

CSE 1020: Unit 5, Part I

Topics: Selection

To do: Chapter 5, Lab 5

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- Selection: if
- Selection: switch
- Selection: The ternary operator
- Selection: Recapitulation
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Flow of control

So far...

- The programs we have written have limited flexibility in behaviour.
- Each statement is executed once and in the order that it appears in the program.
- While we have introduced the booleans in support of changing operation based on the truth value of some condition, ...
- ... we have only used this functionality to abort operation when the condition is violated (e.g., assertions).

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Flow of control

Now...

- We introduce two mechanisms in support of increased flexibility of operation.
 - 1. Selection:** Take one of several branches depending on a condition.
 - 2. Iteration:** Repeat one or more steps depending on a condition.
- Both of these mechanisms employ boolean conditions to make decisions about what actions to perform.

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Flow of control

Selection

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 2. Based on scanning against a list of possibilities.

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Remark

- We also briefly consider a third, short hand, method.

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Selection: **if**

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- The simplest is used to perform a statement only if a condition (i.e., **boolean** expression) is **true**.
- The general form is

```
if ( condition )  
    statement
```

- For example

```
double fare = 8.0;  
if (age <= 17 )  
    fare = 5.0;
```

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Selection: if

Nesting of statements

- Sometimes it is desirable to perform several statements if a condition holds.
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- For example

```
output.print("Enter your age: ");
int age = input.nextInt();
if (age < 0)
{ output.println("Negative age!");
  output.print("Enter your age: ");
  age = input.nextInt();
}
```

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Selection: if

If version 2

- A second version of the if statement is used
 - To perform one statement if a condition is true
 - And another statement if the condition is false
- The general form is

```
if ( condition )  
    statementT  
else  
    statementF
```

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Selection: if

If version 2

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 - To perform one statement if a condition is true
 - And another statement if the condition is false
- Example

```
if ( x < 0 )  
    a = -x;  
else  
    a = x;
```

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Selection: if

Another example

```
final int DISCOUNT_AGE_LIMIT = 16;
output.print("How old are you? ");
int age = input.nextInt();
```

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Another example

```
final int DISCOUNT_AGE_LIMIT = 16;
output.print("How old are you? ");
int age = input.nextInt();
if (age <= DISCOUNT_AGE_LIMIT)
{ output.println("You get to pay the discount fare!");
  output.println("Please insert $5.00.");
}
```

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Selection: if

Another example

```
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output.print("How old are you? ");
int age = input.nextInt();
if (age <= DISCOUNT_AGE_LIMIT)
{ output.println("You get to pay the discount fare!");
  output.println("Please insert $5.00.");
}
else
{ output.println("You must pay the regular fare.");
  output.println("Please insert $8.00.");
}
```

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Selection: if

Selecting between > 2 alternatives

- We can cascade **if/elses** into one another to select between multiple alternatives via the form

```
if ( condition1 )
    statement1;
else if ( condition2 )
    statement2;
    ⋮
else if ( conditionN )
    statementN;
else
    statementOtherwise;
```

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Selection: if

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    statement2;  
    :  
    :  
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    statementN;  
else  
    statementOtherwise;
```

Remark 1: The last statement is optional; it provides a way to do something if none of the conditions are true.

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Selection: if

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    statement2;  
    :  
    :  
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    statementN;  
else  
    statementOtherwise;
```

Remark 2: If more than one condition is true, then only the statement for the first true condition is executed.

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Selection: if

Cascaded if/else example

- **Problem:** Given a numerical grade print the letter grade.

```
if ( grade >= 80 )
    output.println("A");
else if ( grade >= 70 )
    output.println("B");
else if ( grade >= 60 )
    output.println("C");
else if ( grade >= 50 )
    output.println("D");
else
    output.println("F");
```

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Selection: if

Selection with interdependent conditions

- Nesting of one if statement inside another allows us to represent interdependent conditions.

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Selection: if

Selection with interdependent conditions

```
final int HEADS = 1;
final int RECEIVE = 1;
output.print("Enter 1 for heads and 2 for tails: ");
int coin = input.nextInt();
output.print("Enter 1 to receive and 2 to kickoff: ");
int choice = input.nextInt();
```

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final int RECEIVE = 1;
output.print("Enter 1 for heads and 2 for tails: ");
int coin = input.nextInt();
output.print("Enter 1 to receive and 2 to kickoff: ");
int choice = input.nextInt();
if (coin == HEADS )
    if (choice == RECEIVE);
        output.println("You won the toss and will receive.");
```

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        output.println("You won the toss and will receive.");
    else
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```

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    else
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else
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        output.println("You won the toss and will receive.");
    else
        output.println("You won the toss and will kickoff.");
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```

Remark 1: An else is matched with the most recent unmatched if.

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    if (choice == RECEIVE);
        output.println("You won the toss and will receive.");
    else
        output.println("You won the toss and will kickoff.");
else
    output.println("You lost the toss.");
```

Remark 2: Indentation should reflect the level of nesting.

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Selection: if

Exercise

- For each possible value of `cond1` and `cond2`, state the value of `r` after the code is executed.

```
int r = 0;
if ( cond1 )
    if ( cond2 )
        r = 1;
else
    r = 2;
```

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Selection: if

Exercise

- For each possible value of `cond1` and `cond2`, state the value of `r` after the code is executed.

```
int r = 0;
if ( true )
    if ( true )
        r = 1;
else
    r = 2;
// r is 1
```

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Selection: if

Exercise

- For each possible value of `cond1` and `cond2`, state the value of `r` after the code is executed.

```
int r = 0;
if ( true )
    if ( false )
        r = 1;
else
    r = 2;
// r is 2
```

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Selection: if

Exercise

- For each possible value of `cond1` and `cond2`, state the value of `r` after the code is executed.

```
int r = 0;
if ( false )
    if ( true )
        r = 1;
else
    r = 2;
// r is 0
```

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Selection: if

Exercise

- For each possible value of `cond1` and `cond2`, state the value of `r` after the code is executed.

```
int r = 0;
if ( false )
    if ( false )
        r = 1;
else
    r = 2;
// r is 0
```

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Selection: if

Exercise

- For each possible value of `cond1` and `cond2`, state the value of `r` after the code is executed.

<pre>int r = 0; if (cond1) if (cond2) r = 1; else r = 2;</pre>		<pre>int r = 0; if (cond1) { if (cond2) r = 1; }</pre>
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```
int r = 0;
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else
    r = 2;
// r is 1
```

```
int r = 0;
if ( true )
{ if ( true )
    r = 1;
}
else
    r = 2;
// r is 1
```

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```
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if ( true )
    if ( false )
        r = 1;
else
    r = 2;
// r is 2
```

```
int r = 0;
if ( true )
{ if ( false )
    r = 1;
}
else
    r = 2;
// r is 0
```

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```
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else
    r = 2;
// r is 0
```

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if ( false )
{ if ( true )
    r = 1;
}
else
    r = 2;
// r is 2
```

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```
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if ( false )
    if ( false )
        r = 1;
else
    r = 2;
// r is 0
```

```
int r = 0;
if ( false )
{ if ( false )
    r = 1;
}
else
    r = 2;
// r is 2
```

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Selection: if

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<pre>int r = 0; if (false) if (false) r = 1; → else r = 2; // r is 0</pre>	<pre>int r = 0; if (false) { if (false) r = 1; } else r = 2; // r is 2</pre>
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<pre>int r = 0; if (false) if (false) r = 1; else r = 2; // r is 0</pre>	<pre>int r = 0; if (false) { if (false) r = 1; } else r = 2; // r is 2</pre>
--	--

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Selection: if

MkChange revisited

- Recall the MkChange software that we developed.
- For an input amount of money (CND) in cents it returned the change in quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies.
- For example

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% java MkChange
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```

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Enter the amount in cents: 17
```

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- For example

```
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Enter the amount in cents: 17  
Change is 0 quarters, 1 dimes, 1 nickels, 2 pennies.
```

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```

```
Enter the amount in cents: 17
```

```
Change is 0 quarters, 1 dimes, 1 nickels, 2 pennies.
```

Deployment (software maintenance)

- It turns out that our customers find this behaviour annoying and want changes to make the output more natural.

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Analysis (Requirements)

- Output should be adjusted as follows.
 1. If there are no coins of a type to be returned, then skip reporting on that type.
 2. If there is only one coin of a type to be returned, then use the singular.

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Selection: if

Design

- We can make the desired changes by using if statements at time of output.

```
if the number of coins > 1
    report using "coins"
else if number of coins == 1
    report using "coin"
else skip this coin
```

- We repeat this construction for coin \in {quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies}.

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Selection: if

Implementation

```
// Output
output.print("Change is ");
output.print(nQuarters + " quarters, ");
```

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Selection: if

Implementation

```
// Output  
IO.print("Change is ");  
IO.print(nQuarters + " quarters");
```

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Selection: if

Implementation

```
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IO.print("Change is ");  
if the number of coins > 1  
    report using "coins"  
else if number of coins == 1  
    report using "coin"  
else skip this coin
```

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Selection: if

Implementation

```
// Output
output.print("Change is");
if (nQuarters > 1)
    output.print(" " + nQuarters + " quarters");
else if (nQuarters == 1)
    output.print(" " + nQuarters + " quarter");
// else when nQuarters == 0 print nothing
```

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Selection: if

Implementation

```
// Output
output.print("Change is");
if (nQuarters > 1)
    output.print(" " + nQuarters + " quarters");
else if (nQuarters == 1)
    output.print(" " + nQuarters + " quarter");
// else when nQuarters == 0 print nothing
if (nDimes > 1)
    output.print(" " + nDimes + " dimes");
else if (nDimes == 1)
    output.print(" " + nDimes + " dime");
```

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Selection: if

Implementation

```
// Output (continued)
if (nNickels > 1)
    output.print(" " + nNickels + " nickels");
else if (nNickels == 1)
    output.print(" " + nNickels + " nickel");
```

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Selection: if

Implementation

```
// Output (continued)
if (nNickels > 1)
    output.print(" " + nNickels + " nickels");
else if (nNickels == 1)
    output.print(" " + nNickels + " nickel");
if (nPennies > 1)
    output.print(" " + nPennies + " pennies");
else if (nPennies == 1)
    output.print(" " + nPennies + " penny");
output.println(".");
```

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Selection: if

Testing

- We continue in the edit/compile/run loop until we have a nominally working MkChange3.class
- As a test of our modified code, let's try out the offending case that was presented earlier

```
% java MkChange3
```

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Enter the amount in cents:
```

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```

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Selection: **if**

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```

- In practice, much more extensive testing would be appropriate.

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Selection: **switch**

Selection between a list of alternatives

- The **switch** statement is a second control statement.
- It allows us to select among alternatives depending on the value of an ordinal type, such as **int** or **char**.

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Selection: **switch**

General form of **switch**

```
switch (expression)
{ case value1:
  statements1
  break;
  case value2:
  statements2
  break;
  ⋮
  case valueN:
  statementsN
  break;
  default : // optional
  statementsOtherwise
} // end switch
```

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Selection: switch

General form of switch

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  statements2
  break;
  :
  case valueN:
  statementsN
  break;
  default : // optional
  statementsOtherwise
} // end switch
```

Remark 1: statementsK
are executed when
expression has valueK.

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Selection: switch

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  break;
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  case valueN:
  statementsN
  break;
  default : // optional
  statementsOtherwise
} // end switch
```

Remark 2:
statementsOtherwise
are executed when
expression has a value
different from all the
cases.

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Selection: switch

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  statementsN
  break;
  default : // optional
  statementsOtherwise
} // end switch
```

Remark 3: `break` sends execution of the program beyond the switch so as to resume at the statement following `}`.

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Selection: switch

Example

- Input a letter grade, `letGrade`, and assign the numerical grade equivalent to `numGrade`.

```
int numGrade;
output.print("Please enter a letter grade: ");
char letGrade = input.next().charAt(0);
```

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Selection: switch

Example

- Input a letter grade, `letGrade`, and assign the numerical grade equivalent to `numGrade`.

```
int numGrade;
output.print("Please enter a letter grade: ");
char letGrade = input.next().charAt(0);
switch (letGrade)
{
```

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Selection: switch

Example

- Input a letter grade, `letGrade`, and assign the numerical grade equivalent to `numGrade`.

```
int numGrade;
output.print("Please enter a letter grade: ");
char letGrade = input.next().charAt(0);
switch (letGrade)
{ case 'A' :
    numGrade = 9;
    break;
```

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Selection: **switch**

Example

- Input a letter grade, `letGrade`, and assign the numerical grade equivalent to `numGrade`.

```
int numGrade;
output.print("Please enter a letter grade: ");
char letGrade = input.next().charAt(0);
switch (letGrade)
{ case 'A' :
    numGrade = 9;
    break;
  case 'B' :
    numGrade = 7;
    break;
}
// continued on next slide
```

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Selection: **switch**

Example

```
// continued from previous slide
case 'C' :
    numGrade = 6;
    break;
case 'D' :
    numGrade = 5;
    break;
case 'F' :
    numGrade = 4;
    break;
default :
    output.println("Error: Bad letter grade.");
    numGrade = 0; // don't leave this unbound
} // end switch on letGrade
```

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Selection: **switch**

Grouping of cases

- Cases requiring the same actions can be grouped together.

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Grouping of cases

- Cases requiring the same actions can be grouped together.
- To illustrate, let's print store hours depending on day of the week.

```
final int SUNDAY = 0;  
final int MONDAY = 1;  
final int TUESDAY = 2;  
final int WEDNESDAY = 3;  
final int THURSDAY = 4;  
final int FRIDAY = 5;  
final int SATURDAY = 6;  
int weekday;  
// continued on next slide
```

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Selection: **switch**

Grouping of cases

```
// continued from previous slide
// assume weekday somehow assigned a value
switch (weekday)
{ case MONDAY : case TUESDAY :
  case WEDNESDAY : case SATURDAY :
    output.println("Hours are 10AM – 6PM.");
    break;
  case THURSDAY : case FRIDAY :
    output.println("Hours are 10AM – 9PM.");
    break;
}
// continued on next slide
```

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Selection: **switch**

Grouping of cases

```
// continued from previous slide
case SUNDAY :
  output.println("Closed.");
  break;
default:
  output.println("Error: Bad weekday.");
} // end switch on weekday
```

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Selection: **switch**

Recapitulation

- The **switch** statement allows for selection among a set of alternatives.
- We must be able to represent the alternatives as an ordinal type, e.g., **int** or **char**.

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Selection: The ternary operator

Selection based on ?

- We have seen that we can select between two possible conditions based on an if construction of the following form.

```
if (condition)
{ x = value1;
} else
{ x = value2;
}
```

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Selection: The ternary operator

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- We have seen that we can select between two possible conditions based on an if construction of the following form.

```
if (condition)
{ x = value1;
} else
{ x = value2;
}
```

- In Java, we can get the same behaviour by using ?

```
x = condition ? value1 : value2;
```

- Essentially, we have a “short hand”, albeit one that is a bit obscure.

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Selection: Recapitulation

A few points to beware

- Do not have your conditionals depend on exact equality of real variables (types `float` and `double`).

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Selection: Recapitulation

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- Do not have your conditionals depend on exact equality of real variables (types `float` and `double`)
- Example: The following code outputs “Not Equal!” for many inputs.

```
output.print("Enter a real: ");
double x = input.nextDouble();
double y = Math.pow(Math.pow(x, 0.5), 2);
if (x == y)
{ output.println("Equal!");
} else
{ output.println("Not equal!");
}
```

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Selection: Recapitulation

A few points to beware

- Do not have your conditionals depend on exact equality of real variables (types `float` and `double`)
- Example: A proper way to code the previous example would be as follows.

```
output.print("Enter a real: ");
double x = input.nextDouble();
double y = Math.pow(Math.pow(x, 0.5), 2);
if (Math.abs(x - y) < EPSILON) // EPSILON small
{ output.println("Equal!");
} else
{ output.println("Not equal!");
}
```

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Stock s2 = new Stock("BMO");  
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compare1and2 = s1.equals(s2); // true
```

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```
boolean valid;  
if (x>a && y <=b)  
{ valid = true;  
} else  
{ valid = false;  
}
```

However, it is much cleaner to write

```
boolean valid = (x>a && y<=b);
```

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```
if ((0<x<1) || (x&& y) > 1) // error
```

presumably, the intent is as follows.

```
if ((x>0 && x<1) || (x>1 && y>1))
```

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Final remarks

- We have seen two ways to select between alternatives.
 1. Based on the truth value of a single boolean: `if`
 2. Based on scanning against a list of possibilities: `switch`
- We also have a seen short hand notation for simple selection between two alternatives: `?`

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- Here we make further use of the above classes.
 - Reading from a file: `Scanner`
 - Writing to a file: `PrintStream`

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Writing to a file

- Writing to a file is very similar to reading from a file.

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```
PrintStream fileOutput = new PrintStream("myFile.txt");
```

2. Write: Use the appropriate output method.

```
fileOutput.println("Here is an output line of text.");
```

3. Close: Use the `close()` method.

```
fileOutput.close();
```

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