Building Java ProgramsChapter 5

Program Logic and Indefinite Loops

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A deceptive problem...

• Write a method printNumbers that prints each number from 1 to a given maximum, separated by commas.

For example, the call:

```
printNumbers(5)
```

should print:

Flawed solutions

```
public static void printNumbers(int max) {
     for (int i = 1; i \le max; i++) {
         System.out.print(i + ", ");
     System.out.println(); // to end the line of output
  - Output from printNumbers (5): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
public static void printNumbers(int max) {
     for (int i = 1; i \le \max; i++) {
         System.out.print(", " + i);
     System.out.println(); // to end the line of output
  - Output from printNumbers (5): , 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
```

Fence post analogy

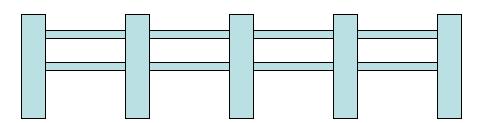
- We print *n* numbers but need only *n* 1 commas.
- Similar to building a fence with wires separated by posts:
 - If we use a flawed algorithm that repeatedly places a post + wire,
 the last post will have an extra dangling wire.

```
for (length of fence) {
    place a post.
    place some wire.
}
```

Fencepost loop

- Add a statement outside the loop to place the initial "post."
 - Also called a fencepost loop or a "loop-and-a-half" solution.

```
place a post.
for (length of fence - 1) {
    place some wire.
    place a post.
}
```



Fencepost method solution

```
public static void printNumbers(int max) {
    System.out.print(1);
    for (int i = 2; i <= max; i++) {
        System.out.print(", " + i);
    }
    System.out.println(); // to end the line
}</pre>
```

Alternate solution: Either first or last "post" can be taken out:

```
public static void printNumbers(int max) {
   for (int i = 1; i <= max - 1; i++) {
       System.out.print(i + ", ");
   }
   System.out.println(max); // to end the line
}</pre>
```

Fencepost question

- Modify your method printNumbers into a new method printPrimes that prints all prime numbers up to a max.
 - Example: printPrimes(50) prints
 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47
 - If the maximum is less than 2, print no output.

- To help you, write a method countFactors which returns the number of factors of a given integer.
 - countFactors (20) returns 6 due to factors 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20.

Fencepost answer

```
// Prints all prime numbers up to the given max.
public static void printPrimes(int max) {
    if (max >= 2) {
        System.out.print("2");
        for (int i = 3; i \le max; i++) {
            if (countFactors(i) == 2) {
                Svstem.out.print(", " + i);
        System.out.println();
// Returns how many factors the given number has.
public static int countFactors(int number) {
    int count = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i <= number; i++) {
        if (number % i == 0) {
            count++; // i is a factor of number
    return count;
```

while loops

Categories of loops

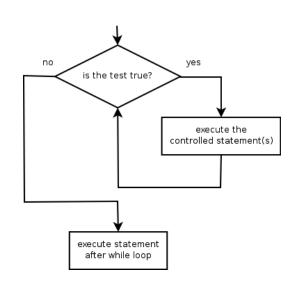
- **definite loop**: Executes a known number of times.
 - The for loops we have seen are definite loops.
 - Print "hello" 10 times.
 - Find all the prime numbers up to an integer n.
 - Print each odd number between 5 and 127.

- **indefinite loop**: One where the number of times its body repeats is not known in advance.
 - Prompt the user until they type a non-negative number.
 - Print random numbers until a prime number is printed.
 - Repeat until the user has types "q" to quit.

The while loop

• while loop: Repeatedly executes its body as long as a logical test is true.

```
while (test) {
    statement(s);
}
```



Example:

```
int num = 1;
while (num <= 200) {
    System.out.print(num + " ");
    num = num * 2;
}
// output: 1 2 4 8 16 32 64 128</pre>
```

Example while loop

```
// finds the first factor of 91, other than 1
int n = 91;
int factor = 2;
while (n % factor != 0) {
    factor++;
}
System.out.println("First factor is " + factor);
// output: First factor is 7
```

 while is better than for because we don't know how many times we will need to increment to find the factor.

Sentinel values

- sentinel: A value that signals the end of user input.
 - sentinel loop: Repeats until a sentinel value is seen.
- Example: Write a program that prompts the user for numbers until the user types 0, then outputs their sum.
 - (In this case, 0 is the sentinel value.)

```
Enter a number (0 to quit): 10
Enter a number (0 to quit): 20
Enter a number (0 to quit): 30
Enter a number (0 to quit): 0
The sum is 60
```

Flawed sentinel solution

What's wrong with this solution?

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
int sum = 0;
int number = 1;  // "dummy value", anything but 0

while (number != 0) {
    System.out.print("Enter a number (0 to quit): ");
    number = console.nextInt();
    sum = sum + number;
}
System.out.println("The total is " + sum);
```

Changing the sentinel value

- Modify your program to use a sentinel value of -1.
 - Example log of execution:

```
Enter a number (-1 to quit): 15
Enter a number (-1 to quit): 25
Enter a number (-1 to quit): 10
Enter a number (-1 to quit): 30
Enter a number (-1 to quit): -1
The total is 80
```

Changing the sentinel value

To see the problem, change the sentinel's value to -1:

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
int sum = 0;
int number = 1;  // "dummy value", anything but -1

while (number != -1) {
    System.out.print("Enter a number (-1 to quit): ");
    number = console.nextInt();
    sum = sum + number;
}
System.out.println("The total is " + sum);
```

Now the solution produces the wrong output. Why?

```
The total was 79
```

The problem with our code

Our code uses a pattern like this:

```
sum = 0.
while (input is not the sentinel) {
    prompt for input; read input.
    add input to the sum.
}
```

- On the last pass, the sentinel -1 is added to the sum:
 prompt for input; read input (-1).
 add input (-1) to the sum.
- This is a fencepost problem.
 - Must read N numbers, but only sum the first N-1 of them.

A fencepost solution

 Sentinel loops often utilize a fencepost "loop-and-a-half" style solution by pulling some code out of the loop.

Correct sentinel code

```
Scanner console = new Scanner (System.in);
int sum = 0;
// pull one prompt/read ("post") out of the loop
System.out.print("Enter a number (-1 to quit): ");
int number = console.nextInt();
while (number !=-1) {
   System.out.print("Enter a number (-1 to quit): ");
   number = console.nextInt();
System.out.println("The total is " + sum);
```

Sentinel as a constant

```
public static final int SENTINEL = -1;
Scanner console = new Scanner (System.in);
int sum = 0;
// pull one prompt/read ("post") out of the loop
System.out.print("Enter a number (" + SENTINEL +
                 " to quit): ");
int number = console.nextInt();
while (number != SENTINEL) {
    sum = sum + number;  // moved to top of loop
    System.out.print("Enter a number (" + SENTINEL +
                     " to quit): ");
    number = console.nextInt();
System.out.println("The total is " + sum);
```

Random numbers

The Random class

- A Random object generates pseudo-random numbers.
 - Class Random is found in the java.util package.

```
import java.util.*;
```

Method name	Description	
nextInt()	returns a random integer	
nextInt(max)	returns a random integer in the range [0, max)	
	in other words, 0 to <i>max</i> -1 inclusive	
nextDouble()	returns a random real number in the range [0.0, 1.0)	

– Example:

```
Random rand = new Random();
int randomNumber = rand.nextInt(10);  // 0-9
```

Generating random numbers

Common usage: to get a random number from 1 to N

```
int n = rand.nextInt(20) + 1; // 1-20 inclusive
```

• To get a number in arbitrary range [min, max] inclusive:

```
name.nextInt(size of range) + min
```

• where (size of range) is (max - min + 1)

Example: A random integer between 4 and 10 inclusive:

```
int n = rand.nextInt(7) + 4;
```

Random questions

Given the following declaration, how would you get:

```
Random rand = new Random();
```

– A random number between 1 and 47 inclusive?

```
int random1 = rand.nextInt(47) + 1;
```

– A random number between 23 and 30 inclusive?

```
int random2 = rand.nextInt(8) + 23;
```

– A random even number between 4 and 12 inclusive?

```
int random3 = rand.nextInt(5) * 2 + 4;
```

Random and other types

- nextDouble method returns a double between 0.0 1.0
 - Example: Get a random GPA value between 1.5 and 4.0:
 double randomGpa = rand.nextDouble() * 2.5 + 1.5;
- Any set of possible values can be mapped to integers
 - code to randomly play Rock-Paper-Scissors:

```
int r = rand.nextInt(3);
if (r == 0) {
    System.out.println("Rock");
} else if (r == 1) {
    System.out.println("Paper");
} else { // r == 2
    System.out.println("Scissors");
}
```

Random question

 Write a program that simulates rolling of two 6-sided dice until their combined result comes up as 7.

```
2 + 4 = 6
3 + 5 = 8
5 + 6 = 11
1 + 1 = 2
4 + 3 = 7
You won after 5 tries!
```

Random answer

```
// Rolls two dice until a sum of 7 is reached.
import java.util.*;
public class Dice {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Random rand = new Random();
        int tries = 0;
        int sum = 0:
        while (sum != 7) {
            // roll the dice once
            int roll1 = rand.nextInt(6) + 1;
            int roll2 = rand.nextInt(6) + 1;
            sum = roll1 + roll2;
            System.out.println(roll1 + " + " + roll2 + " = " + sum);
            tries++;
        System.out.println("You won after " + tries + " tries!");
```

Random question

- Write a program that plays an adding game.
 - Ask user to solve random adding problems with 2-5 numbers.
 - The user gets 1 point for a correct answer, 0 for incorrect.
 - The program stops after 3 incorrect answers.

$$4 + 10 + 3 + 10 = 27$$

 $9 + 2 = 11$
 $8 + 6 + 7 + 9 = 25$
Wrong! The answer was 30
 $5 + 9 = 13$
Wrong! The answer was 14
 $4 + 9 + 9 = 22$
 $3 + 1 + 7 + 2 = 13$
 $4 + 2 + 10 + 9 + 7 = 42$
Wrong! The answer was 32
You earned 4 total points.

Random answer

```
// Asks the user to do adding problems and scores them.
import java.util.*;
public class AddingGame {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
        Random rand = new Random();
        // play until user gets 3 wrong
        int points = 0;
        int wrong = 0;
        while (wrong < 3) {
            int result = play(console, rand); // play one game
            if (result > 0) {
                points++;
            } else {
                wrong++;
        System.out.println("You earned " + points + " total points.");
```

Random answer 2

// Builds one addition problem and presents it to the user. // Returns 1 point if you get it right, 0 if wrong. public static int play(Scanner console, Random rand) { // print the operands being added, and sum them int operands = rand.nextInt(4) + 2; int sum = rand.nextInt(10) + 1; System.out.print(sum); for (int i = 2; $i \le operands$; i++) { int n = rand.nextInt(10) + 1;sum += n;System.out.print(" + " + n); System.out.print(" = "); // read user's guess and report whether it was correct int guess = console.nextInt(); if (quess == sum) { return 1; } else { System.out.println("Wrong! The answer was " + total); return 0;

The do/while loop

- do/while loop: Performs its test at the end of each repetition.
 - Guarantees that the loop's { } body will run at least once.

```
execute the
                                                         controlled statement(s)
do {
     statement(s);
                                                          is the test true?
} while (test);
                                                          execute statement
                                                          after do/while loop
// Example: prompt until correct password is typed
String phrase;
do {
     System.out.print("Type your password: ");
     phrase = console.next();
} while (!phrase.equals("abracadabra"));
```

do/while question

• Modify the previous Dice program to use do/while.

```
2 + 4 = 6
3 + 5 = 8
5 + 6 = 11
1 + 1 = 2
4 + 3 = 7
You won after 5 tries!
```

• Is do/while a good fit for our past Sentinel program?

do/while answer

```
// Rolls two dice until a sum of 7 is reached.
import java.util.*;
public class Dice {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Random rand = new Random();
        int tries = 0;
        int sum;
        do {
            int roll1 = rand.nextInt(6) + 1; // one roll
            int roll2 = rand.nextInt(6) + 1;
            sum = roll1 + roll2;
            System.out.println(roll1 + " + " + roll2 + " = " + sum);
            tries++;
        } while (sum != 7);
        System.out.println("You won after " + tries + " tries!");
```

Type boolean

Methods that are tests

- Some methods return logical values.
 - A call to such a method is used as a test in a loop or if.

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("Type your first name: ");
String name = console.next();

if (name.startsWith("Dr.")) {
    System.out.println("Will you marry me?");
} else if (name.endsWith("Esq.")) {
    System.out.println("And I am Ted 'Theodore' Logan!");
}
```

String test methods

Method	Description
equals(str)	whether two strings contain the same characters
equalsIgnoreCase(str)	whether two strings contain the same characters, ignoring upper vs. lower case
startsWith(str)	whether one contains other's characters at start
endsWith(str)	whether one contains other's characters at end
contains (str)	whether the given string is found within this one

```
String name = console.next();
if (name.contains("Prof")) {
    System.out.println("When are your office hours?");
} else if (name.equalsIgnoreCase("STUART")) {
    System.out.println("Let's talk about meta!");
}
```

Type boolean

- boolean: A logical type whose values are true and false.
 - A logical test is actually a boolean expression.
 - It is legal to:
 - create a boolean variable
 - pass a boolean value as a parameter
 - return a boolean value from methods
 - call a method that returns a boolean and use it as a test

```
boolean minor = (age < 21);
boolean isProf = name.contains("Prof");
boolean lovesCSE = true;

// allow only CSE-loving students over 21
if (minor || isProf || !lovesCSE) {
    System.out.println("Can't enter the club!");
}</pre>
```

Using boolean

- Why is type boolean useful?
 - Can capture a complex logical test result and use it later
 - Can write a method that does a complex test and returns it
 - Makes code more readable
 - Can pass around the result of a logical test (as param/return)

```
boolean goodAge = age >= 12 && age < 29;
boolean goodHeight = height >= 78 && height < 84;
boolean rich = salary >= 100000.0;

if ((goodAge && goodHeight) || rich) {
    System.out.println("Okay, let's go out!");
} else {
    System.out.println("It's not you, it's me...");
}
```

Returning boolean

```
public static boolean isPrime(int n) {
    int factors = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i \le n; i++) {
        if (n % i == 0) {
            factors++;
    if (factors == 2) {
        return true;
    } else {
        return false;
```

• Calls to methods returning boolean can be used as tests:

```
if (isPrime(57)) {
    ...
}
```

Boolean question

 Improve our "rhyme" / "alliterate" program to use boolean methods to test for rhyming and alliteration.

```
Type two words: <u>Bare blare</u>
They rhyme!
They alliterate!
```

Boolean answer

```
(rhyme(word1, word2)) {
        System.out.println("They rhyme!");
       (alliterate(word1, word2)) {
        System.out.println("They alliterate!");
// Returns true if s1 and s2 end with the same two letters.
public static boolean rhyme(String s1, String s2) {
    if (s2.length() \ge 2 \&\& s1.endsWith(s2.substring(s2.length() - 2))) {
        return true;
    } else {
        return false;
// Returns true if s1 and s2 start with the same letter.
public static boolean alliterate(String s1, String s2) {
    if (s1.startsWith(s2.substring(0, 1))) {
        return true;
    } else {
        return false;
```

"Boolean Zen", part 1

Students new to boolean often test if a result is true:

```
if (isPrime(57) == true) {      // bad
      ...
}
```

• But this is unnecessary and redundant. Preferred:

• A similar pattern can be used for a false test:

"Boolean Zen", part 2

 Methods that return boolean often have an if/else that returns true or false:

```
public static boolean bothOdd(int n1, int n2) {
   if (n1 % 2 != 0 && n2 % 2 != 0) {
      return true;
   } else {
      return false;
   }
}
```

But the code above is unnecessarily verbose.

Solution w/boolean var

We could store the result of the logical test.

```
public static boolean bothOdd(int n1, int n2) {
   boolean test = (n1 % 2 != 0 && n2 % 2 != 0);
   if (test) { // test == true
       return true;
   } else { // test == false
       return false;
   }
}
```

- Notice: Whatever test is, we want to return that.
 - If test is true , we want to return true.
 - If test is false, we want to return false.

Solution w/ "Boolean Zen"

- Observation: The if/else is unnecessary.
 - The variable test stores a boolean value; its value is exactly what you want to return. So return that!

```
public static boolean bothOdd(int n1, int n2) {
    boolean test = (n1 % 2 != 0 && n2 % 2 != 0);
    return test;
}
```

- An even shorter version:
 - We don't even need the variable test.
 We can just perform the test and return its result in one step.

```
public static boolean bothOdd(int n1, int n2) {
    return (n1 % 2 != 0 && n2 % 2 != 0);
}
```

"Boolean Zen" template

Replace

```
public static boolean name(parameters) {
    if (test) {
        return true;
    } else {
        return false;
    }
}
```

with

```
public static boolean name(parameters) {
    return test;
}
```

Improved isPrime method

The following version utilizes Boolean Zen:

```
public static boolean isPrime(int n) {
   int factors = 0;
   for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
      if (n % i == 0) {
        factors++;
      }
   }
   return factors == 2; // if n has 2 factors, true
}</pre>
```

• Modify our Rhyme program to use Boolean Zen.

Boolean Zen answer

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
    System.out.print("Type two words: ");
    String word1 = console.next().toLowerCase();
    String word2 = console.next().toLowerCase();
    if (rhyme(word1, word2)) {
        System.out.println("They rhyme!");
    if (alliterate(word1, word2)) {
        System.out.println("They alliterate!");
// Returns true if s1 and s2 end with the same two letters.
public static boolean rhyme(String s1, String s2) {
    return s2.length() >= 2 && s1.endsWith(s2.substring(s2.length() - 2));
// Returns true if s1 and s2 start with the same letter.
public static boolean alliterate(String s1, String s2) {
    return s1.startsWith(s2.substring(0, 1));
```

"Short-circuit" evaluation

- Java stops evaluating a test if it knows the answer.
 - && stops early if any part of the test is false
 - || stops early if any part of the test is true
- The following test will crash if s2's length is less than 2:

```
// Returns true if s1 and s2 end with the same two letters.
public static boolean rhyme(String s1, String s2) {
    return s1.endsWith(s2.substring(s2.length() - 2)) &&
        s1.length() >= 2 && s2.length() >= 2;
}
```

The following test will not crash; it stops if length < 2:

De Morgan's Law

- **De Morgan's Law**: Rules used to negate boolean tests.
 - Useful when you want the opposite of an existing test.

Original Expression	Negated Expression	Alternative
a && b	!a !b	!(a && b)
a b	!a && !b	!(a b)

– Example:

Original Code	Negated Code	
if $(x == 7 \&\& y > 3)$ {	if (x != 7 y <= 3) {	
• • •	• • •	
}	}	

Boolean practice questions

• Write a method named isVowel that returns whether a String is a vowel (a, e, i, o, or u), case-insensitively.

```
- isVowel("q") returns false
- isVowel("A") returns true
- isVowel("e") returns true
```

- Change the above method into an isNonVowel that returns whether a String is any character except a vowel.
 - isNonVowel("q") returns true
 - isNonVowel("A") returns false
 - isNonVowel("e") returns false

Boolean practice answers

```
// Enlightened version. I have seen the true way (and false way)
public static boolean isVowel(String s) {
    return s.equalsIgnoreCase("a") || s.equalsIgnoreCase("e") ||
           s.equalsIgnoreCase("i") || s.equalsIgnoreCase("o") ||
           s.equalsIgnoreCase("u");
// Enlightened "Boolean Zen" version
public static boolean isNonVowel(String s) {
    return !s.equalsIgnoreCase("a") && !s.equalsIgnoreCase("e") &&
           !s.equalsIgnoreCase("i") && !s.equalsIgnoreCase("o") &&
           !s.equalsIqnoreCase("u");
    // or, return !isVowel(s);
```

When to return?

- Methods with loops and return values can be tricky.
 - When and where should the method return its result?
- Write a method seven that accepts a Random parameter and uses it to draw up to ten lotto numbers from 1-30.
 - If any of the numbers is a lucky 7, the method should stop and return true. If none of the ten are 7 it should return false.
 - The method should print each number as it is drawn.

```
15 29 18 29 11 3 30 17 19 22 (first call)
29 5 29 4 7 (second call)
```

Flawed solution

```
// Draws 10 lotto numbers; returns true if one is 7.
public static boolean seven(Random rand) {
   for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
      int num = rand.nextInt(30) + 1;
      System.out.print(num + " ");

   if (num == 7) {
      return true;
   } else {
      return false;
   }
}</pre>
```

- The method always returns immediately after the first roll.
- This is wrong if that roll isn't a 7; we need to keep rolling.

Returning at the right time

```
// Draws 10 lotto numbers; returns true if one is 7.
public static boolean seven(Random rand) {
   for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
      int num = rand.nextInt(30) + 1;
      System.out.print(num + " ");

   if (num == 7) {      // found lucky 7; can exit now return true;
    }
}
return false; // if we get here, there was no 7
}</pre>
```

- Returns true immediately if 7 is found.
- If 7 isn't found, the loop continues drawing lotto numbers.
- If all ten aren't 7, the loop ends and we return false.

while loop question

- Write a method digitSum that accepts an integer parameter and returns the sum of its digits.
 - Assume that the number is non-negative.
 - Example: digitSum(29107) returns 2+9+1+0+7 or 19

Hint: Use the % operator to extract a digit from a number.

while loop answer

Boolean return questions

- hasAnOddDigit: returns true if any digit of an integer is odd.
 - hasAnOddDigit (4822116) returns true
 - hasAnOddDigit(2448) returns false

- allDigitsOdd: returns true if every digit of an integer is odd.
 - allDigitsOdd(135319) returns true
 - allDigitsOdd(9174529) **returns** false

- isAllVowels: returns true if every char in a String is a vowel.
 - isAllVowels("eIeIo") returns true
 - isAllVowels("oink") returns false
 - These problems are available in our Practice-It! system under 5.x.

Boolean return answers

```
public static boolean hasAnOddDigit(int n) {
    while (n != 0) {
        if (n % 2 != 0) { // check whether last digit is odd
            return true;
        n = n / 10;
    return false;
public static boolean allDigitsOdd(int n) {
    while (n != 0) {
        if (n % 2 == 0) { // check whether last digit is even}
            return false;
        n = n / 10;
    return true;
public static boolean isAllVowels(String s) {
    for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++) {
        String letter = s.substring(i, i + 1);
        if (!isVowel(letter)) {
            return false;
    return true;
```

Logical Assertions

Logical assertions

assertion: A statement that is either true or false.

Examples:

- Java was created in 1995.
- The sky is purple.
- 23 is a prime number.
- 10 is greater than 20.
- x divided by 2 equals 7. *(depends on the value of x)*

• An assertion might be false ("The sky is purple" above), but it is still an assertion because it is a true/false statement.

Reasoning about assertions

Suppose you have the following code:

```
if (x > 3) {
    // Point A
    x--;
} else {
    // Point B
    x++;
    // Point C
}
// Point D
```

- What do you know about x's value at the three points?
 - Is x > 3? Always? Sometimes? Never?

Assertions in code

- We can make assertions about our code and ask whether they are true at various points in the code.
 - Valid answers are ALWAYS, NEVER, or SOMETIMES.

// Point D: is number < 0.0 here?

```
System.out.print("Type a nonnegative number: ");
double number = console.nextDouble();
                                        (SOMETIMES)
// Point A: is number < 0.0 here?
while (number < 0.0) {
    // Point B: is number < 0.0 here? (ALWAYS)</pre>
    System.out.print("Negative; try again: ");
    number = console.nextDouble();
    // Point C: is number < 0.0 here? (SOMETIMES)</pre>
```

Reasoning about assertions

• Right after a variable is initialized, its value is known:

```
int x = 3;
// is x > 0? ALWAYS
```

In general you know nothing about parameters' values:

```
public static void mystery(int a, int b) {
// is a == 10? SOMETIMES
```

But inside an if, while, etc., you may know something:

```
public static void mystery(int a, int b) {
   if (a < 0) {
      // is a == 10? NEVER
      ...
   }
}</pre>
```

Assertions and loops

At the start of a loop's body, the loop's test must be true:

```
while (y < 10) {
    // is y < 10? ALWAYS
    ...
}</pre>
```

After a loop, the loop's test must be false:

Inside a loop's body, the loop's test may become false:

```
while (y < 10) {
    y++;
    // is y < 10? SOMETIMES
}</pre>
```

"Sometimes"

- Things that cause a variable's value to be unknown (often leads to "sometimes" answers):
 - reading from a Scanner
 - reading a number from a Random object
 - a parameter's initial value to a method
- If you can reach a part of the program both with the answer being "yes" and the answer being "no", then the correct answer is "sometimes".
 - If you're unsure, "Sometimes" is a good guess.

Assertion example 1

```
public static void mystery(int x, int y) {
    int z = 0;
    // Point A
    while (x \ge y) {
        // Point B
        x = x - y;
        z++;
        if (x != y) {
            // Point C
            z = z * 2;
        // Point D
    // Point E
    System.out.println(z);
```

Which of the following assertions are true at which point(s) in the code? Choose ALWAYS, NEVER, or SOMETIMES.

	х < у	х == у	z == 0
Point A	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES	ALWAYS
Point B	NEVER	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES
Point C	SOMETIMES	NEVER	NEVER
Point D	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES	NEVER
Point E	ALWAYS	NEVER	SOMETIMES

Assertion example 2

```
public static int mystery(Scanner console) {
    int prev = 0;
    int count = 0;
    int next = console.nextInt();
    // Point A
    while (next != 0) {
        // Point B
        if (next == prev) {
            // Point C
            count++;
        prev = next;
        next = console.nextInt();
        // Point D
    // Point E
    return count;
```

Which of the following assertions are true at which point(s) in the code? Choose ALWAYS, NEVER, or SOMETIMES.

	next == 0	prev == 0	next == prev
Point A	SOMETIMES	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES
Point B	NEVER	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES
Point C	NEVER	NEVER	ALWAYS
Point D	SOMETIMES	NEVER	SOMETIMES
Point E	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES

Assertion example 3

```
// Assumes y \ge 0, and returns x^y
public static int pow(int x, int y) {
    int prod = 1;
    // Point A
    while (y > 0) {
        // Point B
        if (y % 2 == 0) {
           // Point C
            x = x * x;
            y = y / 2;
            // Point D
        } else {
            // Point E
            prod = prod * x;
            y--;
            // Point F
    // Point G
    return prod;
```

Which of the following assertions are true at which point(s) in the code? Choose ALWAYS, NEVER, or SOMETIMES.

	у > 0	y % 2 == 0
Point A	SOMETIMES	SOMETIMES
Point B	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES
Point C	ALWAYS	ALWAYS
Point D	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES
Point E	ALWAYS	NEVER
Point F	SOMETIMES	ALWAYS
Point G	NEVER	ALWAYS