Unit 1d – Conditional (if..else) Statements

Conditional ('if'...'else') Statements
Outline

• Comparison operators

• Conditional statements (3 forms)
  – if statements
  – if..else statements
  – if..else if..else statements

• Compound conditional statements
  – AND, OR, and NOT (&&, ||, !) operators
Control Structures

• We need ways of making **decisions** in our program
  – To repeat code until we want it to stop
  – To only execute certain code if a condition is true
  – To execute one segment of code or another

• Language constructs that allow us to make decisions are referred to as **control structures**

• The common ones are:
  – if statements
  – switch statements
  – while loops
  – for loops
Making Decisions

• **Comparison** of values results in 'true' or 'false' results

• Using **comparisons** we can develop **conditions**
  – If \( x > 0 \) AND \( y > 0 \), take some action
  – If USC has 12 wins we will play for the championship

• Using **conditions** we can make **decisions** about what code to execute
Comparison Operators

- To perform comparison of variables, constants, or expressions in C/C++ we can use the basic 6 comparison operators

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Conditional Execution – 'if'

- if statements are the primary structures we use to execute a block of code only if a certain condition is met (true).
- Skips code if condition is false

(T / F) = Condition

```java
if (condition1)
{
    // executed if condition1 is true
    // following statements
    x = x + 1;
}
```

Diagram:
- True
- False
- If Block Statements
- Following statements
- condition 1
- False
Conditional Execution – 'if..else'

- `else` statements are always **optional** and will execute when if conditions are **false**

```
if (condition1)
{
  // executed if condition1
  // is true
}
else
{
  // executed if condition1
  // above is false
}
// following statements
```

(T / F) = Condition

1. if (condition1)
2. // executed if condition1
   // is true
3. else
4. // executed if condition1
   // above is false
5. // following statements
What Goes In an if / else Block

• What do we put in an if or an else statement?

• ANYTHING!
  – Expressions & variable assignment
  – Function calls
  – Even other if..else statements

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
  double val;
  cout << "Enter a pos. #" << endl;
  cin >> val;

  if( val >= 0 ) {
    double res = sqrt(x);
    cout << "Result=" << res << endl;
  }
  else {
    cout << "Error!" << endl;
  }

  return 0;
}
```
If...Else If...Else

• else if is *optional*
  – Can have any number of else if statements
• else is *optional*
• { ... } indicate code associated with the if, else if, else block

```java
if (condition1)
{
    // executed if condition1 is true
}
else if (condition2)
{
    // executed if condition2 is true
    // but condition1 was false
}
else if (condition3)
{
    // executed if condition3 is true
    // but condition1 and condition2
    // were false
}
else
{
    // executed if neither condition
    // above is true
}
```
Mutually Exclusive Conditions

- What will each implementation print if 'grade' is 95?

```cpp
if (grade >= 90)
{
    cout << "A range" << endl;
}
else if (grade >= 80)
{
    cout << "B range" << endl;
}
else if (grade >= 70)
{
    cout << "C range" << endl;
}
else if (grade >= 60)
{
    cout << "D range" << endl;
}
else
{
    cout << "Not gonna happen!" << endl;
}
```

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if (grade >= 60)
{
    cout << "D range" << endl;
}
else
{
    cout << "Not gonna happen!" << endl;
}
```
If...Else If...Else

• Guideline:
  – If various blocks of code are **mutually exclusive** then put them in an `if.. else if.. else` structure and not many individual `if.. if.. if..` statements

```cpp
// BAD!
if (x < 0) {
    cout << "negative" << endl;
}
if (x >= 0) {
    cout << "positive" << endl;
}

// GOOD!
if (x < 0) {
    cout << "negative" << endl;
} else {
    cout << "positive" << endl;
} else {
    cout << "positive" << endl;
}  
```
else if Options

• else if blocks are always **optional** but you can use as many as you like
  – Can have 0, 1, 2, ..., N else if blocks

```java
if (x > 0)
{
    y = x;
}
else
{
    x = 0;
}
```

```java
if (x > 0)
{
    y = x;
}
else if(y == 0)
{
    x = y;
}
else if(y < 0)
{
    x = -y;
}
else
{
    x = -1;
}
```
else Options

• else block is optional
  – Can have 0 or 1
  – But no more than 1

```java
if (x > 0) {
    y = x;
}
else {
    x = y;
}
else {
    x = -1;
}
```

```java
if (x > 0) {
    y = x;
}
else {
    x = y;
}
else {
    x = 0;
}
```

No else block...OK

One else block...OK

2 or more else blocks...NOT OK!
Initial Exercises

- cpp/conditionals/extracredit
- cpp/conditionals/stoplight
- cpp/conditionals/stoplight3
- cpp/conditionals/nestedec
What Goes In an if Condition

• What do we put in an if condition?

  • ANYTHING.
    – The compiler will interpret what is in the parentheses as a Boolean
      • 0 = false
      • Non-0 = true

```cpp
int main()
{
    int x, y, val;
    bool quit;
    cin >> x >> y >> val >> quit;
    // Uses Boolean result of comparison
    if( x > 0 )    { /* code */ }
    // Uses value of bool variable.
    // Execute if quit == true.
    if( quit )     { /* code */ }
    // Interprets number as a bool
    // Execute if val is non-zero
    if( val )      { /* code */ }
    // Interprets return value as bool
    // Execute if the min is non-zero
    if( min(x,y) ) { /* code */ }
    return 0;
}
```
COMPOUND CONDITIONS AND LOGICAL OPERATORS
Logical Operators

- We can create compound conditions by using the logical AND, OR, and NOT operator.

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Logical AND, OR, NOT

• The following tables show how the logical operations are evaluated under any set of values

• AND:
  – All inputs must be true for resulting expression to be true
  – If even one is false, the condition is fails (false)

• OR:
  – If any input is true the condition evaluates to true

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Order of Evaluation (Precedence)

• Precedence (Order of Operations)
  – Highest = ! (NOT)
  – Next = && (AND)
  – Lowest = || (OR)

• Better strategy:
  – Explicitly parenthesize everything

```c
int main()
{
    bool a, b, c;
    /* Some code that sets a, b, c */
    if( a && !b || c)
    {
        /* Some code */
    }
}
```

```c
int main()
{
    bool a, b, c;
    /* Some code that sets a, b, c */
    if( (a && !b) || c)
    {
        /* Some code */
    }
}
```
if statement Tips

• https://sourcemaking.com/refactoring/simplifying-conditional-expressions
Common Mistakes 1

- Using assignment operator (=) rather than equality check operator (==)
  - If you accidentally use '=', it will convert the assigned value to a Boolean
- Using multiple if statements rather than if..else or if..else if statements
  - Without looking at the conditions, two 'if' statements imply both could be true while 'if..else' implies one or the other

```cpp
int main()
{
    int x, y;
    cin >> x >> y;

    // Wrong!
    if( x = 0 ) { /* some code */ }
    // Right!
    if( x == 0 ) { /* some code */ }

    // Wrong!
    if(x != y) { x = 5;  }
    if(x == y) { y = 7; }
    // Right
    if(x != y) { x = 5;  }
    else       { y = 7; }
    return 0;
}
```
Common Mistakes 2

- All conditions must be formulated as a combination of comparisons of two values at a time

```cpp
int main()
{
    int x, y;
    cin >> x >> y;

    // Wrong!
    if( 0 <= x <= 9 )
        { /* some code */ }
    // Right!
    if( (0 <= x) && (x <= 9) )
        { /* some code */ }

    // Wrong!
    if( x == 0 || 1 )
        { /* some code */ }
    // Right!
    if( (x == 0) || (x == 1) )
        { /* some code */ }
    return 0;
}
```
Comparing Floating Point (Doubles) Numbers

- doubles effectively represent a number in binary with a technique similar to scientific notation \((+7.54*10^5)\)
- However performing operations on doubles often leads to slight rounding errors
  - One result yields \(+7.541*10^5\) while another yields \(+7.539*10^5\)
- This makes comparison difficult
  - Thus we rarely check for exact equality
  - Instead, we take the different of the two numbers and take the absolute value (\(\text{abs()}\) in \(<\text{cmath}>\)) and see if it is within a small epsilon

```c++
#include <cmath>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    double x, y;
    x = 1.0 / 10;
    y = 0.1;

    // Wrong!
    if( x == y )
    { /* some code */ }
    // Right!
    if( abs(x-y) < 1e-6 )
    { /* some code */ }

    return 0;
}
```
PROBLEM SOLVING IDIOMS
**Rule/Exception Idiom**

- **Name**: Rule/Exception
- **Description**: Perform a default action and then use an ‘if’ to correct for exceptional cases
- **Structure**: Default action code followed by an if statement with code to correct the exceptional case
- **Example(s)**:
  - Shipping for "members"

```c
// Default action
if( /* Exceptional Case */ )
{
    // Code to apply to
    // exceptional case
}
```

```c
bool primeMember = /* set somehow */;
double shippingFee = 7.99;
if( primeMember == true )
{
    shippingFee = 0;
}
```
Rule Exception Idiom (2)

• **Connections**: Often equivalent to use the 'else' for one of the cases
Look-up Table Idiom

- **Name**: Look-up Table (Parallel cases)
- **Description**: Break input into **mutually exclusive** cases, taking some action or producing some output in each case
- **Structure**: Single level 'if..else if..else' statement

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```c
if( /* Condition 1 */ )
{
    // Case 1 code
}
else if( /* Condition 2 */ )
{
    // Case 2 code
}
else if( /* Condition 3 */ )
{
    // Case 3 code
}
else {  /* Default */
    // Default code
}
```
Look-up Table Idiom Examples (2)

- Example(s)

```cpp
if( level == "freshman" )
{
}
else if( level == "sophomore" )
{
}
else if( level == "junior" )
{
}
else if( level == "senior" )
{
}
else { /* Others/Errors */
}

int p1Score, p2Score;
/* Set variables */
if( p1Score > p2Score) {
    cout << "Player 1 wins";
}
else if(p1Score < p2Score){
    cout << "Player 2 wins";
}
else {
    cout << "Tie";
}
```
### Digging Deeper: Structural-OR (3)

**Connections:** The look-up table idiom (parallel cases) can be thought of as a *structural OR*ing if the actions are the same in several cases

- Underclassmen if freshman OR sophomore
- Player 1 wins if Player 2 forfeits OR they score more points

```cpp
if( level == "freshman" || level == "sophomore" )
{
    cout << "Underclassmen"
}
else if( level == "sophomore" ){
    cout << "Underclassmen"
}
else if( level == "junior" ) {
    cout << "Upperclassmen"
}
else if( level == "senior" ) {
    cout << "Upperclassmen"
}
int p1Score, p2Score;
bool p2Forfeit;
/* Set variables */
if( p2Forfeits == true || p1Score > p2Score )
{
    cout << "Player 1 wins"
}
else if(p1Score > p2Score){
    cout << "Player 1 wins"
}
```

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Decision Tree (Subcase) Idiom

- **Name:** Subcase
- **Description:** Further divide one case into one or more subcases
- **Structure:** Nested 'if' statements

```
if( /* Condition 1 */ )
{
    // Case 1 code
    if( /* Subcondition 1a */ ) {
        // Subcase 1a code
    } else {
        // Subcase 1b code
    }
}
else if( /* Condition 2 */ )
{
    // Case 2 code
    if( /* Subcondition 2a */ ) {
        // Subcase 2a code
    }
}
```

Customer Service Call Menu

Top-level Cases:
- Account
- List Hours

Sub-Cases:
- Balance
- Cancel
SubCase Idiom (2)

• Examples:

```java
if( option1 == "accounts" )
{
    // account related services
    if( option2 == "balance" ) {
        // Code to retrieve balance
    } else if(option2 == "cancel" ) {
        // Code to cancel account
    }
} else if (option1 == "hours")
{
    // code to list hours
} else
{
    // repeat options
}

if( category == "manager" ) {
    bonus = .1*salary; // 10% bonus
    if( title == "ceo" ) {
        bonus += 1000; // 1000 extra
    }
} else {
    bonus = .05*salary; // 5% bonus
}
```
SubCase Idiom (3)

• **Connections**: Subcase can be thought of as a structural AND'ing
  – You have to be a MANAGER and a CEO to get the bonus
Exercises

• cpp/conditionals/taxbrackets
• cpp/conditionals/instock
• cpp/conditionals/bill2law
• cpp/conditionals/rps