



# **MAKING DECISIONS**

# FLOW OF CONTROL

- Flow of control
- TraThe order in which statements are executed
- nsfer of control
  - When the next
     statement
     executed is
     not the next
     one in
     sequence



#### FLOW OF CONTROL

Control structures

combination of individual statements into a logical unit that regulates the flow of execution in a program or function

- Sequence
- Selection (Making Decisions)
- Repetition (Looping)

# **BOOLEAN EXPRESSIONS**

- Evaluate to true or false
- Forms

Relational expression: <expr> <relational operator> <expr>

- Examples:
  - 7 < 5

a + b > 6



(x < 7) && (y > 3)



# **RELATIONAL OPERATORS**

Standard Algebraic Relational Operator	C Relational Operator	C Condition Example	Meaning of C Condition		
Inequality					
<	<	x < y	<b>x</b> is less than <b>y</b>		
$\leq$	<=	x <= y	<b>x</b> is less than or equal to <b>y</b>		
>	>	x > y	<b>x</b> is greater than <b>y</b>		
$\geq$	>=	x >= y	<b>x</b> is greater than or equal to <b>y</b>		
Equality					
=	==	х == у	<b>x</b> is equal to <b>y</b>		
≠	!=	x != y	<b>x</b> is not equal to <b>y</b>		

4<sup>th</sup>: Ch 4 p. 46 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ch 5 p. 46

#### LOGICAL OPERATORS (COMPOUND RELATIONALS)

- && (logical AND)
  - Returns true if both conditions are true
- I (logical OR)
  - Returns true if either of its conditions is true
- ! (logical NOT, logical negation)
  - Is a unary operator, only takes one operand following
  - Reverses the truth/falsity of its condition
  - Returns true when its condition is false

## LOGICAL OPERATORS TRUTH TABLE

Р	Q	P && Q	P     Q	!P
true	true	true	true	false
true	false	false	true	false
false	true	false	true	true
false	false	false	false	true





#### **PRECEDENCE OF OPERATORS**

- **1**. (), []
- 2. Unary +, unary -, !, ++, --
- 3. Type casting
- 4. \*,/,%
- 5. +,-
- 6. <, <=, >, >=
- 7. ==, !=
- 8. &&
- 9.
- 10. =

# **THE** $\mathcal{I} \mathcal{F}$ **SELECTION STRUCTURE**

- Selection structure
  - used when we want the computer to choose between two alternative courses of action





#### THE IF SELECTION STRUCTURE

General form of *if*:

if (Boolean Expression)
 statement2;
 {
 statement1;
 }
}

**THE** IF-ELSE SELECTION STRUCTURE

- if

Only performs an action if the condition is true

#### if-else

 A different action is performed when condition is true and when condition is false

#### **I**F-ELSE **SELECTION STRUCTURE**



#### **THE** *IF*-*ELSE* **SELECTION STRUCTURE**

General form of if-else:
 if (expression)
 {
 statement1A;

statement2A;



#### THE IF-ELSE SELECTION STRUCTURE

- Nested if-else structures
  - Test for multiple cases by placing if-else selection structures inside if-else selection structures.





```
NESTED IF-ELSE
STRUCTURES
    if (score >= 70)
       if (age < 13)</pre>
        ł
          printf("Great job\n");
        }
       else
          printf("You passed\n");
    }
    else
       printf("You did not pass\n");
```

#### THE IF-ELSE-IF CONSTRUCT

```
if (qrade >= 90)
  printf("A\n");
else
   if (grade >= 80)
      printf("B\n");
   else
      if (qrade >= 70)
         printf("C\n");
      else
         if (grade >= 60)
            printf("D\n");
         else
            printf("F\n");
```



Once a condition is met, the rest of the statements are skipped

# The *if-else-if* Construct

The standard way to indent the previous code is

if (grade >= 90) printf("A\n"); else if (grade >= 80 printf("B\n"); else if (grade >= 70) printf("C\n"); else if (grade >= 60) printf("D\n"); else printf("F\n");



## **THE** *IF*-*ELSE* **SELECTION STRUCTURE**

Compound statement:

Set of statements within a pair of braces

• Example:

```
if (grade >= 90) {
    printf("Congratulations!\n");
    printf("You made an A this course\n);
}
```



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#### **THE** *IF*-*ELSE* **SELECTION STRUCTURE**

–Without the braces, only one statement is executed. e.g. given the following code:

```
if (grade >= 90)
    printf("Congratulations!\n");
    printf("You made an A this course\n);
```

• The statement,

printf("You made an A this course\n);

will be executed independent of the value of grade.

• The statement,

printf("Congratulations!\n");

will execute only if grade is greater than or equal to 90.



**Note:** the compiler matches an else with the closest unmatched if The above will be treated as





# The dangling else

If the else is to match the outer if, use braces.

```
if (x < y)
{
    if (x < z)
        printf("Hello\n");
}
else
    printf("Goodbye\n);</pre>
```



#### IF-ELSE CONSTRUCT

 To avoid confusion, and possible errors, it is best to use braces even for single statements.

However, code will be longer





# CONDITIONALS

#### C uses an integer to represent Boolean values

- Zero is interpreted as false
- Any other integer value is interpreted as true



# CONDITIONALS

- if (n = 0) is not a syntax error in C.
  - The expression, n = 0, assigns zero to n and the value of the expression is 0. Zero is interpreted as false, and the false branch of the if statement will be taken.
- if (n = 5) is not a syntax error in C.
  - The expression assigns 5 to n. 5 is interpreted as true, and the true branch of the if statement will be taken.

warning: suggest parentheses around assignment used as truth value

# CONDITIONALS



- Remember to use the == operator to test for equality.
- To help catch the error when the equality check involves a constant, put the constant on the left hand side of the ==.



Since **o** = **n** is not a valid assignment in C, the compiler will detect this error when == is intended.

error: invalid lvalue in assignment



#### THE SWITCH MULTIPLE-SELECTION STRUCTURE

- switch
  - Useful when variable or expression is tested for multiple values
  - Consists of a series of case labels and an optional default case





# THE SWITCH MULTIPLE-SELECTION STRUCTURE WITH BREAKS



#### THE SWITCH MULTIPLE-SELECTION STRUCTURE WITHOUT BREAKS



#### SWITCH STATEMENT SYNTAX

switch (switch\_expression)

{

case constant1: statementSequence1 break; case constant2: statementSequence2 break;

case constantN:
 statementSequenceN
 break;
default:
 defaultStmtSequence





#### SWITCH STATEMENT

- The switch\_expression is compared against the values constant1, constant2, ..., constantN
  - constant1, constant2, ..., constantN must be simple constants or constant expressions.
    - Can be a char or an int
    - Best to use the same type constant as the switch expression
      - If not, a type conversion will be done.

## SWITCH STATEMENT REMINDER

- The switch statement ends
  - break statement
  - end of the switch statement



- When executing the statements after a case label, it continues to execute until it reaches a break statement or the end of the switch.
- If you omit the break statements, then after executing the code for one case, the computer will continue to execute the code for the next case.



# EXAMPLE OF SWITCH

```
// Accept letter grade and print corresponding points
printf("Enter letter grade: ");
scanf("%c", &letter grade);
switch (letter grade) {
   case 'A':
   case 'a':
     points = 4.0;
      break:
   case 'B':
   case 'b':
     points = 3.0;
      break;
   case 'C':
   case 'c':
     points = 2.0;
     break;
   case 'D':
   case 'd':
     points = 1.0;
     break:
   case 'F':
   case 'f':
     points = 0.0;
      break:
   default:
      points = 0.0;
      printf("Invalid letter grade\n");
```