

UNIT 6

Problem Solving with Selection and Repetition Statements



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Objectives:

- Using relational and logical operators
- Using selection statements to choose between two or more execution paths in a program
- Using repetition statements to repeat a segment of code

Reference:

- Chapter 4 Selection Structures
- Chapter 5 Repetition and Loop Statements

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Recall: Control Structures



Selection



rocket

- **1. Sequential Control Flow**
- Recall Simple "drawing" problem in Unit 5: Write a program to draw a rocket ship, a male stick figure, and a female stick figure.



1. Non-Sequential Control Flow

New requirement:

Write a program to allow user to select only ONE of the following options: Draw a (1) rocket ship, (2) male stick figure, or (3) female stick figure.



2. Selection Structures

 C provides two control structures that allow you to select a group of statements to be executed or skipped when certain conditions are met.





2.1 *if* and *if-else* Statements





2.2 Condition

- A condition is an expression evaluated to <u>true</u> or <u>false</u>.
- It is composed of expressions combined with relational operators.
 - Examples: (a <= 10), (count > max), (value != -9)

Relational Operator	Interpretation
<	is less than
<=	is less than or equal to
>	is greater than
>=	is greater than or equal to
==	is equal to
!=	is not equal to

2.3 Truth Values

- Boolean values: true or false.
- There is <u>no</u> boolean type in ANSI C. Instead, we use integers:
 - 0 to represent false
 - Any other value to represent true (1 is used as the representative value for true in output)
 - Example:

 $\begin{array}{rl} & \text{Unit6}_{\text{TruthValues.c}} \\ & \text{int } a = (2 > 3); \\ & \text{int } b = (3 > 2); \\ & \text{printf("a = %d; } b = %d \n", a, b); \\ & a = 0; b = 1 \end{array}$

2.4 Logical Operators

- Complex condition: combining two or more boolean expressions.
- Examples:
 - If temperature is greater than 40C or blood pressure is greater than 200, go to A&E immediately.
 - If all the three subject scores (English, Maths and Science) are greater than 85 and mother tongue score is at least 80, recommend takinf Higher Mother Tongue.
- Logical operators are needed: && (and), || (or), ! (not).

Α	В	A <mark>& &</mark> B	A B	! A
False	False	False False		True
False	e True False		True	True
True	False	False True		False
True True		True	True	False

Note: There are bitwise operators such as & , | and ^, but we are <u>not</u> covering these in CS1010.

2.5 Evaluation of Boolean Expressions (1/2)

The evaluation of a boolean expression is done according to the precedence and associativity of the operators.

Operator Type	Operator	Associativity		
Primary expression operators	() []> expr++ expr	Left to Right		
Unary operators	* & + - ! ~ ++exprexpr (typecast) sizeof	Right to Left		
Binary operators	* / % + -	Left to Right		
	< > <= >=			
	== !=			
	&&			
Ternary operator	?:	Right to Left		
Assignment operators	= += -= *= /= %=	Right to Left		

2.5 Evaluation of Boolean Expressions (2/2)

See Unit6_EvalBoolean.c

What is the value of x?

Always good to add parentheses for readability.

y = ((a > b || b > c) & a == b); y is false (0)

• What is the value of z?

z = ((a > b) && !(b > c));

z is true (1)

2.6 Caution (1/2)



Since the values 0 and 1 are the returned values for false and true respectively, we can have codes like these:

int a = 12 + (5 >= 2); // 13 is assigned to a
 (5 >= 2) evaluates to 1; hence a = 12 + 1;

int b = (4 > 5) < (3 > 2) * 6; // 1 assigned to b

* has higher precedence than <.
(3 > 2) evaluates to 1, hence (3 > 2) * 6 evaluates to 6.
(4 > 5) evaluates to 0, hence 0 < 6 evaluates to 1.

int c = ((4 > 5) < (3 > 2)) * 6; // 6 assigned to c

(4 > 5) evaluates to 0, (3 > 2) evaluates to 1, hence (4 > 5) < (3 > 2) is equivalent to (0 < 1) which evaluates to 1. Hence 1 * 6 evaluates to 6.

However, you are certainly <u>not encouraged</u> to write such convoluted codes!

2.6 Caution (2/2)

Very common mistake:

```
int num;
printf("Enter an integer: ");
scanf("%d", &num);
if (num = 3) {
   printf("The value is 3.\n");
}
printf("num = %d\n", num);
```



- What if user enters 7?
- Correct the error.

2.7 Short-Circuit Evaluation

Does the following code give an error if variable a is zero?

```
if ((a != 0) && (b/a > 3))
    printf(. . .);
```

- Short-circuit evaluation
 - expr1 || expr2: If <u>expr1 is true</u>, skip evaluating expr2 and return true immediately, as the result will always be true.
 - expr1 && expr2: If <u>expr1 is false</u>, skip evaluating expr2 and return false immediately, as the result will always be false.

2.8 *if* and *if-else* Statements: Examples (1/2)

if statement without *else* part

if-else **statement**

```
int a, b, t;
if (a > b) {
  // Swap a with b
  t = a; a = b; b = t;
// After above, a is the smaller
int a;
if (a % 2 == 0) {
  printf("%d is even\n", a);
}
else {
  printf("%d is odd\n", a);
```

2.8 *if* and *if-else* Statements: Examples (2/2)

Move common statements out of the *if-else* construct.

```
if (cond) {
                             statement-a;
                             statement-b;
  statement-a;
  statement-b;
                             if (cond) {
  statement-j;
                                statement-j;
  statement-x;
  statement-y;
                             else {
                                statement-k;
else {
  statement-a;
  statement-b;
  statement-k;
                             statement-x;
  statement-x;
                             statement-y;
  statement-y;
```

3. Nested *if* and *if-else* Statements (1/2)

- Nested if (if-else) structures refer to the containment of an if (if-else) structure within another if (if-else) structure.
- For example:
 - If it is a weekday, you will be in school from 8 am to 6 pm, do revision from 6 pm to 12 midnight, and sleep from 12 midnight to 8 am.
 - If it is a weekend, then you will sleep from 12 midnight to 10 am and have fun from 10 am to 12 midnight.

3. Nested if and if-else Statements (2/2)

```
Drawing task in Unit 5
int main(void) {
    draw_rocket();
    printf("\n\n");
    draw_male();
    printf("\n\n");
    draw_female();
    printf("\n\n");
    return 0;
}
```

```
Draw only 1 figure
int main(void) {
  char resp;
  printf("(R)ocket, ");
  printf("(M)ale, or ");
  printf("(F)emale? ");
  scanf("%c", &resp);
  if (resp == 'R')
    draw rocket();
  else if (resp == 'M')
    draw male();
  else if (resp == 'F')
    draw female();
  return 0;
```

4. Style Issues: Indentation (1/6)

 Once we write non-sequential control structures, we need to pay attention to indentation.



4. Style Issues: Indentation (2/6)

Note that appropriate indentation of comments is just as important.

Correct

```
// Comment on the whole if
// construct should be aligned with
// the 'if' keyword
```

```
if (cond) {
```

// Comment on the statements in
// this block should be aligned
// with the statements below
statements;

```
}
else {
```

// Likewise, comment for this
// block should be indented
// like this
statements;

Incorrect

```
// Compute the fare
if (cond) {
// For peak hours
   statements;
}
else {
    // For non-peak hours
   statements;
}
```



Programmers will know.

4. Style Issues: Indentation (3/6)

Sometimes we may have a deeply nested *if-else-if* construct:

```
int marks;
char grade;
if (marks >= 90)
   qrade = 'A';
else
   if (marks \geq 75)
      qrade = 'B';
   else
      if (marks \geq 60)
         grade = 'C';
      else
         if (marks \geq 50)
            qrade = 'D';
         else
            qrade = 'F';
```

 This follows the indentation guideline, but in this case the code tends to be long and it skews too much to the right.

4. Style Issues: Indentation (4/6)

 Alternative (and preferred) indentation style for deeply nested *if-else-if* construct:

```
int marks;
char grade;
if (marks >= 90)
   qrade = 'A';
else
   if (marks \geq 75)
      grade = 'B';
   else
      if (marks \geq = 60)
         grade = 'C';
      else
          if (marks \geq 50)
            qrade = 'D';
         else
            arade = 'F';
```

```
Alternative style
   int marks;
   char grade;
   if (marks \geq 90)
      qrade = 'A';
   else if (marks >= 75)
      grade = 'B';
   else if (marks >= 60)
      qrade = 'C';
   else if (marks >= 50)
      qrade = 'D';
   else
      grade = 'F';
```

```
function register()
   if (!empty($_POST)) {
        $msg = '';
       if ($ POST['user name']) {
            if ($ POST['user password new']) {
                if ($ POST['user password new'] === $ POST['user password repeat']) {
                    if (strlen($_POST['user_password_new']) > 5) {
                        if (strlen($ POST['user name']) < 65 && strlen($ POST['user name']) > 1) {
                            if (preg_match('/^[a-2\d]{2,64}$/i', $_POST['user_name'])) {
                                $user = read_user($_POST['user_name']);
                                if (lissot($user['user_name'])) {
                                    if ($ POST['user email']) {
                                        if (strlen($_POST['user_email']) < 65) {
                                            if (filter_var($ POST['user_email'], FILTER_VALIDATE_EMAIL)) {
                                                create_user();
                                                $ SESSION['msg'] = 'You are now registered so please login';
                                                header('Location: ' . $ SERVER['PHP SELF']);
                                                exit();
                                            } else Smsg = 'You must provide a valid email address';
                                        } else $msg = 'Email must be less than 64 characters';
                                    } else $msg = 'Email cannot be empty';
                                } else $msg = 'Username already exists';
                            } else $msg = 'Username must be only a-z, A-Z, 0-9';
                        } else $msg = 'Username must be between 2 and 64 characters';
                    } else $msg = 'Password must be at least 6 characters';
                } else $msg = 'Passwords do not match';
            } else $msg = 'Empty Password';
       } else $msg = 'Empty Username';
        $ SESSION['msg'] = $msg;
   return register form();
```

4. Style Issues: Naming 'boolean' variables (5/6)

- Here, 'boolean' variables refer to int variables which are used to hold 1 or 0 to represent true or false respectively.
- These are also known as boolean flags.
- To improve readability, boolean flags should be given descriptive names just like any other variables.
- In general, add suffices such as "is" or "has" to names of boolean flags (instead of just calling them "flag"!)
 - Example: isEven, isPrime, hasError, hasDuplicates

```
int isEven, num;
. . .
if (num % 2 == 0)
    isEven = 1;
else
    isEven = 0;
```

4. Style Issues: Removing 'if' (6/6)

• The following code pattern is commonly encountered:

```
int isEven, num;
. . .
if (num % 2 == 0)
    isEven = 1;
else
    isEven = 0;
```

- In this case, the *if* statement can be rewritten into a single assignment statement, since (num % 2 == 0) evaluates to either 0 or 1.
- Such coding style is common and the code is shorter.

```
int isEven, num;
. . .
isEven = (num % 2 == 0);
```

5. Common Errors (1/2)

The code fragments below contain some very common errors. One is caught by the compiler but the other is not (which makes it very hard to detect). Spot the errors.

Unit6 CommonErrors1.c
int a = 3;
if (a > 10);
<pre>printf("a is larger than 10\n");</pre>
<pre>printf("Next line.\n");</pre>

Unit6_CommonErrors2.c

```
int a = 3;
if (a > 10);
    printf("a is larger than 10\n");
else
    printf("a is not larger than 10\n");
printf("Next line.\n");
```

5. Common Errors (2/2)

Proper indentation is important. In the following code, the indentation does not convey the intended purpose of the code. Why? Which *if* is the *else* matched to?



6. The switch Statement (2/3)

 Write a program that reads in a 6-digit zip code and uses its first digit to print the associated geographic area.

If zip code begins with	Print this message			
0, 2 or 3	<zip code=""> is on the East Coast.</zip>			
4 – 6	<zip code=""> is in the Central Plains.</zip>			
7	<zip code=""> is in the South.</zip>			
8 or 9	<zip code=""> is in the West.</zip>			
others	<zip code=""> is invalid.</zip>			

What if there is one input but a lot of choices?

int n;

/* some code to put the first digit of the zip
code into n. */
if (n == 0)

/* do second choice */

•••

6. The switch Statement (1/3)

- An alternative to *if-else-if* is to use the *switch* statement.
- Restriction: Value must be of discrete type (eg: int, char)

```
switch ( <variable or expression> ) {
  case value1:
     Code to execute if <variable or expr> == value1
      break;
  case value2:
     Code to execute if <variable or expr> == value2
     break;
  default:
     Code to execute if <variable or expr> does not
      equal to the value of any of the cases above
      break;
```

6. The switch Statement (3/3)

```
Unit6 ZipCode.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
  int zip;
  printf("Enter a 6-digit ZIP code: ");
  scanf("%d", &zip);
  switch (zip/100000) {
     case 0: case 2: case 3:
       printf("%06d is on the East Coast.\n", zip);
       break;
     case 4: case 5: case 6:
       printf("%d is in the Central Plains. n", zip);
       break:
     case 7:
       printf("%d is in the South.\n", zip);
       break;
     case 8: case 9:
       printf("%d is in the West.\n", zip);
       break;
     default:
       printf("%d is invalid.\n", zip);
  } // end switch
  return 0;
```

7. Testing and Debugging (1/3)

• Finding the maximum value among 3 variables:

```
// Returns largest among num1, num2, num3
int getMax(int num1, int num2, int num3) {
    int max = 0;
    if ((num1 > num2) && (num1 > num3))
        max = num1;
    if ((num2 > num1) && (num2 > num3))
        max = num2;
    if ((num3 > num1) && (num3 > num2))
        max = num3;
    return max;
}
Unit6_FindMax_v1.c
```

- What is wrong with the code? Did you test it with the correct test data?
- What test data would expose the flaw of the code?
- How do you correct the code?
- After correcting the code, would replacing the 3 *if* statements with a nested *if-else* statement work? If it works, which method is better?

7. Testing and Debugging (2/3)

- With selection structures (and next time, repetition structures), you are now open to many alternative ways of solving a problem.
- Alternative approach to finding maximum among 3 values:

```
// Returns largest among num1, num2, num3
int getMax(int num1, int num2, int num3) {
    int max = 0;
    if (num1 > max)
        max = num1;
    else if (num2 > max)
        max = num2;
    else if (num3 > max)
        max = num3;
    return max;
}
Unit6_FindMax_v2.c
```

- What is wrong with this code? (There are more than one error.)
- What test data should you use to expose its flaw?

7. Testing and Debugging (3/3)

- The preceding examples will be discussed in class.
- Remember: Test your programs thoroughly with your own data.

Do NOT rely on CodeCrunch to test your programs!

Repetition

I will not argue with idiots on Youtube. I will not argue with idiots on Youtube.

8. The while Loop

while (condition)
{
// loop body

Braces { } are optional only if there is one statement in the block. But for beginners, we recommended writing braces even if there is one statement.

Each round of the loop is called an *iteration*.

If condition is true, execute loop body; otherwise, terminate loop.





while (the enemy does not make a deal) {
 Go back time

}

8.1 The while Loop: Demo (1/3)

- Keep prompting the user to input a nonnegative integer, and print that integer.
- Halt the loop when the input is negative.
- Print the maximum integer input.

Enter a number: 12 Enter a number: 0 Enter a number: 26 Enter a number: 5 Enter a number: -1 The maximum number is 26

8.1 The while Loop: Demo (2/3)

```
maxi = 0;
read num;
if (num >= 0) {
  if (maxi < num)
    maxi = num;
  read num;
else stop;
if (num >= 0) {
  if (maxi < num)
    maxi = num;
  read num;
else stop;
print maxi;
```

```
maxi = 0;
read num;
while (num >= 0) {
    if (maxi < num)
        maxi = num;
    read num;
}
print maxi;
```

8.1 The while Loop: Demo (3/3)

```
Unit6 FindMax.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
  int num, maxi = 0;
  printf("Enter a number: ");
  scanf("%d", &num);
  while (num \ge 0) {
     if (maxi < num) {</pre>
        maxi = num;
     }
     printf("Enter a number: ");
     scanf("%d", &num);
   }
  printf("The maximum number is %d\n", maxi);
  return 0;
```

8.2 Condition for while Loop

```
// pseudo-code
a = 2;
b = 7;
while (a == b) {
    print a;
    a = a + 2;
}
```

Output: ?

When the loop condition is always false, the loop body is not executed.

// pseudo-code
a = 2;
b = 7;
while (a != b) {
print a;
a = a + 2;
}



When the loop condition is always true, the loop body is executed forever – infinite loop.

8.3 Style: Indentation for while Loop

- Loop body must be indented.
- Comment in loop body must be aligned with statements in loop body.
- Closing brace must be on a line by itself and aligned with the *while* keyword.



9. The do-while Loop (1/3)



9. The do-while Loop (2/3)



Style: similar to while loop



9. The do-while Loop: Exercise

It's time to practise Computational Thinking again!

Add the digits in a positive integer.

- {

■ Eg: 395 → 17

```
// Precond: n > 0
int count_digits(int n)
    int count = 0;
    do {
        count++;
        n = n/10;
    } while (n > 0);
    return count;
}
```

Which concept in Computational Thinking is employed here?

```
// Precond: n > 0
int add_digits(int n) {
    int sum = 0;
    do {
        sum = sum + n%10;
        n = n/10;
    } while (n > 0);
    return sum;
}
```

A Very Common Pattern of while-loop

```
Unit6 FindMax.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
                                           Initialise
  int num, maxi = 0; +
                                           Condition
  printf("Enter a number: ");
  scanf("%d", &num);
                                           Check
  condition
     if (maxi < num) {</pre>
       maxi = num;
     }
     printf("Enter a number: ");
                                            Update
     scanf("%d", &num);
                                            Condition
  }
  printf("The maximum number is %d\n", maxi);
  return 0;
```

10. The for Loop (1/2)



10. The for Loop (2/2)

Example: Print numbers 1 to 10

```
int n;
for (n=1; n<=10; n++) {
    printf("%3d", n);
}</pre>
```

Equivalent to

```
int n=1;
while ( n <= 10) {
    printf("%3d", n);
    n++;
}
```

```
Steps:
1.n=1;
2.if (n<=10) {
    printf(...);
    n++;
    Go to step 2
}</pre>
```

```
3. Exit the loop
```

10. The for Loop (2/2)

Example: Print numbers 1 to 10

```
int n;
for ( A ; B ; C) {
   do something
}
```

A, B, and C are three statements

Equivalent to

```
A;
while ( B ) {
   do something;
   C;
}
```

10.1 The for Loop: Odd Integers (1/3)

```
Unit6_OddIntegers_v1.c
#include <stdio.h>
void print odd integers(int);
int main(void) {
  int num;
  printf("Enter a positive integer: ");
  scanf("%d", &num);
  print odd integers(num);
  return 0;
// Precond: n > 0
void print odd integers(int n) {
  int i;
                           print_odd_integers(12)
  for (i=1; i<=n; i+=2)</pre>
                           1 3 5 7 9 11
    printf("%d ", i);
  printf("\n");
```

10.1 The for Loop: Odd Integers (2/3)



10.1 The for Loop: Odd Integers (3/3)

Which is better?

```
// Precond: n > 0 Unit6_OddIntegers_v1.c
void print_odd_integers(int n) {
    int i;
    for (i=1; i<=n; i+=2)
        printf("%d ", i);
    printf("\n");
}</pre>
```

```
// Precond: n > 0 Unit6_OddIntegers_v2.c
void print_odd_integers(int n) {
    int i;
    for (i=1; i<=n; i++)
        if (i%2 != 0)
            printf("%d ", i);
    printf("\n");
}</pre>
```

11. Common Errors (1/2)



 What are the outputs for the following programs? (Do not code and run them. Trace the programs manually.)

int i; for (i=0; i<10; i++);</pre> printf("%d\n", i); Unit6 CommonErrors4.c int i = 0;while (i<10);</pre> ł printf("%d\n", i); i++; } Unit6 CommonErrors5.c

11. Common Errors (2/2)





- Off-by-one error; make sure the loop repeats exactly the correct number of iterations.
- Make sure the loop body contains a statement that will eventually cause the loop to terminate.
- Common mistake: Using '=' where it should be '=='
- Common mistake: Putting ';' where it should not be (just like for the 'if' statement)

12. Some Notes of Caution (1/2)



- Involving real numbers
 - Trace the program manually without running it.



12. Some Notes of Caution (2/2)



- Involving 'wrap-around'
 - Trace the program manually without running it.

int $a = 2147483646;$	Expected output:
<pre>int i;</pre>	2147483646
for $(i=1 \cdot i \le 5 \cdot i + +)$	2147483647
printf("%d\n", a);	2147483648
a++;	2147483649
}	2147483650



13. Using break in Loop (1/3)

- break is used in switch statement
- It can also be used in a loop

```
Unit6_BreakInLoop.c
```

```
// without 'break'
printf ("Without 'break':\n");
for (i=1; i<=5; i++) {
    printf("%d\n", i);
    printf("Ya\n");
}</pre>
```

```
// with 'break'
printf ("With 'break':\n");
for (i=1; i<=5; i++) {
    printf("%d\n", i);
    if (i==3)
        break;
    printf("Ya\n");
}</pre>
```

Without	'break':
1	
Ya	
2	
Ya	
3	
Ya	
4	
Ya	
5	
Ya	

With	'break':
1	
Ya	
2	
Ya	
3	

3, 2

3, 3

Ya

13. Using break in Loop (2/3)

U	nit6_BreakInLoop.c		With	'break'	in	
	<pre>// with 'break' in a nested loop</pre>		1, 1			
	<pre>printf("With 'break' in a nested loop:\n");</pre>		Ya			
	<pre>for (i=1; i<=3; i++) {</pre>		1, 2			
	for (j=1; j<=5; j++) {		Ya			
	printf("%d, %d\n", i, j);		1, 3			
	if (j==3)		2, 1			
	break:		Ya			
	printf("Va\n") ·		2, 2			
			Ya			
	} ♪		2, 3			
	۲ ۲		3, 1			
		-	Ya			

In a nested loop, break only breaks out of the inner-most loop that contains the break statement.

13. Using break in Loop (3/3)

- Use *break* sparingly, because it violates the one-entry-oneexit control flow.
- A loop with *break* can be rewritten into one without *break*.

```
// with break
int n, i = 1, sum = 0;
while (i <= 5) {
    scanf("%d", &n);
    if (n < 0)
        break;
    sum += n;
    i++;
}</pre>
```

```
// without break
int n, i = 1, sum = 0;
int isValid = 1;
while ((i <= 5) && isValid) {</pre>
  scanf("%d", &n);
  if (n < 0)
     isValid = 0;
  else {
     sum += n;
     i++;
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to the next iteration.

14. Using continue in Loop (2/2)

In a nested loop, *continue* only skips to the next iteration of the innermost loop that contains the *continue* statement.

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Summary

- In this unit, you have learned about
 - The use of *if-else* construct and *switch* construct to alter program flow (selection statements)
 - The use of relational and logical operators in the condition
 - The use of while, do-while and for loop constructs to repeat a segment of code (repetition statements)
 - The use of *break* and *continue* in a loop

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