

CSC 221: Computer Programming I

Fall 2009

Conditionals, expressions & modularization

- if statements, if-else
- increment/decrement, arithmetic assignments
- mixed expressions
- type casting
- abstraction, modularization
- internal vs. external method calls
- primitives vs. objects

1

Conditional execution

so far, all of the statements in methods have executed *unconditionally*

- when a method is called, the statements in the body are executed in sequence
- different parameter values may produce different results, but the steps are the same

many applications require *conditional execution*

- different parameter values may cause different statements to be executed

example: consider the `CashRegister` class

- previously, we assumed that method parameters were "reasonable"
 - i.e., user wouldn't pay or purchase a negative amount
 - user wouldn't check out unless payment amount \geq purchase amount
- to make this class more robust, we need to introduce conditional execution
 - i.e., only add to purchase/payment total IF the amount is positive
 - only allow checkout IF payment amount \geq purchase amount

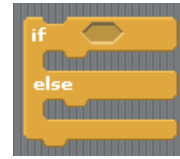
2

If statements

in Java, an *if statement* allows for conditional execution

- i.e., can choose between 2 alternatives to execute

```
if (perform some test) {  
    Do the statements here if the test gave a true result  
}  
else {  
    Do the statements here if the test gave a false result  
}
```



```
public void recordPurchase(double amount) {  
    if (amount > 0) {  
        this.purchase = this.purchase + amount;  
    }  
    else {  
        System.out.println("ILLEGAL PURCHASE");  
    }  
}
```

if the test evaluates to true
(amount > 0), then this statement
is executed

otherwise (amount <= 0), then this
statement is executed to alert the
user

3

If statements (cont.)

you are not required to have an else case to an if statement

- if no else case exists and the test evaluates to false, nothing is done
- e.g., could have just done the following

```
public void recordPurchase(double amount) {  
    if (amount > 0) {  
        this.purchase = this.purchase + amount;  
    }  
}
```

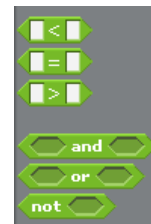


but then no warning to user if a negative amount were entered (not as nice)

standard relational operators are provided for the if test

<	less than	>	greater than
<=	less than or equal to	>=	greater than or equal to
==	equal to	!=	not equal to

a comparison using a relational operator is known as a *Boolean expression*, since it evaluates to a *Boolean* (true or false) value



4

In-class exercises

update `recordPurchase` to display an error message if attempt to purchase a negative or zero amount

```
public void recordPurchase(double amount) {
    if (amount > 0) {
        this.purchase = this.purchase + amount;
    }
    else {
        System.out.println("ILLEGAL PURCHASE");
    }
}
```

similarly, update `enterPayment`

5

In-class exercises

what changes should be made to `giveChange`?

```
public double giveChange() {
    if ( _____ ) {
        double change = this.payment - this.purchase;
        this.purchase = 0;
        this.payment = 0;
        return change;
    }
    else {
    }
}
```

note: if a method has a non-void return type, every possible execution sequence must result in a return statement

- the Java compiler will complain otherwise

6

A further modification

suppose we wanted to add to the functionality of `CashRegister`

- get the number of items purchased so far
- get the average cost of purchased items

ADDITIONAL FIELDS?

CHANGES TO CONSTRUCTOR?

NEW METHODS?

7

Shorthand assignments

a variable that is used to keep track of how many times some event occurs is known as a *counter*

- a counter must be initialized to 0, then incremented each time the event occurs
- incrementing (or decrementing) a variable is such a common task that Java that Java provides a shorthand notation

`number++;` is equivalent to `number = number + 1;`

`number--;` is equivalent to `number = number - 1;`

other shorthand assignments can be used for updating variables

`number += 5;` \equiv `number = number + 5;` `number -= 1;` \equiv `number = number - 1;`

`number *= 2;` \equiv `number = number * 2;` `number /= 10;` \equiv `number = number / 10;`

```
public void recordPurchase(double amount) {
    if (amount > 0) {
        this.purchase += amount;
    }
    else {
        System.out.println("ILLEGAL PURCHASE");
    }
}
```

8

Mixed expressions

note that when you had to calculate the average purchase amount, you divided the purchase total (`double`) with the number of purchases (`int`)

- mixed arithmetic expressions involving doubles and ints are acceptable
- in a mixed expression, the int value is automatically converted to a double and the result is a double

`2 + 3.5 → 2.0 + 3.5 → 5.5`

`120.00 / 4 → 120.00 / 4.0 → 30.0`

`5 / 2.0 → 2.5`

- however, if you apply an operator to two ints, you always get an int result

`2 + 3 → 5`

`120 / 4 → 30`

`5 / 3 → 2 ???`

CAREFUL: integer division throws away the fraction

9

Die revisited

extend the `Die` class to keep track of the average roll

- need a field to keep track of the total
- initialize the total in the constructors
- update the total on each roll
- compute the average by dividing the total with the number of rolls

```
public class Die {
    private int numSides;
    private int numRolls;
    private int rollTotal;

    public Die() {
        this.numSides = 6;
        this.numRolls = 0;
        this.rollTotal = 0;
    }

    public Die(int sides) {
        this.numSides = sides;
        this.numRolls = 0;
        this.rollTotal = 0;
    }

    public int getNumberOfSides() {
        return this.numSides;
    }

    public int getNumberOfRolls() {
        return this.numRolls;
    }

    public double getAverageOfRolls() {
        return this.rollTotal/this.numRolls;
    }

    public int roll() {
        this.numRolls++;

        int currentRoll = (int) (Math.random()*this.numSides + 1);
        this.rollTotal += currentRoll;

        return currentRoll;
    }
}
```

PROBLEM: since `rollTotal` and `numRolls` are both ints, integer division will be used

- avg of 1 & 2 will be 1

UGLY SOLUTION: make `rollTotal` be a double

- kludgy! it really is an int

10

Type casting

a better solution is to keep `rollTotal` as an int, but cast it to a double when needed

- casting tells the compiler to convert from one compatible type to another
- general form:
`(NEW_TYPE) VALUE`
- if `rollTotal` is 3, the expression
`(double) rollTotal` evaluates to 3.0

```
public class Die {
    private int numSides;
    private int numRolls;
    private int rollTotal;

    public Die() {
        this.numSides = 6;
        this.numRolls = 0;
        this.rollTotal = 0;
    }

    public Die(int sides) {
        this.numSides = sides;
        this.numRolls = 0;
        this.rollTotal = 0;
    }

    public int getNumberOfSides() {
        return this.numSides;
    }

    public int getNumberOfRolls() {
        return this.numRolls;
    }

    public double getAverageOfRolls() {
        return (double) this.rollTotal / this.numRolls;
    }

    public int roll() {
        this.numRolls++;

        int currentRoll = (int) (Math.random() * this.numSides + 1);
        this.rollTotal += currentRoll;

        return currentRoll;
    }
}
```

you can cast in the other direction as well (from a double to an int)

- any fractional part is lost
- if `x` is 3.7 \rightarrow `(int)x` evaluates to 3

11

Complex expressions

how do you evaluate an expression like `1 + 2 * 3` and `8 / 4 / 2`

Java has rules that dictate the order in which evaluation takes place

- `*` and `/` have *higher precedence* than `+` and `-`, meaning that you evaluate the part involving `*` or `/` first

`1 + 2 * 3` \rightarrow `1 + (2 * 3)` \rightarrow `1 + 6` \rightarrow 7

- given operators of the same precedence, you evaluate from left to right

`8 / 4 / 2` \rightarrow `(8 / 4) / 2` \rightarrow `2 / 2` \rightarrow 1

`3 + 2 - 1` \rightarrow `(3 + 2) - 1` \rightarrow `5 - 1` \rightarrow 4

GOOD ADVICE: don't rely on these (sometimes tricky) rules

- place parentheses around sub-expressions to force the desired order

`(3 + 2) - 1`

`3 + (2 - 1)`

12

Mixing numbers and Strings

recall that the + operator can apply to Strings as well as numbers

- when + is applied to two numbers, it represents addition: $2 + 3 \rightarrow 5$
- when + is applied to two Strings, it represents concatenation: "foo" + "bar" \rightarrow "foobar"
- what happens when it is applied to a String and a number?

when this occurs, the number is automatically converted to a String (by placing it in quotes) and then concatenation occurs

```
x = 12;  
System.out.println("x = " + x);
```

- be very careful with complex mixed expressions

```
System.out.println("the sum is " + 5 + 2);
```

```
System.out.println(2 + 5 + " is the sum");
```

- again, use parentheses to force the desired order of evaluation

```
System.out.println("the sum is " + (5 + 2));
```

13

Abstraction

abstraction is the ability to ignore details of parts to focus attention on a higher level of a problem

- note: we utilize abstraction everyday
do you know how a TV works? could you fix one? build one?
do you know how an automobile works? could you fix one? build one?

abstraction allows us to function in a complex world

- we don't need to know how a TV or car works
- must understand the controls (e.g., remote control, power button, speakers for TV)
(e.g., gas pedal, brakes, steering wheel for car)
- details can be abstracted away – not important for use

the same principle applies to programming

- we can take a calculation/behavior & implement as a method
after that, don't need to know how it works – just call the method to do the job
- likewise, we can take related calculations/behaviors & encapsulate as a class

14

Abstraction examples

recall the Die class

- included the method `roll`, which returned a random roll of the Die

do you remember the formula for selecting a random number from the right range?

WHO CARES?!? Somebody figured it out once, why worry about it again?

SequenceGenerator class

- included the method `randomSequence`, which returned a random string of letters

you don't know enough to code it, but you could use it!

Circle, Square, Triangle classes

- included methods for drawing, moving, and resizing shapes

again, you don't know enough to code them, but you could use them!

15

Modularization

modularization is the process of dividing a whole into well-defined parts, which can be built and examined separately, and which interact in well-defined ways

- early computers were hard to build – started with lots of simple components (e.g., vacuum tubes or transistors) and wired them together to perform complex tasks
- today, building a computer is relatively easy – start with high-level modules (e.g., CPU chip, RAM chips, hard drive) and plug them together

think Garanimals!

the same advantages apply to programs

- if you design and implement a method to perform a well-defined task, can call it over and over within the class
- likewise, if you design and implement a class to model a real-world object's behavior, then you can reuse it whenever that behavior is needed (e.g., Die for random values)

16

Code reuse can occur within a class

one method can call another method (a.k.a. an *internal method call*)

- a method call consists of "this." + method name + any parameter values in parentheses (as shown in BlueJ when you right-click and select a method to call)

```
this.MethodName(paramValue1, paramValue2, ...);
```

- calling a method causes control to shift to that method, executing its code
- if the method returns a value (i.e., a return statement is encountered), then that return value is substituted for the method call where it appears

```
public class Die {  
    . . .  
    public int getNumberOfSides() {  
        return this.numSides;  
    }  
  
    public int roll() {  
        this.numRolls = this.numRolls + 1;  
        return (int)(Math.random()*this.getNumberOfSides() + 1);  
    }  
}
```

here, could call the
getNumberOfSides
accessor method to get
the # of sides

17

e.g., Singer class

when the method has parameters, the values specified in the method call are matched up with the parameter names by order

- the parameter variables are assigned the corresponding values
- these variables exist and can be referenced within the method
- they disappear when the method finishes executing

```
public class Singer {  
    . . .  
    public void oldMacDonaldVerse(String animal, String sound) {  
        System.out.println("Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.");  
        System.out.println("And on that farm he had a " + animal + ", E-I-E-I-O");  
        System.out.println("With a " + sound + "-" + sound + " here, and a " +  
            sound + "-" + sound + " there, ");  
        System.out.println(" here a " + sound + ", there a " + sound +  
            " , everywhere a " + sound + "-" + sound + ".");  
        System.out.println("Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.");  
        System.out.println();  
    }  
  
    public void oldMacDonaldSong() {  
        this.oldMacDonaldVerse("cow", "moo");  
        this.oldMacDonaldVerse("duck", "quack");  
        this.oldMacDonaldVerse("sheep", "baa");  
        this.oldMacDonaldVerse("dog", "woof");  
    }  
    . . .  
}
```

the values in the method call are
sometimes referred to as *input values* or
actual parameters

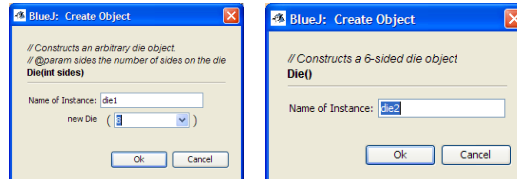
the parameters that appear in the method
header are sometimes referred to as
formal parameters

18

Creating/manipulating objects in BlueJ

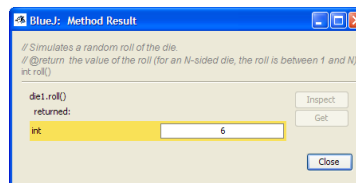
so far, we have created objects in BlueJ by right-clicking on the class icon

- e.g., when you select either `new Die()` or `new Die(int numSides)` BlueJ calls the specified constructor and prompts you for any parameter values



similarly, we have called methods by right-clicking on the object icon

- e.g., when you select `int roll()` BlueJ calls the specified method

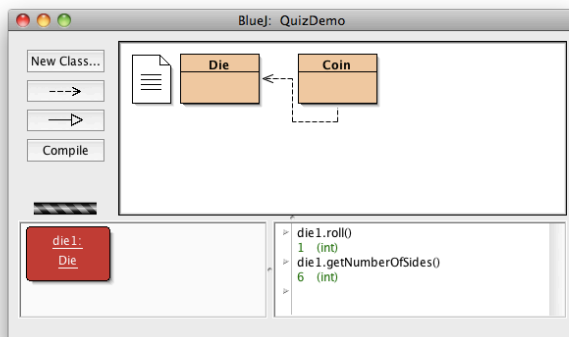


19

BlueJ's code pad

BlueJ's hands-on manipulation is nice

- can also do things the old-fashioned way in the code pad



to call a method on an object:

```
OBJECT.METHOD(PARAMS)
```

```
e.g., die1.roll()
```

can even create an object in the code pad:

```
CLASS OBJECT =  
  new CLASS(PARAMS);
```

```
e.g., Die die2 =  
  new Die();
```

20

Creating objects in code

why bother with the code pad?

- it demonstrates the format we must use for creating and manipulating objects from within other classes
e.g., we might want to define a class that uses a Die object

```
Die d6 = new Die();           // constructs a Die object named d6,
                              // initialized using the default
                              // constructor

Die d8 = new Die(8);         // constructs a Die object named d8,
                              // initialized using single parameter
                              // constructor

System.out.println(d6.roll()); // calls the roll method on the Die
                              // object named d6, displays the result

System.out.println(d8.getNumberOfSides()); // calls the getNumberOfSides method on
                              // the Die object named d8, displays the
                              // result
```

- calling a method on a different object (e.g., a field or local variable) is known as an *external method call*

21

Example: Decider

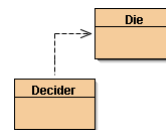
consider a class for randomly making a yes/no decision

- could choose between the two alternatives using `Math.random()`
- better, use the Die abstraction to create a 2-sided die

```
public class Decider {
    private Die die;

    /**
     * Constructs a Decider object.
     */
    public Decider() {
        this.die = new Die(2);
    }

    /**
     * Answers a yes/no type of question.
     * @param question the question being asked
     * @return either "YES" or "NO"
     */
    public String decide(String question) {
        if (this.die.roll() == 1) {
            return "YES";
        }
        else {
            return "NO";
        }
    }
}
```



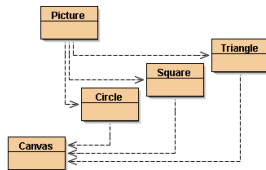
- the class has a Die field (BlueJ shows class dependencies with dotted lines)
- the Die field is initialized in the constructor
- the Die field is then rolled and compared in the method

22

Example: Picture

recall the Picture class, whose `draw` method automated the process of drawing the picture

- the class has fields for each of the shapes in the picture



- in the `draw` method, each shape is created by calling its constructor and assigning to the field
- then, methods are called on the shape objects to draw the scene

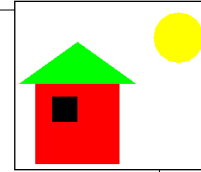
```
public class Picture {
    private Square wall;
    private Square window;
    private Triangle roof;
    private Circle sun;
    . . .

    public void draw() {
        this.wall = new Square();
        this.wall.moveVertical(80);
        this.wall.changeSize(100);
        this.wall.makeVisible();

        this.window = new Square();
        this.window.changeColor("black");
        this.window.moveHorizontal(20);
        this.window.moveVertical(100);
        this.window.makeVisible();

        this.roof = new Triangle();
        this.roof.changeSize(50, 140);
        this.roof.moveHorizontal(60);
        this.roof.moveVertical(70);
        this.roof.makeVisible();

        this.sun = new Circle();
        this.sun.changeColor("yellow");
        this.sun.moveHorizontal(180);
        this.sun.moveVertical(-10);
        this.sun.changeSize(60);
        this.sun.makeVisible();
    }
}
```

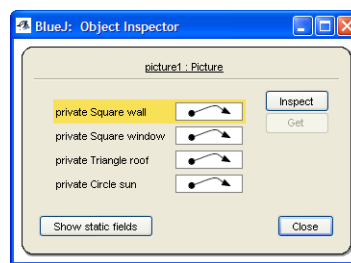
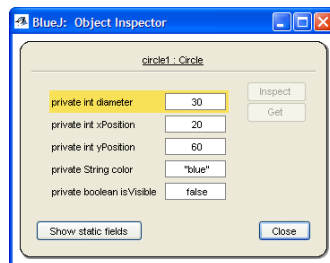


23

primitive types vs. object types

internally, primitive (e.g., `int`, `double`) and object types are stored differently

- when you inspect an object, any primitive fields are shown as boxes with values
- when you inspect an object, any object fields are shown as pointers to other objects



- of course, you can further inspect the contents of object fields

we will consider the implications of primitives vs. objects later

24