



# Building Java Programs

Chapter 2  
Variables and For Loops

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# 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 +
            (38 + 40 + 30) * .15);
    }
}
```

- 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.

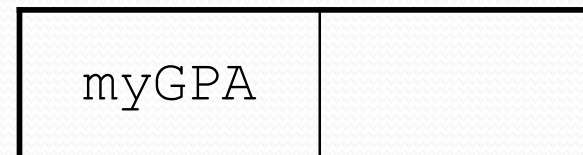
- Syntax:

**type name;**

- `int zipcode;`



- `double 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;`

zipcode	90210
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- `double myGPA;`  
`myGPA = 1.0 + 2.25;`

myGPA	3.25
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# 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);           // 14
```

- 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
```

x	11
---	----



# Declaration/initialization

- A variable can be declared/initialized in one statement.

- Syntax:

**type name = expression;**

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

x	14
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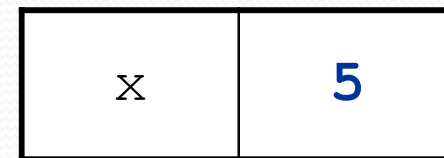
- `double myGPA = 3.95;`

myGPA	3.95
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# Assignment vs. algebra

- Assignment uses `=`, but it is not an algebraic equation.
  - `=` means, *"store the value at right in variable at left"*
  - `x = 3;` means, *"x becomes 3" or "x should now store 3"*
- **ERROR:** `3 = 1 + 2;` is an illegal statement, because 3 is not a variable.
- What happens here?

```
int x = 3;  
x = x + 2;    // ???
```



# Assignment exercise

- What is the output of the following Java code?

```
int x;  
x = 3;  
int y = x;  
x = 5;  
y = y + x;  
System.out.println(x);  
System.out.println(y);
```

# Assignment and types

- A variable can only store a value of its own type.
  - `int x = 2.5; // ERROR: incompatible types`
- An `int` value can be stored in a `double` variable.
  - The value is converted into the equivalent real number.

- `double myGPA = 4;`

myGPA	4.0
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- `double avg = 11 / 2;`

avg	5.0
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- 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);
    }
}
```

# Receipt answer

```
public class Receipt {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        // Calculate total owed, assuming 8% tax / 15% tip
        double 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);
    }
}
```



# Repetition with `for` loops

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

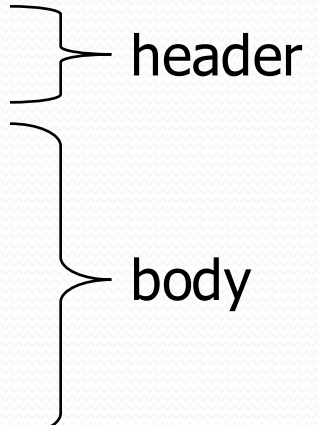
```
drawDiamonds();  
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drawDiamonds();  
drawDiamonds();  
drawX();
```

- Java's **for loop** statement performs a task many times.

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

# for loop syntax

```
for (initialization; test; update) {  
  statement;  
  statement;  
  ...  
  statement;  
}
```



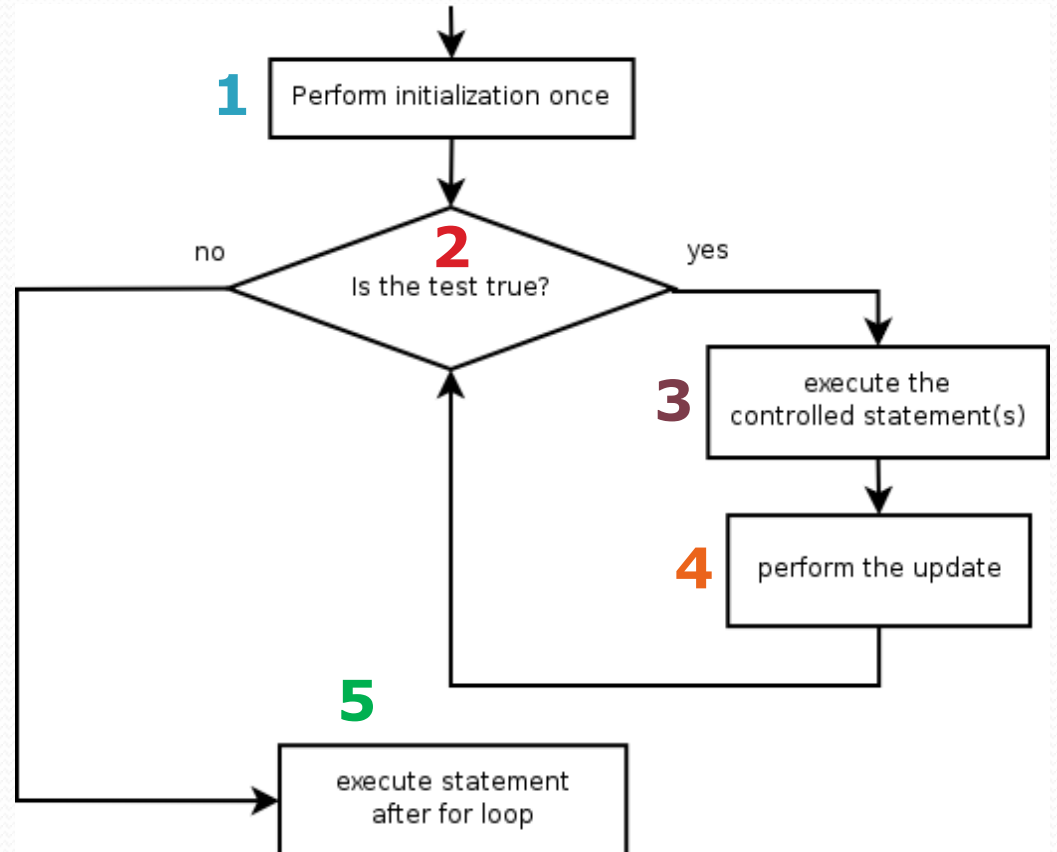
- Perform **initialization** once.
- Repeat the following:
  - Check if the **test** is true. If not, stop.
  - Execute the **statements**.
  - Perform the **update**.

# Loop walkthrough

```
1 for (int count = 1; count <= 4; count = count + 1) {  
  2   3 System.out.println("Hello World!");  
  }  
5 System.out.println("Whoo!");
```

## Output:

```
Hello World!  
Hello World!  
Hello World!  
Hello World!  
Whoo!
```



# 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));  
}
```

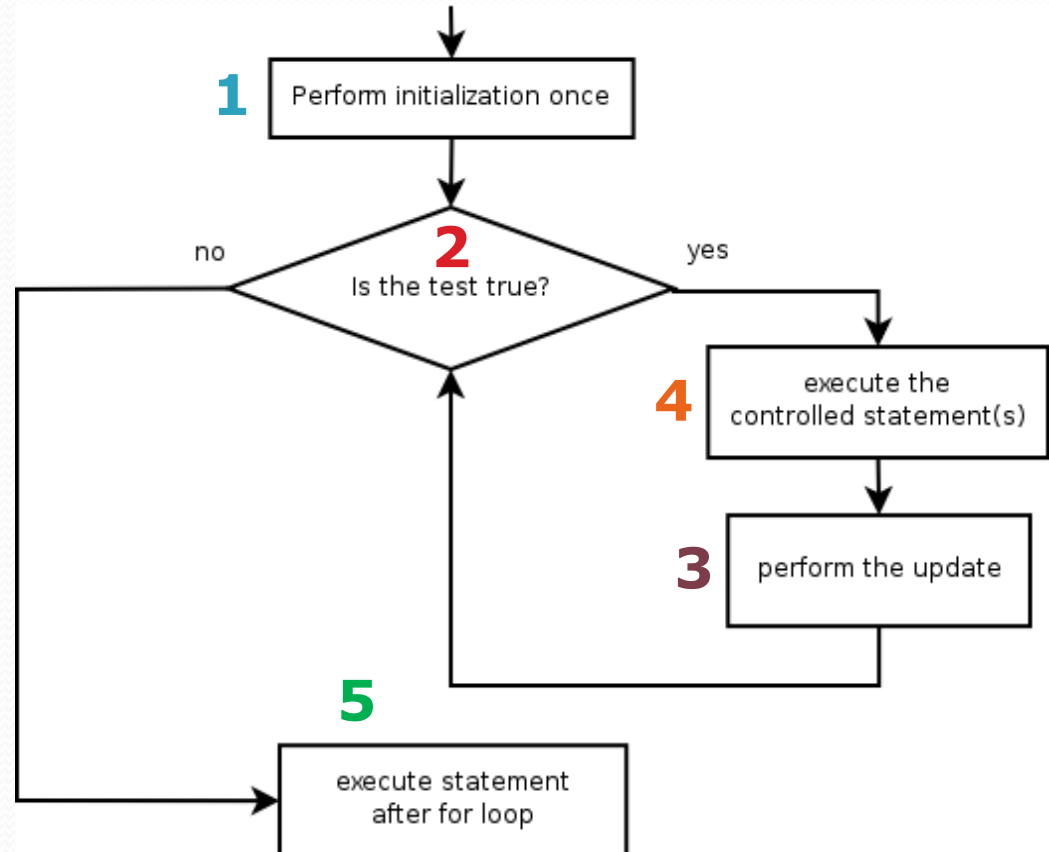
- "For each integer `i` from 1 through 6, print ..."

# Loop walkthrough

```
1 for (int i = 1; i <= 4; i++) {  
  4 System.out.println(i + " squared = " + (i * i));  
}  
5 System.out.println("Whoo!");
```

## Output:

```
1 squared = 1  
2 squared = 4  
3 squared = 9  
4 squared = 16  
Whoo!
```



# 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.
```