Conditional Statement and Loops

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Previously

- Non-sequential Execution
 - Example: Hey Jude
- Function
 - Definition of Function
 - Data Type
 - Declaration of Variables
 - Input and Output of a Function
 - Function Calls
- Have a look at examples!

Issues in Previous Lab

- Step over (F10) vs. Step in (F11)
 - Step over will **not** enter function while it is being executed!
 - To enter a function, you need to step in.
- Do not define one function inside another function

- However, you can call a function from another function.
- Know the diff. between function definition and call.

Issues in Previous Lab

- Input of a function can be the output of another function
 - The input of a function can be any expression whose value is compatible with the input type.

```
#include <stdio.h>
double square(double a){
   return a*a;
}
void main(){
   double a = 2;
   printf("%f", square(square(a))); // output 16
}
```

Conditional Statement

- We have seen how we can use functions to write nonsequential code.
- Now, we will introduce two other ways to write nonsequential code:
 - Conditional Statement
 - Loops

Conditional Statement

- In many cases, we want to write a program responding to different conditions.
 - If a score >= 40, print "pass". Otherwise, print "fail".
 - If user's input equals to password, proceed to log in.
 Otherwise, print out an error message.

If-Else

- This simple conditional statement is called "if-else" statement and exists in many programming languages.
- If-Else statement in C is written as follows:

```
if (condition){
    statements to be executed,
    if condition is true
    ...
} else{
    statements to be executed,
    if condition is false
}
```

- If condition is true, the program bypasses all statements following else.
- condition can be logical and relational expressions.

If-Else

```
int score = 41;
if(score >= 40){
    printf("pass!\n");
}else{
    print("fail!\n");
}
//prints "pass"
```

• else clause is optional.

```
int password = 4321;
if(password == 1234){
    printf("pass!\n");
}
printf("1...");
printf("2...\n");
// Prints out 1... 2...
```

Relational and Logical Expressions

- We often use relational and logical expressions as conditions in if-else statements.
- Relational operator compares expressions on both sides of the operator.
 - score>3, compares variable score with constant 3.
- Logical operator performs logical operations given expressions on both sides of the operator
 - o a> 0||b>0. a greater than 0 OR b greater than 0.
- The values of these expressions can either be 0 (FALSE) or 1(TRUE).

Relational and Logical Operators

- Relational Operators
 - > strictly greater. 2>1 is TRUE.
 - >= greater or equal. 2>=3 is FALSE.
 - equals to. 1 == 1 is TRUE.
 - Note, single = is assignment operator. It assigns the value of RHS to the variable on the LHS. Do not get confused!
 - != not equal. 2 != 1 is TRUE.
- Logical Operators
 - && logic AND. 1>0 && 1>-1 is TRUE.
 - || logic OR. 1>0 || -1>0 is TRUE.

- What if we have more than two branches?
- For example, we classify students into 5 categories:
 - \circ score >= 70, first class.
 - \circ 60 <= score < 70, two-one (above average)
 - \circ 50 <= score < 60, two-two (average)
 - \circ 40 <= score < 50, pass
 - \circ score < 40, fail.
- Can we use conditional statement to do that?

```
if (condition1){
    statment1;
} else if(condition2){
    statment2;
} else if(condition3){
    statment3;
}
...
else{ //optional
    statement0;
}
```

- The program will check conditions sequentially.
- Once a true condition is found
 - It executes the associated statements.
 - then bypasses the rest of the ladder.
- If none of the conditions are true, it executes the else statements (if there is one).

The ladder below prints out the classification given a score.

```
int score = 55; // score is 55.
if (score >= 70){
    printf("First Class.\n");
} else if(60<=score && score < 70){</pre>
    printf("Two-One.\n");
} else if(50<=score && score < 60){</pre>
    printf("Two-Two.\n");
} else if(40<=score && score < 50){</pre>
    printf("Pass.\n");
else{
    printf("Fail\n");
// prints out Two-Two
```

 Note that if an earlier condition check is true, it bypasses the entire ladder without checking the latter conditions!

If I made a mistake on the second condition

```
int score = 55;
if (score >= 70){
    printf("First Class.\n");
} else if(50<=score && score < 70){ // typo, 60->50
    printf("Two-One.\n");
} else if(50<=score && score < 60){
    printf("Two-Two.\n");
} else if(40<=score && score < 50){
    printf("Pass.\n");
}
...</pre>
```

- What will happen?
 - Will it still prints out "two-two"?
- Careful! Mistakes like this is hard to detect!
 - The program runs, but the output is wrong!

Loops

- In programming language, we sometimes want to repeat a certain operation for many times.
 - Adding up a sequence of numbers
 - Read a text file until it reaches the last line.
- This mechanism is called loop.
- When encounter loops, the CPU will continue to execute a code block, until certain exit conditions are met.
- Loop is another case where code do not run sequentially.

While Loop

The simplest loop is while-loop and its syntax is:

```
while(condition){
    statements
}
```

The statements inside of the brackets will be run repeatedly as long as the condition is true.

```
// print out every positive integer smaller or equal than 10
int i = 1;
while(i<=10){
    printf("%d\n", i);
    i = i + 1;
}</pre>
```

Note that i changes every iteration.

Iteration and Loop Counter

```
int i = 1;// define loop counter
while(i<=10){
    printf("%d\n", i);
    i = i + 1; // increment of i
}</pre>
```

- Each repetition of the loop is called **iteration**.
 - The loop above iterates 10 times.
- In loop, we commonly have an integer variable keeping the count of repetitions. Such a variable is called loop counter.
 - o i is the loop counter in the above loop.
 - The counter is initialized before the loop and is increased by one before the end of each iteration.
 - We stop the loop by checking if i <= 10.

For Loop

• For loop is another type of loop mechanism in C.

```
for(init statement; condition; update statement){
   statements to be repeated
}
```

- i. It initializes a counter.
- ii. Check condition,
 - If it is satisfied, run statements
 - If not, exit the loop.
- iii. Run update statements
- iv. Go back to ii.

For Loop

Prints out all positive integer smaller than 10

```
int i;
for(i=1; i<=10; i = i + 1){
    printf("%d\n", i);
}</pre>
```

You can put the declaration of i inside of the loop too.

```
for(int i=1; i<=10; i = i + 1){
    printf("%d\n", i);
}</pre>
```

It is more succinct than the while loop. Iteration counter i initialized, checked and updated all in one line.

for vs while loop

- Both loop mechanisms are widely used in algorithms.
- Use while loop when you do not know how many times the loop will be run.
 - When asking user's input, you do not know when the user will finish.
 - When playing a game, you do not know when user will hit the "exit" button.
- Use for loop when you know exactly how many times the loop will repeat.
 - Print out number from 1-10.
 - Sum up students' scores in a class.

To sum up

- In this lecture, we learned how to write non-sequential code using:
 - Conditional Statements
 - if-else
 - if-else if-else ladder
 - Relational and Logical operators.
 - >, >=, ==, !=, &&, || .
 - Loops
 - while loop
 - for loop

Lab

- Download the lab file from github, unzip and place it in your labpack folder.
 - Copy the folder 2_conditional_and_loops and the file lab_2.bat into your labpack folder.
 - The same way we did in the last lab.
- Double click lab_2.bat to start the Visual Studio code.
- The next week's lab will be the last time we help with lab pack setting issues. After that, we assume everyone can use the lab environment without any issue.

- Open score.c file, and run the program step by step using debugger as I did in the lecture.
 - Use F10 to step over.
 - See the workflow of the if-else ladder yourself.
- Change the score variable declared in line 4 to 10, 40, 50, 90 and guess the output without running the code.
 - Oid you guess right?
 - If not, trace the execution of the code using a debugger and see where you got wrong.

- Now, open odd_even.c
- Write an if-else in the specified place, so that the program prints the following messages.
 - odd, if variable num is odd.
 - o even, if variable num is even.
- Hint: modulo operation in c is %.
 - 4%4 is 0.
 - 4%3 is 1.
- Hint, you can copy the if-else statement from the lecture slides and modify it to fit your needs.

- Now, open factor.c.
- Write an if-else-if ladder in the specified location, so that the program output
 - o divided by 3, if num can be divided by 3.
 - o divided by 4, if num can be divided by 4.
 - o divided by 9, if num can be divided by 9.
 - o If num can not be divided by 3,4,9, output Oops!.
- One special rule:
 - o If num can be divided by both a and b and a>b, it should only output divided by a.
- Hint, think about the workflow of if-else-if ladder.

- Open whileloop.c.
- Run the debugger and trace the program step by step.
- Open forloop.c.
- Run the debugger and trace the program step by step.
- Make sure you understand the workflow of a for loop and a while loop.
 - Ask questions if you are confused.

Homework 5 (submit)

- Open factor2.c.
- Write a function is_divisible that accepts one integer input num and returns no output.
 - Depending on the input num, is_divisible should printout messages according to the same rules described in homework 3.
 - You can copy and paste your code from homework 3.
- Now call is_divisible inside a loop, so the program check the divisibility for all integers ranging from 939 to 945, inclusive.
 - You can use either for or while loop.
- Submit this homework on blackboard.

Submission (important!)

To help us automate the marking process, please make sure your submission is named as:

- STU_ID.c, where STU_ID should be a string starting with two letters followed by numbers, e.g. ab1234.
- The same ID is also used in your email address. For example, if you send an email to STU_ID@bristol.ac.uk, you should receive that email.
- DO NOT use .cpp as the extension name! In the assessed CWs, we will only mark submissions with the correct name.