The `if/else` statement

reading: 4.1, 4.6

Conditionals

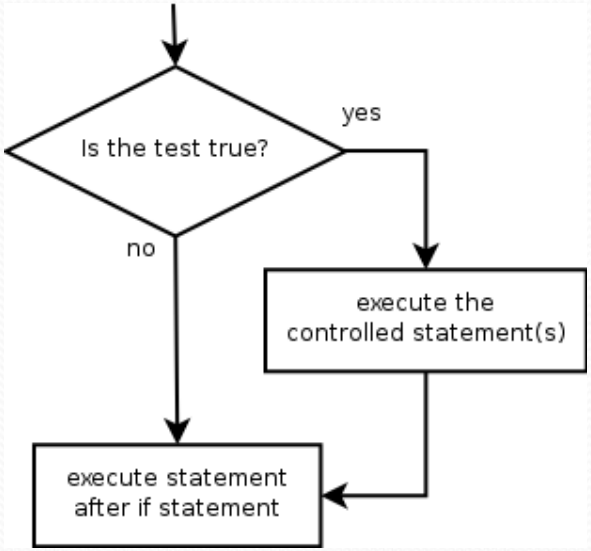
- “If you eat your vegetables, then you can have dessert.”

- “If you do your homework, then you may go outside to play, or else you’ll be grounded for life.”

The `if` statement

Executes a block of statements only if a test is true

```
if (test) {
    statement;
    ...
    statement;
}
```



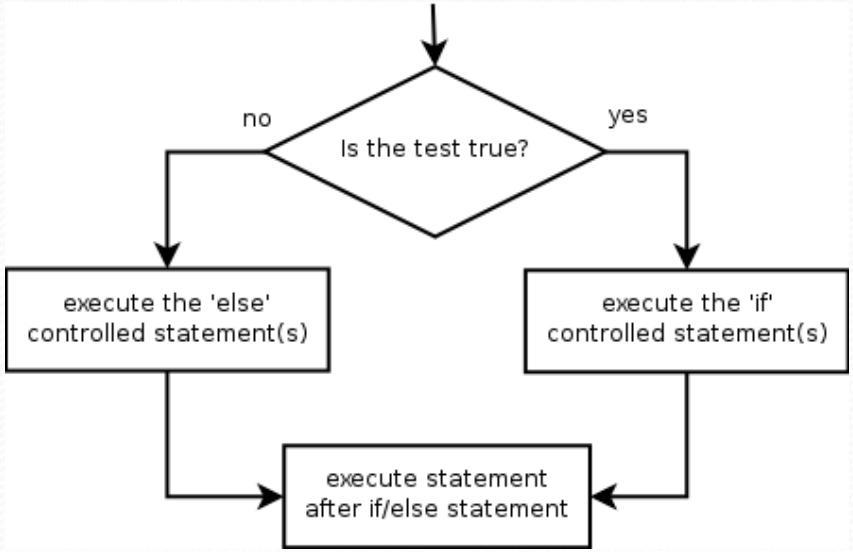
- Example:

```
double gpa = console.nextDouble();
if (gpa >= 3.0) {
    System.out.println("Good job! Here's a cookie.");
}
```

The `if/else` statement

Executes one block if a test is true, another if false

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else {
    statement(s);
}
```



- Example:

```
double gpa = console.nextDouble();
if (gpa >= 3.0) {
    System.out.println("Good job! Here's a cookie.");
} else {
    System.out.println("No cookie for you!");
}
```

Relational expressions

- `if` statements and `for` loops both use logical tests.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) { ...
if (i <= 10) { ...
```

  - These are Boolean expressions, seen in Ch. 5.

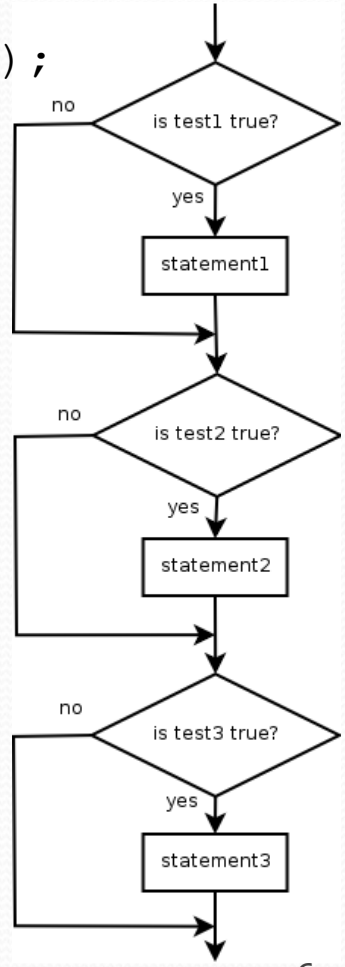
- Tests use *relational operators*:

Operator	Meaning	Example	Value
`==`	equals	`1 + 1 == 2`	`true`
`!=`	does not equal	`3.2 != 2.5`	`true`
`<`	less than	`10 < 5`	`false`
`>`	greater than	`10 > 5`	`true`
`<=`	less than or equal to	`126 <= 100`	`false`
`>=`	greater than or equal to	`5.0 >= 5.0`	`true`

Misuse of `if`

- What is the output of the following code?

```
Scanner console = new Scanner(System.in);
System.out.print("What percentage did you earn? ");
int percent = console.nextInt();
if (percent >= 90) {
    System.out.println("You got an A!");
}
if (percent >= 80) {
    System.out.println("You got a B!");
}
if (percent >= 70) {
    System.out.println("You got a C!");
}
if (percent >= 60) {
    System.out.println("You got a D!");
}
if (percent < 60) {
    System.out.println("You got an F!");
}
...
```



What is the difference?

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else {
    statement(s);
}
```

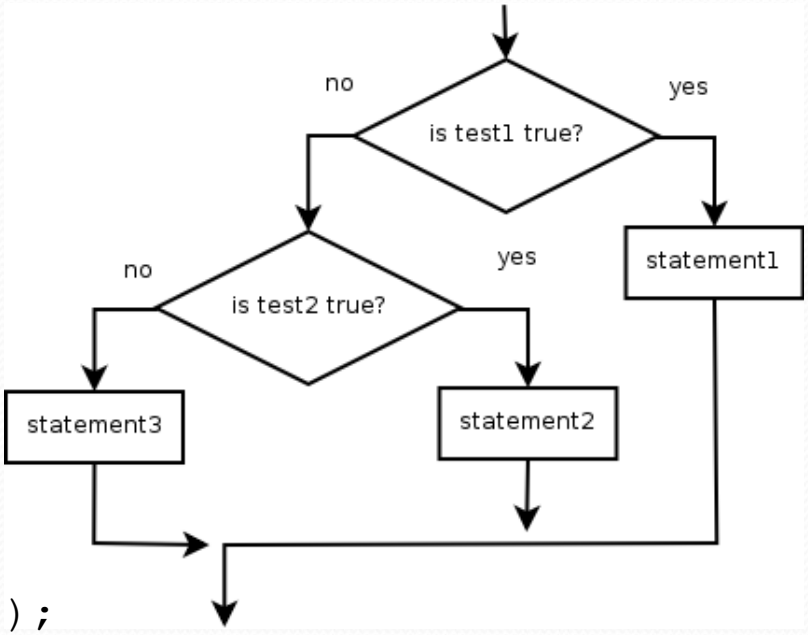
```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
```

When would you use each?

Nested `if/else`

Chooses between outcomes using many tests

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else {
    statement(s);
}
```



- Example:

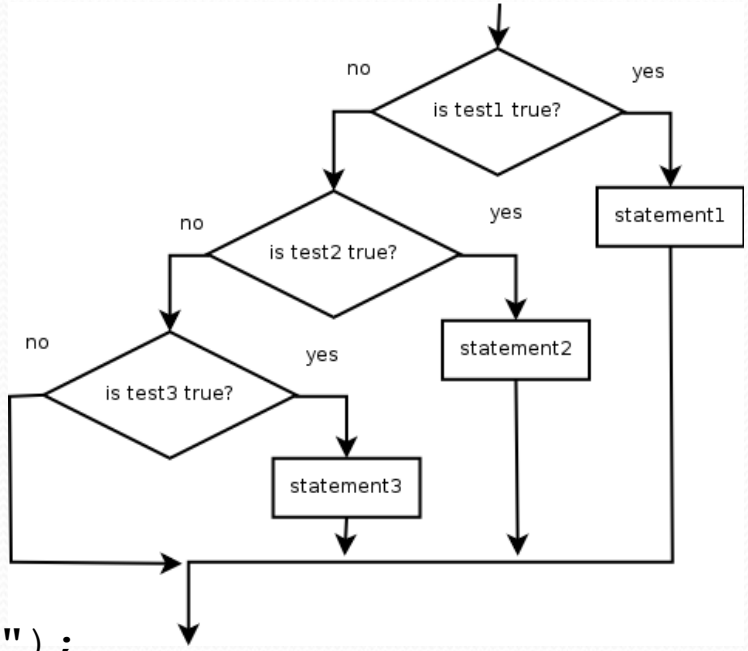
```
if (x > 0) {
    System.out.println("Positive");
} else if (x < 0) {
    System.out.println("Negative");
} else {
    System.out.println("Zero");
}
```

If it ends with *else* exactly one path must be taken.

Nested `if/else/if`

- If it ends with `else`, exactly one path must be taken.
- If it ends with `if`, the code might not execute any path.

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
```



- Example:

```
if (place == 1) {
    System.out.println("Gold medal!");
} else if (place == 2) {
    System.out.println("If you're not first, you're last!");
} else if (place == 3) {
    System.out.println("What comes after last place?");
}
```

Summary: `if` structures

- exactly 1 path *(mutually exclusive)*

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else {
    statement(s);
}
```

- 0 or 1 path *(mutually exclusive)*

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
} else if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
```

- 0, 1, or many paths *(independent tests; not exclusive)*

```
if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
if (test) {
    statement(s);
}
```

Which nested `if/else`?

- **(1) if/if/if (2) nested if/else (3) nested if/else if**
  - Whether a user is lower, middle, or upper-class based on income.
    - **(2)** nested `if / else if / else`
  - Whether you made the dean's list (GPA ≥ 3.8) or honor roll (3.5-3.8).
    - **(3)** nested `if / else if`
  - Whether a number is divisible by 2, 3, and/or 5.
    - **(1)** sequential `if / if / if`
  - Computing a grade of A, B, C, D, or F based on a percentage.
    - **(2)** nested `if / else if / else if / else if / else`

Nested `if/else` question

Formula for body mass index (BMI):

$$BMI = \frac{weight}{height^2} \times 703$$

BMI	Weight class
below 18.5	underweight
18.5 - 24.9	normal
25.0 - 29.9	overweight
30.0 and up	obese

- Write a program that produces output like the following:

```
This program reads data for two people and
computes their body mass index (BMI).

Enter next person's information:
height (in inches)? 70.0
weight (in pounds)? 194.25

Enter next person's information:
height (in inches)? 62.5
weight (in pounds)? 130.5

Person 1 BMI = 27.868928571428572
overweight
Person 2 BMI = 23.485824
normal
Difference = 4.3831045714285715
```

The `if/else` hammer

- Just because you learned a new construct does not mean that every new problem has to be solved using that construct!

```
int z;
if (x > y) {
    z = x;
} else {
    z = y;
}
```

```
int z = Math.max(x, y);
```

```
double d = a;
if (b < d) {
    d = b;
}
if (c < d) {
    d = c;
}
```

```
double d = Math.min(a, Math.min(b, c));
```