


# There are two types of people.



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{
    Statements
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     *
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# Programmers will know.

# Multiple Alternatives



AMOUNT OF TIME I'VE SPENT PARALYZED  
BY INDECISION OVER CHOOSING THE RIGHT...



# Due this week

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- **Homework 2**

- Write solutions in VSCode and paste in Autograder, **Homework 2 CodeRunner**.
  - Zip your .cpp files and submit on canvas **Homework 2**.
- Start going through the textbook readings and watch the videos
  - Take **Quiz 3**.
- Participation: 3-2-1
- Check the due date! **No late submissions!!**

# Practicum 1

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- Coming up in week 5: Sep 19<sup>th</sup> during lecture
- Covers material from weeks 1 – 3 and H3
  - .cpp programs
  - Variables, arithmetic, cin, cout
  - If-else, nested if-else, switch statements
- Chapters 1, 2 and 3 from the textbook (everything!)
- Paper exam – bring writing utensils

# Practicum – Format and Rules

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## Logistics:

- You may bring 1 sheet of handwritten notes
- Bring an ID to class
  - Student ID: BuffOne Card, Government ID
- You have **30 minutes** to complete it (tentative)
  - Focus on your own solution
  - This is an individual assessment!
  - There is not enough time to help others

# Practicum - Practice, practice, practice!

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- Review all previous assignments – quizzes, recitations and homeworks
- Review examples we did in class
- Practice Questions will be released on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Time is short; prepare accordingly
  - Time yourself on practice problems

# Tips for Timed Exam

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- Read the Questions
  - read them not once, but **TWICE** before starting to code
- Create or Modify Code
  - know your C++ syntax
  - Know your data types, operators (arithmetic, relational, logical)
  - know how to create a condition
  - know how and when to use SWITCH and “break;”
- Spot and fix errors!

# Today

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- Nested if, nested if else
- `switch` statement



# Comparing numbers and strings

# Common Error – Exact Comparison of Floating-Point Numbers

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## ***Roundoff errors***

- Floating-point numbers have only a limited precision.
- Calculations can introduce roundoff errors.
- *Given  $r=2$ ,*

$$\text{Does } \left(\sqrt{r}\right)^2 \stackrel{?}{=} 2 \text{ ?}$$

Let's see (by writing code, of course) ...

# Exact Comparison of Floating-Point Yields Unexpected Value

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```
double r = sqrt(2.0);
if (r * r == 2)
{
    cout << "sqrt(2) squared is 2" << endl;
}
else
{
    cout << "sqrt(2) squared is not 2 but "
        << fixed << setprecision(18) << r * r << endl;
}
```

**This program displays:**

```
sqrt(2) squared is not 2 but 2.00000000000000000044
```

# How to Compare Floating-Point Numbers

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*Roundoff errors – a solution*

Close enough will do.

$$|x - y| < \varepsilon$$

$\varepsilon$  is the Greek letter epsilon, a letter used to denote a very small quantity

# Comparison of Floating-Point Numbers: Tolerance

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- It is common to set  $\epsilon$  to  $10^{-14}$  when comparing double numbers:

```
const double EPSILON = 1E-14;
double r = sqrt(2.0);
if (fabs(r * r - 2) < EPSILON)
{
    cout << "sqrt(2) squared is approximately ";
}
```

- Include the `<cmath>` header to use `sqrt` and the `fabs` function which gives the absolute value.

# Let's implement it!

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# Nested Branches

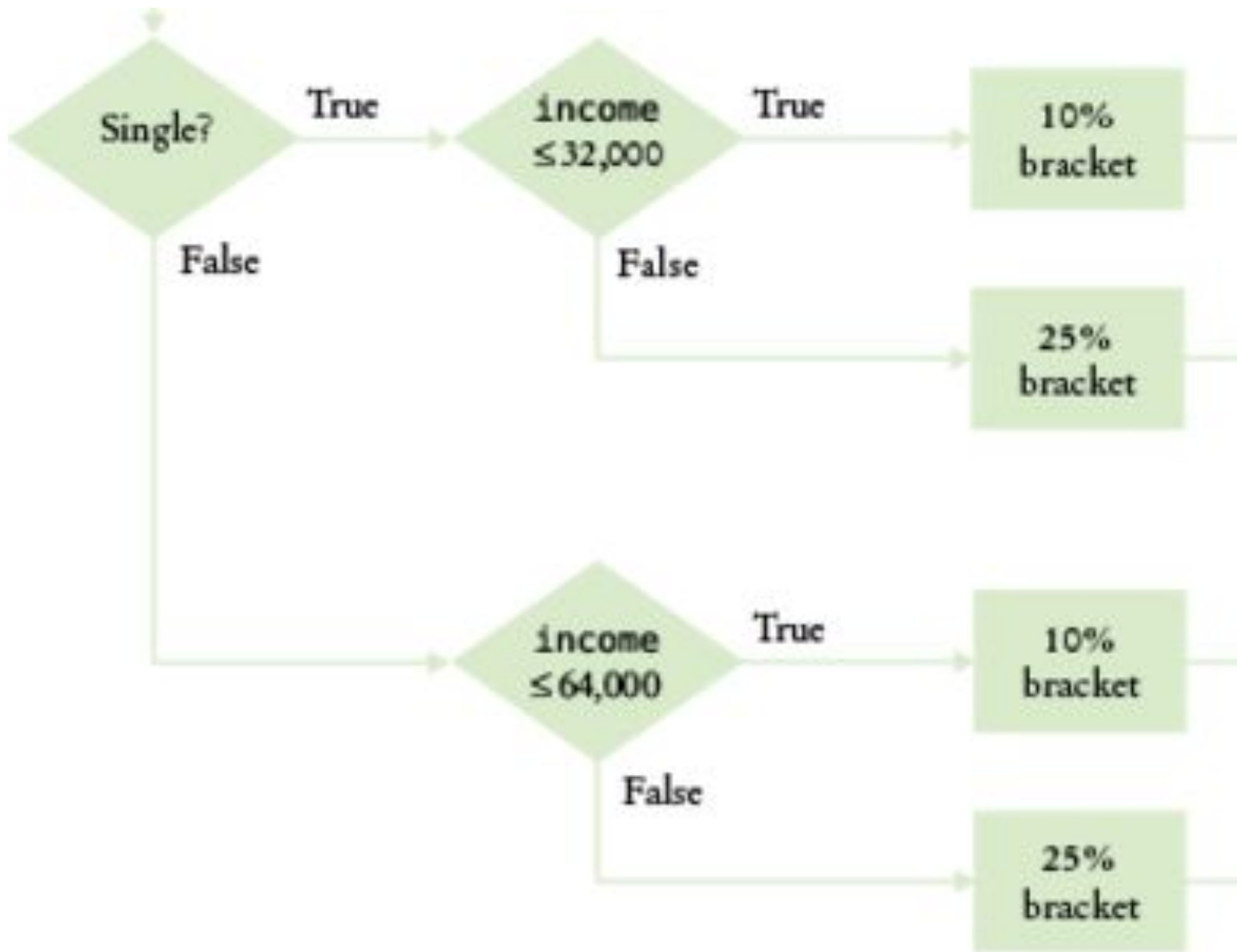
# Nested Branches – Taxes

Table 4 Federal Tax Rate Schedule		
If your status is Single and if the taxable income is	the tax is	of the amount over
at most \$32,000	10%	\$0
over \$32,000	\$3,200 + 25%	\$32,000
If your status is Married and if the taxable income is	the tax is	of the amount over
at most \$64,000	10%	\$0
over \$64,000	\$6,400 + 25%	\$64,000

In the United States different tax rates are used depending on the taxpayer's marital status – single rates are higher. Married taxpayers add their income together and pay taxes on the total. See the IRS table below from a recent year:

**YO DOG, I HEARD YOU LIKED IF ELSE  
STATEMENTS**

**SO I PUT IF ELSE STATEMENTS IN  
YOUR IF ELSE STATEMENTS**



Flowchart for Tax  
Table Decisions

# Nested Branches – Taxes – Complete Code part 1

```
#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    const double RATE1 = 0.10;
    const double RATE2 = 0.25;
    const double RATE1_SINGLE_LIMIT = 32000;
    const double RATE1_MARRIED_LIMIT = 64000;

    double tax1 = 0;
    double tax2 = 0;

    double income;
    cout << "Please enter your income: ";
    cin >> income;

    cout << "Please enter s for single, m for married: ";
    string marital_status;
    cin >> marital_status;
```

# Nested Branches – Taxes – Complete Code part 2

```
if (marital_status == "s")
{
    if (income <= RATE1_SINGLE_LIMIT)
    {
        tax1 = RATE1 * income;
    }
    else
    {
        tax1 = RATE1 * RATE1_SINGLE_LIMIT;
        tax2 = RATE2 * (income - RATE1_SINGLE_LIMIT);
    }
}
else
```

# Nested Branches – Taxes – Complete Code part 2

```
{  
    if (income <= RATE1_MARRIED_LIMIT)  
    {  
        tax1 = RATE1 * income;  
    }  
    else  
    {  
        tax1 = RATE1 * RATE1_MARRIED_LIMIT;  
        tax2 = RATE2 * (income - RATE1_MARRIED_LIMIT);  
    }  
}  
  
double total_tax = tax1 + tax2;  
  
cout << "The tax is $" << total_tax << endl;  
return 0;  
}
```

# Multiple Alternatives



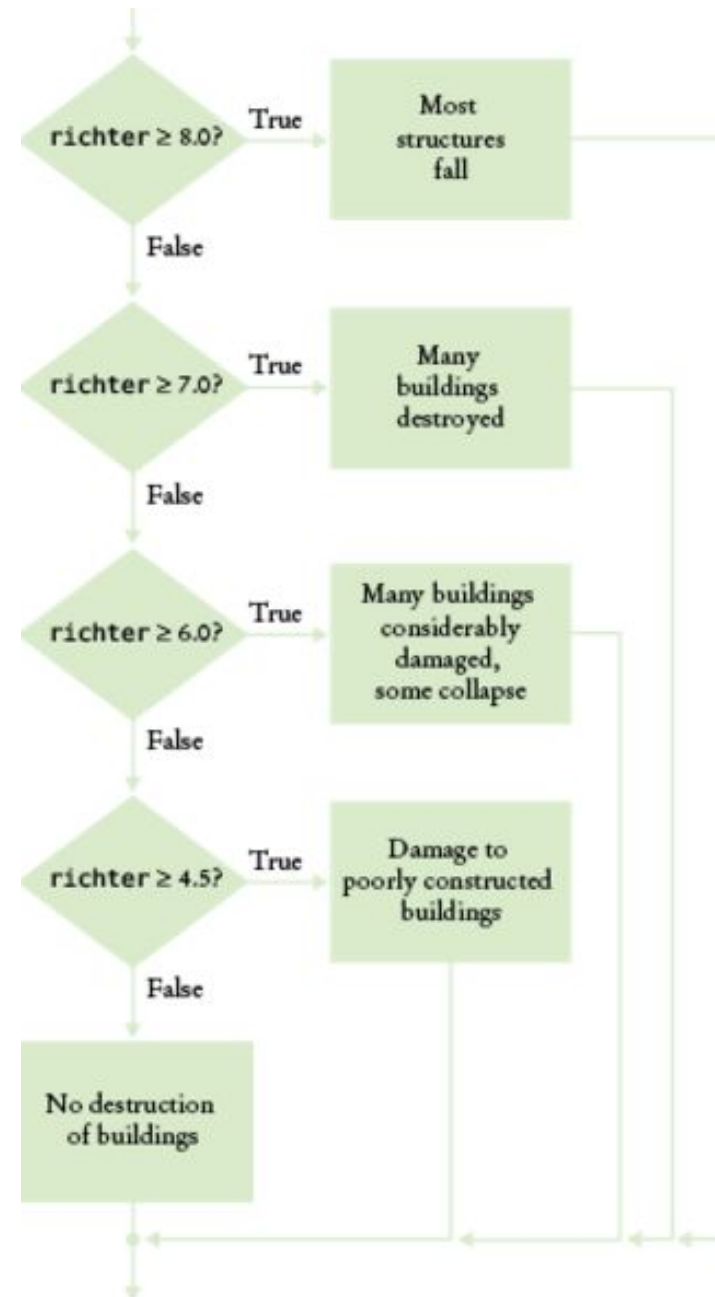
# Multiple Alternatives Need Multiple Nested `if ( )` Statements

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- In the case of the Richter Scale for earthquake magnitude, there are five branches:
  - one each for the four descriptions of damage, and a "default" fifth one for no destruction (not shown).

Table 3 Richter Scale	
Value	Effect
8	Most structures fall
7	Many buildings destroyed
6	Many buildings considerably damaged, some collapse
4.5	Damage to poorly constructed buildings

# Flowchart for Richter Scale Code



**Figure 3** Multiple Alternatives

# Multiple Alternatives (Richter Scale Code)

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```
if (richter >= 8.0)
{
    cout << "Most structures fall";
}
else if (richter >= 7.0)
{
    cout << "Many buildings destroyed";
}
else if (richter >= 6.0)
{
    cout << "Many buildings considerably damaged, some collapse";
}
else if (richter >= 4.5)
{
    cout << "Damage to poorly constructed buildings";
}
else
{
    cout << "No destruction of buildings";
}
. . .
```

# Multiple Alternatives – Order of Tests

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- Because of this execution order, when using multiple if statements, pay attention to the order of the conditions.

# Multiple Alternatives – Wrong Order of Tests

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```
if (richter >= 4.5)      // Tests in wrong order
{
    cout << "Damage to poorly constructed buildings";
}
else if (richter >= 6.0)
{
    cout << "Many buildings considerably damaged, some collapse";
}
else if (richter >= 7.0)
{
    cout << "Many buildings destroyed";
}
else if (richter >= 8.0)
{
    cout << "Most structures fall";
}
```

**Suppose the value of richter is 7.1. Because we tested small first with a  $\geq$ , the first statement is (wrongly) printed.**

# The `switch` Statement vs. the `if` statement

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- Below is a complicated `if()` statement to choose a text string to assign based on the value of an `int` variable:

```
int digit;
... //digit variable gets set here by some code
if (digit == 1) { digit_name = "one"; }
else if (digit == 2) { digit_name = "two"; }
else if (digit == 3) { digit_name = "three"; }
else if (digit == 4) { digit_name = "four"; }
else if (digit == 5) { digit_name = "five"; }
else if (digit == 6) { digit_name = "six"; }
else if (digit == 7) { digit_name = "seven"; }
else if (digit == 8) { digit_name = "eight"; }
else if (digit == 9) { digit_name = "nine"; }
else { digit_name = ""; }
```

# The switch Statement

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- The switch statement is an alternative to nested `if()` `else` statements. But switch is at least as awkward to code as nested `if()` `else`:

```
int digit; //switch can only test int and char types
... //digit variable gets set here by some code
switch(digit)
{
    case 1: digit_name = "one"; break;
    case 2: digit_name = "two"; break;
    case 3: digit_name = "three"; break;
    case 4: digit_name = "four"; break;
    case 5: digit_name = "five"; break;
    case 6: digit_name = "six"; break;
    case 7: digit_name = "seven"; break;
    case 8: digit_name = "eight"; break;
    case 9: digit_name = "nine"; break;
    default: digit_name = ""; break; //taken if none of the above
}
```

# break statements in the switch statement

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- Every branch of the switch must be terminated by a break statement. And each branch must terminate with a semicolon.
- break tells the machine to skip down to the end of the switch statement, because a match was found.
- If the break is missing, execution falls through to the next branch, and so on, until finally a break or the end of the switch is reached.
- In practice, this fall-through behavior is rarely useful, and it is a common cause of errors.
- If you accidentally forget the break statement, your program compiles but executes unwanted code. Try it and see!





A person's hands are visible at the top, holding two white rectangular cards. The card on the left has the text 'If / else' and the card on the right has the text 'Switch'. Below the cards, a yellow text box contains the instruction: 'Corporate needs you to find the differences between this picture and this picture.'

If  
/ else

Switch

Corporate needs you to find the differences  
between this picture and this picture.



A woman with brown hair, wearing a purple blazer over a white collared shirt, is shown from the chest up. She has a neutral expression. The background includes a green plant on the left and window blinds on the right. The word 'Compilers' is overlaid in large white text with a black outline. At the bottom, a black text box contains the text: 'They're the same picture.'

Compilers

They're the same picture.

What it is		What people think it is
IF ... THEN		Computational Breakthrough
IF ... THEN ... ELSE ...		Artificial Intelligence
IF ... THEN ... ELSE IF ... ELSE ...		<i>Real</i> Artificial Intelligence
SWITCH ...		SINGULARITY