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CS 161

Introduction to CS I

- How do computers make decisions?
- How can we guard against user mistakes?
- Introduce Assignment 2



But first... Best worst advice from Lab 1!

- Coursework
 - “Don't do any of your homework. Ever. It is a conspiracy theory.”
- Lecture
 - “Never go to class. It just takes away time from doing productive things like partying.”
- Programming
 - “Make sure you only save your code after you're done.”
- Integrity
 - “Take all of your code from online solutions. Originality is for chumps.”
- Social advice
 - “Don't make friends in freshman year. You will DEFINITELY not regret it.”

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What's happening this week?

- <http://classes.engr.oregonstate.edu/eecs/winter2020/cs161-020/calendar/>
 - Lab 2 – More linux, data types, random numbers, and if/then
 - Assignment 2 Design – due 1/19
 - Week 3: Assignment 2 Design Peer Review – due 1/22
 - Week 3: Assignment 2 – due 1/26
- Great job answering each others' questions on Piazza!
 - I will give extra credit (towards exam grade) for top contributors (with answers endorsed by instructor/TA)
- Have you tried Edabit? Is it useful?



Edabit: Fun programming practice

The screenshot shows the Edabit website interface. At the top, there's a green navigation bar with the Edabit logo, 'Tinker', 'Challenges' (which is underlined), 'Shuffle', and 'Help'. On the right of the bar are 'Sign In' and 'Register' buttons. Below the bar, the page title 'CS 161 Week 1' is displayed. A sidebar on the left lists 'Fun challenges to try in week 1' with a timer icon showing '1'. The main content area contains three challenge cards:

- Return the Sum of Two Numbers**: A challenge to create a function that takes two numbers and returns their sum. It includes examples like addition(3, 2) → 5 and addition(-3, -6) → -9. It notes that the result should be returned. It's categorized under 'algebra', 'language_fundamentals', 'math', and 'numbers'. Difficulty is marked as 'Very Easy'.
- Area of a Triangle**: A challenge to create a function that takes base and height of a triangle and returns its area. It includes examples like triArea(3, 2) → 3 and triArea(7, 4) → 14. It notes that the formula is (base * height) / 2. It's categorized under 'math' and 'numbers'. Difficulty is marked as 'Very Easy'.
- Return the Remainder from Two Numbers**: A challenge to create a function that returns the remainder of a division operation. It notes that the first parameter divided by the second will have a remainder, possibly zero. It's categorized under 'math' and 'numbers'. Difficulty is marked as 'Very Easy'.

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unsigned short	0	65,535
int	-2,147,483,648	+2,147,483,647
unsigned int	0	4,294,967,295
long	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808	+9,223,372,036,854,775,807
unsigned long	0	18,446,744,073,709,551,615
float	1.2e-38	3.4e38
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Choosing a data type

- Whole numbers:
 - (1) Allow positive and negative (`signed`) or positive only (`unsigned`) ?
 - (2) Range of values? Pick `short` or `int` or `long`
 - Think “small”, “medium”, “large”
- Real numbers: `float` or `double`
 - Think “small”, “large”
- It’s okay if you haven’t mastered this yet
 - This is a skill you will continue to practice in every program you write



Expressions

- Increment/decrement:

Correction: • $x = 99; \quad x++ + 1 \Rightarrow 100$ (and x is now 100)

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• Here, **x++** uses **postfix** notation, so the increment happens after evaluation. Compare with the **prefix** increment operator:

• $x = 99; \quad ++x + 1 \Rightarrow 101$ (and x is now 100)

• Increment/decrement are for variables only (cannot do $3++$)

- Other useful expressions: **compound assignment**

• $height = height + 3;$ is the same as $height += 3;$

• $score = score - 5;$ is the same as $score -= 5;$

• $miles = miles / 5;$ is the same as $miles /= 5;$



Type casting

- Integer arithmetic
 - $6/3 \Rightarrow 2$
 - $3/2 \Rightarrow 1 \text{ (!)}$
- Floating point arithmetic
 - $3.0/2.0 = 1.5$
- You can **cast** a variable to a different type
 - `(float) 3 / (float) 2 => ?`
 - `(float) (3/2) => ?`
 - `(int) 3.14159 => ?`
 - `(short) 3.14159 => ?`
 - `(short) 50000 => ?`
 - `(unsigned short) 50000 => ?`

Course map



Basics
Storing data, calculations,
interacting with users



Divide and conquer part 2
(recursion)



Decision making (adaptation)
and **repetition** (write once,
repeat forever!)



Structured data
(arrays)



Divide and conquer
(modularization and code re-use
in functions)



Dynamic growth
(memory allocation
and management)

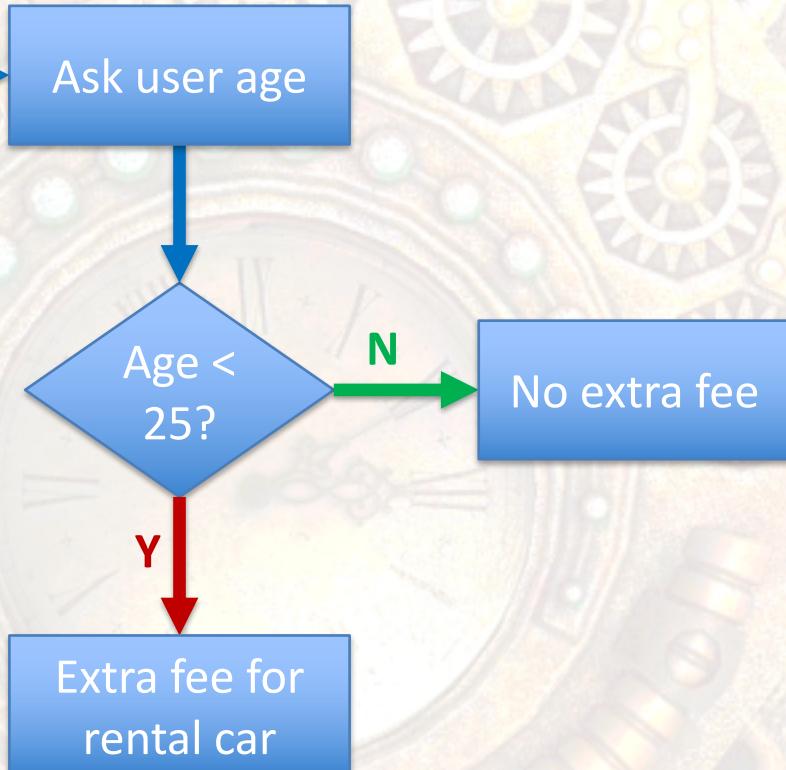
Decision making

- So far, our programs do the same thing every time.
- Life is more complicated than that!
- Often programs need to adapt or change based on user input or other variables





Flowchart for decisions



If/then/else statement in C++:

```
/* If user is under 25,  
 * they must pay an extra fee */  
if (age < 25)  
{  
    cout << "You must pay an extra fee "  
        << "to rent this car." << endl;  
}  
else  
{  
    cout << "No extra fee for you!" << endl;  
}
```



Boolean expressions

- Boolean expressions evaluate to `true` or `false`

Relational operators

- `<` less than
- `>` greater than
- `<=` less than or equal
- `>=` greater than or equal
- `==` equal to
- `!=` not equal to

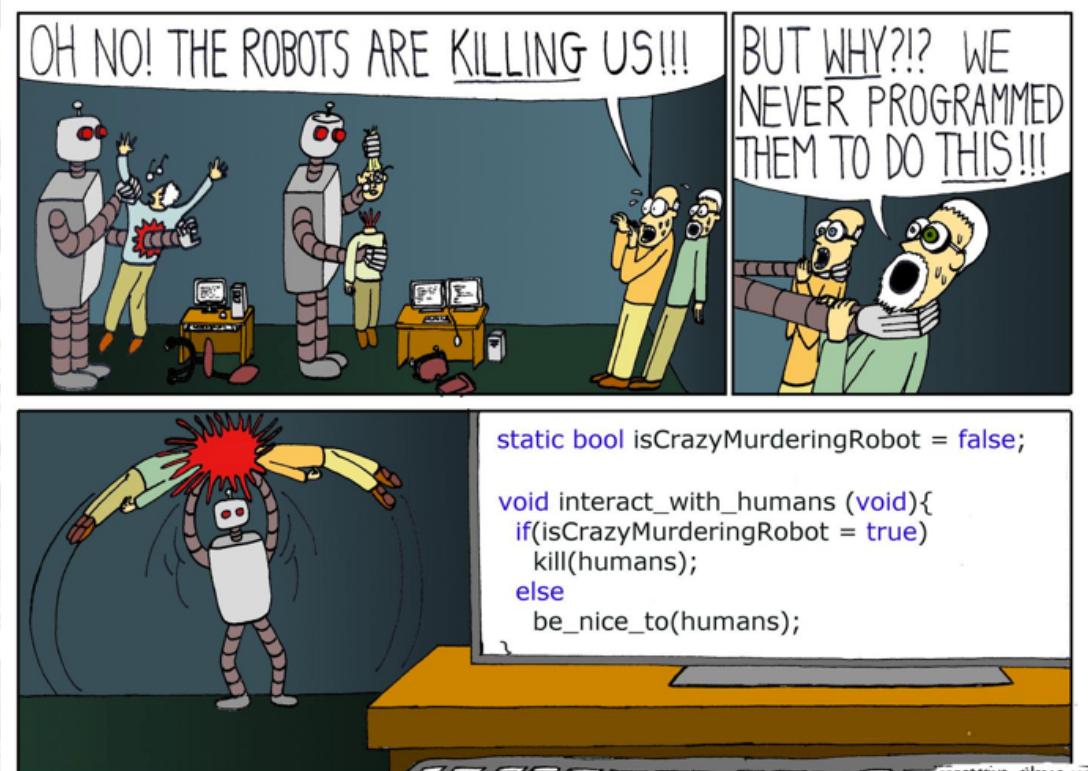
- Numeric values: $0 \Rightarrow \text{false}$; other than 0 $\Rightarrow \text{true}$

- Examples
 - $3 == 3$
 - -3
 - $5 > 3$
 - $2 != 2$
 - $2 + 1$
 - $3 - 3$
 - $4.1 != 4$
 - $3 + 2 * 2 > 9$



Programming tips

- Common mistake:
Using = instead of ==



<http://oppressive-silence.com/comic/oh-no-the-robots>



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```
if (n_heads == 1);  
{ ...  
}
```
- Good practice: always have an else clause. Why?



Assignment 2 – Text Adventure

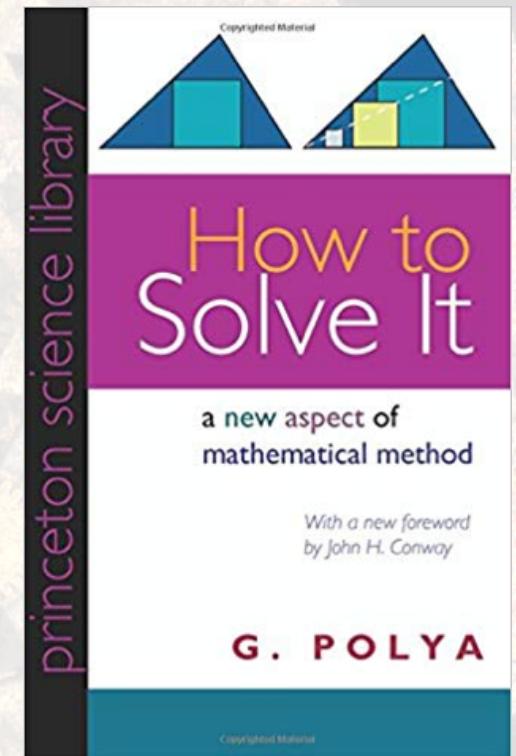
- + Design
- + Peer review

```
wkiri@madrone demos % ./assign2_game
Welcome to Mythago Wood!
You have 0 points.

You are in a forest and see a cottage. Do you:
(1) Knock on the door, or
(2) Keep walking?
```

Polya: “How to Solve It”

- (1) Understand the problem
 - What is the goal?
 - What are my assumptions?
- (2) Devise a plan
 - What are the steps needed?
- (3) Carry out the plan
- (4) Looking back
 - Did it work?
 - What would be an improvement?



CS 161 Design Document

- (1) Understand the problem
 - What is the goal?
 - What are my assumptions?
- (2) Devise a plan
 - What are the steps needed?
 - Pseudocode (**not C++**) or
 - Flowchart (see Rao p. 114)
- (4) Test plan
 - Brainstorm all possible inputs (test cases)
 - What is the expected output for each one?

What vocabulary did we learn today?

- Cast (data types)
- Compound assignment: `+=` and `-=`
- Boolean expression (true/false)
- Relational operators: `<`, `>`, `<=`, `>=`, `==`, `!=`
- Conditional statement: if/then/else

What ideas and skills did we learn today?

- Branching based on expression evaluation
- Check that assumptions about user input are met
- The power of `else`
- Design
 - Understand the problem + assumptions
 - Plan a solution
 - Develop tests before writing the program

Week 2 begins!

- Attend lab (laptop required)
- Read **Rao Lesson 5** (pp. 92-100)
and **Rao Lesson 6** (pp. 113-127)
- Look at **Assignment 2** and
plan your **design** (due **Sunday, Jan. 19**)

See you on Wednesday!

- Bring: your questions about Assignment 2