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Flow Control

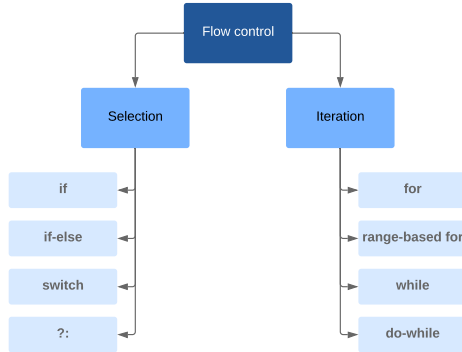
- So far we have learned how to write programs that run sequentially.

```
int main(){  
    int a{2}, b{1};  
    std::cout << "a + b: " << a + b << std::endl;  
    std::cout << "a - b: " << a - b << std::endl;  
}
```

- Programs are not limited to a linear sequence of statements.
- During its process, a program may repeat segments of code, or take decisions and bifurcate.

Flow Control

- For that purpose, C++ provides flow control statements that serve to specify what has to be done by our program, when, and under which circumstances.



Flow Control | Statements

- Many of the flow control statements explained in this lecture require a generic (sub)statement as part of its syntax. This statement may either be:
 - A simple statement, terminated with a semicolon, e.g., `int x{3};`
 - A compound statement: A group of statements (each of them terminated by its own semicolon), but all grouped together in a block, enclosed in curly braces.

```
int main(){
    {/--Start of compound statement 1
        int a{10};
        if (a <= 100)
            {/--Start of compound statement 2
                std::cout << "a is: " << a << std::endl;
            }/--End of compound statement 2
        }/--End of compound statement 1
    }
```

- The entire block is considered a single statement (composed itself of multiple substatements).

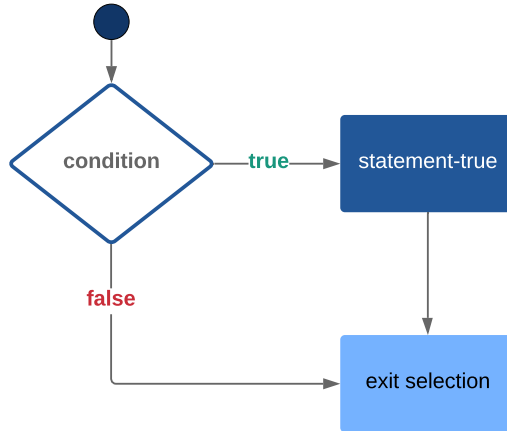
Selection

- Selection is used for decisions or branching (choosing between 2 or more alternative paths).
- The different types of selection statements in C++ are:
 - `if`
 - `if-else`
 - `switch`
 - `?:` conditional operator (similar to `if-else`)

Selection | `if` Statement

- Conditionally executes another statement.
- Used where code needs to be executed based on a condition.
`| if (condition) statement-true`
- `condition`: Expression which is contextually convertible to `bool`.
- `statement-true`: Any statement (often a compound statement), which is executed if `condition` evaluates to `true`.
 - If `condition` is `true`, `statement-true` is executed.
 - If `condition` is `false`, `statement-true` is simply ignored and the program continues right after the entire selection statement.

Selection | **if** Statement



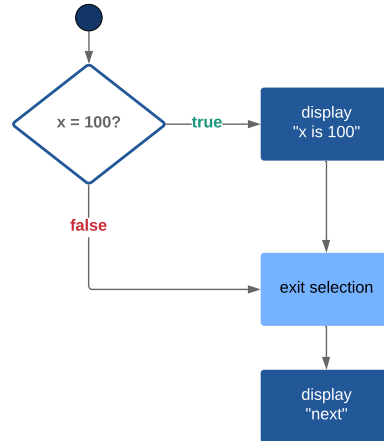
Selection | **if** Statement

```
int x{10};  
if (x == 100)  
    std::cout << "x is 100\n";  
std::cout << "next\n";
```

```
next
```

```
int x{100};  
if (x == 100)  
    std::cout << "x is 100\n";  
std::cout << "next\n";
```

```
x is 100  
next
```



Selection | **if** Statement

- Example of a compound statement for the **if** statement.

```
int main(){  
    int x{10};  
  
    if (x == 100){/--start of the compound statement  
        std::cout << "x is 100";  
        std::cout << std::endl;  
    }/--end of the compound statement  
}
```

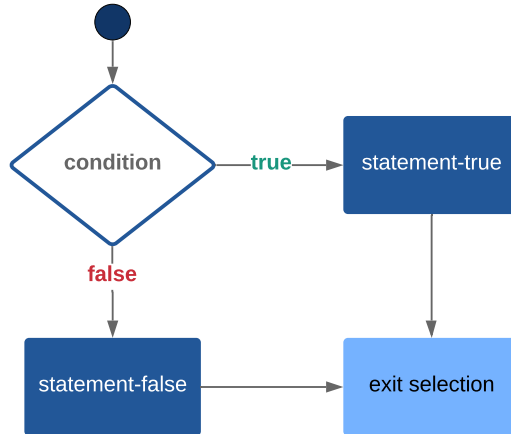
Selection | `if-else` Statement

- Selection statements with `if` can also specify what happens when the condition is not fulfilled with the `else` keyword.

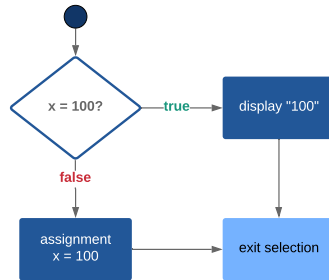
| `if` (condition) statement-true `else` statement-false

- condition: Expression which is contextually convertible to `bool`.
- statement-true: Any statement (often a compound statement), which is executed if condition evaluates to true.
- statement-false: Any statement (often a compound statement), which is executed if condition evaluates to false.
 - If condition is true, statement-true is executed.
 - If condition is false, statement-false is executed.

Selection | **if-else** Statement



Selection | if-else Statement



```
int x{100};  
if (x == 100){//-- condition  
    std::cout << "100" << std::endl;//--statement-true  
else  
    x = 100;//--statement-false
```

Selection | **if-else** Statement

- Just like the **if** statement, the **else** statement can also have its own block statement.

```
if (x == 100){  
    std::cout << "Display x" << std::endl;  
    std::cout << "x is 100" << std::endl;  
}  
else{  
    std::cout << "Set x to 100" << std::endl;  
    x = 100;  
}
```


Selection | **if-else** Statement

- In many cases, we can group **if else** statements together.
- Example: Display students' letter grade given their score on an exam.

```
int score{80};  
  
if (score >= 90)  
    std::cout << "A\n";  
else if (score >= 80)  
    std::cout << "B\n";  
else if (score >= 70)  
    std::cout << "C\n";  
else if (score >= 60)  
    std::cout << "D\n";  
else // all others must be F  
    std::cout << "F\n";
```

Selection | Pseudo Code

- Pseudo code:
 - An informal high-level description of the operating principle of a computer program or other algorithm.
 - It uses the structural conventions of a normal programming language, but is intended for human reading rather than machine reading.
 - You can reuse the pseudocode to implement the program or algorithm in other programming languages.
 - Best practice: Always write the pseudocode of a program (on paper if possible) before you write the code in a programming language.

Selection | Exercise #1

- Write the pseudo code for the following program (solutions provided in slides [20](#) and [21](#))
- Write a program which:
 1. Prompts the user to enter 3 integer numbers, where each number represents a side of a triangle.
 2. Outputs the type of the triangle (equilateral, isosceles, or scalene).
 - **Equilateral triangle:** All sides equal in length.
 - **Isosceles triangle:** Two sides of equal length.
 - **Scalene triangle:** All sides unequal in length.
- Example of outputs.

```
Enter the length of each side of the triangle: 20 34 34
This is an isosceles triangle
```

Selection | Exercise #1

- Here is an example of pseudo code for Exercise #1.

Data: Three sides of a triangle

Result: Type of the triangle

Prompt user to enter the length for each side;

if all sides are equal then

| Equilateral;

else

| **if two sides are equal then**

| | Isosceles;

| **else**

| | Scalene;

| **end**

end

Selection | Exercise #1

- Here is another example of pseudo code for Exercise #1.

Data: Three sides of a triangle

Result: Type of the triangle

Prompt user to enter the length for each side: s_1, s_2, s_3 ;

if $s_1=s_2=s_3$ **then**

 Equilateral;

else

if $s_1=s_2$ **or** $s_1=s_3$ **or** $s_2=s_3$ **then**

 Isosceles;

else

 Scalene;

end

end

Selection | Nested if Statements

- Many times, the logic we need to solve a problem is more complex than an `if-else` statement.
- We may need several layers of logic.
- Since an `if` or `if-else` statement is a statement, we can use it in C++ anywhere a statement is legal.
- In the code below we replaced the statement in the left code snippet with an `if else` statement.

```
if (condition)  
    statement
```

```
if (condition)  
    if (condition)  
        statement-true  
    else  
        statement-false
```

```
int score{93};  
if (score >= 93) {  
    if (score > 96)  
        std::cout << "A+\n";  
    else  
        std::cout << "A\n";  
}  
else std::cout << "No grade A!\n";
```

Selection | Exercise #2

- This exercise involves:
 - 1 robot



- 3 tables (blue, purple, and green tables)



- 3 objects (book, pan, and glass)



Selection | Exercise #2

- The robot can walk to each table.
- A human places each object on a table.
- Each table can contain only one of the three objects.
- Rules: The robot can pick up:
 - book if the robot is in front of the blue table and the book is on the blue table,
 - pan if the robot is in front of the purple table and the pan is on the purple table,
 - glass if the robot is in front of the green table and the glass is on the green table.

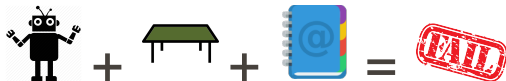
Selection | Exercise #2

- 3 successful combinations:



Selection | Exercise #2

- Examples of failed combinations:



Selection | Exercise #2

- Start writing the pseudo code for the instructions below.
 - Using nested **if** statements, write a program which:
 1. Tells the robot to move to a table,
 2. Prompts the user for the object to place on that table (from the previous step),
 3. Displays a message on the screen whether or not the robot can pick up the object.

```
Which table should the robot go to? (b)lue/(p)urple/(g)reen: g
Which object is on that table? (b)ook/(p)an/(g)lass: g
Sucess: The robot picks up the glass from the green table.
```

```
Which table should the robot go to? (b)lue/(p)urple/(g)reen: b
Which object is on that table? (b)ook/(p)an/(g)lass: g
Failure: The robot cannot pick up the glass from the blue table.
```

- Note: Check the user inputs are valid, i.e, they have to be either b, p, or g.

Selection | switch Statement

- A `switch` statement can replace multiple `if` or `if-else` checks.
- A `switch` statement tests the value of a variable and compares it with multiple cases. Once the case match is found, a block of statements associated with that particular case is executed.
- The overall idea behind `switch` statements is simple: the `switch` expression is evaluated to produce a value, and each case label is tested against this value for equality. If a case label matches, the statements after the case label are executed. If no case label matches the `switch` expression, the statements after the default label are executed (if it exists).
- Because of the way they are implemented, `switch` statements are typically more efficient than `if-else` chains.

Selection | `switch` Statement

| `switch` (condition) statement

- We start a `switch` statement by using the `switch` keyword, followed by the condition that we would like to evaluate. Typically this condition is just a single variable, but it can be something more complex.
- The one restriction on this condition is that it must evaluate to an integral type (`char`, `short`, `int`, `long`, `long long`, or `enum`).
- Floating point variables, strings, and other non-integral types may not be used here.
- Following the `switch` expression, we declare a statement (typically a compound statement). Inside the statement we use labels to define all of the values we want to test for equality. There are two kinds of labels: `case` and `default`

Selection | switch Statement | if-else Vs. switch

```
enum Color{
    kBlack,
    kWhite,
};
//--With if-else statements
void PrintColor(Color color){
    if (color == kBlack)
        std::cout << "Black";
    else if (color == kWhite)
        std::cout << "White";
    else
        std::cout << "Unknown";
}

int main(){
    Color my_color{kBlack};
    PrintColor(my_color);
}
```

```
enum Color{
    kBlack,
    kWhite,
};
//--With if-else statements
void PrintColor(Color color){
    switch (color) {
        case kBlack:
            std::cout << "Black";
            break;
        case kWhite:
            std::cout << "White";
            break;
        default:
            std::cout << "Unknown";
    }
}

int main(){
    Color my_color{kBlack};
    PrintColor(my_color);
}
```

Selection | switch Statement | case Labels

- The first kind of label is the `case` label, which is declared using the `case` keyword and followed by a constant expression.
 - A constant expression is one that evaluates to a constant value. In other words, either a literal (such as 5), an `enum` (such as `kWhite`), or a constant variable (such as `x`, when `x` has been defined as a `const int`).
- The constant expression following the `case` label is tested for equality against the expression following the `switch` keyword. If they match, the code under the `case` label is executed.
- Note: All `case` label expressions must evaluate to a unique value. The following code is not valid:

```
switch (x){  
    case 1:  
    case 1:  //--Illegal -- already used value 1  
    case kWhite:  //--Illegal, kWhite evaluates to 1  
}
```

Selection | switch Statement | case Labels

- It is possible to have multiple **case** labels refer to the same statements. The following function uses multiple **cases** to test if the **c** parameter is A/a/B/b/C/c.

```
bool IsABC(char c){
    switch (c){
        case 'A': // if c is A
        case 'a': // if c is a
        case 'B': // if c is B
        case 'b': // if c is b
        case 'C': // if c is C
        case 'c': // if c is c
            return true; //--Then return true
        default:
            return false;
    }
}

int main(){
    if (IsABC('d'))
        std::cout << " The character is  A/a/B/b/C/c" << std::endl;
}
```

- In the case where **c** is A/a/B/b/C/c, the first statement after the matching **case** statement is executed, which is **return true**; in this example.

Selection | switch Statement | default Label

- The second kind of label is the `default` label (often called the "default case"), which is declared using the `default` keyword.
- The code under this label gets executed if none of the cases match the `switch` expression.
- The `default` label is optional, and there can only be one `default` label per `switch` statement.
- It is also typically declared as the last label in the `switch` block, though this is not strictly necessary.
- In the `IsDigit()` example from the previous slide, if `c` is NOT `A/a/B/b/C/c`, the `default` case executes and `return false;` is executed.

Selection | switch Statement | Execution and Fall-through

- One of the trickiest things about `case` statements is the way in which execution proceeds when a `case` is matched.
- When a `case` is matched (or the `default` is executed), execution begins at the first statement following that label and continues until one of the following termination conditions is true:
 - The end of the `switch` block is reached.
 - A `return` statement occurs.
 - A `break` statement occurs.
 - Something else interrupts the normal flow of the program (e.g. a call to `exit()`, an exception occurs, etc).

Selection | switch Statement | Execution and Fall-through

- Note: If none of these termination conditions are met, cases will overflow into subsequent cases! You probably do not want the following result.

```
switch (2){  
    case 1: //--Does not match  
        std::cout << 1 << '\n'; //--Skipped  
    case 2: //--Match!  
        std::cout << 2 << '\n'; //--Execution begins here  
    case 3:  
        std::cout << 3 << '\n'; //--This is also executed  
    default:  
        std::cout << "default case" << '\n'; //--This is also executed  
}
```

- Fall-through is almost never desired by the programmer, so in the rare case where it is, it is common practice to leave a comment stating that the fall-through is intentional.

Selection | switch Statement | break Statement

- A **break** statement tells the compiler that we are done with this **switch**. After a **break** statement is encountered, execution continues after the end of the **switch** block.

```
switch (2){
    case 1: //--Does not match -- skipped
        std::cout << 1 << '\n';
        break;
    case 2: //--Match! Execution begins at the next statement
        std::cout << 2 << '\n'; // Execution begins here
        break; //--Break terminates the switch statement
    case 3:
        std::cout << 3 << '\n';
        break;
    default:
        std::cout << "default case" << '\n';
        break;
}
/--Execution resumes here
```

Selection | switch Statement | Summary

- An example with a robot picking up a peg.

```
enum Pegs{kPegRed, kPegYellow, kPegOrange};/--peg enumerators

int main(){
    Pegs peg{kPegYellow};
    switch (peg){
        case kPegRed:
            std::cout << "Robot picks up the red peg" << std::endl;
            break;
        case kPegYellow:
            std::cout << "Robot picks up the yellow peg" << std::endl;
            break;
        case kPegOrange:
            std::cout << "Robot picks up the orange peg" << std::endl;
            break;
        default:
            std::cout << "Should never execute" << std::endl;
            break;
    }
}
```

Selection | switch Statement | Exercise #3

- Write the pseudo code for the following problem.
- Using **switch**, write a program which displays the score to get a letter grade (A,B,C,D, or F) based on the user's input.
 - **A** or **a**, display **You need a 90 or above.**
 - **B** or **b**, display **You need 80-89 for a B.**
 - **C** or **c**, display **You need 70-79 for an average grade.**
 - **D** or **d**, display **You need 60-69.**
 - **F** or **f**, display **Are you sure (Y/N)?**
 - **Y** or **y**, display **It seems you didn't study.**
 - **N** or **n**, display **Good answer, now go study!**
 - Illegal letter grade, display **Not a valid grade** and exit.
 - Illegal selection for **Are you sure (Y/N)?**, display **Illegal choice** and exit.

Selection | switch Statement | Exercise #3

- Example #1

```
Expected final letter grade for this course (A/B/C/D/F)? A  
You need a 90 or above.
```

- Example #2

```
Expected final letter grade for this course (A/B/C/D/F)? D  
You need 60-69.
```

- Example #3

```
Expected final letter grade for this course (A/B/C/D/F)? F  
Are you sure (Y/N)? N  
Good answer, now go study!
```

Selection | Conditional Operator

- The conditional operator (?:) (also sometimes called the "ternary operator") is a ternary operator (it takes 3 operands).
- The ?: operator provides a shorthand method for doing a particular type of `if-else` statement.

| `(condition) ? expression1 : expression2;`

- `condition` evaluates to a Boolean expression. If `condition` is true then the value of `expression_1` is returned, else the value of `expression_2` is returned.
- The following two code snippets are equivalent.

```
|--if-else statements
int x{1}, y{2}, larger{};
if (x > y)
    larger = x;
else
    larger = y;
```

```
|--conditional operator
int x{1}, y{2}, larger{};
larger = ((x > y) ? x : y);
```


Selection | Conditional Operator

- To properly comply with C++ type checking, both expressions in a conditional statement must either match, or the second expression must be convertible to the type of the first expression.
- The following code will not compile. One of the expressions is an integer, and the other is a string literal. The compiler will try to find a way to convert the string literal to an integer, but since it does not know how, it will give an error. In such cases, you will have to use an `if-else` statement.

```
//--conditional operator  
int x{1}, y{2};  
std::cout << ((x > y) ? x : "y is larger");
```

- Best practice: Always parenthesize the conditional part of the conditional operator, and consider parenthesizing the whole thing as well.

Iteration

- Iterations allow the execution of a statement or a compound statement repeatedly.
- Iterations consist of a loop condition and the body that contains the statements to repeat.
- Use cases:
 - a specific number of times.
 - for each element in a collection (e.g., vector).
 - until a condition becomes false.

Iteration | Constructs

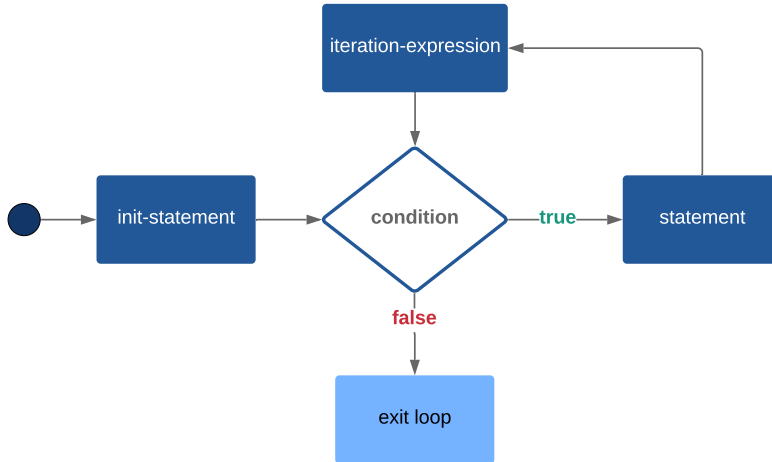
- **for** loop
 - Iterate a specific number of times.
- Range-based **for** loop
 - One iteration for each element in a collection.
- **while** loop
 - Iterate while condition is true.
 - Stops when the condition becomes false.
 - Check the condition at the beginning of the operation.
- **do-while** loop
 - Iterate while condition remains true.
 - Stop when the condition becomes false.
 - Check the condition at the end of the operation.

Iteration | **for** Loop

for (init-statement; condition; iteration-expression)
statement

- A **for** statement is evaluated in 3 parts:
 1. The init-statement consists of variable definitions and initialization. This statement is only evaluated once, when the loop is first executed.
 2. condition is then evaluated. If this evaluates to false, the loop terminates immediately. If this evaluates to true, the statement is executed.
 3. After the statement is executed, the iteration-expression is evaluated. Typically, this expression is used to increment or decrement the variables declared in the init-statement. After the iteration-expression has been evaluated, the loop returns to step 2.

Iteration | **for** Loop



Iteration | **for** Loop | Example

```
for (int i{0}; i < 10; ++i)  
    std::cout << i << " ";
```

- First, we declare a loop variable named `i`, and initialize it with the value 0.
- Second, `i < 10` is evaluated, and since `i` is 0, `0 < 10` evaluates to true. Consequently, the statement executes, which prints **0**.
- Third, `++i` is evaluated, which increments `i` to 1. Then the loop goes back to the second step.
- `1 < 10` is evaluated to true, so the loop iterates again. The statement prints **1**, and `i` is incremented to 2.
- `2 < 10` evaluates to true, the statement prints **2**, and `i` is incremented to 3. And so on.
- Eventually, `i` is incremented to 10, `10 < 10` evaluates to false, and the loop exits.
- Consequently, this program prints **0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9**

Iteration | **for** Loop | Off-by-one

- One of the biggest problems that new programmers have with **for** loops (and other kinds of loops) is off-by-one errors, which are logical errors (see Lecture01).
- Off-by-one errors occur when the loop iterates one too many or one too few times.
- This generally happens because the wrong relational operator is used in the conditional-expression (e.g., `>` instead of `>=`).
- *Best practice*: It is a good idea to test your loops using known values to make sure that they work as expected. A good way to do this is to test your loop with known inputs that cause it to iterate 1, 2, and 3 times. If it works for those, it will likely work for any number of iterations.

Iteration | **for** Loop | More Examples

- Decrement the iteration-expression

```
for (int i{9}; i >= 0; --i)  
    std::cout << i << " ";
```

```
9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0
```

- Multiple declarations.

```
for (int i{0}, j{9}; i < 3; ++i, --j)  
    std::cout << i << ' ' << j << '\n';
```

```
0 9  
1 8  
2 7
```


Iteration | **for** Loop | More Examples

- The init-statement can be an expression (although rarely used this way).

```
int main() {  
    int n{0};  
  
    for (std::cout << "Loop start\n";  
        std::cout << "Loop test\n";  
        std::cout << "Iteration " << ++n << '\n'){  
        if(n > 1)  
            break; //--exit the loop  
    }  
    std::cout << '\n';  
}
```

```
Loop start  
Loop test  
Iteration 1  
Loop test  
Iteration 2
```

Iteration | **for** Loop | Scope

- Note: Since C++11 the scope of the variable declared in the `init`-statement is visible only in the statement of the loop.

```
for (int i{0}; i < 10; ++i)  
    std::cout << i << "\n";
```

```
std::cout << i; //--error: 'i' was not declared in this scope
```

- Note: Prior to C++11 this variable could be accessed outside the loop body. That is, the error we have in the code above was not an error in C++ versions earlier to C++11. You may find this kind of code if you use old C++ code.

Iteration | Range-based `for` Loop

- Range-based `for` loop syntax (since C++11) is a more readable equivalent to the traditional `for` loop operating over a range of values, such as all elements in a container.

```
for (range-declaration: range-expression)  
    statement
```

- `range-declaration` is a declaration of a named variable, whose type is the type of the element of the sequence represented by `range-expression`, or a reference to that type. Often uses the `auto` specifier for automatic type deduction.
- `range-expression`: Any expression that represents a suitable sequence.
- `statement`: Any statement, usually a compound statement, which is the body of the loop.

Iteration | Range-based **for** Loop

```
//--Sum all the value of each element of a vector
std::vector<double> scores{5.0, 13.0, 3.5};/--3 elements in the vector
double sum{};/--Zero initialization

for (double score: scores)/--This will iterate 3 times
    sum += score;/-- sum = sum + score

std::cout << "Total score: " << sum << std::endl;
```

- Every iteration of the loop creates a local variable `score` and initializes it to the next element of `scores`.
 - 1st iteration: $\text{score}=5.0$ and $\text{sum} = 0 + 5.0 = 5.0$
 - 2nd iteration: $\text{score}=13.0$ and $\text{sum} = 5.0 + 13.0 = 18.0$
 - 3rd iteration: $\text{score}=3.5$ and $\text{sum} = 18.0 + 3.5 = 21.5$

Iteration | Range-based **for** Loop | The **auto** Specifier

- The **auto** specifier specifies that the type of the variable that is being declared will be automatically deduced from its initializer.

```
std::vector<double> scores {5.0, 13.0, 3.5};  
double sum{0};  
  
for (auto score: scores) //--Using auto specifier  
    sum += score;  
  
std::cout << "Total score: " << sum << std::endl;
```

- With the **auto** specifier, the type of the variable `score` is deduced to be a **double**.

Iteration | Range-based **for** Loop | The **auto** Specifier

- If you are working with **C++11**, then you can use the **auto** specifier to deduce the type of regular variables.
- If you are working with **C++17**, you go even further by omitting the type of the data type when working with `std::vector`.
- Compare the code below with the code in the previous slide.

```
std::vector scores {5.0, 13.0, 3.5};  
auto sum{0.0};  
  
for (auto score: scores)  
    sum += score;  
  
std::cout << "Total score: " << sum << std::endl;
```

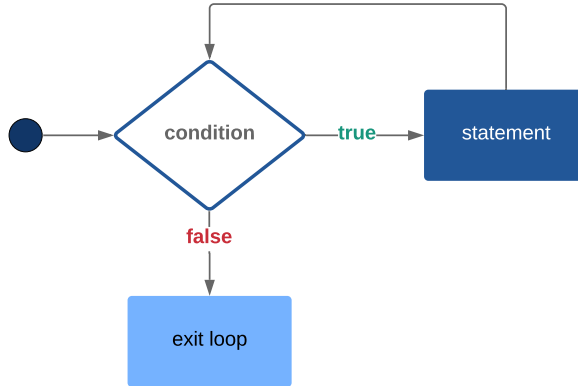
Iteration | while Loop

- Executes a statement repeatedly, until the value of condition becomes false. The test takes place before each iteration.

```
while (condition)  
    statement
```

- condition: Any expression which is contextually convertible to `bool` or a declaration of a single variable with a brace-or-equals initializer. This expression is evaluated before each iteration, and if it yields false, the loop is exited.
- statement: Any statement, typically a compound statement, which is the body of the loop.

Iteration | while Loop



Iteration | while Loop | Examples

```
int i{};
while (i<=5){
    if (i%2 == 0)
        std::cout << i << " is an even number\n";
    i++;
}
```

```
0 is an even number
2 is an even number
4 is an even number
```

Iteration | while Loop | Examples

- Below is a typical use of `while` loops. The program will loop until the user enters a number which evaluates the `while` loop condition to true.

```
int number{};
std::cout << "Enter an integer number between 0 and 10: ";
std::cin >> number;

while (number > 10 || number < 0){
    std::cout << "Out of range\n";
    std::cout << "Enter an integer number between 0 and 10: ";
    std::cin >> number;
}
std::cout << "The number you entered is: " << number << "\n";
```

Iteration | while Loop | Examples

- Another way of performing the previous example using a **while** loop and an **if-else** statement.

```
bool done {false};
int number{};

while (!done){
    cout << "Enter an integer number between 0 and 10: ";
    cin >> number;
    if (number > 10 || number < 0)
        cout << "Out of range\n";
    else{
        cout << "The number you entered is: " << number << endl;
        done = true;
    }
}
```

Iteration | **while** Loop | **for** Vs. **while** Loops

- **for** loops and while loops can both be used to iterate until a condition is satisfied.
- Prefer the use of **for** loops until a condition is satisfied and when you know how many times to iterate.

```
for (int i{0};i<10;++i){  
    /*iterate until i>=10*/  
}
```

- Prefer the use of **while** loops until a condition is satisfied and when it is unsure how many times you need to iterate.

```
int i{};  
while (i<10){  
    /*code that will increment the value of i*/  
    /*we do not know how many times it will iterate*/  
}
```

Iteration | while Loop | for Vs. while Loops

```
bool flag{false};  
int i{}, j{}, val{};  
  
while (!flag){  
    val += i*2 + j*3;  
    if (val > 100)  
        flag=true;  
  
    ++i;  
    ++j;  
}  
  
std::cout << val << std::endl;
```

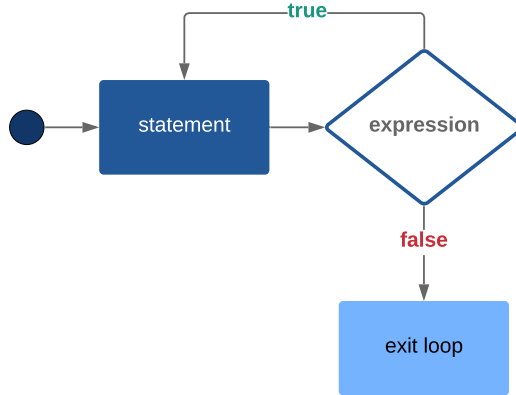
- I don't know how many iterations it will take for `val > 100` (which exits the loop), therefore a `while` loop is more appropriate in this case.

Iteration | do-while Loop

| `do` {statement} `while` (expression);

- Executes a statement repeatedly, until the value of expression becomes false. The test takes place after each iteration.
- statement is always executed at least once, even if expression always yields false. If it should not execute in this case, a `while` or `for` loop may be more appropriate.
- If the execution of the loop needs to be terminated at some point, a `break`; statement can be used.
- If the execution of the loop needs to be continued at the end of the loop body, a `continue`; statement can be used.

Iteration | do-while Loop



Iteration | do-while Loop

- The first iteration of the code asks the user to enter 3 numbers and then multiplies those numbers.
- The second iteration of the code depends on the user's choice to do another multiplication or not.

```
//--Multiply 3 numbers
char selection{};
do{
    int num1{}, num2{}, num3{};

    std::cout << "enter 3 integer numbers separated by a space: ";
    std::cin >> num1 >> num2 >> num3;

    int result{num1 * num2 * num3};
    std::cout << "result is " << result << std::endl;

    std::cout << "Do another multiplication? (Y/N)" << std::endl;
    std::cin >> selection;
} while (selection == 'Y' || selection == 'y');
```


Iteration | do-while Loop

- The `continue` keyword forces the next iteration of the loop to take place, skipping any code in between.

```
int a{};
do{
    if(a == 2) {
        a++;/-- increment a
        continue;/--skip everything else in the body of the loop
    }
    std::cout << "Value of a: " << a << std::endl;
    a++;
} while (a < 5);
```

```
Value of a: 0
Value of a: 1
Value of a: 3
Value of a: 4
```

Iteration | do-while Loop

- A **break** statement inside a loop forces the loop to terminate immediately and program control resumes at the next statement following the loop.

```
int a{};
do{
    if(a == 2) {
        //-- terminate the loop
        break;
    }
    std::cout << "Value of a: " << a << std::endl;
    a++;
} while (a < 5);
```

```
Value of a: 0
Value of a: 1
```

Iteration | Nested Loops

- Loop nested inside another loop.
- Can be as many levels deep as you need to.
- Very useful for multidimensional data structures.
- We have an outer and an inner loop in nested loops.

Iteration | Nested Loops

```
//--2D vector: vector containing vectors
std::vector<std::vector<int>> vector_2d{
    {1,2,3},
    {4,5,6,7},
    {8,9,10,11,12}
};

for (auto vector_1d: vector_2d){/--Get each vector in vector_2d
    for (auto val:vector_1d){/--Get each element (int) of vector_1d
        std::cout << val << " ";
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;/--New line
}
```

Iteration | Exercise #4

- Write the pseudo code for the problem below.
- Declare and initialize a vector<int> vec;
- Find the sum of the product of all pairs of vector elements.
- Examples:
 - Given the vector $\text{vec}=\{2,4,5\}$, the possible pairs are $(2,4)$, $(2,5)$, and $(4,5)$. The result is $(2*4)+(2*5)+(4*5)=38$.

Result is 38

- Given the vector $\text{vec}=\{1,2,3,4\}$, the result is $(1*2)+(1*3)+(1*4)+(2*3)+(2*4)+(3*4)=35$.

Result is 35

- If the vector is empty, display **Vector is empty**
 - If the vector has only 1 element, then return this element.