Assignment

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Q: Difference between else-if ladder and switch statement?

A:

	else-if ladder	switch
Syntax	Series of "if" and "else if"	Switch statement with
	statements	"case" and "default"
		statements
Evaluation	Conditions evaluated	Expression evaluated once,
	sequentially	jumps to matching case
Execution flow	Sequential: Only the first	Direct jump to matching
	true condition is executed	case or default
Time	Each condition is evaluated,	Expression evaluation is
	potentially taking more time	faster due to direct matching
Readability	May become lengthy and	Can provide a more concise
	complex with multiple	and readable code
	conditions	
Default case	Optional "else" block for all	Optional "default" case
	other cases	executed if no match found

In an "else if" ladder, each condition is evaluated sequentially. This means that every condition in the ladder is checked one after another until a true condition is found. As a result, if there are multiple conditions, it may take longer time to find a matching condition, especially if the true condition is towards the end of the ladder.

In a "switch" statement, the expression is evaluated only once. The execution jumps directly to the matching case, bypassing the need to evaluate each case sequentially. It takes shorter time to find a matching condition.

This makes the "switch" statement faster than an "else if" ladder when there are multiple cases.