

1.3 Conditionals and Loops

any program you might want to write

objects

functions and modules

graphics, sound, and image I/O

arrays

conditionals and loops

Math

text I/O

primitive data types

assignment statements



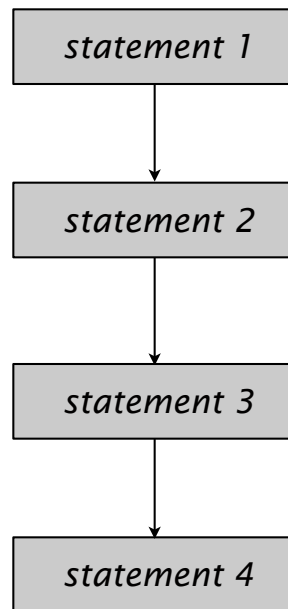
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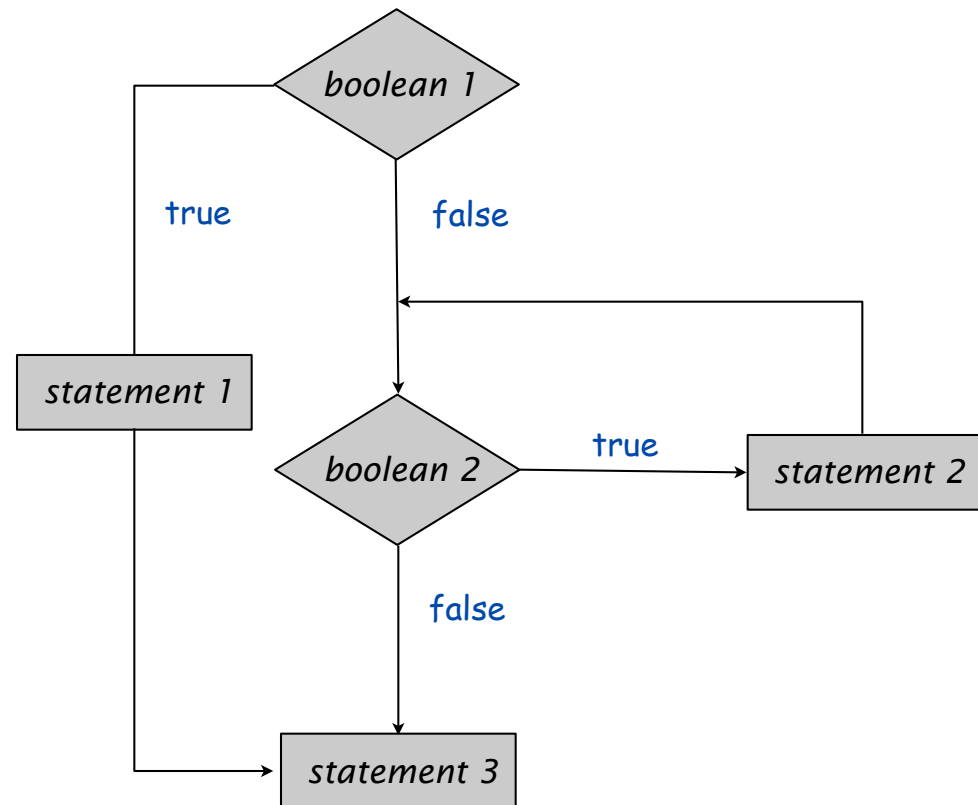
Conditionals and Loops

Control flow.

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



straight-line control flow



control flow with conditionals and loops

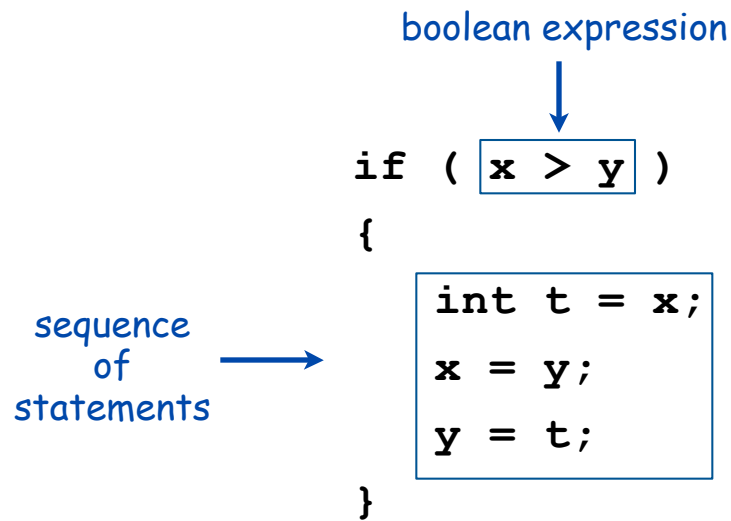
Conditionals



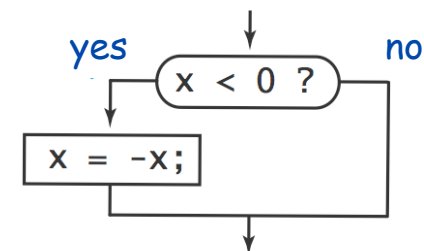
If Statement

The `if` statement. A common branching structure.

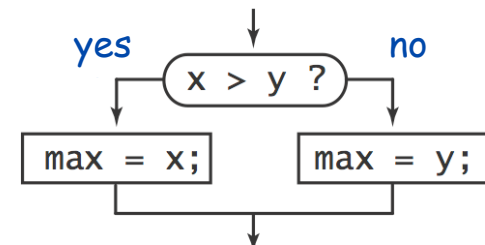
- Evaluate a boolean expression.
- If true, execute some statements.
- **else option:** If false, execute other statements.



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



```
if (x > y) max = x;  
else max = y;
```



If Statement

Ex. Take different action depending on value of variable.

```
public class Flip
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        if (Math.random() < 0.5)
            System.out.println("Heads");
        else System.out.println("Tails");
    }
}
```



```
% java Flip
Heads
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Heads
% java Flip
Tails
% java Flip
Heads
```

If Statement Examples

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```

absolute value

```
if (x > y) max = x;  
else      max = y;
```

maximum

```
if (x > y)  
{  
    int t = x;  
    x = y;  
    y = t;  
}
```

2-sort

x > y before

x	y	t
1234	99	undefined
1234	99	1234
99	99	1234
99	1234	1234

x < y after

```
if (den == 0) System.out.println("Division by zero");  
else          System.out.println("Quotient = " + num/den);
```

error check for division operation

```
double discriminant = b*b - 4.0*c;  
if (discriminant < 0.0)  
{  
    System.out.println("No real roots");  
}  
else  
{  
    System.out.println((-b + Math.sqrt(discriminant))/2.0);  
    System.out.println((-b - Math.sqrt(discriminant))/2.0);  
}
```

error check for quadratic formula

Loops



While Loop

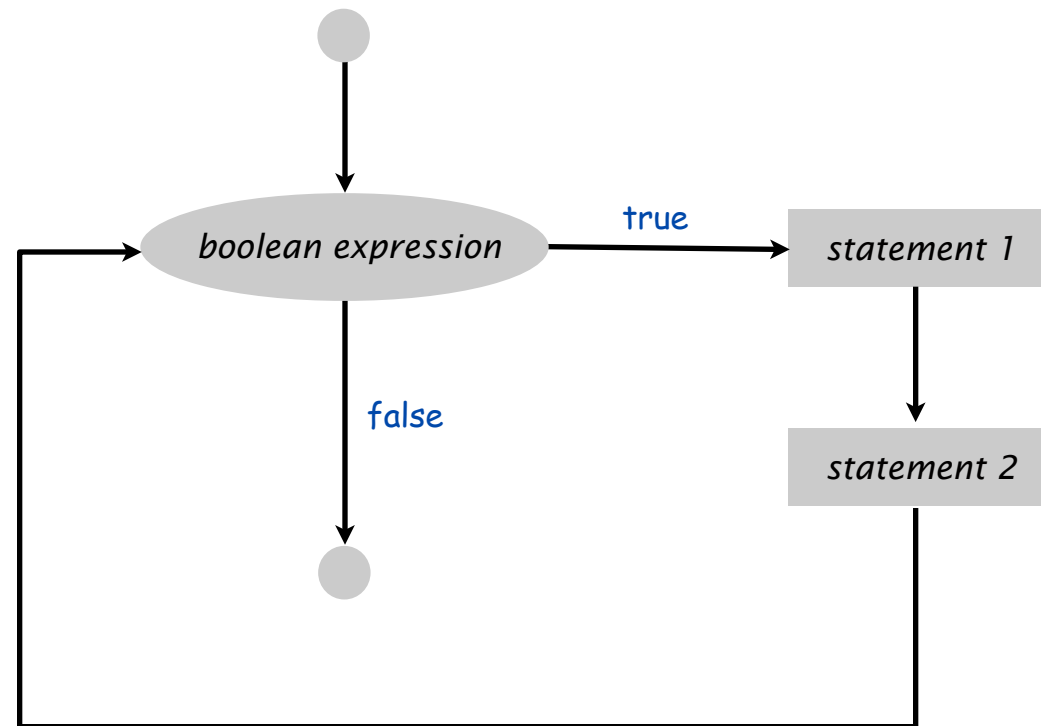
The `while` loop. A common repetition structure.

- Check a boolean expression.
- Execute a sequence of statements.
- Repeat.

```
while (boolean expression)
{
    statement 1;
    statement 2;
}
```

loop continuation condition

loop body



While Loop Example: Powers of Two

Ex. Print powers of 2 that are $\leq 2^n$.

- Increment i from 0 to n .
- Double v each time.

```
int i = 0;
int v = 1;
while (i <= n)
{
    System.out.println(v);
    i = i + 1;
    v = 2 * v;
}
```

i	v	$i \leq n$
0	1	true
1	2	true
2	4	true
3	8	true
4	16	true
5	32	true
6	64	true
7	128	false

```
1
2
4
8
16
32
64
```

$n = 6$

Powers of Two (full program)

```
public class PowersOfTwo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {

        // last power of two to print
        int n = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);

        int i = 0; // loop control counter
        int v = 1; // current power of two
        while (i <= n)
        {
            System.out.println(v);
            i = i + 1;
            v = 2 * v;
        }
    }
}
```

← print ith power of two

```
% java PowersOfTwo 3
1
2
4
8

% java PowersOfTwo 6
1
2
4
8
16
32
64
```

While Loop Challenge

Anything wrong with the following code?

```
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        int v = 1; // current power of two
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            v = 2 * v;
        }
    }
```


While Loop Example: Square Root

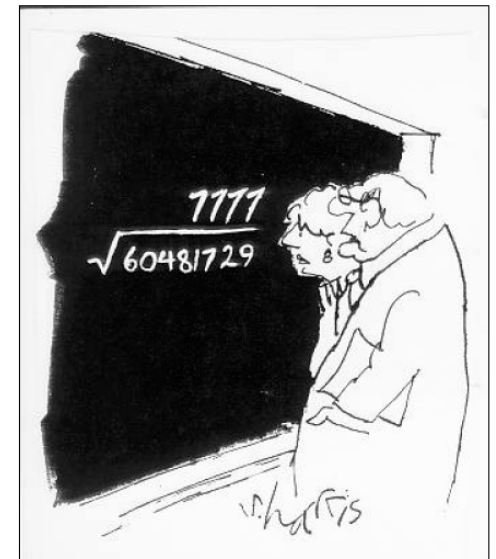
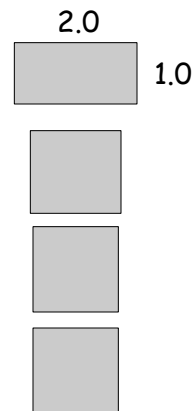
Goal. Implement `Math.sqrt()` .

```
% java Sqrt 60481729
7777.0
```

Newton-Raphson method to compute the square root of c :

- Initialize $t_0 = c$.
- **Repeat until** $t_i = c / t_i$, up to desired precision:
set t_{i+1} to be the average of t_i and c / t_i .

i	t	2/t	average
0	2	1	1.5
1	1.5	1.3333333	1.4166667
2	1.4166667	1.4117647	1.4142157
3	1.4142157	1.4142114	1.4142136
4	1.4142136	1.4142136	



"A wonderful square root. Let's hope it can be used for the good of mankind."

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computing the square root of 2 to seven places

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```
public class Sqrt
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        double EPS = 1E-15;
        double c = Double.parseDouble(args[0]);
        double t = c;
        while (Math.abs(t - c/t) > t * EPS)
        { t = (c/t + t) / 2.0; }
        System.out.println(t);
    }
}
```

error tolerance

```
% java Sqrt 2.0
1.414213562373095
```

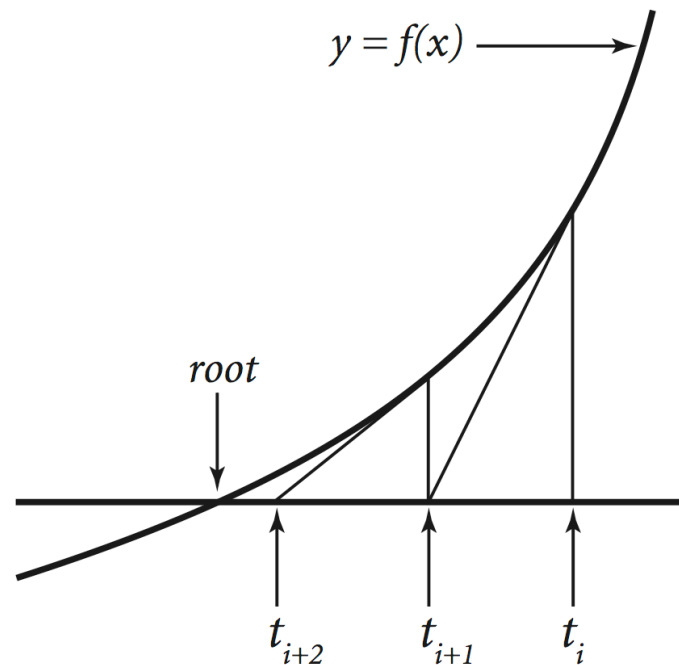
15 decimal digits of accuracy in 5 iterations

Newton-Raphson Method

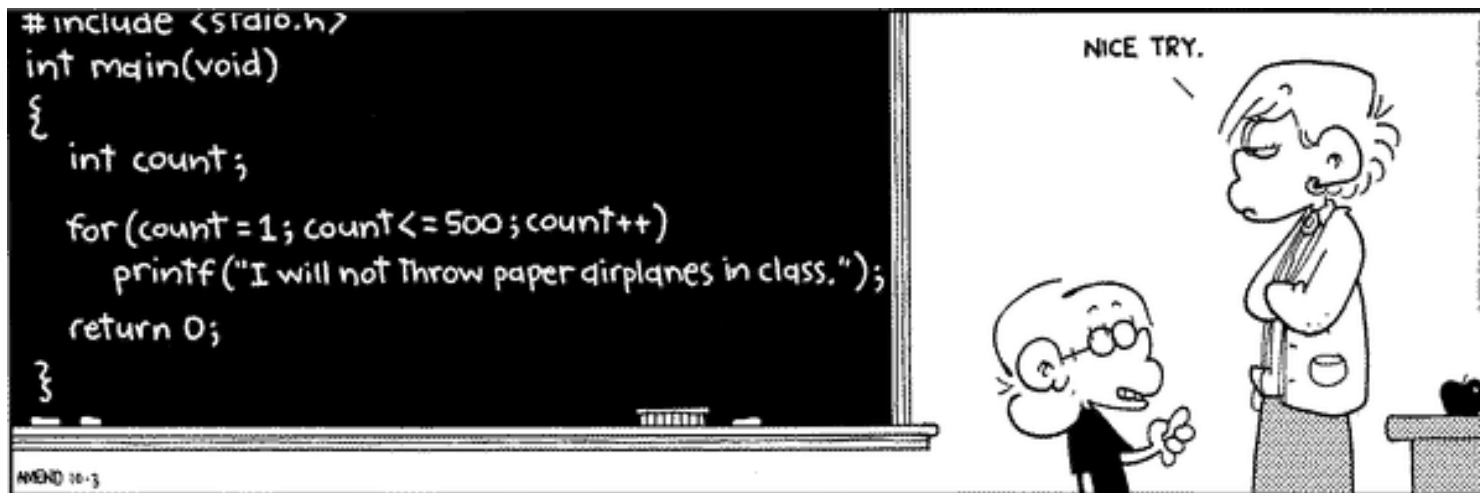
Square root method explained (some math omitted).

- Goal: find root of function $f(x)$.
- Start with estimate t_0 .
- Draw line tangent to curve at $x = t_i$.
- Set t_{i+1} to be x-coordinate where line hits x-axis.
- Repeat until desired precision.

$f(x) = x^2 - c$ to compute \sqrt{c}



The For Loop

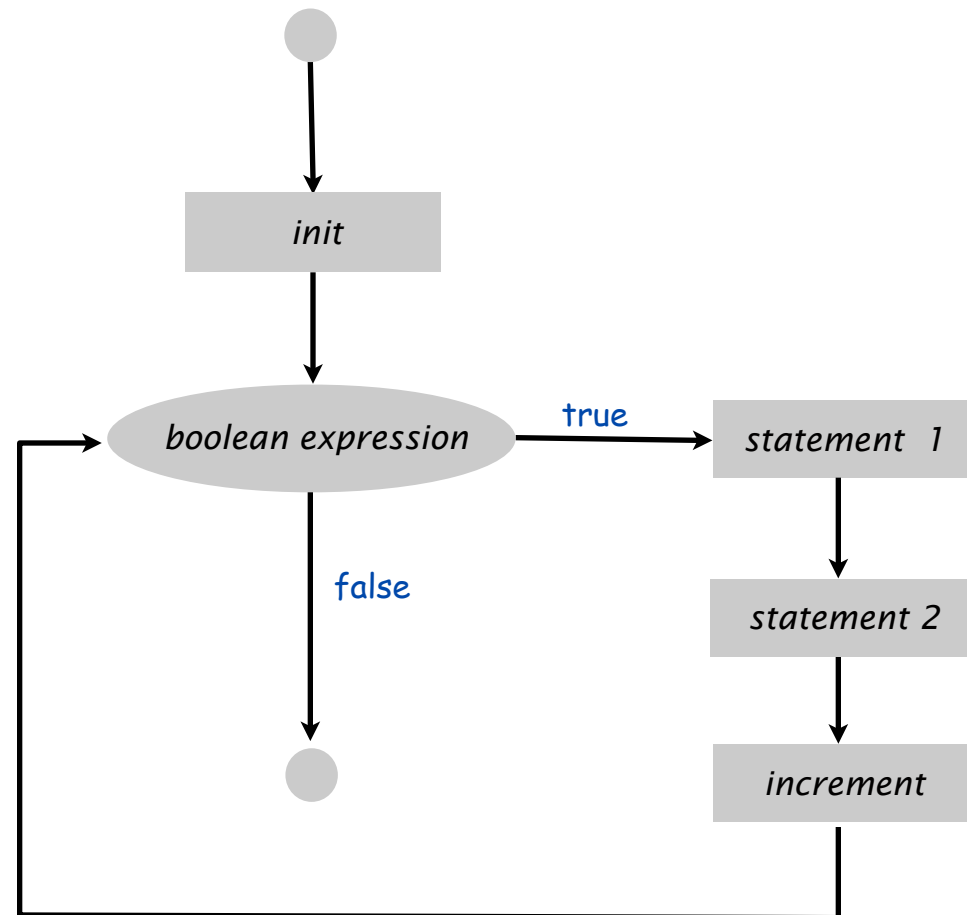
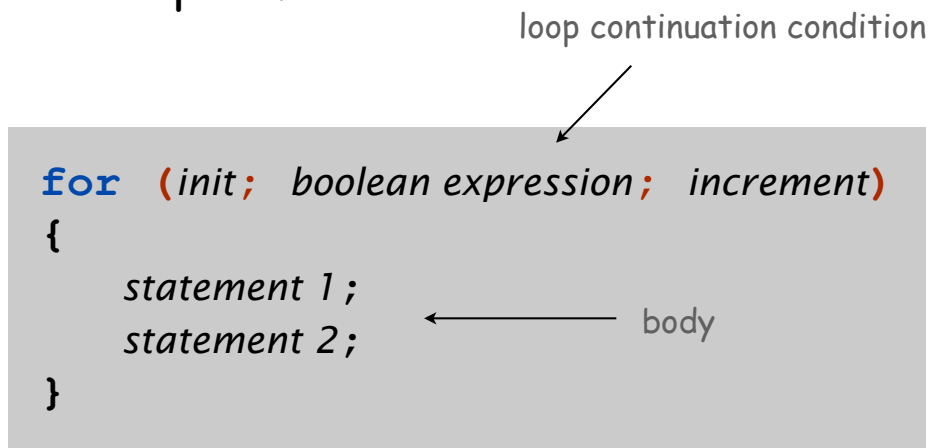


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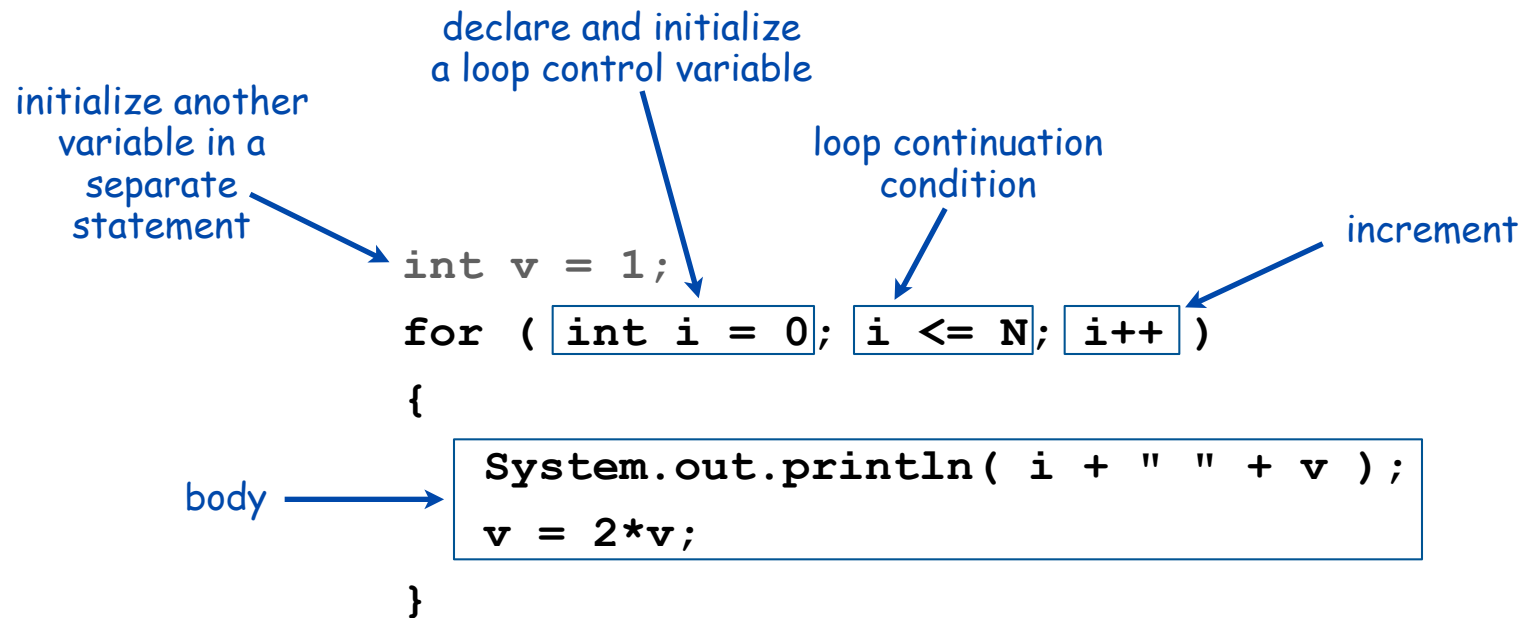
The For Loop

The `for` loop. Another common repetition structure.

- Execute initialization statement.
- Check boolean expression.
- Execute sequence of statements.
- Execute increment statement.
- Repeat.



Anatomy of a for Loop



prints table of powers of two

Anatomy of a for Loop

```
int v = 1;
for ( int i = 0; i <= N; i++ )
{
    System.out.println( i + " " + v );
    v = 2*v;
}
```

Every `for` loop has an equivalent `while` loop

```
int v = 1;
int i = 0;
while ( i <= N )
{
    System.out.println( i + " " + v );
    v = 2*v;
    i++;
}
```

<u>v</u>	<u>i</u>	<u>output</u>
1		
1	0	
1	0	0 1
2	0	
2	1	
2	1	1 2
4	1	
4	2	
4	2	2 4
8	2	
8	3	
8	3	3 8

Why `for` loops? Can provide more compact and understandable code.

For Loops: Subdivisions of a Ruler

Create subdivision of a ruler.

- Initialize `ruler` to **single space**.
- For each value `i` from 1 to `N`:
sandwich two copies of `ruler` on either side of `i`.

```
public class Ruler
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        String ruler = " ";
        for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++)
            ruler = ruler + i + ruler;
        System.out.println(ruler);
    }
}
```

<code>i</code>	<code>ruler</code>
1	" 1 "
2	" 1 2 1 "
3	" 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 "

end-of-loop trace

For Loops: Subdivisions of a Ruler

```
% java Ruler 1
1

% java Ruler 2
1 2 1

% java Ruler 3
1 2 1 3 1 2 1

% java Ruler 4
1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1

% java Ruler 5
1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 5 1 2 1 3 1 2 1 4 1 2 1 3 1 2 1

% java Ruler 100
Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.OutOfMemoryError
```

$2^{100} - 1 = 1,267,650,600,228,229,401,496,703,205,375$ integers in output

Observation. Loops can produce a huge amount of output!

Loop Examples

```
int sum = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++)
    sum += i;
System.out.println(sum);
```

compute sum (1 + 2 + 3 + ... + N)

<u>sum</u>	<u>i</u>
1	1
3	2
6	3
10	4

← trace at end of loop for N = 4

```
int product = 1;
for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++)
    product *= i;
System.out.println(product);
```

compute N! (1 * 2 * 3 * ... * N)

<u>product</u>	<u>i</u>
1	1
2	2
6	3
24	4

```
for (int i = 0; i <= N; i++)
    System.out.println(i + " " + 2*Math.PI*i/N);
```

print a table of function values

N = 4

0	0
1	1.57079632...
2	3.14159265...
3	4.71238898...
4	6.28318530...

```
int v = 1;
while (v <= N/2)
    v = 2*v;
System.out.println(v);
```

print largest power of 2 less than or equal to N

<u>v</u>
2
4
8
16

← trace at end of loop for N = 23

Nesting



Nesting Conditionals and Loops


Nesting. Use a conditional or a loop within a conditional or a loop

- Enables complex control flows.
- Adds to challenge of debugging.

Any "statement" within a conditional or loop may itself be a conditional or a loop statement

```
for (int i = 0; i < trials; i++)  
{  
    int t = stake;  
    while (t > 0 && t < goal)  
        if (Math.random() < 0.5) t++;  
        else t--;  
    if (t == goal) wins++;  
}
```

if-else statement
within a while loop
within a **for** loop



Nested If Statements

Ex. Pay a certain tax rate depending on income level.

Income	Rate
0 - 47,450	22%
47,450 - 114,650	25%
114,650 - 174,700	28%
174,700 - 311,950	33%
311,950 -	35%

5 mutually exclusive alternatives

Nested If Statements

Use *nested* if statements to handle multiple alternatives


```
if (income < 47450) rate = 0.22;
else
{
    if (income < 114650) rate = 0.25;
    else
    {
        if (income < 174700) rate = 0.28;
        else
        {
            if (income < 311950) rate = 0.33;
            else rate = 0.35;
        }
    }
}
```

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if statement
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Nested If-Else Statements

Need all those braces? Not always:

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else                                     rate = 0.35;
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is shorthand for

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but BE CAREFUL when nesting if-else statements (see Q&A p. 75).

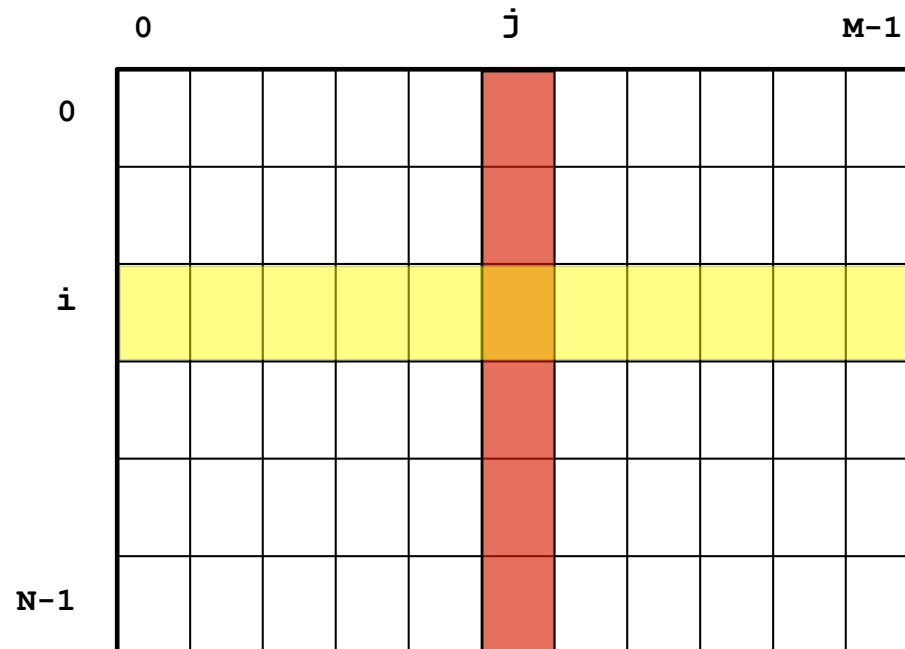
Nested If Statement Challenge

Anything wrong with the following code?

```
double rate = 0.35;  
if (income < 47450) rate = 0.22;  
if (income < 114650) rate = 0.25;  
if (income < 174700) rate = 0.28;  
if (income < 311950) rate = 0.33;
```


Nested for loops

Ex. Visit each location in a two-dimensional table (stay tuned for arrays).



```
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)  
    for (int j = 0; j < M; j++)  
        Do something at entry (i,j);
```

Nesting Example: Gambler's Ruin

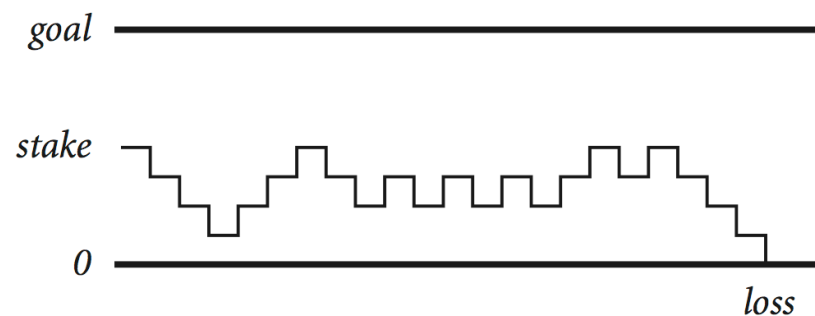
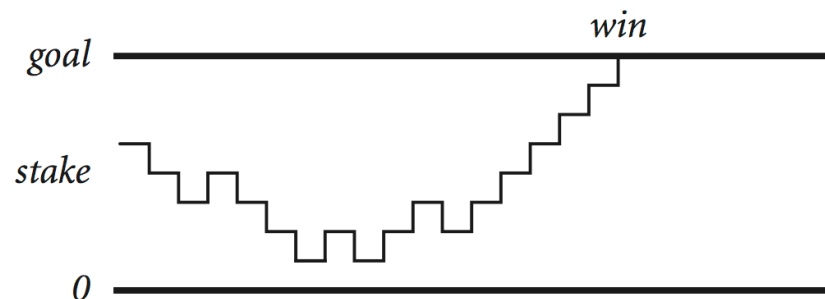
Gambler's ruin. Gambler starts with $\$stake$ and places $\$1$ fair bets until going broke or reaching $\$goal$.

- What are the chances of winning?
- How many bets will it take?



One approach. Monte Carlo simulation.

- Flip digital coins and see what happens.
- Repeat and compute statistics.



Nesting Example: Gambler's Ruin Simulation

```
public class Gambler
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Get parameters from command line.
        int stake = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        int goal = Integer.parseInt(args[1]);
        int trials = Integer.parseInt(args[2]);

        // Count wins among args[2] trials.
        int wins = 0;
        for (int i = 0; i < trials; i++)
        {
            // Do one gambler's ruin experiment.
            int t = stake;
            while (t > 0 && t < goal)
            {
                // flip coin and update
                if (Math.random() < 0.5) t++;
                else t--;
            }
            if (t == goal) wins++;
        }
        System.out.println(wins + " wins of " + trials);
    }
}
```

if statement

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    }
}
```

if statement
within a while loop
within a **for** loop

Digression: Simulation and Analysis

stake goal trials
↓ ↓ ↓

```
% java Gambler 5 25 1000  
191 wins of 1000  
  
% java Gambler 5 25 1000  
203 wins of 1000  
  
% java Gambler 500 2500 1000  
197 wins of 1000
```

after a substantial wait...

Fact. Probability of winning = $\text{stake} \div \text{goal}$.

Fact. Expected number of bets = $\text{stake} \times \text{desired gain}$.

Ex. 20% chance of turning \$500 into \$2500,
but expect to make one million \$1 bets.

$$500/2500 = 20\%$$

$$500 \times (2500 - 500) = 1,000,000$$

Remark. Both facts can be proved mathematically.

For more complex scenarios, computer simulation
is often the best plan of attack.



Debugging

Debugging Example

Factor. Given an integer $N > 1$, compute its prime factorization.

$$3,757,208 = 2^3 \times 7 \times 13^2 \times 397$$

$$98 = 2 \times 7^2$$

$$17 = 17$$

Note: 1 is not prime.
(else it would have to
be in every
factorization)

$$11,111,111,111,111,111 = 2,071,723 \times 5,363,222,357$$

Application. Break RSA cryptosystem (factor 200-digit numbers).

Debugging: 99% of Program Development

Programming. A **process** of finding and fixing mistakes.

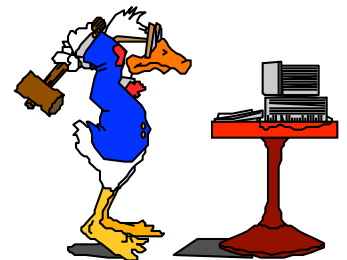
- Compiler error messages help locate **syntax** errors.
- Run program to find **semantic** and **performance** errors.

```
public class Factors
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        long N = Long.parseLong(args[0])
        for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
        {
            while (N % i == 0)
                System.out.print(i + " ")
                N = N / i
        }
    }
}
```

Check whether
i is a factor.

if i is a factor
print it and
divide it out

This program has bugs!



Debugging: Syntax Errors

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        }
    }
}
```

```
% javac Factors.java
Factors.java:6: ';' expected
        for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
            ^
1 error ← the FIRST error
```



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            N = N / i ;
        }
    }
}
```

need to
declare
variable i

need terminating
semicolons

Syntax (compile-time) errors



Debugging: Semantic Errors

Semantic error. Legal but wrong Java program.

- Run program to identify problem.
- Two kinds: **runtime** (program crashes) and **logic** (program gets wrong answer).

```
public class Factors
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    {
        long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        {
            while (N % i == 0)
                System.out.print(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
        }
    }
}
```

(this is really a "pilot error")

```
% javac Factors.java
% java Factors ← oops, need argument
Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException: 0
    at Factors.main(Factors.java:5)
```

you will see this message!



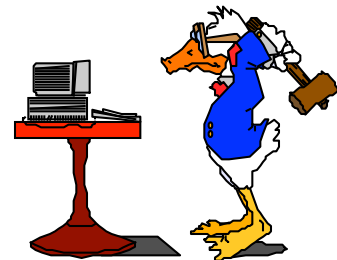
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- Two kinds: **runtime** (program crashes) and **logic** (program gets wrong answer).

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{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
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        {
            while (N % i == 0)
                System.out.print(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
        }
    }
}
```

```
% javac Factors.java
% % java Factors 98
Exception in thread "main"
java.lang.ArithmeticException: / by zero
    at Factors.main(Factors.java:8)
```



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                System.out.print(i + " ");
            N = N / i;
        }
    }
}
```

need to start at 2 since
0 and 1 cannot be factors



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            N = N / i;
        }
    }
}
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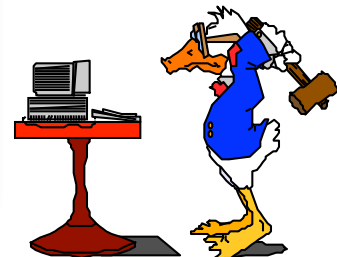
```
% javac Factors.java
```

```
% java Factors 98
```

```
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
```

```
2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
```

```
??? infinite loop
```



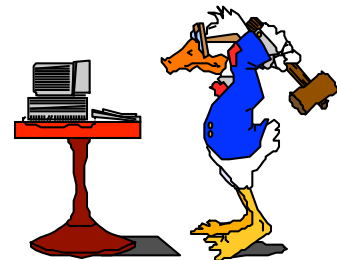
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            { System.out.print(i + " ");
              N = N / i; }
        }
    }
}
```

Semantic (logic) error:
indents do not imply braces



Debugging: The Beat Goes On

Success? Program factors 98 = 2 7 7.

- Time to try it for other inputs.

```
public class Factors
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
        for (int i = 2; i < N; i++)
        { // Check whether i is a factor.
            while (N % i == 0)
            { // If so, print and divide.
                System.out.print(i + " ");
                N = N / i;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```
% java Factors 98
2 7 7 % ← need newline
% java Factors 5
% ← ??? no output
% java Factors 6
2 % ← ??? where's the 3?
```



Debugging: The Beat Goes On

Success? Program factors 98 = 2 7 7.

- Time to try it for other inputs.
- Add print statements to produce a **trace**.

```
public class Factors
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
        for (int i = 2; i < N; i++)
        {
            while (N % i == 0)
            {
                System.out.println(i + " ");
                N = N / i;
            }
            System.out.println("TRACE " + i + " " + N);
        }
    }
}
```

```
% javac Factors.java
% java Factors 5
TRACE 2 5
TRACE 3 5
TRACE 4 5
% java Factors 6
2
TRACE 2 3
```

AHA!
Print out **N**
after for loop
(if it is not 1)



Debugging: Success?

Success? Program seems to work

- Add code for corner case, add comments.
- Remove trace to try larger inputs

```
public class Factors
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
        for (int i = 2; i < N; i++)
        { // Check whether i is a factor.
            while (N % i == 0)
            { // If so, print and divide.
                // System.out.print(i + " ");
                N = N / i;
            }
            // System.out.println("TRACE " + i + " " + N);
        }
        if (N > 1) System.out.println(N);
        else      System.out.println();
    }
}
```

Time to document code
(if not earlier).

???
%\$%@\$#!
forgot to recompile

```
% java Factors 5
TRACE 2 5
TRACE 3 5
TRACE 4 5
% javac Factors.java
% java Factors 5
5
% java Factors 6
2 3
% java Factors 98
2 7 7
% java Factors 3757208
2 2 2 7 13 13 397
```

"Comment out"
trace code
(may need it later)

Corner case:
print largest factor
(and new line)

Debugging: Performance Errors

Performance error. Apparently correct program, but too slow.

- Are all iterations of inner loop necessary?
- Improve or change underlying **algorithm**.

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    {
        long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
        for (int i = 2; i < N; i++)
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            { // If so, print and divide.
                System.out.print(i + " ");
                N = N / i;
            }
        }
        if (N > 1) System.out.println(N);
        else      System.out.println();
    }
}
```

```
% java Factors 11111111
11 73 101 137
% java Factors 11111111111
21649 513239
% java Factors 111111111111111
11 239 4649 909091
% java Factors 1111111111111111111
2071723
```

very long wait

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- Are all iterations of inner loop necessary?
- Improve or change underlying algorithm.

```
public class Factors
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
        for (int i = 2; i * i < N; i++)
        { // Check whether i is a factor.
            while (N % i == 0)
            { // If so, print and divide.
                System.out.print(i + " ");
                N = N / i;
            }
        }
        if (N > 1) System.out.println(N);
        else      System.out.println();
    }
}
```

Fixes performance error:
terminate when $i*i > N$
since no larger factors left

```
% java Factors 11111111
11 73 101 137
% java Factors 11111111111
21649 513239
% java Factors 111111111111111
11 239 4649 909091
% java Factors 111111111111111111
2071723 5363222357
%
```

Debugging: Back to Semantic Errors!

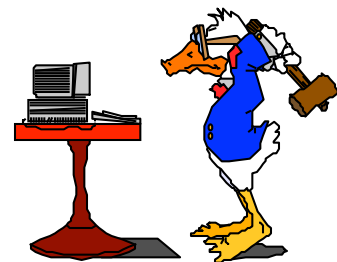
Fresh semantic error. Fast program (now), but new logic error.

- Was performance fix exactly right?
- Again, consider (possibly new) corner cases.

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            { // If so, print and divide.
                System.out.print(i + " ");
                N = N / i;
            }
        }
        if (N > 1) System.out.println(N);
        else      System.out.println();
    }
}
```

```
% java Factors 24
2 2 2 3
% java Factors 25
25
% java Factors 49
49
%
```

Can't handle perfect squares!



Debugging: Back to Semantic Errors!

Fresh semantic error. Fast program (now), but new logic error.

- Was performance fix exactly right?
- Again, consider (possibly new) corner cases.

```
public class Factors
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        long N = Long.parseLong(args[0]);
        for (int i = 2; i * i <= N; i++)
        { // Check whether i is a factor.
            while (N % i == 0)
            { // If so, print and divide.
                System.out.print(i + " ");
                N = N / i;
            }
        }
        if (N > 1) System.out.println(N);
        else      System.out.println();
    }
}
```

```
% java Factors 24
2 2 2 3
% java Factors 25
5 5
% java Factors 49
7 7
%
```

Execute loop body if $i * i == N$

Program Development: Analysis

Q. How large an integer can I factor?

```
% java Factors 2147483647  
2147483647
```

← largest int (a Mersenne prime: $2^{31}-1$)

```
% java Factors 2147483646  
2 3 3 7 11 31 151 331
```

← 2nd-largest int

```
% java Factors 9223372036854775807  
7 7 73 127 337 92737 649657
```

← largest long (but not a Mersenne prime)

```
% java Factors 9201111169755555703
```

← largest prime long

```
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1  
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1  
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1  
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1  
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1  
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-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1  
-1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 . . .
```

Oh no! Another semantic error?



Debugging: Back to Semantic Errors Again!

Another semantic error. Very big prime (another corner case) has logic error.

- Q: How big can candidate factor *i* be?
- A: Too big to be an `int` !

```
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{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
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            { // If so, print and divide.
                System.out.print(i + " ");
                N = N / i;
            }
        }
        if (N > 1) System.out.println(N);
        else      System.out.println();
    }
}
```

long *i* now big enough to be
square root of biggest *N*

```
% java Factors 9201111169755555703
9201111169755555703
```

Program Development: Back to Analysis

Q. Once again, how large an integer can I factor?

```
% java Factors 3757208
2 2 2 7 13 13 397

% java Factors 9201111169755555703
9201111169755555703
```

after 45 seconds of computing...

in largest factor →

digits	$(i < N)$	$(i*i \leq N)$
3	instant	instant
6	0.15 seconds	instant
9	77 seconds	instant
12	21 hours †	0.16 seconds
15	2.4 years †	2.7 seconds
18	2.4 millennia †	92 seconds

† estimated, using analytic number theory

Note. Can't break RSA this way (experts are still trying)

Debugging Your Program

Debugging Your Program. [summary]

1. **Edit** the program (type in code).

2. **Compile** it.

Compiler says: That's not a legal program !

Back to step 1 to fix your **syntax** errors.

3. **Run** it.

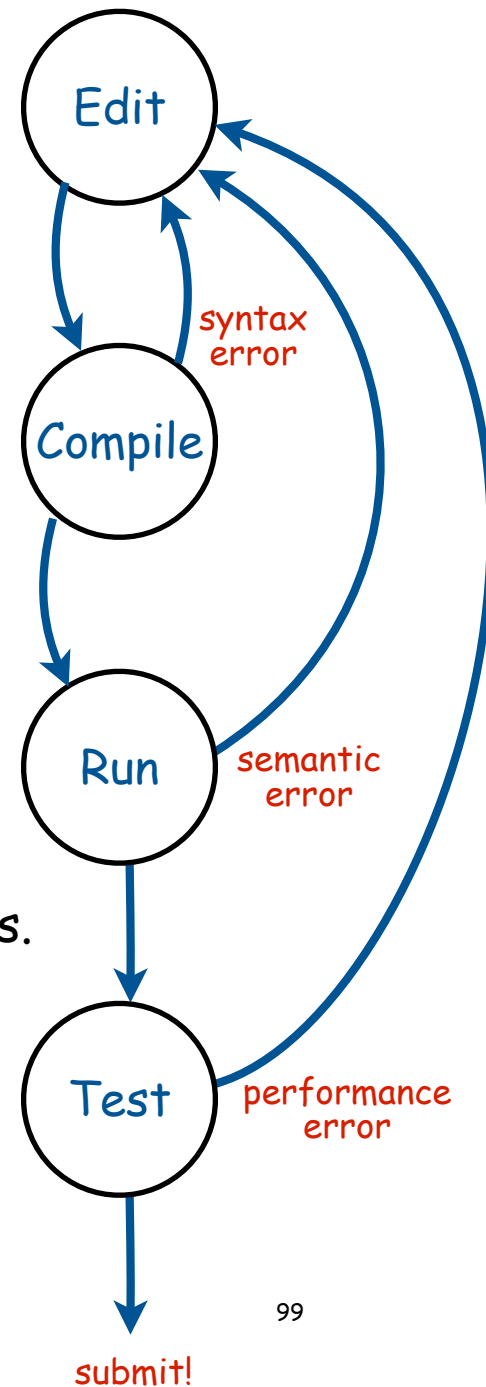
Result is bizarrely (or subtly) wrong !

Back to step 1 to fix your **semantic** (runtime and/or logic) errors.

4. **Test** it.

Too slow?

Back to step 1 to try a different **algorithm**.



99% of program development

Debugging. Cyclic process of editing, compiling, and fixing errors.

- Always a logical explanation.
- What would the machine do?
- Explain it to the teddy bear.



You will make many mistakes as you write programs. It's normal.

“As soon as we started programming, we found out to our surprise that it wasn't as easy to get programs right as we had thought. I can remember the exact instant when I realized that a large part of my life from then on was going to be spent in finding mistakes in my own programs.”



Sir Maurice Wilkes

Good news: Can use computer to test program.

Bad news: Conditionals/loops open up huge number of possibilities.

Really bad news: Cannot use computer to automatically find all bugs. ← stay tuned

The First Bug ?

Photo # NH 96566-KN First Computer "Bug", 1945

92

9/9

0800 Antan started

1000 " stopped - antan ✓

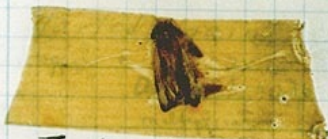
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Relays 6-2 in 033 failed special speed test
 in relay " 11,000 test.

Relays changed

1100 Started Cosine Tape (Sine check)

1525 Started Multi Adder Test.

1545  Relay #70 Panel F
 (moth) in relay.

First actual case of bug being found.

1630 Antan started.

1700 closed down.

Relay 3145
 Relay 3370



Lieutenant Grace Murray Hopper