

Lab Exercise 3: Selection Statements (if/else if and switch)

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1 Problem Statement

Given a table of boiling points of several substances, create a program that gets the user's boiling point of their fluid (in °Celcius) and tells the user what substace their fluid is as long as the substance is within 5% of the given boiling point. When the substance is unkown, let the user know that.

Table 1: Expected boiling points of substances.

Substance	Normal boiling point (°C)
Water	100
Mercury	357
Copper	1187
Silver	2193
Gold	2660

2 Algorithm

3 Output

Figure 1: Coffee.

4 Code

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1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main()
4 {
5     float temperature = 0; // initialize
6     printf("Enter the boiling point of your fluid: "); // prompt user
7     scanf("%f", &temperature); // store the
8     // boiling point of the fluid in the variable temperature
9     if (temperature <= ((100 * 0.05) + 100) && temperature >= (100 - (100 * 0.05))) // if the
10     temperature is within 5% of the boiling point of water
11     {
12         printf("The fluid is water.\n"); // print to the user that the fluid is water
13     }
14     else if (temperature <= ((357 * 0.05) + 357) && temperature >= (357 - (357 * 0.05))) // if the
15     temperature is within 5% of the boiling point of mercury
16     {
17         printf("The fluid is mercury.\n"); // print to the user that the fluid is mercury
18     }
19     else if (temperature <= ((1187 * 0.05) + 1187) && temperature >= (1187 - (1187 * 0.05))) // if
20     the temperature is within 5% of the boiling point of copper
21     {
22         printf("The fluid is copper.\n"); // print to the user that the fluid is copper
23     }
24     else if (temperature <= ((2193 * 0.05) + 2193) && temperature >= (2193 - (2193 * 0.05))) // if
25     the temperature is within 5% of the boiling point of silver
26     {
27         printf("The fluid is silver.\n"); // print to the user that the fluid is silver
28     }
29     else if (temperature <= ((2660 * 0.05) + 2660) && temperature >= (2660 - (2660 * 0.05))) // if
30     the temperature is within 5% of the boiling point of gold
31     {
32         printf("The fluid is gold.\n"); // print to the user that the fluid is gold
33     }
34     else
35     {
36         printf("The fluid is unknown.\n"); // print to the user that the fluid is unknown
37     }
38 }
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25 {  
26     printf("The fluid is gold.\n"); // print to the user that the fluid is gold  
27 }  
28 else  
29 {  
30     printf("The fluid is unknown.\n"); // if the temperature is not within 5% of any of the  
31     boiling points, print to the user that the fluid is unknown  
32 }  
33 return 0; // quits program nicely  
34 }
```