

Full Stack Web Development

Conditional and loop statements

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Conditional statements



What are conditional statements?

Conditional statements are code expressions used to tell the computer, which block of code to execute.

In other words, conditional statements determine the flow of your computer program.



If statement



If statement are the basic foundation of conditional statements.

It takes a **condition** (which should result in a boolean), and a **block of code that executes** when the condition's result is true.



If statement



In this example, we have a variable called **age** which has a value of **21**. Below that, we have an **if statement** and a block of code right after it.

The condition of the *if statement* tells us that, the variable *age* should be greater than equals to 17, for the block of code to be executed.

```
let age = 21;
if (age >= 17) {
  console.log("You can now create an ID Card");
}
```

If statement



Now, since *age* has a value of 21 which is clearly greater than 17, the condition will result in a **true** (boolean) and the block of code will now be executed.

So the code below will have an output of:
"You can now create an ID Card"

```
let age = 21;
if (age >= 17) {
  console.log("You can now create an ID Card");
}
```

Else statement



Now what happens if age does not meet the required condition? What if age is less than 17?

Surely, the code below will have no output. But it would be better if we were to give some kind of message to the user that their age isn't eligible. For this, we need **else statement**.

Else statement



An else statement will act as a backup plan for if statements. It does not require a condition, it only needs a block of code to execute.

The block of code of an else statement executes when the condition of an if statement does not meet its requirement.



Else statement



As you can see, we've added an else statement to the example below. This way, when *age* is NOT greater than equals to 17, the else statement's block of code will be executed. So the output of the code below will now be "You are not old enough to create an ID card"

```
let age = 21;

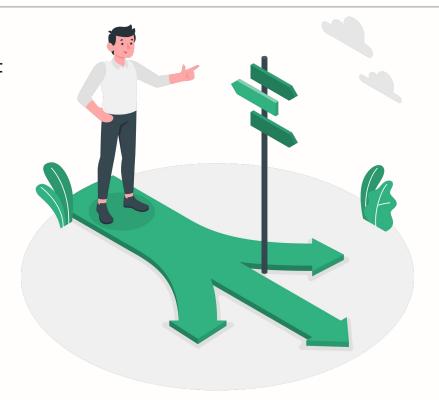
if (age >= 17) {
   console.log("You can now create an ID Card");
} else {
   console.log("You are not old enough to create an ID Card");
}
```

Else if statement



Now let's take a look at a different case, let's say we want to make a program to check if a student has a passing grade. In that case, we're gonna need to have multiple conditions.

But currently, we can only make 2 possible outcomes. This is where else if statements come to play.

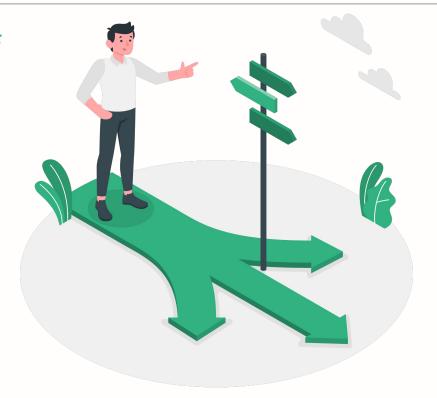


Else if statement



An *else if statement* is basically an *if statement* combined with an *else statement*.

It will act as a backup plan for an if statement, however it will also need a condition to be fulfilled.



Else if statement



Take a look at the code, *grade* has a value of "B" which means it will not meet the condition of the *if statement*.

Because the *if statement*'s code block isn't executed, it will continue to check the condition of the *else if statement*.

The condition of the *else if statement* will result in a true (boolean). This means that **the code block will be executed**, and the output of the code will be: "Great Result!"

```
let grade = "B";

if (grade === "A") {
   console.log("Excelent Result!");
} else if (grade === "B") {
   console.log("Great Result!");
}
```

Chaining conditions



We can also chain together several *else if* statements to create even more possible outcomes.

We can also add an *else statement* to handle cases where grade has a value of other than "A", "B", or "C".

```
. .
let grade = "B";
if (grade === "A") {
  console.log("Excelent Result!");
} else if (grade === "B") {
  console.log("Great Result!");
} else if (grade === "C") {
  console.log("Average Result!");
} else {
  console.log("Invalid Grade!");
```

Switch Case



The JavaScript switch statement is used in decision making.

The switch statement evaluates an expression and executes the corresponding body that matches the expression's result.

The syntax of the switch statement is:

```
switch(variable/expression) {
    case value1:
        break;
    case value2:
        break;
    case valueN:
        break;
    default:
```

Switch Case



The switch statement evaluates a variable/expression inside parentheses ().

If the result of the expression is equal to value1:

its body of case 1 is executed.

If the result of the expression is equal to value2:

its body of case 2 is executed.

This process goes on. If there is no matching case,

the default body executes.

```
switch(variable/expression) {
    case value1:
        break;
    case value2:
        break;
    case valueN:
        break;
    default:
```

Switch Case - Example



```
const expr = 'Papayas';
switch (expr) {
  case 'Oranges':
    console.log('Oranges are $0.59 a pound.');
    break;
  case 'Mangoes':
  case 'Papayas':
    console.log('Mangoes and papayas are $2.79 a pound.');
    break;
  default:
    console.log(`Sorry, we are out of ${expr}.`);
```

Difference Between if else and Switch Statement



Parameter	If-else	Switch
Definition	The if and else blocks are executed depending on the condition in the if statement	The switch statement has multiple cases, and the code block corresponding to that case is executed
Evaluation	Used for integer, character, pointer, floating-point type, or Boolean type.	Used for character expressions and integers.
Testing	Tests both logical expressions and equality	Tests only equality
Expression	Multiple statements for multiple decisions	Single statements for multiple decisions

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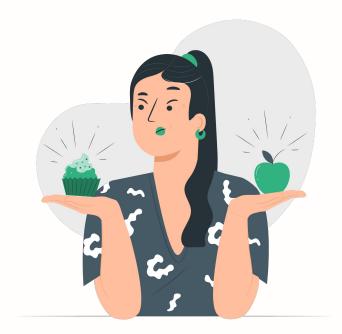
Parameter	If-else	Switch
Default Execution	If the condition inside the if-statement is false, then the code block under the else condition is executed	If the condition inside switch statements does not match any of the cases, the default statement is executed.
Editing	Difficult to edit nested if-else statements.	Easy to edit.
Values	Based on constraint	Based on user

Truthy and falsy values



Falsy and truthy are terms used in programming to determine values within a boolean context.

For example in a boolean context, 1 is considered true which means 1 is a truthy value. O in a boolean context is considered false which means it is a falsy value.



Truthy and falsy values



At first glance, this seem quite simple but Javascript can sometimes become confusing.

Here is a list of some falsy and truthy values that can sometimes be confusing.

If you're not sure whether a value is truthy or falsy, you can use an *if statement* and input your value as the condition.

If your value is truthy, then surely the if statement should execute the code in the block.

Falsy

- "" (empty string)
- (
- null
- undefined
- NaN

Truthy

- " " (blank character string)
- [] (empty array)
- {} (empty object)
- •
- "1" (string)
- "0" (string)
- "false" (string)
- "true" (string)

Ternary Operator



```
const str = "JavaScript";

if (str === "JavaScript") {
   console.log("JavaScript");
} else {
   console.log("not JavaScript");
}

// Ternary operator
console.log(str === "JavaScript" ? "JavaScript" : "not JavaScript");
```

Loop statements



What are loops?

In simple terms, loops are a sequence of commands or instructions that is repeatedly executed until a certain condition is met.



For loop



A *for loop* consists of 3 statements in its conditions.

- The first statement is executed once before the execution of the code block, to initialize the iteration variable.
- The second statement defines the condition for executing the code block.
- The third statement is executed every time after the execution of the code block.

```
for (let i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
  console.log("Hello!")
}</pre>
```

While loop



- While loops are basically if conditions that are repeated.
- As long as the condition is true, the loop will continue.

While loop



This loop will result in an infinite loop. Which means the loop will never stop.

Keep in mind that when using loops, we should always set a condition so that the loop will eventually break/stop.

```
while (true) {
  console.log("Hello!")
}
```

While loop



This is how you should make a *while loop* statement. In every iteration, the *i* variable will be incremented, therefore the condition will eventually result in a *false* boolean

```
let i = 0;
while (i < 3) {
   console.log("Hello!")
   i++;
}</pre>
```

Do ... While loop



Do while loops are very similar to while loops.

The only difference it has is that it only starts checking the condition after the first code block execution.

Do ... While loop



In this example, the **i** variable already has a value of **5**.

The while loop will not execute since the condition is checked before the code block execution, and the condition itself results in a false value.

However the do while loop will execute at least once, because the condition is checked only after the first code block execution

Break



Normally, a loop exits when its condition becomes **falsy**. But we can force the exit at any time using the special **break** directive.

In this code, the loop will stop when the value of sum is 5.

```
let sum = 0;
while (true) {
  let value = 1;
  if (sum === 5) break;
  sum += value;
console.log("Sum : " + sum);
```

Continue



The continue directive is a "lighter version" of break. It doesn't stop the whole loop. Instead, it stops the current iteration and forces the loop to start a new one (if the condition allows).

We can use it if we're done with the current iteration and would like to move on to the next one.

```
for (let i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
   // if true, skip the remaining part of the body
   if (i === 3) continue;
   console.log(i); // 0, 1, 2, 4
}</pre>
```

Exercise



- Write a code to convert celsius to fahrenheit.
- Write a code to check whether the number is odd or even
- Write a code to check whether the number is prime number or not
- Write a code to find the sum of the numbers 1 to N.
 - \circ Example: 5 \rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15
- Write a code to find factorial of a number.
- Write a code to print the first N fibonacci numbers.

Thank You!



