



# CS 149

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# CS149 – Nested Loops





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- No! `result` only exists in the block where it was declared



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Syntax error



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0
1
2



# Quiz #2

- What will be printed when this code executes?

```
for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
  
    for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {  
        System.out.printf(">> %d %d\n", i, j);  
    }  
}
```

# Quiz #2

- What will be printed when this code executes?

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    System.out.println(i);  
  
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}
```

- This is a **nested loop**.

```
0  
>> 0 0  
>> 0 1  
1  
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>> 1 1  
2  
>> 2 0  
>> 2 1
```

# Quiz #3

- What will be printed when this code executes?

```
for (int i = 0; i < 2; i++) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
  
    for (int j = 0; j < 2; j++) {  
        System.out.printf("--%d %d\n", i, j);  
    }  
  
    for (int k = 0; k < 3; k++) {  
        System.out.printf("**%d %d\n", i, k);  
    }  
}
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    }  
  
    for (int k = 0; k < 3; k++) {  
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    }  
}
```

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0  
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```



# Quiz #4

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- Be careful!

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# Naming Index Variables

- Why “i” and “j”? Aren't we supposed to pick meaningful names?
- Yes, but i and j are a widely used conventions for cases where:
  - We are only using the variable to keep track of how many times the loop has executed
  - We are using the variables to “i”ndex into some sequence...





# Naming Index Variables

```
public static int countX(String word) {  
    int count = 0;  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < word.length(); i++) {  
        if (word.charAt(i) == 'X') {  
            count++;  
        }  
    }  
    return count;  
}
```



# Why Nested Loops

- Example of a nested loop in practice:

```
public static void listPrimes(int max) {  
    boolean noDivisors;  
  
    for (int candidate=2; candidate <= max; candidate++) {  
        noDivisors = true;  
  
        // Check the current candidate for primality  
        for (int divisor=2; divisor <= Math.sqrt(candidate); divisor++) {  
            if (candidate % divisor == 0) {  
                noDivisors = false;  
            }  
        }  
  
        // If there were no divisors, it must be prime. Print it.  
        if (noDivisors) {  
            System.out.println(candidate);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



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- See any problems?

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```

i is incremented here  
instead of j. Probably a  
copy-paste error.



# Any Problems With This Method?

```
public static boolean hasRepeatedCharacter(String word) {  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < word.length(); i++) {  
        for (int j = 0; j < word.length(); j++) {  
            if (word.charAt(i) == word.charAt(j)) {  
                return true;  
            }  
        }  
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```

- Two reasonable answers:
  - Multiple return statements violate the style guide. (OK with me in this case.)
  - Doesn't work correctly.

# Fixed

```
public static boolean hasRepeatedCharacter(String word) {  
  
    for (int i = 0; i < word.length(); i++) {  
        for (int j = i + 1; j < word.length(); j++) {  
            if (word.charAt(i) == word.charAt(j)) {  
                return true;  
            }  
        }  
    }  
  
    return false;  
}
```

- Now it compares every letter to all of the subsequent letters.



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