

5.15 If-else

If statement

In C, an **if** statement executes substatements when the statement's expression is true, otherwise the substatements are skipped. If the expression is a comparison for equality, an if statement can be converted to a simple pattern of assembly instructions starting with the `branch on not equal` instruction.

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5.15.1: If statement in assembly.

Start ☐ 2x speed

x	y	w
7	7	51
4	6	1

```
if (x == y) {
    w = 50; // If substmts
}
w = w + 1; // After stmts
```

```
bne $t0, $t1, After
addi $t3, $zero, 50
```

```
After: addi $t3, $t3, 1
```

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5.15.2: If statement in assembly.

Variable values: x is \$t0, y is \$t1, and z is \$t2. w's value should be in \$t3. For the given C, select the correct assembly.

1) `if (x == y) {`

```
w = 0;  
}
```

```
w = w + 5;
```

- ☐ beq \$t0, \$t1,
 After
 addi \$t3, \$zero, 0
After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 5
- ☐ bne \$t0, \$t1, After
 addi \$t3, \$zero, 0
After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 5

```
2) if (x == y) {  
    w = z + 1;  
    w = w + y;  
}
```

```
w = w + 5;
```

- ☐ beq \$t0, \$t1, After
 addi \$t3, \$t2, 1
 add \$t3, \$t3, \$t1
After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 5
- ☐ bne \$t0, \$t1, After
 addi \$t3, \$t2, 1
After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 5
- ☐ bne \$t0, \$t1, After
 addi \$t3, \$t2, 1
 add \$t3, \$t3, \$t1
After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 5

```
3) if (x == 0) {  
    w = w + 10;
```

}

w = w + 5;

☐

beq \$t0, \$zero,

After

addi \$t3, \$t3, 10

After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 5

☐

bne \$t0, \$zero,

After

addi \$t3, \$t3, 10

After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 5

If-else statement

In C, an **if-else** statement executes one of two possible sets of substatements depending on an expression's value. When the expression is a comparison for equality, an if-else statement can be converted to a simple pattern in assembly, starting with a bne instruction.

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5.15.3: If-else statement in assembly.

Start ☐ 2x speed

x	y	w
2	2	51
0	0	51
4	3	91

```
if (x == y) {
    w = 50;
}
else {
    w = 90;
}
```

w = w + 1;

```
bne $t0, $t1, Else
addi $t3, $zero, 50
j After
```

Else: addi \$t3, \$zero, 90

After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 1

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5.15.4: If-else statement in assembly.

The first few questions list assembly instructions intended to implement the if-else statement, in sequence. Indicate whether the instructions are correct. Assume x and y values are in \$t0 and \$t1, and w's value should be in \$t3.

```
if (x == y) {  
    w = 0;  
}  
else {  
    w = x;  
}  
  
w = w + 5;
```

- 1) (1) bne \$t0, \$t1, After
☐ Correct
☐ Incorrect
- 2) (2) addi \$t3, \$zero, 0 # w = 0;
☐ Correct
☐ Incorrect
- 3) (3) Else: add \$t3, \$t0, \$zero # w = x;
☐ Correct
☐ Incorrect
- 4) (5) After: addi \$t3, \$t3, 5
☐ Correct
☐ Incorrect
- 5) Suppose a programmer inserted the

instruction **j After** after the Else substatement of **add \$t3, \$t0, \$zero**. Is that jump instruction correct or incorrect?

- ☐ Correct
- ☐ Incorrect

6) Using the assembly pattern introduced above, does any assembly instruction branch to an If label?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If-else-if

C programs commonly use a multi-branch form of an if-else statement. The assembly language pattern is similar to above more labels. Each part's check has a branch (bne) to the subsequent part. Each part (except the last) ends with a jump to A

Figure 5.15.1: If-else-if in assembly.

<pre> if (x == y) { w = w + 50; } else if (x == z) { // Else1 w = w + 60; } else { // Else2 w = w + 70; } </pre>	<pre> # bne \$t0, \$t1, Else1 # (x == y) addi \$t3, \$t3, 50 # w = w + 50; j After Else1: bne \$t0, \$t2, Else2 # (x == z) addi \$t3, \$t3, 60 # w = w + 60; j After Else2: addi \$t3, \$t3, 70 # w = w + 70; After: </pre>
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5.15.5: If-else-if in assembly.

Find the error in the assembly, which is supposed to implement the if-else-if statement.

```
if (x == y) {
    w = w + 50;
}
else if (x == z) {
    w = w + 60;
}
else {
    w = w + 70;
}
```

1) `bne $t0, $t1, After`
 `addi $t3, $t3, 50`
 `j After`

Else1: `bne $t0, $t2, Else2`
 `addi $t3, $t3, 60`
 `j After`

Else2: `addi $t3, $t3, 70`

`After:`

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5.15.6: If-else-if in assembly.

Complete the missing assembly instructions to implement the C if-else-if code. \$t0 has x's value, \$t1 has y's, \$t2 has z's. \$t3 should get w's value.

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```

if (x == z) {
    w = w + 50;
}
else if (x == y) {
    w = w + 60;
}
else {
    w = w + 70;
}

```

```

#
(A) _____ $t0, $t2, Else1
    addi $t3, $t3, 50
    j After

(B) _____
    addi $t3, $t3, 60    # w = w + 60
(C) _____

Else2: addi $t3, $t3, 70    # w = w + 70

After:

```

1) (A)

\$t0, \$t2, Else1

Check

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2) (B)

Check

[Show answer](#)

3) (C)

Check

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5.15.1: If-else in assembly.

Start

Convert the C to assembly. Variables: x is in \$t1, y is in \$t2, and z is in \$t3.

```
if (x == z) {
    y = 50;
}
y = y + 1;
```

bne ▼ \$t2 ▼, \$t2 ▼, After ▼

addi ▼ \$t2 ▼, \$t2 ▼, 1

After: addi ▼ \$t2 ▼, \$t2 ▼, 1

Registers	
\$zero	0
\$t1	2
\$t2	11
\$t3	2

1	2	3	4	5
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Check

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