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Flow of Control

Chapter 3

Outline

- The **if-else** statement
- The Type **boolean**
- The **switch** statement

Flow of Control

- *Flow of control* is the order in which a program performs actions.
 - Up to this point, the order has been sequential.
- A *branching statement* chooses between two or more possible actions.

The **if-else** Statement

- A branching statement that chooses between two possible actions.
- Syntax

```
if (Boolean_Expression)  
{  
    // do this if Boolean_Expression is true  
}  
else  
{  
    // do this if Boolean_Expression is false
```

The **if-else** Statement

- Example

```
String message = "";  
balance = keyboard.nextDouble();  
if (balance >= 0) {  
    balance += (INTEREST_RATE * balance) / 12;  
    message = "Interest has been added ";  
} else {  
    balance -= OVERDRAWN_PENALTY;  
    message = "Penalties have been deducted ");  
}  
System.out.println(message + balance);
```

Omitting the **else** Part

- Sometimes you don't need the **else** part:

```
int count = 0;
if (word.length() > 0)
{
    count++;
}
System.out.println("count: " + count);
```

Introduction to Boolean Expressions

- The value of a *boolean expression* is either **true** or **false**.
- Examples
 - time < limit**
 - balance <= 0**

Java Comparison Operators

- Figure 3.4 Java Comparison Operators

Math Notation	Name	Java Notation	Java Examples
=	Equal to	==	<code>balance == 0</code> <code>answer == 'y'</code>
≠	Not equal to	!=	<code>income != tax</code> <code>answer != 'y'</code>
>	Greater than	>	<code>expenses > income</code>
≥	Greater than or equal to	>=	<code>points >= 60</code>
<	Less than	<	<code>pressure < max</code>
≤	Less than or equal to	<=	<code>expenses <= income</code>

Java Logical Operators

Name	Java Notation	Java Examples
Logical <i>and</i>	&&	(sum > min) && (sum < max)
Logical <i>or</i>		(answer == 'y') (answer == 'Y')
Logical <i>not</i>	!	!(number < 0)

Compound Boolean Expressions

- Boolean expressions can be combined using the "and" (**&&**) operator.

- Example

```
if ((score > 0) && (score <= 100))
```

```
...
```

- Not allowed

```
if (0 < score <= 100) // NO!!
```

```
...
```

Compound Boolean Expressions

- Boolean expressions can be combined using the "or" (`||`) operator.
- Example

```
if ((quantity > 5) || (cost < 10))  
...
```

Compound Boolean Expressions

- When using `||` the larger expression is true
 - When either of the smaller expressions is true
 - When both of the smaller expressions are true.
- The Java version of "or" is the *inclusive or* which allows either or both to be true.
- The *exclusive or* allows one or the other, but not both to be true.

Negating a Boolean Expression

- A boolean expression can be negated using the "not" (!) operator.

- Examples

`(!a || b)`

`(a && !b)`

`(a || b) && !(a && b) // exclusive or`

Exercise

- What is the output of the following code?

```
boolean x=true, y=false, z=true;
if ((x && y) || (x && z)) {
    System.out.println("First condition is " +
        "true");
}
if ((y && z) || !x) {
    System.out.println("Second condition is " +
        "true");
}
```

Use `==` with ints and chars

- `==` is appropriate for determining if two integers or characters have the same value.

```
if (num == 3)
```

```
if (firstChar == 'n')
```

Don't use `==` with doubles

- `==` is **not** appropriate for determining if two floating point values are equal.

- Try this in the interactions pane:

```
double d1 = 63.27, d2 = 1.0;
```

```
d1 + d2
```

- Because of the way floating point values are stored, rounding errors can occur.

Don't use `==` with doubles

- Use `<` and some appropriate tolerance instead.
`if (Math.abs(b - c) < epsilon)`
where `b`, `c`, and `epsilon` are floating point types
 - Translation: if the difference between `b` and `c` is very small, consider them equal.

Don't use `==` with objects

- `==` is not appropriate for determining if two objects have the same value.
 - `if (s1 == s2)`, where `s1` and `s2` refer to strings, determines only if `s1` and `s2` refer to a common memory location.
 - If `s1` and `s2` refer to strings with identical sequences of characters, but stored in different memory locations, `(s1 == s2)` is false.

Don't use `==` with objects

- Try it out in the interactions pane:

```
String s1 = "hello";  
String s2 = "hello";  
System.out.println(s1 == s2);
```

```
String s3 = "bye";  
String s4 = s3;  
System.out.println(s3 == s4);
```

`equals` and `equalsIgnoreCase`

- To test the equality of objects of class `String`, use method `equals`.

```
s1.equals(s2)
```

or

```
s2.equals(s1)
```

- To test for equality ignoring case, use method `equalsIgnoreCase`.

```
"Hello".equalsIgnoreCase("hello")
```

Summary: equals vs ==

“==” equals

int	yes	no	
char	yes	no	
double	no	no	if (Math.abs(d1 - d2) < epsilon) // epsilon is some small number // 0.000000000001 for example
boolean	no	no	if (done) if (!done)
object	no	yes	if (s1 == s2) // compares memory locations if (s1.equals(s2)) // compares contents

Lexicographic Order

- Lexicographic order is similar to alphabetical order, but is based on the order of the characters in the Unicode character set.
 - All the digits come before all the letters.
 - All the uppercase letters come before all the lower case letters.

Method `compareTo`

- Method `compareTo`:
 - `if (s1.compareTo(s2) < 0)`
 - `s1 < s2`
 - `if (s1.compareTo(s2) == 0)`
 - `s1` and `s2` are equal
 - `if (s1.compareTo(s2) > 0)`
 - `s1 > s2`

Method `compareTo`

- Try it out in the interactions pane:

```
"alex".compareTo("zack")
```

```
"Book".compareTo("book")
```

```
"abcdef".compareTo("abbdef")
```

```
"long".compareTo("longest")
```


Nested **if-else** Statements

- An **if-else** statement can contain any sort of statement within it.
- In particular, it can contain another **if-else** statement.
 - An **if-else** may be nested within the "if" part.
 - An **if-else** may be nested within the "else" part.
 - An **if-else** may be nested within both parts.

Nested Statements

- Syntax

```
if (Boolean_Expression_1) {  
    if (Boolean_Expression_2) {  
        Statement(s)  
    } else {  
        Statement(s)  
    }  
} else {  
    if (Boolean_Expression_3) {  
        Statement(s)  
    } else {  
        Statement(s)  
    }  
}
```

Nested Statements

- Each **else** is paired with the nearest unmatched **if**.
- **If used properly**, indentation communicates which **if** goes with which **else**.
- Always use curly braces even though they are not required when an **if** or **else** block contains only one statement
- Indent your code with your IDE to see how the **ifs** and **elses** will be paired up

Multibranch **if-else** Statements

- Syntax

```
if (Boolean_Expression_1) {  
    Statement(s)  
} else if (Boolean_Expression_2) {  
    Statement(s)  
} else if (Boolean_Expression_3) {  
    Statement(s)  
} else if ...  
} else {  
    Default_Statement(s)  
}
```

Multibranch **if-else** Statements

- Download and open **Grader.java**
- Boolean expressions are evaluated in order
- The statements in the first branch that evaluate to **true** are executed
 - no further branches are evaluated

if-else Exercise

Rewrite the **if-else** in **Grader.java** so that the first **if** sets grade = 'F' and the last **else** sets grade = 'A'

if-else Exercise

```
if (score < 60)
    grade = 'F';
else if (score < 70)
    grade = 'D';
else if (score < 80)
    grade = 'C';
else if (score < 90)
    grade = 'B';
else
    grade = 'A';
```

The Conditional Operator

```
if (n1 > n2)
    max = n1;
else
    max = n2;
```

can be written as

```
max = (n1 > n2) ? n1 : n2;
```

- The **?** and **:** together are called the *conditional operator* or *ternary operator*.

The Conditional Operator

- The conditional operator is useful with print and println statements.

```
System.out.print("You worked " +  
hours +  
((hours > 1) ? " hours" : " hour"));
```

The `exit` Method

- Sometimes a situation arises that makes continuing the program pointless.
- A program can be terminated with `System.exit(0);`

The `exit` Method

- Example

```
if (numberOfWinners == 0) {
    System.out.println("Error: Dividing by zero.");
    System.exit(0);
} else {
    oneShare = payoff / numberOfWinners;
    System.out.println("Each winner will receive $"
        + oneShare);
}
```

Boolean Expressions and Variables

- Variables, constants, and expressions of type **boolean** all evaluate to either **true** or **false**.
- A boolean variable can be given the value of a boolean expression by using an assignment operator.

```
boolean isPositive = (number > 0);
```

```
...
```

```
if (isPositive) ...
```

Naming Boolean Variables

- Choose names that sound good in an **if** statement
- Examples:
 - if (**isNoun**)
 - if (**isPositive**)
 - if (**!done**)

Input and Output of Boolean Values

- Example – try it out:

```
boolean boolVar = false;
Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);

System.out.println(boolVar);
System.out.println("Enter a boolean value:");
boolVar = keyboard.nextBoolean();
System.out.println("You entered " + boolVar);
```

Short-circuit Evaluation

- Sometimes only part of a boolean expression needs to be evaluated to determine the value of the entire expression.
 - If the first operand associated with an **||** is **true**, the expression is **true**.
 - If the first operand associated with an **&&** is **false**, the expression is **false**.
- This is called *short-circuit* or *lazy* evaluation.

Short-circuit Evaluation

- Short-circuit evaluation is not only efficient, sometimes it is essential!
- A run-time error can result, for example, from an attempt to divide by zero.
- A run-time error can also result from an attempt to call a method on a null object.

```
if ((number != 0) && (sum/number > 5))
```

```
if ((name != null) && (name.length() > 0))
```


The **switch** Statement

- The **switch** statement is a multiway branch that makes a decision based on an *integral* (integer or character) expression.
- The action associated with a matching case label is executed.
- If no match is found, the case labeled **default** is executed.

The **switch** Statement

- Syntax

```
switch (Controlling_Expression)  
{  
    case Case_Label:  
        Statement(s);  
        break;  
    case Case_Label:  
    ...  
    default:  
    ...  
}
```

The **switch** Statement

- Download **MultipleBirths.java**
- The action for each case typically ends with the word **break**.
- The optional **break** statement prevents the consideration of other cases.
- The controlling expression can be anything that evaluates to an integral type (int or char).

switch Exercise

- Write a program that determines if a word entered by the user starts with a vowel ('a', 'A', 'e', 'E', 'i', 'I', 'o', 'O', 'u', 'U'). Use a switch statement.

switch Exercise

```
import java.util.*;
public class VowelStuff {

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        String word;
        char firstChar;
        boolean isVowel;

        System.out.println("Enter a word:");
        word = keyboard.next();
        firstChar = word.charAt(0);

        switch (firstChar) {
            case 'a':
            case 'A':
            case 'e':
            case 'E':
            case 'i':
            case 'I':
            case 'o':
            case 'O':
            case 'u':
            case 'U':
                isVowel = true;
                break;

            default:
                isVowel = false;
        }

        if (isVowel) {
            System.out.println(word + " starts with a vowel");
        } else {
            System.out.println(word + " starts with a consonant");
        }
    }
}
```

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Enumerations

- Consider a need to restrict contents of a variable to certain values
- An enumeration lists the values a variable can have
- Example:

```
enum Language {ENGLISH, GERMAN, FRENCH, SPANISH}  
Language lang; // initially null  
lang = Language.ENGLISH;  
System.out.println(lang); // prints ENGLISH
```

Enumerations

- Now possible to use in a **switch** statement

```
switch (lang)
```

```
{
```

```
    case GERMAN:
```

```
        System.out.println("Wie geht's?");
```

```
        break;
```

```
    case FRENCH:
```

```
        System.out.println("Comment vas-tu?");
```

```
        break;
```

```
    case SPANISH:
```

```
        System.out.println("¿Cómo estás?");
```

```
        break;
```

```
    case ENGLISH:
```

```
    default:
```

```
        System.out.println("How are you?");
```

```
}
```