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Chapter 10

Switch Statement

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Abstract

An alternative to If-Else-If structure is the use of switch statements to evaluate multiple conditions all at once. Switch is similar to the if-else statements but not as powerful and is only used to compare the equal-to (==) comparison. The use of switch and case statements is discussed in this chapter.

10.1 The Switch Statement

If you need to make a choice between multiple alternative execution paths, and the choice can be based upon an integer value, you can use the switch() construct. Consider this example

```
char standing;

standing = JOptionPane.showInputDialog(null, "Press: (F)reshman, (S)ophomore,
(J)unior, s(E)nior :");

switch (standing) {

    case 'F':

        System.out.println("Go to the Wellness Center");

        break;

    case 'S':

        System.out.println("Go to the Cox Building");
```

This statement
is executed if
the standing is
equal to 'F'.