

| A4: | A4 times: | A4 max times: |
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| mean: 96.7 | mean: 5.6 | 15 (2 people) |
| median: 98 | median: 5 | 12 (2 people) |
| std dev: 6.2 | std dev: 2.5 | 10 (4 people) |
| Only 107 people gave us the time spent |  | 09 (5 people) |
|  |  | 08 (5 people) |

## Today's terminology:

assertion: true-false statement, sometimes placed in a program to assert that it is true at that point.
precondition: assertion placed before a statement
postcondition: assertion placed after a statement
loop invariant: assertion supposed to be true before and after each iteration of the loop
iteration of a loop: one execution of its repetend
And we give you a methodology for developing for-loops.

## Assertion: true-false statement (comment) asserting a belief

 about (the current state of) your program.// $x$ is the sum of $\mathbf{1} . . n<-$ asserts a specific relationship between x and n


Assertions help prevent bugs by helping you keep track of what you're doing ...
. and they help track down bugs by making it easier to check belief/code mismatches

Java assert statement. To execute: if the bool exp is
assert <boolean expression> ; false, stop with an error message


Precondition: assertion placed before a segment
Postcondition: assertion placed after a segment


| Invariants: another type of assertion |
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| An invariant is an assertion about the variables that is true before and <br> after each iteration (execution of the repetend). <br> $\mathrm{x}=0 ;$ <br> for $(\mathrm{int} \mathrm{i}=2 ; \mathrm{i}<=4 ; \mathrm{i}=\mathrm{i}+1)\{$ <br> $\mathrm{x}=\mathrm{x}+\mathrm{i}^{*} \mathrm{i} ;$ |
| Invariant: <br> $\mathrm{x}=$ sum of squares of $2 . . \mathrm{i}-1$ |
| in terms of the range of integers <br> that have been processed so far |


| // Process integers in $\mathrm{a} . \mathrm{b} \longleftarrow$ Command to do something |
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| // inv: the integers in a.. $\mathrm{k}-1$ have been processed |
| for (int $\mathrm{k}=\mathrm{a} ; \mathrm{k}<=\mathrm{b} ; \mathrm{k}=\mathrm{k}+1)\{$ |
| Process integer $\mathrm{k} ;$ |
| $\}$ |
| // post: the integers in a..b have been processed $\longleftarrow$ equivalent post-condition |


| Methodology for developing a for-loop |
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| 1. Recognize that a range of integers b..c has to be processed |
| 2. Write the command and equivalent postcondition. |
| 3. Write the basic part of the for-loop. |
| 4. Write loop invariant. |
| 5. Figure out any initialization. |
| 6. Implement the repetend (Process k ). |
| // Process b..c |
| Initialize variables (if necessary) to make invariant true. |
| // Invariant: range $\mathrm{b} . \mathrm{k}-1$ has been processed |
| for (int $\mathrm{k}=\mathrm{b} ; \mathrm{k}<=\mathrm{c} ; \mathrm{k}=\mathrm{k}+1)$ \{ |
| // Process k |
| \} $\quad$ // Postcondition: range $\mathrm{b} . . \mathrm{c}$ has been processed |





