

Building Java Programs

Chapter 2

Lecture 4: Loop Figures and Constants

reading: 2.4 - 2.5

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```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int count;

    for(count = 1; count <= 500; count++)
        printf("I will not throw paper airplanes in class.");
    return 0;
}
```

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Drawing complex figures

- Use nested `for` loops to produce the following output.
- Why draw ASCII art?
 - Real graphics require a lot of finesse
 - ASCII art has complex patterns
 - Can focus on the algorithms

```
#=====#
|           <><>           |
|       <> . . . . <>       |
|   <> . . . . . . . <>   |
| <> . . . . . . . . . <> |
| <> . . . . . . . . . <> |
|   <> . . . . . . . <>   |
|       <> . . . . <>       |
|           <><>           |
#=====#
```

Development strategy

- Recommendations for managing complexity:
 1. Design the program (think about steps or methods needed).
 - write an English description of steps required
 - use this description to decide the methods
 2. Create a table of patterns of characters
 - use table to write your `for` loops

```
#=====#  
|           <><>           |  
|           <> . . . . <>   |  
|           <> . . . . . . <> |  
| <> . . . . . . . . . . <> |  
| <> . . . . . . . . . . <> |  
|           <> . . . . . . <> |  
|           <> . . . . <>   |  
|           <><>           |  
#=====#
```

1. Pseudo-code

- **pseudo-code**: An English description of an algorithm.
- Example: Drawing a 12 wide by 7 tall box of stars

```
print 12 stars.  
for (each of 5 lines) {  
    print a star.  
    print 10 spaces.  
    print a star.  
}  
print 12 stars.
```

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

Pseudo-code algorithm

1. Line

- # , 16 =, #

2. Top half

- |
- spaces (decreasing)
- <>
- dots (increasing)
- <>
- spaces (same as above)
- |

3. Bottom half (top half upside-down)

4. Line

- # , 16 =, #

```
#=====#
|               <><>               |
|               <>...<>               |
|               <>.....<>               |
| <>.....<>               |
| <>.....<>               |
|               <>.....<>               |
|               <>...<>               |
|               <><>               |
#=====#
```

Methods from pseudocode

```
public class Mirror {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        line();  
        topHalf();  
        bottomHalf();  
        line();  
    }  
  
    public static void topHalf() {  
        for (int line = 1; line <= 4; line++) {  
            // contents of each line  
        }  
    }  
  
    public static void bottomHalf() {  
        for (int line = 1; line <= 4; line++) {  
            // contents of each line  
        }  
    }  
  
    public static void line() {  
        // ...  
    }  
}
```

2. Tables

- A table for the top half:
 - Compute spaces and dots expressions from line number

line	spaces	line * -2 + 8	dots	4 * line - 4
1	6	6	0	0
2	4	4	4	4
3	2	2	8	8
4	0	0	12	12

3. Writing the code

- Useful questions about the top half:
 - What methods? (think structure and redundancy)
 - Number of (nested) loops per line?

```
#=====#  
|           <><>           |  
|           <> . . . <>     |  
|           <> . . . . . <>  |  
| <> . . . . . . . . . <> |  
| <> . . . . . . . . . <> |  
|           <> . . . . . <>  |  
|           <> . . . . <>    |  
|           <><>           |  
#=====#
```

Partial solution

// Prints the expanding pattern of <> for the top half of the figure.

```
public static void topHalf() {  
    for (int line = 1; line <= 4; line++) {  
        System.out.print("|");  
  
        for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + 8); space++) {  
            System.out.print(" ");  
        }  
  
        System.out.print("<>");  
  
        for (int dot = 1; dot <= (line * 4 - 4); dot++) {  
            System.out.print(".");  
        }  
  
        System.out.print("<>");  
  
        for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + 8); space++) {  
            System.out.print(" ");  
        }  
  
        System.out.println("|");  
    }  
}
```

Class constants and scope

reading: 2.4

Scaling the mirror

- Let's modify our Mirror program so that it can scale.
 - The current mirror (left) is at size 4; the right is at size 3.
- We'd like to structure the code so we can scale the figure by changing the code in just one place.

```
#=====#
|          <><>          |
|      <> . . . . <>      |
|  <> . . . . . . . <>  |
|<> . . . . . . . . . <>|
|<> . . . . . . . . . <>|
|  <> . . . . . . . <>  |
|      <> . . . . <>      |
|          <> . . . . <>          |
|          <><>          |
#=====#
```

```
#=====#
|          <><>          |
|      <> . . . . <>      |
|<> . . . . . . . <>  |
|<> . . . . . . . <>  |
|      <> . . . . <>      |
|          <><>          |
#=====#
```

Limitations of variables

- Idea: Make a variable to represent the size.
 - Use the variable's value in the methods.
- Problem: A variable in one method can't be seen in others.

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    int size = 4;  
    topHalf();  
    printBottom();  
}  
  
public static void topHalf() {  
    for (int i = 1; i <= size; i++) {           // ERROR: size not found  
        ...  
    }  
}  
  
public static void bottomHalf() {  
    for (int i = size; i >= 1; i--) {           // ERROR: size not found  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Scope

- **scope:** The part of a program where a variable exists.
 - From its declaration to the end of the { } braces
 - A variable declared in a `for` loop exists only in that loop.
 - A variable declared in a method exists only in that method.

```
public static void example() {  
    int x = 3;  
    for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
        System.out.println(x);  
    }  
    // i no longer exists here  
} // x ceases to exist here
```

i's scope

x's scope

Scope implications

- Variables without overlapping scope can have same name.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {  
    System.out.print("/");  
}  
for (int i = 1; i <= 100; i++) {    // OK  
    System.out.print("\\");  
}  
int i = 5;                        // OK: outside of loop's scope
```

- A variable can't be declared twice or used out of its scope.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 100 * line; i++) {  
    int i = 2;                        // ERROR: overlapping scope  
    System.out.print("/");  
}  
i = 4;                              // ERROR: outside scope
```

Class constants

- **class constant:** A fixed value visible to the whole program.
 - value can be set only at declaration; cannot be reassigned

- **Syntax:**

```
public static final type name = value;
```

- name is usually in ALL_UPPER_CASE

- **Examples:**

```
public static final int DAYS_IN_WEEK = 7;  
public static final double INTEREST_RATE = 3.5;  
public static final int SSN = 658234569;
```

Constants and figures

- Consider the task of drawing the following scalable figure:

Multiples of 5 occur many times

A square frame composed of lines and backslashes. The top and bottom edges are formed by a sequence of '+' and '\'. The left and right edges are formed by a sequence of '|' and '\'. The corners are marked with '+'.

The same figure at size 2

Repetitive figure code

```
public class Sign {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        drawLine();  
        drawBody();  
        drawLine();  
    }  
  
    public static void drawLine() {  
        System.out.print("+");  
        for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {  
            System.out.print("/\\");  
        }  
        System.out.println("+");  
    }  
  
    public static void drawBody() {  
        for (int line = 1; line <= 5; line++) {  
            System.out.print("|");  
            for (int spaces = 1; spaces <= 20; spaces++) {  
                System.out.print(" ");  
            }  
            System.out.println("|");  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Adding a constant

```
public class Sign {
    public static final int HEIGHT = 5;

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        drawLine();
        drawBody();
        drawLine();
    }

    public static void drawLine() {
        System.out.print("+");
        for (int i = 1; i <= HEIGHT * 2; i++) {
            System.out.print("/\\");
        }
        System.out.println("+");
    }

    public static void drawBody() {
        for (int line = 1; line <= HEIGHT; line++) {
            System.out.print("|");
            for (int spaces = 1; spaces <= HEIGHT * 4; spaces++) {
                System.out.print(" ");
            }
            System.out.println("|");
        }
    }
}
```

Complex figure w/ constant

- Modify the Mirror code to be resizable using a constant.

A mirror of size 4:

```
#=====#  
|          <><>          |  
|      <> . . . . <>      |  
|  <> . . . . . . . . <>  |  
| <> . . . . . . . . . . <> |  
| <> . . . . . . . . . . <> |  
|  <> . . . . . . . . <>  |  
|      <> . . . . <>      |  
|          <><>          |  
#=====#
```

A mirror of size 3:

```
#=====#  
|          <><>          |  
|      <> . . . . <>      |  
| <> . . . . . . . . <> |  
| <> . . . . . . . . <> |  
|  <> . . . . <>  |  
|          <><>          |  
#=====#
```

Using a constant

- Constant allows many methods to refer to same value:

```
public static final int SIZE = 4;
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    topHalf();  
    printBottom();  
}  
  
public static void topHalf() {  
    for (int i = 1; i <= SIZE; i++) {           // OK  
        ...  
    }  
}  
  
public static void bottomHalf() {  
    for (int i = SIZE; i >= 1; i--) {           // OK  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

Loop tables and constant

- Let's modify our loop table to use `SIZE`
 - This can change the amount added in the loop expression

SIZE	line	spaces		dots	
4	1,2,3,4	6,4,2,0		0,4,8,12	
3	1,2,3	4,2,0		0,4,8	

```
#=====#
|           |
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|     <>...<> |
|    <>.....<> |
|   <>.....<> |
|  <>.....<> |
| <>.....<> |
| <>.....<> |
|  <>.....<> |
|   <>.....<> |
|    <>...<>  |
|     <><>    |
|           |
#=====#
```

```
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|      <><>  |
|     <>...<> |
|    <>.....<> |
|   <>.....<> |
|  <>.....<> |
|   <>.....<> |
|    <>...<>  |
|     <><>    |
|           |
#=====#
```

Partial solution

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public static final int SIZE = 4;
```

```
// Prints the expanding pattern of <> for the top half of the figure.
```

```
public static void topHalf() {  
    for (int line = 1; line <= SIZE; line++) {  
        System.out.print("|");  
  
        for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + (2*SIZE)); space++) {  
            System.out.print(" ");  
        }  
  
        System.out.print("<>");  
  
        for (int dot = 1; dot <= (line * 4 - 4); dot++) {  
            System.out.print(".");  
        }  
  
        System.out.print("<>");  
  
        for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + (2*SIZE)); space++) {  
            System.out.print(" ");  
        }  
  
        System.out.println("|");  
    }  
}
```

Observations about constant

- The constant can change the "intercept" in an expression.
 - Usually the "slope" is unchanged.

```
public static final int SIZE = 4;

for (int space = 1; space <= (line * -2 + (2 * SIZE)); space++) {
    System.out.print(" ");
}
```

- It doesn't replace *every* occurrence of the original value.

```
for (int dot = 1; dot <= (line * 4 - 4); dot++) {
    System.out.print(".");
}
```