

Conditionals

Types of Conditionals

A conditional in C can be written using if, else-if, else, ternary operators, and switch statements.

if Statements

An if statement tests an expression and executes code based on its truth.

```
if (x == 3) {
  printf("x is 3!");
}
```

else-if Statements

An else-if statement tests an expression and must come after an existing if or else-if.

```
if (x > 3) {
  printf("x is greater than 3");
} else if (x < 3) {
  printf("x is less than 3");
}</pre>
```



else Statements

An else statement is accessed when all preceding if and/or else-if statements return false .

```
if (x > 3) {
  printf("x is greater than 3");
} else if (x < 3) {
  printf("x is less than 3");
} else {
  printf("x equals 3");
}</pre>
```

Dangling else Statement

A dangling else statement results when it's ambiguous which conditional the else statement is attached to.

Ternary Operators

A ternary operator is a condensed if-else statement.

```
min = a < b ? a : b; // This is t

if (a < b) {
    min = a;
} else {
    min = b;
}</pre>
```



switch Statements

A switch statement is a condensed series of cascading else statements. It tests a value and compares it against multiple cases.

```
switch (grade) {
  case 9:
    printf("Freshman\n");
    break;
  case 10:
    printf("Sophomore\n");
    break;
  case 11:
    printf("Junior\n");
    break;
  case 12:
    printf("Senior\n");
    break;
  default:
    printf("Invalid\n");
    break;
```

Operators and Conditionals

A conditional in C can use logical operators such as && and \parallel to test multiple expressions and ! to negate an expression.

