Operators, Expressions, Statements, Control Flow




Operators

- An ***operator*** is a symbol (or combination of a couple symbols) that is used with variables and values to simplify how you write certain program ***expressions***
  - Usually, operators are designed to mimic mathematical notation—but *do not be fooled* into confusing programming and mathematics!

Most Common Operators

String	boolean	char	int	double
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+	||		+ -	+ -
	&&		* / %	* /
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			`>`	`<` `>`
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Best Practice: do not use `==` or `!=` with `String`s, but rather the `equals` method; details later.

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Operators for ***or*** (`||`) and ***and*** (`&&`) use ***short-circuit evaluation***.

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Best Practice: be careful with the ***remainder*** (%) operator: the second operand must be positive; this is, unfortunately, not "clock arithmetic"; details later.

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Best Practice: do not check **`double`**s for equality; details later.

Expressions

- An ***expression*** is a "syntactically well-formed and meaningful fragment" (roughly analogous to a *word* in natural language)
- Meaningful?
  - It has a value (of some type, of course)

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What is the type of each of these expressions?

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This fragment creates a new object of type `SimpleWriter1L`, and its value is a ***reference*** to that object; details later.

Statements

- A ***statement*** is a “smallest complete unit of execution” (roughly analogous to a *sentence* in natural language)
- A simple statement is terminated with a semi-colon '`;`'

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This is the same as
`j = j + 7;`

Assignment Statement

- Assignment statement form:

```
variable = expression;
```

- ***Copies*** the value of the expression on the right side of the ***assignment operator*** = to the variable on the left side
- The = in Java code does not mean "equals" like in math!
  - Recall the tracing table earlier?

Compound Statements/Blocks

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The ***scope*** of variable `s` is just the block in which it is declared.

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}
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There is no semi-colon after a block.

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  - switch
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  - for
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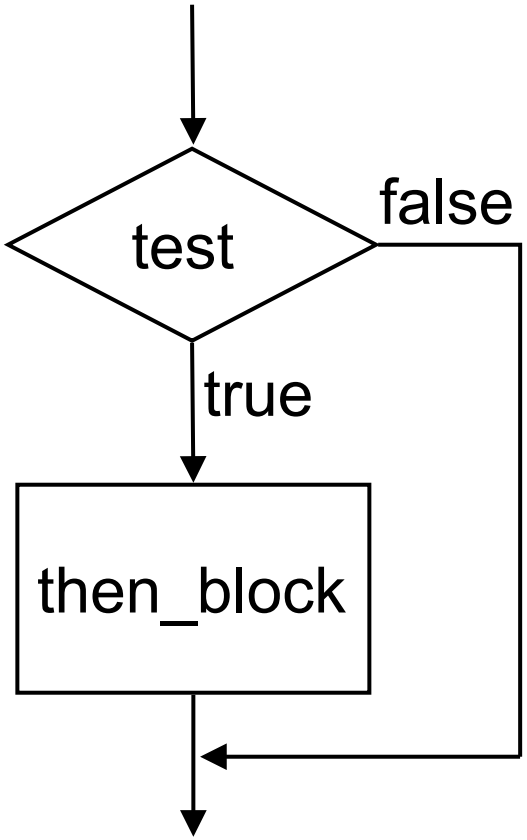
`if` Statement

```
if (test) {
  then_block
}
```



`if` Statement

Any **`boolean`** expression may go here.

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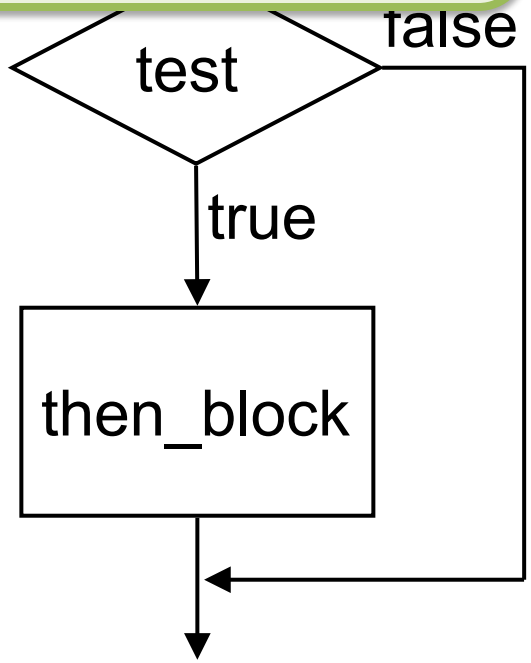

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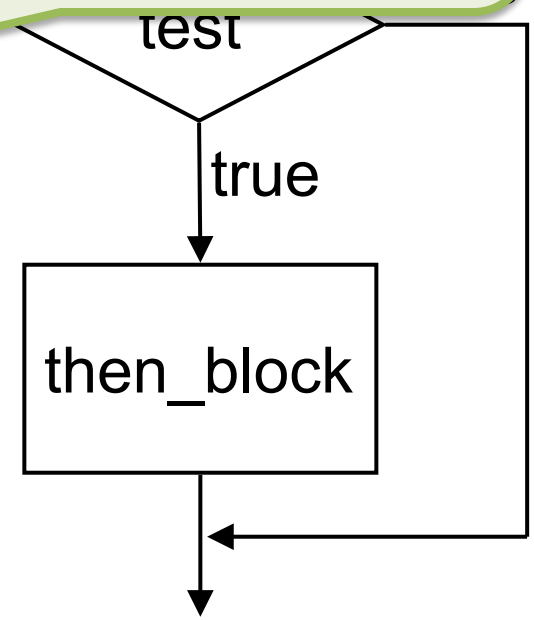
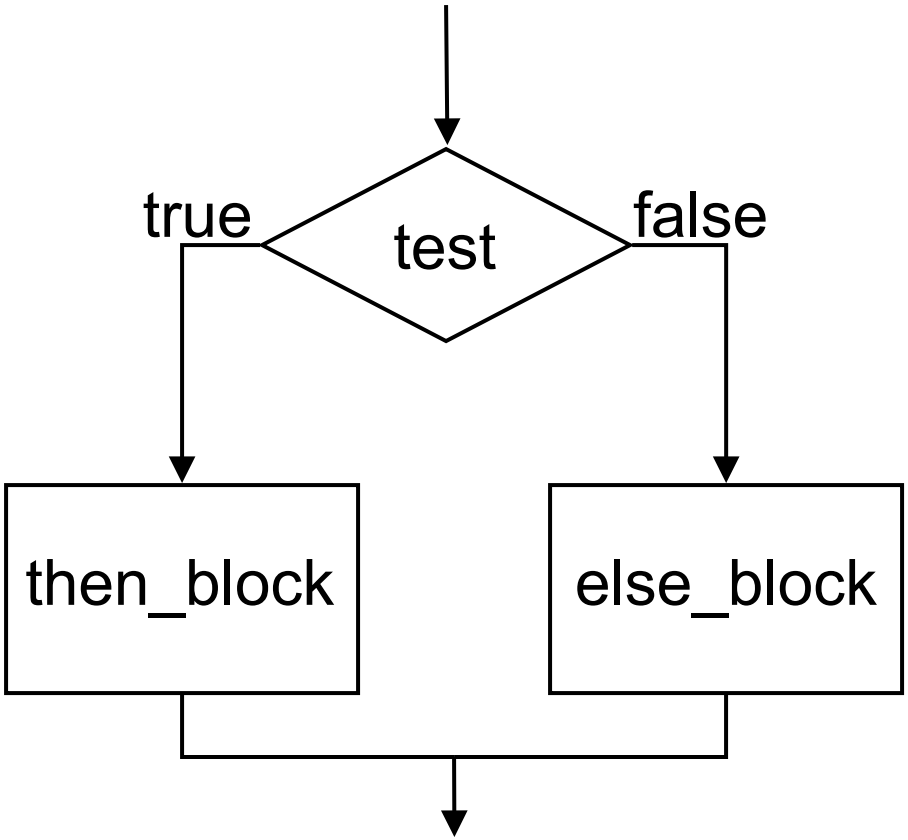


`if-else` Statement

```
if (test) {
   then_block
} else {
   else_block
}
```



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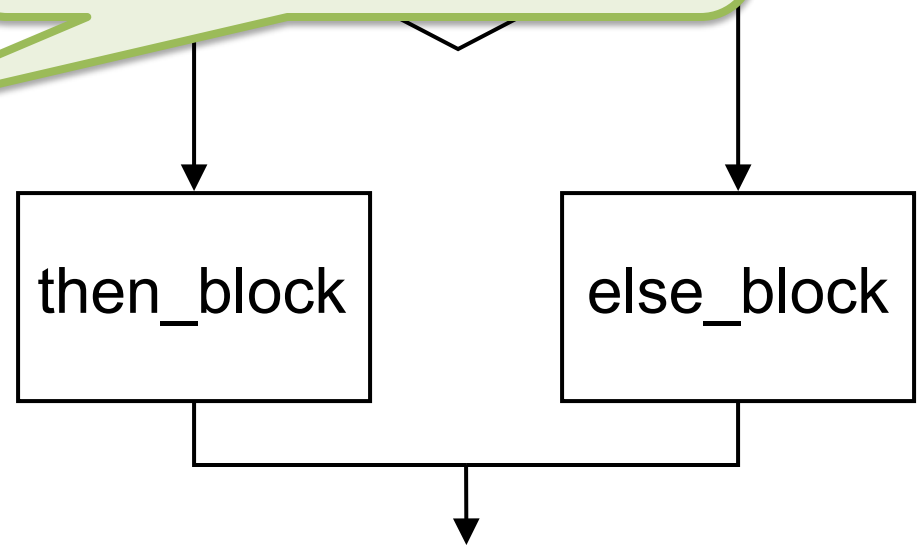


`if-else-if` Statement

```
if (test_1) {
  then_block_1
} else if (test_2) {
  then_block_2
} else {
  else_block
}
```

The **`else if`** part may be repeated.

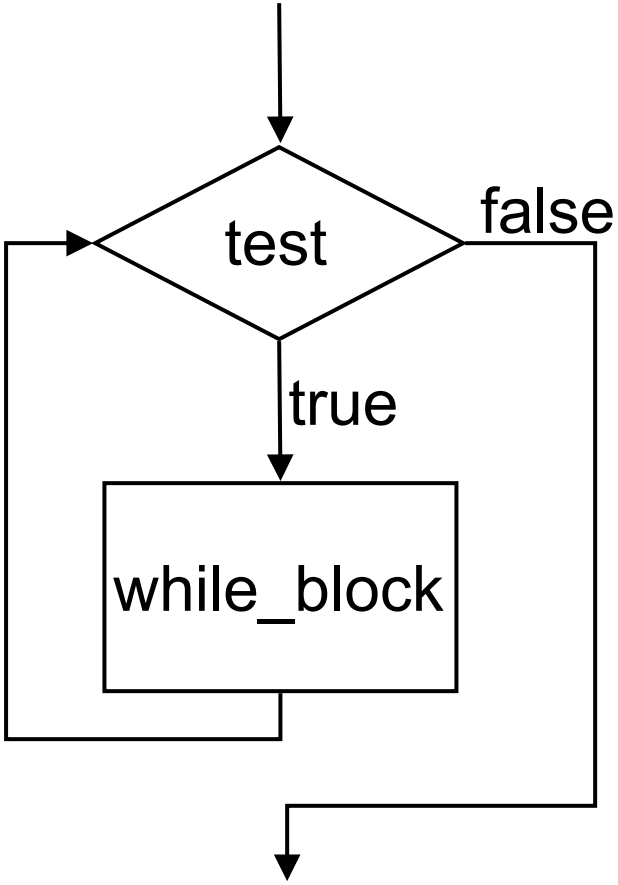
`if-else-if` Statement

```
if (test_1) {
  then_block_1
} else if (test_2) {
  then_block_2
} else {
  else_block
}
```

Can you draw a ***flow-chart*** for this statement?

`while` Statement

```
while (test) {
  while_block
}
```



while

Control flow here can go backward, which creates a ***loop*** in the flow chart.

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while (test) {
  while_block
}
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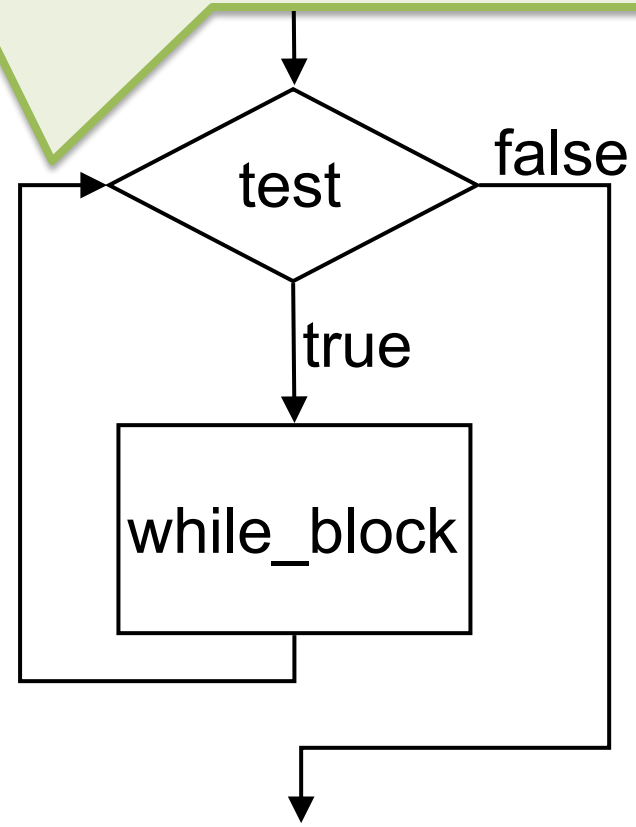

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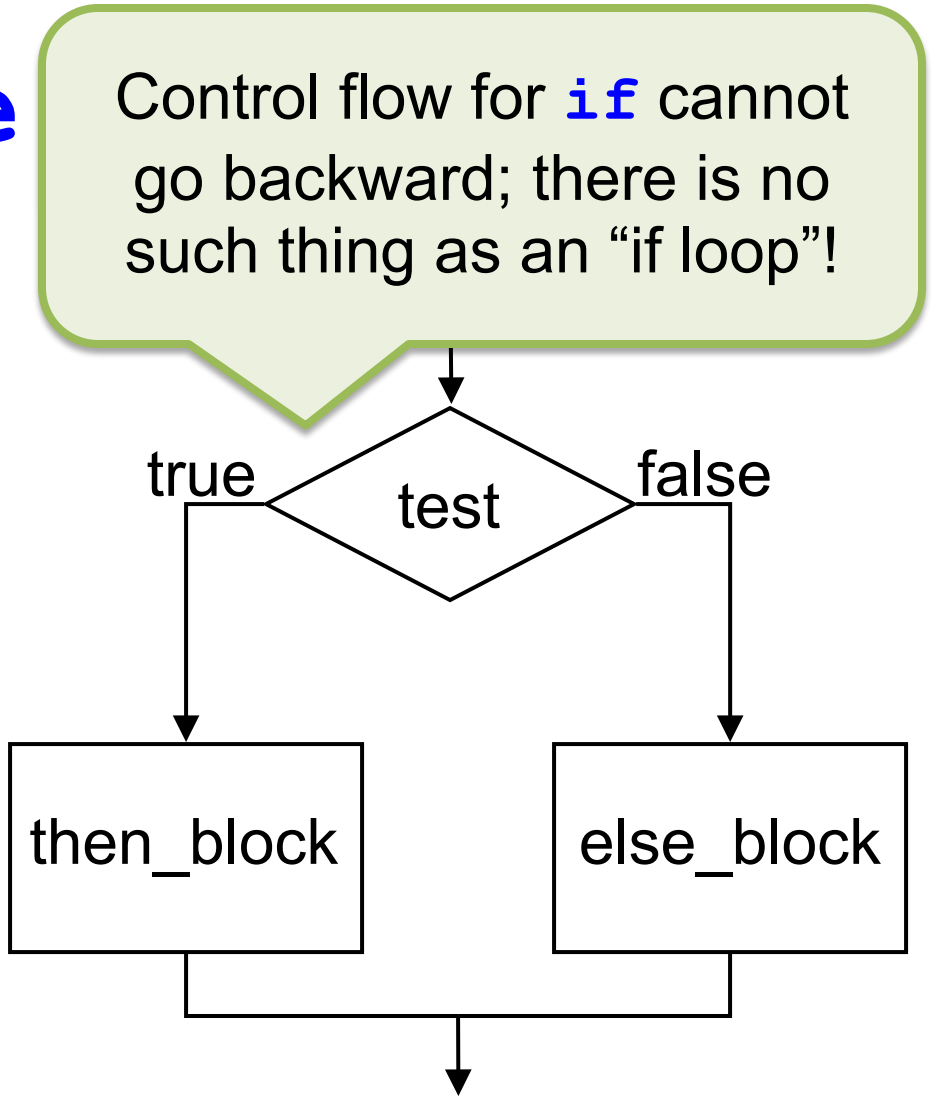

Expressions and Statements

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    SimpleWriter output = new SimpleWriter1L();
    int x = 1, count = 0, n = 12345;
    while (x < n) {
        if (n % x == 0) {
            output.println(x);
            count = count + 1;
        }
        x++;
    }
    output.println("Number of factors: " + count);
    output.close();
}
```

Best Practices for `boolean`

If you want to say this, e.g., in an `if` or `while` condition:	*Say this instead:*
`b == true`	`b`
`b == false`	`!b`

`if (b) {`
`  return true;`
`} else {`
`  return false;`
`}`
	`return b;`

Resources

- *Java for Everyone*, Chapter 3
- *Java for Everyone*, Chapter 4
  - https://library.ohio-state.edu/record=b8347056~S7