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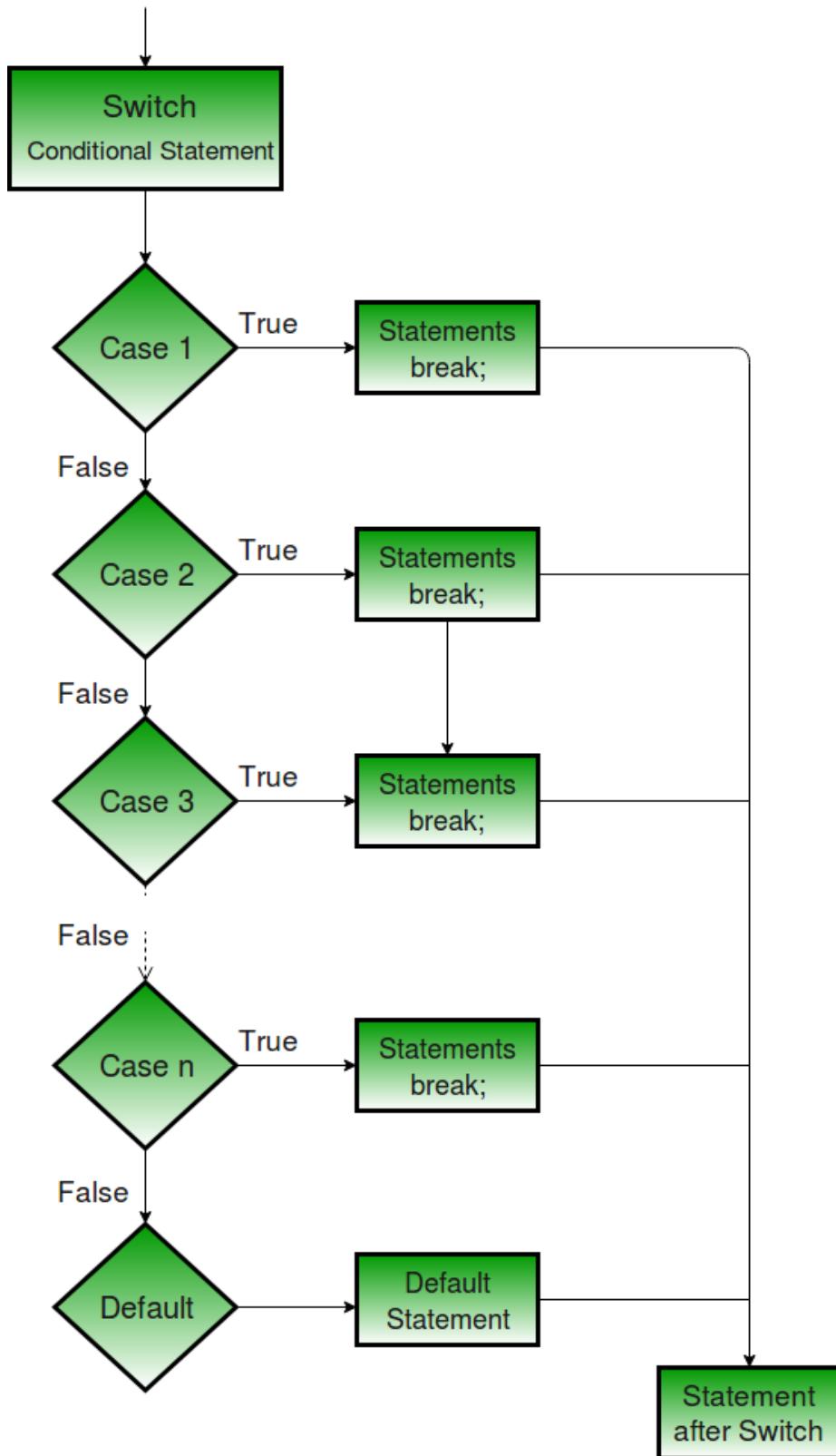
**Lecture: (11)**

- **The switch-case Statement**

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## Java Switch Statements

Instead of writing **many** `if..else` statements, you can use the `switch` statement.

The `switch` statement selects one of many code blocks to be executed:

```
switch(expression) {  
    case x:  
        // code block  
        break;  
    case y:  
        // code block  
        break;  
    default:  
        // code block  
}
```

This is how it works:

- The `switch` expression is evaluated once.
- The value of the expression is compared with the values of each `case`.
- If there is a match, the associated block of code is executed.
- The `break` and `default` keywords are optional, and will be described later in this chapter



The example below uses the weekday number to calculate the weekday name:

```
public class SwitchExample {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int day = 4;  
  
        switch (day) {  
            case 1:  
                System.out.println("Monday");  
                break;  
            case 2:  
                System.out.println("Tuesday");  
                break;  
            case 3:  
                System.out.println("Wednesday");  
                break;  
            case 4:  
                System.out.println("Thursday");  
                break;  
            case 5:  
                System.out.println("Friday");  
                break;  
            case 6:  
                System.out.println("Saturday");  
                break;  
            case 7:  
                System.out.println("Sunday");  
                break;  
            default:  
                System.out.println("Invalid day");  
                break;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

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```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class ShapeTypeDetector {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.print("Enter the number of sides of the
shape: ");
        int sides = scanner.nextInt();

        switch (sides) {
            case 1:
                System.out.println("It's a circle.");
                break;
            case 2:
                System.out.println("It's a line segment.");
                break;
            case 3:
                System.out.println("It's a triangle.");
                break;
            case 4:
                System.out.println("It's a quadrilateral.");
                break;
            case 5:
            case 6:
            case 7:
            case 8:
                System.out.println("It's a polygon.");
                break;
            default:
                System.out.println("Unknown shape.");
                break;
        }

        scanner.close();
    }
}
```

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- Java program that allows the user to select a month using a switch-case statement:

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class MonthSelector {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);

        System.out.println("Select a month (1-12):");
        int month = scanner.nextInt();

        switch (month) {
            case 1:
                System.out.println("January");
                break;
            case 2:
                System.out.println("February");
                break;
            case 3:
                System.out.println("March");
                break;
            case 4:
                System.out.println("April");
                break;
            case 5:
                System.out.println("May");
                break;
            case 6:
                System.out.println("June");
                break;
            case 7:
                System.out.println("July");
                break;
            case 8:
                System.out.println("August");
                break;
        }
    }
}
```



```
case 9:  
    System.out.println("September");  
    break;  
case 10:  
    System.out.println("October");  
    break;  
case 11:  
    System.out.println("November");  
    break;  
case 12:  
    System.out.println("December");  
    break;  
default:  
    System.out.println("Invalid month  
number. Please enter a number between 1 and 12.");  
    break;  
}  
  
scanner.close();  
}  
}
```