Flow of Control

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- Sequential flow of control
  - Statement in a program are normally executed one after another

- Often it is desirable to alter the sequential flow of control, to provide for
  - a choice of action: `if`, `if-else`, `switch`
  - a repetition of action: `while`, `for`, `do-while`

Relational, Equality, Logical Operators

Precedence

Operator	Associativity
`()` `++` (*postfix*) `--` (*postfix*)	Left to right
`+` (*unary*) `-` (*unary*) `++` (*prefix*) `--` (*prefix*) `!`	Right to left
`*` `/` `%`	Left to right
`+` `-`	Left to right
`<` `<=` `>` `>=`	Left to right
`==` `!=`	Left to right
`&&`	Left to right
`||`	Left to right
`?:`	Right to left
`=` `+=` `-=` `*=` `/=` `%=` *etc.*	Right to left
`,` (*comma operator*)	Left to right

true: *nonzero* value

false: *zero* value

Equality Operators and Expressions (1)

- *expr* == *expr*
  expr != *expr*

Examples

```
c == 'A'
k != -2
x + y == 3 * z - 7
```

Wrong examples

```
a = b                /* assignment */
a = = b - 1          /* space not allowed */
(x + y) =! 44        /* (x + y) = (!44) */
```

- `a == b`
  - The result is either ***true*** (1) or ***false*** (0)
  - It is implemented as `a - b == 0`

Equality Operators and Expressions (2)

Declarations and initializations		
`int i = 1, j = 2, k = 3;`		
Expression	**Equivalent expression**	**Value**
`i == j`	`j == i`	0
`i != j`	`j != i`	1
`i + j + k == - 2 * - k`	`((i + j) + k) == ((-2) * (-k))`	1

- A common programming error

```
if (a == 1) {    ...    }    vs.  if (a = 1)  {    ...    }
```

Relational Operators and Expressions (1)

- *expr* < *expr* *expr* > *expr*
  expr <= *expr* *expr* >= *expr*

Examples

```
a < 3
a > b
-1.3 >= (2.0*x + 3.3)
```

Wrong examples

```
a =< b          /* out of order */
a < = b         /* space not allowed */
a >> b          /* shift expression */
```

- `a < b`
  - if `a` is less than `b`, then the expression has the `int` value 1 (***true***)
  - Otherwise, the expression has the `int` value 0 (***false***)
  - On many machines, it is implemented as `a - b < 0`

Relational Operators and Expressions (2)

Declarations and initializations

```
char c = 'w';
int  i = 1, j = 2, k = -7;
double x = 7e+33, y = 0.001;
```

Expression	Equivalent expression	Value
`'a' + 1 < c`	`('a' + 1) < c`	1
`- i - 5 * j >= k + 1`	`((-i) - (5 * j)) >= (k + 1)`	0
`3 < j < 5`	`(3 < j) < 5`	1
`x - 3.333 <= x + y`	`(x - 3.333) <= (x + y)`	1

Logical Operators and Expressions (1)

- *expr* || *expr* (logical or)
  expr && *expr* (logical and)

Examples

```
a && b
a || b
(a < b) && c
3 && (-2 * a + 7)
```

Wrong examples

```
a &&          /* missing operand */
a | | b       /* space not allowed */
a & b         /* bitwise operator */
&b            /* the address of b */
```

- && has higher precedence than ||
- Both of && and || are of lower precedence than all unary, arithmetic, equality, and relational operators

Logical Operators and Expressions (2)

Declarations and initializations

```
char c = 'B';
int  i = 3, j = 3, k = 3;
double x = 0.0, y = 2.3;
```

Expression	Equivalent expression	Value
`i && j && k`	`(i && j) && k`	1
`x || i && j - 3`	`x || (i && (j - 3))`	0
`i < j && x < y`	`(i < j) && (x < y)`	0
`i < j || x < y`	`(i < j) || (x < y)`	1
`'A' <= c && c <= 'Z'`	`('A' <= c) && (c <= 'Z')`	1
`c-1 == 'A' || c+1 == 'Z'`	`((c-1) == 'A') || (c+1) == 'Z')`	1

Logical Operators and Expressions (3)

- Short-circuit evaluation
  - In evaluating the expressions that are the operands of && and ||, the evaluation process stops as soon as the outcome true or false is known

- *expr1* && *expr2*
  - Stops if *expr1* has value zero (false)

- *expr1* || *expr2*
  - Stops if *expr1* has nonzero value (true)

Logical Operators and Expressions (4)

- ! *expr* (unary negation)

Examples

```
!a
!(x + 7.7)
!(a < b || c < d)
!!c
```

Wrong examples

```
a!                  /* out of order */
a != b              /* "not equal" operator */
```

- ! *expr*
  - if *expr* has value zero, !*expr* has the `int` value 1 (***true***)
  - if *expr* has nonzero value, !*expr* has the `int` value 0 (***false***)
  - `!!5` ⇔ `!(!5)` has the value 1

Logical Operators and Expressions (5)

Declarations and initializations

```
char c = 'A';
int  i = 7, j = 7;
double x = 0.0, y = 2.3;
```

Expression	Equivalent expression	Value
`!c`		0
`!(i - j)`		1
`!i - j`	`(!i) - j`	-7
`!!(x + y)`	`!(!(x + y))`	1
`!x * !!y`	`(!x) * (!(!y))`	1

Compound Statement

- "Block"
  - A series of declarations and statements surrounded by braces
  - For grouping statements into an executable unit
  - It is itself a statement, thus it can be placed wherever a statement is placed (no semicolon needed at the end)

```
{
    a = 1;
    {
        b = 2;
        c = 3;
    }
}
```

Empty Statement

- Expression statement
  - An expression followed by semicolon (;)
- Empty statement
  - Written as a single semicolon
  - Useful where a statement is needed syntactically

```
a = b;                  /* assignment statement */
a + b + c;              /* legal, but no useful work gets done */
;                       /* empty statement */
printf("%d\n", a);      /* a function call */
while(1);               /* infinite loop */
```

`if` Statement

- `if` (*expr*)
  statement
  - If *expr* is nonzero (***true***), then *statement* is executed
  - Otherwise, *statement* is skipped, and control passes to the next statement

```
if (j < k)
{
    min = j;
    printf("j is smaller than k\n");
}
```

`if-else` Statement

- `if` (*expr*)
  statement1
  `else`
  statement2

```
if (i != j) {
    i += 1;
    j += 2;
};                  /* syntax error */
else
    i -= j;
```

```
if (c >= 'a' && c <= 'z')
    lc_cnt++;
else
{
    other_cnt++;
    printf("%c is not a lowercase letter\n", c);
}
```

Nested `if` Statements (1)

- `if` (*expr1*)
  `if` (*expr2*)
  statement

```
if (a == 1)
  if (b == 2)     /* if statement is itself a statement */
    printf("***\n");
```

- Dangling `else` problem – An `else` attaches to the nearest `if`

```
if (a == 1)
    if (b == 2)
        printf("***\n");
    else
        printf("###\n");
```

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```
if (a == 1)
    if (b == 2)
        printf("***\n");
else
    printf("###\n");
```

Nested `if` Statements (2)

```
if (c == ' ')
    blank_cnt++;
else if (c >= '0' && c <= '9')
    digit_cnt++;
else if (c >= 'a' && c <= 'z' ||
         c >= 'A' && c <= 'Z')
    letter_cnt++;
else if (c == '\n')
    nl_cnt++;
else
    other_cnt++;
```

```
if (c == ' ')
    blank_cnt++;
else
    if (c >= '0' && c <= '9')
        digit_cnt++;
    else
        if (c >= 'a' && c <= 'z' ||
            c >= 'A' && c <= 'Z')
            letter_cnt++;
        else
            if (c == '\n')
                nl_cnt++;
            else
                other_cnt++;
```

`while` Statement

- `while` (*expr*)
  statement

  - First, *expr* is evaluated. If it is nonzero (***true***), then *statement* is executed, and control is passed back to *expr*. This repetition continues until *expr* is zero (***false***).
  - The loop body gets executed zero or more times

```
/* This code causes blank characters
   in the input stream to be skipped */

while ((c = getchar()) == ' ')
    ;                                  /* empty statement */
```

`for` Statement (1)

- `for` (*expr1*; *expr2*; *expr3*)
  statement

```
expr1;
while (expr2) {
    statement
    expr3;
}
```

- First, *expr1* (*initialization*) is evaluated.
- *expr2* is evaluated. If it is nonzero (***true***), then *statement* is executed, *expr3* is evaluated, and control is passed back to *expr2*.
- *expr2* is a logical expression controlling the iteration
- This process continues until *expr2* is zero (***false***).

for Statement (2)

```c
sum = 0;
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
    sum += i;
```

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```c
sum = 0;
i = 1;
for ( ; i <= 10; i++)
    sum += i;
```

⇔

```c
sum = 0;
i = 1;
for ( ; i <= 10; )
    sum += i++;
```

- What's wrong?

```c
sum = 0;
i = 1;
for ( ; ; )
    sum += i++;
```

- Nested for statements

```c
for (i = 0; i < 4; i++)
    for (j = 0; j < 5; j++)
        for (k = 0; k < 2; k++)
            printf("(%d, %d, %d)\n", i, j, k);
```

Comma Operator

- *expr1* , *expr2*
  - *expr1* is evaluated, and then *expr2*
  - `a = 2, b = a + 1;`

```
for (sum = 0, i = 1; i <= 10; i++)
    sum += i;
```

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```
for (sum = 0, i = 1; i <= 10; sum += i, i++)
    ;
```

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```
for (sum = 0, i = 1; i <= 10; i++, sum += i);
```

`do-while` Statement

- `do`

  statement

  `while` (*expr*);

  - First, *statement* is executed, and *expr* is evaluated.
  - If the value of *expr* is nonzero (***true***), then control is passed back to *statement*.
  - When *expr* is zero (***false***), control passes to the next statement

```
do {
    printf("Input a positive integer: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    if (error = (n <= 0))
        printf("\nERROR: Do it again!\n\n");
} while (error);
```

`break` Statement

- `break;`
  - Causes an exit from the innermost enclosing loop or `switch` statement

```
while (1) {
    scanf("%f", &x);
    if (x < 0.0)
        break;              /* exit loop if x is negative */
    printf("%f\n", sqrt(x));
}

/* break jumps to here */
```

`continue` Statement

- `continue;`
  - Causes the current iteration of a loop to stop and causes the next iteration of the loop to begin immediately

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
{
    c = getchar();
    if (c >= '0' && c <= '9')
        continue;                   /* ignore digits */
    nondigits++;

    /* continue transfers control to here */
}
```

`switch` Statement

- A multiway conditional statement generalizing the `if-else` statement

```
switch (c) {
    case 'a':
        a_cnt++;
        break;
    case 'b':
    case 'B':
        b_cnt++;
        break;
    default:
        other_cnt++;
}
```

- Evaluate the `switch` expression `c` (`c` should be of integral type)
- Go to the case label having a constant value that matches the value of `c`
- If a match is not found, go to the `default` label. If there is no `default` label, terminate the switch statement
- Terminate the `switch` when a `break` statement is encountered, or terminate the `switch` by "falling off the end"

`goto` Statement

- `goto` *label*`;`
  - Causes an unconditional jump to a labeled statement somewhere in the current function
  - "Go To Statement Considered Harmful" (E. Dijkstra, CACM, 1968)

```
    while (1) {
        scanf("%lf", &x);
        if (x < 0.0)
            goto error;
        printf("sqrt(%f) = %f\n", x, sqrt(x));
    }
    ...
error:
    printf("Negative value encountered!\n");
    return 0;
```

Conditional Operator

- *expr1* ? *expr2* : *expr3*
  - First, *expr1* is evaluated
  - If it is nonzero (***true***), then *expr2* is evaluated, and that is the value of the conditional expression as a whole
  - If *expr1* is zero (***false***), then *expr3* is evaluated, and that is the value of the conditional expression as a whole

```
if (y < z)
    x = y;
else
    x = z;
```

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```
x = (y < z)? y : z;
```