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Loops

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News

- Welcome back!
 - resume lectures, labs, tutorials, office hours
- Midterm and Assignment 1 returned
 - pick up after class if you don't have yet
 - midterm solutions posted on WebCT
- Assignment 2 posted soon
 - probably later today

Reading

■ This week: Chapter 7 all (7.1-7.4)

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

"Bubba"

"Bubba"

name1.equals(name2) : contents same, true

Recap: Short-Circuting 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.");</pre>
```

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

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?



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- ...and so on...



Washing Hair

Lather



Washing Hair

- Lather
- Rinse



Washing Hair

- Lather
- Rinse
- Repeat



Washing Hair

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

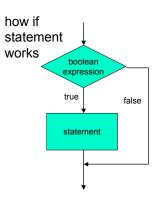


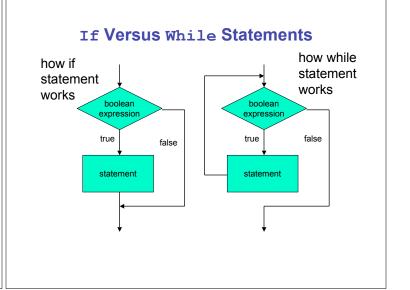
While Statement

while (boolean expression)
body

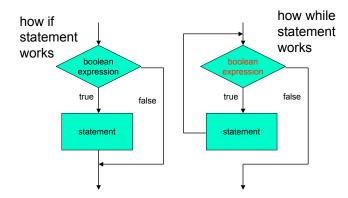
- Simplest form of loop in Java
- Body of loop can be
 - single statement
 - whole block of many statements in curly braces
- Control flow
 - body executed if expression is true
 - then boolean expression evaluated again
 - if expression still true, body executed again
 - repetition continues until expression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

If Versus While Statements



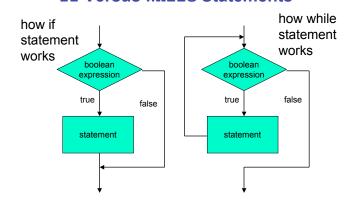


If Versus While Statements



How can loop boolean change from false to true?

If Versus While Statements



These diagrams called flowcharts

Using while Statements

while statement

Using while Statements

boolean expression

while statement body

Using while Statements

- statement after while
 - control flow resumes here when boolean is false

Using while Statements

trace what happens when execute

Using while Statements

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Climbing Stairs Again

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

while (I'm not at the top of the stairs) {
 Climb up one step

}

Climbing stairs is a while loop!



change termination condition

Using while Statements

- change termination condition
 - body of loop never executed

Using while Statements

- change termination condition
 - always true

Infinite Loops

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

Infinite Loops

- good termination condition
- but process never gets closer to condition

Infinite Loops

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

Another while Example

accumulate product

Questions?