# Building Java Programs 

Chapter 2
Lecture 3: Variables and the for Loop

## reading: 2.2-2.3



# Variables 

## reading: 2.2

## Receipt example

## What's bad about the following code?

```
public class Receipt {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
    // Calculate total owed, assuming 8% tax / 15% tip
    System.out.println("Subtotal:");
    System.out.println(38 + 40 + 30);
    System.out.println("Tax:");
    System.out.println((38 + 40 + 30) * .08);
    System.out.println("Tip:");
    System.out.println((38 + 40 + 30) * . 15);
    System.out.println("Total:");
    System.out.println(38 + 40 + 30 +
        (38+40+30)*.08+
    }
}
```

- The subtotal expression $(38+40+30)$ is repeated
- So many println statements


## Variables

- variable: A piece of the computer's memory that is given a name and type, and can store a value.
- Like preset stations on a car stereo, or cell phone speed dial:

- Steps for using a variable:
- Declare it - state its name and type
- Initialize it - store a value into it
- Use it - print it or use it as part of an expression


## Declaration

- variable declaration: Sets aside memory for storing a value.
- Variables must be declared before they can be used.
- Syntax:
type name;
- The name is an identifier.
- int zipcode;
zipcode
myGPA


## Assignment

- assignment: Stores a value into a variable.
- The value can be an expression; the variable stores its result.
- Syntax:
name $=$ expression;
- int zipcode;
zipcode $=90210$;

- double myGPA;

$$
\text { myGPA }=1.0+2.25 ;
$$



## Using variables

- Once given a value, a variable can be used in expressions:

```
int x;
x = 3;
System.out.println("x is " + x); // x is 3
System.out.println(5 * x - 1); // 5 * 3 - 1
```

- You can assign a value more than once:

```
int x;
x = 3;
System.out.println(x + " here"); // 3 here
x = 4 + 7;
System.out.println("now x is " + x); // now x is 11
```


## Declaration/initialization

- A variable can be declared/initialized in one statement.
- Syntax:
type name = value;
- double myGPA = 3.95;

- int $x=(11 \% 3)+12$;



## Assignment and algebra

- Assignment uses $=$, but it is not an algebraic equation.
- = means, "store the value at right in variable at left"
- The right side expression is evaluated first, and then its result is stored in the variable at left.
- What happens here?

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { int } x=3 ; \\
& \mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}+2 ; \quad / / \text { ??? }
\end{aligned}
$$



## Assignment and types

- A variable can only store a value of its own type.
- int $x=2.5 ; ~ / / ~ E R R O R: ~ i n c o m p a t i b l e ~ t y p e s ~$
- An int value can be stored in a double variable.
- The value is converted into the equivalent real number.
- double myGPA = 4;

- double avg = 11 / 2;
- Why does avg store 5.0
 and not 5.5 ?


## Compiler errors

- A variable can't be used until it is assigned a value.
- int $x$;

```
System.out.println(x); // ERROR: x has no value
```

- You may not declare the same variable twice.
- int $x$;
int $x$; // ERROR: x already exists
- int $x=3$;
int $x=5$;
// ERROR: x already exists
- How can this code be fixed?


## Printing a variable's value

- Use + to print a string and a variable's value on one line.
- double grade $=(95.1+71.9+82.6) / 3.0$; System.out.println("Your grade was " + grade);
int students $=11+17+4+19+14 ;$
System.out.println("There are " + students + " students in the course.");
- Output:

Your grade was 83.2
There are 65 students in the course.

## Receipt question

## Improve the receipt program using variables.

```
public class Receipt {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Calculate total owed, assuming 8% tax / 15% tip
        System.out.println("Subtotal:");
        System.out.println(38 + 40 + 30);
        System.out.println("Tax:");
        System.out.println((38 + 40 + 30) * .08);
        System.out.println("Tip:");
        System.out.println((38 + 40 + 30) * .15);
        System.out.println("Total:");
        System.out.println(38 + 40 + 30 +
        (38 + 40 + 30) * . 15 +
        (38 + 40 + 30) * .08);
    }
}
```


## Recerprer

```
public class Receipt {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Calculate total owed, assuming 8% tax / 15% tip
        int subtotal = 38 + 40 + 30;
        double tax = subtotal * .08;
        double tip = subtotal * .15;
        double total = subtotal + tax + tip;
            System.out.println("Subtotal: " + subtotal);
        System.out.println("Tax: " + tax);
        System.out.println("Tip: " + tip);
        System.out.println("Total: " + total);
    }
}
```


## For loops

reading: 2.3

## Repetition with for loops

- So far, repeating an action results in redundant code:

```
makeBatter();
bakeCookies();
bakeCookies();
bakeCookies();
bakeCookies();
bakeCookies();
frostCookies();
```

- Java's for loop statement performs a task many times.
makeBatter();

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) { // repeat 5 times
    bakeCookies();
}
frostCookies();
```


## for loop syntax

for (initialization; test; update) \{ statement; statement; statement;
\}

- Perform initialization once.
- Repeat the following:
- Check if the test is true. If not, stop.
- Execute the statements.
- Perform the update.


## Control structures

- Control structure: a programming construct that affects the flow of a program's execution
- Controlled code may include one or more statements
- The for loop is an example of a looping control structure


## Initialization

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) {
    System.out.println("I am so smart");
}
```

- Tells Java what variable to use in the loop
- The variable is called a loop counter
- can use any name, not just i
- can start at any value, not just 1
- only valid in the loop
- Performed once as the loop begins


## Test

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) {
    System.out.println("I am so smart");
}
```

- Tests the loop counter variable against a limit
- Uses comparison operators:
< less than
$<=$ less than or equal to
> greater than
$>=$ greater than or equal to


## Increment and decrement

shortcuts to increase or decrease a variable's value by 1

```
Shorthand
variable++;
variable--;
int x = 2;
x++;
double gpa = 2.5;
gpa--;
```

Equivalent longer version
variable = variable + 1;
variable = variable - 1;
// $x=x+1$;
// x now stores 3
// gpa = gpa - 1 ;
// gpa now stores 1.5

## Modify-and-assign operators

 shortcuts to modify a variable's value```
Shorthand
variable += value;
variable -= value;
variable *= value;
variable /= value;
variable \%= value;
```

$x+=3 ;$
gpa - = 0.5;
number $*=2$;

Equivalent longer version
variable = variable + value;
variable = variable - value;
variable = variable * value;
variable = variable / value;
variable $=$ variable \% value;
// $x=x+3 ;$
// gpa = gpa - 0.5;
// number = number * 2;

## Repetition over a range

```
System.out.println("1 squared = " + 1 * 1);
System.out.println("2 squared = " + 2 * 2);
System.out.println("3 squared = " + 3 * 3);
System.out.println("4 squared = " + 4 * 4);
System.out.println("5 squared = " + 5 * 5);
System.out.println("6 squared = " + 6 * 6);
```

- Intuition: "I want to print a line for each number from 1 to 6"
- The for loop does exactly that!

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 6; i++) {
    System.out.println(i + " squared = " + (i * i));
```

\}

- "For each integer i from 1 through 6, print ..."



## Multi-line loop body

```
System.out.println("+----+");
for (int i = 1; i <= 3; i++)
    System.out.println("\\ /");
    System.out.println("/ \\");
}
System.out.println("+----+");
```

- Output:



## Expressions for counter

```
int highTemp = 5;
for (int i = -3; i <= highTemp / 2; i++) {
    System.out.println(i * 1.8 + 32);
}
```

- Output:
26.6
28.4
30.2
32.0
33.8
35.6


## System.out.print

- Prints without moving to a new line
- allows you to print partial messages on the same line

```
int highestTemp = 5;
for (int i = -3; i <= highestTemp / 2; i++) {
    System.out.print((i * 1.8 + 32) + " ");
}
```

- Output:

| 26.6 | 28.4 | 30.2 | 32.0 | 33.8 | 35.6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

- Concatenate " " to separate the numbers


## Counting down

- The update can use -- to make the loop count down.
- The test must say > instead of <

```
System.out.print("T-minus ");
for (int i = 10; i >= 1; i--) {
    System.out.print(i + ", ");
}
System.out.println("blastoff!");
System.out.println("The end.");
```

- Output:

T-minus 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, blastoff! The end.

# Nested loops 

## reading: 2.3

## Nested loops

- nested loop: A loop placed inside another loop.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= 10; j++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    }
    System.out.println(); // to end the line
}
```

- Output:

```
**********
**********
**********
**********
**********
```

- The outer loop repeats 5 times; the inner one 10 times.
- "sets and reps" exercise analogy


## Nested for loop exercise

- What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    }
    System.out.println();
}
```

- Output:

```
*
**
***
****
*****
```


## Nested for loop exercise

- What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
        System.out.print(i);
    }
    System.out.println();
}
```

- Output:

1
22
333
4444
55555

## Common errors

- Both of the following sets of code produce infinite loops:

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; i <= 10; j++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    }
    System.out.println();
}
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= 10; i++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    }
    System.out.println();
}
```


## Complex lines

- What nested for loops produce the following output?

- We must build multiple complex lines of output using:
- an outer "vertical" loop for each of the lines
- inner "horizontal" loop(s) for the patterns within each line


## Outer and inner loop

- First write the outer loop, from 1 to the number of lines.

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {
}
```

- Now look at the line contents. Each line has a pattern:
- some dots ( 0 dots on the last line), then a number
..... 1
... 2
.. 3
. 4
5
- Observation: the number of dots is related to the line number.


## Mapping loops to numbers <br> ```for (int count = 1; count <= 5; count++) { \\ System.out.print( ... ); \\ }```

- What statement in the body would cause the loop to print: 47101316

```
for (int count = 1; count <= 5; count++) {
    System.out.print(3 * count + 1 + " ");
```

\}

## Loop tables

- What statement in the body would cause the loop to print:
27121722
- To see patterns, make a table of count and the numbers.
- Each time count goes up by 1, the number should go up by 5.
- But count * 5 is too great by 3 , so we subtract 3 .

| coun <br> $t$ | number to <br> print | 5 * <br> count | 5 * count -3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| 2 | 7 | 10 | 7 |
| 3 | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| 4 | 17 | 20 | 17 |
| 5 | 22 | 25 | 22 |

## Loop tables question

- What statement in the body would cause the loop to print:
$1713 \quad 951$
- Let's create the loop table together.
- Each time count goes up 1, the number printed should ...
- But this multiple is off by a margin of ...

| coun <br> $t$ | number to <br> print | $-4 *$ count | $-4 *$ count +21 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 17 | -4 | 17 |
| 2 | 13 | -8 | 13 |
| 3 | 9 | -12 | 9 |
| 4 | 5 | -16 | 5 |
| 5 | 1 | -20 | 1 |

- The next three slides present the mathematical basis for the loop tables. Feel free to skip it.


| count (x) | number to print $(y)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 7 |
| 3 | 12 |
| 4 | 17 |
| 5 | 22 |

## intercept

- Caution: This is algebra, not assignment!
- Recall: slope-intercept form ( $\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{mx}+\mathrm{b}$ )
- Slope is defined as "rise over run" (i.e. rise / run). Since the "run" is always 1 (we increment along x by 1 ), we just need to look at the "rise". The rise is the difference between the y values. Thus, the slope ( m ) is the difference between y values; in this case, it is +5 .
- To compute the $y$-intercept (b), plug in the value of $y$ at $x=1$ and solve for b . In this case, $\mathrm{y}=2$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y=m * x+b \\
& 2=5 * 1+b
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\text { Then } \mathrm{b}=-3
$$

- So the equation is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y=m * x+b \\
& y=5 * x-3 \\
& y=5 * \text { count }-3
\end{aligned}
$$

| count (x) | number to print $(y)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 7 |
| 3 | 12 |
| 4 | 17 |
| 5 | 22 |

## intercept

- Algebraically, if we always take the value of $y$ at $x=1$, then we can solve for $b$ as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y=m * x+b \\
& y_{1}=m * 1+b \\
& y_{1}=m+b \\
& b=y_{1}-m
\end{aligned}
$$

- In other words, to get the $y$-intercept, just subtract the slope from the first $y$ value $(b=2-5=-3)$
- This gets us the equation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y=m * x+b \\
& y=5 * x-3 \\
& y=5 * \text { count }-3
\end{aligned}
$$

(which is exactly the equation from the previous slides)

## Nested for loop exercise

- Make a table to represent any patterns on each line.
$\ldots .1$
$\ldots .2$
$\ldots .3$
.4
5

| lin <br> $e$ | \# of <br> dots | -1 * line | -1 * line + 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 4 | -1 | 4 |
| 2 | 3 | -2 | 3 |
| 3 | 2 | -3 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | -4 | 1 |
| 5 | 0 | -5 | 0 |

- To print a character multiple times, use a for loop.

```
for (int j = 1; j <= 4; j++) {
    System.out.print("."); // 4 dots
}
```


## Nested for loop solution

- Answer:

```
for (int line \(=1\); line \(<=5\); line++) \{
    for (int \(j=1 ; j<=(-1\) * line +5\() ; j++\) ) \{
        System.out.print(".");
    \}
    System.out.println(line);
\}
```

- Output:
..... 1
. . . 2
.. 3
. 4
5


## Nested for loop exercise

- What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= (-1 * line + 5); j++) {
    System.out.print(".");
    }
    for (int k = 1; k <= line; k++) {
        System.out.print(line);
        }
    System.out.println();
}
```

- Answer:
.... 1
.. . 22
.. 333
. 4444
55555


## Nested for loop exercise

- Modify the previous code to produce this output:
..... 1
... 2 .
. . 3.
. $4 .$.
5....
- Answer:

```
for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= (-1 * line + 5); j++) {
        System.out.print(".");
    }
    System.out.print(line);
    for (int j = 1; j <= (line - 1); j++) {
        System.out.print(".");
    }
    System.out.println();
}
```

