



Loops I

Lecture 17, Fri Feb 12 2010

borrowing from slides by Kurt Eiselt

<http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~tmm/courses/111-10>

Reading

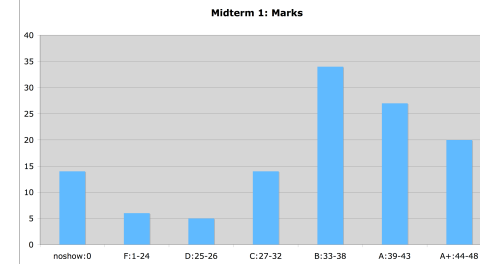
- This week: Chapter 5 all (5.1-5.4)
 - second edition: Chap 6
- Next week: Chapter 6 all (6.1-6.4)
 - second edition: Chap 7

News

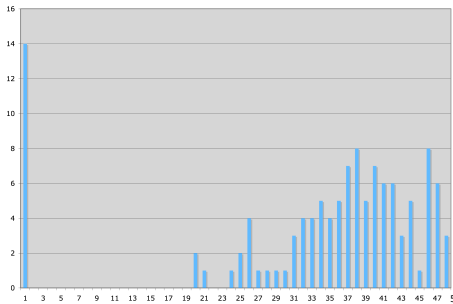
- Next week is reading week
 - no lectures or labs or tutorials
- Midterms returned today
 - Grades, statistics already posted on WebCT
 - returned end of class, line up by last name (A-Z)

Midterm Marks Distribution

- marks will not be scaled



Midterm Distribution: Detailed



Regrading

- Reminder: protocol for regrade requests
 - read solution and marking scheme first, carefully
 - no regrade requests accepted until at least 24 hours after material is handed back
 - exception: arithmetic errors
 - regrade requests must be in writing (paper or email)
 - assignments: to marker (listed on cover sheet)
 - if still have dispute after discussion with TA, can escalate to instructor
 - exams: to instructor

Recap: Comparing Strings

- Relational operator == is wrong way to compare

```
String name1 = "Bubba";
String name2 = "Bubba";
System.out.println(name1 == name2); // prints false
```

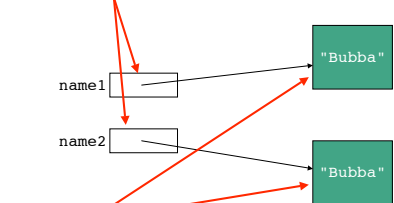
- equals method is right way to compare Strings

```
String name1 = "Bubba";
String name2 = "Bubba";
System.out.println(name1.equals(name2)); // prints true
```

- why? diagrams will help

Recap: Comparing Strings

- name1 == name2 : two different references, false



- name1.equals(name2) : contents same, true

Recap: Short-Circuiting Evaluation

- Java evaluates complex expressions left to right
 - short-circuiting: Java stops evaluating once value is clearly true or false
 - aka lazy evaluation

```
if ((b > a) && (c == 10))
    System.out.println("when b<a short-circuit");
if ((b > a) || (c == 10))
    System.out.println("when b>a short-circuit");
```

- Corollary: avoid statements with side effects

```
if ((b > a) || (c++))
    System.out.println("Danger Will Robinson!");
```

Recap: Conditional Syntax

- if (boolean expression) statement
- else if (boolean expression) statement
 - optional: zero, one, or many
- else statement
 - optional

- if, else are reserved words
- parentheses mandatory
- statement can be
 - single line
 - block of several lines enclosed in { }

Recap: Comparing Floats/Doubles

- Relational operator for equality not safe for floating point comparison

```
if (.3 == 1.0/10.0 + 1.0/10.0 + 1.0/10.0)
    System.out.println("Beware roundoff error");
```

- Check if difference close to 0 instead

```
if (Math.abs(f1 - f2) < TOLERANCE)
    System.out.println("Essentially equal.");
```

Recap: Comparing Characters

- Safe to compare character types with relational operators

```
char c = 'a';
char d = 'b';
if (c == d)
    System.out.println("they match");
```

Recap: Switch Syntax

```
switch ( expression ) {
    case value:
        statements
        break;
    case value:
        statements
        break;
    default:
        statements
}
```

- switch, case, break are reserved words
- expression and value must be int or char
 - value cannot be variable
- break important, or else control flow continues to next set
- statements can be one line or several lines
- default executed if no values match expression

Objectives

- Practice with conditionals
- Understand basic loops

```
public class NestTest3 {
    public static void main (String[] args) {
        respondToName ("Flouinaucinihilipiliphication");
        respondToName ("Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious");
        respondToName ("Ambrose");
        respondToName ("Kermat");
        respondToName ("Miss Piggy!!!!");
        respondToName ("Spot");
        respondToName ("me");
    }

    public static void respondToName (String name) {
        System.out.println("You're named " + name);
        if (name.length() > 20) {
            System.out.println("Goash, long name");
            System.out.println("Keeping typists busy...");
        } else if (name.length() > 30) {
            System.out.println("Over the top!");
        } else if (name.length() < 10) {
            if (name.charAt(0) == 'A')
                System.out.println("You're first");
            else if (name == "Kermat")
                System.out.println("You're a frog");
            System.out.println("I love animals");
        } else if (name.equals("Spot")) {
            System.out.println("You're spotted");
        } else if (name.length() < 3) {
            System.out.println("Concise!");
        }
    }
}
```

Repetition, Iteration, Loops

- Computers good at performing same task many times
- Loops allow repetitive operations in programs
 - aka iteration statements, repetition statements
- Loops handy in real life too

Climbing Stairs

- Am I at the top of the stairs?



17

Climbing Stairs

- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.



18

Climbing Stairs

- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?



19

Climbing Stairs

- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.



20

Climbing Stairs

- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?



21

Climbing Stairs

- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- ...and so on...



22

Washing Hair

- Lather



23

Washing Hair

- Lather
- Rinse



24

Washing Hair

- Lather
- Rinse
- Repeat



25

Washing Hair

- Lather
- Rinse
- Repeat
- When do you stop??



26

While Statement

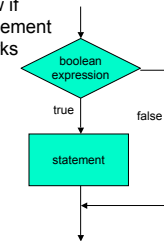
while (boolean expression)
body

- Simplest form of loop in Java
- Body of loop can be
 - single statement
 - whole block of many statements in curly braces
- Control flow
 - body executed if expression is true
 - then boolean expression evaluated again
 - if expression still true, body executed again
 - repetition continues until expression false
 - then processing continues with next statement after loop

27

If Versus while Statements

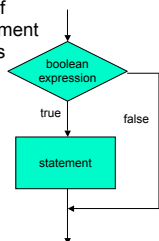
how if statement works



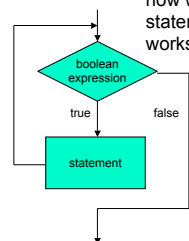
28

If Versus while Statements

how if statement works



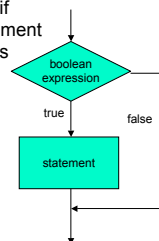
how while statement works



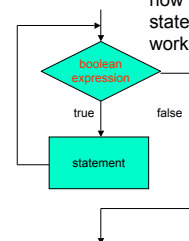
29

If Versus while Statements

how if statement works



how while statement works

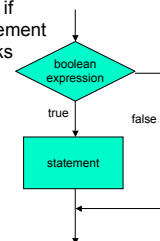


- How can loop boolean change from false to true?

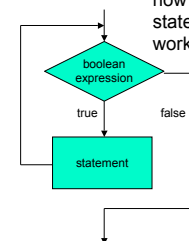
30

If Versus while Statements

how if statement works



how while statement works



- These diagrams called **flowcharts**

31

Using while Statements

```
public class WhileDemo
{
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        int limit = 3;
        int counter = 1;

        while (counter <= limit)
        {
            System.out.println("The square of " + counter +
                " is " + (counter * counter));
            counter = counter + 1;
        }
        System.out.println("End of demonstration");
    }
}
```

- while** statement

32

Using while Statements

```
public class WhileDemo
{
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        int limit = 3;
        int counter = 1;

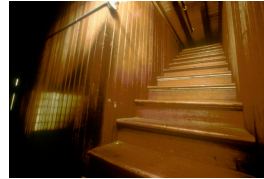
        while (counter <= limit)
        {
            System.out.println("The square of " + counter +
                " is " + (counter * counter));
            counter = counter + 1;
        }
        System.out.println("End of demonstration");
    }
}

limit 3   counter 4   Is counter <= limit? NO!
"End of demonstration" printed on monitor
```

49

Climbing Stairs Again

- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- Am I at the top of the stairs?
- No.
- Climb up one step.
- ...and so on...



50

Climbing Stairs Again

- ```
while (I'm not at the top of the stairs)
{
 Climb up one step
}
```
- Climbing stairs is a while loop!



51

## Using while Statements

```
public class WhileDemo
{
 public static void main (String[] args)
 {
 int limit = 3;
 int counter = 1;

 while (counter >= limit)
 {
 System.out.println("The square of " + counter +
 " is " + (counter * counter));
 counter = counter + 1;
 }
 System.out.println("End of demonstration");
 }
}

■ change termination condition
```

52

## Using while Statements

```
public class WhileDemo
{
 public static void main (String[] args)
 {
 int limit = 3;
 int counter = 1;

 while (counter >= limit)
 {
 System.out.println("The square of " + counter +
 " is " + (counter * counter));
 counter = counter + 1;
 }
 System.out.println("End of demonstration");
 }
}

■ change termination condition
■ body of loop never executed
```

53

## Using while Statements

```
public class WhileDemo
{
 public static void main (String[] args)
 {
 int limit = 3;
 int counter = 1;

 while (counter >= counter)
 {
 System.out.println("The square of " + counter +
 " is " + (counter * counter));
 counter = counter + 1;
 }
 System.out.println("End of demonstration");
 }
}

■ change termination condition
■ always true
```

54

## Infinite Loops

```
public class WhileDemo
{
 public static void main (String[] args)
 {
 int limit = 3;
 int counter = 1;

 while (counter >= counter)
 {
 System.out.println("The square of " + counter +
 " is " + (counter * counter));
 counter = counter + 1;
 }
 System.out.println("End of demonstration");
 }
}

■ if termination condition always true, loop never ends
■ infinite loop goes forever
```

55

## Infinite Loops

```
public class WhileDemo
{
 public static void main (String[] args)
 {
 int limit = 3;
 int counter = 1;

 while (counter <= limit)
 {
 System.out.println("The square of " + counter +
 " is " + (counter * counter));
 counter = counter - 1;
 }
 System.out.println("End of demonstration");
 }
}

■ good termination condition
■ but process never gets closer to condition
```

56

## Infinite Loops

```
public class WhileDemo
{
 public static void main (String[] args)
 {
 int limit = 9;
 int counter = 0;

 while (counter != limit)
 {
 System.out.println("The square of " + counter +
 " is " + (counter * counter));
 counter = counter + 2;
 }
 System.out.println("End of demonstration");
 }
}

■ process gets closer to termination condition
■ but never satisfies condition, keeps going past it
```

57

## Another while Example

```
public class PrintFactorials
{
 public static void main (String[] args)
 {
 int limit = 10;
 int counter = 1;
 int product = 1;

 while (counter <= limit)
 {
 System.out.println("The factorial of " + counter +
 " is " + product);
 counter = counter + 1;
 product = product * counter;
 }
 System.out.println("End of demonstration");
 }
}

■ accumulate product
```

58

## Questions?

59