

# CSE115 / CSE503

## Introduction to Computer Science I

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Last time

Collections

Today

Iterators

Inheritance (maybe)

Coming up

Inheritance

# ITERATORS and the ITERATOR DESIGN PATTERN

Collection<E> has this method:

public Iterator<E> iterator()

returns an iterator over elements currently in collection

An iterator guarantees to visit all members of a collection exactly once between the time it is created to the time its `hasNext()` method returns false

Three methods; we focus on these two:

`public boolean hasNext()`

returns true if there are items of the underlying collection that still need to be visited

returns false if there are no unvisited items

`public E next()`

returns one of the unvisited items, if any

should not be called if `hasNext()` returns false

hasNext()'s return type is boolean

call to hasNext() can be used to control while loop

## Example

```
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coll = new java.util.LinkedList<String>();
coll.add("Fred");
coll.add("Wilma");
coll.add("Pebbles");
coll.add("Dino");
coll.add("Fred");
System.out.println("The collection: " + coll);
java.util.Iterator<String> it;
it = coll.iterator();
if (it.hasNext()) { System.out.println(it.next()); }
```

## Notice repetition

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it = coll.iterator();
while (it.hasNext()) {
    String s = it.next();          // introduce local variable
    System.out.println(s);
}
```

for-each loop – process each element of a collection of elements of type E:

```
for (E item : collection) {  
    // do something with item  
}
```

Declared as:  
LinkedList<String>

Example: to print out each String in coll:

```
for (String s : coll) {  
    System.out.println(s);  
}
```

## while loop

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## for-each loop: no explicit iterator

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The for-each loop is “syntactic sugar”

sugar tastes good, but delivers “empty” calories

in a programming language, something labelled as syntactic sugar is a convenience which does not augment the power of the language

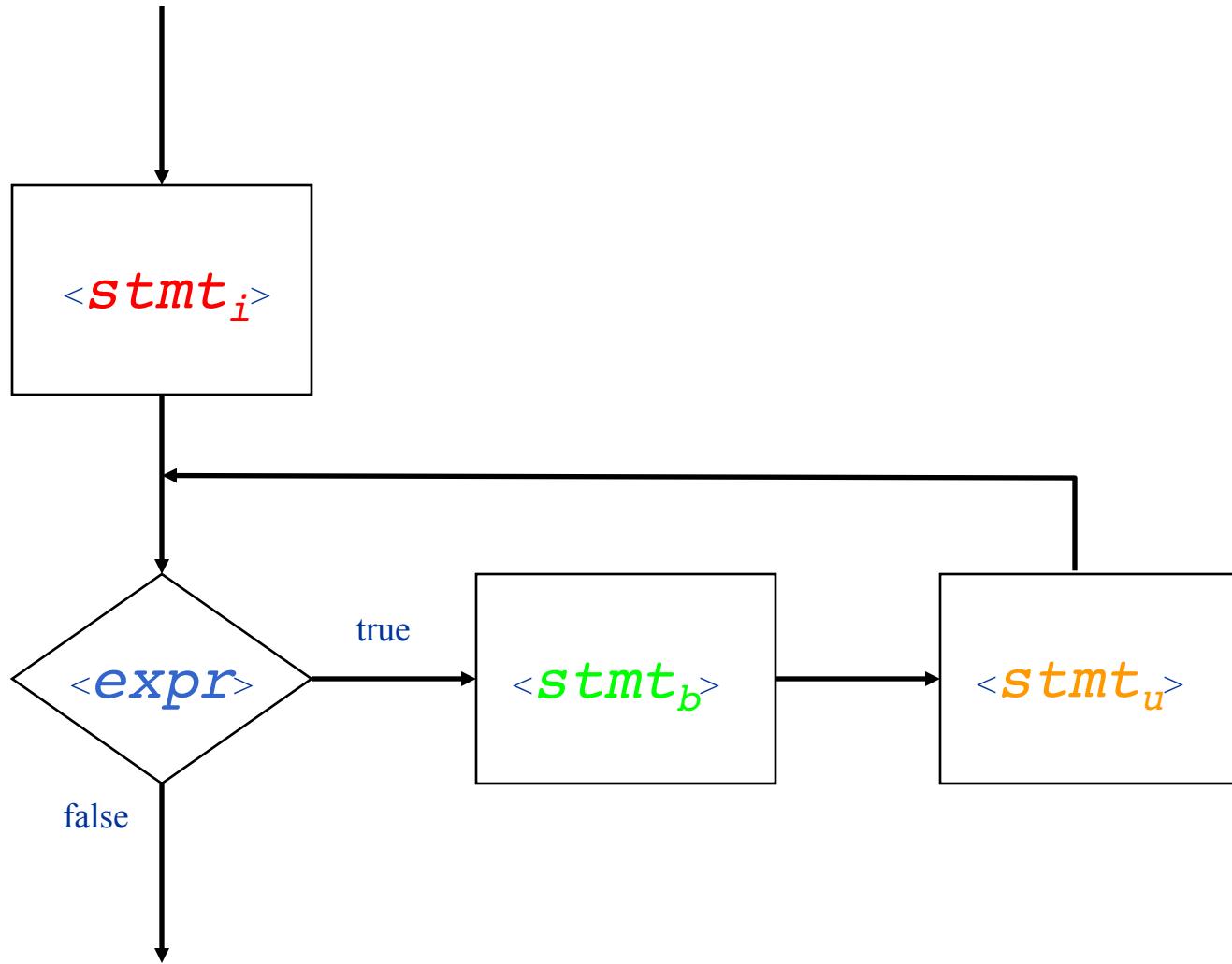
prior to Java 5 the language did not have a for-each loop

any for-each loop can be replaced by an equivalent while loop or for loop

the for-each syntax is a convenience, but doesn’t add to the power of the language

for ( <*stmt<sub>i</sub>*> ; <*expr*> ; <*stmt<sub>u</sub>*> ) <*stmt<sub>b</sub>*>

## Control structure overview: for statement



## EXAMPLE

```
/* Compute the product of the integers 1 through limit (inclusive)
 * Using FOR loop (regular, not enhanced)
 */
public int product(int limit) {
    int answer = 1;
    for (int i=1; i<=limit; i=i+1) {
        answer = answer * i;
    }
    return answer;
}

/* Equivalent WHILE loop
 */
public int productW(int limit) {
    int answer = 1;
    int i=1;
    while (i<=limit) {
        answer = answer * i;
        i=i+1;
    }
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## iterator-controlled for loop

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}
```



NOTICE THE EMPTY STATEMENT