Introduction to Control Statements

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Control statements are used in programming languages to cause the flow of control to advance and branch based on changes to the state of a program.

In Java, control statements can be divided under the following three categories:

- Selection statements
- Iteration statements
- Jump statements
Selection statements are used in a program to choose different paths of execution based upon the outcome of an expression or the state of a variable.

- Using if and if...else
- Nested if Statements
- Using switch Statements
- Conditional Operator
The if and if-else Statements

Principal forms:

```java
if (condition){
    statement;  //Execute these statements if the condition is true.
    statement;
}

if (condition){
    statement;  //Execute these statements if the condition is true.
    statement;
} else{
    statement;  //Execute these statements if the condition is false.
    statement;
}
```
Additional forms

```java
if (condition)
    statement;
else
    statement;
```

```java
if (condition){
    statement;
    ...
    statement;
} else
    statement;
else{
    statement;
    ...
    statement;
}
```
Flowchart For The IF And IF-ELSE Statements
EXAMPLE OF IF-ELSE

```java
if (a > b)
{
    System.out.println("A = " + a + \\
    + b);
    System.out.println("A is greater than B");
}
else
{
    System.out.println("A = " + a + \\
    + b);
    System.out.println("Either both are equal or B is greater");
}
```

EXAMPLE OF NESTED IF

```java
class Example4_2
{
    public static void main(String Args[])
    {
        int a = 3;
        if (a <= 10 && a > 0)
        {
            System.out.println("Number is valid.");
            if (a < 5)
            {
                System.out.println("From 1 to 5");
            }
            else
            {
                System.out.println("From 5 to 10");
            }
        }
        else
        {
            System.out.println("Number is not valid");
        }
    }
}
Else-if ladder

```
else
  if ladder
```

Control Statements

```
expression
```

```
false
else_body;
```

```
true
if_body;
```

```
statement;
```
Example of else-if ladder

class Example4_1{
    public static void main (String Args[]){
        int a = 5;
        boolean val = false;
        if(val)
            System.out.println("val is false, so it won't execute");
        else if (a < 0 )
            System.out.println("A is a negative value");
        else if (a > 0)
            System.out.println ("A is a positive value");
        else
            System.out.println ("A is equal to zero");
    }
}
The switch statement of Java is another selection statement that defines different paths of execution for a program. It is more efficient than the if statement. The expression must be of type int, short, byte or char. The selection in the switch statement is determined by the values between the parenthesis after the keyword switch and the expression. The break statement is used in each sequence case value statements to terminate this sequence. The break statement is optional in the switch statement.
Syntax of Switch statement

Expression

- case 1: Statement List 1
- case 2: Statement List 2
- case 3: Statement List 3
- default: Statement List N
Example

class Example4_3{
    public static void main(String Args[]){
        int month = 3;
        switch (month){
            case 1:
                System.out.println("The month of January");
                break;
            case 2:
                System.out.println("The month of February");
                break;
            case 3:
                System.out.println("The month of March");
                break;
            case 4:
                System.out.println("The month of April");
                break;
            case 5:
                System.out.println("The month of May");
                break;
            case 6:
                System.out.println("The month of June");
                break;
            case 7:
                System.out.println("The month of July");
                break;
            case 8:
                System.out.println("The month of August");
                break;
            case 9:
                System.out.println("The month of September");
                break;
            case 10:
                System.out.println("The month of October");
                break;
            case 11:
                System.out.println("The month of November");
                break;
            case 12:
                System.out.println("The month of December");
                break;
            default:
                System.out.println("Invalid month");
        }
    }
}
It is essential that a program be able to execute the same set of instructions many times: otherwise a computer would do only as much work as a programmer!

Repeating the same code fragment several times is called *iterating*.

Java provides three control statements for iterations (a.k.a. loops): for, while, and do-while.
The While Loop

```
while ( condition )
{
    statement1;
    statement2;
    ...
    statementN;
}
```

*condition* is any logical expression, as in if

**The body of the loop**

If the body has only one statement, the braces are optional

```
while ( condition )
statement1;
```
Example

// Returns the smallest n
// such that 2^n >= x
public static int intLog2 (int x) {
    int n = 0, p = 1;
    while ( p < x ) {
        p *= 2;
        n++;
    }
    return n;
}
The for Loop

- for is a shorthand that combines in one statement initialization, condition, and change

```java
for ( initialization; condition; change )
{
    statement1;
    statement2;
    ...
    statementN;
}
```
// Returns the smallest n
// such that $2^n \geq x$
public static int intLog2 (int x)
{
    int n = 0, p;
    for (p = 1; p < x; p *= 2)
    {
        n++;
    }
    return n;
}
The do-while Loop

```
do
{
  statement1;
  statement2;
  ...
  statementN;
} while ( condition );
```

- The code runs through the body of the loop at least once.
- If condition is false, the next iteration is not executed.

Always use braces for readability (even if the body has only one statement)
public class DoWhileExample {
    public static void main (String[ ] args) {
        int i =0;
        do {
            System.out.println ("i is : " + i);
            i++;
        } while (i < 4);
    }
}
Jump Statements

Jump statements are used to unconditionally transfer the program control to another part of the program.

Java has three jump statements: break, continue, return.
Break in a loop instructs the program to immediately quit the current iteration and go to the first statement following the loop.

**SYNTAX**

```
break label;
```

Break statement has two forms:
- Labeled Break statement
- Unlabeled Break statement
Example

- Labeled Break

```java
for(int var =0; var < 5 ; var++)
{
    System.out.println("Var is : " + var);
    if(var == 3)
        break;
}
```

- Unlabeled Break

```
Outer:
    for(int var1=0; var1 < 5 ; var1++)
    {
        for(int var2 = 1; var2 < 5;var2++)
        {
            System.out.println("var1:" + var1 + " , var2:" + var2);
            if(var1 == 3)
                break Outer;
        }
    }
```
Continue statement is used when we want to skip the rest of the statement in the body of the loop and continue with the next iteration of the loop.

SYNTAX

```
continue label;
```

There are two forms of continue statement in Java.

- Unlabeled Continue Statement
- Labeled Continue Statement
Labeled Continue

Outer:
for(int var1 =0; var1 < 5 ; var1++)
{
  for(int var2=0 ; var2 < 5 ; var2++)
  {
    if(var2 == 2)
      continue Outer;
    System.out.println("var1:" + var1 + ", var2:"+ var2);
  }
}

Unlabeled Continue

for(int var1 =0; var1 < 5 ; var1++)
{
  for(int var2=0 ; var2 < 5 ; var2++)
  {
    if(var2 == 2)
      continue;
    System.out.println("var1:" + var1 + ", var2:"+ var2);
  }
}
Return in a loop instructs the program to immediately quit the current method and return to the calling method.

Example

class Return
{
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        boolean t = true;
        System.out.println("Before the return.");
        if(t) return; // return to caller
        System.out.println("This won't execute.");
    }
}