# C++ CONTROL STRUCTURES

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# Objectives

- At the end of the chapter the students should be able to:
  - Know what control structures mean in C++ and why it's important in writing programs
  - Describe the different control structures in C++
  - Create programs using the different conditional structures
  - Create programs using the different loop structures
  - Differentiate and use counters and accumulators
  - Differentiate and use the break and continue statements

#### What are control structures

- Just like in other object-oriented programming languages the idea of control structures has to do with the use of expression(s) to control the flow of execution in a program
- The expression(s) enables us to control the behavior of our program like what kind of function it will perform, when it will terminate or continue under certain circumstances or conditions.

# Why do we need to understand control structures?

- We need to understand control structures because it enables a programmer to write dynamic or sophisticated programs that;
  - Executes statement(s) depending on some condition (s).
  - Allows a statement or group of statements to be executed several times...
- All programs use control structures to implement the program logic.

# Other words for Control Structures you may come across

- Program structures
- Program control statements
- Program flow statements
- Control flow statements

# Relational Operators

- The expressions which determine
  - Selection or
  - Repetition

are usually comparisons

Description

Comparisons are done with relational

Operator

operators

	==	equal to
	!=	not equal to
Beware of mistaking the assignment = for the equality ==	<	less than
	<=	less than or equal to
	>	greater than
	>=	greater than or equal to

# Relational Operators

#### Examples:

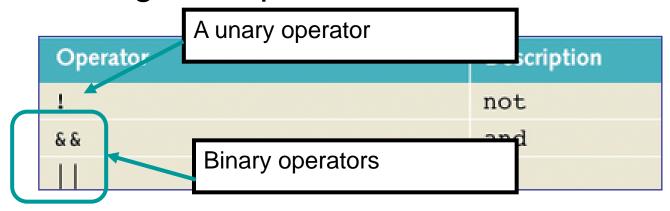
Expression	Meaning

$$2.5 > 5.8$$
  $2.5$  is greater than  $5.8$  false

Value

# Logical (Boolean) Operators

 Logical or Boolean operators enable you to combine logical expressions



- Operands must be logical values
- The results are logical values (true or false)

# Logical (Boolean) Operators

- The && operator (logical and)
  - If both operands are true, the result is true
  - If either or both operands is false, the comparison is false
- The | | operator (logical or)
  - If either or both of the operands are true, the comparison is true
  - The comparison is false only if both operands are false
- The ! operator (logical not)
  - The not operator reverses the logical value of the one operand

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#### 3 Basic Control Structures

There are three types of Control Structures

- 1. Sequence
- 2. Selection/Conditional/Decision
- 3. Looping/ Repetition/ Iteration

#### 1. Sequential Structure

- Default structure in programming
  - statements are executed one after another in the order of their appearance in the source code, i.e. execute first statement, then second statement, then third statement, etc
  - Example:

#### 2. Conditional Structure

- Selection structure in programming
  - execute statements depending on some condition
  - It is organized in such a way that there is always a condition or a comparison of two expressions that has to be evaluated first, which will decide the course of action of the program
  - In C++, the condition will either evaluate to a boolean value true or false, or integer values 1(for true) or O(for false)
  - types
    - if statement
      - simple if statement
      - simple if-else statement
      - nested if-else statements
    - switch-case statement

#### THE SIMPLE if STATEMENT

The syntax for the if statement is as follows:

• The value of <expression> is evaluated first, if it results to a non-zero or true value, then <statement> is executed. If <expression> results to a zero or false value, then the program flow jumps to the next statement after the *if* structure.

# THE SIMPLE *if* STATEMENT (continued...)

- There are some important things we must remember in using the *if* structure:
  - The expression must always be enclosed within a pair of parentheses; forgetting the parentheses will result into a syntax error.
  - If there is more than one statement that needs to be executed when the condition is non-zero or true, then these statements must be grouped in a pair of curly brackets.
  - Do not place a semi-colon (;) after the <expression> for this will cause a logical error.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   // declare variable num
   int num;
  // input a value for num
   cout << "Input an integer value: ";</pre>
   cin >> num;
  // test if num value is positive
   if (num > 0)
         cout << num << " is POSITIVE\n";
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int num;
   cout << "Input an integer value: ";</pre>
   cin >> num;
   // test if num value is even
   if (num \% 2 == 0)
        cout << num << " is an even number.\n";
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int month;
   cout << "Input month (1-12): ";
   cin >> month;
   if (month == 3 || month == 4 || month == 5)
     cout << "It is summer season.\n";
   if (month == 6 || month == 7 || month == 8 || month == 9 || month == 10)
     cout << "It is rainy season.\n";</pre>
   if (month == 11 || month == 12 || month == 1 || month == 2)
     cout << "It is cold season.\n";</pre>
```

#### THE SIMPLE if-else STATEMENT

The syntax for the if-else statement is as follows:
 if (<expression>)
 <statement-1>;

else

<statement-2>;

• Like in the simple *if* statement, the value of <*expression>* is evaluated first, if it results to a non-zero or a true value, then *<statement-1>* is executed. Otherwise, if it is evaluated as zero or false, then the *else* part, i.e., *<statement-2>* is executed.

# Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
  int num;
   cout << "Input an integer value: ";
   cin >> num;
  if (num >= 0) // assume 0 is Positive
    cout << num << " is POSITIVE\n";</pre>
   else
    cout << num << " is NEGATIVE\n";
```

#### THE NESTED if-else STATEMENT

- Since if-else statements are statements by themselves, they can actually be used as statement(s) inside an if-else statement.
- We will refer to this construction as nested if-else statements.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
    int num;
    cout << "Input an integer value: ";</pre>
    cin >> num;
    if (num > 0)
       cout << num << " is POSITIVE\n";</pre>
    else
       if (num < 0)
          cout << num << " is NEGATIVE\n";</pre>
       else
          cout << num << " is ZERO\n";
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int scores;
   cout<<"enter scores: ";
   cin>>scores;
   if (scores>=70)
   cout<<"A";
   else
   if(scores>=60)
   cout<<"B";
   else
   if(scores>=50)
   cout<<"C";
   else
   if(scores>=45)
   cout<<"D";
   else
   if(scores>=40)
   cout<<"E";
   else
   cout<<"F";
```

#### CASCADED if-else STATEMENT

- If nesting is carried out to too deep a level and indenting is not consistent then deeply nested if-else statements can be confusing to read and interpret.
- Thus, a more consistent layout based on the syntax below is used, which we can also refer to as cascaded if-else statement:

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int num;
   cout << "Input an integer value: ";</pre>
   cin >> num;
   if (num > 0)
         cout << num << " is POSITIVE\n";</pre>
   else if (num < 0)
         cout << num << " is NEGATIVE\n";</pre>
   else
         cout << num << " is ZERO\n";
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int month;
   cout << "Input month (1-12): ";
   cin >> month;
   if (month == 3 || month == 4 || month == 5)
     cout << "It is summer season.\n";
   else if (month == 6 || month == 7 || month == 8 || month == 9 || month == 10)
     cout << "It is rainy season.\n";
   else if (month == 11 || month == 12 || month == 1 || month == 2)
     cout << "It is cold season.\n":
         else
         cout<<"wrong month entered.\n";</pre>
```

#### THE switch-case STATEMENT

 The switch-case is a good alternative to cascading if-else statements. The syntax for the switch-case statement is as follows: switch(<expression>)

```
{
    case < label-1> : < statement-1>;
        [break;]
    case < label-2> : < statement-2>;
        [break;]
    ...
    case < label-n>: < statement-n>;
        [break]
    [default : < statement-d>; ]
}
```

- The expression may be an integer or character variable or, as the name suggests, an expression that evaluates to an integer or a character value
  - the use of float and double data type values will result into an error.
  - The <expression> is evaluated and the value compared is with each of the case labels. The case labels must have the same type as the <expression> and they must all be different.
  - If a match is found between the selector and one of the case labels, say <\langle label-1>, then the statement from <\statement-1> will be executed. The same applies to other cases.
- The [break] statement is optional.
  - If it is present, it will cause the program to "break" or "jump" out of the switch-case, and to execute the next statement following switch-case.
  - If the break is not present, it will cause the program to execute the statement in the following case, i.e., <statement- 2> above, causing a waterfall effect, the same behavior applies to the other cases.
- If the value of the expression does not match with any of the case labels then the statement <statement-d> associated with [default] is executed.
  - The [default] is optional but it should only be left out if it is certain that the expression will always take the value of one of the case labels.
- Note that the statement associated with a case label can be a single statement or a sequence of statements (without being enclosed in curly brackets).

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
    int month:
    cout << "Input month (1-12): ";
    cin >> month;
    switch(month)
      case 1: cout << "It is cold season.\n":
              break:
      case 2: cout << "It is cold season.\n":
              break:
      case 3: cout << "It is summer season.\n":
              break:
      case 4: cout << "It is summer season.\n";
              break:
      case 5: cout << "It is summer season.\n";
              break;
```

```
case 6: cout << "It is rainy season.\n";
      break:
case 7: cout << "It is rainy season.\n";
      break:
case 8: cout << "It is rainy season.\n";
      break:
case 9: cout << "It is rainy season.\n";
      break;
case 10: cout << "It is rainy season.\n";
      break:
case 11: cout << "It is cold season.\n";
      break;
case 12: cout << "It is cold season.\n":
      break;
default:
      cout<<"Input month out of
range";
```

#### "Waterfall Effect" Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int month;
   cout << "Input month: ";
   cin >> month;
   switch(month)
      case 1:
      case 2:
      case 11:
      case 12:
             cout << "It is cold season.\n";
             break;
      case 3:
      case 4:
      case 5:
            cout << "It is summer season.\n";
            break;
```

```
case 6:
case 7:
case 8:
case 9:
case 10: cout << "It is rainy season.\n";
         break;
default:
   cout << "Input month out of range.\n";
```

# 3. Looping Structure

- Repetition structure in programming
  - A loop is a control structure that allows a statement or a group of statements to be executed several times.
  - Components:
    - initialization of a variable or of several variables.
    - condition (that would evaluate to either true or false); the condition check is usually made on the current value of the variable initialized in (1) above
    - body (which maybe a single statement or a group of statements)
    - a change of state which is usually a statement inside the body of the loop that changes the contents of the variable(s)
  - There are three types of loop control structures in C++, namely:
    - for loop
    - while loop
    - · do-while loop

#### THE for STATEMENT

- The for loop is the most compact looping structure.
- In this structure, all loop components are defined separately.
- The syntax of a for loop is as follows:

```
for ([initialization]; [condition]; [change of state])
  <statement>;
```

- Based on the syntax presented above, the for loop is executed as follows:
  - 1. Perform the *<initialization>*
  - 2. Check the *<condition>*. If it is true, execute the *<*statement>. Otherwise, exit the *for* loop.
  - 3. Perform *<change the state>*, usually an increment or decrement operation. Go back to step (2).
- Note that <statement> can be a single or a block of statements. If what we have is the latter, we need to enclose the block of statements in a pair of curly brackets, i.e., {}.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
  int ctr; // initialize counter
  // start of the for loop structure
  for (ctr = 1; ctr <= 5; ctr++)
       // statement under for loop
       cout << "Jose Rizal University\n";
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
  int ctr;
  for (ctr = 10; ctr > 0; ctr--)
       cout << ctr << endl;
```

#### THE while STATEMENT

The syntax for the while loop is as follows:

```
<initialization>;
while (<expression>)
  <statement>;
```

- Observe that in the while syntax, we did not include the <change of state>, simply because it is written as part of the <statement>.
- This implies that the *<change of state>* can be written at the beginning, in the middle or at the last line of *<statement>*.
- Note that <statement> can be a single or a block of statements. If what we have is the latter, we need to enclose the block of statements in a pair of curly brackets, i.e., {}.

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int ctr;
   ctr = 1;
                                             // initialization
   while (ctr \leq 5)
                                             // conditional check
        cout << "Jose Rizal University\n";</pre>
                                   // change of state
         ctr++;
```

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int ctr;
   ctr = 2;
                                // initialization
  while (ctr \leq 20)
                                // conditional check
        cout << ctr << "\n";
       ctr = ctr + 2;
                               // change of state
```

## Example #3

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
void main(void)
   int ctr;
   int num;
   ctr = 1;
   while (ctr \leq 10)
         cout << "Input integer number " << ctr << ": ";</pre>
         cin >> num;
         cout << "Integer number " << ctr << "= " << num << "\n";
         ctr++;
```

### THE do-while STATEMENT

The syntax for a do-while loop is as follows:

```
<initialization>;
do

<statement>;
while (<expression>);
```

- <statement> is going to be executed as long as <expression> results into a condition that evaluates to true (or 1). If it evaluates to false (or 0), then the processing of the loop is terminated and the statement after the while loop is executed next.
- It is important to note that since <expression> is tested at the end of the loop, <statement> will be executed at least once.

# Example #1

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int ctr;
                                    // initialization
   ctr = 0;
                                    // body of the loop
   do
         cout << "Jose Rizal University\n";</pre>
                                    // change of state
         ctr++;
   \} while (ctr < 5);
                                    // condition
```

# Example #2

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
main()
   int num=10;
   do
        cout << num << "\n";
        num--;
   } while (num > 0);
```

## Counters and Accumulators

- A counter is a variable that is used to keep track of the count (as the name suggest) of a certain group of items. Usually,
  - its data type is int
  - it is initialized to a value of 0
  - incremented by 1 inside a loop

# Example (Counter)

```
main()
   int ctr;
                                // this is for the loop counter
                                           // this is for the input value
   int num;
   int ctr_positive;
                                // this is for the counter
   ctr_positive = 0;
                                           // initialization of counter
   for (ctr = 1; ctr \ll 10; ctr++)
          cout << "Input integer number " << ctr << ": ";
          cin >> num;
          // count the positive
          if (num > 0)
                     ctr_positive = ctr_positive + 1;
   cout << "Positive Numbers = " << ctr_positive << endl;
```

# Counters and Accumulators (continued...)

- An accumulator is a variable that is used to keep track of the accumulated value of a certain group of items. An accumulator
  - may have a data type of int, float or double
  - it is usually initialized to a value of 0
  - changes by assuming the sum of the current value of the accumulator and the value of another variable

# Example (Accumulator)

```
main()
   int ctr;
                           // this is for the loop counter
   int num;
                           // this is for the input value
                           // this is for the accumulator
   int sum;
   sum = 0; // initialization
   for (ctr = 1; ctr <= 10; ctr++)
         cout << "Input integer number " << ctr << ": ";
         cin >> num;
         sum = sum + num; // accumulate sum of all inputs
   cout << "The sum of the integers is " << sum << "\n";
```

## break and continue Statements

#### break

- We have already seen the use of the break statement when we discussed the switchcase statement.
- There is actually no difference in the semantics if being used in a loop structure.
- If executed, it terminates the loop structure that contains it.

# Example (break)

```
main()
    int num;
                                // this is for the input value
                                // this is for the accumulator
    int sum;
    sum = 0;
                                // initialization
   for (;;)
                                // this will result into an infinite loop
          cout << "Input an integer: ";</pre>
          cin >> num;
          if (num == 0)
                                           // checks if input is 0
                     break;
                                           // breaks out of the loop
                                           // accumulate sum of all inputs
          sum = sum + num;
    }
    cout << "The sum of the integers is " << sum << "\n";
```

# break and continue Statements (continued...)

#### continue

- can only used inside loops.
- When executed, it transfers control to the <change of state> statement of the for loop and, and to the <expression> part of the while or do-while loop skipping any statements that follow it.

# Example (continue)

```
main()
   int ctr;
                                      // this is for the loop counter
                                      // this is for the accumulator
   int sum;
   sum = 0;
                                      // initialization
   for (ctr = 1; ctr <= 10; ctr ++)
         if (ctr \% 2 == 0)
                                      // checks if ctr is divisible by 2
                   continue;
                                      // jumps to next iteration of ctr
                                      // accumulate sum of odd numbers
         sum = sum + ctr;
   cout << "The sum of the integers is " << sum << "\n";
```

## **Practical Exercises #1**

Question 1: Quarters in a year:

- {Jan-March = 1<sup>st</sup>}
- $\{April-Jun = 2^{nd}\}$
- {July-Sept = 3<sup>rd</sup> }
- {Oct-Dec = 4<sup>th</sup> }
- ✓ Write a nested if else statements to make selections between the quarters
- ✓ Write an alternative switch-case to make selections within the quarters

## Practical Exercises #2

Question 2: Write a program to countdown using; (i.e 10-1)

- 1. while-loop
- 2. For loop
- 3. Do while loop

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