Selection Control Structures

Chapter 5: Selection

Asserting Java

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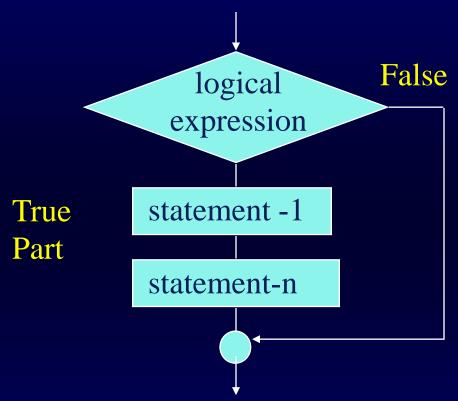
Chapter 5: Outline

- ◆ This chapter presents algorithmic patterns that allow alternatives to straight sequential processing:
 - Guarded Action
 - execute an action only under certain conditions
 - Alternative Action
 - choose one action or another
 - Multiple Selection
 - choose from more than two sets of actions

The Guarded Action Pattern

| Pattern: | Guarded Action |
|------------|--|
| Problem: | Execute an action only under certain |
| conditions | |
| General | if (true-or-false-condition is true) |
| Form | execute this set of statements |
| Code | <pre>if(aStudent.getGPA() >= 3.5)</pre> |
| Example: | deansList.add(aStudent); |

Flowchart view of guarded action



 After the boolean expression of the if statement evaluates, the true-part executes only when the boolean expression is true.

The if statement (general form)

• General form:

```
if (boolean-expression)
  true-part ;
```

◆ A boolean-expression is any expression that evaluates to true or false three examples

```
sales < 15000.00
hoursWorked > 40
true || false // read as true or false
```

Relational Operators

boolean expressions often use these relational operators:

```
> Greater than
```

< Less than

>= Greater than or equal

Less than or equal

== Equal

!= Not equal

boolean expressions

Answer true, or false

```
double n1 = 78.0;
double n2 = 80.0;
n1 < n2
n1 >= n2
(n1 + 35) > n2
Math.abs(n1-n2) \le 0.001
n1 == n2
                             // ____
n1 != n2
```

Examples

```
if(grade >= 60)
  return "Passing";

if(name.indexOf(",") == -1)
  return "Missing comma";

if(str.length() < 2)
  return str;</pre>
```

Boolean Operators

◆ A logical operator (&& means AND) used in an if...else statement:

```
if((test >= 0) && (test <= 100))
    System.out.println("Test in range");</pre>
```

◆ The code evaluates an expression to see if test is in the range of 0 through 100 inclusive.

Truth Tables for Boolean Operators

◆ Truth tables for the Logical (Boolean) operators

| ! (ne | ot) | | | | & & (and) | | | |
|------------|--------|------------|-------|--------|-----------|-----|-------|--------|
| Expression | Result | Expression | | Result | Expressi | ion | | Result |
| ! false | true | true | true | true | true | & & | true | true |
| ! true | false | true | false | true | true | & & | false | false |
| | | false | true | true | false | & & | true | false |
| | | false | false | false | false | & & | false | false |

The Alternative Action Pattern

- ◆ Situations arise that require a program to select between one set of actions or another
- ◆ Examples
 - withdraw or deposit money
 - pass or fail the entrance requirements
- ◆ This is the Alternative Action Pattern
 - choose between two alternate sets of actions

Alternative Action

```
Pattern:
            Alternative Action
Problem:
            Must choose one action from two
            alternatives
Outline:
            if (true-or-false-condition is true)
              execute action-1
            else
              execute action-2
Code
            if(finalGrade >= 60.0)
Example:
              System.out.println("passing");
            else
              System.out.println("failing");
```

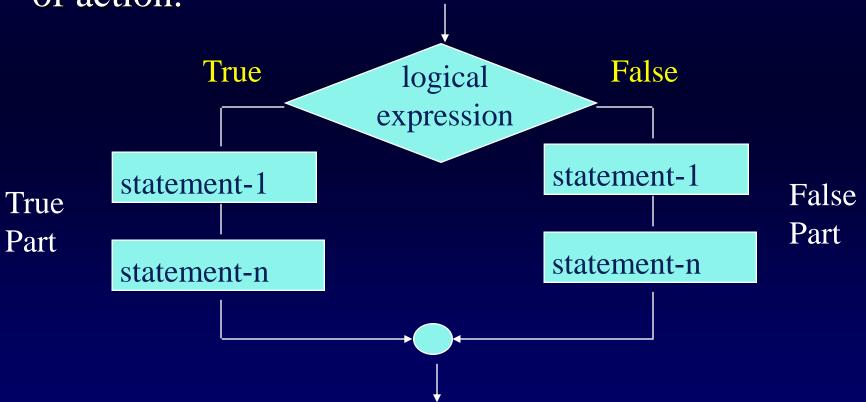
if-else General Form

```
if (boolean-expression)
  true-part;
else
  false-part;
```

When the boolean expression evaluates to true, the truepart executes and the false-part is disregarded. When the boolean expression is false, only the false-part executes.

The if...else statement

◆ The if...else statement allows two alternate courses of action.



if...else Example

Write the output below

```
if(sales >= 15000.00)
  System.out.println("Bonus="+((sales-15000.0)*0.05));
else
  System.out.println((15000.0-sales) + " short");
     sales
                       Output
     16000.00
     2000.00
     15000.00
```

More Precedence Rules

- ◆ The following slide summarizes all operators used in this textbook (we've seen 'em all now)
 - Precedence: most operators are evaluated (grouped) in a left-to-right order:
 - a / b / c / d is equivalent to (((a/b)/c)/d)
 - Assignment operators group in a right-to-left order so the expression

```
x = y = z = 0.0 is equivalent to (x=(y=(z=0.0)))
```

Operators so far chapter 7 += -= ++ --

| Rank | Operator | Description | Grouping |
|------|----------|--|---------------|
| 1 | • | field reference (field or method) | left to right |
| | () | function call (message send) | |
| 2 | ! + - | not, unary plus, unary minus | right to left |
| 3 | new | construct objects | |
| 4 | * | multiplication | left to right |
| | / | division | |
| | ojo | remainder | |
| 5 | + | addition (for int and double), subtraction | left to right |
| 7 | < <= | less than, less than or equal | left to right |
| | > >= | greater than, greater than or equal to | |
| 8 | == != | equal not equal | left to right |
| 12 | 88 | boolean and | left to right |
| 13 | | boolean Or | left to right |
| 15 | = | assignment | right to left |

Short Circuit Boolean Evaluation

- Java boolean expressions evaluate subexpressions in a left to right order
- Sometimes the evaluation could stop early
 - This expression never evaluates the sqrt of a negative number (it only evaluates what is necessary):

```
if((x >= 0.0) && (Math.sqrt(x) <= 2.5))
// ...</pre>
```

— and test>100 is not evaluated when test<0 is true
if(test < 0 || test > 100)
// ...

Multiple Selection

- ♦ Nested logic:
 - one control structure contains another similar control structure.
 - an if...else inside another if...else.
 - allows selections from 3 or more alternatives
- We must often select one alternative from many

| Pattern: | Multiple Selection | | |
|----------|--|--|--|
| Problem: | Must execute one set of actions from | | |
| | three or more alternatives. | | |
| Outline: | <pre>if (condition 1 is true) execute action 1 else if(condition 2 is true) execute action 2 // else if(condition n-1 is true) execute action n-1 else execute action n</pre> | | |
| Code | <pre>if(grade < 60) result = "F";</pre> | | |
| Example: | <pre>else if(grade < 70) result = "D"; else if(grade < 80) result = "C"; else if(grade < 90) result = "B";</pre> | | |

else

result = "A";

Example of Multiple Selection nested if...else

```
if(GPA < 3.5)
   System.out.println("Try harder");
else

if(GPA < 4.0)
   System.out.println("Dean's List");
else
   System.out.println("President's list");</pre>
```

The false part is another if...else

| GPA | Output: |
|------------|---------|
| 3.0 | |
| 3.6 | |
| 4.0 | |

A Greeting method

- ◆ According to the hour of day in European time, 0-23, Complete method greeting to return "Good Morning" (0..11), "Good Afternoon" 12..16), "Good Evening (17..19) and "Good Night (20..23)"
- ◆ Complete a test method for String greeting(int) in ControlFunTest
 - cover all branches (that will be 4)
 - cover all boundaries, which would be the lower bound of each branch (or the upper bound of each)
- ◆ Complete String greeting(int) in ControlFun

Multiple Returns

◆ It is possible to have multiple return statements in a method terminate when the first return executes, BUT return something

```
public String letterGrade()
  if (my_percentage >= 90.0)
    return "A";
  if (my_percentage >= 80.0)
    return "B";
  if (my_percentage >= 70.0)
    return "C";
  if (my_percentage >= 60.0)
    return "D";
  if (my_percentage >= 0.0)
    return "F"; // OOPS! WRONG when percentage < 0
}</pre>
```