Recap: Conditionals

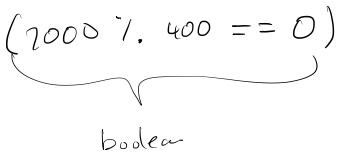
- Code that is executed only when conditions are met

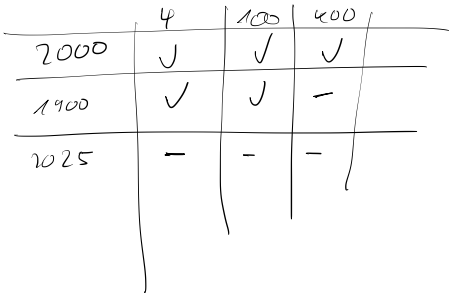
If-Statement

```
1 if (EXPRESSION)
2   STATEMENT
3 else
4   STATEMENT;
```

Switch-Statement

```
1  switch (EXPRESSION) {
2    case CONSTANT:
3      STATEMENT;
4      break;
5    case CONSTANT2:
6    case CONSTANT3:
7      STATEMENT;
8      break;
9    default:
10     STATEMENT
11 }
```





Exercise 4

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Introduction

- Executing code repeatedly
- What do we need?
  - The code to be executed (i.e., a code block)
  - Conditions on how often to repeat

While-Loop

- Repeat as long as some expression is true
- Similar to `if`, but with a repeat option
  - `EXPRESSION` must be of type `boolean`
  - If `EXPRESSION` evaluates to `false`, code is not executed at all
- `EXPRESSION` is evaluated in every iteration before the code block is run
  - I.e., if variables change during execution, the expression result may also change

```
1 while (EXPRESSION) {
2   // some code
3 }
```

demo

Do-While-Loop

- Repeat as long as some expression is true
- Similar to `while`, but code is executed at least once

```
1 do {
2   // some code
3 } while (EXPRESSION);
```

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- For-loops offer a denser notation

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```
1 for (INIT; CONDITION; UPDATE) {
2   //
3 }
```

- INIT: Executed before entering the loop for the first time
- CONDITION: An expression, checked before every iteration
  - Must be of type `boolean`
- UPDATE: Executed at the end of each iteration

For-Loop

Scope

- Variables declared within a for loop are not known outside of it
- If variables are declared in INIT, they belong to the scope of for-statement
- This shows a difference to the corresponding while-statement

Example

```
1 int a = 4;
2 for (int b = 0; b < 10; b++) {
3   // b is known
4   // a is known
5 }
6 // a is known
7 // b is not known
```

b = b + 1

demo

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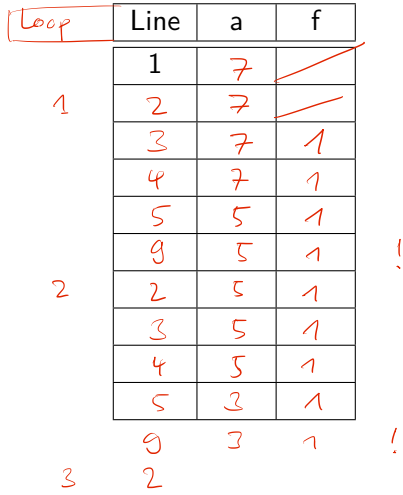

Section 1

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  - are able to exit a loop independently of the exit condition and thus
  - make code harder to read and understand