Repetition

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Control flow: Repetition

- Sequence of statements that are actually executed in a program
- Conditional and Repetition statements: enable us to alter control flow

This slide adapted from Doug Clark's course: http://www.cs.princeton.edu/courses/archive/spring13/cos126/lectures.php

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Example

• **Investment problem:** You put $10,000 into a bank account that earns 5% interest per year.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>year</th>
<th>interest</th>
<th>balance</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td></td>
<td>$10,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>$500.00</td>
<td>$10,500.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>$525.00</td>
<td>$11,025.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>$551.25</td>
<td>$11,576.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>$578.81</td>
<td>$12,155.06</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

• … How many years does it take for the account balance to be double the original?

This example is adapted from Cay Horstmann’s *Big Java, Early Objects*, 5th edition.

Algorithm:
The while Statement

```
while ( condition )
statement;
```

- If the condition is true, the statement is executed
- Then the condition is evaluated again, and if it is still true, the statement is executed again
- The statement is executed repeatedly until the condition becomes false
Example

• Print the even numbers from 2 to 100

Algorithm:

• initialize a counter to 2
• while counter <= 100
  – print counter
  – add 2 to counter

Java? → use while statement
Try this:

- Write a loop to print the powers of 2 less than or equal to 2048, i.e., 2, 4, 8, 16, ..., 1024, 2048.
The **while** statement in action

```java
int count = 1; // Initialize count
while (count <= 3) {
    System.out.println(count);
    count++;
}
```

Output:

1
2
3

The **while** statement “unraveled”

```java
int count = 1;
TEST:(count <= 3) ➔ true
{
    System.out.println(count);
    count++;
}
TEST:(count <= 3) ➔ true
{
    System.out.println(count);
    count++;
}
TEST:(count <= 3) ➔ true
{
    System.out.println(count);
    count++;
}
TEST:(count <= 3) ➔ false

EXIT LOOP
```
What’s wrong with this code?

```java
int count = 1;
while (count <= 10)
    System.out.println (count);
    count++;
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int count = 1;
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    count++;
}
```
If the condition of a `while` loop is false initially, the statement is never executed

```java
System.out.println("input a number >5");
int num = scan.nextInt();

// input validation
while (num <= 5)
{
    System.out.println ("type a number >5");
    num = scan.nextInt();
}
```

- Therefore, the body of a `while` loop will execute zero or more times

What if we want to do a calculation over and over again?

**Example:** Calculating GPA for many students
(how many? when do you stop?)

**Possible scenarios:**
- Keep accepting new inputs (for each student) and calculating and printing corresponding GPA until user quits program (infinite loop).
- Same, but ask each time whether to keep going.
- Same, but quit if the user inputs -1 for the credits (signals end)
- Calculate GPA for exactly 20 students
Example

- Table of squares and cubes:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>N</th>
<th>N²</th>
<th>N³</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>125</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example

- **Table of powers**: Compute the powers of 2 and the powers of 3 and print a table like this:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>N</th>
<th>$2^N$</th>
<th>$3^N$</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>81</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Nested loops

**Example: Investment problem repetition**

→ the repeated action (calculating the number of years it take for investment to double) involves repetition

General pattern for algorithms: A *nested loop*

- **while** (condition for repeating action)
  - initialize variables
- **while** (condition for reaching goal)
  - calculations
- print results

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Quick Check

How many times will the string "Here" be printed?

```java
count1 = 1;
while (count1 <= 10)
{
    count2 = 1;
    while (count2 < 20)
    {
        System.out.println ("Here");
        count2++;
    }
    count1++;
}
```
Example: Factoring a positive integer

// Finds prime factors of number x.
import java.util.Scanner;
public class PrimeFactors {
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.print("Enter number = ");
        int x = scan.nextInt();
        System.out.println("Prime factors of "+x);
        int factor = 2;
        while (factor <= x) {
            while (x % factor == 0){
                System.out.println(factor);
                x /= factor;
            }
            factor++;
        }
    }
}

Example: Computing square roots

// Newton-Raphson method for computing the square root of number x.
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Sqrt {
    public static void main(String[] args){
        Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        double EPSILON = 0.000000001; // desired precision
        System.out.print("Enter number = ");
        double x = scan.nextDouble();
        double sqrti = x; // initial estimate
        System.out.println("\nIteration \t sqrt approximation ");
        int iteration = 1;
        while (Math.abs(sqrti - x/sqrti) > sqrti*EPSILON){
            System.out.println(iteration++ + "\t" + sqrti);
            sqrti = (x/sqrti + sqrti) / 2.0;
        }
        System.out.println("\nSquare root of "+x+" = "+sqrti);
    }
}