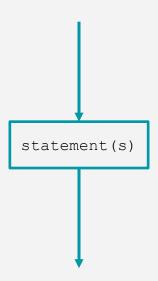
FLOW CONTROL IN C

Statements

Flow chart:



Statements

A **statement** is each of the individual instructions of a program. Statements always end with a semicolon; and are executed in the same order in which they appear in a program.

```
statement;
```

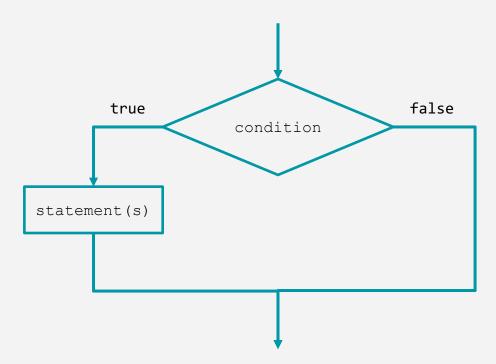
A **compound statement** is a group of statements (each of them terminated by its own semicolon), but all grouped together in a block, enclosed in curly braces: **{}**

```
{ statement1; statement2; statement3; }

compound statements
```

Selection statements: if

Flow chart:



Selection statements: if

The **if** keyword is used to execute a statement or block, if, and only if, a condition is fulfilled.

```
if (condition) statement
```

If condition is true, then execute statement.

```
if (x == 100)
{
    printf("x is ");
    printf("100");
}
```

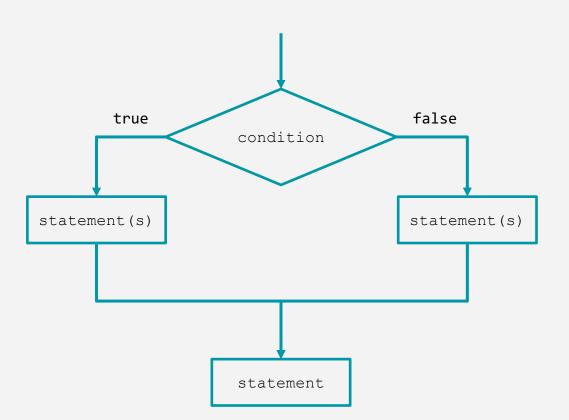
Use braces with **compound** statement within **if** statement

```
if (x == 100)
    printf("x is 100");
```

Braces not necessary with **single** statement within **if** statement

Selection statements: if and else

Flow chart:



Selection statements: if and else

The **else** keyword is used to execute a statement or block, if, and only if, a condition is not fulfilled.

```
if (condition) statement1 else statement2
```

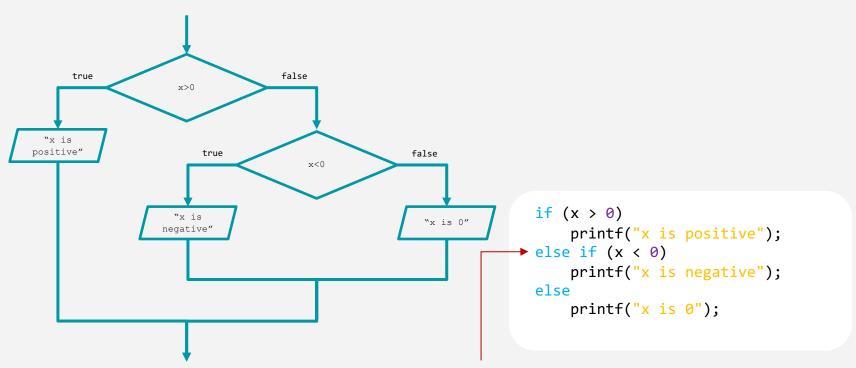
If condition is true, then execute statement1, otherwise execute statement2.

```
if (x == 100)
    printf("x is 100");
else
    printf("x is not 100");
```

```
if (x > 0)
    printf("x is positive");
else if (x < 0)
    printf("x is negative");
else
    printf("x is 0");</pre>
```

Several **if + else** structures can be concatenated with the intention of checking a range of values.

Selection statements: if and else



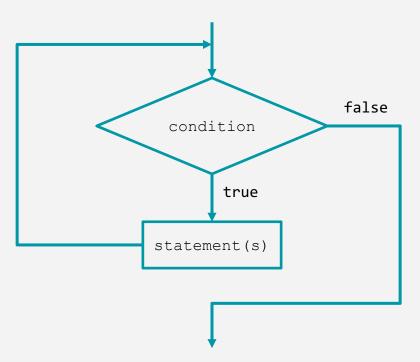
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Iteration statements (loops)

Loops repeat a statement a certain number of times, or while a condition is fulfilled. They are introduced by the keywords **while**, **do**, and **for**.

Iteration statement: while loop

Flow chart:



Iteration statement: while loop

The while loop repeats statement while condition is true.

```
while (condition) statement
```

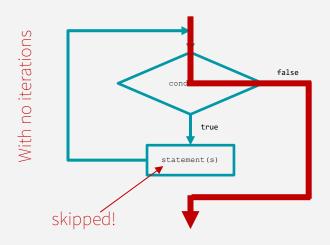
Note: with while loop, statements might never be executed. For example, if we had n = -1 (at line 7), the condition at the **while** loop (at line 8) would have been immediately false and the program would have skipped the loop (jumping directly to line 12).

```
1: // countdown using while loop
2: #include <stdio.h>
3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    int n = 10;
7:    while (n > 0) {
8:        printf("%d, ", n);
9:        --n;
10:    }
11:    printf("GO!\n");
12: }
```

Iteration statement: while loop

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while (condition) statement

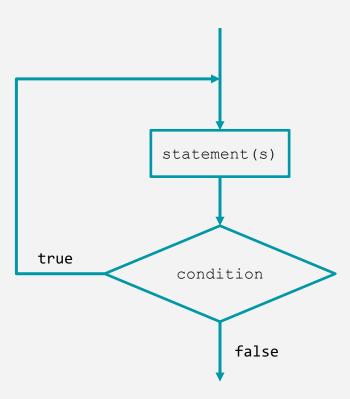


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4: int main()
5: {
6:    int n = 10;
7:    while (n > 0) {
        printf("%d, ", n);
        --n;
10:    }
11:    printf("GO!\n");
12: }
```

```
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO!
```

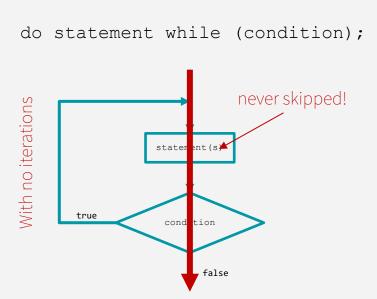
Iteration statement: do-while loop

Flow chart:



Iteration statement: do-while loop

It behaves like a while loop, except that condition is evaluated after the execution of statement instead of before, guaranteeing at least one execution of statement, even if condition is never fulfilled.



```
1: // echo machine
2: #include <stdio.h>
3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    int n;
7:    do {
8:        printf("Enter value: ");
9:        scanf("%d", &n);
10:        printf("%d\n", n);
11:    } while (n != 0);
12: }
```

Iteration statement: do-while loop

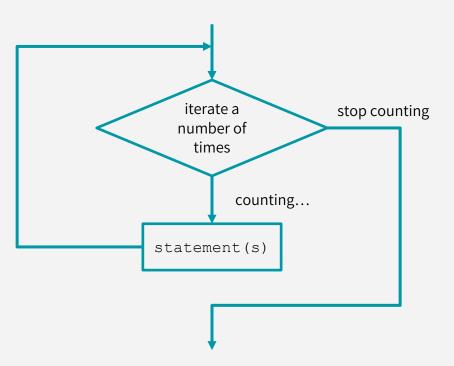
It behaves like a while loop, except that condition is evaluated after the execution of statement instead of before, guaranteeing at least one execution of statement, even if condition is never fulfilled.

```
do statement while (condition);
```

What does this code do? It allows users to enter numbers until they enter the value zero.

```
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3:
4: int main()
5: {
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7:    do {
8:        printf("Enter value: ");
9:        scanf("%d", &n);
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```

Flow chart:



The for loop iterates statement a number of times. It provides specific locations to contain an initialization and an increase expression, executed before the loop begins the first time, and after each iteration, respectively.

```
for (initialization; condition; increase) statement;
```

```
1: // countdown using a for loop
2: #include <stdio.h>
3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    for (int n=10; n>0; n--)
7:        printf("%d, ", n);
8:    printf("GO!\n");
9: }
```

```
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, GO!
```

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```
for (initialization; condition; increase) statement;
```

Note: the variable used to count the iteration is called *counter*. In this example, the variable **n** defined at line 7 in the **for** loop is a counter.

```
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3:
4: int main()
5: {
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4: int main()
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        printf("%d, ", n);
        --n;
    10:    }
    printf("GO!\n");
12: }
```

```
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```

```
for (initialization; condition; increase) statement;
```

The three fields in a for-loop are optional. They can be left empty, but in all cases the semicolon signs; between them are required.

```
for (; n < 10;)
```

Equivalent to a **while** loop (there is only a condition)

```
for (; n < 10; ++n)
```

The counter **n** was probably initialized outside the for loop

```
for (int n = 0;; ++n)
```

Infinite loop, equivalent to while (true)

```
for (initialization; condition; increase) statement;
```

The three fields of a for loop can have more than one entry.

What does this loop do?

- n starts with a value of 0, and i with 100
- the condition is **n** not equal to **i**
- **n** is <u>increased</u> by 1, and **i** <u>decreased</u> by 1 on each iteration
- the loop's condition will become false after the 50th iteration,
 when both n and i are equal to 50

ANSWER: This loop will execute 50 times if neither $\bf n$ or $\bf i$ are modified within the loop.

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```

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```
for ( \begin{bmatrix} int & n = 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n < 50 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ++n \end{bmatrix} ) What does this loop do?
```

- n starts with a value of 0, and i with 100
- the condition is **n** not equal to **i**
- **n** is <u>increased</u> by 1, and **i** <u>decreased</u> by 1 on each iteration
- the loop's condition will become false after the 50th iteration,
 when both n and i are equal to 50

ANSWER: This loop will execute 50 times if neither $\bf n$ or $\bf i$ are modified within the loop.

Jump statements

Jump statements allow the programmer to alter the flow of a program by performing jumps to specific locations.

They do not respect the rules of Böhm-Jacopini theorem; therefore, they produce unstructured code.

We will only use safe jump statements: break and continue.

It leaves a loop, even if the condition for its end is not fulfilled. It can be used to end an infinite loop, or to force it to end before its natural end.

```
1: // break loop example
2: #include <stdio.h>
3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    for (int n=5; n>0; n--) {
        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
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        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 5
```

For loop starts.

Is **n** greater than **0**? **true**.

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```
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3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    for (int n=5; n>0; n--) {
        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

n = 5

Print **n**.

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        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 5
```

Is **n** equal to **3**? **false**.

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2: #include <stdio.h>
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        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 5
```

Is **n** equal to **3**? **false**.

Skip the statements within the **if** block.

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```
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2: #include <stdio.h>
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5: {
6:    for (int n=5; n>0; n--) {
        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 4
```

For loop decrement **n**. Is **n** greater than **0**? **true**.

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```
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2: #include <stdio.h>
3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    for (int n=5; n>0; n--) {
        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

n = 4

Print **n**.

It leaves a loop, even if the condition for its end is not fulfilled. It can be used to end an infinite loop, or to force it to end before its natural end.

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            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 4
```

Is **n** equal to **3**? **false**.

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            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 4
```

Is **n** equal to **3**? **false**.

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5: {
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        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 3
```

For loop decrement **n**. Is **n** greater than **0**? **true**.

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```
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        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

n = 3

Print **n**.

It leaves a loop, even if the condition for its end is not fulfilled. It can be used to end an infinite loop, or to force it to end before its natural end.

```
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            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 3
```

Is **n** equal to **3**? **true**.

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3:
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5: {
6:    for (int n=5; n>0; n--) {
        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 3
```

Print abort.

It leaves a loop, even if the condition for its end is not fulfilled. It can be used to end an infinite loop, or to force it to end before its natural end.

```
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2: #include <stdio.h>
3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    for (int n=5; n>0; n--) {
        printf("%d, ", n);
        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
}
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 3
```

break stops the loop.

It leaves a loop, even if the condition for its end is not fulfilled. It can be used to end an infinite loop, or to force it to end before its natural end.

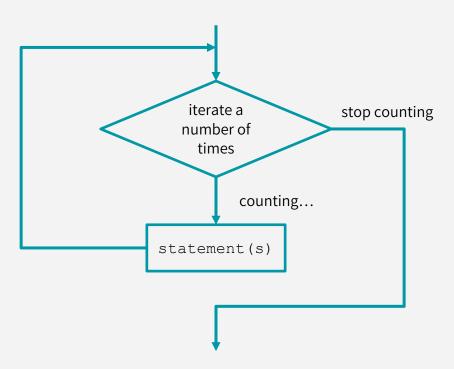
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        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

```
n = 3
```

End of program.

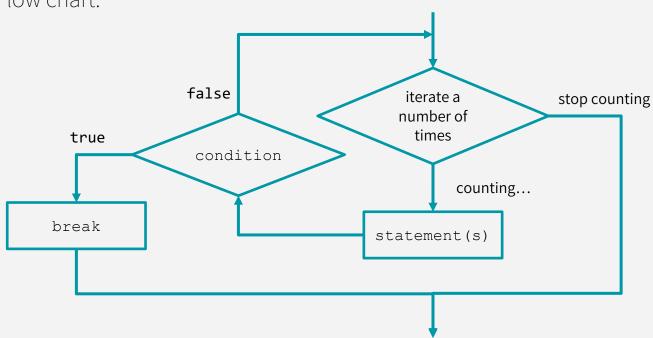
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Flow chart:



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Flow chart:



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        if (n==3) {
            printf("countdown aborted!");
            break;
11:        }
12:    }
13: }
```

It leaves a loop, even if the condition for its end is not fulfilled. It can be used to end an infinite loop, or to force it to end before its natural end.

```
1: // break loop example
2: #include <stdio.h>
3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    for (int n=5; n>0; n--) {
        if (n>=3)
            printf("%d, ", n);
9:        if (n==3)
10:             printf("countdown aborted!");
11:    }
12: }
```

What is the difference between this code (no **break** statement) and the previous one (with **break** statement)?

It leaves a loop, even if the condition for its end is not fulfilled. It can be used to end an infinite loop, or to force it to end before its natural end.

```
1: // break loop example
2: #include <stdio.h>
3:
4: int main()
5: {
6:    for (int n=5; n>0; n--) {
7:        if (n>=3)
            printf("%d, ", n);
9:        if (n==3)
10:            printf("countdown aborted!");
11:    }
12: }
```

The difference is that the **break** will stop the **for** loop, while this code will still iterate until **n==0**.

So the countdown wasn't properly aborted... it just didn't produce any output.

Jump statements: continue

It causes the program to skip the rest of the loop in the current iteration, as if the end of the statement block had been reached, causing it to jump to the start of the following iteration.

```
1: // break loop example
2: #include <stdio.h>
4:
5: int main()
6: {
7:    for (int n=10; n>0; n--) {
        if (n==5) continue;
            printf("%d, ", n);
10:    }
11:    printf("GO!\n");
12: }
```

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        if (n==5) continue;
            printf("%d, ", n);
10:    }
11:    printf("GO!\n");
12: }
```

5 was not printed!

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```
1: // break loop example
2: #include <stdio.h>
4:
5: int main()
6: {
7:    for (int n=10; n>0; n--) {
        if (n!=5)
            printf("%d, ", n);
10:    }
11:    printf("GO!\n");
12: }
```

5 was not printed!

Jump statements: goto



Its purpose is to check for a value among a number of possible constant expressions. It is something similar to concatenating if-else statements but limited to constant expressions.

```
switch (expression) {
    case constant-value1:
            group-of-statements1;
            break;
    case constant-value2:
            group-of-statements2;
            break;
    .
    .
    default:
        default-group-of-statements;
}
```

Switch evaluates expression and checks if it is equivalent to constant-value1; if it is, it executes group-of-statements1 until it finds the break statement. When it finds this break statement, the program jumps to the end of the entire switch statement (the closing brace).

If expression was not equal to constant-value1, it is then checked against constant-value2. If it is equal to this, it executes group-of-statements2 until a break is found, when it jumps to the end of the switch.

Finally, if the value of expression did not match any of the previously specified constants (there may be any number of these), the program executes the statements included after the default: label, if it exists (since it is optional).

```
1: // switch example
2: #include <stdio.h>
 4: int main()
5: {
     int x;
      printf("Enter number: ");
      scanf("%d", &x);
      switch (x){
10: case 1:
              printf("ONE\n");
              break;
13: case 2:
              printf("TWO\n");
              break;
16: default:
              printf("Neither ONE nor TWO\n");
19: }
```

```
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```

Enter number: 1

User enters number 1, stored in x.

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              break;
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19: }
```

```
Enter number: 1
```

switch statement evaluates **x**.

```
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 2: #include <stdio.h>
 4: int main()
5: {
     int x;
      printf("Enter number: ");
      scanf("%d", &x);
      switch (x){
    case 1:
              printf("ONE\n");
              break;
13: case 2:
              printf("TWO\n");
              break;
16: default:
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19: }
```

Enter number: 1

Is **x** equal to 1?

```
1: // switch example
2: #include <stdio.h>
4: int main()
5: {
     int x;
      printf("Enter number: ");
      scanf("%d", &x);
      switch (x){
      case 1:
              printf("ONE\n");
              break;
13: case 2:
              printf("TWO\n");
              break;
16: default:
              printf("Neither ONE nor TWO\n");
19: }
```

Enter number: 1

Is x equal to 1? True

Enter the case 1 block.

```
1: // switch example
 2: #include <stdio.h>
 4: int main()
5: {
     int x;
      printf("Enter number: ");
      scanf("%d", &x);
      switch (x){
      case 1:
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              break;
13: case 2:
              printf("TWO\n");
              break;
16: default:
              printf("Neither ONE nor TWO\n");
19: }
```

```
Enter number: 1
ONE
```

Is x equal to 1? True

Enter the case 1 block.

Print ONE.

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break interrupts the flow, skipping the rest of the cases.

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Enter number: 1 ONE

End of program.

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```
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ONE
```

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Enter number: 2
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```
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ONE
```

```
Enter number: 2
TWO
```

```
Enter number: 3
Neither ONE nor TWO
```

```
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```
Enter number: 1 ONE
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```
Enter number: 2
```

```
Enter number: 3
Neither ONE nor TWO
```

```
Enter number: 4
Neither ONE nor TWO
```

```
1: // switch example
 2: #include <stdio.h>
 4: int main()
5: {
     int x;
      printf("Enter number: ");
                                       The last statement does
      scanf("%d", &x);
                                          not need a break.
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Enter number: 1
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TWO
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Enter number: 3
Neither ONE nor TWO

Enter number: 4
Neither ONE nor TWO