# Nested for loops

## **Nested loops**

- nested loop: A loop placed inside another loop.
- The nested loops are commonly referred to as the **inner loop** and **outer loop**.

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= 10; j++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    }
    System.out.println(); // to end the line
}</pre>
```

Output:

```
inner loop

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outer loop

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```

### **Nested for loop exercise**

What is output by the following code?

```
int row;
int col;

for(row = 2; row <= 3; row = row + 1) {
        for(col = 0; col <= 1; col = col + 1) {
            System.out.print("" + row + col + " ");
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

Output: 20 21 30 31

# Nested for loop exercise

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        System.out.print("*");
    }
    System.out.println();
}</pre>
```

#### Output:

# Nested for loop exercise

What is the output of the following nested for loops?

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
        System.out.print(i);
    }
    System.out.println();
}</pre>
```

#### Output:

```
1
22
333
4444
55555
```

## **Common errors**

Both of the following sets of code produce infinite loops:

```
for (int i = 1; i \le 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; i \le 10; j++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    System.out.println();
for (int i = 1; i \le 5; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j \le 10; i++) {
        System.out.print("*");
    System.out.println();
```

### CHALLENGEACTIVITY

4.7.1: Nested loops: Indent text.

Print numbers 0, 1, 2, ..., userNum as shown, with each number indented by that number of spaces. For each printed line, print the leading spaces, then the number, and then a newline. Hint: Use i and j as loop variables (initialize i and j explicitly). Note: Avoid any other spaces like spaces after the printed number. Ex: userNum = 3 prints:

0 1 2

### 4.7.2: Nested loops: Print seats.

Given numRows and numColumns, print a list of all seats in a theater. Rows are numbered, columns lettered, as in 1A or 3E. Print a space after each seat, including after the last. Use separate print statements to print the row and column.

Ex: numRows = 2 and numColumns = 3 prints:

1A 1B 1C 2A 2B 2C

## **Break and Continue**

- A break statement in a loop causes an immediate exit of the loop.
- A continue statement in a loop causes an immediate jump to the loop condition check.
- A break statement or continue statement can sometimes yield a loop that is easier to understand.

```
public class Main {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
    if (i == 4) {
     break;
    System.out.println(i);
Outout:
```

```
public class Main {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
  for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
   if (i == 4) {
     continue;
    System.out.println(i);
Out put:
```