

## More Selection

Executing Statements Selectively

Chap. 7

(Read §7.1-7.4 & Part of Picture:  
Boolean Logic and Digital Design)

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## Review

We've seen that Java's if statement permits a statement to be executed selectively:

```
if (Expression)  
    Statement1  
[ else  
    Statement2 ]
```

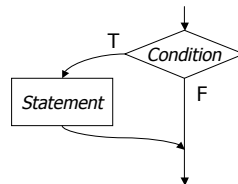
where expression is usually a boolean expression called a *condition*.  
From this, the Java if statement can have three different forms:

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## The Simple if

The first form has no **else** or *Statement*<sub>2</sub>, and is called the *simple if*:

```
if (Condition)  
    Statement
```



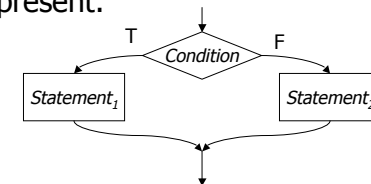
If *Condition* is true, *Statement* is executed; otherwise *Statement* is skipped.

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## The Two-Branch if

In the second form of if, the **else** and *Statement*<sub>2</sub> are present:

```
if (Condition)  
    Statement1  
else  
    Statement2
```



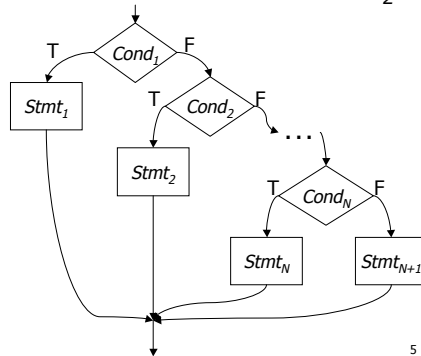
If *Condition* is true, *Statement*<sub>1</sub> is executed and *Statement*<sub>2</sub> is skipped; otherwise *Statement*<sub>1</sub> is skipped and *Statement*<sub>2</sub> is executed.

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## The Multi-branch if

The if's final form has a nested if as *Statement<sub>2</sub>*:

```
if (Cond1)
  Stmt1
else if (Cond2)
  Stmt2
...
else if (CondN)
  StmtN
else
  StmtN+1
```



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## Some Potential Problems

1. If x is 5, y is 6, z is 0, what value is assigned to z by:

```
if (x > 5)
  if (y > 5)
    z = x + y;
else
  z = x - y;
```

If this is evaluated as

```
if (x > 5)
  if (y > 5)
    z = x + y;
else
  z = x - y;
// z = _____
```

If this is evaluated as

```
if (x > 5)
  if (y > 5)
    z = x + y;
  else
    z = x - y;
// z = _____
```

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This is called the *dangling-else* problem and is resolved by the rule:

*In a nested if statement, each else is matched with the nearest preceding unmatched if.*

If we want the else matched with the outer if, enclose the inner if in \_\_\_\_\_: or give the inner if an \_\_\_\_\_:

```
if (x > 5)
  if (y > 5)
    z = x + y;
else
  z = x - y;
```

```
if (x > 5)
  if (y > 5)
    z = x + y;
else
  z = x - y;
```

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2. Consider the following declarations

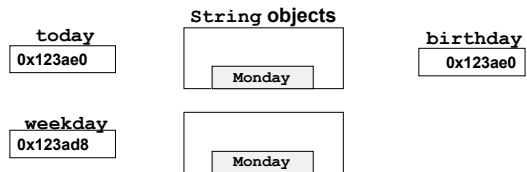
```
String
  today = new String("Monday"),
  weekday = new String("Monday"),
  birthday = today;
```

What output will be produced by the following?

```
if (today == weekday)
  theScreen.println("Work hard");
if (today == birthday)
  theScreen.println("Happy birthday");
```

Output:

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`today == weekday?` `0x123ae0 == 0x123ad8?`

---

`today == birthday?` `0x123ae0 == 0x123ae0?`

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*Relational operators compare addresses in handles, not the values of the objects they refer to.*

Corollary: Classes should provide methods for comparing objects – e.g., String provides `equals()` and `equalsIgnoreCase()`, `compareTo()` and `compareToIgnoreCase()`.

```
if ( today.equals(weekday) )
    theScreen.println("Work hard");
if ( today.equals(birthday) )
    theScreen.println("Happy birthday");
```

**Output:**

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## Using Selection

Selection is useful anytime you want to execute a statement under particular circumstances.

Example: Suppose we need a method that, given the number of a day of the week (1-7), computes its corresponding name (Sunday-Saturday)?

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## Algorithm

0. Receive `dayNumber`.
1. If `dayNumber == 1`:
  - Return "Sunday".
- Else if `dayNumber == 2`:
  - Return "Monday".
- Else if `dayNumber == 3`:
  - Return "Tuesday".
- Else if `dayNumber == 4`:
  - Return "Wednesday".
- Else if `dayNumber == 5`:
  - Return "Thursday".
- Else if `dayNumber == 6`:
  - Return "Friday".
- Else if `dayNumber == 7`:
  - Return "Saturday".
- Else
  - Display an error message, and return "".

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## Coding 1

Such an algorithm can be coded using a multi-branch if:

```
public static String dayName(int dayNumber)
{
    if (dayNumber == 1)
        return "Sunday";
    else if (dayNumber == 2)
        return "Monday";
    else if (dayNumber == 3)
        return "Tuesday";
    else if (dayNumber == 4)
        return "Wednesday";
    else if (dayNumber == 5)
        return "Thursday";
    else if (dayNumber == 6)
        return "Friday";
    else if (dayNumber == 7)
        return "Saturday";
    else
    {
        System.err.println(
            "\n** DayName: invalid day number");
        return "";
    }
}
```

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## Drawback

The multi-branch if has \_\_\_\_\_ *execution* time:

- Computing "Sunday" requires \_\_\_\_ comparison(s)
  - Computing "Monday" requires \_\_\_\_ comparison(s)
  - ...
  - Computing "Saturday" requires \_\_\_\_ comparison(s)
- Computations that are "later" in the if take longer.

There are situations where the time to select one of many statements must be \_\_\_\_\_.

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## A Solution

The \_\_\_\_\_ statement provides an alternative:

```
public static String dayName(int dayNumber)
{
    _____
    _____
    _____
    case 3: return "Tuesday";
    case 4: return "Wednesday";
    case 5: return "Thursday";
    case 6: return "Friday";
    case 7: return "Saturday";
    _____
    System.err.println(
        "\n** dayName: invalid day number");
    return "";
} _____
```

Need not be  
in order nor  
consecutive

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## The switch Statement

The switch statement provides multi-branch selection, but guarantees \_\_\_\_\_ *time*, regardless of which branch is selected.

Thus, the time to select

```
return "Saturday";
```

is identical to the time to select

```
return "Sunday";
```

if a switch statement is used to select them.

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## The switch Statement (ii)

Pattern:

```
switch (Expression)
{
    caseList1 StatementList1
    caseList2 StatementList2
    ...
    caseListN StatementListN
    default: StatementListN+1
}
```

where *Expression* is an \_\_\_\_\_-compatible expression, each *caseList* is one or more *cases* of this form:

```
case ConstantValue :
```

and each *StatementList* usually ends with a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ statement.

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## Example

Switch statements can use any *integer-compatible* type:

```
public static double
straightPercentageCutOff(char letterGrade)
{
    switch(letterGrade)
    {
        case 'A': return 90.0;
        case 'B': return 80.0;
        case 'C': return 70.0;
        case 'D': return 60.0;
        case 'F': return 0.0;
        default:
            System.err.println(" \n** Invalid letter grade: "
                + letterGrade
                + " received by straightPercentageCutOff\n"
                + "-- returning 999");
            return 999;
    }
}
```

They \_\_\_\_\_ with **string** or **double** values.

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In class example -- inverse of `straightPercentageCutOff()`:  
numeric score  $\square$  letter grade

```
public static char letterGrade(double
score)
{
    ...
}
```

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## Another Restriction

To use the switch, the common algorithm pattern is:

- if (*expression* == *CONSTANT1*)
- {*statementlist1*}
- else if (*expression* == *CONSTANT2*)
- {*statementlist2*}
- ...

The pattern of a switch statement used to implement it is:

```
switch (expression)
{
    case CONSTANT1:
        statementlist1
    case CONSTANT2:
        statementlist2
    ...
    case CONSTANTn:
        statementlistn
    default:
        statementlistn+1
}
```

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## Warning

C++ switch statements exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.

1. *expression* is evaluated.
2. If *expression* == *CONSTANT<sub>i</sub>*, control jumps to the *statementlist<sub>i</sub>* associated with *CONSTANT<sub>i</sub>*.
3. Control \_\_\_\_\_ within the switch statement until:
  - a. The end of the switch is reached;
  - b. A **break** is executed, terminating the switch;
  - c. A **return** is executed, terminating the function; or
  - d. Execution is terminated, e.g., with **exit()**.

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## Example

What will the following display, if the value of `dayNumber` is 4?

```
switch (dayNumber)
{
    case 1:  theScreen.print("Sunday");
    case 2:  theScreen.print("Monday");
    case 3:  theScreen.print("Tuesday");
    case 4:  theScreen.print("Wednesday");
    case 5:  theScreen.print("Thursday");
    case 6:  theScreen.print("Friday");
    case 7:  theScreen.print("Saturday");
    default: theScreen.println("Error!");
}
```

Output:

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## Solution

To avoid the "drop-though" behavior, we need to add \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of each case:

```
switch (dayNumber)
{
    case 1: cout << "Sunday";
           _____
    case 2: cout << "Monday";
           _____
    case 3: cout << "Tuesday";
           _____
    case 4: cout << "Wednesday";
           break;
    case 5: cout << "Thursday";
           break;
    case 6: cout << "Friday";
           break;
    case 7: cout << "Saturday";
           break;
    default: cout << "Error!" << endl;
}
```

Output when  
`dayNumber` is 4:

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## Selection: When to use **switch**

Use the switch statement for selection when

- You are comparing integer-compatible types (i.e., int, long, short, char, ...); *and*
- Your algorithm is of the form:

```
if (expression == CONSTANT1) statementlist1
else if (expression == CONSTANT2) statementlist2
...
else if (expression == CONSTANTn) statementlistn
else statementlistn+1
```

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## Selection: When to use `if`

Use the `if` statement when

- You are comparing non-integer-compatible types (i.e., double, string, ...); or
- Your algorithm is of the more general form:
 

```
if (condition1) statementlist1
else if (condition2) statementlist2
...
else if (conditionn) statementlistn
else statementlistn+1
```

where the *condition<sub>i</sub>* don't all have the form *expression == CONSTANT<sub>i</sub>* with the *expression* the same in each condition.

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Example (Lab 7):

1. Menu:

```
Please enter:
+ to add two numbers;
- to subtract two numbers;
* to multiple two numbers; or
/ to divide two numbers.
-->
```

2. Read a choice

3. Use a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (switch or `if`) statement to process the choice

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## Multi-Branch Selection: Conditional Expressions

- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ operator: \_\_\_\_\_
  - it takes \_\_\_\_\_ operands
- Syntax:
 

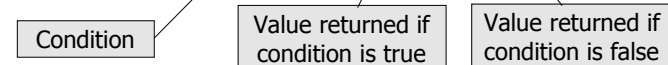
```
condition ? expression1 : expression2
```

 where:
  - `condition` is a boolean expression
  - `expression1` and `expression2` are of compatible types

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Example: Find the smaller of two numbers:

```
public static int largerOf(int v1, int v2)
{
    return _____;
}
```



Example: Print a date – e.g., 10/21/02, 11/01/02

```
theScreen.print(
    month + "/" +
    _____ + day
    _____ + year );
```

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## Summary


- Java provides two selective execution statements:
  - The if statement.
  - The switch statement.
- The if statement is more general and can be used to solve any problem requiring selective behavior.
- The switch is more specialized, since it can only be used in special circumstances (equality comparisons), and on certain data types (integer-compatible).
- Java also has a ternary operator  
`? :`  
 used to form *conditional expressions* that can be used within other expressions – somewhat like putting an if statement inside an expression.

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## Part of the Picture: Boolean Logic & Digital Design

- Arithmetic operations performed by the CPU are carried out by logic circuits made up of three basic electronic components which mimic logical operators:

AND gate 

OR gate 

NOT gate (inverter) 

- Logic circuits can be represented by boolean expressions.
- Basic axioms of Boolean algebra can be used to simplify these circuits.

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## Circuit Design: A Binary Half-Adder

- Truth table

	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

digit1	digit2	carry	sum
0	0	0	0
0	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	1	1	0

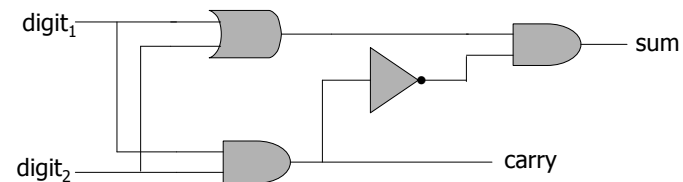
- Boolean expression equivalent:
 

```
boolean carry = digit1 && digit2,
      sum = (digit1 || digit2) &&
        !(digit1 && digit2);
```

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```
boolean carry = digit1 && digit2,
      sum = (digit1 || digit2) &&
        !(digit1 && digit2);
```

- Digital circuit equivalent:



- Note binary half-adder class, source code, Figure 7.9, test driver Figure 7.10

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