Inf1B

Conditionals and Loops[1]

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Conditional Statements

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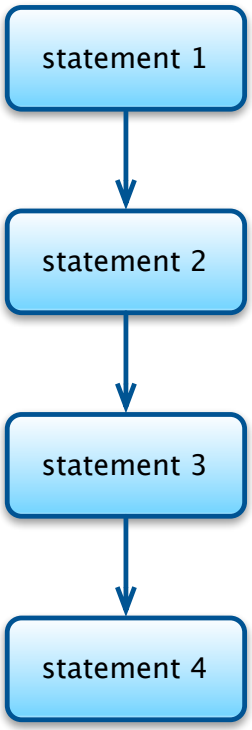

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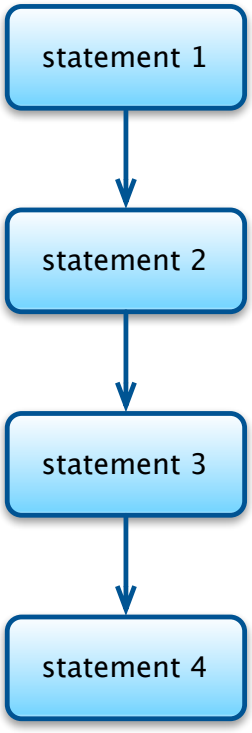
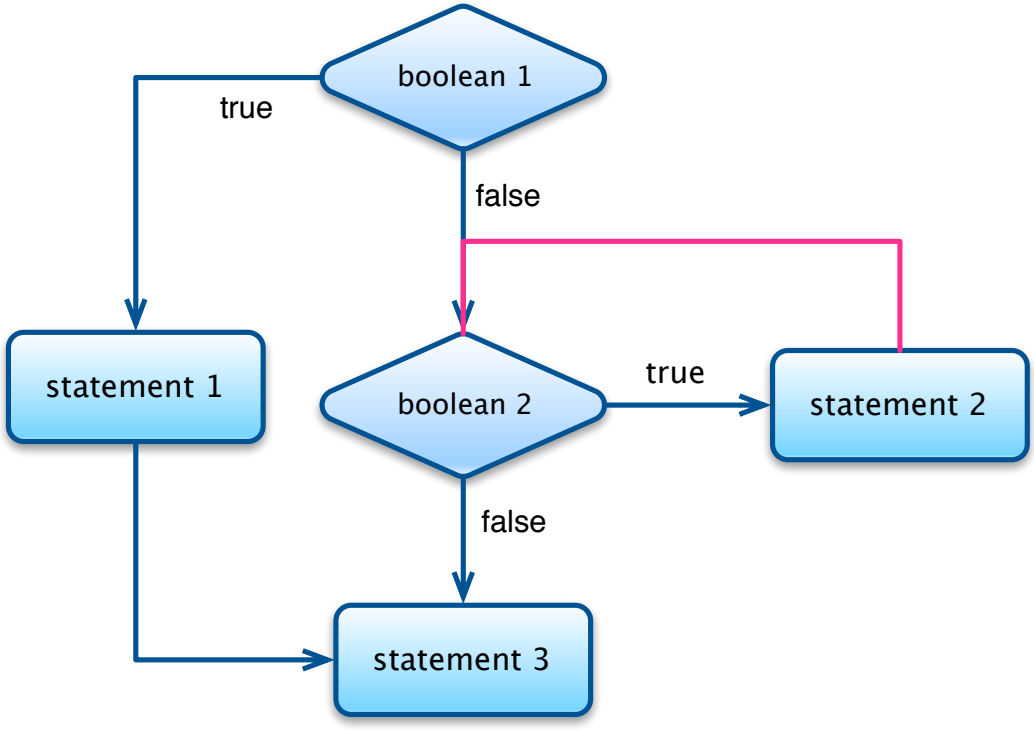
- Conditionals and loops enable us to choreograph control flow





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```
if (x > y) {

    int t = x;
    x = y;
    y = t;

}
```

sequence of statements

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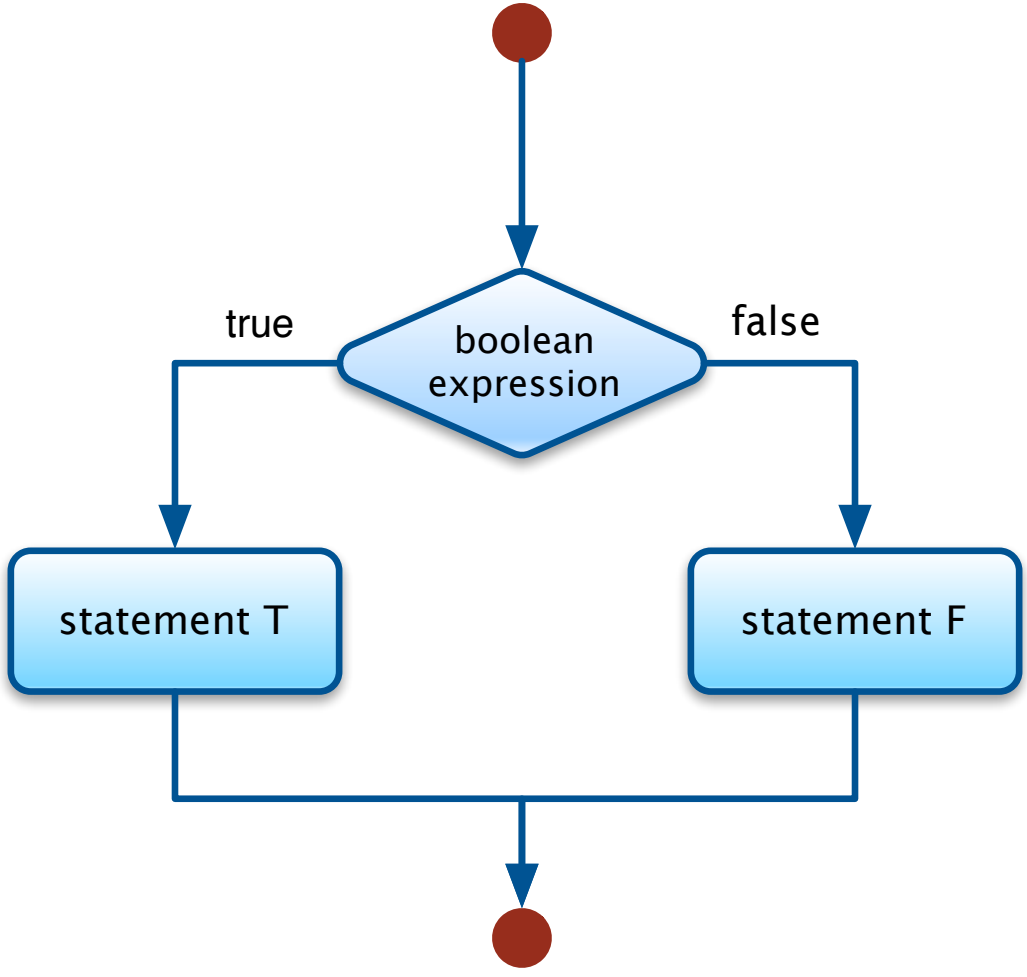
If / conditional statement — sometimes called branching structures:



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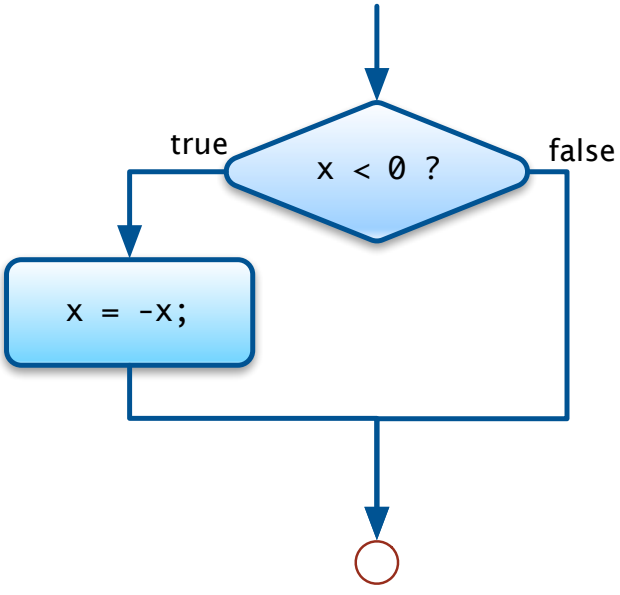


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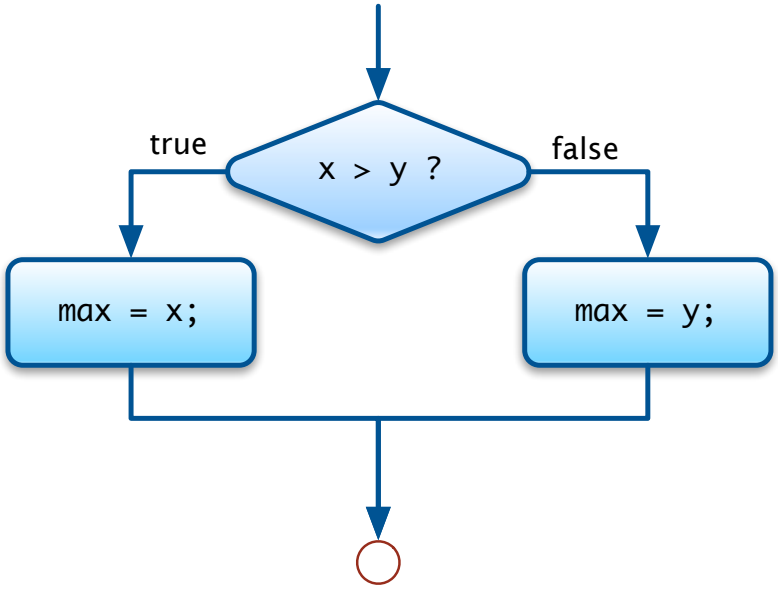

If Statement: Examples

absolute value	`if (x < 0) x = -x;`

put `x` *and* `y` *into ascending order (swap)*	`if (x > y) {`
	`  int temp = x;`
	`  x = y;`
	`  y = temp;`
	`}`

maximum of `x` *and* `y`	`if (x > y) max = x;` `else  max = y;`

error check for division operation	`if (den == 0) {`
	`  System.out.println("Division by zero");`
	`} else {`
	`  System.out.println("Quotient = " + num / den);`
	`}`

Loops (While)

While Loop

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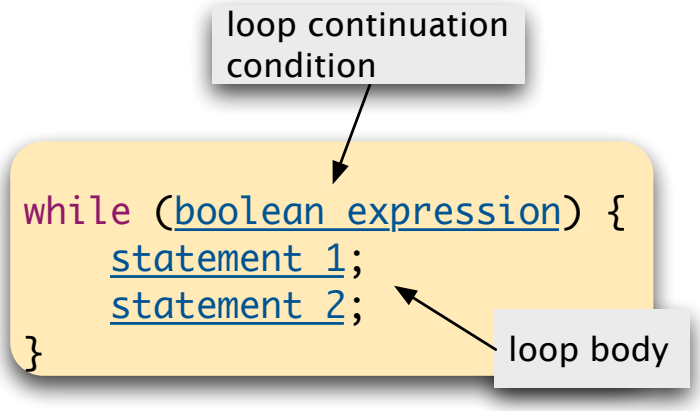

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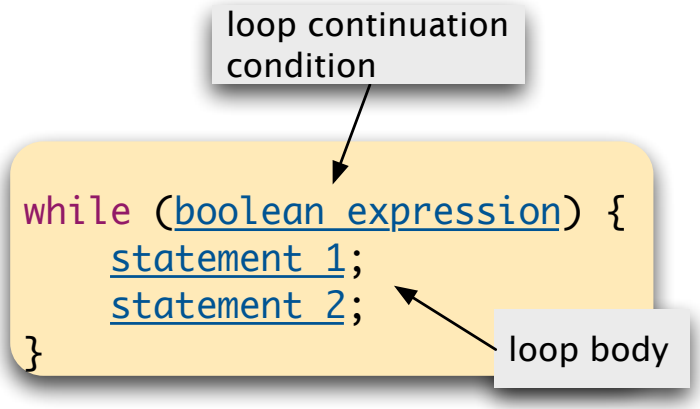

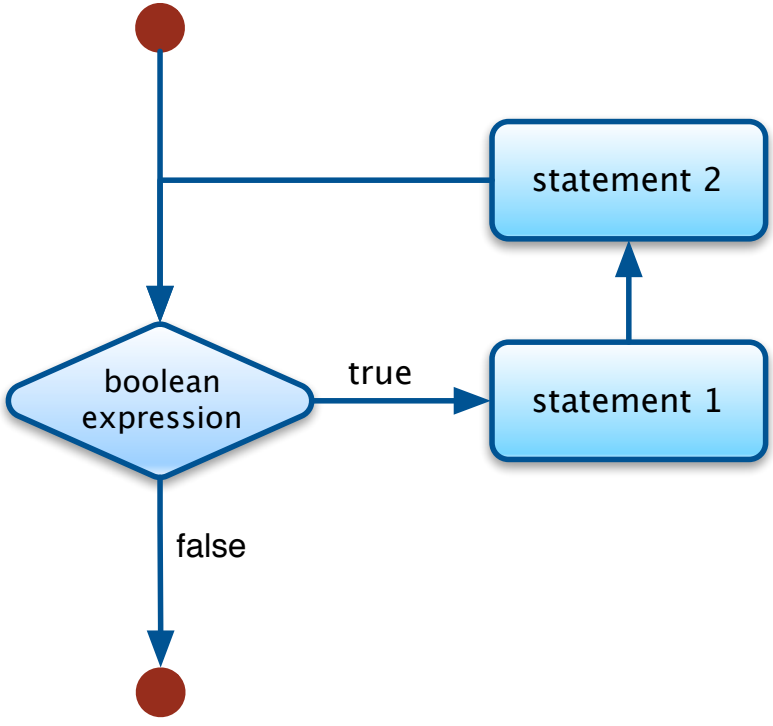

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7	128	false		

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Powers of Two

```
public class PowersOfTwo {
   public static void main(String[] args) {
      int n = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
      int i = 0;
      int val = 1;
      while (i <= n) {
         System.out.println(i + " " + val);
         i = i + 1;
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      }
   }
}
```

```
% java PowersOfTwo 3
0 1
1 2
2 4
3 8
```

While Loop Challenge

Q: Is anything wrong with the following version of `PowersOfTwo`?

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i = i + 1;
val = 2 * val;
```

A: Need curly braces around statements in `while` loop. Otherwise, only the first of the statements is executed before returning to `while` condition; enters an infinite loop, printing `0 1` for ever.

(How to stop an infinite loop? At the Linux command-line, hit Control-c.)

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Loops (For)

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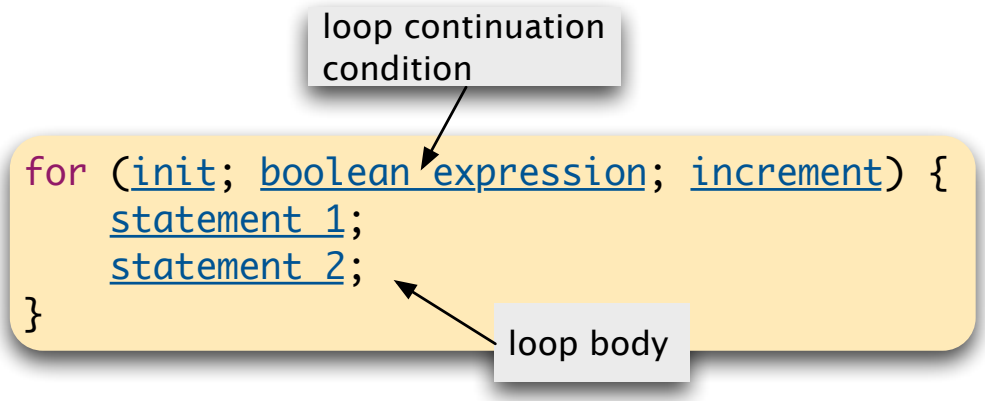

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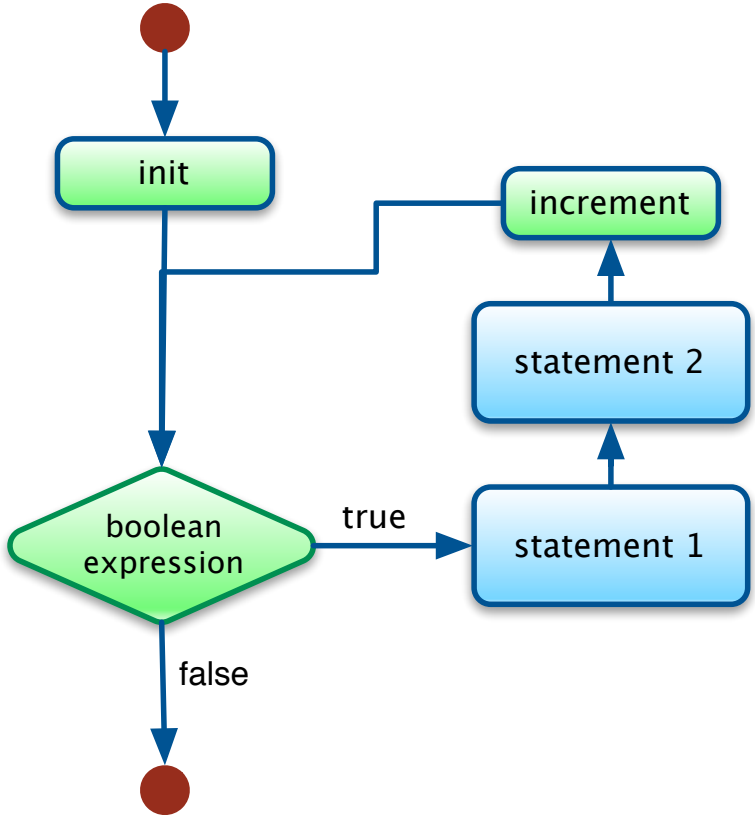
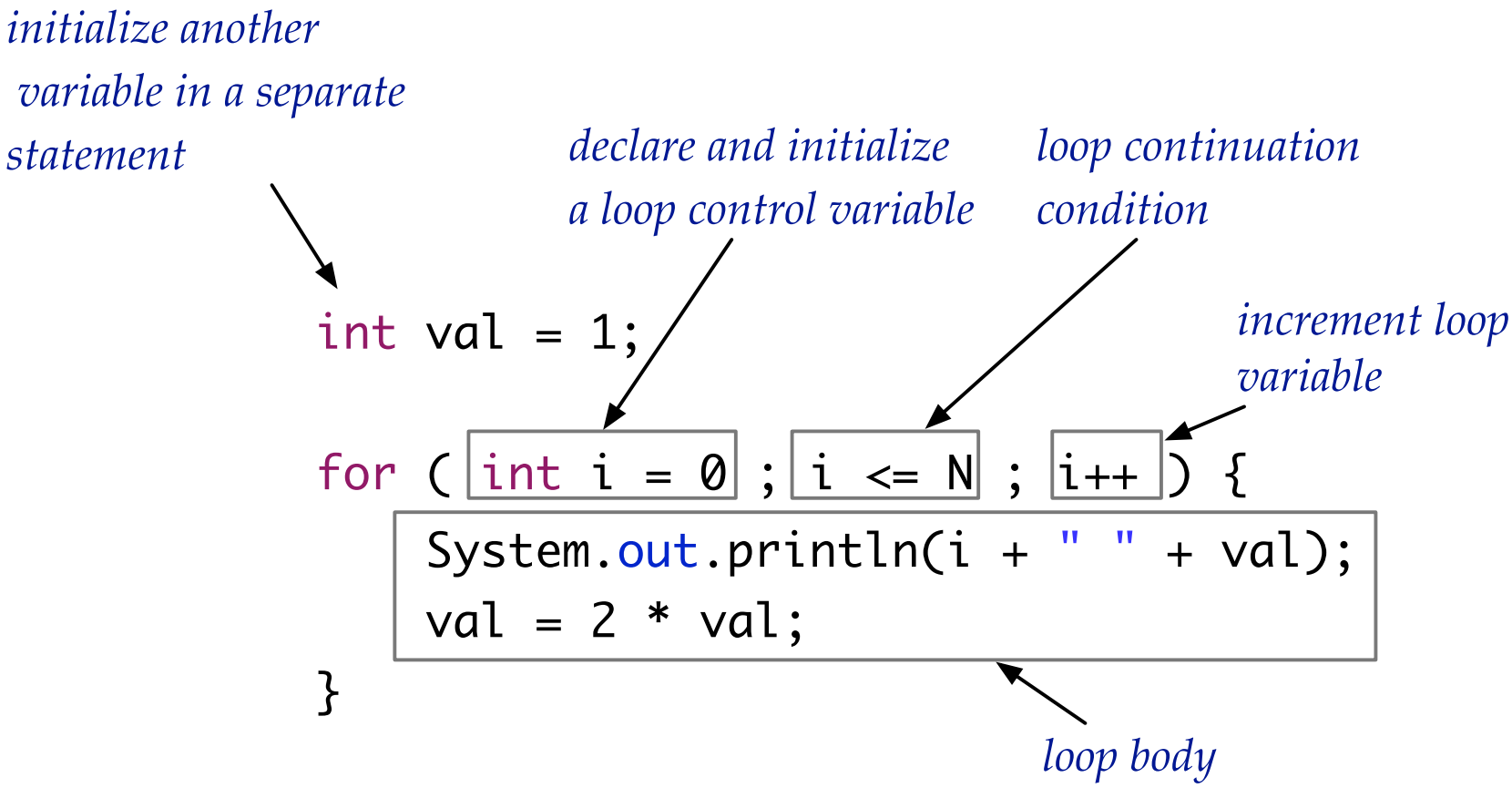


loop continuation condition

```
for (init; boolean expression; increment) {
    statement 1;
    statement 2;
}
```

loop body

Anatomy of a For Loop



For Loop: Powers of Two

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- Double `val` each time.

```
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}
```

val
1

Start Again

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}
```

val	i
1	0

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  val = 2 * val;
}
```

val	i	i $\leq$ n
1	0	true

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8				

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128				

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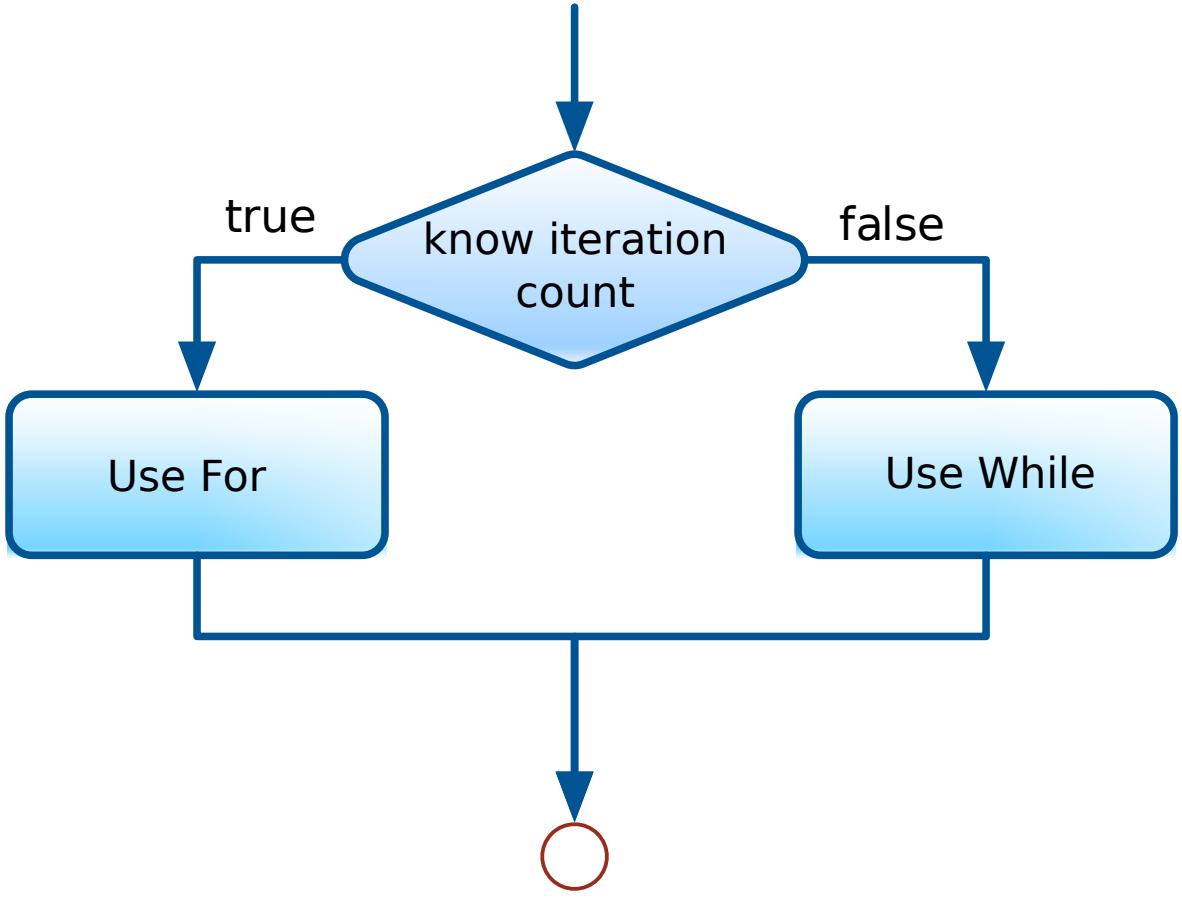
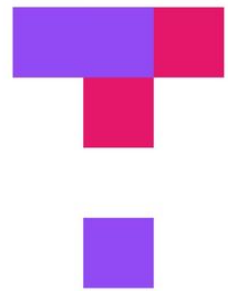
When to use While and when to use For?

Rule of thumb



Let's practise that



TOP HAT

Bailing Out Early

What if you need to leave a loop early?

Sometimes you don't want to end the execution of a loop but instead break out early, e.g. for search algorithms.

`break` allows you to break out of a loop immediately

What if you need to leave a loop early?

Breaking out early

```
// find first number divisible by n
int start = 50;
int end = 5000;
int n = 344;
for(int i = start; i < end; i++) {
  if (i % n == 0) {
    System.out.println("Number␣found:␣" + i);
    break;
  }
  // some complex calculations
}
```

What if you need to leave a loop early?

At other times, you might want to skip a loop iteration for certain input and continue with the next one, e.g. when processing data and skipping invalid entries.

`continue` allows you to skip the remainder of the loop body and continue with the next iteration

What if you need to leave a loop early?

Skipping iterations

```
// skip numbers divisible by n
int start = 0;
int end = 100;
int n = 5;
for (int i = start; i < end; i++) {
  if (i % n == 0) {
    continue;
  }

  // run some complex calculations
}
```

A word of caution

It is easy to end up writing complex, hard-to-read, error-prone code using `break` and `continue`.

Keep them for cases like the examples, where the whole loop body is irrelevant for certain values, or after a certain value.

Usually nested conditionals are better style, because they make it easier to reason about the circumstances under which a given line is reached...

Nested Conditionals

Nested If Statements

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> 10	roastin'

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```
String verdict;
if (temp < -5) verdict = "wear a sweater";
else {
    if (temp < 1) verdict = "nippy";
    else {
        if (temp < 11) verdict = "normal";
        else verdict = "roastin'";
    }
}
```

Nested If Statements

We don't necessarily need all those braces.

```
public class ScottishWeather {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        String verdict;
        int temp = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        if      (temp < -5) verdict = "wear a sweater";
        else if (temp < 1)  verdict = "nippy";
        else if (temp < 11) verdict = "normal";
        else                verdict = "roastin'";
        System.out.println("Verdict: " + verdict);
    }
}
```

Output

```
% java ScottishWeather -1
Verdict: nippy

% java ScottishWeather 1
Verdict: normal
```

Nested If Statements

Is there anything wrong with the logic of the following code?

degrees C	verdict
< -5	wear a sweater
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int temp = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
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if (temp < 1)  verdict = "nippy";
if (temp < 11) verdict = "normal";
if (temp >= 11) verdict = "roastin'";
```

Summary

Control flow:

- Sequence of statements that are actually executed in a program run.
- Conditionals and loops: enable us to choreograph the control flow.

Control Flow	**Description**	**Examples**
straight-line programs	all statements are executed in the order given	
conditionals	certain statements are executed depending on the values of certain variables	`if`, `if-else`
loops	certain statements are executed repeatedly until certain conditions are met	`while`, `for`

Reading

Java Tutorial

pp68-86, i.e. Chapter 3 *Language Basics* from *Expressions, Statements and Blocks* to the end of the chapter.

Objects First

Appendix *C.2* - *C.3*, Appendix *D.1* - *D.3*