

CPNM Lecture 4 - C Control Statements

Mridul Sankar Barik

Jadavpur University

2022

C Control Statements

1. Three categories

- ▶ **Selection statement** - allow a program to select a particular execution path, ex: `if`, `switch`
- ▶ **Iteration statements** - support iterations, ex: `while`, `do`, `for`
- ▶ **Jump statement** - cause an unconditional jump to some other place in the program, ex: `break`, `continue`, `goto`

if Statement I

- ▶ Allows a program to choose between two alternatives by testing the value of an expression
`if (expression) statement`
- ▶ A nonzero value of the expression is treated as true
- ▶ Compound Statements: a group of statements within braces
`if (expression) { statements }`
- ▶ The else clause
`if (expression) { statements } else { statements }`
- ▶ Example

```
if ( i > j )  
    max = i;  
else  
    max = j;
```

if Statement II

- ▶ Nested if

```
if (i > j) {  
    if (i > k)  
        max = i;  
    else  
        max = k;  
}  
else{  
    if(j > k)  
        max = j;  
    else  
        max = k;  
}
```

- ▶ Braces can be added even when they're not necessary

if Statement III

- Cascaded if statement: used to test a series of conditions, stopping as soon as one of them is true.

```
if (n < 0)
    printf("n is less than 0\n");
else
    if (n == 0)
        printf("n is equal to 0\n") ;
    else
        printf("n is greater than 0\n");
```

Iteration Statements I

- ▶ C's iteration statements allows us to set up loops
- ▶ A loop is a statement whose job is to repeatedly execute some other statement (the loop body)
- ▶ Every loop has a controlling expression. Each time the loop body is executed (an iteration of the loop), the controlling expression is evaluated; if the expression is true-has a value that's not zero - the loop continues to execute
- ▶ C provides three iteration statements: `while`, `do`, `for`
- ▶ The `while` statement is used for loops whose controlling expression is tested before the loop body is executed
- ▶ The `do` statement is used if the expression is tested after the loop body is executed
- ▶ The `for` statement is convenient for loops that increment or decrement a counting variable

The while Statement I

- ▶ `while (expression) statement`
- ▶ Controlling expression is evaluated first. If its value is non zero (true), the loop body is executed and the expression is tested again
- ▶ Example: Print "Hello" 5 times

```
i = 1;
while ( i <= 5 ){ /* Controlling expression */
    printf("Hello\n"); /* Loop body */
    i++;
}
```

- ▶ The controlling expression is false when a while loop terminates
- ▶ Infinite loops: A while statement won't terminate if the controlling expression always has a nonzero value

The while Statement II

```
while (1) {  
    printf("Hello\n");  
    ...  
}
```

- Example: Printing a table of squares

```
#include<stdio.h>  
int main (void){  
    int i, n;  
    printf ("This program prints a table of squares: \n");  
    printf ("Enter number of entries in table: ");  
    scanf ("%d", &n);  
    i = 1;  
    while (i <= n){  
        printf("%10d%10d\n", i , i*i);  
        i++;  
    }  
    return 0;
```


The while Statement III

```
}
```

- ▶ Example: Summing a series of numbers

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

```
int main (void){  
    int n, sum = 0;  
    printf("This program sums a series of integers. \n");  
    printf("Enter integers (0 to terminate): ");  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    while (n != 0) {  
        sum = sum + n;  
        scanf("%d", &n);  
    }  
    printf("The sum is: %d\n", sum);  
    return 0;  
}
```

The do Statement I

- ▶ Essentially it is just a while statement whose controlling expression is tested after each execution of the loop body
- ▶ `do { statements } while(expression);`
- ▶ Example: Calculating the number of digits in an integer
`#include <stdio.h>`

```
int main(void){
    int digits=0, n;
    printf("Enter a nonnegative integer: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    do {
        n = n / 10;
        digits++;
    } while (n > 0);
    printf("The number has %d digit(s) \n", digits);
    return 0;
}
```

The do Statement II

- ▶ If we replace the do loop by a similar while loop:

```
while (n > 0){  
    n = n / 10;  
    digits++;  
}
```

If `n` is 0 initially, this loop won't execute at all, and the program would print `The number has 0 digit(s)`

The for Statement I

- ▶ Format: `for (expr1 ; expr2 ; expr3) statement`
- ▶ Closely related to while statement

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

- ▶ Best choice for loops that "count up" (increment a variable) or "count down" (decrement a variable)
- ▶ Omitting Expressions in a for Statement

```
    i = 10;  
    for (;i > 0; i--){  
        printf("Hello\n");  
    }
```

The for Statement II

```
for (i = 10; ; i--){  
    printf("Hello\n");  
}
```

```
for (i = 10; i > 0; ){  
    printf("Hello\n");  
}
```

- We can use a comma expression as the first or third expression in the for statement - expr1, expr2

```
for ( i = 0, j = 10; i != j ; i++, j--){  
    printf("Hello\n");  
}
```

Declarations within for Loop

```
int i=0, j=10;
for(int i=0, j=10; i!=j; i++,j--){
    int i=0, j=10;
    printf("Hello ");
    printf("i=%d, j=%d\n", i, j);
}
printf("i=%d, j=%d\n", i, j);
```

Output:

```
Hello i=0 j=10
Hello i=0 j=10
Hello i=0 j=10
Hello i=0 j=10
Hello i=0 j=10
i=0 j=10
```

When we unfold the loop it becomes:

```
int i=0, j=10;
{
    int i=0, j=10;
    label1: if(i!=j)
    {
        int i=0, j=10;
        printf("Hello ");
        printf("i=%d, j=%d\n", i, j);
    }
    else goto label2;
    i++; j--;
    goto label1;
}
label2: printf("i=%d, j=%d\n", i, j);
```

Exiting from a Loop I

- ▶ The break statement: it can be used to jump out of a while, do, or for loop.
- ▶ Example: To check whether a number n is prime

```
for (d = 2; d < n; d++){  
    if (n % d == 0)  
        break;  
}  
if (d < n)  
    printf("%d is divisible by %d\n", n, d);  
else  
    printf("%d is prime\n", n);
```

- ▶ A break statement transfers control out of the innermost enclosing while, do, for, or switch statement
- ▶ The continue statement: break transfers control just past the end of a loop, while continue transfers control to a point just before the end of the loop body

Exiting from a Loop II

- ▶ Use of continue statement is limited to loops
- ▶ Example: Find sum of 10 non zero numbers to be read from the user

```
n = 0;
sum = 0;
while (n < 10) {
    scanf("%d", &i);
    if (i == 0 )
        continue;
    sum += i;
    n++;
    /* continue jumps here */
}
```


The goto Statement

- ▶ goto statement allows jumping to any statement in a function, provided that the statement has a label
- ▶ A label is just an identifier placed at the beginning of a statement:

```
identifier: statement  
goto identifier;
```

- ▶ Example:

```
for (d = 2; d < n; d++){  
    if (n % d == 0)  
        goto done:  
}  
done: if (d < n)  
    printf("%d is divisible by %d\n", n, d);  
else  
    printf("%d is prime\n", n);
```

The null Statement

- ▶ A statement can be null - devoid of symbols except for the semicolon at the end
- ▶ Suppose we need to put a label at the end of a compound statement. A label can't stand alone: it must always be followed by a statement. Putting a null statement after the label solves the problem.

```
{  
    ...  
    goto end_of_stmt;  
    ...  
    end_of_stmt: ;  
}
```

The switch Statement I

- ▶ Used when we need to compare an expression against a series of values to see which one it currently matches

- ▶ Format

```
switch ( expression ) {  
    case constant-expression : statements  
    ...  
    case constant-expression : statements  
    default: statements  
}
```

- ▶ A constant expression is much like an ordinary expression except that it can't contain variables or function calls
- ▶ The constant expression in a case label must evaluate to an integer (characters are also acceptable).
- ▶ No braces are required around the statements
- ▶ The last statement in each group is normally `break`
- ▶ Duplicate case labels aren't allowed. The order of the cases doesn't matter.

The switch Statement II

- ▶ A float expression cannot be tested using a switch
- ▶ Example

```
switch(grade){  
    case 4: printf("Excellent"); break;  
    case 3: printf("Good"); break;  
    case 2: printf("Average"); break;  
    case 1: printf("poor"); break;  
    case 0: printf("Failing"); break;  
    default: printf("Illegal grade"); break;  
}
```

- ▶ There's no way to write a case label that specifies a range of values.
- ▶ A switch statement isn't required to have a default case
- ▶ A switch statement is often easier to read than a cascaded if statement
- ▶ switch statements are often faster than if statements
 - ▶ switch-case is often implemented using a jump table with the case values as index into the table

The Switch Statement - Example I

```
/* Prints a date in legal form */

#include <stdio.h>
int main (void){
    int month, day, year;

    printf("Enter date (mm/dd/yy): ");
    scanf("%d / %d / %d", &month, &day, &year);
    printf ("Dated this %d", day);

    switch(day){
        case 1: case 21: case 31:
            printf ("st"); break;
        case 2: case 22:
            printf("nd"); break;
        case 3: case 23:
            printf("rd"); break;
        default: printf("th"); break;
    }

    printf(" day of ");

    switch(month){
```

The Switch Statement - Example II

```
        case 1: printf ("January"); break;
        case 2: printf("February"); break;
        case 3: printf("March"); break;
        case 4: printf("April"); break;
        case 5: printf("May"); break;
        case 6: printf("June"); break;
        case 7: printf("July"); break;
        case 8: printf("August"); break;
        case 9: printf("September"); break;
        case 10: printf("October"); break;
        case 11: printf("November"); break;
        case 12: printf("December"); break;
    }
    printf(", 20%.2d.\n", year);
    return 0;
}
```

Case Ranges - C Language Extension

- ▶ GNU C provides several language features not found in ISO standard C
 - ▶ It supports, as a language extension, case ranges
- ▶ The `-pedantic` option directs GCC to print a warning message if any of these features is used
- ▶ Be careful: Write spaces around the ...

```
#include <stdio.h>
main() {
    int data[10] = { 5, 4, 10, 25, 60, 47, 23, 80, 14, 11};
    int i;
    for(i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        switch (data[i]) {
            case 1 ... 10:
                printf("%d in range 1 to 10\n", data[i]);
                break;
            case 11 ... 20:
                printf("%d in range 11 to 20\n", data[i]);
                break;
            case 21 ... 30:
                printf("%d in range 21 to 30\n", data[i]);
                break;
            case 31 ... 40:
                printf("%d in range 31 to 40\n", data[i]);
                break;
            default:
                printf("%d Exceeds the range\n", data[i]);
                break;
        }
    }
}
```