## Until we meet again...

Varies	Internship. Ultimately the very best way to keep your coding skills sharp is to actually practice them in a real-world environment. If you've landed a summer job doing something in software, props! Otherwise, don't give up looking.
Varies	Personal project. Use the freedom that comes with summer wisely, and take the opportunity to write a program you've always thought about but never taken the time to actually create. If you're into animals, write a program that reads and writes from a text file and lets pet owners manage which vaccinations and checkups their pets have had. If you're into needlework, write a program that takes a crochet pattern as input and predicts how long the project will take based on the number of strokes. If you're into cooking, write a program that lets the user choose from various recipes and builds an overall shopping list. The choices are endless!
Hard	Learn a new language. Explore what other programming languages and technologies there are out there, and dip your toes into one! Every language under the sun has a slew of Web tutorials these days. Not only will adding to your repertoire enhance your résumé, but you'll discover that there are considerable similarities between all programming languages, which allows you to leverage your knowledge in one to bootstrap another. Far from obscuring your Java knowledge by absorbing another language, I think this will actually help you retain your Java skills.
Easy	codingbat.com has lots of little Java exercises that are SWYK-check-ish but which will also give you hints. Doing a few of these every day is a good way to keep your brain and fingers limber. Start with the "warm-up" category and proceed to things like logic, String, and array problems. They even have recursion!
Medium	exercism.io is one of the oldest platforms dedicated to teaching programming interactively. They have modules in a ton of different languages (including Java) and, incredibly, offer free online mentoring.
Medium	coderbyte.com bills itself a Web-based code-challenge platform that's focused on the kinds of problems you may be asked to solve during job interviews. If you do well, they may even (with your permission) recommend you to employers seeking to hire programming talent. Start by browsing the (https://coderbyte.com/challenges), and choosing ones that seem like they involve "general programming," not Web development or something "React"-specific. Also be sure to choose "Java" from the dropdown menu once you get to the editor page.
Hard	topcoder.com is a global community of elite (and want-to-be-elite) programmers. They have become so esteemed in the high-tech world that part of what they do now is match up studly programmers with companies who want to hire studly programmers (and pay top dollar for them). Originally, though, they were simply known for programming competitions, and this is what I recommend for keeping the blade sharp in the summer. I suggest starting with the timed SRMs ("Single Round Matches") which are like our SWYK checks, but harder: topcoder.com/talent/single-round-matches
Easiest	None of the above. Select this option if your plan is to lose all the skills you've built so far this year, and then hurriedly try to re-acquire them in an August panic.