The if Statement and Practice Problems
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The Simple if Statement

Use
To specify the conditions under which a statement or group of statements should be executed.

Form
if (boolean-expression)
statement;

where if is a reserved word, boolean-expression is an expression that evaluates to true or false, and statement is a Java statement or a group of statements enclosed in curly braces (a compound statement).

Action
If the boolean expression is true, the specified statement is executed; otherwise it is not. In either case, execution continues with the next statement in the program.

Examples of Simple if

// grade is a char
if (grade == 'A')
    System.out.println("EXCELLENT WORK!");

// yards is an int
if (yards != 0)
    System.out.println("There were " + yards + " yards.");

// temperature, normalTemp and degreesOfFever are doubles;
// hasFever is a boolean variable
if (temperature > normalTemp) {
    degreesOfFever = temperature - normalTemp;
    hasFever = true;
}
The if-else Statement

Use
To choose exactly one out of two statements (possibly compound statements) to be executed; specifies the conditions under which the first statement is to be executed and provides an alternative statement to execute if these conditions are not met.

Form
```
if (boolean-expression)
    statement-1;
else
    statement-2;
```
where if and else are reserved words, boolean-expression is an expression that evaluates to true or false, and statement-1 and statement-2 are Java statements (possibly compound statements, i.e. a group of statements enclosed by curly braces).

Action
If the boolean expression is true, statement-1 is executed and statement-2 is skipped; otherwise statement-1 is skipped and statement-2 is executed. In either case, execution continues with the next statement in the program.

Examples of if-else

```
// numItems is an int; averageCost and totalCost are doubles
if (numItems >= 0)
    averageCost = totalCost / numItems;
else
    System.out.println("No items were purchased.");
```

```
final double POLLUTION_CUTOFF = 3.5;
// pollutionIndex is a double
if (pollutionIndex < POLLUTION_CUTOFF)
    System.out.println("Safe Condition");
else
    System.out.println("Hazardous Condition");
```
The Extended-if Statement

Use
To choose one statement (possibly compound) to be executed from among a group of statements (possibly compound); specifies the conditions under which each statement may be executed and may contain a default statement (in an else statement at the end) to be executed if none of these conditions are met. Note that in the absence of a final else clause, it may be the case that none of the statements are executed.

Form

```
if (boolean-expression-1)
    statement-1;
else if (boolean-expression-2)
    statement-2;
    ...
    ...
else if (boolean-expression-n)
    statement-n;
else
    statement-default;
```

where if and else are reserved words, boolean-expression-1, boolean-expression-2, ..., boolean-expression-n are expressions that evaluate to true or false, and statement-1, statement-2, ..., statement-n, and statement-default are Java statements, possibly compound statements. (A compound statement is a group of statements enclosed by curly braces.)

Action
The boolean expressions are evaluated in the order of their appearance to determine the first expression that is true. The statement associated with that expression is executed, and execution continues with the first statement following the entire if-else-if construct. If none of the boolean expressions is true, the statement associated with the else statement is executed, and execution then continues with the statement following the construct. If none of the boolean expressions is true and the else clause is omitted, execution “falls through” to (continues with) the next statement in the program after the construct.

Examples of Extended-if
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Examples

// score is a double; grade is a char

if (score == 100) {
    grade = 'A';
    System.out.println("Superb");
}
else if (score >= 90) {
    grade = 'A';
    System.out.println("Excellent");
}
else if (score >= 80) {
    grade = 'B';
    System.out.println("Very Good");
}
else if (score >= 70) {
    grade = 'C';
    System.out.println("Good");
}
else if (score >= 60)
    grade = 'D';
else
    grade = 'F';

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// Ch is a char

if ((Ch >= 'a') && (Ch <= 'z')) {
    // code to process lower-case letter
}
else if ((Ch >= 'A') && (Ch <= 'Z')) {
    // code to process upper-case letter
}
else if ((Ch >= '0') && (Ch <= '9')) {
    // code to process digit character
}
else {
    // code to process non-letter/non-digit characters
}
Practice Problems for all Types of if Statements

• What is wrong with the following if statement (there are at least 3 errors). The indentation indicates the desired behavior.

```java
if (numNeighbors >= 3 || numNeighbors = 4)
    ++numNeighbors;
else
    --numNeighbors;
```

• Describe the output produced by this poorly indented program segment:

```java
int number = 4;
double alpha = -1.0;
if (number > 0)
    if (alpha > 0)
        System.out.println("Here I am!");
    else
        System.out.println("No, I’m here!");
System.out.println("No, actually, I’m here!");
```

• Consider the following if statement, where doesSignificantWork, makesBreakthrough, and nobelPrizeCandidate are all boolean variables:

```java
if (doesSignificantWork) {
    if (makesBreakthrough)
        nobelPrizeCandidate = true;
    else
        nobelPrizeCandidate = false;
} else if (!doesSignificantWork)
    nobelPrizeCandidate = false;
```

First, write a simpler if statement that is equivalent to this one. Then write a single assignment statement that does the same thing.

• Write if statements to do the following:

  – If character variable taxCode is 'T', increase price by adding the taxRate percentage of price to it.
  – If integer variable opCode has the value 1, read in double values for X and Y and calculate and print their sum.
If integer variable `currentNumber` is odd, change its value so that it is now 3 times `currentNumber` plus 1, otherwise change its value so that it is now half of `currentNumber` (rounded down when `currentNumber` is odd).

Assign `true` to the boolean variable `leapYear` if the integer variable `year` is a leap year. (A leap year is a multiple of 4, and if it is a multiple of 100, it must also be a multiple of 400.)

Assign a value to double variable `cost` depending on the value of integer variable `distance` as follows:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Cost</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0 through 100</td>
<td>5.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>More than 100 but not more than 500</td>
<td>8.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>More than 500 but less than 1,000</td>
<td>10.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1,000 or more</td>
<td>12.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
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