

# Fundamentals of Programming

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## Laboratory 3

**Selection structures,  
designing selections,  
nested selection**



# DECISION STRUCTURES

- allow programs to follow different courses of action or execute different tasks depending on the data values

# CONDITIONALS

- cause something to happen in a program only if a specific condition is met
- **If** a condition is true **then** *do something*, **else** *do something else*
- usually a relational operator is used to compare the two properties

# RELATIONAL OPERATORS

<	less than
>	greater than
==	equal to
<=	less than or equal to
>=	greater than or equal to
!=	not equal to

# IF STATEMENTS

- The most basic way to test a condition in a Java program
- works along the same lines, testing to see whether a condition is true or false, and taking action only if the condition is true
- boolean variable type is used to store only two possible values: *true* or *false*

# IF STATEMENTS

Single - option structure:

```
if (expression)
{
    statement(s) ;
}
```

# IF STATEMENTS

*Example:*

```
int a = 1;  
if (a==1)  
{  
    System.out.print("a equals 1");  
}
```

*/\*The body of an if statement (printing "a equals to 1") will be run only if the condition is true (a is equal to 1). \*/*



# IF – ELSE STATEMENTS

- used when you want to do something if a condition is true and do something else if the condition is false



# IF – ELSE STATEMENTS

Double - option structure:

```
if (expression)
{
    // code to perform if true
}
else
{
    // code to perform if false
}
```

# IF – ELSE STATEMENTS

*Example:*

```
int a = 1;
if (a == 1)
{
    System.out.print("a equals 1");
}
else
{
    System.out.print("a is not equal to 1");
}
```

# IF – ELSE STATEMENTS

## Multi – alternative decision:

We can put together several different if and else statements to handle a variety of conditions

# IF – ELSE IF - STATEMENTS

```
if (b==0)
{
    System.out.print("b is 0");
}
else if (b==1)
    System.out.print("b is 1");
else if (b>2)
{
    System.out.print("b is greater than 2");
}
else
{
    System.out.print("b value is negative");
}
```

# SMALL REVIEW

What's wrong with the code below?

```
if (i = 1)
{
/* do something */
}
```



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# SWITCH STATEMENTS

Another way to create in Java multi – alternative decision is to use a **switch** structure, very useful when you wish to avoid a lot of IF statements

# SWITCH STATEMENTS

```
switch (integerVariable)
{
    case 1:
        System.out.println("1");
        //break;
    case 2:
        System.out.println("2");
        break;
    case 3:
        System.out.println("3");
        break;
    default: //optional
        System.out.println("Wrong number!");
}
```

# SWITCH STATEMENTS

```
switch (intValue)
{
    case 1: //no break, so continues to next case
    case 2:
        System.out.println("1 or 2");
        break;
    case 3:
        System.out.println("3");
        break;
    default: //optional
        System.out.println("Wrong number!");
}
```



# SWITCH STATEMENTS

- The first line of the switch statement specifies the variable that will be tested.
- Then the switch statement uses the brace brackets to form a block statement.
- Each of the case statements checks the test variable in the switch statement against a specific value.
- It is **impossible** to test in switch structure other conditions than “= =”

# SWITCH STATEMENTS

- break statement causes that no other part of the switch statement will be considered. The break statement tells the computer to break out of the switch statement.
- The default statement is used as a catch-all if **none** of the preceding case statements contained a **break**.



# TERNARY OPERATOR

You can use the ternary operator when you just want to assign a value or display a value based on a simple conditional test.

```
if (expression)
    a = someValue;
else
    a = anotherValue;
```

Instead you can write:

```
a = (expression) ? someValue : otherValue ;
```

# TERNARY OPERATOR STRUCTURE



The condition to test, surrounded by parentheses  
(expression)

followed by a question mark ?

The value use if the condition is true, then a colon :

The value to use if condition is false

```
variable = (expression) ? someValue  
: otherValue ;
```

# TERNARY OPERATOR STRUCTURE



*Example 1:*

```
int result = 10;  
int numberOfPoints;  
numberOfPoints = (result > 5) ? 1  
: 0;
```

If result value is greater than 5 number of given points is 1 else there is no given points.

# TERNARY OPERATOR STRUCTURE



*Example 2:*

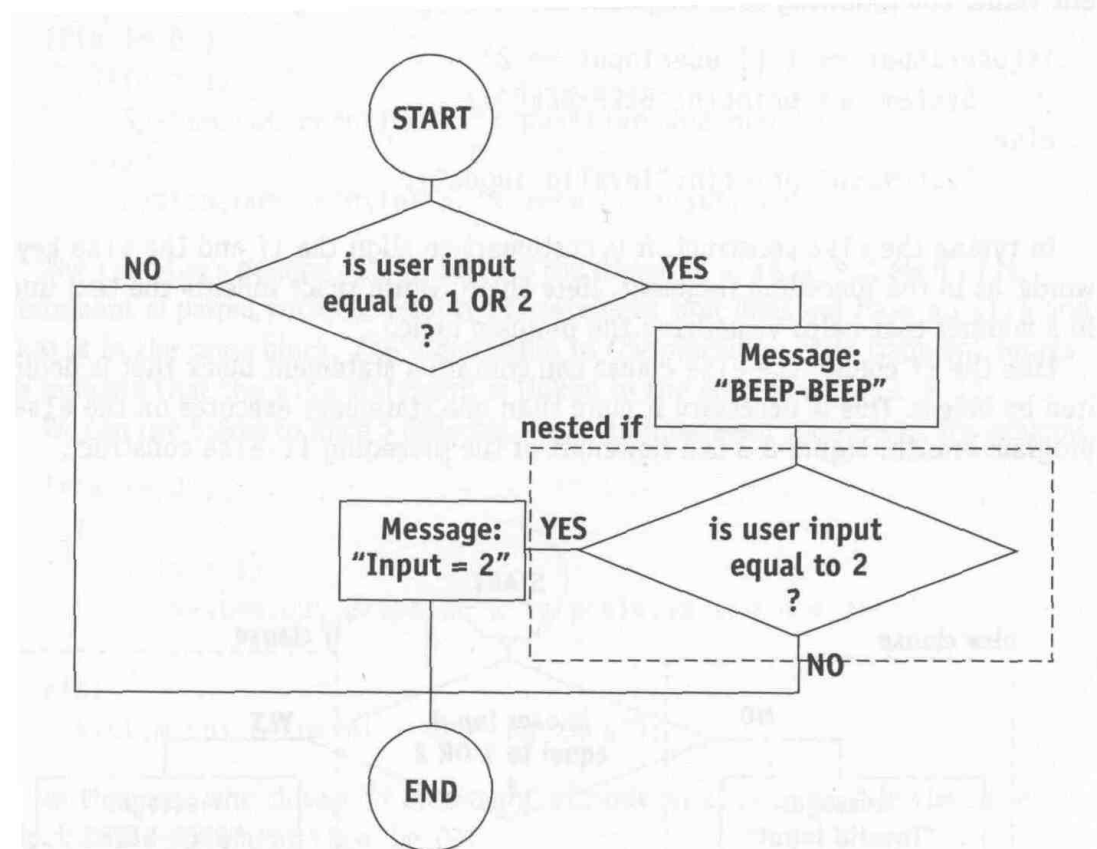
```
String gender = "female";  
System.out.print(  
    (gender.equals("female")) ? "Ms." : "Mr." );
```

```
/* text variables cannot be compared using ==,  
   instead the .equals() method must be used */
```

# NESTED DECISION STATEMENTS



*Example [Sanchez]:*



**Figure 8-2**  
*Flowchart of a nested if construct*

# Java Code:



```
Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
int userInputValue;
userInputValue = input.nextInt();
if ((userInputValue == 1) || (userInputValue == 2))
{
    System.out.println("BEEP - BEEP");
    if (userInputValue == 2)
    {
        System.out.print("Input = 2");
    }
}
```

*NOTE:*

*// means OR,*

*&& means AND.*



## The Dangling else Problem

Because the else statement is optional, we can have several nested if constructs, some of which without a corresponding else clause. This situation, sometimes referred to as a *dangling else*, can give rise to uncertainty about the pairing of if and else clauses. For example, the else clause in the following fragment is paired with the inner if statement:

```
if(a != 0 )
    if(a > 1)
        System.out.println("x is positive and non-zero");
    else
        System.out.println("x is zero or negative);
```

The compiler's general rule in solving the dangling else is that each else statement is paired with the closest if statement that does not have an else and that is in the same block. The indentation in the preceding code fragment serves to indicate that the else statement is linked to the statement if(a > 1).

We can use braces to force a different association between statements. For example:

```
if(a != 0 )
{
    if(a > 1)
        System.out.println("x is positive and non-zero);
}
else
    System.out.println("x must be zero");
```

In this case, the closest if statement without an else located in the same block is the statement if(a != 0).

Here again we have used indentation of the text lines to indicate the if-else pairing.

## EXERCISE 1a

If the variable *angle* is equal to 90 degrees, print the message “*The angle is a right angle*”; otherwise, print the message “*The angle is not a right angle*”.



## EXERCISE 1b

If the *temperature* is above 100 degrees, display the message “*above boiling*”; if it is equal to 100 display the message “*boiling*”; otherwise display “*below boiling*”



## EXERCISE 1c

If the variable ***number*** is positive, add ***number*** to ***posSum*** (increment ***posSum*** by ***number***); otherwise, add ***number*** to ***negSum***



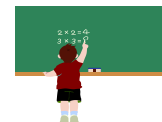
## EXERCISE 1d

If the variable *slope* is less than 0.5 set the *flag* to zero; otherwise, set *flag* to one



## EXERCISE 1e

If the difference between the variables *num1* and *num2* is less than 0.001, set the variable *approx* to zero; otherwise, calculate *approx* as the quantity  $(num1 - num2) / 2.0$ .



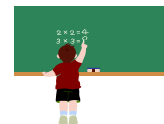
## EXERCISE 1f

If the difference between the variables ***temp1*** and ***temp2*** exceeds 2.3 degrees, calculate the variable ***error*** as  **$(temp1 - temp2) * factor$**



## EXERCISE 1g

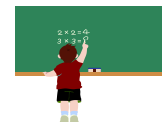
If the variable  $x$  is greater than the variable  $y$  and the variable  $z$  is less than 20, read in a value for the variable  $p$ ;





## EXERCISE 1h

If the variable *distance* is greater than 20 and it is less than 35, read in value for the variable *time*.



## EXERCISE 2

Write a Java program that displays either the message “I feel great today! Or “ I feel down today!” depending on the input. If the input is the integer 1, entered in the variable choice, the first message should be displayed; otherwise, the second message should be displayed



## EXERCISE 3

A senior salesperson is paid \$400 a week and a junior salesperson \$275 a week. Write a Java program that accepts as input a salesperson's status in a String variable. If the status equals "s", the senior person's salary should be displayed; otherwise, the junior person's salary should be output.

Note:

```
String status = input.nextLine();
```

```
if (status.equals("s"))
```

```
...
```



# EXERCISE 4

Write a Java program that displays a student's status based on the following codes:

**Code**    **Student Status**

1.    Freshman
2.    Sophomore
3.    Junior
4.    Senior
5.    Master program
6.    Doctoral program

Your program should accept the code number as a user – entered input value and based on this value display the correct student status. If an incorrect code is entered, your program should display the string “An incorrect code was entered”.



## EXERCISE 5

Each disk drive in a shipment of these devices is stamped with a code from 1 through 4, which indicates a drive manufacturer as follows

**Code**   Disk Drive Manufacturer

1. 3M Corporation
2. Maxell Corporation
3. Sony Corporation
4. Verbatim Corporation

Write a Java program that accepts the code number as an input and, based on the value entered, displays the correct disk drive manufacturer.

***Note: Use a different method than in Ex.4***



# HOMEWORK (option 1)

Write a Java program that calculates the areas of different geometrical figures. Your program should display menu as below:

```

-----
| GEOMETRICAL FIGURE |
|   CALCULATIONS     |
|-----|
| Figure:             |
| 1. Circle           |
| 2. Triangle         |
| 3. Ellipse          |
| 4. Trapezium        |
|-----|
| Type number desired |
|                     |
|-----|

```

After choosing the option program should ask the user for the data required (height, width, radius etc.) to calculate the area. Program displays the result of figure field calculation based on entered data.



HOMEWORK  
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# HOMEWORK (option 2)

Write a Java program that works like a “Magic 8-ball” or “Futrzak”. Your program should ask the user to type a question with a yes/no answer, then display a random answer, example:

```
Will I get a top mark in this class?  
Not likely
```

```
Make sure to check if the user typed something  
(the string is not empty textvar.equals(""))
```

Hint:

Use `Math.random()` to generate a random number  $0.0 \leq x < 1.0$  multiply the number by 10 and round it to int, then use switch structure.



HOMEWORK  
EXERCISE