# C++ Programming: From Problem Analysis to Program Design, Fourth Edition

Chapter 4: Control Structures I (Selection)

#### Objectives

#### In this chapter, you will:

- Learn about control structures
- Examine relational and logical operators
- Explore how to form and evaluate logical (Boolean) expressions
- Discover how to use the selection control structures if, if...else, and switch in a program
- Learn to use the assert function to terminate a program

#### Control Structures

- A computer can proceed:
  - In sequence
  - Selectively (branch) making a choice
  - Repetitively (iteratively) looping
- Some statements are executed only if certain conditions are met
- A condition is met if it evaluates to true

### Control Structures (continued)

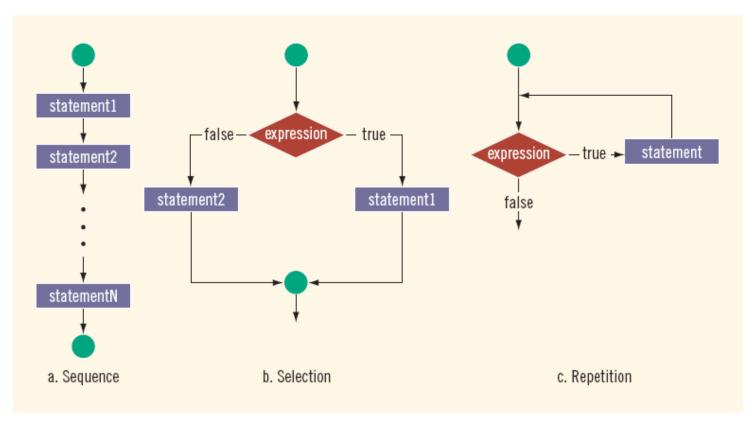


FIGURE 4-1 Flow of execution

#### Relational Operators

 A condition is represented by a logical (Boolean) expression that can be true or false

- Relational operators:
  - Allow comparisons
  - Require two operands (binary)
  - Evaluate to true or false

### Relational Operators (continued)

TABLE 4-1 Relational Operators in C++

<b>O</b> perator	Description
==	equal to
!=	not equal to
<	less than
<=	less than or equal to
>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to

## Relational Operators and Simple Data Types

- You can use the relational operators with all three simple data types:
  - -8 < 15 evaluates to true
  - 6 != 6 evaluates to false
  - -2.5 > 5.8 evaluates to false
  - 5.9 <= 7.5 evaluates to true

### Comparing Characters

**TABLE 4-2** Evaluating Expressions Using Relational Operators and the ASCII Collating Sequence

Expression	Value of Expression	Explanation
' ' < 'a'	true	The ASCII value of ' ' is 32, and the ASCII value of 'a' is 97.  Because 32 < 97 is true, it follows that ' ' < 'a' is true.
'R' > 'T'	false	The ASCII value of 'R' is 82, and the ASCII value of 'T' is 84.  Because 82 > 84 is false, it follows that 'R' > 'T' is false.
'+' < '*'	false	The ASCII value of '+' is 43, and the ASCII value of '*' is 42.  Because 43 < 42 is false, it follows that '+' < '*' is false.
'6' <= '>'	true	The ASCII value of '6' is 54, and the ASCII value of '>' is 62.  Because 54 <= 62 is true, it follows that '6' <= '>' is true.

# Relational Operators and the string Type

- Relational operators can be applied to strings
- Strings are compared character by character, starting with the first character
- Comparison continues until either a mismatch is found or all characters are found equal
- If two strings of different lengths are compared and the comparison is equal to the last character of the shorter string
  - The shorter string is less than the larger string

Suppose we have the following declarations:

```
string str1 = "Hello";
string str2 = "Hi";
string str3 = "Air";
string str4 = "Bill";
string str4 = "Big";
```

TABLE 4-3 Evaluating Logical Expressions with string Variables

Expression	Value	Explanation
str1 < str2	true	<pre>str1 = "Hello" and str2 = "Hi". The first characters of str1 and str2 are the same, but the second character 'e' of str1 is less than the second character 'i' of str2. Therefore, str1 &lt; str2 is true.</pre>
str1 > "Hen"	false	<pre>str1 = "Hello". The first two characters of str1 and "Hen" are the same, but the third character 'l' of str1 is less than the third character 'n' of "Hen". Therefore, str1 &gt; "Hen" is false.</pre>
str3 < "An"	true	<pre>str3 = "Air". The first characters of str3 and "An" are the same, but the second character 'i' of "Air" is less than the second character 'n' of "An". Therefore, str3 &lt; "An" is true.</pre>

TABLE 4-3 Evaluating Logical Expressions with string Variables (continued)

Expression	Value	Explanation
str1 == "hello"	false	<pre>str1 = "Hello". The first character 'H' of str1 is less than the first character 'h' of "hello" because the ASCII value of 'H' is 72, and the ASCII value of 'h' is 104. Therefore, str1 == "hello" is false.</pre>
str3<= str4	true	<pre>str3 = "Air" and str4 = "Bill". The first character 'A' of str3 is less than the first character 'B' of str4. Therefore, str3 &lt;= str4 is true.</pre>
str2 > str4	true	<pre>str2 = "Hi" and str4 = "Bill". The first character 'H' of str2 is greater than the first character 'B' of str4. Therefore, str2 &gt; str4 is true.</pre>

TABLE 4-4 Evaluating Logical Expressions with string Variables

Expression	Value	Explanation
str4 >= "Billy"	false	str4 = "Bill". It has four characters and "Billy" has five characters. Therefore, str4 is the shorter string. All four characters of str4 are the same as the corresponding first four characters of "Billy", and "Billy" is the larger string. Therefore, str4 >= "Billy" is false.
str5 <= "Bigger"	true	<pre>str5 = "Big". It has three characters and "Bigger" has six characters. Therefore, str5 is the shorter string. All three characters of str5 are the same as the corresponding first three characters of "Bigger", and "Bigger" is the larger string. Therefore, str5 &lt;= "Bigger" is true.</pre>

# Logical (Boolean) Operators and Logical Expressions

 Logical (Boolean) operators enable you to combine logical expressions

- Not(!) ← unary
- And(&&)  $\leftarrow$  binary
- $Or(||) \leftarrow binary$

# Logical (Boolean) Operators and Logical Expressions (continued)

TABLE 4-6 The ! (Not) Operator

Expression	!(Expression)
true (nonzero)	false (0)
false (0)	true (1)

#### **EXAMPLE 4-2**

Expression	Value	Explanation
!('A' > 'B')	true	Because 'A' > 'B' is false, ! ('A' > 'B') is true.
! (6 <= 7)	false	Because 6 <= 7 is <b>true</b> , ! (6 <= 7) is <b>false</b> .

TABLE 4-7 The && (And) Operator

Expression1	Expression2	Expression1 && Expression2
true (nonzero)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
true (nonzero)	false (0)	false (0)
false (0)	true (nonzero)	false (0)
false (0)	false (0)	false (0)

#### **EXAMPLE 4-3**

Expression	Value	Explanation
(14 >= 5) && ('A' < 'B')	true	Because (14 >= 5) is true, ('A' < 'B') is true, and true && true is true, the expression evaluates to true.
(24 >= 35) && ('A' < 'B')	false	Because (24 >= 35) is false, ('A' < 'B') is true, and false && true is false, the expression evaluates to false.

TABLE 4-8 The | | (Or) Operator

Expression1	Expression2	Expression1    Expression2
true (nonzero)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
true (nonzero)	false (0)	true (1)
false (0)	true (nonzero)	true (1)
false (0)	false (0)	false (0)

#### **EXAMPLE 4-4**

Expression	Value	Explanation
(14>=5)    ('A'> 'B')	true	Because (14 >= 5) is true, ('A' > 'B') is false, and true    false is true, the expression evaluates to true.
(24>=35)    ('A'> 'B')	false	Because (24 >= 35) is false, ('A' > 'B') is false, and false    false is false, the expression evaluates to false.
('A' <= 'a')    (7 != 7)	true	Because ('A' <= 'a') is true, (7 != 7) is false, and true    false is true, the expression evaluates to true.

#### Order of Precedence

- Relational and logical operators are evaluated from left to right
- The associativity is left to right
- Parentheses can override precedence

**TABLE 4-9** Precedence of Operators

Operators	Precedence
!, +, - (unary operators)	first
*, /, %	second
+, -	third
<, <=, >=, >	fourth
==, !=	fifth
& &	sixth
11	seventh
= (assignment operator)	last

#### **EXAMPLE 4-5**

Suppose you have the following declarations:

```
bool found = true;
bool flag = false;
int num = 1;
double x = 5.2;
double y = 3.4;
int a = 5, b = 8;
int n = 20;
char ch = 'B';
```

Expression	Value	Explanation
!found	false	Because found is true, !found is false.
x > 4.0	true	Because x is 5.2 and 5.2 > 4.0 is true, the expression $x > 4.0$ evaluates to true.
!num	false	Because num is 1, which is nonzero, num is true and so !num is false.
!found && (x >= 0)	false	In this expression, ! found is false. Also, because x is 5.2 and 5.2 >= 0 is true, x >= 0 is true. Therefore, the value of the expression ! found && (x >= 0) is false && true, which evaluates to false.
!(found && (x >= 0))	false	In this expression, found && (x >= 0) is <b>true</b> && <b>true</b> , which evaluates to <b>true</b> .  Therefore, the value of the expression! (found && (x >= 0)) is! <b>true</b> , which evaluates to <b>false</b> .
$x + y \le 20.5$	true	Because $x + y = 5.2 + 3.4 = 8.6$ and $8.6 \le 20.5$ , it follows that $x + y \le 20.5$ evaluates to <b>true</b> .

Expression	Value	Explanation
(n >= 0) && (n <= 100)	true	Here n is 20. Because 20 >= 0 is true, n >= 0 is true. Also, because 20 <= 100 is true, n <= 100 is true. Therefore, the value of the expression (n >= 0) && (n <= 100) is true && true, which evaluates to true.
('A' <= ch && ch <= 'Z')	true	In this expression, the value of ch is 'B'. Because 'A' <= 'B' is true, 'A' <= ch evaluates to true. Also, because 'B' <= 'Z' is true, ch <= 'Z' evaluates to true.  Therefore, the value of the expression ('A' <= ch && ch <= 'Z') is true && true, which evaluates to true.
(a + 2 <= b) && !flag	true	Now a + 2 = 5 + 2 = 7 and b is 8.  Because 7 <= 8 is <b>true</b> , the expression a + 2 <= b evaluates to <b>true</b> . Also, because flag is <b>false</b> , !flag is <b>true</b> . Therefore, the value of the expression (a + 2 <= b) && !flag is <b>true</b> && <b>true</b> , which evaluates to <b>true</b> .

#### **Short-Circuit Evaluation**

- Short-circuit evaluation: evaluation of a logical expression stops as soon as the value of the expression is known
- Example:

```
(age >= 21) || ( x == 5) //Line 1
(grade == 'A') && (x >= 7) //Line 2
```

# int Data Type and Logical (Boolean) Expressions

- Earlier versions of C++ did not provide built-in data types that had Boolean values
- Logical expressions evaluate to either 1 or 0
  - The value of a logical expression was stored in a variable of the data type int
- You can use the int data type to manipulate logical (Boolean) expressions

# The bool Data Type and Logical (Boolean) Expressions

- The data type bool has logical (Boolean)
  values true and false
- bool, true, and false are reserved words
- The identifier true has the value 1
- The identifier false has the value 0

### Logical (Boolean) Expressions

- Logical expressions can be unpredictable
- The following expression appears to represent a comparison of 0, num, and 10:

```
0 <= num <= 10
```

- It always evaluates to true because 0 <= num evaluates to either 0 or 1, and 0 <= 10 is true and 1 <= 10 is true</li>
- A correct way to write this expression is:

```
0 <= num && num <= 10
```

#### Selection: if and if...else

- One-Way Selection
- Two-Way Selection
- Compound (Block of) Statements
- Multiple Selections: Nested if
- Comparing if...else Statements with a Series of if Statements

## Selection: if and if...else (continued)

- Using Pseudocode to Develop, Test, and Debug a Program
- Input Failure and the if Statement
- Confusion Between the Equality Operator (==) and the Assignment Operator (=)
- Conditional Operator (?:)

#### One-Way Selection

The syntax of one-way selection is:

```
if (expression)
    statement
```

- The statement is executed if the value of the expression is true
- The statement is bypassed if the value is false; program goes to the next statement
- if is a reserved word

### One-Way Selection (continued)

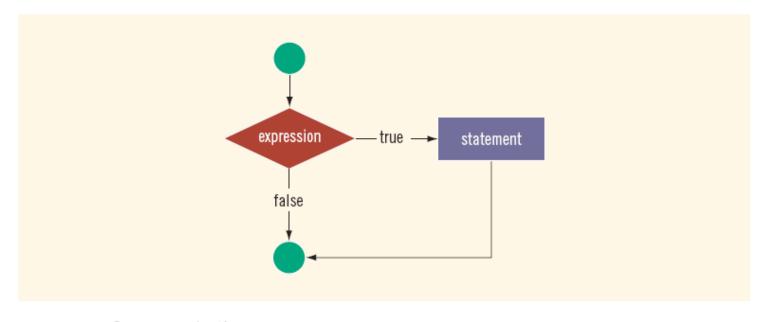


FIGURE 4-2 One-way selection

### One-Way Selection (continued)

#### **EXAMPLE 4-9**

```
if (score >= 60)
   grade = 'P';
```

In this code, if the expression (score >= 60) evaluates to **true**, the assignment statement, grade = 'P';, executes. If the expression evaluates to **false**, the statements (if any) following the **if** structure execute. For example, if the value of score is 65, the value assigned to the variable grade is 'P'.

#### **EXAMPLE 4-10**

The following C++ program finds the absolute value of an integer:

```
//Program: Absolute value of an integer
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main()
{
    int number, temp;
                                                  //Line 1
    cout << "Line 1: Enter an integer: ";</pre>
                                                     //Line 2
    cin >> number;
    cout << endl;
                                                     //Line 3
                                                     //Line 4
    temp = number;
                                                     //Line 5
    if (number < 0)</pre>
        number = -number;
                                                     //Line 6
    cout << "Line 7: The absolute value of "</pre>
         << temp << " is " << number << endl; //Line 7
    return 0;
Sample Run: In this sample run, the user input is shaded.
Line 1: Enter an integer: -6734
Line 7: The absolute value of -6734 is 6734
```

### One-Way Selection (continued)

#### **EXAMPLE 4-11**

Consider the following statement:

```
if score >= 60  //syntax error
  grade = 'P';
```

This statement illustrates an incorrect version of an if statement. The parentheses around the logical expression are missing, which is a syntax error.

#### **EXAMPLE 4-12**

Consider the following C++ statements:

Because there is a semicolon at the end of the expression (see Line 1), the **if** statement in Line 1 terminates. The action of this **if** statement is null, and the statement in Line 2 is not part of the **if** statement in Line 1. Hence, the statement in Line 2 executes regardless of how the **if** statement evaluates.

### Two-Way Selection

Two-way selection takes the form:

```
if (expression)
    statement1
else
    statement2
```

- If expression is true, statement1 is executed; otherwise, statement2 is executed
  - statement1 and statement2 are any C++
    statements
- else is a reserved word

### Two-Way Selection (continued)

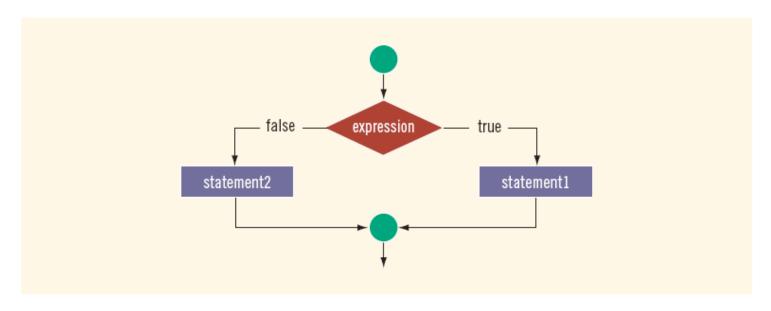


FIGURE 4-3 Two-way selection

### Two-Way Selection (continued)

#### **EXAMPLE 4-13**

Consider the following statements:

If the value of the variable hours is greater than 40.0, then the wages include overtime payment. Suppose that hours is 50. The expression in the if statement, in Line 1, evaluates to true, so the statement in Line 2 executes. On the other hand, if hours is 30, or any number less than or equal to 40, the expression in the if statement, in Line 1, evaluates to false. In this case, the program skips the statement in Line 2 and executes the statement in Line 4—that is, the statement following the reserved word else executes.

### Two-Way Selection (continued)

#### **EXAMPLE 4-14**

The following statements show an example of a syntax error:

The semicolon at the end of the **if** statement (see Line 1) ends the **if** statement, so the statement in Line 2 separates the **else** clause from the **if** statement. That is, **else** is all by itself. Because there is no stand-alone **else** statement in C++, this code generates a syntax error.

### Compound (Block of) Statement

Compound statement (block of statements):

```
{
    statement1
    statement2
    .
    .
    statementn
}
```

A compound statement is a single statement

### Compound (Block of) Statement (continued)

```
if (age > 18)
{
   cout << "Eligible to vote." << endl;
   cout << "No longer a minor." << endl;
}
else
{
   cout << "Not eligible to vote." << endl;
   cout << "Still a minor." << endl;
}</pre>
```

#### Multiple Selections: Nested if

- Nesting: one control statement in another
- An else is associated with the most recent
   if that has not been paired with an else

#### **EXAMPLE 4-18**

Suppose that balance and interestRate are variables of type double. The following statements determine the interestRate depending on the value of the balance:

```
if (balance > 50000.00)
                                     //Line 1
                                     //Line 2
   interestRate = 0.07;
else
                                     //Line 3
   if (balance >= 25000.00)
                                     //Line 4
        interestRate = 0.05;
                                     //Line 5
   else
                                     //Line 6
       if (balance >= 1000.00)
                                     //Line 7
           interestRate = 0.03;
                                     //Line 8
        else
                                     //Line 9
           interestRate = 0.00;
                                     //Line 10
```

To avoid excessive indentation, the code in Example 4-18 can be rewritten as follows:

```
if (balance > 50000.00)
                                    //Line 1
   interestRate = 0.07;
                                   //Line 2
else if (balance >= 25000.00)
                                   //Line 3
   interestRate = 0.05;
                                   //Line 4
else if (balance >= 1000.00)
                                  //Line 5
   interestRate = 0.03;
                                   //Line 6
                                   //Line 7
else
    interestRate = 0.00;
                                   //Line 8
```

## Multiple Selections: Nested if (continued)

#### **EXAMPLE 4-19**

Assume that score is a variable of type int. Based on the value of score, the following code outputs the grade:

```
if (score >= 90)
    cout << "The grade is A." << endl;
else if (score >= 80)
    cout << "The grade is B." << endl;
else if (score >= 70)
    cout << "The grade is C." << endl;
else if (score >= 60)
    cout << "The grade is D." << endl;
else
    cout << "The grade is F." << endl;</pre>
```

### Comparing if...else Statements with a Series of if Statements

```
a. if (month == 1)
                                                //Line 1
        cout << "January" << endl;</pre>
                                                //Line 2
   else if (month == 2)
                                                //Line 3
        cout << "February" << endl;</pre>
                                               //Line 4
   else if (month == 3)
                                               //Line 5
        cout << "March" << endl;
                                               //Line 6
   else if (month == 4)
                                               //Line 7
                                               //Line 8
        cout << "April" << endl;</pre>
   else if (month == 5)
                                               //Line 9
        cout << "May" << endl;
                                               //Line 10
   else if (month == 6)
                                               //Line 11
        cout << "June" << endl;
                                               //Line 12
b. if (month == 1)
        cout << "January" << endl;</pre>
   if (month == 2)
        cout << "February" << endl;</pre>
   if (month == 3)
        cout << "March" << endl;
   if (month == 4)
        cout << "April" << endl;
   if (month == 5)
        cout << "May" << endl;
   if (month == 6)
        cout << "June" << endl;
```

# Using Pseudocode to Develop, Test, and Debug a Program

- <u>Pseudocode</u> (<u>pseudo</u>): provides a useful means to outline and refine a program before putting it into formal C++ code
- You must first develop a program using paper and pencil
- On paper, it is easier to spot errors and improve the program
  - Especially with large programs

### Input Failure and the if Statement

- If input stream enters a fail state
  - All subsequent input statements associated with that stream are ignored
  - Program continues to execute
  - May produce erroneous results
- Can use if statements to check status of input stream
- If stream enters the fail state, include instructions that stop program execution

#### Confusion Between == and =

 C++ allows you to use any expression that can be evaluated to either true or false as an expression in the if statement:

```
if (x = 5)
cout << "The value is five." << endl;
```

- The appearance of = in place of == resembles a silent killer
  - It is not a syntax error
  - It is a logical error

### Conditional Operator (?:)

- Conditional operator (?:) takes three arguments
  - Ternary operator
- Syntax for using the conditional operator:

```
expression1 ? expression2 : expression3
```

- If expression1 is true, the result of the conditional expression is expression2
  - Otherwise, the result is expression3

#### switch Structures

- switch structure: alternate to if-else
- switch (integral)
   expression is evaluated first
- Value of the expression determines which corresponding action is taken
- Expression is sometimes called the selector

```
switch (expression)
case value1:
    statements1
    break:
case value2:
    statements2
    break;
case valuen:
    statementsn
    break:
default:
    statements
```

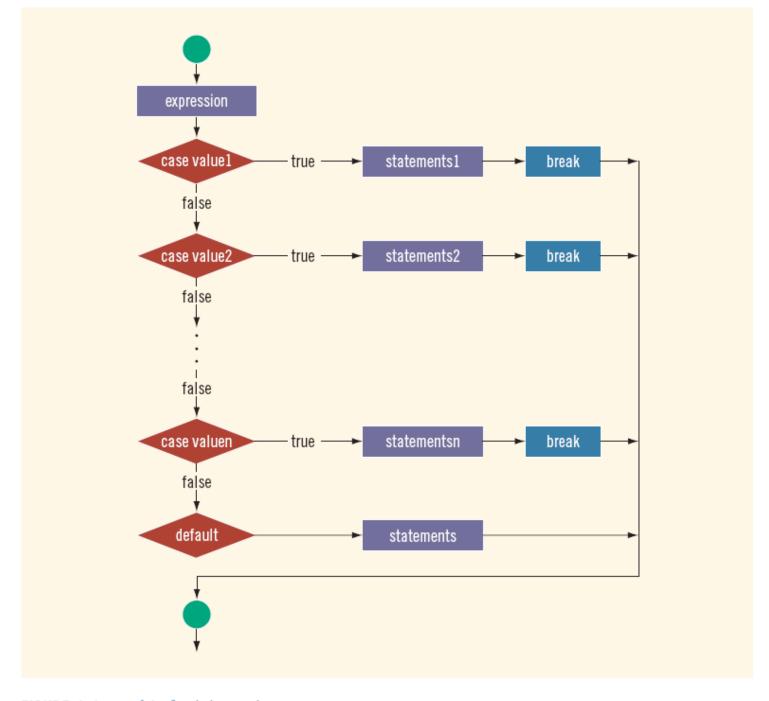


FIGURE 4-4 switch statement

#### switch Structures (continued)

- One or more statements may follow a case label
- Braces are not needed to turn multiple statements into a single compound statement
- The break statement may or may not appear after each statement
- switch, case, break, and default are reserved words

#### **EXAMPLE 4-24**

Consider the following statements, where grade is a variable of type char:

```
switch (grade)
case 'A':
    cout << "The grade is 4.0.";
    break:
case 'B':
    cout << "The grade is 3.0.";</pre>
    break:
case 'C':
    cout << "The grade is 2.0.";
    break:
case 'D':
    cout << "The grade is 1.0.";
    break;
case 'F':
    cout << "The grade is 0.0.";
    break;
default:
    cout << "The grade is invalid.";
```

In this example, the expression in the **switch** statement is a variable identifier. The variable grade is of type **char**, which is an integral type. The possible values of grade are 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', and 'F'. Each **case** label specifies a different action to take, depending on the value of grade. If the value of grade is 'A', the output is:

The grade is 4.0.

### Terminating a Program with the assert Function

- Certain types of errors that are very difficult to catch can occur in a program
  - Example: division by zero can be difficult to catch using any of the programming techniques examined so far
- The predefined function, assert, is useful in stopping program execution when certain elusive errors occur

### The assert Function (continued)

Syntax:

```
assert(expression);
```

expression is any logical expression

- If expression evaluates to true, the next statement executes
- If expression evaluates to false, the program terminates and indicates where in the program the error occurred
- To use assert, include cassert header file

#### The assert Function (continued)

- assert is useful for enforcing programming constraints during program development
- After developing and testing a program, remove or disable assert statements
- The preprocessor directive #define
   NDEBUG must be placed before the directive
   #include <cassert> to disable the assert
   statement

# Programming Example: Cable Company Billing

- This programming example calculates a customer's bill for a local cable company
- There are two types of customers:
  - Residential
  - Business
- Two rates for calculating a cable bill:
  - One for residential customers
  - One for business customers

#### Programming Example: Rates

- For residential customer:
  - Bill processing fee: \$4.50
  - Basic service fee: \$20.50
  - Premium channel: \$7.50 per channel
- For business customer:
  - Bill processing fee: \$15.00
  - Basic service fee: \$75.00 for first 10 connections and \$5.00 for each additional connection
  - Premium channel cost: \$50.00 per channel for any number of connections

### Programming Example: Requirements

- Ask user for account number and customer code
- Assume R or r stands for residential customer and B or b stands for business customer

# Programming Example: Input and Output

#### Input:

- Customer account number
- Customer code
- Number of premium channels
- For business customers, number of basic service connections
- Output:
  - Customer's account number
  - Billing amount

## Programming Example: Program Analysis

- Purpose: calculate and print billing amount
- Calculating billing amount requires:
  - Customer for whom the billing amount is calculated (residential or business)
  - Number of premium channels to which the customer subscribes
- For a business customer, you need:
  - Number of basic service connections
  - Number of premium channels

# Programming Example: Program Analysis (continued)

- Data needed to calculate the bill, such as bill processing fees and the cost of a premium channel, are known quantities
- The program should print the billing amount to two decimal places

## Programming Example: Algorithm Design

- Set precision to two decimal places
- Prompt user for account number and customer type
- If customer type is R or r
  - Prompt user for number of premium channels
  - Compute and print the bill
- If customer type is B or b
  - Prompt user for number of basic service connections and number of premium channels
  - Compute and print the bill

### Programming Example: Variables and Named Constants

```
//Named constants - residential customers
const double RES_BILL_PROC_FEES = 4.50;
const double RES_BASIC_SERV_COST = 20.50;
const double RES_COST_PREM_CHANNEL = 7.50;

//Named constants - business customers
const double BUS_BILL_PROC_FEES = 15.00;
const double BUS_BASIC_SERV_COST = 75.00;
const double BUS_BASIC_CONN_COST = 5.00;
const double BUS_BASIC_CONN_COST = 5.00;
```

### Programming Example: Formulas

#### Billing for residential customers:

## Programming Example: Formulas (continued)

#### Billing for business customers:

```
(numOfBasicServConn <= 10)</pre>
    amountDue = BUS BILL PROC FEES +
                BUS BASIC SERV COST
                 + numOfPremChannels *
                   BUS COST PREM CHANNEL;
else
    amountDue = BUS BILL PROC FEES +
                BUS BASIC SERV COST
                 + (numOfBasicServConn - 10)
                  * BUS BASIC CONN COST
               + numOfPremChannels *
                 BUS COST PREM CHANNEL;
```

# Programming Example: Main Algorithm

- Output floating-point numbers in fixed decimal with decimal point and trailing zeros
  - Output floating-point numbers with two decimal places and set the precision to two decimal places
- 2. Prompt user to enter account number
- 3. Get customer account number
- 4. Prompt user to enter customer code
- 5. Get customer code

# Programming Example: Main Algorithm (continued)

- 6. If the customer code is r or R,
  - Prompt user to enter number of premium channels
  - Get the number of premium channels
  - Calculate the billing amount
  - Print account number and billing amount

# Programming Example: Main Algorithm (continued)

- 7. If customer code is b or B,
  - Prompt user to enter number of basic service connections
  - Get number of basic service connections
  - Prompt user to enter number of premium channels
  - Get number of premium channels
  - Calculate billing amount
  - Print account number and billing amount

# Programming Example: Main Algorithm (continued)

8. If customer code is other than r, R, b, or B, output an error message

#### Summary

- Control structures alter normal control flow
- Most common control structures are selection and repetition
- Relational operators: ==, <, <=, >, >=, !=
- Logical expressions evaluate to 1 (true) or 0 (false)
- Logical operators: ! (not), & & (and), | | (or)

### Summary (continued)

- Two selection structures: one-way selection and two-way selection
- The expression in an if or if...else structure is usually a logical expression
- No stand-alone else statement in C++
  - Every else has a related if
- A sequence of statements enclosed between braces, { and }, is called a compound statement or block of statements

### Summary (continued)

- Using assignment in place of the equality operator creates a semantic error
- switch structure handles multiway selection
- break statement ends switch statement
- Use assert to terminate a program if certain conditions are not met