
10
11 }
```

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1.0  
-1.0  
Press any key to continue...

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEEE\\_floating-point\\_standard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IEEE_floating-point_standard)

## Loosing numerical precision...

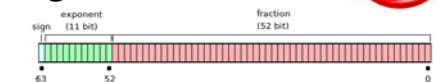
# A bug

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, \quad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

```
doubleprecision.java
1 class doublepres{
2
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5         double a,b,c,d;
6
7         a=0.3;
8         b=2.1;
9         c=3.675;
10
11
12         // determinant:  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ ,
13         d=b*b-4*a*c;
14
15         System.out.println("Discriminant: "+d);
16
17         if (d==0.0) System.out.println("Correct computation: double roots (discriminant is zero)");
18         else System.out.println("I did some numerical roundings somewhere and got the wrong result");
19
20     }
21 }
22
```

Usually, difficult to test for the zero (use threshold or better analysis)

## Loosing associativity rule



Rounding & truncations to fit the standard yields the loss of associativity

```

1 class looseassoc{
2
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5         double x,y,z;
6         double u,v;
7
8         x=1.0e35; y=-1.0e35; z=-1.0;
9
10        u=x*(y+z); // overflow
11        v*(x+y)+z; // does not refit the mantissa
12
13        System.out.println("Value of u is: "+u);
14        System.out.println("Value of v is: "+v);
15    }
16 }

```

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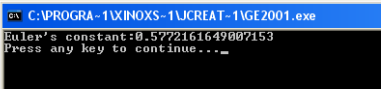
Value of u is:9.0  
Value of v is:-1.0  
Press any key to continue...

Better to add numbers having already the same exponent decomposition...

# Computing Euler-Mascheroni 's constant

$$\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \right) - \log(n) \right] = \int_1^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \right) dx.$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (H_n - \ln n),$$

```
euler.java
1 class euler
2 {
3     public static void main (String[] args)
4     {
5         double cumul=0.0;
6         int n=1000000;
7         double ti;
8
9         for(int i=1;i<=n;i++)
10        {
11            ti=(double) i; // cast: We change format of numbers!!!
12            cumul=cumul+1.0/ti;
13        }
14
15        double gamma=cumul-Math.log(n);
16
17        System.out.println("Euler's constant:"+gamma);
18    }
19 }
20
```



Number of known decimal digits of $\gamma$					
Date	Decimal digits	Computation performed by			
1734	5	Leonhard Euler	→	December 8, 2006	116,580,041 Alexander J. Yee <sup>[5]</sup>
1736	15	Leonhard Euler		July 15, 2007	5,000,000,000 Shigeru Kondo (claimed) <sup>[6]</sup>

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# Types and conversions: Cast operator

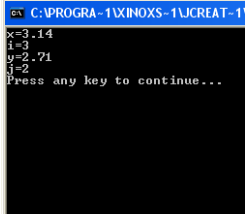
- All variables and constants are typed: Math.PI is a (static) double
- Variables should be declared according to their type: double x; int i; etc
- The type of variable **determines** the operator and meaning:  
Exempla gratia, 3.0+2.1 (double) or "Hello "+" INF311" (String)
- The expression is also typed (by the compiler)
- For **assignment =**, the left-hand side (variable) and right-hand side (expression) should have the **same type**.

## Casting types with parenthesis (type):

```
double x=3.14;
int i=(int)x;

double x=(double)i;
```

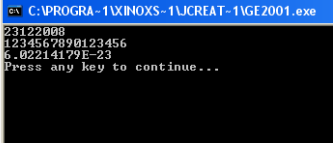
```
casting.java
1 class casting{
2 {
3     public static void main(String[] args)
4     {
5         double x=3.14;
6         int i=(int)x;
7
8         System.out.println("x="+x);
9         System.out.println("i="+i);
10
11         // Does not round but truncate
12         double y=2.71;
13         int j=(int)y;
14
15         System.out.println("y="+y);
16         System.out.println("j="+j);
17     }
18 }
19
20
```



# Converting strings to numbers...

Use Type.parseType(String stringtoparse)

```
convertstring.java
1 class convertstring{
2 {
3     public static void main (String[] args){
4
5         String s1="23122008";
6         String s2="1234567890123456"; // if it is too long, it will produce an error!
7         String s3="6.02214179E-23";
8
9         // Parse strings to number according to selected type
10        int i=Integer.parseInt(s1);
11        long j=Long.parseLong(s2);
12        double x=Double.parseDouble(s3);
13
14        // Here, we do the converse: numbers to strings
15        System.out.println(i);
16        System.out.println(j);
17        System.out.println(x);
18    }
19 }
20
```



# A glimpse at functions

## Declaring functions in Java

```
class INF311{

    public static typeF F(type1 arg1, ..., typeN argN)
    {
        // Description
        Block of instructions;
    }
}
```

- This kind of function is also called a **static method**
- Functions must be defined **inside classes**
- A function not returning a result has type **void**  
(also known as a procedure)

# Defining the body of a function in Java

```
class INF311{  
    public static typeF F(type1 arg1, ..., typeN argN)  
    {  
        // Description  
        Block of instructions;  
    }  
}
```

Body of a function

Body should contain an instruction return to indicate the result  
If branching structures are used (if or switch) ,  
then a return should be written for all different branches.

Otherwise we get a compiler error! (why? => not type safe!)



# A few examples of basic functions

```
class FuncDecl{  
    public static int square(int x)  
    {return x*x;}  
  
    public static boolean isOdd(int p)  
    {if ((p%2)==0) return false; else return true;}  
  
    public static double distance(double x, double y)  
    {if (x>y) return x-y; else return y-x;}  
  
    public static void display(double x, double y)  
    {System.out.println("(" +x+" "+y+"");  
     return; // return void  
    }  
  
    public static void main (String[] args)  
    {  
        display(square(2),distance(5,9));  
  
        int p=123124345;  
        if (isOdd(p)) System.out.println("p is odd");  
        else System.out.println("p is even");  
    }  
}
```

