

# CSSE 220 Day 9

Iteration and Debugging

Check out *Iteration* from SVN

Questions?

# Today

- ▶ Loop review
- ▶ Debugging Java programs using Eclipse

# Java While Loop

- ▶ While loop syntax:

```
while (condition) {  
    statements  
}
```

- In SVN, look at `Investment.java` and `InvestmentRunner.java`

# Java For Loop

- ▶ For loop syntax:

```
for (initialization ; condition ; update) {  
    statements  
}
```

- ▶ Do the **Rates** exercise in today's homework
  - ▶ You'll practice using a single *for* loop in that exercise
- ▶ If you finish the **Rates** exercise, start on the **Pyramid Scheme** exercise described in today's homework
  - ▶ You'll practice *nested loops* in that exercise

# Sentinel Values: A Loop and a Half

- ▶ *Sentinel value*—a special input value not part of the data, used to indicate end of data set
  - Enter a quiz score, or Q to quit:
- ▶ *A loop and a half*—a loop where the test for termination comes in the **middle** of the loop
- ▶ Examples... (on next slide)

# Two Loop-and-a-half Patterns

*// Pattern 1*

```
boolean done = false;
while (!done) {
    // do some work

    if (condition) {
        done = true;
    } else {
        // do more work
    }
}
```

The variable *done*  
here is called a *flag*

*// Pattern 2*

```
while (true) {
    // do some work

    if (condition) {
        break;
    }

    // do more work
}
```

# Debugging—Key Concepts

- ▶ Breakpoint
- ▶ Single stepping
- ▶ Inspecting variables



# Debugging—Demo

- ▶ Debugging Java programs in Eclipse:
  - Launch using the debugger
  - Setting a breakpoint
  - Single stepping: *step over* and *step into*
  - Inspecting variables
- ▶ Complete **WhackABug** exercise, continue with rest of homework