

# Branching: Making Decisions

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## 1. Objective

- Control Statements
- Conditions
- The if Statement
- The if Statement with Compound Statements
- Nested if with multiple-alternative decisions
- The Switch Statement
- Practice: In-class exercises
- Common programming errors

## 2. Introduction

- The condition which must hold may be logical or relational expression or a Boolean variable.
- The value of the condition must be:
  - **True**
  - **False**

### **3. Boolean in C**

- In the C programming language there is no explicit Boolean type.
- Instead,
  - false is 0 and
  - true is any non-zero value.
- Many C programs use a #define macro to set a Boolean variable to true or false:

```
#define FALSE 0
#define TRUE 1
```

### **4. Boolean expressions and Conditions**

- Used whenever we need conditions such as in the IF statements and WHILE statements
- What is a Boolean expression?
  - It is an expression that has exactly two values: TRUE and FALSE.
  - TRUE and FALSE are called Boolean values
  - The operators used in boolean expression are:
    - **Relational operators**
    - **Logical operators.**

- **Relational operators:**

- There are six relational operators that compare values of other types and produce a boolean result:

Relational operators	Description
$a < b$	a is less-than b
$a > b$	a is greater-than b
$a \leq b$	a is less-than-or-equal-to b
$a \geq b$	a is greater-than-or-equal-to b
$a == b$	a is equal to b
$a != b$	a is not equal to b

- Example:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void)
{
    int A = 10;
    int B = 5;
```

```

printf("A == B: %d\n", A == B);
printf("A != B: %d\n", A != B);
printf("A < B: %d\n", A < B);
printf("A <= B: %d\n", A <= B);
printf("A > B: %d\n", A > B);
printf("A >= B: %d\n", A >= B);

return 0;
}

```

- **Logical operators:**

- There are also three logical operators:

Logical operator	Description
a && b	Logical AND: true when both of its operands are true
a    b	Logical OR: true when at least one of its two operands are true
!a	Logical NOT (opposite): true when its single operand is false (and false when operand is true)

- Logical Operators Evaluation:
  - AND Operator:

a	b	$A \&& b$
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

- OR Operator:

a	b	$A \parallel b$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

- NOT Operator:

a	$!a$
0	1
1	0

- Example:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int A = 10;
    int B = 5;
    int C = 100;
    int D = 50;
    //Rational Operators
    printf("\nRational Operators Examples\n");
    printf("A == B: %d\n", A == B);
    printf("A != B: %d\n", A != B);
    printf("A < B: %d\n", A < B);
    printf("A <= B: %d\n", A <= B);
    printf("A > B: %d\n", A > B);
    printf("A >= B: %d\n", A >= B);
    //Logical Operators
    printf("\nLogical Operators Examples\n");
    printf("(A == B) && (C <= D): %d\n", (A == B) && (C <= D));
    printf("(A != B) || (C >= D): %d\n", (A != B) || (C >= D));
    printf("!(A == B): %d\n", !(A == B));
    printf("!(A == B): %d\n", !(A == B));
    printf("B: %d\n", B);
    printf("C: %d\n", C);
    A = B || C;
    printf("B || C: %d\n", A);
    D = A && B;
    printf("A && B: %d\n", D);

    return 0;
}
```

## 5. Short-Circuit Evaluation

- “Short circuit” tests save time
- It evaluates the right operand only if it needs to do so. In the following example:

`m != 0 && ((a > b) || (c <= 20)) && (a+b > 0)`

If n is 0, the right hand operand of `&&` is not evaluated at all because `n != 0` is false.

Remember that

**false && anything**

is always false and the rest of the expression no longer matters.

- C uses short-circuit evaluation for the usual Boolean operators (`&&` and `||`),
- It also provides bitwise Boolean operators that are not short circuit (`&` and `|`)

- Example:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
#include <stdio.h>
// Short-Circuit Evaluation
int main(void)
{
    int A = 5;
    int B = 12;
    int C = 6;
    int D = 50;

    printf("B: %d\n", B);
    printf("C: %d\n", C);
    D = A || B;
    printf("A || B: %d\n", D);
    D = A | B;
    printf("A | B: %d\n", D);
    D = A && B;
    printf("A && B: %d\n", D);
    D = A & B;
    printf("A & B: %d\n", D);

    return 0;
}
```

## 6. Precedence Rules

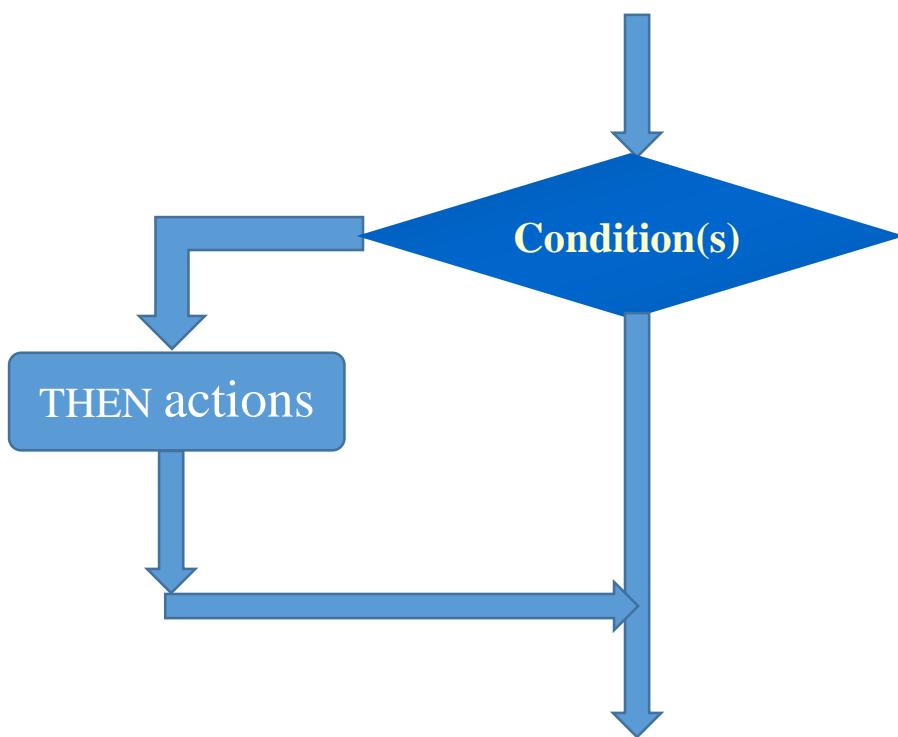
Convention	Description	Explanation
( )	Items within parentheses are evaluated first.	In !(age > 16), age > 16 is evaluated first, then the logical NOT.
!	Next to be evaluated is !.	
* / % + -	Arithmetic operator are then evaluated using the precedence rules for those operators.	$z - 45 < 53$ is evaluated as $(z - 45) < 53$ .
< <= > >=	Then, relational operators < <= > >= are evaluated.	$x < 2 \parallel x >= 10$ is evaluated as $(x < 2) \parallel (x >= 10)$ because < and >= have precedence over   .
== !=	Then, the equality and inequality operators == != are evaluated.	$x == 0 \&& x >= 10$ is evaluated as $(x == 0) \&& (x >= 10)$ because < and >= have precedence over &&.
&	Then, the bitwise AND operator is evaluated.	$x == 5 \mid y == 10 \& z != 10$ is evaluated as $(x == 5) \mid ((y == 10) \& (z != 10))$ because & has precedence over  .
	Then, the bitwise OR operator is evaluated.	$x == 5 \mid y == 10 \&& z != 10$ is evaluated as $((x == 5) \mid (y == 10)) \&& (z != 10)$ because   has precedence over &&.
&&	Then, the logical AND operator is evaluated.	$x == 5 \parallel y == 10 \&& z != 10$ is evaluated as $(x == 5) \parallel ((y == 10) \&& (z != 10))$ because && has precedence over   .
	Finally, the logical OR operator is evaluated.	

## 7. Questions/Practice

- 1)  $\text{numPeople} \geq 10$ 
  - true
  - false
- 2)  $(\text{numPeople} \geq 10) \And (\text{numCars} > 2)$ 
  - true
  - false
- 3)  $(\text{numPeople} \geq 20) \Or (\text{numCars} > 1)$ 
  - true
  - false
- 4)  $!(\text{numCars} < 5)$ 
  - true
  - false
- 5)  $!(\text{userKey} == 'a')$ 
  - true
  - false
- 6)  $\text{userKey} != 'a'$ 
  - true
  - false
- 7)  $!((\text{numPeople} > 10) \And (\text{numCars} > 2))$ 
  - true
  - false
- 8)  $(\text{userKey} == 'x') \Or ((\text{numPeople} > 5) \And (\text{numCars} > 1))$ 
  - true
  - false

## 8. One-Way Selection: if Statement

- One alternative: “Things to do” if a condition is TRUE
- Flowchart:



- C implementation: **if statement**

```
if (expression) {  
    // Statements to execute when the expression is true (first branch)  
}
```

- Example:

//gcc 5.4.0

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void)
{
    double grade;
    int groupSize;
    int numPeople;
    printf("Enter your grade:\n");
    scanf("%lf\n", &grade);
    if (grade > 95)
        printf("A Student:%c\n", 'A');

    return 0;
}
```

- Another Example: Curly Brackets after the condition.

```
//gcc 5.4.0

#include <stdio.h>

// Test the following program with salary > 100000 and salary <
100000
int main(void)
{
    double salary = 95000;
    double bonus = 10000;
    if (salary > 100000)
        salary += bonus;
    printf("Congratulations on your salary increase\n");

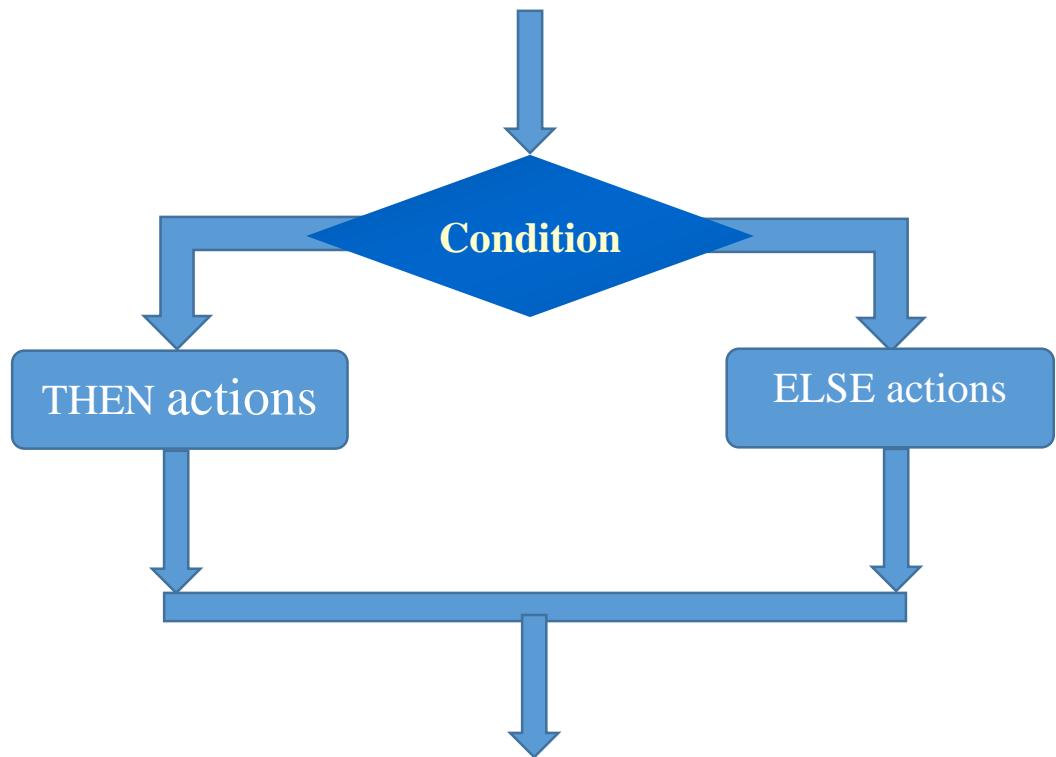
    printf("Salary is: %lf\n", salary);
}
```

- Questions/Practice

- Write a C program that computes student discounts. Apply a 15% discount if the age of a person is less than 25. Your program should have the following variable:
    - age
    - price

## 9. Two-Way Selection: if-else statement

- Two alternatives: “Things to do” if the condition is true, a different “things to do” if the condition is false
- Flowchart:



- C implementation: **if-else statement**

```
if (expression) {  
    // Statements to execute when the expression is true (first branch)  
}  
else {  
    // Statements to execute when the expression is false (second  
    // branch)  
}
```

- Example:

- What happens if you would like to print a grade different than A in the program we discussed in the previous section?

```
//gcc 5.4.0
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void)
{
    double grade;
    int groupSize;
    int numPeople;
    printf("Enter your grade:\n");
    scanf("%lf\n", &grade);
    if (grade > 95)
        printf("A Student:%c\n", 'A');
    else
        printf("Not A student\n");
    return 0;
}
```

- Example: Write a C program that computes the following:

If numPeople is greater than 10, execute groupSize = 2 \* groupSize. Otherwise, execute groupSize = 3 \* groupSize and also numPeople = numPeople - 1.

```
//gcc 5.4.0
```

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    int groupSize;
    int numPeople;
    scanf("%d\n", &groupSize);
    scanf("%d\n", &numPeople);
    printf("Group Size Before:%d\n", groupSize);
    printf("Number of People Before:%d\n", numPeople);

    if (groupSize >= 10){
        groupSize *=2;
    } else {
        groupSize *= 3;
        --numPeople;
    }
    printf("Group Size After:%d\n", groupSize);
    printf("Number of People After:%d\n", numPeople);
    return 0;
}
```

## 10. Multiple Selections

- A series of different “things to do” if a series of conditions hold
- C implementation: if-else if-else structure
- Alternate C implementation: Nested if statements

```
if (expr1) {  
  
}  
else if (expr2) {  
  
}  
  
...  
  
else if (exprN) {  
  
}  
else {  
  
}
```

- Example:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(void)
{
    double grade;
    int groupSize;
    int numPeople;
    printf("Enter your grade:\n");
    scanf("%lf\n", &grade);
    if (grade >= 90)
        printf("Your grade is:%c\n", 'A');
    else if (grade >= 80)
        printf("Your grade is:%c\n", 'B');
    else if (grade >= 70)
        printf("Your grade is:%c\n", 'C');
    else if (grade >= 60)
        printf("Your grade is:%c\n", 'D');
    else
        printf("Your grade is:%c\n", 'F');
    return 0;
}
```

## 11. Ternary operator

- It is also called the conditional expression
- It is used to reduce the number of line of codes and speed up your implementation.
- C Implementation:

<condition> ? <expression1> : <expression2>

- The **expression** on the left is evaluated first:
  - If it evaluates to “**true**”, **expression1** is evaluated and its result is returned.
  - If it evaluates to “**false**”, **expression2** is evaluated and its result is returned.

- Example:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int a , b;
    a = 10;
    printf( "Value of a is %s\n", (a % 2) ? "Odd": "Even" );
    b = 11;
    printf( "Value of b is %s\n", (b % 2) ? "Odd": "Even" );
    return 0;
}
```

- Questions/Practice:

- Convert the following code to a condition expression:

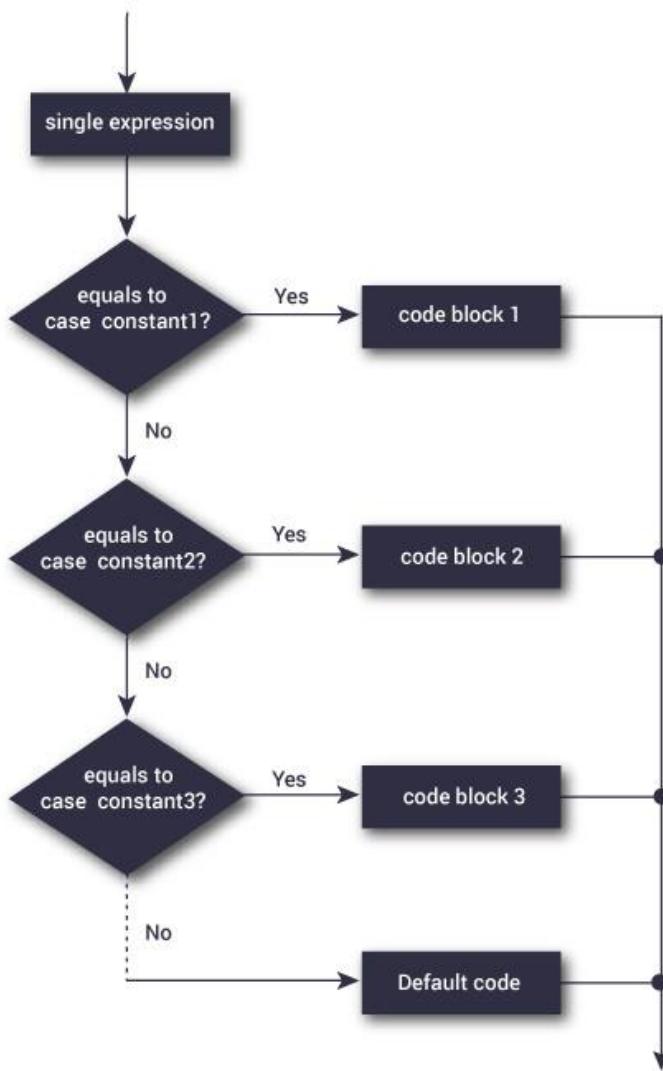
```
if (x > 50) {
    y = 50;
}
else {
    y = x;
}
```

- Convert the following code to a condition expression:

```
if (x == 0 || x ==1) {
    print("Binary\n");
}
else {
    printf("No Binary\n";
}
```

## 12. Switch Structures

- A series of different “things to do” depending on the value of a particular
- mostly used when we have number of options (or choices) and we may need to perform a different task for each choice.
- Flowchart: (Figure from [www.programiz.com](http://www.programiz.com))



- C Implementation:

```
switch (variable or an integer expression)
{
    case constant1:
        // code to be executed if n is equal to constant1;
        break;

    case constant2:
        // code to be executed if n is equal to constant2;
        break;

    .
    .
    .

    default:
        // code to be executed if n doesn't match any
        constant
}
```

- Example:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void)
{
    int myVal;
    printf("0: Main Menu\n");
    printf("0: Open File\n");
    printf("0: Print File\n");
    printf("0: Quit\n");
```

```
printf("\n\nChoose an option: \n");
scanf("%d\n", &myVal);
switch (myVal) {
    case 0:
        printf("Main Menu\n");
        break;
    case 1:
        printf("Open File\n");
        break;
    case 2:
        printf("Print File\n");
        break;
    case 3:
        printf("Quit\n");
        break;
    default:
        printf("No Option\n");
        break;
}
return 0;
}
```

## 13. Character Operations

- C provides several built-in functions to working with characters
- These functions can be found in the ctype.h library:

```
#include <ctype.h>
```

isalpha(c)	true if alphabetic: a-z or A-Z	isalpha('x') // true isalpha('6') // false isalpha('!') // false
isdigit(c)	true if digit: 0-9.	isdigit('x') // false isdigit('6') // true
isspace(c)	true if whitespace.	isspace(' ') // true isspace('\n') // true isspace('x') // false
toupper(c)	Uppercase version	toupper('a') // A
tolower(c)	Lowercase version	toupper('A') // A
isalnum(c);	The function returns nonzero if c is alphanumeric	
iscntrl(c);	The function returns nonzero	

	if c is a control character	
ispunct(c);	The function returns nonzero if c is punctuation	
isupper(c);	The function returns nonzero if c is upper case character	
Islower(c)	The function returns nonzero if c is lower case character	

- Example: Check your Character

//gcc 5.4.0

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(void)
{
    char myChar;
    printf("Please enter a single Character:\n");
    scanf("%c\n", &myChar);
    printf("The entered character is:%c\n", myChar);
    //Check if the character is a digit
    if (isspace(myChar))
```

```

        printf("You have entered a space character\n");
else if (ispunct(myChar))
    printf("You have entered an punctuation character");
else if (iscntrl(myChar))
    printf("You have entered a control character");
else if (isalnum(myChar)){
    printf("You have entered an alphanumeric character AND ");
    if (isdigit(myChar))
        printf("your character is a digit\n");
    else if(isalpha(myChar))
        if (islower(myChar))
            printf("your character is an lower case alphabetic
character\n");
        else
            printf("your character is an upper case alphabetic
character\n");
    }
    return 0;
}

```

- Programming Assignment: Convert the above program using **Switch statement**.

## 14. Questions/Practice

- Given the following code:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
#include <stdio.h>
main(void)
{
    int myChar = 0;

    printf("enter a value:");
    scanf("%d", &myChar);

    if (myChar == 1)
        if (myChar == 0)
            printf("inside if\n");
        else
            printf("inside else if\n");
        else
            printf("inside else\n");
    }
```

- What is the output of the following code if the user enter the following values:

User Input	Output of your program
0	
1	
2	
a	

- Given the following code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
    int myVar;
    printf("enter a value:\n");
    scanf("%d", &myVar);
    if (myVar--)
        printf("True--\n\n");
    if (myVar++)
        printf("False--\n\n");
}
```

- What is the output of the following code if the user enter the following values:

User Input	Output of your program
0	
1	
-1	
a	

- Given the following code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
void main()
{
    int myVar;
    printf("enter a value:\n");
    scanf("%d", &myVar);
    if (--myVar)
        printf("True--\n\n");
    if (++myVar)
        printf("False--\n\n");
}
```

- What is the output of the following code if the user enter the following values:

User Input	Output of your program
0	
1	
-1	
a	

- Given the following code:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int x = 2, y = 0;
    scanf("%d\n", &y);
    int z = (++y) ? y == 1 && x : 0;
    printf("x=%d, y=%d, z=%d\n", x,y,z);
    return 0;
}
```

- What is the output of the following code if the user enter the following values:

User Input	Output of your program
0	
1	
2	
-1	

- Given the following code:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
#include <stdio.h>
#define one '1'
#define two '2'
void main()
{
    char myChar;
    printf("Enter a value between 1 to 2:");
    scanf("%c", &myChar);
    switch (myChar)
    {
        case one:
            printf("%c\n",one);
            break;
        case two:
            printf("%c\n",two);
            break;
    }
}
```

- What is the output of the following code if the user enter the following values:

User Input	Output of your program
0	
1	
2	
a	

- Given the following code:

```
//gcc 5.4.0
#include <stdio.h>

void main(void)
{
    int myChar;
    printf("enter a value btw 1 to 2:");
    scanf("%d", &myChar);
    switch (myChar)
    {
        case 1:
            printf("1\n");
            break;
            printf("Hi");
        default:
            printf("2\n");
    }
}
```

- What is the output of the following code if the user enter the following values:

User Input	Output of your program
0	
1	
2	
a	

- Write a C program enters the cost price and selling price of a product and computes any profit or loss. If the cost price is greater than selling price then there is a loss otherwise profit. Give, a Selling Price (SP) and a Cost Price (CP), the formula to calculate profit or loss:

$$\text{Profit} = \text{S.P} - \text{C.P}$$

$$\text{Loss} = \text{C.P} - \text{S.P}$$

- Write a C program to check whether a triangle is equilateral, scalene or isosceles triangle:
  - A triangle is Equilateral Triangle if all its sides are equal.
  - A triangle is Isosceles Triangle if its two sides are equal.
  - A triangle is Scalene Triangle if none of its sides are equal.
- Simple Calculator: Write a C program that implements a simple calculator to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication or division depending the input from user.

- Write a c program to enter any alphabet and check whether alphabet is vowel or consonant using switch case. C program for checking vowels and consonants using switch.