

# Loops



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## Learning Outcomes



Understand about **Loops**:

- Motivation: *Repetition* of *similar actions*
- Two common loops: `for` and `while`
- Primitive vs. Compound Statements
- *Nesting* loops within `if` statements
- *Nesting* `if` statements within loops
- Common Errors and Pitfalls

## Motivation of Loops

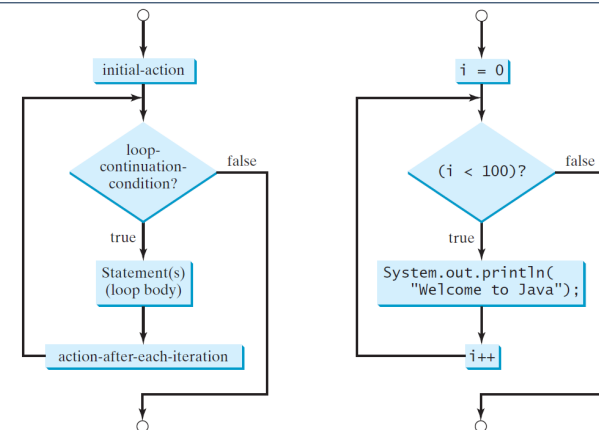


- We may want to **repeat** the *similar action(s)* for a (bounded) number of times.  
e.g., Print the “Hello World” message for 100 times  
e.g., To find out the maximum value in a list of numbers
- We may want to **repeat** the *similar action(s)* under certain circumstances.  
e.g., Keep letting users enter new input values for calculating the BMI until they enter “quit”
- **Loops** allow us to repeat similar actions either
  - **for** a specified number of times; or
  - **while** a specified condition holds *true*.

## The for Loop (1)



```
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");  
}
```



## The for Loop (2)

```
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
}
```

<i>i</i>	<i>i</i> < 100	Enter/Stay Loop?	Iteration	Actions
0	0 < 100	True	1	print, i ++
1	1 < 100	True	2	print, i ++
2	2 < 100	True	3	print, i ++
...				
99	99 < 100	True	100	print, i ++
100	100 < 100	False	-	-

- The number of **iterations** (i.e., 100) corresponds to the number of times the loop body is executed.
- # of times that we check the **stay condition (SC)** (i.e., 101) is # of iterations (i.e., 100) plus 1. [ True × 100; False × 1 ]

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## The for Loop (3)

```
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
}
```

- The **"initial-action"** is executed **only once**, so it may be moved right before the for loop.
- The **"action-after-each-iteration"** is executed repetitively to **make progress**, so it may be moved to the end of the for loop body.

```
int i = 0;
for (; i < 100; ) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
    i++;
}
```

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## The for Loop: Exercise (1)

Compare the behaviour of this program

```
for (int count = 0; count < 100; count++) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
}
```

and this program

```
for (int count = 1; count < 201; count += 2) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
}
```

- Are the outputs same or different?
- It is similar to asking if the two intervals

[0, 1, 2, ..., 100] and [1, 3, 5, ..., 201]

- contain the same number of integers.
- **Same**, both loop bodies run exactly 100 times and do not depend on the value of *count*.

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## The for Loop: Exercise (2)

Compare the behaviour of this program

```
int count = 0;
for (; count < 100; ) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java " + count + "!");
    count++; /* count = count + 1; */
}
```

and this program

```
int count = 1;
for (; count <= 100; ) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java " + count + "!");
    count++; /* count = count + 1; */
}
```

Are the outputs same or different? **Different**, both loop body run exactly 100 times and depend on the value of *count*.

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## The for Loop: Exercise (3)

Compare the behaviour of the following three programs:

```
for (int i ; i <= 5 ; i ++ ) {
    System.out.print(i); }
```

Output: 12345

```
int i;
for ( ; i <= 5 ; ) {
    System.out.print(i);
    i ++; }
```

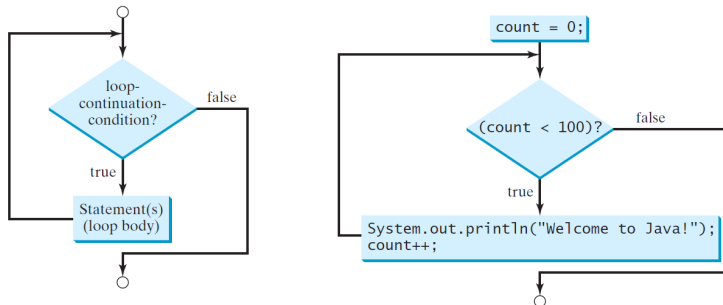
Output: 12345

```
int i;
for ( ; i <= 5 ; ) {
    i ++;
    System.out.print(i); }
```

Output: 23456

## The while Loop (1)

```
int count = 0;
while (count < 100) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
    count ++; /* count = count + 1; */
}
```



## The while Loop (2)

```
int j = 3;
while (j < 103) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
    j ++; /* j = j + 1; */ }
```

j	j < 103	Enter/Stay Loop?	Iteration	Actions
3	3 < 103	True	1	print, j ++
4	4 < 103	True	2	print, j ++
5	5 < 103	True	3	print, j ++
...				
102	102 < 103	True	100	print, j ++
103	103 < 103	False	-	-

- The number of **iterations** (i.e., 100) corresponds to the number of times the loop body is executed.
- # of times that we check the **stay condition (SC)** (i.e., 101) is # of iterations (i.e., 100) plus 1. [ True × 100; False × 1 ]

## The while Loop: Exercise (1)

Compare the behaviour of this program

```
int count = 0;
while (count < 100) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
    count ++; /* count = count + 1; */
}
```

and this program

```
int count = 1;
while (count <= 100) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java!");
    count ++; /* count = count + 1; */
}
```

Are the outputs same or different? **Same**, both loop bodies run exactly 100 times and do not depend on the value of *count*.

## The while Loop: Exercise (2)

Compare the behaviour of this program

```
int count = 0;
while (count < 100) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java " + count + "!");
    count++; /* count = count + 1; */
}
```

and this program

```
int count = 1;
while (count <= 100) {
    System.out.println("Welcome to Java " + count + "!");
    count++; /* count = count + 1; */
}
```

Are the outputs same or different? *Different*, both loop body run exactly 100 times and depend on the value of *count*.

## Compound Loop: Exercise (1.1)

How do you *extend* the following program

```
System.out.println("Enter a radius value:");
double radius = input.nextDouble();
double area = radius * radius * 3.14;
System.out.println("Area is " + area);
```

with the ability to *repeatedly* prompt the user for a radius value, until they explicitly enter a negative radius value to terminate the program (in which case an error message is also printed)?

```
System.out.println("Enter a radius value:");
double radius = input.nextDouble();
while (radius >= 0) {
    double area = radius * radius * 3.14;
    System.out.println("Area is " + area);
    System.out.println("Enter a radius value:");
    radius = input.nextDouble();
}
System.out.println("Error: negative radius value.");
```

## Primitive Statement vs. Compound Statement

- A *statement* is a block of Java code that modifies value(s) of some variable(s).
- An assignment (=) statement is a *primitive statement*: it only modifies its left-hand-side (LHS) variable.
- An *for* or *while* loop statement is a *compound statement*: the loop body may modify more than one variables via other statements (e.g., assignments, *if* statements, and *for* or *while* statements).
  - e.g., a loop statement may contain as its body *if* statements
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## Compound Loop: Exercise (1.2)

Another alternative: Use a boolean variable *isPositive*

```
1 System.out.println("Enter a radius value:");
2 double radius = input.nextDouble();
3 boolean isPositive = radius >= 0;
4 while (isPositive) {
5     double area = radius * radius * 3.14;
6     System.out.println("Area is " + area);
7     System.out.println("Enter a radius value:");
8     radius = input.nextDouble();
9     isPositive = radius >= 0;
10 System.out.println("Error: negative radius value.");
```

- In **L2**: What if user enters 2? What if user enters -2?
- Say in **L2** user entered 2, then in **L8**:  
What if user enters 3? What if user enters -3?
- What if *isPositive* = *radius* >= 0 in **L9** is missing?

## Compound Loop: Exercise (1.3)

Another alternative: Use a boolean variable `isNegative`

```

1 System.out.println("Enter a radius value:");
2 double radius = input.nextDouble();
3 boolean isNegative = radius < 0;
4 while (!isNegative) {
5     double area = radius * radius * 3.14;
6     System.out.println("Area is " + area);
7     System.out.println("Enter a radius value:");
8     radius = input.nextDouble();
9     isNegative = radius < 0; }
10 System.out.println("Error: negative radius value.");

```

- In **L2**: What if user enters 2? What if user enters -2?
- Say in **L2** user entered 2, then in **L8**:  
What if user enters 3? What if user enters -3?
- What if `isNegative = radius < 0` in **L9** is missing?

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## Converting between for and while Loops (2)

- To convert a `for` loop to a `while` loop, move the initialization part immediately before the `while` loop and place the update part at the end of the `while` loop body.

```

for(int i = 0 ; B ; i ++ ) {
    /* Actions */
}

```

is equivalent to:

```

int i = 0;
while(B) {
    /* Actions */
    i ++;
}

```

- where  $B$  is any valid Boolean expression.
- However, when there is a loop counter (i.e.,  $i$ ,  $count$ ,  $etc.$ ) that you intend to explicitly maintain, stick to a `for` loop.

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## Converting between for and while Loops (1)

- To convert a `while` loop to a `for` loop, leave the initialization and update parts of the `for` loop empty.

```

while(B) {
    /* Actions */
}

```

is equivalent to:

```

for( ; B ; ) {
    /* Actions */
}

```

where  $B$  is any valid Boolean expression.

- However, when there is not a loop counter (i.e.,  $i$ ,  $count$ ,  $etc.$ ) that you intend to explicitly maintain, stick to a `while` loop.

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## Stay Condition vs. Exit Condition (1)

- A `for` loop or a `while` loop
  - *stays* to repeat its body when its stay condition (SC) evaluates to *true*.
  - *exits* when its SC evaluates to *false*.
- Say we have two Boolean variables:  
`boolean iP7sInStock, iP7sPlusInStock;`
- When does the following loop exit?

```

while(iP7sInStock && iP7sPlusInStock) { ... }

```

`!(iP7sInStock && iP7sPlusInStock)`  
this is equivalent to `!iP7sInStock || !iP7sPlusInStock`

- When does the following loop exit?

```

while(iP7sInStock || iP7sPlusInStock) { ... }

```

`!(iP7sInStock || iP7sPlusInStock)`  
this is equivalent to `iP7sInStock && iP7sPlusInStock`

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## Stay Condition vs. Exit Condition (2)

Consider the following loop:

```
int x = input.nextInt();
while(10 <= x || x <= 20) {
    /* body of while loop */
}
```

- It compiles, but has a logical error. Why?
- Think about the **exit condition** :
  - $!(10 \leq x \mid \mid x \leq 20)$  [∴ *negation* of stay condition]
  - $!(10 \leq x) \ \&\& \ !(x \leq 20)$  [∴ law of disjunction]
  - $10 > x \ \&\& \ x > 20$  [∴ law of negation]
- $10 > x \ \&\& \ x > 20$  is equivalent to *false*, since there is no number larger than 10 and smaller than 20 at the same time.
- An exit condition being *false* means that there is no way to exit from the loop! [infinite loops are *BAD!*]

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## Arrays: A Simple Data Structure

- An array is a *linear* sequence of elements.

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- *Types* of elements in an array are the *same*.
  - an array of integers [int []]
  - an array of doubles [double []]
  - an array of characters [char []]
  - an array of strings [String []]
  - an array of booleans [boolean []]
- Each element in an array is associated with an integer index.
- **Range of valid indices** of an array is constrained by its *size*.
  - The 1st element of an array has the index *0*.
  - The 2nd has index 1.
  - The *i*<sup>th</sup> element has index *i* - 1.
  - The last element of an array has the index value that is equal to the *size of the array minus one*.

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## Problems, Data Structures, and Algorithms

- A *well-specified computational problem* precisely describes the desired *input/output relationship*.
  - **Input:** A sequence of *n* numbers  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$
  - **Output:** The maximum number *max* in the input array, such that  $max \geq a_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$
  - An *instance* of the problem:  $\langle 3, 1, 2, 5, 4 \rangle$
- A **data structure** is a systematic way to store and organize data in order to facilitate *access* and *modifications*.
- An **algorithm** is:
  - A solution to a well-specified *computational problem*
  - A *sequence of computational steps* that takes value(s) as *input* and produces value(s) as *output*
- Steps in an *algorithm* manipulate well-chosen *data structure(s)*.

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## Arrays: Initialization and Indexing

- Initialize a new array object with a *fixed* size:
 

```
String[] names = new String[10];
```
- Alternatively, initialize a new array explicitly with its contents:
 

```
String[] names = {"Alan", "Mark", "Tom"};
```
- Access elements in an array through indexing:
 

```
String first = names[0];
String last = names[names.length - 1];
```

An illegal index triggers an *ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException*.

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## Arrays: Iterations



- Iterate through an array using a *for-loop*:

```
for (int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {  
    System.out.println (names[i]);  
}
```

- Iterate through an array using a *while-loop*:

```
int i = 0;  
while (i < names.length) {  
    System.out.println (names[i]);  
    i++;  
}
```

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## The for Loop: Exercise (3)



**Problem:** Given an array `numbers` of integers, how do you print its average?

e.g., Given array {1, 2, 6, 8}, print 4.25.

```
int sum = 0;  
for(int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {  
    sum += numbers[i];  
}  
double average = (double) sum / numbers.length;  
System.out.println("Average is " + average);
```

**Q:** What's the printout when the array is empty

(e.g., `int[] numbers = {};`)?

**A:** Division by zero (i.e., `numbers.length` is 0). Fix?

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## The for Loop: Exercise (4)



**Problem:** Given an array `numbers` of integers, how do you print its contents backwards?

e.g., Given array {1, 2, 3, 4}, print 4 3 2 1.

**Solution 1:** Change bounds and updates of loop counter.

```
for(int i = numbers.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {  
    System.out.println(numbers[i]);  
}
```

**Solution 2:** Change indexing.

```
for(int i = 0; i < numbers.length; i++) {  
    System.out.println(numbers[ numbers.length - i - 1]);  
}
```

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## The for Loop: Exercise (5)



**Problem:** Given an array `names` of strings, how do you print its contents separated by commas and ended with a period?

e.g., Given array {"Alan", "Mark", "Tom"}, print "Names: Alan, Mark, Tom."

```
System.out.print("Names:")  
for(int i = 0; i < names.length; i++) {  
    System.out.print(names[i]);  
    if (i < names.length - 1) {  
        System.out.print(", ");  
    }  
}  
System.out.println(".");
```

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## Array Iterations: Translating for to while (1)



- Use either when you intend to iterate through the entire array.

```
int[] a = new int[100];
for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
    /* Actions to repeat. */
}
```

In a for loop, the *initialization* and *update* of the *loop counter i* are specified as part of the loop header.

```
int i = 0;
while(i < a.length) {
    /* Actions to repeat. */
    i++;
}
```

In a while loop, the *loop counter i*

- Is *initialized* outside and before the loop header
- Is *updated* at the end of the loop body

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## Array Iterations: Translating for to while (2)



- In both the for and while loops:
  - The stay/continuation conditions are *identical*.
  - The loop counter *i* is initialized only *once* before first entrance.
  - In each iteration, the loop counter *i* is executed *at the end* of the loop body.

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (2)



Given an integer array:

```
int[] a = {2, 1, 3, 4, -4, 10}
```

How do you print out positive numbers only?

**Hint:** Use a for loop to *iterate* over the array. In the loop body, *conditionally* print out positive numbers only.

```
1 for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
2     if (a[i] > 0) {
3         System.out.println(a[i]);
4     }
5 }
```

**Exercise:** Write the equivalent using a while loop.

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (3.1)



- **Problem:** Given an array of numbers, determine if it contains *all* positive number.

```
1 int[] numbers = {2, 3, -1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 100};
2 boolean soFarOnlyPosNums = true;
3 int i = 0;
4 while (i < numbers.length) {
5     soFarOnlyPosNums = soFarOnlyPosNums && (numbers[i] > 0);
6     i = i + 1;
7 }
8 if (soFarOnlyPosNums) { /* print a msg. */ }
9 else { /* print another msg. */ }
```

- Change **Line 5** to `soFarOnlyPosNums = numbers[i] > 0;?`
- **Hints:** Run both versions on the following three arrays:
  1. {2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 100} [all positive]
  2. {2, 3, 100, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, -1} [negative at the end]
  3. {2, 3, -1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 100} [negative in the middle]

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (3.1) Demo (1)



```

1 int[] ns = {2, 3, -1, 4, 5};
2 boolean soFarOnlyPosNums = true;
3 int i = 0;
4 while (i < ns.length) {
5     soFarOnlyPosNums = soFarOnlyPosNums && (ns[i] > 0);
6     i = i + 1;
7 }
    
```

i	soFarOnlyPosNums	i < ns.length	stay?	ns[i]	ns[i] > 0
0	true	true	true	2	true
1	true	true	true	3	true
2	true	true	true	-1	false
3	false	true	true	4	true
4	false	true	true	5	true
5	false	false	false	-	-

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (3.2)



**Problem:** Given an array of numbers, determine if it contains *all* positive number. Also, *for efficiency, exit from the loop as soon as you find a negative number.*

```

1 int[] numbers = {2, 3, -1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 100};
2 boolean soFarOnlyPosNums = true;
3 int i = 0;
4 while (soFarOnlyPosNums && i < numbers.length) {
5     soFarOnlyPosNums = numbers[i] > 0;
6     i = i + 1;
7 }
8 if (soFarOnlyPosNums) { /* print a msg. */ }
9 else { /* print another msg. */ }
    
```

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (3.1) Demo (2)



```

1 int[] ns = {2, 3, -1, 4, 5};
2 boolean soFarOnlyPosNums = true;
3 int i = 0;
4 while (i < ns.length) {
5     soFarOnlyPosNums = ns[i] > 0; /* wrong */
6     i = i + 1;
7 }
    
```

i	soFarOnlyPosNums	i < ns.length	stay?	ns[i]	ns[i] > 0
0	true	true	true	2	true
1	true	true	true	3	true
2	true	true	true	-1	false
3	false	true	true	4	true
4	true	true	true	5	true
5	true	false	false	-	-

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (3.2) Demo



```

1 int[] ns = {2, 3, -1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 100};
2 boolean soFarOnlyPosNums = true;
3 int i = 0;
4 while (soFarOnlyPosNums && i < ns.length) {
5     soFarOnlyPosNums = ns[i] > 0;
6     i = i + 1;
7 }
    
```

i	soFarOnlyPosNums	i < ns.length	stay?	ns[i]	ns[i] > 0
0	true	true	true	2	true
1	true	true	true	3	true
2	true	true	true	-1	false
3	false	true	false	-	-

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (3.3) Summary

Four possible solutions (posNumsSoFar is initialized as *true*):

1. Scan the entire array and accumulate the result.

```
for (int i = 0; i < ns.length; i++) {
    posNumsSoFar = posNumsSoFar && ns[i] > 0; }
```

2. Scan the entire array but the result is **not** accumulative.

```
for (int i = 0; i < ns.length; i++) {
    posNumsSoFar = ns[i] > 0; } /* Not working. Why? */
```

3. The result is accumulative until the early exit point.

```
for (int i = 0; posNumsSoFar && i < ns.length; i++) {
    posNumsSoFar = posNumsSoFar && ns[i] > 0; }
```

4. The result is **not** accumulative until the early exit point.

```
for (int i = 0; posNumsSoFar && i < ns.length; i++) {
    posNumsSoFar = ns[i] > 0; }
```

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (4) Demo

```
1 int[] a = {2, 1, 3, 4, -4, 10}
2 int max = a[0];
3 for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
4     if (a[i] > max) {
5         max = a[i]; } }
6 System.out.println("Maximum is " + max);
```

i	a[i]	a[i] > max	update max?	max
0	-	-	-	2
0	2	false	N	2
1	1	false	N	2
2	3	true	Y	3
3	4	true	Y	4
4	-4	false	N	4
5	10	true	Y	10

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (4)

Given a *non-empty* integer array, e.g., int[] a = {2, 1, 3, 4, -4, 10}, find out its maximum element.

**Hint:** Iterate over the array. In the loop body, maintain the *maximum found so far* and update it when necessary.

```
1 int max = a[0];
2 for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
3     if (a[i] > max) { max = a[i]; } }
4 System.out.println("Maximum is " + max);
```

**Q:** Will the program still work if we change the initialization in L1 to int max = 0?

**A: No** ∵ Contents of a may be all smaller than this initial value (e.g., all negatives).

**Q:** Will the program still work if we change the initialization in L2 to int i = 1?

**A: YES** ∵ a[0] > a[0] is always *false* anyway.

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (5)

**Problem:** Given an array a of integers, how do determine if it is sorted in a *non-decreasing* order?

e.g., Given {1, 2, 2, 4}, print *true*; given {2, 4, 3, 3} print *false*.

```
1 boolean isSorted = true;
2 for(int i = 0; i < a.length - 1; i++) {
3     isSorted = isSorted && (a[i] <= a[i + 1]);
4 }
```

Alternatively (with early exit):

```
1 boolean isSorted = true;
2 for(int i = 0; isSorted && i < a.length - 1; i++) {
3     isSorted = a[i] <= a[i + 1];
4 }
```

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (5) Demo [A]



```
1 int[] a = {1, 2, 2, 4}
2 boolean isSorted = true;
3 for(int i = 0; i < a.length - 1; i++) {
4     isSorted = isSorted && (a[i] <= a[i + 1]);
5 }
```

i	a[i]	a[i + 1]	a[i] <= a[i + 1]	isSorted	exit?
0	-	-	-	true	N
0	1	2	true	true	N
1	2	2	true	true	N
2	2	4	true	true	Y

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (5) Demo [C]



```
1 int[] a = {2, 4, 3, 3}
2 boolean isSorted = true;
3 for(int i = 0; isSorted && i < a.length - 1; i++) {
4     isSorted = a[i] <= a[i + 1];
5 }
```

i	a[i]	a[i + 1]	a[i] <= a[i + 1]	isSorted	exit?
0	-	-	-	true	N
0	2	4	true	true	N
1	4	3	false	false	Y

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (5) Demo [B]



```
1 int[] a = {2, 4, 3, 3}
2 boolean isSorted = true;
3 for(int i = 0; i < a.length - 1; i++) {
4     isSorted = isSorted && (a[i] <= a[i + 1]);
5 }
```

i	a[i]	a[i + 1]	a[i] <= a[i + 1]	isSorted	exit?
0	-	-	-	true	N
0	2	4	true	true	N
1	4	3	false	false	N
2	3	3	true	false	Y

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## Checking Properties of Arrays (1)



- Determine if **all** elements satisfy a property.
- We need to repeatedly apply the logical **conjunction**.
- **As soon as** we find an element that **does not satisfy** a property, then we exit from the loop.  
e.g., Determine if all elements in array a are positive.

```
1 boolean allPos = true;
2 for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
3     allPos = allPos && (a[i] > 0);
4 }
```

Alternatively (with early exit):

```
1 boolean allPos = true;
2 for(int i = 0; allPos && i < a.length; i++) {
3     allPos = a[i] > 0;
4 }
```

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## Checking Properties of Arrays (1): Demo

```

1 int[] a = {2, 3, -1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 100};
2 boolean allPos = true;
3 for(int i = 0; allPos && i < a.length; i++) {
4     allPos = a[i] > 0;
5 }

```

i	a[i]	a[i] > 0	allPos	exit?
0	-	-	true	N
0	2	true	true	N
1	3	true	true	N
2	-1	false	false	Y

- **Question:** Why do we initialize `allPos` as `true` in Line 2?
- **Question:** What if we change the stay condition in Line 3 to only `i < a.length`?

Intermediate values of `allPos` will be overwritten!

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## Checking Properties of Arrays (2) Demo

```

1 int[] a = {2, 3, -1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 100};
2 boolean foundNegative = false;
3 for(int i = 0; !foundNegative && i < a.length; i++) {
4     foundNegative = a[i] < 0;
5 }

```

i	a[i]	a[i] < 0	foundNegative	!foundNegative	exit?
0	-	-	false	true	N
0	2	false	false	true	N
1	3	false	false	true	N
2	-1	true	true	false	Y

- **Question:** Why do we initialize `foundNegative` as `false` in Line 2?

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## Checking Properties of Arrays (2)

- Determine if **at least one** element satisfies a property.
- **As soon as** we find an element that *satisfies* a property, then we exit from the loop.  
e.g., Is there at least one negative element in array `a`?

**Version 1:** Scanner the Entire Array

```

1 boolean foundNegative = false;
2 for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
3     foundNegative = foundNegative || a[i] < 0;
4 }

```

**Version 2:** Possible Early Exit

```

1 boolean foundNegative = false;
2 for(int i = 0; !foundNegative && i < a.length; i++) {
3     foundNegative = a[i] < 0;
4 }

```

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## Observations

- In some cases, you *must* iterate through the **entire** array in order to obtain the result.  
e.g., max, min, total, etc.
- In other cases, you *exit* from the loop **as soon as** you obtain the result.  
e.g., to know if all numbers positive, it is certainly *false* **as soon as** you find the first negative number  
e.g., to know if there is at least one negative number, it is certainly *true* **as soon as** you find the first negative number

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (6.1)



**Problem:** Read an integer from the user, indicating how many strings *exactly* they want to enter, prompt them for that many strings, and then print them out.

```
How many strings?  
3  
Enter a string:  
Alan  
Enter a string:  
Mark  
Enter a string:  
Tom  
You entered:  
Alan Mark Tom
```

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (7.1)



**Problem:** Read an integer from the user, indicating how many strings *at most* they want to enter, prompt them for *up to* that many strings, and then print them out as soon as `exit` is read.

```
How many strings?  
4  
Enter a string:  
Alan  
Enter a string:  
Mark  
Enter a string:  
exit  
You entered:  
Alan Mark
```

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (6.2)



```
1 Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
2 System.out.println("How many strings?");  
3 int howMany = input.nextInt();  
4 String[] strings = new String[howMany];  
5 for(int i = 0; i < howMany; i++) {  
6     System.out.println("Enter a string:");  
7     String s = input.nextLine();  
8     strings[i] = s;  
9 }  
10 System.out.println("You entered: ");  
11 for(int i = 0; i < strings.length; i++) {  
12     System.out.print(strings[i] + " ");  
13 }
```

- In **L10**, the following three integer expressions have the same value: `howMany`, `i`, and `strings.length`.
- Scope of loop counter `i` declared in **L5** is limited to **L6 to L8**.
- Scope of loop counter `i` declared in **L11** is limited to **L12**.

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (7.2)



```
1 Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
2 System.out.println("How many strings?");  
3 int howMany = input.nextInt();  
4 boolean userWantsToContinue = true;  
5 String[] strings = new String[howMany];  
6 for(int i = 0; i < howMany && userWantsToContinue; i++) {  
7     System.out.println("Enter a string:");  
8     String s = input.nextLine();  
9     userWantsToContinue = !s.equals("exit");  
10    if(userWantsToContinue) { strings[i] = s; }  
11 }  
12 System.out.println("You entered: ");  
13 for(int i = 0; i < strings.length; i++) {  
14     System.out.print(strings[i] + " ");  
15 }
```

In **L12**, `i` may be that less than `howMany` slots are occupied.  
Is this correct? [ No ]

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (7.3)

```
How many strings?  
4  
Enter a string:  
Alan  
Enter a string:  
Mark  
Enter a string:  
exit  
You entered:  
Alan Mark null null
```

- In L5, contents of array `strings` are all unknown: `{null, null, null, null}`
- In L12, after exiting the loop, only two slots are filled: `{"Alan", "Mark", null, null}`

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (7.5)

This version also works:

```
1 Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
2 System.out.println("How many strings?");  
3 int howMany = input.nextInt();  
4 boolean userWantsToExit = false;  
5 String[] strings = new String[howMany];  
6 int numberOfStringsRead = 0;  
7 for(int i = 0; i < howMany && !userWantsToExit; i++) {  
8     System.out.println("Enter a string:");  
9     String s = input.nextLine();  
10    userWantsToExit = s.equals("exit");  
11    if(!userWantsToExit) {  
12        strings[i] = s;  
13        numberOfStringsRead++; } }  
14 System.out.println("You entered: ");  
15 for(int i = 0; i < numberOfStringsRead; i++) {  
16     System.out.print(strings[i] + " "); }  
17 }
```

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## Compound Loop: Exercise (7.4)

```
1 Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);  
2 System.out.println("How many strings?");  
3 int howMany = input.nextInt();  
4 boolean userWantsToContinue = true;  
5 String[] strings = new String[howMany];  
6 int numberOfStringsRead = 0;  
7 for(int i = 0; i < howMany && userWantsToContinue; i++) {  
8     System.out.println("Enter a string:");  
9     String s = input.nextLine();  
10    userWantsToContinue = !s.equals("exit");  
11    if(userWantsToContinue) {  
12        strings[i] = s;  
13        numberOfStringsRead++; } }  
14 System.out.println("You entered: ");  
15 for(int i = 0; i < numberOfStringsRead; i++) {  
16     System.out.print(strings[i] + " "); }  
17 }
```

Is this correct?

[ YES ]

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## Arrays: Indexing and Short-Circuit Logic (1)

**Problem:** Ask the user how many integers they would like to input, prompt them accordingly, then ask them for an integer index, and check if the number stored at that index is even (i.e., error if it is odd).

```
How many integers?  
2  
Enter an integer:  
23  
Enter an integer:  
24  
Enter an index:  
1  
24 at index 1 is even.
```

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## Arrays: Indexing and Short-Circuit Logic (2)



```

1 Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
2 System.out.println("How many integers?");
3 int howMany = input.nextInt();
4 int[] ns = new int[howMany];
5 for(int i = 0; i < howMany; i++) {
6     System.out.println("Enter an integer");
7     ns[i] = input.nextInt(); }
8 System.out.println("Enter an index:");
9 int i = input.nextInt();
10 if(ns[i] % 2 == 0) {
11     System.out.println("Element at index " + i + " is even."); }
12 else { /* Error : ns[i] is odd */ }
    
```

- Does the above code work? [ *not* always! ]
  - It *works* if `0 <= i && i < ns.length`
  - It *fails* on **L10** if `i < 0 || i >= ns.length` [ *ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException* ]

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## Arrays: Indexing and Short-Circuit Logic (3.2)



```

1 Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
2 System.out.println("How many integers?");
3 int howMany = input.nextInt();
4 int[] ns = new int[howMany];
5 for(int i = 0; i < howMany; i++) {
6     System.out.println("Enter an integer");
7     ns[i] = input.nextInt(); }
8 System.out.println("Enter an index:");
9 int i = input.nextInt();
10 if(i < 0 || i >= ns.length || ns[i] % 2 == 1) {
11     /* Error: invalid index or odd ns[i] */ }
12 else { println(ns[i] + " at index " + i + " is even."); }
    
```

- Does the above code work? [ *always!* ]
- Short-circuit effect of **disjunction** has L-to-R evaluations:
  - `ns[i] % 2 == 1` is evaluated only when the **guard** (i.e., `i < 0 || i >= ns.length`) evaluates to *false*.

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## Arrays: Indexing and Short-Circuit Logic (3.1)



```

1 Scanner input = new Scanner(System.in);
2 System.out.println("How many integers?");
3 int howMany = input.nextInt();
4 int[] ns = new int[howMany];
5 for(int i = 0; i < howMany; i++) {
6     System.out.println("Enter an integer");
7     ns[i] = input.nextInt(); }
8 System.out.println("Enter an index:");
9 int i = input.nextInt();
10 if(0 <= i && i < ns.length && ns[i] % 2 == 0) {
11     println(ns[i] + " at index " + i + " is even."); }
12 else { /* Error: invalid index or odd ns[i] */ }
    
```

- Does the above code work? [ *always!* ]
- Short-circuit effect of **conjunction** has L-to-R evaluations:
  - `ns[i] % 2 == 0` is evaluated only when the **guard** (i.e., `0 <= i && i < ns.length`) evaluates to *true*.

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## Arrays: Indexing and Short-Circuit Logic (4)



- ∴ Short-circuit evaluations go from **left to right**.
- ∴ **Order** in which the operands are placed matters!
- Consider the following changes to **L10**:
  - `ns[i] % 2 == 0 && 0 <= i && i < ns.length`
    - What if input *i* is s.t. `i < 0`? [ *crash* ]
    - What if input *i* is s.t. `i >= ns.length`? [ *crash* ]
  - `0 <= i && ns[i] % 2 == 0 && i < ns.length`
    - What if input *i* is s.t. `i < 0`? [ *works* ]
    - What if input *i* is s.t. `i >= ns.length`? [ *crash* ]
  - `i < ns.length && ns[i] % 2 == 0 && 0 <= i`
    - What if input *i* is s.t. `i < 0`? [ *crash* ]
    - What if input *i* is s.t. `i >= ns.length`? [ *works* ]
- When does each change to **L10** *work* and *crash*?
  - `ns[i] % 2 == 1 || i < 0 || i >= ns.length`
  - `i < 0 || ns[i] % 2 == 1 || i >= ns.length`
  - `i >= ns.length || ns[i] % 2 == 1 || i < 0`

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## Parallel Loops vs. Nested Loops

- Parallel Loops :**

Each loop completes an *independent* phase of work.  
e.g., Print an array from left to right, then right to left.

```
System.out.println("Left to right:");
for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(a[i]);
}
System.out.println("Right to left:");
for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
    System.out.println(a[a.length - i - 1]);
}
```

- Nested Loops :**

Loop counters form *all combinations* of indices.

```
for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
    for(int j = 0; j < a.length; j++) {
        System.out.println("(" + i + ", " + j + ")");
    }
}
```

## Nested Loops: Finding Duplicates (2)

```
1 /* Version 1 with redundant scan */
2 int[] a = {1, 2, 3}; /* no duplicates */
3 boolean hasDup = false;
4 for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
5     for(int j = 0; j < a.length; j++) {
6         hasDup = hasDup || (i != j && a[i] == a[j]);
7     } /* end inner for */ } /* end outer for */
8 System.out.println(hasDup);
```

i	j	i != j	a[i]	a[j]	a[i] == a[j]	hasDup
0	0	false	1	1	true	false
0	1	true	1	2	false	false
0	2	true	1	3	false	false
1	0	true	2	1	false	false
1	1	false	2	2	true	false
1	2	true	2	3	false	false
2	0	true	3	1	false	false
2	1	true	3	2	false	false
2	2	false	3	3	true	false

## Nested Loops: Finding Duplicates (1)

- Given an integer array a, determine if it contains any duplicates.  
e.g., Print *false* for {1, 2, 3, 4}. Print *true* for {1, 4, 2, 4}.

- Hint:** When can you conclude that there are duplicates?  
*As soon as* we find that two elements at difference indices happen to be the same

```
1 boolean hasDup = false;
2 for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
3     for(int j = 0; j < a.length; j++) {
4         hasDup = hasDup || (i != j && a[i] == a[j]);
5     } /* end inner for */ } /* end outer for */
6 System.out.println(hasDup);
```

- Question:** How do you modify the code, so that we exit from the loops *as soon as* the array is found containing duplicates?
  - L2:** for(...; *!hasDup* && i < a.length; ...)
  - L3:** for(...; *!hasDup* && j < a.length; ...)
  - L4:** hasDup = (i != j && a[i] == a[j]);

## Nested Loops: Finding Duplicates (3)

```
1 /* Version 1 with redundant scan and no early exit */
2 int[] a = {4, 2, 4}; /* duplicates: a[0] and a[2] */
3 boolean hasDup = false;
4 for(int i = 0; i < a.length; i++) {
5     for(int j = 0; j < a.length; j++) {
6         hasDup = hasDup || (i != j && a[i] == a[j]);
7     } /* end inner for */ } /* end outer for */
8 System.out.println(hasDup);
```

i	j	i != j	a[i]	a[j]	a[i] == a[j]	hasDup
0	0	false	4	4	true	false
0	1	true	4	2	false	false
0	2	true	4	4	true	true
1	0	true	2	4	false	true
1	1	false	2	2	true	true
1	2	true	2	4	false	true
2	0	true	4	4	true	true
2	1	true	4	2	false	true
2	2	false	4	4	true	true



## Nested Loops: Finding Duplicates (4)

```

1  /* Version 2 with redundant scan */
2  int[] a = {1, 2, 3}; /* no duplicates */
3  boolean hasDup = false;
4  for(int i = 0; i < a.length && !hasDup; i++) {
5      for(int j = 0; j < a.length && !hasDup; j++) {
6          hasDup = i != j && a[i] == a[j];
7      } /* end inner for */ } /* end outer for */
8  System.out.println(hasDup);

```

i	j	i != j	a[i]	a[j]	a[i] == a[j]	hasDup
0	0	false	1	1	true	false
0	1	true	1	2	false	false
0	2	true	1	3	false	false
1	0	true	2	1	false	false
1	1	false	2	2	true	false
1	2	true	2	3	false	false
2	0	true	3	1	false	false
2	1	true	3	2	false	false
2	2	false	3	3	true	false

## Nested Loops: Finding Duplicates (6)

The previous two versions scan all pairs of array slots, but with redundancy: e.g.,  $a[0] == a[2]$  and  $a[2] == a[0]$ .

```

1  /* Version 3 with no redundant scan */
2  int[] a = {1, 2, 3, 4}; /* no duplicates */
3  boolean hasDup = false;
4  for(int i = 0; i < a.length && !hasDup; i++) {
5      for(int j = i + 1; j < a.length && !hasDup; j++) {
6          hasDup = a[i] == a[j];
7      } /* end inner for */ } /* end outer for */
8  System.out.println(hasDup);

```

i	j	a[i]	a[j]	a[i] == a[j]	hasDup
0	1	1	2	false	false
0	2	1	3	false	false
0	3	1	4	false	false
1	2	2	3	false	false
1	3	2	4	false	false
2	3	3	4	false	false

## Nested Loops: Finding Duplicates (5)

```

1  /* Version 2 with redundant scan and early exit */
2  int[] a = {4, 2, 4}; /* duplicates: a[0] and a[2] */
3  boolean hasDup = false;
4  for(int i = 0; i < a.length && !hasDup; i++) {
5      for(int j = 0; j < a.length && !hasDup; j++) {
6          hasDup = i != j && a[i] == a[j];
7      } /* end inner for */ } /* end outer for */
8  System.out.println(hasDup);

```

i	j	i != j	a[i]	a[j]	a[i] == a[j]	hasDup
0	0	false	4	4	true	false
0	1	true	4	2	false	false
0	2	true	4	4	true	true

## Nested Loops: Finding Duplicates (7)

```

1  /* Version 3 with no redundant scan:
2  * array with duplicates causes early exit
3  */
4  int[] a = {1, 2, 3, 2}; /* duplicates: a[1] and a[3] */
5  boolean hasDup = false;
6  for(int i = 0; i < a.length && !hasDup; i++) {
7      for(int j = i + 1; j < a.length && !hasDup; j++) {
8          hasDup = a[i] == a[j];
9      } /* end inner for */ } /* end outer for */
10 System.out.println(hasDup);

```

i	j	a[i]	a[j]	a[i] == a[j]	hasDup
0	1	1	2	false	false
0	2	1	3	false	false
0	3	1	2	false	false
1	2	2	3	false	false
1	3	2	2	true	true

## Common Error (1): Improper Initialization of Loop Counter

```
boolean userWantsToContinue;
while (userWantsToContinue) {
    /* some computations here */
    String answer = input.nextLine();
    userWantsToContinue = answer.equals("Y");
}
```

The default value for an initialized boolean variable is *false*.  
Fix?

```
boolean userWantsToContinue = true;
while (userWantsToContinue) {
    /* some computations here */
    String answer = input.nextLine();
    userWantsToContinue = answer.equals("Y");
}
```

## Common Error (3): Improper Update to Loop Counter

Does the following loop print all slots of array a?

```
int i = 0;
while (i < a.length) {
    i ++;
    System.out.println(a[i]);
}
```

The indices used to print will be: 1, 2, 3, ..., a.length  
Fix?

<pre>int i = 0; while (i &lt; a.length) {     System.out.println(a[i]);     i ++; }</pre>	<pre>int i = 0; while (i &lt; a.length) {     i ++;     System.out.println(a[i - 1]); }</pre>
---	---

## Common Error (2): Improper Stay Condition

```
for (int i = 0; i <= a.length; i ++ ) {
    System.out.println(a[i]);
}
```

The maximum index for array a is a.length - 1  
Fix?

```
for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i ++ ) {
    System.out.println(a[i]);
}
```

## Common Error (4): Improper Initialization of Loop Counter

```
1 String answer = input.nextLine();
2 boolean userWantsToContinue = answer.equals("Y");
3 while (userWantsToContinue) { /* stay condition (SC) */
4     /* some computations here */
5     answer = input.nextLine();
6 }
```

What if the user's answer in L1 is simply Y? An *infinite loop*!!  
∴ SC never gets updated when a new answer is read. Fix?

```
String answer = input.nextLine();
boolean userWantsToContinue = answer.equals("Y");
while (userWantsToContinue) {
    /* some computations here */
    answer = input.nextLine();
    userWantsToContinue = answer.equals("Y");
}
```

## Common Error (5): Improper Start Value of Loop Counter

```
int i = a.length - 1;
while (i >= 0) {
    System.out.println(a[i]); i --; }
while (i < a.length) {
    System.out.println(a[i]); i ++; }
```

The value of loop counter *i* after the first while loop is -1!

Fix?

```
int i = a.length - 1;
while (i >= 0) {
    System.out.println(a[i]); i --; }
i = 0;
while (i < a.length) {
    System.out.println(a[i]); i ++; }
```

## Common Error (7): Misplaced Semicolon

Semicolon (;) in Java marks *the end of a statement* (e.g., assignment, if statement, for, while).

```
int[] ia = {1, 2, 3, 4};
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i ++); {
    System.out.println("Hello!");
}
```

Output?

Hello!

Fix?

```
for (int i = 0; i < 10; i ++) {
    System.out.println("Hello!");
}
```

## Common Error (6): Wrong Syntax

How about this?

```
while(int i = 0; i < 10; i ++) { ... }
```

You meant:

```
for(int i = 0; i < 10; i ++) { ... }
```

How about this?

```
for(i < 10) { ... }
```

You meant:

```
while(i < 10) { ... }
```

or

```
for( ; i < 10 ; ) { ... }
```

## Beyond this lecture...

- Study the three online tutorials on loops:
  - [http://www3.cs.stonybrook.edu/~jackie/teaching/S17/cse114/index.html#tutorial\\_videos](http://www3.cs.stonybrook.edu/~jackie/teaching/S17/cse114/index.html#tutorial_videos)
- Read Chapter 5 of the textbook.
  - do { ... } while (...) loop
  - continue and break
    - See also: <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/java/nutsandbolts/branch.html>
    - For this course, you are forbidden to use continue and break statements, since they potentially result in "spaghetti code": <http://www.open-of-course.org/courses/mod/page/view.php?id=203>.
- Try **all** examples in the main text.
- Complete **all** exercises in at the end of the chapter.
- Try tracing the programs via:
  - Paper and Pen
  - Eclipse (breakpoints and debug)

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