# **CS102**

Introduction to data structures, algorithms, and object-oriented programming

DAY 4

#### Strings

Strings are sequences of characters. Methods we will use on Strings include length, toUpperCase, charAt, indexOf, substring (look these up in the Java API):

"abcdefg".length() returns 7

"tomorrow".toUpperCase() returns "TOMORROW"

String petString = "cats and dogs"; // creating a new string object

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petString.charAt(6) returns 'n'

petString.indexOf('o') returns 10

petString.indexOf('X') returns -1

#### if Decision Statement – Eck 3.5

- **1.** if ...else: "either-or" type statement, each with its own block of code.
- **2. if** alone with a block of code, only runs block if the expression is true, otherwise skips block.
- **3. if**, **else if**, **else if**, ..., **else**. Multi-way decision statement, each part with its own block of code.
- 4. ?: Short form of if...else (either or)

if and else are like cond in Racket. Only one clause in the group is executed and the rest are ignored. The else at the end is like that in the cond, a default condition.



## if Decision Statement



### break, continue, and return

Java provides a general method for breaking out of the middle of any loop. It's called the  ${\bf break}$  statement, which takes the form

break:

If you use a **break** statement inside a nested loop, it will only break out of innermost loop that contains the break, not out of the loop that contains the nested loop.

A continue statement tells the computer to skip the rest of the current iteration of the loop. However, instead of jumping out of the loop altogether, it jumps back to the beginning of the loop and continues with the next iteration.

A return statement exits the method and returns control to the line in which the method was called.

#### break

One place a break is used is in a while loop that expects a certain type of input: int i = 0

int i = 0; java.util.Scanner sc = new java.util.Scanner(System.in); while ( true ) { System.out.println("Please enter a positive whole number"); i = sc.nextInt(); if ( i > 0) { // comparison of and an a line of an // comparison of and an a line of an // comparison of an a line of a line of an // comparison of a line of

break;  $\prime\prime$  correct input entered, go to line after  $\prime\prime$  end of while loop

- // incorrect input entered, ask user for input again
- // by returning to the top of the while loop.
  System.out.println("Input must be positive.);
  } // end of while loop

This loop will continue until the user enters a whole number greater than 0



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# Nested For Loops § 3.4.3 Control structures can contain other control structures. In particular, for loops are often nested. for ( int rowNumber = 1; rowNumber <= 12; rowNumber++ ) { // for each row, process all columns for ( int N = 1; N <= 12; N++ ) { System.out.printf( "%d", N \* rowNumber ); // print ints in 4-character columns; No newline } }</pre> , System.out.println(); // Add a newline 3 12



#### switch

A switch statement allows you to test the value of an expression x and to jump directly to some location within the switch statement, depending on the value of x.

The value of the expression listed in parentheses immediately to the right of the word switch can be one of the primitive integer types int, short, or byte. It can also be the primitive char type or it can be a String.

The expression **cannot** be a double or float value, nor can it be of object (reference) type.

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#### switch example

switch ( N ) {// (Assume N is an integer variable or exp.)
case 1: // if N == 1
System.out.println("The number is 1.");
break;
case 2:
case 4:
case 8: // if N = 2, 4, or 8
System.out.println("The number is 2, 4, or 8.");
System.out.println("The number is 2, 4, or 8.");
case 3:
case 6:
case 9: // if N = 3, 6, or 9
System.out.println("The number is 3, 6, or 9.");
System.out.println("The number is 5.");
break;
case 5: // if N = 5
System.out.println("The number is 5.");
break;
default:
System.out.println("The number is 7 or is outside the");
System.out.println(" range 1 to 9.");
}





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Having access to the length of every array allows them to be easily used with a for loop to go through each element:

// this for loop prints out all the elements in array called age
for (int i = 0; i < age.length; i++) {
 System.out.println( age[i] );
} // end for</pre>

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## 2-dimensional arrays § 3.8.5

Declaration and instantiation example:

int[][] matrix; // declaration
matrix = new matrix[10][5]; // instantiation

This line would create a matrix with 10 rows and 5 columns, initially all 0's.

Often initialized or printed in nested for loops.

## random numbers

The random method is a static member of the Math class. The call Math.random() produces a double between 0.0 and 1.0, inclusive. To use the Math.random() function to get a number between 1 and 10, you would use the following call:

int rNum = (int)(Math.random() \* 10) + 1

The (int) operator truncates the real number to produce an int.

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This type of operator is called a "cast".



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## Algorithms – Eck 3.2

Step-by-step description of how to solve a problem.

Each line of human language must be broken down into a language solvable by a computer.

Developing a program from a human language form involves what is called *stepwise refinement*. That is, rewrite each line into a form called *pseudocode* and then write it in a computer language.

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## **Debugging Logical Errors**

The hardest part of testing is to find bugs -- semantic errors that show up as incorrect behavior rather than as compilation errors.

Most programming environments come with a debugger, which is a program that can help you find errors by giving the value of different variables at a particular line in the code.

A more traditional approach to debugging is to insert debugging statements into your program. These are output statements that print out information about the state of the program.

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