

Conditionals

Victor Eijkhout, Susan Lindsey

Fall 2024

last formatted: August 28, 2024

1. If-then-else

A conditional is a test: 'if something is true, then do this, otherwise maybe do something else'. The C++ syntax is

```
if ( something ) {  
    // do something;  
} else {  
    // do otherwise;  
}
```

- The 'else' part is optional
- You can leave out braces in case of single statement.

2. Complicated conditionals

Chain:

```
if ( /* some test */ ) {  
    ...  
} else if ( /* other test */ ) {  
    ...  
}
```

Nest:

```
if ( /* some test */ ) {  
    if ( /* other test */ ) {  
        ...  
    } else {  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

3. What are logical expressions?

```
logical_expression ::  
    comparison_expression  
    | NOT comparison_expression  
    | logical_expression CONJUNCTION comparison_expression  
comparison_expression ::  
    numerical_expression COMPARE numerical_expression  
numerical_expression ::  
    quantity  
    | numerical_expression OPERATOR quantity  
quantity :: number | variable
```

4. Comparison and logical operators

Here are the most common logic operators and comparison operators:

Operator	meaning	example
==	equals	$x==y-1$
!=	not equals	$x*x!=5$
>	greater	$y>x-1$
>=	greater or equal	$\text{sqrt}(y) \geq 7$
<, <=	less, less equal	
&&,	and, or	$x<1 \ \&\& \ x>0$
and, or	and, or	$x<1 \ \text{and} \ x>0$
!	not	$!(\ x>1 \ \&\& \ x<2 \)$
not		$\text{not} \ (\ x>1 \ \text{and} \ x<2 \)$

Precedence rules of operators are common sense. When in doubt, use parentheses.

Quiz 1

Any comments on the following?

```
bool x;  
// ... code with x ...  
if ( x == true )  
    // do something
```

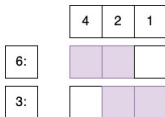
Exercise 1

Read in a positive integer. If it's a multiple of three print 'Fizz!'; if it's a multiple of five print 'Buzz!'. It is a multiple of both three and five print 'Fizzbuzz!'. Otherwise print nothing.

Note:

- Capitalization.
- Exclamation mark.
- Your program should display at most one line of output.

5. Bitwise operations



Code:

```
// basic/bitor.cpp
int x=6,y=3;
cout << "6|3 = " << (x|y)
      << '\n';
cout << "6&3 = " << (x&y)
      << '\n';
```

Output:

```
6|3 = 7
6&3 = 2
```


Exercise 2

How would you test if a number is odd or even with bitwise testing?

6. Local variables in conditionals

The curly brackets in a conditional allow you to define local variables:

```
if ( something ) {  
    int i;  
    .... do something with i  
}  
// the variable `i' has gone away.
```

Good practice: only define variable where needed.

Braces induce a scope.

7. Conditional with initializer

Variable local to the conditional:

Code:

```
// basic/ifinit.cpp
if ( char c = getchar();
    c!='a' )
    cout << "Not an a, but: "
         << c
         << '\n';
else
    cout << "That was an a!"
         << '\n';
```

Output:

```
Script:
for c in d b a z ;
do \
echo $c |
./ifinit ; \
done
Not an a, but: d
Not an a, but: b
That was an a!
Not an a, but: z
```

Exercise 3

Write a function `float read_number()` and use it to rewrite your fizzbuzz solution.

Make sure to use an initializer; the number you are testing should be limited in scope to the conditional.

8. Switch statement example

Cases are evaluated consecutively until you 'break' out of the switch statement:

Code:

```
// basic/switch.cpp
switch (n) {
case 1 :
case 2 :
    cout << "very small"
        << '\n';
    break;
case 3 :
    cout << "trinity" <<
        '\n';
    break;
default :
    cout << "large" <<
        '\n';
}
```

Output:

```
Script:
for v in 1 2 3 4 5 ; do \
    echo $v |
    ↪ ./switch ; \
    done
very small
very small
trinity
large
large
```