

Overloading

An operator or function is overloaded if its meaning depends on the number or types of its arguments

+ (real, integer)

- (unary, binary)

Also called ad-hoc polymorphism

Some languages permit overloading of user-defined functions.

Good idea??

Coercion

- **Implicit, or automatic, type conversion.**

```
var x:integer;
```

```
    y,z:real;
```

```
    ...
```

```
    y := x + z;
```

→ "mixed-mode" expression

- **Coercion is different from explicit type conversion**

```
int x,y
```

```
...
```

```
(double) x / (double) y
```

Coercion Extremes (Algol 68)

```
int i;  
real r;  
[1:1] int rowi;  
ref int refi;  
union (int,real) ir;  
proc int p;  
  
...  
r := i/r;           -- widening (of i)  
ir := i;            -- uniting  
i := refi;          -- dereferencing  
i := p;             -- deproceduring  
rowi := 5           -- rowing
```

Relational and Boolean Expressions

- Relational operators compare two operands and return a boolean

`= < > <= >= <>`

- Lower precedence than arithmetic operators

`a + b < c + d` \equiv

`(a + b) < (c + d)`

- Boolean values: true, false

- Boolean operators: and, or, xor, not, =

- True boolean values are helpful.

→ In C, use integers:

`0 = false`

`other = true`

→ `a > b > c` is legal!

Short-Circuit Evaluation

- Get a result without evaluating entire expression.

$x \text{ and } y \equiv \text{if } x \text{ then } y \text{ else false}$

$x \text{ or } y \equiv \text{if } x \text{ then true else } y$

(x and y are arbitrary boolean expressions)

- Same as regular evaluation in the absence of side-effects.

- May have a choice, e.g. Ada:

$x \text{ or else } y$

$x \text{ and then } y$

Otherwise, need to know if it's used.

Statement-Level Control

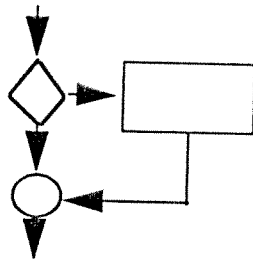
- Three types:
 - sequencing (not much to be said about this)
 - selection
 - repetition

Selection

- Issues:

- How is selection controlled?
- How many choices? Can none of the choices be selected

- Single-way selectors

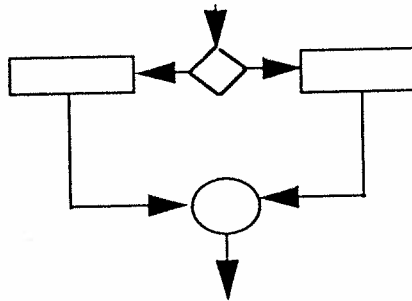


if <bool> then <stmt>

- Without compound statements, need GOTO

Two-Way Selection

- Two-way selectors



if <bool> then <stmt> else <stmt>

- Recall potential ambiguity with nested 2-way selectors:

if b1 then if b2 then s1 else s2

→ Several possible remedies. . .

Avoiding Ambiguity

- **Disallow nested conditionals**

`<stmt> --> <a_stmt> | <if_stmt> | <c_stmt>`

`<c_stmt> --> begin <stmt_list> end`

`<if_stmt> --> if <bool> then <s_stmt>`

`| if <bool> then <s_stmt> else <stmt>`

`<s_stmt> --> <a_stmt> | <c_stmt>`

if b1 then

begin if b2 then s1 else s2 end

if b1 then

begin if b2 then s1 end

else s2

Multiple-Way Selection

- **Multiple-way Selection**

- **New issues:**

- How to handle unrepresented selector values?

- Should selectable segments be followed by implicit branches of construct?

- **Lots of forms of multiple selectors. . .**

Multiple-Way Selection -- Early Approaches

- **Three-way selectors (Fortran)**

IF (<arith_exp>) L1, L2, L3

→ **Must jump out of segment:**

IF (...) 10, 20, 30

10 ...

GO TO 40

20 ...

GO TO 40

30 ...

40 ...

- **Computed GO TO (Fortran)**

GO TO (L1, L2, ..., Ln), exp

→ goes to first label if exp=1, second if exp=2, etc.

→ if exp < 1 or exp > n, no effect

→ must still jump out of segment

Multiple-Way Selection -- Modern Approach

- **Pascal example**

```
case <exp> of
    <const_list> : <stmt>
    ...
    <const_list> : <stmt>
end
```

- **<exp> of ordinal type**
- **implicit branch to end after each segment**
- **"otherwise" option**
- **selector value unrepresented => error**

More Modern Approaches

- **C example**

```
switch (<exp>)  
{  
  case <const_exp> : <stmt>  
  ...  
  case <const_exp> : <stmt>  
  [default : <stmt>]  
}
```

- <exp> and <const_exp> yield integers
 - No implicit branches -- use "break" to leave switch
- Is this a good idea?

- **Elsif (Ada)**

- Like LISP cond
- Cuts down on indenting
- More flexible than case statement

Repetition

- Iteration (statement-level)
- Recursion (unit-level) -- later
- Issues:
 - How is iteration controlled?
 - Where in loop is control mechanism?
 - top
 - bottom
 - anywhere

Counter-Controlled Loops

- **Issues:**

- Type and scope of loop variable
- Value of loop variable at loop term
- Change loop parameters in body? Effect?
- Branch into loop?
- Test at top or bottom?
- Loop parameters evaluated when?

FORTRAN loops

- DO <label> <var> = <init>,<term>

- Can't change loop variable/parameters inside loop
- Loop variable undefined after normal termination; last value if jump out
- Can jump out of, back into loop

```
DO 100 I = 1,10
```

```
...
```

```
100 CONTINUE
```

- **Note!**

```
DO 100 I = 1,10
```


More Loop Examples

- **ALGOL 60**

→ Very complicated! see book.

- **ALGOL 68**

for i from j by k to m

while b do . . . od

- **C**

for (<exp>;<exp>;<exp>) <stmt>

 ↑ ↑ ↑
init term incr

for (i = 0; i <= 10; i++)

 sum = sum + a[i];

→ No special loop variables.

→ Can have multiple statements for each <exp>

Logically Controlled Loops

- **Issues:**

- Pretest or posttest?
- Jump into loop?

- **Pascal constructs**

while <exp> do <stmt>

repeat <stmt> until <exp>

- **Other exits, e.g. Modula 2, Ada:**

loop

...

if <exp> then EXIT

...

end

- **CONTINUE, BREAK**

More Statement-Level Control Constructs

- **Explicit loop exits**

- **Basic model: (Modula)**

- loop

- ...

- if ... then EXIT

- ...

- end

- **Multi-level exits (Ada)**

- **named loops**

- **conditional EXIT**

- exit [<loop name>] [when <condition>]

Ada Example

```
Outer_loop:
  for i in 1..10 loop
    Inner_loop:
      for j in 1..20 loop;
        ...
        EXIT Outer_loop when <cond>;
        ...
      end loop Inner_loop;
      ...
    end loop Outer_loop;
```

Iterators (Clu)

- Lets user specify range of values over which a loop iterates.

```
for atom:node in list(x) do
```

```
...
```

```
list = iter(z: linked_list) yields (node)
```

```
...
```

```
yield (n)
```

```
...
```

```
end list
```

→ list produces elements of type node one at a time

Guarded Commands

if <bool> -> <stmt>

W <bool> -> <stmt>

...

W <bool> -> <stmt>

fi

- **Semantics**

- Evaluate all <bool>s

- If ≥ 1 is true, choose one nondeterministically and execute its <stmt>

- If none true, error

Guarded Commands (continued)

do <bool> -> <stmt>

W <bool> -> <stmt>

...

W <bool> -> <stmt>

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- **Semantics**

- Evaluate all <bool>s
- If ≥ 1 is true, choose one nondeterministically and execute its <stmt>
- Repeat until none true, then normal termination