

COMP 110-001

Flow of Control: Branching 2

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Review

- if ... else ...
 - Q1: Write a program that
 - Reads an integer from user
 - Prints “Even” if the integer is even
 - Otherwise, prints “Odd”
- Boolean expression & Comparison
 - Q2: How to compare values of primitive types?
How about objects?
 - Q3: Write the boolean expression for testing a leap year
 - A leap year is divisible by 4, but not by 100 (except if divisible by 400)

Today

- More if / else statements
- The switch statements

Gotcha (Syntax)

- `if (boolean expression);`

DO NOT DO THIS!!!!!!!

- `if (boolean expression) {

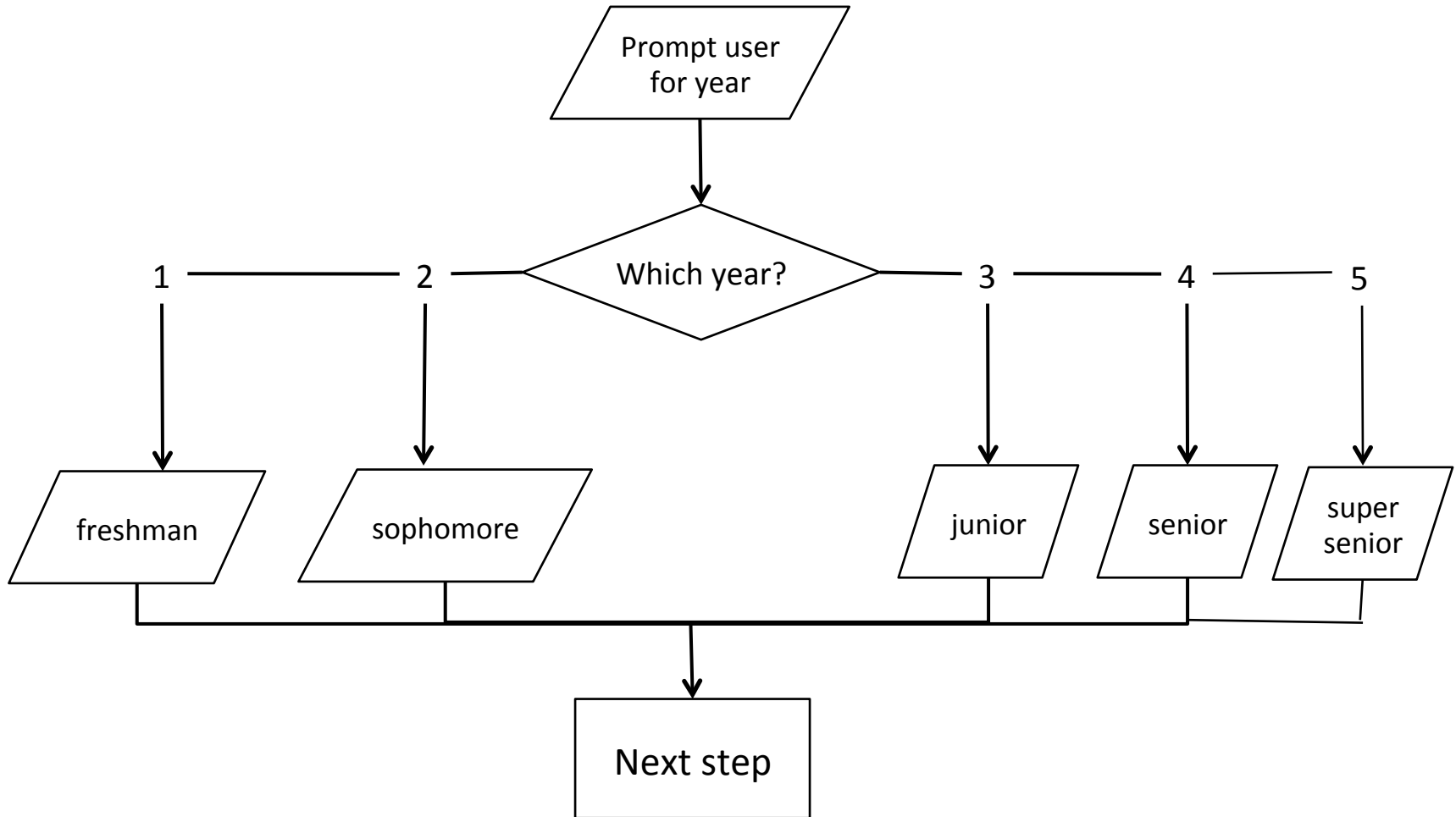
} else { // NO boolean expression here

}`

Tracing if / else code

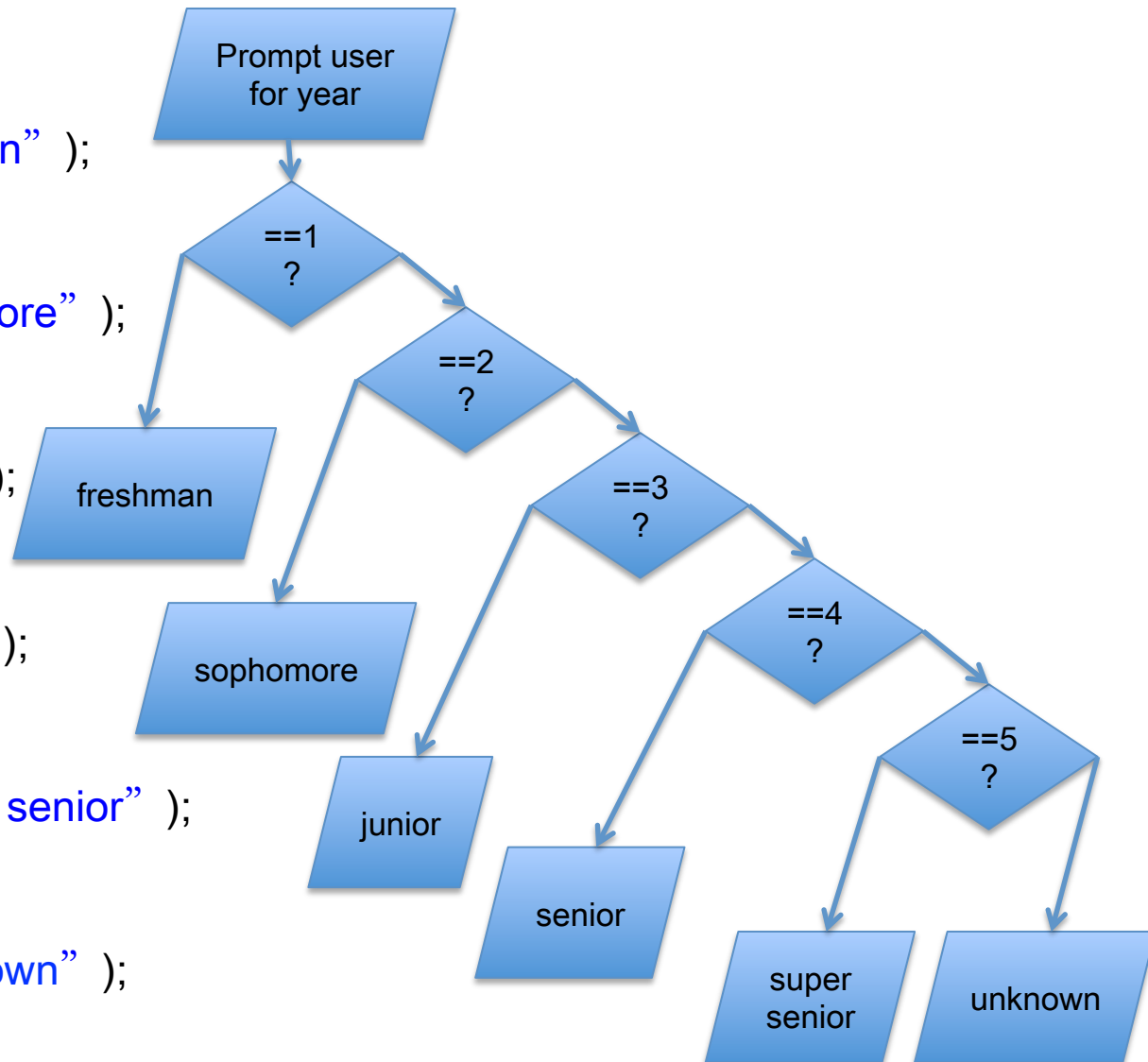
- Simple if-else statement: 2-choose-1
- Nested if-else statement: N-choose-1
 - Translate to multiple 2-choose-1 operations
- Example:
 - Write a program that takes an input, your year in college (as an integer), and outputs your year as freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or super senior

Flow Chart

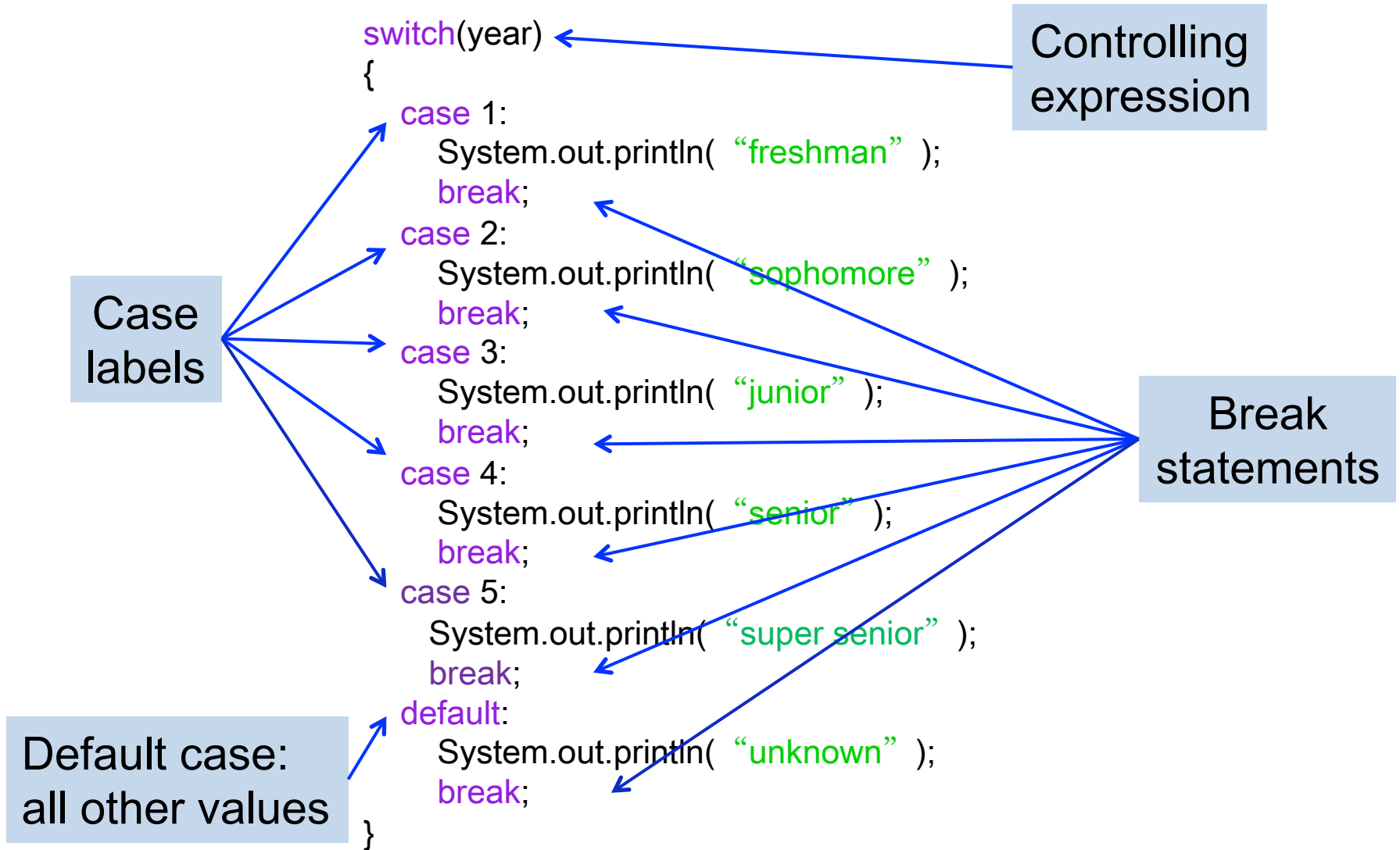


With Nested if / else

```
if (year == 1)
    System.out.println( "freshman" );
else if (year == 2)
    System.out.println( "sophomore" );
else if (year == 3)
    System.out.println( "junior" );
else if (year == 4)
    System.out.println( "senior" );
else if (year == 5)
    System.out.println( "super senior" );
else
    System.out.println( "unknown" );
```



Switch Statement



Switch Statement Syntax

String has been supported in JDK 7

```
switch (Controlling_Expression)
{
    case Case_label:
        statements;
        break;
    case Case_label:
        statements;
        break;
    default:
        statements;
        break;
}
```

- Only `int`, `char`, `enum` can be used in the controlling expression
- Case labels must be of same type as controlling expression
- The `break` statement ends the switch statement, go to the next step outside the braces in the code
- The `default` case is optional

Practice with Switch Statements

- Write a switch statement that takes as the controlling expression the number of siblings a person has (as an `int`) and outputs an appropriate messages as follows:

Number of Siblings	Message
0	An only child
1	Just one you say
2	Two siblings!
3	Big Family!
4 or more	I don't believe you

Switch Statements

```
switch (numOfSiblings)
{
    case 0:
        System.out.print( "An only child" );
        break;
    case 1:
        System.out.print( "Just one you say" );
        break;
    case 2:
        System.out.print( "Two siblings!" );
        break;
    case 3:
        System.out.print( "Big family!" );
        break;
    default:
        System.out.print( "I don' t believe you" );
        break;
}
```

Enumerations

- Lists the values that a variable can have
 - E.g.: rate movies as either excellent, average, or bad
 - `enum` MovieRating {EXCELLENT, AVERAGE, BAD}
 - `MovieRating rating;`
 - `rating = MovieRating.AVERAGE;`
 - Provides a way to restrict the values of a variable
 - Actually a class, typically define it within another class, but always outside of method definitions.
more discussion in Chapter 6

An Example

```
switch (rating)
{
    case EXCELLENT:
        System.out.print( "You must see this movie!" );
        break;
    case AVERAGE:
        System.out.print( "This movie is OK, but not great." );
        break;
    case BAD:
        System.out.print( "Skip it!" );
        break;
    default:
        System.out.print( "Something is wrong." );
        break;
}
```

- Avoid Logical Errors in the Multibranch if-else Statement

Order of Boolean Expressions

- What's the problem with the code below?
 - ```
int n;
if (n % 2 == 0) {
 System.out.println("Multiple of 2");
} else if (n % 3 == 0) {
 System.out.println("Multiple of 3");
} else if (n % 4 == 0) {
 System.out.println("Multiple of 4");
}
```
- Ordering is important when boolean expressions are not mutually exclusive

# Parallel & Mutually Exclusive Choices

- If the choices are mutually exclusive, we can write them as a list of if-only statements
- What's the problem of doing this?

```
if (year==1) {
 System.out.println("Freshman");
}
if (year==2) {
 System.out.println("Sophomore");
}
if (year==3) {
 System.out.println("Junior");
}
```



# An Example

- Determine the number of days in each month of a year

```
if (month == 4 || month == 6 || month == 9 || month == 11) {
 maxDay = 30;
} else if (month == 2) {
 boolean isLeapYear = (year % 4 == 0 && year % 100 != 0) || (year % 400
== 0);
 if (isLeapYear) {
 maxDay = 29;
 } else {
 maxDay = 28;
 }
} else {
 maxDay = 31;
}
```

# The Conditional Operator

- Short-cut for if-else statements with return value  
**boolean\_expression ? value1 : value2 ;**
  - If true, return value1; otherwise, return value2

**Example:**

```
if (n1 > n2)
```

```
 max = n1;
```

```
else
```

```
 max = n2;
```

can be written as

```
max = (n1 > n2) ? n1 : n2;
```

- The **?** and **:** together are call the *conditional operator* or *ternary operator*.

# Some Tips

- Indentation in code makes it easy to read
  - Corresponds to “level” in code logic
- Eclipse can automatically fix indentation
  - Try Source → Correct Indentation or Format

# Applications and Applets

- We will cover two kinds of Java programs: applications and applets
- Applications are regular programs, run on your computer
- Applets have graphical features, run within a Web browser

# Next Class

- Lab 2 & 3
- About String, Java applets (Chapter 1.4), flow chart and if-else
- Bring your laptop and textbook