Printing with for Loops

• To print a character multiple times, use a for loop.

```
for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++) {
    System.out.print(".");  // 4 dots
}</pre>
```

```
• int i = ...; // i is some positive int
for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++)
System.out.print("*"); //output?</pre>
```

Nested Loops

• **nested loop**: A loop placed inside another loop.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= 5; j++) {
        System.out.print((i * j) + "\t");
    }
    System.out.println(); // to end the line
}</pre>
```

Output:

```
      1
      2
      3
      4
      5

      2
      4
      6
      8
      10

      3
      6
      9
      12
      15

      4
      8
      12
      16
      20
```

- Statements in the outer loop's body are executed 4 times.
 - The inner loop prints 5 numbers each time it is run.

Nested for Loops Example

• What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= 10; j++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    }
    System.out.println();
}</pre>
```

Nested Loops Example

What is the output of the following nested for loops? for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) { for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) { System.out.print("*"); System.out.println(); Write nested loops that display: 1 22 333 4444 55555 666666

Another Nested Loops Example

• What nested for loops produce the following output?

```
inner loop - prints one line
....1
...2
...3
    outer loop - loops 5 times since there
are 5 lines
5
```

- We must build multiple complex lines of output using:
 - an *outer* "*vertical*" *loop* for each of the lines
 - inner "horizontal" loop(s) for the patterns within each line

Outer and Inner Loops

• First write the outer loop, from 1 to the number of lines.

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {
    ...
}</pre>
```

- Now look at the line contents. Each line has a **pattern**:
 - some dots how many? How does number of dots relate to the line number?
 - a number how does it depend on line number?

```
....1
....2
...3
.4
```

Nested for Loops Exercise

• What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= 5 - line; j++)
{
        System.out.print(".");
    }
    for (int k = 1; k <= line; k++) {
            System.out.print(line);
        }
        System.out.println(); // new line
}</pre>
```

Solution

• Answer:

- ...1
- ...22
- ..333
- . 4444
- 55555

Exercise

• Modify the previous code to produce this output:

```
...1
```

Solution

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= (5 - line); j++) {
        System.out.print(".");
    }
    System.out.print(line);
    for (int j = 1; j <= (line - 1); j++) {
        System.out.print(".");
    }
    System.out.println();
}</pre>
```

Common Mistakes

• Both of the following sets of code produce *infinite loops*:

```
for (int i = 1; i \le 10; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; i \le 5; j++) {
        System.out.print(j);
    System.out.println();
for (int i = 1; i \le 10; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j \le 5; i++) {
        System.out.print(j);
    System.out.println();
```