COMPSCI 101 Principles of Programming Lecture 10

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Boolean expressions



Tracing code: Method Call Box





Boolean expressions

A boolean expression is a statement (fact) about the world

• The statement can be assessed for truth

Examples:

- "Apples are red"
- "John went to the store last Saturday"
- "I prefer red wine to white wine"
- "The square of the hypotenuse of a right angle triangle is equal to the sum of the squares of the other two sides"
- "CompSci 101 is the best course I have ever done"

Truth values

Every boolean expression must be either true or false

Example:

- That apple weighs 110 grams (true)
- 1 + 1 = 3 (false)

We might use letters to stand for our sentences, to make them easier to discuss:

- Let P stand for: "The coffee contains milk"
- We can then say "P is false" or "P is true"

Combining expressions

We can combine expressions using "and", "or" and "not"

- Let P = "The coffee has milk"
- Let Q = "The coffee has sugar"
- P and Q
 - The coffee has milk and the coffee has sugar
 - True when both p and q are true

P or Q

- The coffee has milk or the coffee has sugar
- True when either p is true or q is true

not P

- It is not the case that the coffee has milk
- True when p is false

Truth tables: AND, OR



A truth table describes the different truth values for a logical operator

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р	q	p and q
true	true	true
true	false	false
false	true	false
false	false	false

Truth table for logical AND operator

Truth i	table	for	logical	OR	operator
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_	р	q	p or q
	true	true	true
	true	false	true
	false	true	true
	false	false	false

Example: Let p = "The coffee has milk", Let q = "The coffee has sugar"

Assume that the coffee has milk (p is true), but no sugar (q is false)

- Can use the truth table for AND to establish that "p and q" is false
- Can use the truth table for OR to establish that "p or q" is true

Truth tables: NOT



A truth table describes the different truth values for a logical operator

Truth table for logical NOT operator		
р	NOT р	
true	false	
false	true	

Example:

- p = "The coffee has milk"
- q = "The coffee has sugar"
- Assume that the coffee has milk (p is true), but no sugar (q is false)
- Using truth table
 - "not p" is false
 - "not q" is true

Java: boolean type

Java has a primitive type called boolean

- Holds only two possible values:
 - true
 - false

boolean variables

- Declare a variable of **boolean** type
- boolean variables can hold either the value true or the value false

```
boolean isStudent;
boolean hasBlueHair;
isStudent = true;
hasBlueHair = false;
```

Naming conventions

Boolean variables hold values which are true or false

- Variables names should remind you of their contents
- Names of boolean variables express a fact that should be true or false

Bad boolean variable names

boolean susan;

boolean age;

boolean whenIsThisLectureOver;

Good boolean variable names

boolean enrolledIn101;

boolean hasPassed;

boolean gameIsOver;

Java: Logical Operators



Logical "AND"

- &&
- Example: p && q

Logical "OR"

- ||
- Example: p || q

Logical "NOT"

- !
- Example: !p

total less than or equal to 21 and total greater than dealer

> today is Saturday or today is overcast

it is not the case that the lecture is over

Truth tables: NOT



A truth table describes the different truth values for a logical operator

Truth table for logical NOT operator

р	! p
true	false
false	true

Truth tables: AND, OR



A truth table describes the different truth values for a logical operator

Truth table for logical AND operator

 р	q	p & & q
true	true	true
true	false	false
false	true	false
false	false	false

Truth table for logical OR operator

q	p q
true	true
false	true
true	true
false	false
	q true false true false

Exercise: boolean expressions

What is the output of the following:

```
boolean a = true;
boolean b = true;
boolean c = false;
boolean d = (a && b) || (a && c);
boolean e = a || (!c);
boolean f = (c || b) && (c || a);
System.out.println( d && e );
System.out.println( f || a );
true
```

Example: boolean expressions

Using logical operators to form compound boolean expressions



```
boolean totalGreaterThan21 = false;
boolean totalGreaterThanDealer = true;
boolean youWin = (!totalGreaterThan21 && true
totalGreaterThanDealer );
```