# CHAPTER 3

# SELECTION STATEMENTS

# Objectives

- To declare **boolean** type and write Boolean expressions (§3.2).
- To distinguish between conditional and unconditional && and || operators (§3.2.1).
- To use Boolean expressions to control selection statements (§§3.3–3.5).
- To implement selection control using **if** and nested **if** statements (§3.3).
- To implement selection control using **switch** statements (§3.4).
- To write expressions using the conditional operator (§3.5).
- To display formatted output using the System.out.printf method and to format strings using the String.format method (§3.6).
- To know the rules governing operand evaluation order, operator precedence, and operator associativity (§§3.7–3.8).



# 3.1 Introduction

In Chapter 2, "Primitive Data Types and Operations," if you assigned a negative value for **radius** in Listing 2.1, ComputeArea.java, the program would print an invalid result. If the radius is negative, you don't want the program to compute the area. Like all high-level programming languages, Java provides selection statements that let you choose actions with two or more alternative courses. You can use selection statements in the following *pseudocode* (i.e., natural language mixed with programming code) to rewrite Listing 2.1:

```
if the radius is negative
   the program displays a message indicating a wrong input;
else
   the program computes the area and displays the result;
```

Selection statements use conditions. Conditions are Boolean expressions. This chapter first introduces Boolean types, values, operators, and expressions.

# 3.2 **boolean** Data Type and Operations

comparison operators

why selection?

pseudocode

Often in a program you need to compare two values, such as whether **i** is greater than **j**. Java provides six *comparison operators* (also known as *relational operators*), shown in Table 3.1, which can be used to compare two values. The result of the comparison is a Boolean value: **true** or **false**. For example, the following statement displays **true**:

System.out.println(1 < 2);</pre>

### TABLE 3.1 Comparison Operators

Operator	Name	Example	Answer
<	less than	1 < 2	true
<=	less than or equal to	1 <= 2	true
>	greater than	1 > 2	false
>=	greater than or equal to	1 >= 2	false
==	equal to	1 == 2	false
!=	not equal to	1 != 2	true

compare characters

== VS. =

Boolean variable



Note

Unicode of 'A.'

The equality comparison operator is two equal signs (==), not a single equal sign (=). The latter symbol is for assignment.

You can also compare characters. Comparing characters is the same as comparing the Unicodes

of the characters. For example, 'a' is larger than 'A' because the Unicode of 'a' is larger than the

A variable that holds a Boolean value is known as a *Boolean variable*. The **boolean** data type is used to declare Boolean variables. The domain of the **boolean** type consists of two literal values: **true** and **false**. For example, the following statement assigns **true** to the variable **lightsOn**:

boolean lightsOn = true;

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### Boolean operators

Boolean operators, also known as logical operators, operate on Boolean values to create a new Boolean value. Table 3.2 contains a list of Boolean operators. Table 3.3 defines the not (!) operator. The not (!) operator negates **true** to **false** and **false** to **true**. Table 3.4 defines the and (&&) operator. The and (&&) of two Boolean operands is **true** if and only if both operands are **true**. Table 3.5 defines the **or** (||) operator. The **or** (||) of two Boolean operands is **true** if at least one of the operands is **true**. Table 3.6 defines the exclusive or ( $^{\land}$ ) operator. The exclusive or ( $^{\land}$ ) of two Boolean operands is **true** if and only if the two operands have different Boolean values.

TABLE 3.2	Boolean Operators	
Operator	Name	Description
!	not	logical negation
<u>&amp;&amp;</u>	and	logical conjunction
П	or	logical disjunction
٨	exclusive or	logical exclusion

## TABLE 3.3 Truth Table for Operator !

р	!p	Example	
true	false	! $(1 > 2)$ is true, because $(1 > 2)$ is false.	
false	true	!(1 > 0) is false, because $(1 > 0)$ is true.	

### TABLE 3.4 Truth Table for Operator &&

p1	<i>p</i> 2	p1 && p2	Example
false false	false true	false false	(2 > 3) && (5 > 5) is false, because either (2 > 3) or (5 > 5) is false.
true	false	false	(3 > 2) && (5 > 5) is false, because (5 > 5) is false.
true	true	true	<ul> <li>(3 &gt; 2) &amp;&amp; (5 &gt;= 5) is true, because</li> <li>(3 &gt; 2) and (5 &gt;= 5) are both true.</li> </ul>

### TABLE 3.5 Truth Table for Operator

p1	<i>p</i> 2	p1 ~~p2	Example
false	false	false	(2 > 3)    (5 > 5) is false, because (2 > 3)
false	true	true	and (5 > 5) are both false.
true	false	true	(3 > 2)    (5 > 5) is true, because (3 > 2)
true	true	true	is true.

### **TABLE 3.6** Truth Table for Operator ^

p1	<i>p</i> 2	<i>p</i> 1 <i>p</i> 2	Example
false	false	false	(2 > 3) <sup>(5 &gt; 1)</sup> is true, because (2 > 3)
false	true	true	is false and (5 > 1) is true.
true	false	true	$(3 > 2)^{(5 > 1)}$ is false, because both
true	true	false	(3 > 2) and (5 > 1) are true.

Listing 3.1 gives a program that checks whether a number is divisible by 2 and 3, whether a number is divisible by 2 or 3, and whether a number is divisible by 2 or 3 but not both:

## LISTING 3.1 TestBoolean.java

```
1 import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
 2
 3 public class TestBoolean {
 4
     public static void main(String[] args) {
 5
       int number = 18;
 6
 7
       JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,
         "Is " + number +
 8
 9
         "\n divisible by 2 and 3? " +
10
         (number % 2 == 0 & number % 3 == 0)
         + "\ndivisible by 2 or 3? " +
11
12
         (number % 2 == 0 || number % 3 == 0) +
         "\ndivisible by 2 or 3, but not both? "
13
14
         + (number % 2 == 0 \wedge number % 3 == 0);
15
     }
16 }
```



A long string is formed by concatenating the substrings in lines 8–14. The three  $\$  characters display the string in four lines. (number % 2 == 0 & number % 3 == 0) (line 10) checks whether the number is divisible by 2 and 3. (number % 2 == 0 || number % 3 == 0) (line 12) checks whether the number is divisible by 2 or 3. (number % 2 == 0  $\land$  number % 3 == 0) (line 14) checks whether the number is divisible by 2 or 3, but not both.

# 3.2.1 Unconditional vs. Conditional Boolean Operators

If one of the operands of an && operator is **false**, the expression is **false**; if one of the operands of an **||** operand is **true**, the expression is **true**. Java uses these properties to improve the performance of these operators.

When evaluating **p1 && p2**, Java first evaluates **p1** and then evaluates **p2** if **p1** is **true**; if **p1** is **fa1se**, it does not evaluate **p2**. When evaluating **p1 || p2**, Java first evaluates **p1** and then evaluates **p2** if **p1** is **fa1se**; if **p1** is **true**, it does not evaluate **p2**. Therefore, **&&** is referred to as the *conditional* or *short-circuit AND* operator, and **||** is referred to as the *conditional* or *short-circuit OR* operator.

Java also provides the & and | operators. The & operator works exactly the same as the && operator, and the | operator works exactly the same as the || operator with one exception: the & and | operators always evaluate both operands. Therefore, & is referred to as the *unconditional AND* operator, and | is referred to as the *unconditional OR* operator. In some rare situations when needed, you can use the & and | operators to guarantee that the right-hand operand is evaluated regardless of whether the left-hand operand is true or false. For example, the expression (width < 2) & (height-- < 2) guarantees that (height-- < 2) is evaluated. Thus the variable height will be decremented regardless of whether width is less than 2 or not.

conditional operator short-circuit operator

unconditional operator

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# 🕨 Tip

Avoid using the & and | operators. The benefits of the & and | operators are marginal. Using them will make the program difficult to read and could cause errors. For example, the expression (x != 0) & (100 / x) results in a runtime error if x is 0. However, (x != 0) & (100 / x) is fine. If x is 0, (x != 0) is false. Since && is a short-circuit operator, Java does not evaluate (100 / x) and returns the result as false for the entire expression (x != 0) & (100 / x).

# Note

The & and | operators can also apply to *bitwise operations*. See Appendix G, "Bit Manipulations," for details.

# Note

As shown in the preceding chapter, a **char** value can be cast into an **int** value, and vice versa. A Boolean value, however, cannot be cast into a value of other types, nor can a value of other types be cast into a Boolean value.

# 칠 Note

true and false are literals, just like a number such as 10, so they are not keywords, but you Boolean literals cannot use them as identifiers, just as you cannot use 10 as an identifier.

# 3.2.2 Example: Determining Leap Year

This section presents a program that lets the user enter a year in a dialog box and checks whether it is a leap year.

A year is a *leap year* if it is divisible by 4 but not by 100 or if it is divisible by 400. So leap year you can use the following Boolean expression to check whether a year is a leap year:

(year % 4 == 0 && year % 100 != 0) || (year % 400 == 0)

Listing 3.2 gives the program. Two sample runs of the program are shown in Figure 3.1.

Input	×	Message	4
?	Enter a year 2008	(i) 2008 is a leap year? true	
	OK Cancel	ОК	
Input	×	Message	×
?	Enter a year 2002	i 2002 is a leap year? false	
	OK Cancel	ОК	



# LISTING 3.2 LeapYear.java

```
1 import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
2
3 public class LeapYear {
4   public static void main(String args[]) {
5     // Prompt the user to enter a year
```

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show input dialog	6	<pre>String yearString = JOptionPane.showInputDialog("Enter a year");</pre>
	7	// Convert the station into an intervalue
	8	// Convert the string into an int value
convert to <b>int</b>	9	<pre>int year = Integer.parseInt(yearString);</pre>
	10	
	11	// Check if the year is a leap year
leap year?	12	<b>boolean</b> isLeapYear =
	13	(year % 4 == 0 && year % 100 != 0)    (year % 400 == 0);
	14	
	15	<pre>// Display the result in a message dialog box</pre>
show message dialog	16	<pre>JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,</pre>
	17	<pre>year + " is a leap year? " + isLeapYear);</pre>
	18 }	
	19 }	

#### 3.2.3 Example: A Simple Math Learning Tool

This example creates a program to let a first grader practice addition. The program randomly generates two single-digit integers number1 and number2 and displays a question such as "What is 7 + 9?" to the student, as shown in Figure 3.2(a). After the student types the answer in the input dialog box, the program displays a message dialog box to indicate whether the answer is true or false, as shown in Figure 3.2(b).





There are many good ways to generate random numbers. For now, generate the first integer using System.currentTimeMillis() % 10 and the second using System.current-**TimeMillis()** \* 7 % 10. Listing 3.3 gives the program. Lines 5–6 generate two numbers, number1 and number2. Line 11 displays a dialog box and obtains an answer from the user. The answer is graded in line 15 using a Boolean expression number1 + number2 == answer.

# **LISTING 3.3** AdditionTutor.java

	1 import javax.swing.*;
	2
	<pre>3 public class AdditionTutor {</pre>
	<pre>4 public static void main(String[] args) {</pre>
generate number1	<pre>5 int number1 = (int)(System.currentTimeMillis() % 10);</pre>
generate number2	<pre>6 int number2 = (int)(System.currentTimeMillis() * 7 % 10);</pre>
	7
show question	<pre>8 String answerString = JOptionPane.showInputDialog</pre>
	<pre>9 ("What is " + number1 + " + " + number2 + "?");</pre>
	10
	<pre>11 int answer = Integer.parseInt(answerString);</pre>
	12
display result	<pre>13 JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null,</pre>
	14 number1 + " + " + number2 + " = " + answer + " is " +
	<pre>15 (number1 + number2 == answer));</pre>
	16 }
	17 }

# 3.3 if Statements

The example in Listing 3.3 displays a message such as "6 + 2 = 7 is false." If you wish the message to be "6 + 2 = 7 is incorrect," you have to use a selection statement.

This section introduces selection statements. Java has several types of selection statements: simple **if** statements, **if** ... **else** statements, nested **if** statements, **switch** statements, and conditional expressions.

# 3.3.1 Simple if Statements

A simple **if** statement executes an action if and only if the condition is **true**. The syntax for a simple **if** statement is shown below:

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

The execution flow chart is shown in Figure 3.3(a).



FIGURE 3.3 An if statement executes statements if the **booleanExpression** evaluates to **true**.

If the **booleanExpression** evaluates to **true**, the statements in the block are executed. As an example, see the following code:

```
if (radius >= 0) {
    area = radius * radius * PI;
    System.out.println("The area for the circle of radius " +
        radius + " is " + area);
}
```

The flow chart of the preceding statement is shown in Figure 3.3(b). If the value of **radius** is greater than or equal to 0, then the **area** is computed and the result is displayed; otherwise, the two statements in the block will not be executed.

if statement



The braces can be omitted if they enclose a single statement.

# Caution

Forgetting the braces when they are needed for grouping multiple statements is a common programming error. If you modify the code by adding new statements in an **if** statement without braces, you will have to insert the braces if they are not already in place.

The following statement determines whether a number is even or odd:

```
// Prompt the user to enter an integer
String intString = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
    "Enter an integer:");
// Convert string into int
int number = Integer.parseInt(intString);
if (number % 2 == 0)
    System.out.println(number + " is even.");
if (number % 2 != 0)
    System.out.println(number + " is odd.");
```

# Caution

Adding a semicolon at the end of an **if** clause, as shown in (a) in the following code, is a common mistake.



This mistake is hard to find because it is neither a compilation error nor a runtime error, it is a logic error. The code in (a) is equivalent to (b) with an empty body.

This error often occurs when you use the next-line block style. Using the end-of-line block style will prevent this error.

# 3.3.2 if ... else Statements

A simple **if** statement takes an action if the specified condition is **true**. If the condition is **false**, nothing is done. But what if you want to take alternative actions when the condition is **false**? You can use an **if** ... **else** statement. The actions that an **if** ... **else** statement specifies differ based on whether the condition is **true** or **false**.

if-else statement

Here is the syntax for this type of statement:

```
if (booleanExpression) {
   statement(s)-for-the-true-case;
}
else {
   statement(s)-for-the-false-case;
}
```

The flow chart of the statement is shown in Figure 3.4.



FIGURE 3.4 An if ... else statement executes statements for the true case if the **boolean** expression evaluates to **true**; otherwise, statements for the **false** case are executed.

If the **booleanExpression** evaluates to **true**, the **statement(s)** for the true case is executed; otherwise, the **statement(s)** for the false case is executed. For example, consider the following code:

```
if (radius >= 0) {
    area = radius * radius * PI;
    System.out.println("The area for the circle of radius " +
    radius + " is " + area);
}
else {
    System.out.println("Negative input");
}
```

If **radius** >= 0 is **true**, **area** is computed and displayed; if it is **false**, the message "Negative input" is printed.

As usual, the braces can be omitted if there is only one statement within them. The braces enclosing the **System.out.println("Negative input")** statement can therefore be omitted in the preceding example.

Using the **if** ... **else** statement, you can rewrite the code for determining whether a number is even or odd in the preceding section, as follows:

```
if (number % 2 == 0)
System.out.println(number + " is even.");
else
System.out.println(number + " is odd.");
```

This is more efficient because whether **number % 2** is **0** is tested only once.

# 3.3.3 Nested **if** Statements

The statement in an **if** or **if** ... **else** statement can be any legal Java statement, including another **if** or **if** ... **else** statement. The inner **if** statement is said to be *nested* inside the outer **if** statement. The inner **if** statement can contain another **if** statement; in fact, there is no limit to the depth of the nesting. For example, the following is a nested **if** statement:

nested if statement

```
if (i > k) {
    if (j > k)
        System.out.println("i and j are greater than k");
}
else
    System.out.println("i is less than or equal to k");
```

The if (j > k) statement is nested inside the if (i > k) statement.

The nested **if** statement can be used to implement multiple alternatives. The statement given in Figure 3.5(a), for instance, assigns a letter grade to the variable **grade** according to the score, with multiple alternatives.



**FIGURE 3.5** A preferred format for multiple alternative **if** statements is shown in (b).

The execution of this **if** statement proceeds as follows. The first condition (**score** >= **90.0**) is tested. If it is **true**, the grade becomes 'A'. If it is **false**, the second condition (**score** >= **80.0**) is tested. If the second condition is **true**, the grade becomes 'B'. If that condition is **false**, the third condition and the rest of the conditions (if necessary) continue to be tested until a condition is met or all of the conditions prove to be **false**. If all of the conditions are **false**, the grade becomes 'F'. Note that a condition is tested only when all of the conditions that come before it are **false**.

The **if** statement in Figure 3.5(a) is equivalent to the **if** statement in Figure 3.5(b). In fact, Figure 3.5(b) is the preferred writing style for multiple alternative **if** statements. This style avoids deep indentation and makes the program easy to read.



The **else** clause matches the most recent unmatched **if** clause in the same block. For example, the following statement in (a) is equivalent to the statement in (b).

The compiler ignores indentation. Nothing is printed from the statements in (a) and (b). To force the **else** clause to match the first **if** clause, you must add a pair of braces:

int i = 1; int j = 2; int k = 3;
if (i > j) {

matching else with if



(a)

```
if (i > k)
    System.out.println("A");
}
else
  System.out.println("B");
```

This statement prints **B**.

Tip

Often new programmers write the code that assigns a test condition to a **boolean** variable like the code in (a):

assign boolean variable



The code can be simplified by assigning the test value directly to the variable, as shown in (b).

Caution

To test whether a **boolean** variable is **true** or **false** in a test condition, it is redundant to use the equality comparison operator like the code in (a):

test boolean value



Instead, it is better to use the **boolean** variable directly, as shown in (b). Another good reason to use the **boolean** variable directly is to avoid errors that are difficult to detect. Using the = operator instead of the == operator to compare equality of two items in a test condition is a common error. It could lead to the following erroneous statement:

```
if (even = true)
  System.out.println("It is even.");
```

This statement does not have syntax errors. It assigns **true** to **even** so that **even** is always true.

### debugging in IDE

**Tip** 

If you use an IDE such as JBuilder, NetBeans, or Eclipse, please refer to *Learning Java Effectively* with JBuilder/NetBeans/Eclipse in the supplements. This supplement shows you how to use a debugger to trace a simple **if-else** statement.

# 3.3.4 Example: Computing Taxes

This section uses nested **if** statements to write a program to compute personal income tax. The United States federal personal income tax is calculated based on filing status and taxable income. There are four filing statuses: single filers, married filing jointly, married filing separately, and head of household. The tax rates for 2002 are shown in Table 3.7. If you are, say, single with a taxable income of \$10,000, the first \$6,000 is taxed at 10% and the other \$4,000 is taxed at 15%. So your tax is \$1,200.

Tax rate	Single filers	Married filing jointly or qualifying widow/widower	Married filing separately	Head of household
10%	Up to \$6,000	Up to \$12,000	Up to \$6,000	Up to \$10,000
15%	\$6,001-\$27,950	\$12,001-\$46,700	\$6,001-\$23,350	\$10,001-\$37,450
27%	\$27,951-\$67,700	\$46,701-\$112,850	\$23,351-\$56,425	\$37,451-\$96,700
30%	\$67,701-\$141,250	\$112,851-\$171,950	\$56,426-\$85,975	\$96,701-\$156,600
35%	\$141,251-\$307,050	\$171,951-\$307,050	\$85,976-\$153,525	\$156,601-\$307,050
38.6%	\$307,051 or more	\$307,051 or more	\$153,526 or more	\$307,051 or more

### TABLE 3.7 2002 U.S. Federal Personal Tax Rates

Your program should prompt the user to enter the filing status and taxable income and computes the tax for the year 2002. Enter 0 for single filers, 1 for married filing jointly, 2 for married filing separately, and 3 for head of household. A sample run of the program is shown in Figure 3.6.





Your program computes the tax for the taxable income based on the filing status. The filing status can be determined using **if** statements outlined as follows:

```
if (status == 0) {
   // Compute tax for single filers
}
else if (status == 1) {
   // Compute tax for married file jointly
}
else if (status == 2) {
   // Compute tax for married file separately
}
```

```
else if (status == 3) {
   // Compute tax for head of household
}
else {
   // Display wrong status
}
```

For each filing status, there are six tax rates. Each rate is applied to a certain amount of taxable income. For example, of a taxable income of \$400,000 for single filers, \$6,000 is taxed at 10%, (27950 - 6000) at 15\%, (67700 - 27950) at 27\%, (141250 - 67700) at 35\%, and (400000 - 307050) at 38.6\%.

Listing 3.4 gives the solution to compute taxes for single filers. The complete solution is left as an exercise.

# LISTING 3.4 ComputeTaxWithSelectionStatement.java

```
1 import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
                                                                                import class
 2
 3 public class ComputeTaxWithSelectionStatement {
 4
     public static void main(String[] args) {
 5
       // Prompt the user to enter filing status
 6
       String statusString = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
                                                                                input dialog
 7
          "Enter the filing status:\n" +
         "(O-single filer, 1-married jointly,\n" +
 8
 9
         "2-married separately, 3-head of household)");
10
       int status = Integer.parseInt(statusString);
                                                                                convert string
11
                                                                                 to int
       // Prompt the user to enter taxable income
12
13
       String incomeString = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(
                                                                                input dialog
14
         "Enter the taxable income:");
15
       double income = Double.parseDouble(incomeString);
                                                                                convert string
                                                                                 to double
16
17
       // Compute tax
       double tax = 0;
18
                                                                                compute tax
19
20
       if (status == 0) { // Compute tax for single filers
21
         if (income <= 6000)
22
           tax = income * 0.10;
23
         else if (income <= 27950)</pre>
24
           tax = 6000 * 0.10 + (income - 6000) * 0.15;
25
         else if (income <= 67700)</pre>
26
           tax = 6000 * 0.10 + (27950 - 6000) * 0.15 +
27
             (income - 27950) * 0.27;
28
         else if (income <= 141250)
29
           tax = 6000 * 0.10 + (27950 - 6000) * 0.15 +
             (67700 - 27950) * 0.27 + (income - 67700) * 0.30;
30
31
         else if (income <= 307050)</pre>
32
           tax = 6000 * 0.10 + (27950 - 6000) * 0.15 +
33
              (67700 - 27950) * 0.27 + (141250 - 67700) * 0.30 +
              (income - 141250) * 0.35;
34
35
         else
           tax = 6000 * 0.10 + (27950 - 6000) * 0.15 +
36
37
             (67700 - 27950) * 0.27 + (141250 - 67700) * 0.30 +
38
             (307050 - 141250) * 0.35 + (income - 307050) * 0.386;
39
       }
40
       else if (status == 1) { // Compute tax for married file jointly
41
         // Left as exercise
42
       }
```

exit program

message dialog

exit method

```
43
       else if (status == 2) { // Compute tax for married separately
44
         // Left as exercise
45
       }
       else if (status == 3) { // Compute tax for head of household
46
47
         // Left as exercise
48
       }
49
       else {
50
         System.out.println("Error: invalid status");
         System.exit(0);
51
       }
52
53
54
       // Display the result
55
       JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "Tax is " +
56
         (int)(tax * 100) / 100.0);
57
     }
58 }
```

The **import** statement (line 1) makes the class **javax.swing.JOptionPane** available for use in this example.

The program receives the filing status and taxable income. The multiple alternative **if** statements (lines 22, 42, 45, 48, 51) check the filing status and compute the tax based on the filing status.

Like the **showMessageDialog** method, **System.exit(0)** (line 53) is also a static method. This method is defined in the **System** class. Invoking this method terminates the program. The argument **0** indicates that the program is terminated normally.



### Note

An initial value of **0** is assigned to **tax** (line 20). A syntax error would occur if it had no initial value because all of the other statements that assign values to tax are within the if statement. The compiler thinks that these statements may not be executed and therefore reports a syntax error.

#### Example: An Improved Math Learning Tool 3.3.5

This example creates a program for a first grader to practice subtraction. The program randomly generates two single-digit integers **number1** and **number2** with **number1** > **number2** and displays a question such as "What is 9-2?" to the student, as shown in Figure 3.7(a). After the student types the answer in the input dialog box, the program displays a message dialog box to indicate whether the answer is correct, as shown in Figure 3.7(b).





random() method

To generate a random number, use the **random** () method in the Math class. Invoking this method returns a random double value d such that  $0.0 \le d < 1.0$  So (int) (Math.random() \* 10) returns a random single-digit integer (i.e., a number between 0 and 9). The program may work as follows:

- Generate two single-digit integers into **number1** and **number2**.
- If number1 < number2, swap number1 with number2.

- Prompt the student to answer "what is number1 number2?"
- Check the student's answer and display whether the answer is correct.

The complete program is shown in Listing 3.5.

### **LISTING 3.5** SubtractionTutor.java

```
1 import javax.swing.JOptionPane;
                                                                               import class
2
3 public class SubtractionTutor {
4
    public static void main(String[] args) {
 5
       // 1. Generate two random single-digit integers
6
       int number1 = (int)(Math.random() * 10);
                                                                               random numbers
 7
       int number2 = (int)(Math.random() * 10);
8
9
       // 2. If number1 < number2, swap number1 with number2</pre>
10
       if (number1 < number2) {</pre>
11
         int temp = number1;
12
         number1 = number2;
13
         number2 = temp;
14
       }
15
16
       // 3. Prompt the student to answer "what is number1 - number2?"
       String answerString = JOptionPane.showInputDialog
17
                                                                               input dialog
         ("What is " + number1 + " - " + number2 + "?");
18
19
       int answer = Integer.parseInt(answerString);
20
21
       // 4. Grade the answer and display the result
22
       String replyString;
23
       if (number1 - number2 == answer)
24
         replyString = "You are correct!";
25
       else
26
         replyString = "Your answer is wrong.\n" + number1 + " - "
27
           + number2 + " should be " + (number1 - number2);
28
       JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, replyString);
                                                                               message dialog
     }
29
30 }
```

To swap two variables **number1** and **number2**, a temporary variable **temp** (line 11) is used to first hold the value in **number1**. The value in **number2** is assigned to **number1** (line 12), and the value in **temp** is assigned to **number2**.

# 3.4 switch Statements

The **if** statement in Listing 3.4 makes selections based on a single **true** or **false** condition. There are four cases for computing taxes, which depend on the value of **status**. To fully account for all the cases, nested **if** statements were used. Overuse of nested **if** statements makes a program difficult to read. Java provides a **switch** statement to handle multiple conditions efficiently. You could write the following **switch** statement to replace the nested **if** statement in Listing 3.4:

```
switch (status) {
   case 0: compute taxes for single filers;
        break;
   case 1: compute taxes for married file jointly;
        break;
```

The flow chart of the preceding **switch** statement is shown in Figure 3.8.



FIGURE 3.8 The switch statement checks all cases and executes the statements in the matched case.

This statement checks to see whether the status matches the value 0, 1, 2, or 3, in that order. If matched, the corresponding tax is computed; if not matched, a message is displayed. Here is the full syntax for the **switch** statement:

switch statement

```
switch (switch-expression) {
   case value1: statement(s)1;
        break;
   case value2: statement(s)2;
        break;
   ...
   case valueN: statement(s)N;
        break;
   default: statement(s)-for-default;
}
```

The **switch** statement observes the following rules:

- The switch-expression must yield a value of char, byte, short, or int type and must always be enclosed in parentheses.
- The value1, ..., and valueN must have the same data type as the value of the switch-expression. Note that value1, ..., and valueN are constant expressions, meaning that they cannot contain variables in the expression, such as 1 + x.

- When the value in a case statement matches the value of the switch-expression, the statements starting from this case are executed until either a break statement or the end of the switch statement is reached.
- The keyword break is optional. The break statement immediately ends the switch statement.
- The default case, which is optional, can be used to perform actions when none of the specified cases matches the switch-expression.
- The case statements are checked in sequential order, but the order of the cases (including the default case) does not matter. However, it is good programming style to follow the logical sequence of the cases and place the default case at the end.

# Caution

Do not forget to use a **break** statement when one is needed. Once a case is matched, the statements starting from the matched case are executed until a **break** statement or the end of the **switch** statement is reached. This phenomenon is referred to as the *fall-through* behavior. For example, the following code prints character a three times if **ch** is **'a'**:

without **break** 

fall-through behavior



**Tip** To avoid programming errors and improve code maintainability, it is a good idea to put a comment in a case clause if **break** is purposely omitted.

# 3.5 Conditional Expressions

You might want to assign a value to a variable that is restricted by certain conditions. For example, the following statement assigns 1 to y if x is greater than 0, and -1 to y if x is less than or equal to 0.

```
if (x > 0)
  y = 1
else
  y = -1;
```

Alternatively, as in this example, you can use a conditional expression to achieve the same result.

y = (x > 0) ? 1 : -1;

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Conditional expressions are in a completely different style, with no explicit **if** in the statement. The syntax is shown below:

booleanExpression ? expression1 : expression2;

conditional expression The result of this conditional expression is **expression1** if **booleanExpression** is **true**; otherwise the result is **expression2**.

Suppose you want to assign the larger number between variable num1 and num2 to max. You can simply write a statement using the conditional expression:

```
max = (num1 > num2) ? num1 : num2;
```

For another example, the following statement displays the message "num is even" if num is even, and otherwise displays "num is odd."

System.out.println((num % 2 == 0) ? "num is even" : "num is odd");



The symbols **?** and **:** appear together in a conditional expression. They form a conditional operator. This operator is called a *ternary operator* because it uses three operands. It is the only ternary operator in Java.

# 3.6 Formatting Console Output and Strings

You already know how to display console output using the **println** method. JDK 1.5 introduced a new **printf** method that enables you to format output. The syntax to invoke this method is

```
System.out.printf(format, item1, item2, ..., itemk)
```

specifier

printf

where **format** is a string that may consist of substrings and format specifiers. A format specifier specifies how an item should be displayed. An item may be a numeric value, a character, a boolean value, or a string. Each specifier begins with a percent sign. Table 3.8 lists some frequently used specifiers.

### **TABLE 3.8** Frequently Used Specifiers

Specifier	Output	Example
%b	a boolean value	true or false
% <b>C</b>	a character	'a'
%d	a decimal integer	200
% <b>f</b>	a floating-point number	45.460000
%e	a number in standard scientific notation	4.556000e+01
%s	a string	"Java is cool"

Here is an example:

```
int count = 5;
double amount = 45.56;
System.out.printf("count is %d and amount is %f", count, amount);
display count is 5 and amount is 45.560000
```

Items must match the specifiers in order, in number, and in exact type. For example, the specifier for **count** is **%d** and for **amount** is **%f**. By default, a floating-point value is displayed with six digits after the decimal point. You can specify the width and precision in a specifier, as shown in the examples in Table 3.9.

Example	Output	
%5c	Output the character and add four spaces before the character item.	
%6b	Output the boolean value and add one space before the false value and two spaces before the true value.	
%5d	Output the integer item with width at least 5. If the number of digits in the item is $<5$ , add spaces before the number. If the number of digits in the item is $>5$ , the width is automatically increased.	
%10.2f	Output the floating-point item with width at least 10 including a decimal point and two digits after the point. Thus there are 7 digits allocated before the decimal point. If the number of digits before the decimal in the item is $<7$ , add spaces before the number. If the number of digits before the decimal in the item is $>7$ , the width is automatically increased.	
%10.2e	Output the floating-point item with width at least <b>10</b> including a decimal point, two digits after the point and the exponent part. If the displayed number in scientific notation has width less than <b>10</b> , add spaces before the number.	
%12s	Output the string with width at least 12 characters. If the string item has less than 12 characters, add spaces before the string. If the string item has more than 12 characters, the width is automatically increased.	

**TABLE 3.9** Examples of Specifying Width and Precision

You can put the minus sign (-) in the specifier to specify that the item is left-justified in left justify the output within the specified field. For example, the following statement

System.out.printf("%8d%-8s\n", 1234, "Java"); System.out.printf("%-8d%-8s\n", 1234, "Java");

displays

```
1234Java
1234 Java
```

### Caution

The items must match the specifiers in exact type. The item for the specifier **%f** or **%e** must be a floating-point type value such as **40.0**, not **40**. Thus an **int** variable cannot match **%f** or **%e**.

# 🍯 Tip

The % sign denotes a specifier. To output a literal % in the format string, use %%.

You can print formatted output to the console using the **printf** method. Can you display formatted output in a message dialog box? To accomplish this, use the static **format** method in the **String** class to create a formatted string. The syntax to invoke this method is

formatting strings

String.format(format, item1, item2, ..., itemk)

This method is similar to the **printf** method except that the **format** method returns a formatted string, whereas the **printf** method displays a formatted string. For example,

String s = String.format("count is %d and amount is %f", 5, 45.56));

creates a formatted string "count is 5 and amount is 45.560000".

The following statement displays a formatted string in a message dialog box:

OptionPane.showMessageDialog( <b>null</b> , String.format("Sales tax is %1.2f",	i Sales tax is 24.35
24.3454));	ОК

Message

X

# 3.7 Operator Precedence and Associativity

Operator precedence and associativity determine the order in which operators are evaluated. Suppose that you have this expression:

3 + 4 \* 4 > 5 \* (4 + 3) - 1

What is its value? How does the compiler know the execution order of the operators? The expression in the parentheses is evaluated first. (Parentheses can be nested, in which case the expression in the inner parentheses is executed first.) When evaluating an expression without parentheses, the operators are applied according to the precedence rule and the associativity rule. The precedence rule defines precedence for operators, as shown in Table 3.10, which contains the operators you have learned so far. Operators are listed in decreasing order of precedence from top to bottom. Operators with the same precedence appear in the same group. (See Appendix C, "Operator Precedence Chart," for a complete list of Java operators and their precedence.)

Precedence Operator Highest Order **var++** and **var--** (Postfix) +, - (Unary plus and minus), ++var and --var (Prefix) (type) (Casting) (Not) \*, /, % (Multiplication, division, and remainder) +, - (Binary addition and subtraction) <, <=, >, >= (Comparison) ==, != (Equality)& (Unconditional AND) ∧ (Exclusive OR) (Unconditional OR) && (Conditional AND) (Conditional OR) Lowest Order =, +=, -=, \*=, /=, %= (Assignment operator)

```
        TABLE 3.10
        Operator Precedence Chart
```

associativity

If operators with the same precedence are next to each other, their *associativity* determines the order of evaluation. All binary operators except assignment operators are *left-associative*. For example, since + and - are of the same precedence and are left-associative, the expression

precedence

Assignment operators are *right-associative*. Therefore, the expression

a = b += c = 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ a = (b += (c = 5))

Suppose **a**, **b**, and **c** are **1** before the assignment; after the whole expression is evaluated, **a** becomes **6**, **b** becomes **6**, and **c** becomes **5**. Note that left associativity for the assignment operator would not make sense.

Applying the operator precedence and associativity rule, the expression  $3 + 4 \div 4 > 5 \div (4 + 3) - 1$  is evaluated as follows:



芝 Tip

You can use parentheses to force an evaluation order as well as to make a program easy to read. Use of redundant parentheses does not slow down the execution of the expression.

# 3.8 Operand Evaluation Order

The precedence and associativity rules specify the order of the operators but not the order in which the operands of a binary operator are evaluated. Operands are evaluated strictly *from left to right* in Java. *The left-hand operand of a binary operator is evaluated before any part of the right-hand operand is evaluated.* This rule takes precedence over any other rules that govern expressions. Consider this expression:

a + b \* (c + 10 \* d) / e

**a**, **b**, **c**, **d**, and **e** are evaluated in this order. *If no operands have side effects that change the value of a variable, the order of operand evaluation is irrelevant.* Interesting cases arise when operands do have a side effect. For example, **x** becomes 1 in the following code because **a** is evaluated to 0 before ++a is evaluated to 1.

int a = 0; int x = a + (++a);

But x becomes 2 in the following code because ++a is evaluated to 1, and then a is evaluated to 1.

**int** a = **0**; **int** x = ++a + a;

The order for evaluating operands takes precedence over the operator precedence rule. In the former case, (++a) has higher precedence than addition (+), but since a is a left-hand

from left to right

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operand of the addition (+), it is evaluated before any part of its right-hand operand (e.g., ++a in this case).

evaluation rule

In summary, the rule of evaluating an expression is:

- Rule 1: Evaluate whatever subexpressions you can possibly evaluate from left to right.
- Rule 2: The operators are applied according to their precedence, as shown in Table 3.10.
- Rule 3: The associativity rule applies for two operators next to each other with the same precedence.

Applying the rule, the expression 3 + 4 \* 4 > 5 \* (4 + 3) - 1 is evaluated as follows:

3 + 4 * 4 > 5 * (4 + 3) - 1	(1) 4 * 4 is the first subexpression that can be evaluated from the left.
3 + 16 > 5 * (4 + 3) - 1	-(2) 3 + 16 is evaluated now.
19 > 5 * 7 - 1	(3) 4 + 3 is now the leftmost subexpression that should be evaluated.
19 > 35 - 1	- (4) 5 * 7 is evaluated now.
19 > 34	- $(5)$ 35 – 1 is evaluated now.
false	- (6) $19 > 34$ is evaluated now.

The result happens to be the same as applying Rule 2 and Rule 3 without applying Rule 1. In fact, Rule 1 is not necessary if no operands have side effects that change the value of a variable in an expression.

# **Key Terms**

boolean expression 68 boolean value 68 boolean type 68 break statement 81, 101 conditional operator 84 fall-through behavior 83 operator associativity 86 operator precedence 86 selection statement 73 short-circuit evaluation 70

# **CHAPTER SUMMARY**

- Java has eight primitive data types. The preceding chapter introduced byte, short, int, long, float, double, and char. This chapter introduced the boolean type that represents a true or false value.
- The Boolean operators &&, &, ||, |, !, and ^ operate with Boolean values and variables. The relational operators (<, <=, ==, !=, >, >=) work with numbers and characters, and yield a Boolean value.
- When evaluating p1 && p2, Java first evaluates p1 and then evaluates p2 if p1 is true; if p1 is false, it does not evaluate p2. When evaluating p1 || p2, Java first evaluates p1 and then evaluates p2 if p1 is false; if p1 is true, it does not evaluate

**p2**. Therefore, **&&** is referred to as the *conditional* or *short-circuit AND* operator, and || is referred to as the *conditional* or *short-circuit OR* operator.

- Java also provides the & and | operators. The & operator works exactly the same as the & operator, and the | operator works exactly the same as the || operator with one exception: the & and | operators always evaluate both operands. Therefore, & is referred to as the *unconditional AND* operator, and | is referred to as the *unconditional OR* operator.
- Selection statements are used for building selection steps into programs. There are several types of selection statements: if statements, if ... else statements, nested if statements, switch statements, and conditional expressions.
- The various if statements all make control decisions based on a Boolean expression. Based on the true or false evaluation of the expression, these statements take one of two possible courses.
- The switch statement makes control decisions based on a switch expression of type char, byte, short, int, or boolean.
- The keyword break is optional in a switch statement, but it is normally used at the end of each case in order to terminate the remainder of the switch statement. If the break statement is not present, the next case statement will be executed.
- The operands of a binary operator are evaluated from left to right. No part of the right-hand operand is evaluated until all the operands before the binary operator are evaluated.
- The operators in arithmetic expressions are evaluated in the order determined by the rules of parentheses, operator precedence, and associativity.
- Parentheses can be used to force the order of evaluation to occur in any sequence. Operators with higher precedence are evaluated earlier. The associativity of the operators determines the order of evaluation for operators of the same precedence.
- All binary operators except assignment operators are left-associative, and assignment operators are right-associative.

# **Review Questions**

### Section 3.2 boolean Data Type and Operations

- **3.1** List six comparison operators.
- **3.2** Assume that **x** is **1**, show the result of the following Boolean expressions:

**3.3** Write a Boolean expression that evaluates to **true** if a number stored in variable **num** is between **1** and **100**.

- **3.4** Write a Boolean expression that evaluates to **true** if a number stored in variable **num** is between **1** and **100** or the number is negative.
- **3.5** Assume that **x** and **y** are **int** type. Which of the following are correct Java expressions?

x > y > 0 x = y && y x /= y x or y x and y (x != 0) || (x = 0)

**3.6** Can the following conversions involving casting be allowed? If so, find the converted result.

boolean b = true; i = (int)b; int i = 1; boolean b = (boolean)i;

**3.7** Suppose that **x** is 1. What is **x** after the evaluation of the following expression?

(x > 1) & (x++ > 1)

**3.8** Suppose that **x** is 1. What is **x** after the evaluation of the following expression?

(x > 1) & (x + + > 1)

**3.9** Show the output of the following program:

```
public class Test {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    char x = 'a';
    char y = 'c';
    System.out.println(++y);
    System.out.println(y++);
    System.out.println(x > y);
    System.out.println(x - y);
  }
}
```

### Section 3.3 if Statements

**3.10** Suppose x = 3 and y = 2, show the output, if any, of the following code. What is the output if x = 3 and y = 4? What is the output if x = 2 and y = 2? Draw a flowchart of the following code:

```
if (x > 2) {
    if (y > 2) {
        int z = x + y;
        System.out.println("z is " + z);
    }
}
else
    System.out.println("x is " + x);
```

**3.11** Which of the following statements are equivalent? Which ones are correctly indented?



**3.12** Suppose x = 2 and y = 3, show the output, if any, of the following code. What is the output if x = 3 and y = 2? What is the output if x = 3 and y = 3? (Hint: please indent the statement correctly first.)

```
if (x > 2)
    if (y > 2) {
        int z = x + y;
        System.out.println("z is " + z);
    }
else
    System.out.println("x is " + x);
```

**3.13** Are the following two statements equivalent?

```
if (income <= 10000)
tax = income * 0.1;
else if (income <= 20000)
tax = 1000 +
  (income - 10000) * 0.15;</pre>
```

**3.14** Which of the following is a possible output from invoking Math.random()?

323.4, 0.5, 34, 1.0, 0.0, 0.234

**3.15** How do you generate a random integer **i** such that  $0 \le i < 20$ ? How do you generate a random integer **i** such that  $10 \le i < 20$ ? How do you generate a random integer **i** such that  $10 \le i \le 50$ ?

### Section 3.4 switch Statements

- 3.16 What data types are required for a switch variable? If the keyword break is not used after a case is processed, what is the next statement to be executed? Can you convert a switch statement to an equivalent if statement, or vice versa? What are the advantages of using a switch statement?
- **3.17** What is y after the following **switch** statement is executed?

```
x = 3; y = 3;
switch (x + 3) {
    case 6: y = 1;
    default: y += 1;
}
```

**3.18** Use a **switch** statement to rewrite the following **if** statement and draw the flowchart for the **switch** statement:

```
if (a == 1)
    x += 5;
else if (a == 2)
    x += 10;
else if (a == 3)
    x += 16;
else if (a == 4)
    x += 34;
```

### **Section 3.5 Conditional Expressions**

**3.19** Rewrite the following **if** statement using the conditional operator:

```
if (count % 10 == 0)
System.out.print(count + "\n");
else
System.out.print(count + " ");
```

### Section 3.6 Formatting Console Output and Strings

- **3.20** What are the specifiers for outputting a boolean value, a character, a decimal integer, a floating-point number, and a string?
- **3.21** What is wrong in the following statements?
  - (a) System.out.printf("%5d %d", 1, 2, 3);
  - (b) System.out.printf("%5d %f", 1);
  - (c) System.out.printf("%5d %f", 1, 2);
- **3.22** Show the output of the following statements.
  - (a) System.out.printf("amount is %f %e\n", 32.32, 32.32);
  - (b) System.out.printf("amount is %5.4f %5.4e\n", 32.32, 32.32);
  - (c) System.out.printf("%6b\n", (1 > 2));
  - (d) System.out.printf("%6s\n", "Java");
  - (e) System.out.printf("%-6b%s\n", (1 > 2), "Java");
  - (f) System.out.printf("%6b%-s\n", (1 > 2), "Java");
- **3.23** How do you create a formatted string?

### **Sections 3.7–3.8**

**3.24** List the precedence order of the Boolean operators. Evaluate the following expressions:

```
true | true && false
true || true && false
true | true & false
```

- **3.25** Show and explain the output of the following code:
  - (a) int i = 0; System.out.println(--i + i + i++); System.out.println(i + ++i);
  - (b) int i = 0; i = i + (i = 1); System.out.println(i);

**3.26** Assume that **int a = 1** and **double d = 1.0**, and that each expression is independent. What are the results of the following expressions?

a = (a = 3) + a; a = a + (a = 3); a += a + (a = 3); a = 5 + 5 \* 2 % a--; a = 4 + 1 + 4 \* 5 % (++a + 1); d += 1.5 \* 3 + (++d);d -= 1.5 \* 3 + d++;

# **PROGRAMMING EXERCISES**

### Section 3.2 boolean Data Type and Operations



### Pedagogical Note

For each exercise, students should carefully analyze the problem requirements and the design strategies for solving the problem before coding.

### **Pedagogical Note**

Instructors may ask students to *document analysis and design* for selected exercises. Students should use their own words to analyze the problem, including the input, output, and what needs to be computed and describe how to solve the problem using pseudocode. This has two benefits: (1) it mandates students to think before typing code; (2) it fosters writing skills.

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### **Debugging Tip**

Before you ask for help, read and explain the program to yourself, and trace it using several representative inputs by hand or using an IDE debugger. You learn how to program by debugging your own mistakes.

# 칠 Note

Do not use selection statements for Exercises 3.1-3.6.

3.1\* (*Validating triangles*) Write a program that reads three edges for a triangle and determines whether the input is valid. The input is valid if the sum of any two edges is greater than the third edge. For example, if your input for three edges is 1, 2, 1, the output should be:

Can edges 1, 2, and 1 form a triangle? false

If your input for three edges is 2, 2, 1, the output should be:

Can edges 2, 2, and 1 form a triangle? true

**3.2** (*Checking whether a number is even*) Write a program that reads an integer and checks whether it is even. For example, if your input is 25, the output should be:

Is 25 an even number? false

If your input is **2000**, the output should be:

Is 2000 an even number? true

think before coding

document analysis and design

learn from mistakes

3.3\* (Using the &&, || and ^ operators) Write a program that prompts the user to enter an integer and determines whether it is divisible by 5 and 6, whether it is divisible by 5 or 6, and whether it is divisible by 5 or 6, but not both. For example, if your input is 10, the output should be

Is 10 divisible by 5 and 6? false Is 10 divisible by 5 or 6? true Is 10 divisible by 5 or 6, but not both? true

- 3.4\*\* (Learning addition) Write a program that generates two integers under 100 and prompts the user to enter the addition of these two integers. The program then reports true if the answer is correct, false otherwise. The program is similar to Listing 3.3.
- **3.5**\*\* (*Addition for three numbers*) The program in Listing 3.3 generates two integers and prompts the user to enter the addition of these two integers. Revise the program to generate three single-digit integers and prompt the user to enter the addition of these three integers.
- **3.6\*** (*Using the console input*) Rewrite Listing 3.2, LeapYear.java, using the console input.

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- **3.7** (*Monetary units*) Modify Listing 2.7 to display the non-zero denominations only, using singular words for single units like 1 dollar and 1 penny, and plural words for more than one unit like 2 dollars and 3 pennies. (Use 23.67 to test your program.)
- **3.8**<sup>★</sup> (*Sorting three integers*) Write a program that sorts three integers. The integers are entered from the input dialogs and stored in variables num1, num2, and num3, respectively. The program sorts the numbers so that num1 ≤ num2 ≤ num3.
- **3.9** (*Computing the perimeter of a triangle*) Write a program that reads three edges for a triangle and computes the perimeter if the input is valid. Otherwise, display that the input is invalid. The input is valid if the sum of any two edges is greater than the third edge (also see Exercise 3.1).
- **3.10** (*Computing taxes*) Listing 3.4 gives the source code to compute taxes for single filers. Complete Listing 3.4 to give the complete source code.
- **3.11\*** (*Finding the number of days in a month*) Write a program that prompts the user to enter the month and year, and displays the number of days in the month. For example, if the user entered month 2 and year 2000, the program should display that February 2000 has 29 days. If the user entered month 3 and year 2005, the program should display that March 2005 has 31 days.
- **3.12** (*Checking a number*) Write a program that prompts the user to enter an integer and checks whether the number is divisible by both 5 and 6, neither, or just one of them. Here are some sample outputs for inputs 10, 30, and 23.

10 is divisible by 5 or 6, but not both 30 is divisible by both 5 and 6 23 is not divisible by either 5 or 6

**3.13** (*An addition learning tool*) Listing 3.5, SubtractionTutor.java, randomly generates a subtraction question. Revise the program to randomly generate an addition question with two integers less than **100**.